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Date, time set for Pyithu Hluttaw, Amyotha Hluttaw representatives to report to Nay Pyi Taw Hluttaw Office

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Jan—The elected Pyithu Hluttaw Representatives and Amyotha Hluttaw Representatives who will arrive in Nay Pyi Taw and will be attending the First Pyithu Hluttaw Session and Amyotha Hluttaw Session are to report to Hluttaw Office at the Office Building No. 20. To ensure smooth running of the works, date and time for the respective regions and states are set.

Pyithu Hluttaw representatives from Kachin State, Kayah State, Kayin State, Chin State and Sagaing Region are to report between 9 am and 12 noon, representatives from Taninthayi Region, Bago Region, Magway Region, Mon State and Rakhine State between 1 pm and 6 pm on 28 January, and representatives from

Mandalay Region and Yangon Region between 9 am and 12 noon and representatives from Shan State and Ayeyawady Region between 1 pm and 6 pm on 29 January.

Likewise, Amyotha Hluttaw representatives from Kachin State, Kayah State, Kayin State, Chin State, Sagaing Region, Taninthayi Region and Bago Region are to report between 9 am and 12 noon and, representatives from Magway Region, Mandalay Region, Mon State, Rakhine State, Yangon Region, Shan State and Ayeyawady Region between 1 pm and 6 pm on 28 January.

Representatives are to report to the Hluttaw Office according to the above-mentioned schedule for smooth functioning of the work.—MNA

Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * National reconsolidation
- * Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Zwegabin expecting a good harvest of crops

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Photos: *Tha Nyan (MNA)*



A cabbage plantation in Mainmahlagyun Village.

It is amazing to view Hpa-an Township whose progress is just incredible. The earth road to Hton-aing Village, for

instance, has been upgraded to a fine tarred one.

Driving the car to give me a lift, Secretary of Hpa-an Township Peace

and Development Council U Chit Wai said, "Hton-aing has been a large village since Hpa-an was just a village. At that time, it had

not seen modern culture yet. But, now it has developed a lot due to the tarred road."

"Right, previously, children from the villages had to stay in bordering houses to learn university education. Now, the tarred road has been built, so they make a round trip to Hpa-an to attend classes. To make things more convenient, there is a school bus for them," said Assistant Director of Kayin State Information and Public Relations Department U Ye Nyunt.

Just as we left the main road of Hton-

aing Village, we were greeted by thriving large crop plantations in Hton-aing, Hpa-oun and Yaygyawgyi village-tracts. The crop farm stretches as long as about 10 miles.

Common cash crops local farmers grow are groundnut, peas, corn, chili and cabbage. Most of the villages live on agricultural farming. According to the market demand, they extend cultivation of crops.

This year, cabbage gets handsome price, so they grow cabbage most. Some grow sesame, chili and corn after cabbage as multiple crops.

I learnt that this year, Hton-aing and Mainmahlagyun villages grew groundnut two times in a row in the same season.

A farmer said, "Cabbage fetches high price this year. So, we make a lot of profits from it. Previously, boat was the main source of transport for us. Now, the road has been upgraded to a fine one, and there is a sharp increase in trade. Merchants come right to the farms to get crops. So, we gain high prices for our agricultural produce."

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Farmers standardizing cabbages which get high prices this year.

PERSPECTIVES

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Railroads stretching throughout west bank of Ayeyawady River

The role of rail transportation is still important despite the rapid technological advancement. The rail transportation is reliable for transport of passengers and commodities in the nation. Thus, new railroads have been inaugurated one after another to create networks of railroads in all regions.

At present, transportation networks are being built for ensuring secure and smooth transport among all parts of the Union. New railroads are under construction in States and Regions where there were no rail transportation facility at all in the past. The railroad networks are being extended to be able to contribute to development of trade and economic sector. Hence, 320 miles long Kyangin-Pakokku railroad project has been implemented.

In fact, Kyangin-Pakokku railroad is an important communication route for the local people on the west bank of Ayeyawady River. The completed railroad sections of the project have been commissioned into service one after another. So far, the railroad sections passing Okshitpin, Kanma, Minhla, Kyunchaung, Seikphyu, Yawchaung and Hsinbyukyun have been opened. The local people on the west bank of Ayeyawady River are enjoying fruits of rail transportation.

The 20-mile Minbu-Pwintbyu railroad section of Kyangin-Pakokku railroad project was commissioned into service on 22 January so as to ensure swifter flow of passengers and commodities between Minbu and Pwintbyu.

The areas on western bank of Ayeyawady River produce plenty of edible oil, beans and pulses and other crops. These areas faced poor transportation in the past due to natural barriers such as mountain ranges, rivers and creeks. In consequence, they lagged behind in development.

Bridges spanning Ayeyawady River have been built to link the eastern and western banks. Upon completion of Pwintbyu-Hsinbyukyun section and Kyunchaung-Yawchaung section, the people of Pakokku will have easier access to Patheingyi and domestic products will be transported speedily.

Talks on medical biochemistry and cancer biology on 11 Feb

YANGON, 26 Jan—MDIS will give talks on M.Sc in Health Care Management Programme and medical Biochemistry and cancer biology subjects at Singapore Education Roadshow 2011 to be held at Summit Parkview Hotel in Yangon on 11 February. Interested students may also learn B.Sc (Hons) in Biomedical Science offered by University of Bradford and one-year M.Sc in Health Care Management course by

University of Wales. For more details, contact Crown Education, Summit Parkview Hotel, Room (228-229) and call Ph-211888 (Ext-228) and 09-5085185.—MNA

YCDC Chairman Mayor U Aung Thein Lin and MTF Executive U Khaing Htwe present cash award to Nilar Win.

MTF

People's Voice

- * Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- * Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- * Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- * Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy



Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and wife being welcomed by Indian Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Dr Villur Sundararajan Seshadri at the reception to mark 62nd Republic Day of India at the ambassador's residence in Yangon on 26 January.—MNA

ITF 14 & Under Asian Championships 2011 Group (2) goes on

YANGON, 26 Jan—The first round matches and semifinals of ITF 14 & Under Asian Championships 2011 Group (2) took place at Theinbyu Tennis Court in Mingala Taungnyunt Township today.

Among the spectators were Vice-Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Patron of Myanmar Tennis Federation Chairman of YCDC Mayor U Aung Thein Lin, officials of Sports and Physical Education Department and guests.

In the women's singles first semifinal,

Nilar Win (Myanmar) beat Syazlin Yusri (Malaysia) 6-1 and 6-1. In the second semifinal, Ang Geraldine (Singapore) beat Thisuri Mollogoda (Sri Lanka) 6-4 and 6-4.

Mayor U Aung Thein Lin and Executive of MTF U Khaing Htwe (Asia Brave Co Ltd) presented cash awards to Myanmar youth selected player Ma Nilar Win who sailed into the final.

In the final match, Nilar Win (Myanmar) will meet with Ang Geraldine (Singapore) tomorrow.

MNA

Appointment of Ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Jan—The Government of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Mr Milan Sedlacek as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Czech Republic to the Union of Myanmar.

Mr Milan Sedlacek was born in Brno on 12 September, 1960. He graduated from the Faculty of Arts of Masaryk University in Brno. From 1985 to 1993, Mr. Milan Sedlacek served in various capacities at the Film Studios Zlin, District People's Committee, State Theatre, National Theatre in Brno and Centres for Experimental Theatre. Then, he had served as Director at Czech Centres in Vienna and Moscow from 1993 to 2001; as Director-General, Head of Office of Czech centres from 2001 to 2003; as Ambassador of the Czech Republic to Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan from 2003 to 2007, as Director-General in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic from 2007 to 2009. He is currently serving as Deputy Minister and Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic since 2009.

He will be concurrently accredited as Ambassador of the Czech Republic to the Union of Myanmar with residence in Bangkok, Thailand. He is married with one daughter.

MNA





Residents gather at the site of a bomb attack where a bus was destroyed in Baghdad's Shula District on 24 Jan, 2011. A roadside bomb exploded near a petrol station and wounded eight people in Baghdad's northwestern Shula District, an Interior Ministry source said.

INTERNET

Interpol to help probe Moscow bombing

Moscow, 26 Jan— Interpol is ready to help Russia investigate Monday's terrorist attack at Moscow's Domodedovo Airport, the organisation's secretary general Ronald K Noble has said.

"Our bureau in Moscow and all relevant Russian law enforcement officials can count on Interpol's full support to bring those responsible to justice," Noble said Tuesday.

According to preliminary reports, a suicide bomber blew himself up Monday afternoon in the airport's crowded international arrivals hall, killing at least 35 people and injuring up to 180.

"Interpol condemns this murderous attack in the strongest possible terms," Noble added.

Since a number of foreigners were amongst the casualties of the attack, Interpol has also

US judge drops case of Blackwater men killed in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 26 Jan—A US judge has thrown out a complaint by the families of four employees of the security firm Blackwater who were killed in Iraq in 2004, in a ruling they deemed "unjust" on Tuesday.

US District Court judge James Fox in the State of North Carolina dismissed the case because neither the firm nor the families were paying for court-ordered arbitration.

Daniel Callahan, lawyer for the families, said he is appealing the ruling.

"The families were denied the opportunity to present the case because they did not have the money to pay the arbitrators," Callahan Said on Tuesday. He called the ruling "unjust."

Stephen Helvenston, Mike Teague, Jerko Zovko and Wesley Batalona were under contract with Blackwater — today known as Xe Services — when they became lost driving through Fallujah without "any information about the route or even a

map of the area," according to the complaint filed in 2005.

While stopped in traffic, they were attacked by Iraqi insurgents who "repeatedly shot these four Americans at point blank range, dragged them from their vehicles, beat, burned and disfigured them and desecrated their remains." Two of the charred bodies were hung from a bridge in Fallujah, an image seen around the world one year after the United States launched its war to oust Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein.

The original complaint was filed in a local North Carolina court and argued that Blackwater did not properly train and prepare the men for their duties in Iraq.

