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Golden nut fixed at first truss of Ayeyawady River Bridge (Nyaungdon)



Commander Brig-Gen Tin Maung Win and Minister U Khin Maung Myint press button to lift first truss for construction of Ayeyawady River Bridge (Nyaungdon).—MNA

YANGON, 29 Jan — A ceremony to fix golden nut at Ayeyawady River Bridge (Nyaungdon) which is under construction across the river at Nyaungdon was held at the bridge in Nyaungdon,

Ayeyawady Region, today.

Chairman of Ayeyawady Region Peace and Development Council Commander (See page 8)

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

No (3) Automobile Factory (Magway), a step forward in Myanma motorcar production

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The State is establishing Industrial Regions and Industrial Zones at appropriate sites in its stride to transform the nation into an industrialized one. Magway Industrial Region is one of them, creating job opportunities for local people and developing them as well-experienced industrial workers.

The Industrial Region includes No (3) Automobile Factory (Magway), Technical Training School (Magway), No (2) Agricultural Machinery Factory (Malun), Machine & Machine Tools Factory (Myaing) and Technical Training School (Pakokku).

The Heavy Machinery & Tools Factory (Myaing) was opened on 17 January 2009, Technical Training School (Pakokku) — which was built with the help of the Republic of India — on 15 July 2010 and Heavy Turbo Truck Manufacturing Plant and Gear & Transmission Plant of No (3) Automobile Manufacturing Factory on 31 December 2010.

With the aid of the Republic of Korea, the construction of Technical Training School (Magway) has been completed by 50 per cent.

The establishment of the Magway centre is intended to nurture well-trained professional workers, to give advanced training, to be able to take systematic measures for safety and maintenance of vehicles and to improve the quality of locally manufactured motorcars.

Korea International Cooperation Agency

(KOICA) supports the construction of the centre.

Heavy Turbo Truck Manufacturing Plant and Gear & Transmission Plant of No (3) Automobile Manufacturing Factory of Myanma Automobile and Diesel Engine Industries of Ministry of Industry-2 welcome the New Year with its opening on 31 December 2010.

The No (3) Automobile Factory (Magway) is

located 3 miles south-west of Magway-Taungdingyi Road six miles far from Magway in Magway Region. The project area is 1300 acres and that of the factory is 250 acres. It includes Technical Training School in addition to the Heavy Turbo Truck Manufacturing Plant and Gear & Transmission Plant.

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Vehicles manufactured by factories of Ministry of Industry-2.

PERSPECTIVES

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Protect natural environment to ensure rich biodiversity

Climate change has sparked environmental degradation worldwide like heavy snowfalls, floods, cold waves, heat waves and draught.

With climate change alongside environmental deterioration, a large array of biodiversity has come into extinction. And this is mainly because of human activities.

Myanmar is rich in biodiversity in Asia. It has 11,800 kinds of trees and plants, 841 medicinal plants and 37 species of bamboo. According to the official data of various species of wildlife, the country has 251 species of mammals, 1056 species of birds, 153 species of snakes, 87 species of lizards, 37 species of turtles, 79 species of frogs, 310 species of fresh water fish and 456 species of sea fish.

Biodiversity means different species of plants and trees, fish, wildlife and forests. The root cause of declining biodiversity is destruction of natural habitats where a large array of biodiversity exists. Therefore, the more protection is given to biodiversity, the more the climate change can be reduced.

As the rebuilding of ecosystem and reforestation are instrumental to the entire mankind, the people on their part are urged to protect the forest resources in their regions and the natural environment for ensuring rich biodiversity.

5th ILBC Arts & Science Fair held

YANGON, 29 Jan—ILBC held the Arts and Science Fair for fifth time at its gymnasium on Laydaunkan Road in Tamway Township here today.

The students from ILBC displayed booths of laboratory apparatus, pictorial charts, photos and video clips, and replied queries raised by visitors.

The fair continues from 1 pm to 6 pm till tomorrow. The fair is intended to encourage students to apply school lessons in their real life, to think creatively in practical

and theoretical way, and to grab golden opportunities in their future career by exerting their skills technically.—MNA



UMFCCI to open training courses

YANGON, 29 Jan— Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry will conduct the Systematic Distribution & Management Course, the Practical Approach to International Trade Course (Batch-3), the Master of Ceremonies/Presenter Course (Batch-3) and the Business English Course (Batch-3) beginning 19 February at UMFCCI Training Institute.