But at the request of Blackwater, Callahan said, the case was transferred to a federal court which then mandated arbitration, a procedure often used to try to resolve conflicts between employers and employees outside of court.—*Internet*



People queue to wait for passengers upon their arrivals at Domodedovo Airport in Moscow, capital of Russia, on 25 Jan, 2011

XINHUA

offered to deploy an Incident Response Team to Moscow to assist local police. A spokesman for Russia's national anti-terrorism committee (NAC) said Tuesday that insufficient security measures at the airport were to blame for the deadly blast.

Internet

Five al-Qaeda militants arrested in S Yemen

SANAA, 26 Jan— Yemeni security forces captured five al-Qaeda militants following clashes in the southern province of Abyan, the Defence Ministry said Tuesday. The militants were arrested after they attacked a security checkpoint in Lodar District and got wounded, said the ministry's report.

The report did not provide further details, but said Ameen al-Said, one of the five captured militants, was the most wanted al-Qaeda member for perpetrating several criminal acts against security and army personnel.

According to the statistics issued by the Interior Ministry last week, a total of 178 security force members were killed in 2010, mostly in combats against al-Qaeda in The Arabian Peninsula (AQAP), and another 852 were injured.—*Internet*



A woman reacts at the site of a bomb attack near Kerbala, 80 km (50 miles) southwest of Baghdad recently.

INTERNET

Afghani children watch US Marines from Lima Company, 3rd Battalion, 6th Marines and Afghani National Army soldiers as they patrol in a poppy field in the area of Karez-e-Sayyidi, near Marjah District, Helmand Province.

INTERNET



US and allies kill, injure Iraqi people

BAGHDAD, 26 Jan— There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

Casualties of Iraqi people

The total number of casualties as from the day they invaded the country to 26 January reached 704762 and the total number of seriously injured people reached 1275768, according to the news on the Internet.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Death toll of Iraqi people	704762
2.	The total number of seriously injured people	1275768

Internet

Casualties of Afghan people in invasion of NATO troops led by US

KABUL, 26 Jan—The NATO troops led by the US have invaded Afghanistan and they are there for a long time.

A number of Afghan people are killed and injured due to invasion of the NATO troops led by the US.

Casualties of Afghan people

According to the Internet news, a total of 33597 Afghan people were killed and 40839 injured seriously as from the day when the NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan to 26 January.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Number of Afghan people killed	33597
2.	Seriously injured Afghan people	40839

Internet



Science



Chinese Academy of Sciences initiates "trailblazing" stem-cell research project

BEIJING, 26 Jan—The Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) on Tuesday announced it has initiated a "strategic, trailblazing" research project on stem cells and regenerative medicine.

The project mainly aims to remove the bottlenecks China is confronted with in stem-cell research, the CAS

said in its 2011 work meeting in Beijing.

The project will focus on the research of stem-cell regulations, core mechanisms for stem-cell therapies, and other key technologies, it said.

The CAS said it would establish a world-class research platform and base for stem-cell

and regenerative medicine research through the project.

The stem-cell research project is one of eight such trailblazing projects of the CAS.

The others include projects on nuclear fission, space science and clean energy.

Xinhua



Visitors look at a 66-million-year-old Tyrannosaurus rex skeleton in Las Vegas, Nevada. Palaeontologists fought back on Wednesday in a spirited debate over the Tyrannosaurus rex, saying revisionists who branded the great dinosaur a shameless scavenger have got it all wrong.—INTERNET

Tiger conservation goal recommended

WASHINGTON, 26 Jan—Asia could support 10,000 wild tigers, more than three times existing numbers, if landscapes are managed to allow breeding sites to be connected, experts say.

The study, co-authored by World Wildlife Fund scientists, made the recommendation as part of an assessment of the political commitment made by all 13 tiger range countries at a November tiger summit aimed at doubling the tiger population across Asia by 2022, a WWF release said Tuesday.

"In the midst of a crisis, it's tempting to circle the wagons and only protect a limited number of core protected areas, but we can and should do better," WWF scientist Eric Dinerstein said.

Internet



File photo shows a Chinese chauffeur watching over his car, with the personalized number plate USA 001, in Beijing, China's Capital Beijing on Wednesday held its first car number plate lottery under new rules aimed at easing chronic gridlock in the city, with 17,600 people given the green light to hit the packed roads.—INTERNET

American students do poorly in science

WASHINGTON, 26 Jan—American students scored poorly on a national test of science proficiency, a new report said on Tuesday, suggesting a tough road ahead for President Barack Obama's goal of educating a workforce to compete in the global economy.

The results of the 2009 National Assessment of Educational Progress, or the Nation's Report Card, showed that only 21

percent of high school seniors were performing at or above the proficient level in science.

About a third of fourth and eighth graders were found to perform at the same level. "The results released today show that our nation's students aren't learning at a rate that will maintain America's role as an international leader in the sciences," Secretary of Education Arne Duncan said in a

statement. The federal government assessment sampled 156,500 fourth-graders, 151,100 eighth-graders, and 11,100 twelfth-graders.

The figures in the report cannot be easily compared with the past because students were assessed in a new way that includes advances in science and pedagogy, and to bring it in line with international standards.

Reuters



Technology



A year later, Microsoft picture looks very different

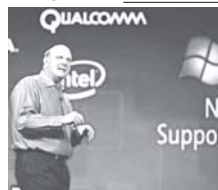
SEATTLE, 26 Jan—A year ago, Microsoft Corp blew away Wall Street's earnings forecasts with blistering sales of its new Windows 7 operating system and trumpeted optimism about the recovery in tech spending.

This week, with its stock trading slightly lower than a year ago, the world's largest software company is set to report lower profit as PC sales growth fizzles, and it struggles to convince investors that it can grab a foothold in the fast-moving mobile and tablet markets.

"Microsoft is still a juggernaut in the PC business, Windows-based machines are still selling over 300 million a year," said Tim Bajarin, president of tech research firm Creative Strategies.

"But they missed the smartphone revolution, and even though they were the first to really push the tablet, Apple basically redesigned it and left Microsoft in the dust."

Most investors expect a solid quarter for the company, but are more focused on fears that Microsoft's new Windows phone software isn't selling well.—Reuters



Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer delivers his keynote address on the eve of the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, Nevada, on 5 Jan, 2011.

INTERNET

US drone system fails in testing

WASHINGTON, 26 Jan—A proposed US Air Force drone spy system, intended for use in Afghanistan, is flawed and "not operationally effective," a Pentagon assessment said.

The findings are a setback in the plan to send the system, known as the Gorgon Stare, to Afghanistan this winter to improve the military's ability to track militants, the Los Angeles Times reported Tuesday.

The drone, in development for two years, transmits live video from nine cameras on the craft's belly to keep a constant watch on nearly everything that moves within a 3-mile area.

Air Force officials have promoted the "all-seeing eye" system as an advance over current drone surveillance systems that provide a single video feed of a much smaller area.—Internet



Julian Persaud, Managing Director of Google Southeast Asia, speaks at a press conference along with Malaysia's deputy trade and industry minister Mukhriz Mahathir (R) in Kuala Lumpur on 26 Jan, 2011. The web titan has said it will open a Malaysian office, its second in Southeast Asia, following significant growth in Internet usage in the country.—INTERNET

US behind China in wind power energy

WASHINGTON, 26 Jan—China has surpassed the United States in electricity production from wind power, a US trade group says.

The American Wind Energy Association says China's total capacity to create electricity from its wind turbine installations increased 62 percent from the beginning of 2010 to 41,800 megawatts, while American-based turbines can put out 40,180 megawatts, a 15 percent increase in the same time frame, the Los Angeles Times reported Monday.

The association said the US wind market ended 2010 with 5,115 megawatts of new installations,

just half of the record amount put up in 2009.

As 2011 began, about 5,600 megawatts of wind power capacity was under construction, the trade group said. The association blamed short-lived government subsidies, but said a year's extension of a federal grant programme in December is benefiting the industry.

"Our industry continues to endure a boom-but cycle because of the lack of long-term, predictable federal policies, in contrast to the permanent entitlements that fossil fuels have enjoyed for 90 years or more," Denise Bode, the group's chief executive, said in a statement.

To date, 38 US states have built utility-scale wind projects, with Texas at the top with 10,085 megawatts of capacity.—Internet

Health

Smoking, obesity cause shorter lifespans in US

BEIJING, 26 Jan—Smoking and obesity are blamed for the slower rising life expectancy in the US, according to a new report from the National Research Council.

Given the fact that the US spends far more on healthcare than any other nation, the US life expectancy is described in the report as a “poor performance” compared with many other countries.

In the US, life expectancy at birth was 80.8 years for women and 75.6 years for men in 2007. In France, life expectancy for women was 84.4 years and 77.4 for men. And in Japan, it was nearly 86 years for women and 79.2 for men.

“We determined the most likely source of our shortfall is cigarette smoking, particularly the heavy amount of smoking



done by American women,” said report co-author Samuel H Preston, a professor of demography at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

“Obesity also appears to be important, but we are less certain of its role,” he added. “We are the heaviest country in the Western world.” Obesity may account for one-fifth to one-third of the shortfall in US life expectancy as compared with other countries, the report states.

The National Research Council, one of the National Academies of Sciences, is an independent organization that advises the federal government and other institutions on scientific matters.

Xinhua

About 26 million Americans have diabetes, up 9 pct

ATLANTA, 26 Jan—US health officials have raised their estimate of how many Americans have diabetes to nearly 26 million.

The Centres for Disease Control and Prevention released the new estimate Wednesday. It means about 1 in 12 Americans have diabetes, a disease in which the body has trouble processing sugar. The new figure marks a 9 percent increase from the 2008 estimate of 23.6 million. Health officials believe diabetes is becoming more common for two reasons — more people are developing obesity-related Type 2 diabetes, and people who have it are living longer.

But CDC officials say an additional blood sugar test that’s now used more widely may be responsible for as much as half of the increase.—Internet

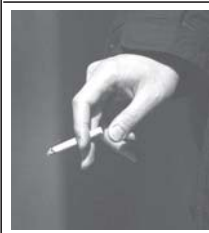
Deaf children at higher risk of abuse

ROCHESTER, 26 Jan — Deaf and hard-of-hearing children are neglected, abused and otherwise maltreated at a rate 25 percent greater than others, US researchers say.