The training courses are aimed at enabling the trainees to apply their experiences obtained from the courses in the works.

Applications for the courses are available at UMFCCI Office Tower at No. 29 on Minye Kyawswa Road in Lanmadaw Township. For further information, contact UMFCCI Training Institute, Tel: 217480, 214344 ~ 214349.—MNA

FOUR PRINCIPLES

- * 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

A&I Minister receives Chinese, British, FAO guests

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Jan— Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo received General Manager Mr Song Zhe and party of China CAMC Engineering Co Ltd of the People's Republic of China at 1 pm on 25 January, Head of South-East Asia and Pacific Group of Britain Mr John Murton together with British Ambassador Mr Andrew Richard Heyn at 1 pm on 26 January, and Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Resident Representative Dr Shin Tmai at 7 pm on 27 January at the ministry,



Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo receives Head of South-East Asia and Pacific Group of Britain Mr John Murton and party.—MNA

here. They focused on investment in agriculture sector, and technological cooperation in enhancement of agriculture sector. MNA

Junior Engineer-2 Basic Proficiency Course concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Jan— Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Myint attended the concluding of Junior Engineer-2 Basic Proficiency Course No. 2/2011 at the ministry, here, yesterday. The minister delivered an address. Managing

Director U Aung Than Oo of Myanma Electric Power Enterprise presented completion certificates to the trainee leader.

The minister gave first, second and third prizes to the outstanding trainees.

The training course was completed by 64 trainees and lasted from 17 to 28 January. MNA

Photo shows educational booths of ILBC students.—MNA

Fire demonstration, educative talks held in Bayintnaung Market

YANGON, 29 Jan— Yangon City Development Committee Markets Department in Mayangon Township staged fire demonstration with educative talks in Bayintnaung Market yesterday, attended by Head of Yangon North District Development Affairs Committee U Tin

Tun and staff Market Development Committee members and market family.

Division Head U Aung Naing Htwe of Markets Department and Chairman of Market Development Committee U Myint Tun gave educative talks on prevention against negligence fire followed by demonstration of putting out fire staged by Head of Bayintnaung Fire Brigade of Fire Department U Aung Lin Oo and firefighters.

Bayintnaung Market now has over 200 extinguishers, two 47000-gallon tanks and seven fire fighting taps so as to put the fire out urgently. MNA

ITF 14 & Under Asian Championships 2011 continues

YANGON, 29 Jan— Approved by International Tennis Federation (ITF), Myanmar hosted the Second tournament of ITF 14 & Under Asian Championships 2011 Group-2 at Theinbyu Tennis Court in Mingala Taungnyunt Township here today.

For the first day of second tournament of group-2, men singles, and men's and women's doubles were held. The second day of the tournament will continue tomorrow starting from 8 am.—MNA



The Bushehr nuclear reactor in southern Iran. Iran's atomic energy chief Ali Akbar Salehi has said the Bushehr reactor will be ready to generate electricity on 9 April, in signs of yet another delay.—INTERNET

Iran nuclear plant will be 'ready in April'

TEHRAN, 29 Jan—Iran's first nuclear power plant will be ready to generate electricity on 9 April, atomic energy chief Ali Akbar Salehi said on Friday, in signs of yet another delay.

"We hope that on Farvardin 20 (9 April) ... we will witness the connection of the plant to the national grid," Salehi was quoted by the

ISNA news agency as saying.

On 27 November, Salehi announced that the plant, built by Russia in Bushehr, has begun operations, and that Teheran hoped electricity produced there would be online "in a month or two." "The reactor has started its operation and the next step is to reach critical phase which will

happen by the end of Bahman (20 February). We have said before that due to some tests, we may have face delays but these delays are around a week or two," he said on Friday. He again reiterated that the computer worm Stuxnet had not entered the "main systems," and that Iranians are "pursing work with the Russians while observing all the safety issues." Stuxnet has reportedly mutated and wreaked havoc on computerised industrial equipment in Iran.

Internet

Five US Air Force cadets expelled for using "spice"

DENVER, 29 Jan—Five US Air Force Academy cadets have been expelled and another 25 are under investigation for using the drug "spice," a synthetic substance that mimics the effects of marijuana, academy officials said on Friday. The announcement by the academy, located in Colorado Springs, Colorado, comes days after the US Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, expelled

seven midshipmen for the use of spice. In a news release, Air Force officials did not provide details on the gender or class the expelled cadets belonged to, saying just that the five cadets were "separated" from the academy and the investigation is ongoing.

Spice, also known as K2, and other synthetic marijuana products are marketed and sold as incense, according to the American Association of

Poison Control Centres.

The association reported a spike in the number of calls nationwide in 2010 about bad reactions to spice and marijuana-like products.

Internet



Residents gather at the site of a bomb attack in Baghdad's Shula District on 27 Jan, 2011.—INTERNET

Twin truck bombings kill four, injure 19 in Pakistan

PESHAWAR, 29 Jan—At least four people including two women were killed and 19 others wounded in twin truck bombings that targeted a key road tunnel in Pakistan's northwest, officials said Saturday.

The attacks took place late Friday night in and outside the tunnel which connects the main city of Peshawar in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province to the city of Kohat.

In the first attack, "an explosive-laden truck entered the tunnel and blew up, badly damaging another truck behind it, wounding five people," top administration official in Kohat, Shahidullah said. Security officials said the attack aimed to damage the Japanese-built tunnel, which had been recently reopened to 24-hour vehicle traffic after being open during the day only because of the risk of militant attacks.—Internet

Russia, NATO to conduct joint anti-missile drills

MOSCOW, 29 Jan—Russia and NATO could stage joint theater anti-missile defence (AMD) drills in late 2011 or in early 2012, the *Interfax* news agency reported Friday.

According to the head of NATO's information bureau in Moscow, Robert Pszczel, a concrete agreement has been reached on cooperation in theater missile defence and on preparations for large-scale exercises.

The preparations are expected to last several months, and the drills will likely be held at the end of 2011 or at the start of next year.

Earlier this week, NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen said the new START treaty between the United States and Russia would reinforce NATO-Russian strategic ties, including in the field of missile defence.

Russian parliament ratified the treaty on 26 January. —Xinhua



A Pakistani policeman inspects a van after a suicide attack in Kohat on 8 December. At least four people including two women were killed and 19 others wounded in twin truck bombings in Pakistan's northwest, officials said Saturday. INTERNET

Suicide bomber kills Kandahar deputy governor

KANDAHAR, 29 Jan—A suicide bomber on a motorcycle killed the deputy governor of Afghanistan's southern Kandahar Province on Saturday, a NATO official and the governor's spokesman said.

Deputy Governor Abdul Latif Ashna was killed inside Kandahar city, capital of Kandahar Province, said the governor's spokesman Zalmay Ayoubi.

Thousands of US-led forces have stepped up operations against the militants in and around the city over the past year.

Reuters

In future, cars might decide if driver is drunk

WALTHAM, 29 Jan—An alcohol-detection prototype that uses automatic sensors to instantly gauge a driver's fitness to be on the road has the potential to save thousands of lives, but could be as long as a decade away from everyday use in cars, federal officials and researchers said Friday. US Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood visited QinetiQ North America, a Waltham, Mass.-based research and development facility, for the first public demonstration of systems

that could measure whether a motorist has a blood alcohol content at or above the legal limit of .08 and — if so — prevent the vehicle from starting.

The technology is being designed as unobtrusive, unlike current alcohol ignition interlock systems often mandated by judges for convicted drunken drivers.

Those require operators to blow into a breath-testing device before the car can operate.

Internet



US Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood is shown the new Driver Alcohol Detection System for Safety (DADSS), one of the prototype components with a digital readout seen at far right, during a news conference announcing the device in Waltham, Mass, on 28 Jan, 2011.

Shane Karr, vice-president for Federal Government Affairs at the Alliance of Automotive Manufacturers looks on at right.

INTERNET



Science

Africa's Lone Wolf: New species found in Ethiopia

LONDON, 29 Jan—During a field expedition to Ethiopia, a team of scientists noticed something odd: The golden jackals there looked more slender with a whiter coat than they do elsewhere. Now, genetic analyses suggest these oddities are not jackals at all but instead more closely related to gray wolves.

In fact, until now these "highland jackals" were referred to as Egyptian jackals (*Canis aureus lupaster*), and had long been considered a rare subspecies to the golden jackal (*C. aureus*).