Researchers at the Rochester Institute of Technology in New York found 77 percent of deaf

and hard-of-hearing respondents indicated experiencing some form of child maltreatment, vs 49 percent among hearing respondents. In addition, respondents with more severe hearing loss indicated an increased rate and severity of maltreatment.

“By providing clear data on the high rate of childhood maltreatment in the deaf community, we hope to shine a light on the issue and provide mental-health professionals with the necessary data to better treat both children and adults suffering from mental and behavioral disorders,” study leader Lindsay Schenkel says in a statement. Schenkel and colleagues conducted a survey of 425 college students — 317 hearing and 108 deaf — asking them to describe any maltreatment they had experienced prior to age 16.—Internet



A woman smokes a cigarette in New York City 2009. High smoking rates in the past, combined with widespread obesity, continue to chip away at US life expectancy compared to other wealthy nations, a study released Tuesday said.—INTERNET



Exposure to road traffic noise boosts the risk of stroke for those 65 or older, according to research published online Wednesday in the European Heart Journal.—INTERNET

Business

Eurozone industrial new orders rise by 2.1% in November

BRUSSELS, 26 Jan— Industrial new orders in the eurozone rose by 2.1 percent in November from the previous month, according to the European Union (EU) statistical bureau Eurostat. In the 27-member EU, new orders increased by 1.6 percent month on month, Eurostat said.

Among the various industries, new orders for capital goods increased by 1.8 percent in the eurozone and by 2.8 percent in the EU. Intermediate goods gained 1.3 percent in both blocs.

Durable consumer goods dropped by 0.9 percent in the eurozone and by 0.1 percent in the EU. Non-durable consumer goods fell by 1.5 percent and 0.6 percent respectively. Among the member states for which data were available, total manufacturing orders rose in 17 and fell in four and remained stable in Denmark. The highest increase was seen in Hungary, up by 17.1 percent, and the sharpest decrease was registered in Latvia, down by 2.6 percent.—Xinhua



File photo shows an Air New Zealand Boeing 737 at Wellington Airport. New Zealand Prime Minister John Key said Wednesday he was looking at plans to cut the government’s stake in the national airline as well as state-owned energy assets to slash the country’s huge debt.—INTERNET

Emerging economies, new norms dominate Davos forum

DAVOS, 26 Jan— Emerging economies and new norms under new circumstances will be the focus of the upcoming annual conference of the World Economic Forum (WEF). The five-day WEF conference will start Wednesday in the Swiss resort of Davos under the theme of “Shared Norms for the New Reality.” Participants will debate on issues of current global importance: rise of emerging economies, debt crises and financial instability in the West, renewable energy policies and global policy agenda for 2011.

China, which celebrates the 10th anniversary of its accession into the World Trade Organization (WTO) this year, is one of the most dynamic expressions of emerging economies’ rise. Other major emerging economies including India, Brazil and South Africa are also putting on eye-catching performance.

Xinhua

Business leaders rank China as No 1 for future growth

DAVOS, 26 Jan— Business leaders considered China as the most important country for future economic growth, a survey showed on Tuesday.

In a worldwide poll of 1,201 CEOs, China was named by 39 percent of them as the No 1 growth engine, followed by the 21 percent for the United States, 19 percent for Brazil and 18 percent for India, according to PwC’s 14th Annual Global CEO Survey, which was released here on the eve of the annual meeting of the World Economic Forum.

Global CEOs also saw China, the US and India as the most important future sources for products and raw materials.

Regionally, 90 percent of CEOs said they expect their operations to grow in Asia in the next 12 months, followed by Latin America’s 84 percent, Africa’s 75 percent, the Middle East’s 72 percent and Eastern Europe’s 70 percent.—Xinhua



File photo of a coal mine in Huo Lin Guo Le, China’s north Inner Mongolia Region. China will roll out a resources tax across the country over the next five years as Beijing tries to boost local government income and reduce reliance on land sales, state media said Wednesday.—INTERNET

China, ASEAN agree to strengthen strategic cooperation

KUNMING, 26 Jan—Foreign ministers from China and ASEAN (Association of South-East Asian Nations) countries agreed to boost their strategic cooperation on Tuesday at a meeting in southwest China's Yunnan Province.

Senior diplomats gathered in Kunming, capital of Yunnan, to discuss the 20th anniversary of their dialogue, the China-ASEAN free trade zone and East Asia cooperation. "At the 20th anniversary of our dialogue, China-ASEAN relations are at a historical point. We will continue to move forward," said Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi.

The past two decades have seen the comprehensive development of China-ASEAN relations, Yang said. China and ASEAN established their dialogue in 1991. The two sides established "a strategic partnership for peace and prosperity" in 2003. The China-ASEAN free trade zone took effect in 2010. China is ASEAN's biggest trade partner and ASEAN is China's fourth.

As dialogue partner of ASEAN, China was the first country to join the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia. China and ASEAN share similar positions and coordinate to preserve regional peace and stability, said Yang.

The Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea enhances mutual trust and helps preserve maritime peace and stability, he said. Furthering China-ASEAN strategic cooperation is the aspiration of the two sides, Yang said.

The ASEAN foreign ministers applauded China-ASEAN relations, saying they will work more closely with China to protect the two sides' interests. Both sides agreed to step up efforts to open road and sea routes, strengthen telecommunications and other infrastructure, according to Yang. They also agreed to increase people-to-people exchanges, especially among young people.—MNA/Xinhua

ASEAN holds regional forum on disaster relief exercise

JAKARTA, 26 Jan—Pre-ASEAN Regional Forum Disaster Relief Exercise (ARF-DiREx) was open in Manado, the capital of North Sulawesi Province of Indonesia, on Tuesday, aiming at helping strengthen regional ties among member countries, according to an Antara report.

Over 2,000 civil servants, volunteers, military and police officers, students and search and rescue personnel participated in the event that will last till January. "The pre-ARF DiREx is aimed at 26 strengthening partnership among nations so that humanitarian efforts could be delivered properly," Syamsul Maarif, head of the National Disaster Mitigation Agency (BNPB) said when officially opening the meeting.

The forum's activities will include a simulation of a magnitude-7.5 earthquake with a subsequent tsunami. The ASEAN Regional Forum Disaster Relief Exercise will be held in Manado and Wori, North Minahasa District, North Sulawesi Province, on 13-15 March, 2011. The ARF DiREx is aimed at improving coordination between civilian and military personnel in disaster handling, and coordination between the disaster-hit country and donor nations.

MNA/Xinhua

Workers wearing protection suits cull chickens at a poultry farm where the bird flu virus had been found in Miyazaki, southern Japan on 24 Jan, 2011.

XINHUA



Japanese PM urges hard efforts to fight bird flu

TOKYO, 26 Jan—Prime Minister Naoto Kan on Wednesday urged cabinet ministers to devote every effort to fight the avian flu as a

fresh breakout of the disease had been reported in Izumi, Kagoshima Prefecture.

Kan made the call at a cabinet meeting after Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Minister Michihiko Kano reported the culling of around 8,600 chickens infected with a highly pathogenic avian influenza at a poultry farm in the city.

Referring to the outbreak as "very regrettable," Kan pledged to work by any means necessary to contain the disease.

After the meeting, Kano told reporters that coordinated efforts with the defense and land ministries as well as with local authorities are needed to prevent the disease from further spreading.—Xinhua



Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping speaks at a Chinese Lunar New Year reception for more than 2,000 retired Party and state officials in Beijing, capital of China, on 25 Jan, 2011. Xi wished the participants a happy new year.

XINHUA

Italy launches strategic task force to boost youth employment

ROME, 26 Jan—The Italian government on Tuesday launched a strategic task force aimed at boosting youth employment through a greater integration of professional training and qualified work demand.

More than 1 billion euros (about 1.36 billion US dollars) have been allocated to start the project, which was jointly launched by the ministries of welfare, youth and education, according to a government release.

The ultimate goal of the project is to rein in a record youth jobless rate of almost 29 percent, it said.

The project is divided in various levels. It includes monitoring labour demand and supply, integration between school- university-job market for appropriate training and skills development, support services for the youth freshly entering the labor market, and incentives for self-entrepreneurship and professional access. —Xinhua

Dads banned from filming birth in hospitals Down Under

MELBOURNE, 26 Jan—Victorian hospitals have banned fathers from recording their children's birth.

Video cameras are being banned in birthing suites as hospitals are worried about legal repercussions, staff privacy and unnecessary distractions, reports the Courier Mail.

The revelation comes a month after the *Herald Sun* reported almost 20 million dollars was paid in secret from

court settlements in 2009 to families whose babies suffered bungled births in Victoria's public hospitals.

Obstetrics accounted for more compensation payouts than any other field of medicine.

The boom in video recording devices, such as mobile phones, is forcing hospitals to develop protocols on the filming of births and many are choosing to ban it.

Internet



A girl looks at a rabbit lantern in a craft shop in Suzhou, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 25 Jan, 2011. Rabbit lanterns sell well prior to the Chinese lunar year of Rabbit.—XINHUA

Japanese toymaker Tomy unveils a new fishing simulation game "Virtual Masters Real" which shakes the rod and emits a sound from the reel mimicking the drag when a fish bites at a toy exhibition in Tokyo on 25 Jan, 2011. Tomy will put it on the market in July.

INTERNET



Shares in art works offered in new Chinese investment market

TIANJIN, 26 Jan — A pilot art market opened Wednesday in north China's Tianjin City to allow small investors to buy shares in the ownership of art works previously traded only in auction houses by the super rich.

The market,

operated by the government-backed Tianjin Cultural Artwork Exchange, is considered a financial innovation by the Tianjin municipal government. China had no precedent, said Chen Zongsheng, deputy secretary of the municipal government.

Investors — both individuals and institutes — can trade shares in art work just as in the stock markets. Pieces up for public trading include paintings, calligraphy, sculptures, and handcrafts.

"It is good news for ordinary Chinese who

have money to invest," Chen said. "In general, China has limited financial investment channels compared with developed countries."

Experts said the pilot programme notably lowered the threshold of investment in China's booming art and antiques market, which is dominated by big players. Beijing-based Poly International Auction Co, Ltd, a leading domestic auction house, saw turnover of fine art and antiques at 5.28 billion yuan (794.6 million US dollars) at its 2010 autumn auction.