With new genetic evidence in hand,



Contrails from the space shuttle Discovery are seen just after launch at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida in 2010. A major exhibit of more than 400 space-related objects, from engines to space suits to food rations, opened in Stockholm Friday in the largest gathering of NASA objects outside of the US.—INTERNET

the team suggested the animal be called the African wolf to reflect its true identity.

"It seems as if the Egyptian jackal is urgently set for a name change," said study researcher Claudio Sillero of Oxford University's Wildlife Conservation Research Unit (WildCRU). "And its unique status as the only member of the gray wolf complex in Africa suggests that it should be re-named 'the African wolf,'" said Sillero, who has worked in Ethiopia for more than two decades.

(The gray wolf population extends to the Sinai Peninsula but doesn't exist on mainland Africa.)

"We originally set out to study the jackals in Northern Ethiopia, and discovered this new species by chance through the genetic analyses," said study team member Nils Christian Stenseth, a research professor and chairman of the Center for Ecological and Evolutionary Synthesis at the University of Oslo in Norway. Stenseth, Sillero and their colleagues, including scientists from Addis Ababa University in Ethiopia, analyzed the DNA from the feces of five individuals of the mysterious animal, one of which they had filmed defecating so they could link for certain this creature with its DNA sample.—INTERNET

Bacteria's defences against vaccine found

LONDON, 29 Jan—British scientists say they've found genetic clues to an evolutionary war between *Streptococcus pneumoniae* bacteria and vaccines and antibiotics that combat it.

The study has identified the genetic events by which bacteria such as *S pneumoniae* — responsible for a number of human diseases including pneumonia, ear infection and bacterial meningitis — respond rapidly to new resistance to new

antibiotics and vaccines, *ScienceDaily.com* reported Friday.

"Drug resistant forms of *S pneumoniae* first came onto the radar in the 1970s," Stephen Bentley of the UK Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute says. "We sequenced 240 samples collected over the course of 24 years from the PMEN1 lineage of *S pneumoniae*."

By comparing the sequences, we can begin to understand how this bacterium evolves and

reinvents itself genetically in response to human interventions."

The study shows *S pneumoniae* is a pathogen that evolves and reinvents itself with remarkable speed, the researchers say.

The scientists say the bacteria's genes for antigens — the molecules that trigger human immune response — can change those antigens in response to vaccines meant to deal with them.

INTERNET



Locations of key events are labeled in this extreme ultraviolet image of the sun, obtained by the Solar Dynamics Observatory on 1st August. White lines trace the sun's magnetic field.

INTERNET



Technology

Tablets with Intel's Meego OS coming in second quarter

NEW YORK, 29 Jan—Tablets and netbooks based on Intel's Meego OS are expected to start shipping in the second quarter this year, a source familiar with Intel's plans said on Friday.

Intel has been investing heavily in the development of Meego, which is a lightweight Linux OS for tablets, smartphones and embedded devices. Thus far, Meego has not been offered by any tablet or netbook vendor.

Meego is currently in version 1.1, with version 1.2 due for release between April 21 and April 27, according to the Meego roadmap.

An Intel official declined to say when Meego-based tablets and netbooks would come out, saying the company doesn't

comment on unannounced products. However in the past Asustek Computer and Acer have voiced support for Meego.

Intel has already shown Meego on tablets. The demonstration highlighted the multitasking capabilities of the OS, with the ability to run multiple applications at the same time, and allowing up to five users to play a game simultaneously.

With Meego, Intel hopes to provide an OS optimized for a range of low-power devices based on its Atom processor. Atom competes with the ARM processor, which is used in most tablets including Apple's iPad and Samsung's Galaxy Tab. Intel is also porting Android 3.0, code-named Honeycomb to work on Atom chips.—INTERNET

'Air laser' could find bombs at a distance

PRINCETON, 29 Jan—US scientists say a new "air laser" will allow soldiers to detect hidden explosives from a distance and help scientists measure airborne pollutants.

Researchers at Princeton University say they've developed a technique for generating a beam of laser light out of nothing but air, a university release said Friday.

"We are able to send a laser pulse out and get another pulse back from the air itself," says Richard Miles, a professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering at Princeton. "The returning beam interacts with the molecules in the air and carries their fingerprints."

Unlike previous remote laser-sensing methods, in which the

returning beam of light is just a reflection of the outgoing beam, the "air laser" creates an entirely new laser beam generated by oxygen atoms whose electrons have been "excited" to high energy levels.