Xinhua

One killed as roof collapses under snow in Russia

ST PETERSBURG, 26 Jan—One man was killed when the roof of a Russian supermarket collapsed under heavy snow in St Petersburg on Tuesday, injuring another nine people and possibly trapping more under the rubble.

Emergency services officials said more than two dozen diggers and trucks were working to sift through debris after 500 hundred square metres of roof caved in at a branch of Russia's third-largest food retailer, O'Key. Nine people have been hospitalized and officials said more people could be trapped in the rubble almost three hours after the accident at 20:35 pm. "27 trucks and 88 people are working now to excavate the debris. It is unclear if someone is still underneath," a local spokeswoman for Russia's emergency services said.—MNA/Reuters



Workers harvest rice stalks at a rice farm in San Ildefonso town, Ilocos Sur Province, north of Manila on 23 Jan, 2011.—INTERNET

Polar bear tracked on epic 9-day swim

WASHINGTON, 26 Jan— Scientists say a female polar bear embarked on a swimming search for sea ice north of Alaska that lasted nine days and covered 426 miles.

Scientists studying the bears around the Beaufort Sea say this endurance swim could be a result of climate change, the BBC reported Tuesday.

Polar bears are known to embark on journeys between land and sea ice floes to hunt seals, but researchers say diminishing sea ice is forcing polar bears to swim greater distances, risking their own health and that of future generations.

Researchers from the US Geological Survey published the details of their study in the journal *Polar Biology*.

"This bear swam continuously for 232 hours and 687 kilometres (426 miles) and through waters that were 2-6 degrees C (35 to 42 degrees F)," research zoologist George M Durner said.

"We are in awe that an animal that spends most of its time on the surface of sea ice could swim constantly for so long in water so cold. It is truly an amazing feat."

Internet

Carrefour, Wal-Mart stores in China fined for cheating customers

BEIJING, 26 Jan—Some Carrefour and Wal-Mart stores in China will be fined up to 500,000 yuan (75,987 US dollars) for cheating customers, the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC), China's economic planner and price regulator, said Wednesday.

The Carrefour Xinmin store in Changchun in northeastern China's Jilin Province sold some men's underwear for 50.70 yuan while claiming the product was originally priced at 169 yuan. The actual original

price was 119 yuan, the NDRC said in a statement on its website. A globe-shaped teapot should have cost 36.8 yuan at the Carrefour Nanxiang store in Shanghai. The cashier rung up a price of 49 yuan.

The offenders will have to return their ill-gotten gains and pay fines five times the illegal income. Those that cannot calculate their illegal income will pay a fine of up to 500,000 yuan.

Consumers can telephone 12358 to complain about price cheats.

Xinhua



A woman gambles on-line in 2010. The US Justice Department wants Internet service providers and cell phone companies to be required to hold on to records for longer to help with criminal prosecutions.

INTERNET



Workers prepare mooncake dough in the Tangerang District in outskirts of Jakarta on 25 Jan, 2011. One ton of mooncakes are being produced per day to meet customer demands ahead of the Chinese New Year, the owner of the shop said. The Lunar New Year begins on February 3 and marks the start of the Year of the Rabbit, according to the Chinese zodiac. Picture taken on 25 Jan, 2011.

INTERNET

Dubai's Drydocks World gets \$200m in financing

DUBAI, 26 Jan—The shipbuilding and repair arm of indebted state conglomerate Dubai World says it has secured \$200 million in immediate financing and plans to begin talks with creditors to restructure its debt.

Drydocks World said in a statement Saturday seven of its existing lenders provided the \$200 million working capital loan. That financing is good through the end of April.

The company says it hopes to have the broader debt restructuring completed in the coming months.

Its parent Dubai World last year worked out new terms to nearly \$25 billion in debt. Drydocks World was separate from that debt restructuring.

Internet

10 billionth download for Apple's App Store

WASHINGTON, 26 Jan—Apple's App Store hit 10 billion downloads on Saturday, the California gadget-maker announced.

"Thank you. Ten billion times. The App Store has reached 10 billion downloads. Thanks for getting us there," Apple said in a message on its website.

The App Store offers more than 300,000 free and paid mini programmes known as applications, or apps, for Apple's popular iPhone, iPad and iPod Touch.

The success of Apple's App Store has spawned rivals BlackBerry, Google, which is the developer of the Android mobile operating system, and others to launch their own online app stores.

Internet

Health Minister receives Japanese guest



Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint receives Professor Mr. Makoto Naito of Niigata University of Japan.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Jan — Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint received Professor Mr. Makoto Naito of Niigata University of Japan at his office here this

morning. The meeting focused on findings related to research work being conducted on A/H1N1 surveillance in cooperation with

Medical Research Department (Central Myanmar) of the Ministry of Health and further technical cooperation on Molecular Biology, especially Real time-Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR), Sequencing technology and Virus Culture technology.—MNA

SSA (Ywet Sit) mine kills one in Shan State (East)

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Jan—U Aht Low residing at new Pachi Village in Ponpagyin Sub-Township, Mongtun Township, Shan State (East), while going hunting on 20 January, stepped a mine planted by SSA (Ywet Sit) insurgents group at about two miles to the north-west of the village around 1 pm. He was seriously

wounded by the mine blast and died on the way back to the village.

MNA

Chairman of Tunn Star Co Ltd U Tun Lwin presents gifts to best dealers of PTT lubricants.

MNA



Construction Minister meets construction companies

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Jan—Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint met 35 BOT groups and 126 companies engaged in construction of roads and bridges at the hall of the ministry, here, yesterday.

The minister gave instructions on timely completion of construction tasks meeting set standards, collection of

prescribed fees at toll gates, construction of main roads in States and Regions with might and main and durability of roads and bridges.

Deputy Ministers U Tint Swe and U Myint Thein explained rules and regulations for roads and bridges, standards and plans for timely completion of works.

Officer on

Special Duty Thura U Sein Thaug, Managing Director U Kyaw Lin of Public Works and officials reported on their respective sectors.

Responsible persons of construction companies presented reports on maintenance of road sections. The meeting ended with concluding remarks of the minister.

MNA

Lectures given for scoring higher matriculation pass rate in Mandalay District

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Jan — Director-General (Duty) U Ye Lwin Aung of No. 2 Basic Education Department observed and encouraged lecturing by Dean/Professor Daw Ni Ni Hlaing of Mandalay University at Basic Edu-

cation High School No. 14 of Chanayethazan Township, by Dean/Professor Dr Yin Mya at BEHS-27 Pyigyidagun Township and by Professor Dr Htet Htet at BEHS-4 of Aungmyay-thazan Township this morning.

Aiming at hitting the higher pass rate in 2011 matriculation examination, professors and teachers will be giving lectures to matriculation students at BEHSs in seven townships of Mandalay District up to 29 January.—MNA

PTT lubricants credits dealers

YANGON, 26 Jan—PTT Public Company Limited of Thailand and Tunn Star

Co Ltd which is the sole distributor in Myanmar jointly organized a ceremony to express the companies' gratitude to dealers of PTT lubricants at Western Park in Kandawgyi on 18 January.

Managing Director U Aung Naing Tun of Tunn Star Co Ltd and Executive Vice-President Mr Rachadech Khemthong of PTT Public Co Ltd extended greetings. Cash

awards and other handsome prizes presentation followed. Tunn Star Co Ltd as the sole agent in Myanmar has been distributing PTT brand gasoline, CNG, and various kinds of lubricant used in various machines and offices since February 2008. PTT Co Ltd which is the largest petrochemical company in Thailand is the No.1 best-seller engine oil at home.—MNA

Zwegabin expecting a good...

(from page 1)

Yaygyawgyi Village-tract, one of whose villages is Magyeegon Village, grows 348 acres of groundnut, along with beans and pulses and vegetables; Hton-aing Village-tract, 1010 acres of groundnut, 2,148 acres of beans and pulses, and 298 acres of vegetables; and Hpa-oun Village-tract, whose villages includes Mainmahlagyun Village, 535 acres of groundnut, 1404 acres of beans and pulses and 307 acres of vegetables.

Up to 14 January, Hpa-an Township has grown 145,117 acres of monsoon paddy, 48,775 acres of summer paddy, 14,347 acres of groundnut, 52,323 acres of beans and pulses, and other crops more than targeted.

Previously, Kyonphe Village used to grow groundnut, peas, cucumber and corn only. Last year, some pioneering farmers grew three acres of watermelon, hiring two watermelon agriculturalists. But, the test growing of watermelon worked like a dream, and they transported their produce to border towns Myawady and Muse.



The tarred road leading to Hton-aing Village.

We have learnt that this year, 70 of the targeted 105 acres have been put under watermelon in Kyonphe Village. The farm is expected to produce over 200,000 pieces of export quality watermelon. Merchants are visiting the farms to get and export watermelon. Emulating the success of Kyonphe Village, surrounding villages have started growing watermelon.

As a result of Kyonphe-Kartoonat canal dug by the government, the whole village grows watermelon on a commercial scale, thus transforming itself to a one-village-one-product village. Zwegabin is on the threshold of greater development and prosperity.

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Nay Pyi Taw International Airport completed by 23.10%

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Jan— Minister for Transport U Thein Swe heard reports on construction of Nay Pyi Taw International Airport presented by officials of Asia World Co Ltd at the construction site, here, this morning.

The minister looked into samples of construction materials to be used in Nay Pyi Taw International Airport and progress of tasks. At the construction site, the minister inspected placing concrete along the runway and apron, progress of the airport main building and others.

Nay Pyi Taw International Airport is being constructed on

5569 acres of land starting on 5 May 2008. So far, the project has completed by 23.10 per cent. The airport is under construction with the aim of contributing to State's economic development through aviation sector, giving services of landing, stopover and passing to any airplanes of international airlines, providing fuel, food and maintenance to the airplanes, transporting cargoes internationally, successfully handling the growing visitors, emergence of routes to states and regions centering Nay Pyi Taw and rapidly undertaking transport management.

MNA

A&I Minister inspects canal, lake and dam in Meiktila, Pyawbwe Tsps



Minister U Htay Oo inspects Natka Dam construction site.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Jan—Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo inspected dredging and minor repairs to canal structures in Kuakway canal in irrigated area of Meiktila Lake in Meiktila Township on 22 January. He met with local

farmers and discussed boosting the agricultural production.

On arrival at Yintaw Lake near Yintaw village, Pyawbwe Township, the minister inspected inflow and storage of water in Yintaw Lake, supply of water for summer paddy,

control tower, conduit and maintenance of the embankment of the lake.

Then, the minister inspected Natka Dam being implemented on Natka Creek near Maedee village, Pyawbwe Township.

After that, he met local farmers from

Maedee, Taungphilar, Dahatgon, Sebintha and Kyaung villages which are in irrigated areas of Natka Dam. In meeting with the villagers, he discussed development of agricultural sector, boosting agricultural production and rural areas development.—MNA



Minister U Thein Swe oversees construction of Nay Pyi Taw International Airport.

MNA

Talks on Australian education system on 11 February

YANGON, 26 Jan — PSB Academy will take part in Singapore Education Road Show 2011 to be held at Summit Parkview Hotel on 11 February.

PSB Academy was awarded Singapore Experience Award for Best Education Experience by Singapore Tourism Board.

At Education Road Show, interested persons may put questions on education system in Australia, and facts about entrance exams for their knowledge.

Bachelor of Commerce (Finance, Marketing, Management, Public Relations, Supply Chain Management) of the University of Wollongong can be obtained at PSN Academy.

For further information, contact Crown Education, Room No. (228/229), Summit Parkview Hotel, (Ph: 211888 ext: 228 and 09 5085185).

MNA

UDNR trainees tour Mandalay Region

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Jan—Accompanied by leader U Htay Lwin (Pro-Rector-Academic) and supervisors, the trainees of Bed four-year course of University for Development of National Races led by Rector U Zaw Min Thein visited Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) in Zeebingyi of PyinOoLwin Township on 24 January.

Member of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Nyi Tun extended greetings and presented cash assistance to the excursion tour.

Pro-Rector (Training/

Academic) U Nay Win of CICS (Upper Myanmar) explained training and management matters of the institute.

At Myanmar Police Force Central Training Department, Principal Police Brig-Gen Thein Oo extended greetings and Deputy Principle Police Col Myint Soe explained the background history of MPF in brief and facts about the training department.

The trainees of UDNR looked round the training department.

At Central Fire Fighting Training School in PyinOoLwin Township, the trainees viewed fire drills, rescue skills and use of fire extinguishers.

Yesterday, the trainees visited Doekwin agricultural farm, National Kandawgyi Gardens, National Landmarks Garden, Forest Training School

and Yatanarpon Tele-Port construction site.—MNA

Trainees from University for Development of National Races visit National Landmarks Garden in PyinOoLwin.

MNA



Rare baby black rhinoceros born at St Louis zoo



A black rhinoceros calf stands at the Saint Louis Zoo in this undated handout photograph released to Reuters on 25 Jan, 2011. The calf was born to first-time parents, mother Kati Rain and father Ajabu, at the Saint Louis Zoo on 14 Jan, 2011.—INTERNET

ST LOUIS, 26 Jan— A rare black rhinoceros baby was born at the world-renowned St Louis zoo, the first birth of its kind at the zoo in two decades, officials said on Tuesday.

The baby boy, weighing 120 1/2 pounds, joins a tiny but growing community of black rhinos, which are critically endangered. In an effort to preserve the species a total of 60 black rhinos are housed at 38 North American zoos.

The zoo said the parents of the baby, Kati Rain and Ajabu, are both 6 years old and arrived at the Zoo in 2007. Kati Rain came from the Sedgwick County Zoo in Wichita, Kan. and Ajabu from the San Diego Zoo Safari Park. The black rhino has experienced the most drastic decline of any rhino species. In 1970, it was thought there were about 65,000 black rhinos in Africa.

By 1993, there were only 2,300 survivors in the wild. But according to the International Rhino Foundation, the total African population recovered to 3,610 by 2003. Black rhinos are heavily poached for their medicinal rhino horns.

Reuters



In this photo taken on 1 April, 2008, a health ministry official displays a scale model of *Aedes aegypti* mosquito in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Malaysia released about 6,000 genetically modified mosquitoes into a forest in the first experiment of its kind in Asia aimed at curbing dengue fever, officials said Wednesday, on 26 Jan, 2011.

INTERNET

17,000 fake Pillow Pets seized

NEW YORK, 26 Jan— Federal officers have seized 17,000 imitation Pillow Pets held in a warehouse in the Queens borough of New York City, authorities said.

CJ Products, which makes the original animal-shaped pillows, in a lawsuit that was sealed to keep the raid on the warehouse a secret, the *New York Daily News* reported Tuesday.

A federal judge in Brooklyn also signed an injunction preventing Concord from producing any more of the knockoffs, citing the lack of regulatory oversight. "Since the Pillow Pet product is both a children's toy and a pillow, it is subject to numerous federal and state health and safety regulations," Judge Eric Vitaliano wrote.

Internet

An Indian army soldier salutes beside a Pinaka multiple rocket launcher at the Republic Day parade in New Delhi, India, Wednesday, on 26 Jan, 2011. The day marks the anniversary of India's adoption of a democratic constitution.

INTERNET

Chinese firm sues Motorola Solutions

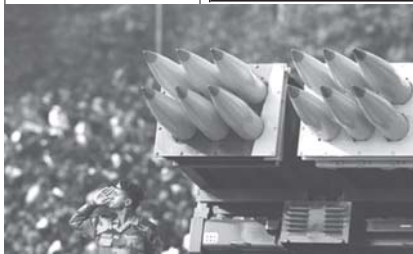
CHICAGO, 26 Jan— A Chinese firm is suing US electronics giant Motorola Solutions to prevent transfer of intellectual property to Nokia Siemens Networks, court papers show.

The lawsuit filed in federal court in Chicago by Huawei Technology Co., intends to stop the transfer of company information expected as part of Nokia's \$1.2 billion purchase of Motorola's wireless network businesses, a deal that also includes Nokia taking over Motorola's Arlington Heights campus in Illinois.

The *Arlington Heights Daily Herald* reported Tuesday that Nokia was expected to move to the campus in early 2011 after closing on the purchase.

Huawei spokesman Bill Plummer said a transfer of proprietary information along with the sale of the business is like "giving away the keys to our store." Motorola and Huawei formed a partnership in 2000 that included selling Huawei products under the Motorola name.

Motorola Solutions spokesman Nick Sweers said the lawsuit was "without merit."—Internet



More heroin detected using new saliva test

MADISON, 26 Jan— Drug testing using saliva has revealed about five times more heroin use in US workers than previously thought, a diagnostic testing provider says.

A report by Quest Diagnostics Inc, says testing involving more than 320,000 samples from the general US workforce from last January to June showed oral fluid testing detected a marker for heroin use at a rate of 0.04 percent compared to the 0.008 percent positivity rate in urine testing.

"Oral fluid testing is helping employers find more heroin users," Dr Barry Sample, director of science and technology for Quest Diagnostics Employer Solutions, says in a statement. "In addition, while the findings are preliminary, new federal requirements appear to be weeding out more heroin users from safety sensitive roles — where impairment from heroin use can cause a particularly grave impact."—Internet

Breast-feeding may counter some effects of childhood cancer

NEW YORK, 26 Jan— Breast-feeding may help reduce some long-term negative side effects of cancer treatment in women who survived childhood cancer, according to a new study.

The findings suggest that making women aware of the benefits of breast-feeding should be part of routine recommendations for a post-cancer healthy lifestyle, said Susan W. Ogg and colleagues from St Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn.

The researchers reviewed studies that examined whether women can successfully breast-feed after treatment for childhood cancer, how childhood cancer treatment affects women's health in general over the long

term and whether breast-feeding might reduce both the risk and impact of treatment-related toxicity in cancer survivors.

The analysis revealed that breast-feeding can have a positive impact on a mother's bone mineral density, metabolic syndrome risk factors, cardiovascular disease and secondary tumors — health factors that are all negatively affected by childhood cancer.

"Alongside advice to eat plenty of fruit and vegetables, abstain from smoking, use suitable sun protection, practice safe sex and take part in regular physical activity, women who have survived childhood cancer and are physically able to breast-feed should be actively encouraged to do so to help protect them against the many lasting effects of cancer treatment," the researchers concluded.

Internet

Employees work at a plant of Hyundai Motor in Asan, about 100 km (62 miles) south of Seoul in this 28 October, 2010 file photo. President Barack Obama on Tuesday called on Congress to pass a free trade agreement with South Korea "as soon as possible," but offered no timetable for action on two other pacts with Panama and Colombia.

INTERNET



Guns being smuggled into Britain on passenger flights

LONDON, 26 Jan—Dozens of handguns were brought into Britain on passenger flights from the US and then delivered to criminal gangs, a media report said.

Steven Greenoe, 37, allegedly smuggled more than 60 weapons into Britain in his suitcase, the *Daily Express* reported.

Greenoe, a private security consultant, was stopped by US officials when pistols were found in his luggage as he tried to board a flight to Manchester.

But he managed to talk his way out of trouble and was allowed to carry on. He said he was an arms salesman returning from a gun show.

Greenoe is thought to have delivered the guns during several trips to Britain where he allegedly handed over the guns to gangs.

British police chiefs have recovered five weapons linked to Greenoe - at least one was proven to have been used in a shooting in Manchester in October 2010.

The news comes as British security forces were redoubling efforts to keep the country safe amid recent fears of a Mumbai-style attack. A counter-terrorism official said: "This situation calls for an urgent reassessment of airport security in the US."

Another official said: "The fact that he was able to carry on undetected for so long is bad. That he was stopped at least once with guns in his bags and was then allowed to catch his flight is astonishing."

Internet



The burned home of Lamar D Moore is shown at 14294 Sorrento Street in Detroit on 25 Jan, 2011. Detroit Fire Capt Kwaku Atara says the fire was called in at 3:14 am Tuesday, and its cause is undetermined. Moore opened fire inside the Detroit Police Department 6th precinct on Sunday, wounding four officers including a commander before police shot and killed him.