Using an ultraviolet laser pulse focused on a tiny patch of air, similar to the way a magnifying glass focuses sunlight into a hot spot, oxygen atoms in the hot spot become excited as their electrons get pumped up to high energy levels, eventually creating a coherent laser beam aimed straight back at the original laser, researchers say.

"In general, when you want to determine if there are contaminants in the air you need to collect a sample of that air and test it," Miles said.

INTERNET

Google Dabbles with Display Ads in Gmail

WASHINGTON, 29 Jan—This week Google was caught testing display advertising placements in its email client, Gmail.

Numerous people, like Searchengineland.com, reported seeing display ads on the vertical borders of their Gmail interfaces. Normally you only find text-based ads in your email client.

When queried by reporters, Google simply said, "We're always trying out new ad formats and placements in Gmail, and we recently started experimenting with image ads on messages with heavy image content," the company said in a statement. Apparently the tests began last Friday, the spokesman said. And before you cry foul, don't forget rivals Microsoft Hotmail and Yahoo Mail already sell display and banner ads.—INTERNET

File photo shows Alicia Cochran (C) helps a customer with the new Windows 7 programme during the grand opening of Microsoft's first retail store in Scottsdale, Arizona.—INTERNET



Health

Health Tip: Skin disorders affecting the elderly

Skin problems are common among the elderly. Some are considered a normal part of aging, while others may indicate an underlying health problem.

The ADAM Encyclopedia says the following medical conditions could spur changes in an elderly person's skin:

- * Having arteriosclerosis or another disease of the blood vessels.
- * Being diabetic.
- * Having heart disease or liver disease.
- * Being malnourished.
- * Being obese.
- * Having a reaction to medication.
- * Being under stress.—Internet



Retired American football players are four times as likely to take painkillers, as seen here, as the general public and many reported misusing the drugs when they were playing, said a study released Friday.—INTERNET

Why broccoli may prevent cancer

WASHINGTON, 29 Jan— US researchers say they have discovered a biochemical basis to explain broccoli's cancer-fighting ability.

Researchers led by Fung-Lung Chung of the Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center at Georgetown University said substances in broccoli, cauliflower, watercress and other cruciferous vegetables contain compounds called isothiocyanates that seem to stop the growth of cancer by encouraging cancer cell death — apoptosis.

Chung and colleagues say the way isothiocyanates may work is by assisting the tumour suppressor gene p53 which helps prevents cancer growth when normal but not when mutated.

The study, published in *the Journal of Medicinal Chemistry*, demonstrates certain natural-occurring isothiocyanates leave normal p53 alone but selectively bind with and deplete mutant p53 which helps induce apoptosis.

"Collectively, this study shows that mutant p53 depletion may be an important novel target for cancer chemoprevention and therapy by natural and synthetic isothiocyanates," the study says.—Xinhua



A man's finger is pricked to test his blood. The number of diabetics in the United States has grown to nearly 26 million, a 10 percent increase over 2008, the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention said Wednesday, expressing concern about the trend.—INTERNET

Teens with food allergies may feel unsafe at school

NEW YORK, 29 Jan—Children and teens with potentially life-threatening food allergies may feel unsafe, isolated and excluded in their schools, a small study suggests. Researchers interviewed 10 children, aged 8 to 12, and 10 teenagers in Canada whose food allergies were severe enough that they had to carry injectable adrenaline in case they suffered an allergic reaction. Compared to the children, teens felt less confident about their surroundings at high school and the information about food allergies possessed by school personnel and parents.

High schools were viewed as less safe because they didn't have homerooms, there were unsupervised lunch areas where food fights sometimes break out, and fewer staff who knew about food allergies. Elementary schools were considered safer because there was a stronger parental presence and consistent routines involving lunch rooms, trained staff, and communication strategies.

The children and teens felt the greatest threats to their safety

came from uninformed friends, school personnel and the parents of other students. Many also said a number of environmental and social barriers led to them being teased and feeling isolated and excluded.