INTERNET

Manila bus explosion caused by remote controlled bomb

MANILA, 26 Jan—A homemade remote-controlled bomb caused Tuesday's explosion of a passenger bus in the Philippine Capital that left five people dead and 13 others injured, the local media reported.

National Security Adviser Cesar Garcia said that the blast was caused by 81mm mortar that is connected to a phone, the *ABS CBN News Channel* reported Wednesday.

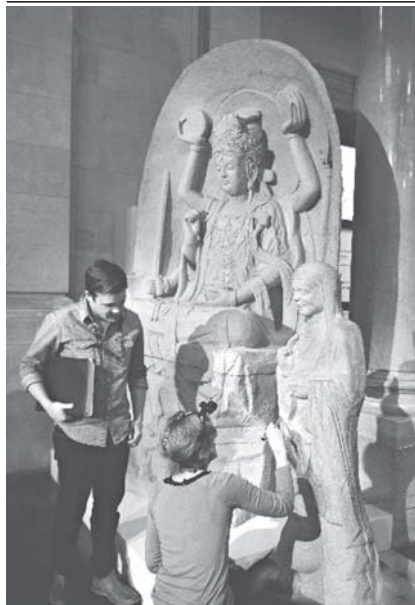
Garcia said this kind of explosive device has been used by terrorist groups in the past. He added that although the group responsible of the blast has yet to be identified, they are not ruling out anything at this point.

Garcia said it's possible that the bus blast is a terrorist attack.

A passenger bus exploded around 1:50 pm on Tuesday in Makati City, the country's financial district.

The explosion killed five people and injured 13 commuters.

Xinhua



Researchers examine replicas of ancient sculptures from the Dazu Rock Carvings, a world heritage site of southwest China's Chongqing Municipality, at the National Museum Wales in Cardiff, Britain, on 25 Jan, 2011. Forty-eight rock carvings from Dazu, mostly dating from the 9th to the 13th century, will be displayed at the museum from 26 Jan to 3 April, the first time of the Dazu rock carvings to be displayed outside China. Started in the middle of the 7th century, the Dazu Rock Carvings are made up of 75 protected sites containing some 50,000 statues, and were listed as a World Heritage Site in 1999. —XINHUA

Europe's flu rate rises, disease spreads eastwards

LONDON, 26 Jan—Rates of seasonal flu are rising in The Netherlands, Ireland, Spain and France, and the disease is spreading eastwards with hundreds of people needing treatment in intensive care units and death tolls also starting to rise.

Experts at the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC), which monitors disease in the region, said they are particularly worried by the number of younger people affected by the

season's flu, which is dominated by the H1N1 strain that spread around the world as a pandemic in 2009/10.

"Even in the middle of the influenza season, many preventable ... cases and fatalities can still be avoided through vaccination," said ECDC director Marc Sprenger. Latest data from the ECDC's weekly flu surveillance report show that at least 24 flu deaths have been reported in Spain, 11 in the

Netherlands and six in Ireland.

Data from Britain's Health Protection Agency last week showed that at least 254 people there had died with flu since the start of the flu season in October.

"Looking at what is happening in France, the Netherlands, and Ireland, we can see that the influenza epidemics are progressing from west to east in Europe," Angus Nicoll, the ECDC's flu expert, said in a telephone interview.

MNA/Reuters



Cars pass near the rose sculptures by US artist Will Ryman on Park Avenue in Manhattan of New York, the United States, on 25 Jan, 2011. —XINHUA

California man sentenced over 600 years for sexually abusing underage relative

NORWALK, 26 Jan—A California man was sentenced to more than 600 years for sexually molesting an underage relative of his for two years, prosecutors said Tuesday.

Michael Benjamin Burch, 66, of Whittier, California, was convicted by a jury on

21 December, 2010 of three counts each of forcible rape, oral copulation of a person under 14 and lewd act upon a child.

Burch began engaging in sex acts with the girl when she was 11 years old and continued to abuse her during a two-year period.

Furthermore, in 1983, he had been previously convicted in Orange County for sexually abusing two other girls, who are also relatives. The court judge imposed the maximum possible sentence, and Burch received a 675-year to life term in state prison.

Internet

Police shoot, kill man outside home in San Jose foothills

SAN JOSE, 26 Jan—A man was shot and killed Tuesday afternoon by law enforcement officers on a rural road in the foothills just east of San Jose, authorities said.

Both Santa Clara County sheriff's deputies and San Jose police officers responded about 12:30 pm to a report of a suspicious man with an unknown weapon near a home in the 4000 block of Higuera Road, sheriff's Sgt

Rick Sung said.

Officers encountered the suspect, and multiple shots were fired, Sung said. He could provide no further details.

The suspect was pronounced dead at the scene, but no other injuries were reported.

The names of the dead man and the officers involved were not immediately released.—Internet



Vehicles are stuck on the No 303 Provincial Highway in Hami, northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, on 25 Jan, 2011. Snow hit the city of Hami on Tuesday, causing frozen congestion on the traffic segment of the highway.—XINHUA

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV MOROTAI VOY NO (YF 147R)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV MOROTAI VOY NO (YF147R) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 27.1.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S CMA-CGM SHIPPING
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Consignees of cargo carried on MV INTAN VOY NO (01/11) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 27.1.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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AGENT FOR: M/S KM INTERTRANS
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Indonesians face smuggling charges over boat wreck

SYDNEY, 26 Jan—Three Indonesian men faced an Australian court Tuesday on people-smuggling offences related to the sinking of a ship carrying scores of asylum-seekers in which about 50 people were killed.

The trio are charged with smuggling a group of Iranian, Iraqi and Kurdish passengers from Indonesia to the remote Indian Ocean outpost of Christmas Island.

"Each of you facilitated the bringing or coming to Australia of a group of five or more people namely a group of 69 Iranian, Iraqi and Kurdish people," Magistrate Joe Randazzo said.—Internet

7 killed at park in besieged Mexican border city

CIUDAD JUAREZ, 26 Jan—Gunmen spraying automatic weapons fire killed seven people at a park that had been built as an anti-violence measure in the besieged Mexican border city of Ciudad Juarez, authorities said on Monday.

The assailants arrived during a soccer game the park in the Francisco I. Madero neighbourhood and opened fire on Sunday afternoon, said Carlos Gonzalez, a spokesman

for the Chihuahua State prosecutors' office.

Two of the people killed had been playing soccer.

The body of one young man in his blue-and-red soccer uniform lay beneath a huge sign reading "Live Better" — the federal government's motto — and "Todo Somos Juarez," or "We're All Juarez" — the name of a programme to reduce violence and improve life for Ciudad Juarez.

Four people, including

a 12-year-old girl, were hospitalized in critical condition, and one later died of his wounds.

Investigators found 180 bullet casings from the sort of assault weapons typically used by drug gangs, Gonzalez said, though they had not yet identified the perpetrators or a motive.

The park was inaugurated four months ago as part of the "Todos Somos Juarez" programme.

Internet



Crime scene investigators stand next to the body of a young man that was killed by unknown gunmen at a soccer field in the northern border city of Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, late Sunday on 23 Jan, 2011.—INTERNET



Bullet holes cover a house window after a shooting between police and assailants in Rosarito, Mexico.—INTERNET

Mexican government: La Familia cartel in retreat

MEXICO CITY, 26 Jan—The Mexican government vowed on Tuesday not to back down in its fight against La Familia drug cartel, despite mysterious banners proclaiming that the brutal gang has dissolved itself.

Lawmakers and drug war experts expressed skepticism about the banners, saying the message could be a ploy to divert the focus of federal security forces away from the cartel, known for beheadings and bold attacks on police and soldiers.

Alejandro Poire, the federal government's security spokesman, "there would be no truce" with La Familia. He did not comment directly on the banners but said La Familia has been weakened since its leader Nazario Moreno was killed in a gunbattle with police last month.—Internet

'Biutiful,' 'Dogtooth' up for foreign-film Oscar

LONDON, 26 Jan—A disturbing modern Greek myth, an Algerian independence tale, a sibling journey from Canada and a Danish study of friendship and fate are up against gritty Mexican drama "Biutiful" for the Academy Award for best foreign language film.



In this photo provided by Roadside Attractions, Javier Bardem, as Uxbal, is shown in a scene from 'Biutiful.'

The film was nominated for an Academy Award for best foreign film, on 25 Jan, 2011.—INTERNET

The nominees, announced on Tuesday, are "Dogtooth," by Greece's Yorgos Lanthimos; "Algeria's "Outside the Law," directed by Rachid Bouchareb; "Incendies," from Canada's Denis Villeneuve; "In a Better World," by Denmark's Susanne Bier; and "Biutiful," by Mexico's Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu.

"Biutiful" must be considered the front-runner. The story of a dying Barcelona hustler preparing for his final reckoning, it boasts an intense central performance that has gained Javier Bardem a best actor Oscar nomination and seen Hollywood stars lining up to praise him.

Gonzalez Inarritu, whose 2006 film "Babel" received seven Oscar nominations, said he was delighted by the nominations for the film and for Bardem, who won a supporting actor Oscar for 2007's "No Country For Old Men."

Internet

HSBC chief drops Hong Kong move

HONG KONG, 26 Jan—The new chief executive of HSBC has dropped plans to relocate to Hong Kong, where his predecessor was based to push the bank's Asia business, and will stay in London, a report said on Tuesday.

Stuart Gulliver will remain in Britain because its time zone is most convenient for running HSBC's global business, the *Financial Times* said, adding that he still planned to spend one week a month in the Chinese financial hub.

The decision comes de-

spite HSBC saying after Gulliver was hired that he would move to Asia, but still maintain a regular presence in London. The bank's new chairman, Douglas Flint, is also based in London.

An HSBC spokeswoman did not immediately comment on the report. Gulliver, HSBC's former head of investment banking whose hiring was announced in September, replaced Michael Geoghegan who stepped down after he reportedly lost a boardroom battle for the chairman's job.—Internet



Customers are seen at HSBC's flagship headquarters in Hong Kong.—INTERNET

Chicago car salesman fired for wearing Packers tie

A car salesman in suburban Chicago who was fired for refusing to remove a Green Bay Packers tie says he won't be coming back even though his former boss has relented.

John Stone wore the tie to work at Webb Chevrolet in Oak Lawn Monday, the day after the Packers beat the Chicago Bears to advance to the Super Bowl.

Stone says he wore

the tie to honor his late grandmother, who was a big Green Bay fan.

But his boss, Jerry Roberts, says the dealership has done promotions involving the Bears. He was afraid the tie could alienate the team's fans and make it harder to sell cars.

Roberts now says Stone can come back, but Stone says he won't. He's also been offered a job at another dealership.

Green Bay Packers fans cheer for their team ahead of a playoff game against the Chicago Bears. A Chicago-area car salesman was reportedly fired for wearing a Green Bay Packers tie to work the day after the game.



People watch the 70-metre-wide (70-yard-wide) crop circle that appeared over the weekend in a rice field in Sleman, Yogyakarta, Indonesia, on 24 Jan, 2011. Thousands of curious onlookers are flocking to central Indonesia to look at the fracture which looks like an intricately designed flower following rumors it was formed by a UFO.



Body of TV quizmaster snatched from grave

The body of Mike Bongiorno, who was Italy's top quiz show host for more than 50 years and a close friend of Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi, was stolen from his grave, officials said on Tuesday.

Bongiorno, who died in Sept 2009 at the age of 85, was buried in Arona near Milan.

A pensioner who regularly visits the cemetery alerted police that the grave had been violated and emptied.

Italian media said no ransom had been demanded so far.

Bongiorno, a fixture in Italian television since its first broadcast in the 1950s, helped Berlusconi launch commercial television in the 1970s.

It is not the first time that the body of a famous personality has been snatched in Italy.

In 2001, in a cemetery near the one where Bongiorno was buried, the corpse of an investment banker Enrico Cuccia was stolen and a ransom demanded.

The thieves were identified and arrested.

Dubai opens 'world's highest restaurant'

Dubai has set a new record by opening world's highest restaurant.

A fine dining establishment called atmosphere has opened on the 122nd floor of the Burj Khalifa, the tallest tower in the world, at a height of 1,350 feet, reports Fox News. The eatery is just three feet lower to the ground than the observation deck of the Willis Tower in Chicago, but perhaps more astonishing is that it is not even half way up the 2,717-foot tower, leaving open the possibility that its claim to fame will be short-lived. The previous record holder was the 360 restaurant in the CN Tower in Toronto, Canada, which is situated at a height of 1,151 feet.

News Album

Michael Jackson 'apologized to Elizabeth Taylor over diamond necklace mix-up'



Elizabeth Taylor and Michael Jackson.
INTERNET

NEW YORK, 26 Jan—Michael Jackson had to apologize to Elizabeth Taylor over a diamond necklace mix-up, according to the late pop star's former personal manager.

Frank Cascio revealed that the King of Pop and Taylor engaged in a tug-of-war over the pricey necklace that Jackson used to persuade her into participating in his 30th

anniversary special in 2009, reports the New York Post. Taylor thought the borrowed bauble was a gift and was horrified when the jeweller asked for it back.

Cascio's memoir 'My Friend Michael: Growing Up With the King of Pop' is slated for release in the fall, with some of the proceeds being donated to children's charities.

Internet

German film producer Eichinger dies



A model presents a creation by French designer Stephane Rolland during Haute Couture Spring-Summer 2011 fashion show in Paris, capital of France, on 25 Jan, 2011.—XINHUA

BERLIN, 26 Jan—German film producer Bernd Eichinger, whose works include hits such like "Resident Evil" and "The Name of the Rose" and groundbreaking dramas about drug addiction and Hitler, has died, his production company said on Tuesday.

Eichinger, 61, died of a heart attack in Los Angeles, where he had



German producer Bernd Eichinger.
INTERNET

his home, during dinner with family and friends, his company Constantin Media said in a statement.
Reuters

Peter Andre wants girlfriend to move in

LONDON, 26 Jan—Singer Peter Andre reportedly wants his new Spanish girlfriend to move in with him. Digitalspy.co.uk reported Andre wants model Elen Rivas to move in so that they can spend more time together. "Pete was really worried when Elen hurt herself (on Dancing On Ice). It made him realise just how crazy he is about her," said a source.

"He has really fallen for her and when Pete falls in love, the whole world knows about it. He's not afraid of showing his feelings and he thinks living together would ensure she spends as much time with him as possible. To him it feels like the most natural thing in the world.—Internet



Australian singer Peter Andre.
INTERNET

Chinese Movie Festival kicks off in Paris

PARIS, 26 Jan—The first session of Chinese Movie Festival in France was kicked off on Tuesday night in Paris with famous Chinese actor and director Jiang Wen, Chinese actor Wang Xueqi and French actor Jean Reno lightening the screen in Cinema Gaumont at the Champs-Elysees avenue.

The film Bodyguards and Assassins, directed by Chen Delin, opened the festival. Jerome Seydoux, chairman of French cinema association (Pathe), branded it as "a window for French public to know Chinese films."

Not only in Paris, from 26 January to 8 February, some 12 selected Chinese films of different styles will also hit screens of Lyon, Toulouse and Versailles, for the first time held in four French cities simultaneously.

This festival aims to provide an opportunity for French audience to enjoy ordinary Chinese films and promote Chinese films in France, Chinese Ambassador Kong Quan said at the opening ceremony.

It also offered a platform for professionals in movie industry from both countries to strengthen exchanges, added Pu Tong, Chinese cultural counselor in France.—Xinhua

Wenger wants League Cup to spark trophy chase

LONDON, 26 Jan — Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger believes victory in the League Cup final next month would be the perfect springboard to even greater success this season.



Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger

The Gunners secured a place at Wembley against Birmingham or West Ham by defeating Ipswich 3-0 at the Emirates Stadium, overturning their one-goal deficit from the first leg against their Championship opponents.

It means Arsenal, who have gone six years without a trophy, are still competing on four fronts and looking forward to their first Wembley final

since 1998.

They have reached the knockout stage of the Champions League, the fourth round of the FA Cup and maintained pace with Premier League leaders Manchester United.

"If we can win this, it will take the pressure off us to deliver in the other competitions," Wenger said.—Internet

Wolves duo Henry and Stearman sign new deals

LONDON, 26 Jan — Wolves captain Karl Henry and defender Richard Stearman signed new contracts with the Premier League club on Tuesday.

Henry and Stearman both agreed three-and-a-half-year deals which will keep them at Molineux until 2014.

Wolves chief executive Jez Moxey said: "We're constantly keeping an eye on contract situations, and the players know if they perform, they'll be rewarded.

"Karl and Richard perfectly fit the club ethos in terms of coming to Wolves at a young age but with potential to improve."

Central midfielder Henry, 28, has made more than 180 appearances for Wolves since joining from Stoke in 2006, while centre-back Stearman, 23, has been a key figure since moving from Leicester in 2008.—Internet



Wolves captain Karl Henry (L), shown here in 2010, and defender Richard Stearman signed new contracts with the Premier League club on Tuesday.—INTERNET

Real sign Adebayor on loan

MADRID, 26 Jan — Real Madrid confirmed on their website on Tuesday they had signed Manchester City's Togo striker Emmanuel Adebayor on loan till the end of the season.

The 26-year-old has been brought in to add urgently needed firepower after Argentinian striker Gonzalo Higuain underwent surgery to fix a slipped disc earlier this month and is expected to be out of action for another four months.

French international Karim Benzema has filled in but while he scored the only goal in last Sunday's win over Real Mallorca he has rarely convinced, leaving Real Madrid to

look elsewhere to fill the gap.

"Real Madrid and Manchester City have reached agreement for the loan of the player (Adebayor) till the end of the season," Real announced in a statement.

"We also have an exclusive option to buy him at the end of the loan period."—Internet



Manchester City's Togo striker Emmanuel Adebayor.—INTERNET

United battle back to rock Blackpool in Premier League

LONDON, 26 Jan — Manchester United moved five points clear at the top of the Premier League after staging a stunning late fightback to win 3-2 at Blackpool



Manchester United's Bulgarian forward Dimitar Berbatov (L) vies with Blackpool's Irish defender Craig Cathcart during the English Premier League football match at Bloomfield Road in Blackpool.—INTERNET

on Wednesday.

Sir Alex Ferguson's side had gone 27 league matches without losing, a run stretching back to their 2-1 defeat against Chelsea in April last season.

But that sequence looked in danger as goals from former United defender Craig Cathcart and striker DJ Campbell put the Seasiders 2-0 up at half-time.

Blackpool could have had a penalty when Luke Varney was bundled over by Rafael da Silva early in the second half.

But United finally got one back when in-form Bulgarian forward Dimitar Berbatov volleyed home Darren Fletcher's cross in the 72nd minute. Mexican striker Javier Hernandez, on for the lacklustre Wayne Rooney, equalised when he ran onto a Ryan Giggs pass and slotted past Richard Kingson in the 74th minute.—Internet

Teenage super sub puts Schalke in German Cup semis

BERLIN, 26 Jan — Teenage super-sub Julian Draxler on Tuesday put Schalke 04 into the semi-finals of the German Cup after scoring an extra-time winner to seal a 3-2 victory over Nuremberg, just minutes after coming off the bench.

The Germany Under-18 midfielder, making only his third Schalke appearance, came off the bench in the 116th minute of the quarter-final and three

minutes later scored from the edge of the penalty area for a fairytale finish.

"It is hard to describe how this feels, I was only just on the pitch for the last five minutes and I never dreamed this would happen," said the stunned teenager. "I have tomorrow off, so I'll be going to visit some of my school friends to see what they make of this."

"It would be unbelievable to play in the final in Berlin now."

Draxler only signed a professional contract earlier this month having caught the eye during Schalke's training camp.—Internet



Schalke's midfielder Julian Draxler is carried by his teammate Greek defender Kyriakos Papadopoulos.

INTERNET

Zvonareva into semis, Federer and Djokovic to clash

MELBOURNE, 26 Jan — World number two Vera Zvonareva brushed off Czech Petra Kvitova 6-2, 6-4 to reach the Australian Open semis on Wednesday and stay on course for her third straight Grand Slam final.

Zvonareva shrugged off the distractions of a medical drama in the stands and a thunderous 21-gun salute for Australia Day, a national public holiday, to down Kvitova in just 75 minutes.

Yesterday, defending champion Roger Federer demolished fellow Swiss Stanislas Wawrinka to reach his eighth straight

Australian Open semi-final, setting up a grandstand clash with Novak Djokovic.—Internet



Vera Zvonareva of Russia

Sky pundit Gray axed after sexist comments

LONDON, 26 Jan — Former Everton and Scotland striker Andy Gray was sacked from his highly-paid role as a television pundit for Sky Sports on Tuesday after his sexist comments about a female assistant referee.

Gray's contract, reported to be worth 1.7 million pounds (2.6 million dollars) a year, was

terminated with immediate effect following his involvement in two separate incidents.

Internet



Assistant referee Sian Massey looks on during Saturday's match between Wolverhampton Wanderers and Liverpool. Former Everton and Scotland striker Andy Gray was sacked from his highly-paid role as a television pundit for Sky Sports after his sexist comments about a female assistant referee.—INTERNET

SPORTS

A new year for Tiger, with lingering questions

SAN DIEGO, 26 Jan — Tiger Woods can't start a new year without being reminded of the last one. And the last one wasn't very good.

Some of his peers couldn't help but chuckle when the pro-am tee times for the Farmers Insurance Open were posted in the locker room. For more than a decade, Woods had the first available tee time, a perk for being the best player on the PGA Tour, or not far from it. Those pro-am times are determined by the previous

year's money list.

Woods was No. 68 on the money list.

He tees off at 11 am, which is about the time he used to finish.

Internet

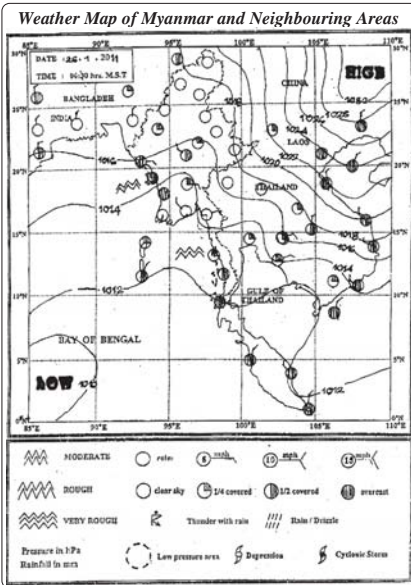


Golfer Tiger Woods

Results on 25 January

International - Club Friendlies

Maccabi Haifa	2 - 2	Dynamo Kyiv
Servette	2 - 3	Olimpi Rustavi
Young Boys Bern	4 - 1	Stromsgodset
Rapid Vienna	3 - 1	St. Gallen
Malaga		0 - 1 Sion
Alta	3 - 3	Stabaek



WEATHER

Wednesday, 26th January, 2011

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T.
 During the past 24 hours, light rain have been isolated in Taninthayi Region, weather has been partly cloudy in Shan and Rakhine States, Upper Sagaing, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions and generally fair in the remaining States and Regions. Night temperatures were (3°C) above January average temperature in Mon State and Magway Region, (4°C) below January average temperature in Chin State, (6°C) below January average temperatures in Upper Sagaing Region and about January average temperatures in the remaining States and Regions. The significant night temperatures were Pinlaung and Haka (1°C) each, Lashio, Heho and Loilien (3°C) each, Namhsan (4°C).

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 25-1-2011 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 26-1-2011 was 59°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 26-1-2011 was (82%). Rainfall on 26-1-2011 was (Nil).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 25-1-2011 was 93°F. Minimum temperature on 26-1-2011 was 63°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 26-1-2011 was (60%). Total

sunshine hours on 25-1-2011 was (10) hours (Approx).

Rainfall on 26-1-2011 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (1.97) inches at Mingaladon, (1.42) inches at Kaba-Aye and (2.95) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Northeast at (09:30) hours MST on 25-1-2011.

Bay Inference: Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 27th January 2011: Light rain are likely to be isolated in Taninthayi Region, weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin, Shan, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States, Mandalay and Yangon Regions and generally fair in the remaining States and Regions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of light rain in the extreme Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 27-1-2011: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 27-1-2011: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 27-1-2011: Partly cloudy.

Concussed Rafael to miss English FA Cup tie

LONDON, 26 Jan—Manchester United full-back Rafael will miss Saturday's FA Cup tie against Southampton as a precaution after being stretchered off at Blackpool on Tuesday night with concussion.

The Brazilian defender was involved in a sickening collision with Marlon Harewood and was taken to hospital for X-rays.

He was quickly given the all-clear and was able to return to Manchester with his team-mates following the dramatic 3-2 win.

However, as with all cases of concussion, United will ensure Rafael gets the correct break from physical contact and the 20-year-old will not travel to the south coast for this weekend's fourth-round tie.

Internet



Manchester United full-back Rafael, seen here in 2010, will miss Saturday's FA Cup tie against Southampton as a precaution after being stretchered off at Blackpool on Tuesday night with concussion.

INTERNET

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (27-1-2011) (Thursday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am ~ 11:00am MST)
Oversea Transmission	- (27-1-11 09:30 am ~ 28-1-11 09:30 am MST)

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Ever Blooming Flower
- * News
- * From "Putao" to "Machan Baw"
- * OK Big Sales
- * News
- * Youth & Language (OBF English Language Centre)
- * News
- * Caves of Myanmar

Oversea Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Ever Blooming Flower
- * News
- * From "Putao" to "Machan Baw"
- * OK Big Sales
- * News
- * Youth & Language (OBF English Language Centre)
- * News
- * Caves of Myanmar
- * News
- * Myanmar Pottery
- * News
- * AGE Transformer Industry
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * MI People's Celebrities "Are they Future Brides?"
- * Booming Business of Rakhine Coastal Region
- * News
- * Myanmar Physically Handicapped Association
- * Myanmar Movies "Night Walker"

<p>Thursday, 27 January View on today</p> <p>7:00 am 1. Paritta By Venerable Min Gun Sayadaw</p> <p>7:25 am 2. To Be Healthy Exercise</p> <p>7:30 am 3. Morning News</p> <p>7:40 am 4. Dhamma Puja Song</p> <p>7:50 am 5. Nice & Sweet Song</p>	<p>8:00 am 6. Song Of National Races</p> <p>8:10 am 7. Dance Variety</p> <p>8:20 am 8. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition</p> <p>8:30 am 9. Teleplay (Traffic)</p> <p>8:40 am 10. International News</p> <p>8:45 am 11. Musical Programme</p> <p>4:00 pm 1. Martial Song</p> <p>4:10 pm 2. Musical Programme</p>	<p>4:20 pm 3. Cute Little Dancers</p> <p>4:30 pm 4. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -First Year (Mathematics)</p> <p>4:45 pm 5. Songs For Upholding National Spirit</p> <p>5:00 am 6. Teleplay (Forest)</p> <p>5:15 pm 7. Musical Programme</p> <p>5:30 pm 8. Science And Envriment (Electricity)</p> <p>5:45 pm 9. Documentary</p> <p>6:00 pm 10. Evening News</p>	<p>6:15 pm 11. Weather Report</p> <p>6:20 pm 12. Myanmar Series</p> <p>6:40 pm 13. Approaching Science Discovery World</p> <p>7:00 pm 14. TV Drama Series</p> <p>8:00 pm 15. News</p> <p>16. International News</p> <p>17. Weather Report</p> <p>18. Documentary</p> <p>19. TV Drama Series</p> <p>20. TV Drama Series</p> <p>21. Mytta Pawana By Mingun Sayadaw Phayagyi</p>
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- ★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
- ★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

- ★ Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
- ★ Riots beget riots, not democracy
- ★ Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People's Desire

- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

- ★ VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
- ★ RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
- ★ Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Nawngwo TV retransmission station put into service in Shan State (South)

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Jan — Under the extended broadcast of TV programme, Nawngwo TV retransmission station was set up in Shan State (South) on 22 January.

Stating from 23 January, the station started broadcasting MRTV programme through transmission capacity of 50-watt and frequency of J-16 with high resolution.—MNA

Aesthetic Ray Library opens to public in Kayan Tsp

YANGON, 26 Jan — The library was built with the contribution of K 1 million by Yangon Region Peace and Development Council and K 1.5 million by Kayinkan villagers.—MNA

YANGON, 26 Jan — Aesthetic Ray Library was opened in Kayinkan Village in Kayan Township in Yangon South District on 22 January.

Township Peace and Development Council Chairman U Tin Myint, Staff Officer Daw Ei Zar Hlaing of Township Information and Public Relations Department and the village chairman formally opened the library.

Wellwishers donated cash, publications and furniture to the library through the township chairman.

Model paddy plot harvested in Monywa Tsp

MONYWA, 26 Jan—Head of Sagaing Region Land Records Department U Naing Aung, Chairman of Monywa District Peace and Development Council U Khin Maung Hsan and township level departmental officials inspected the harvesting of model monsoon paddy field in Htanaungwin Village-tract in Monywa Township on 18 January.

The harvesting of the 2.65-acre model field of Hsinthwelat paddy of farmer U Thein Aung was held in Plot No 146 in Htanaungwin South Block 415-A in Htanaungwin Village-tract.



naungwin Village-tract. The per acre yield was 89.81 baskets.—Kyemon

Officials view harvesting of model monsoon paddy plantation in Htanaungwin Village-tract in Monywa Township.—KYEMON

Colombia coal mine blast kills 20

BOGOTA (Colombia), 26 Jan— A likely methane gas explosion at a coal mine in northeast Colombia killed at least 20 workers on Wednesday and injured six more, officials said.

The explosion was the latest in a series of mine accidents in South

America, including a collapse in Chile in August that buried 33 workers until they were rescued. Last June, a blast killed around 70 miners in Colombia.

“They’ve just told me there are 20 dead and six wounded,” said Marisa Fernandez of the

Significant night temperatures (26-1-2011)

Pinlaung	(1°C)
Haka	(1°C)
Lashio	(3°C)
Heho	(3°C)
Loilem	(3°C)
Namhsan	(4°C)