The children tended to rely on parents and teachers to cope, while the teens often fended for themselves by avoiding risky foods, educating others about food allergies, trying to understand confusing food labels, and quickly leaving unsafe places. Some said they felt disempowered and overburdened and even developed habits such as constant hand washing or delaying eating until they knew there was an adult present who could drive them to the hospital if they suffered an allergic reaction. The findings, published in the January issue of the journal *Risk Analysis*, provide information for food allergic children and their parents to influence school policies about food allergy risk management and coping, said the researchers in a journal news release.—Xinhua

Business

Ford stock falls after company misses expectations

DEARBORN, 29 Jan— Ford Motor Co is the most profitable it's been in a decade, since the days when Americans were snapping up SUVs. But maintaining that momentum — and meeting the high expectations of buyers, workers and investors — will be a big challenge in the coming year.

Ford got a taste of that Friday. Despite reporting a profit for 2010, the company's stock fell more than 13 percent to close at \$16.27. Investors were disappointed that the results fell short of expectations. Ford also posted an 80-percent drop in fourth-quarter net income, missing forecasts and ending two years of better-than-expected results.

It was clear Ford won't have much room for error as it tackles nagging problems, from the huge loans it took out to fund its turnaround to its upcoming labor talks to its stodgy, slow-selling Lincoln brand.

"When a company consistently beats expectations, analysts and investors start pushing.—Internet



The front end of a Ford F-150 is seen at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit, in this 11 Jan, 2011 file phot.—INTERNET

Regulators shut banks in Colo, NM, Okla, Wis

WASHINGTON, 29 Jan—Regulators on Friday closed banks in Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Wisconsin, lifting to 11 the number of bank failures in 2011 following last year's toll of 157 taken down by the weak economy and piles of soured loans.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp took over the banks: First Community Bank, based in Taos, NM, with \$2.3 billion in assets; FirstTier Bank, based in Louisville, Colo, with \$781.5 million in assets; First State Bank of Camargo, Okla, with \$43.5 million in assets; and Evergreen State Bank, based in

Stoughton, Wis, with \$246.5 million in assets.

Minneapolis-based US Bank agreed to assume the assets and deposits of First Community Bank. Bank 7, based in Oklahoma City, is acquiring the assets and deposits of First State Bank. McFarland State Bank of McFarland, Wis, is acquiring those of Evergreen State Bank. The FDIC was unable to find a buyer for FirstTier Bank, and it approved the payout of the bank's insured deposits.

The failure of First Community Bank is expected to cost the deposit insurance fund \$260 million.—Internet

Christie's reports record sales in 2010

LONDON, 29 Jan— Christie's, the London-based auction house, reported record sales for 2010, including a Pablo Picasso painting that set a new record for a single work. The total was 3.3 billion pounds (\$5.3 billion), up more than 50 percent from 2009, *The Daily Telegraph* reported. More than two-thirds of the highest-end artworks, those selling for more than \$50 million, passed through Christie's. Picasso's "Nude, Green Leaves and Bust" went for 70.3 million pounds (\$112 million) in May. Alberto Giacometti's "Grande Tete Mince" sold for 35.2 million pounds (\$56 million) on the same day. Sotheby's, Christie's major competitor, also enjoyed a profitable year with sales of 2.7 billion pounds (\$4.3 billion).

"This has been one of the greatest years ever for Christie's and the art market. The results of 2010 are the fruition of a decade of endeavour led by a strong and dedicated team," Steven Murphy, Christie's chief executive officer, said.—Internet



A man looks through the database for job listings at the Human Resources and Skills Development Canada offices in Montreal on 19 April, 2009.—INTERNET

Brazilian kept wife in cellar for 16 years



Sebastiana Aparecida Groppo lies in a bed in the basement, where police suspect her husband held her locked in for 16 years, in Sorocaba, Sao Paulo State in this handout taken 26 Jan, 2011.

INTERNET

RIO DE JANEIRO, 29 Jan—A Brazilian man has been arrested on suspicion of keeping his wife locked in a squalid basement for 16 years while he lived with another woman in the same house.

Acting on a tip, police on Wednesday found Sebastiana Aparecida Groppo, 64, in the cellar of the house in the city of

Sorocaba in Sao Paulo state.

The floor of the roughly 130-square-foot (12-square-metre) cellar was littered with feces and dead cockroaches, Sorocaba police inspector Ana Luiza Salomone told Reuters on Thursday.

“She was found without clothes wrapped up in a blanket,” said Salomone, adding that the windows had been shuttered and were covered in mold.

Joao Batista Groppo and the woman who had been living with him both were arrested on charges of illegal imprisonment. The husband, also 64, told police that he had locked up his wife of 42 years because she was mentally ill and aggressive.

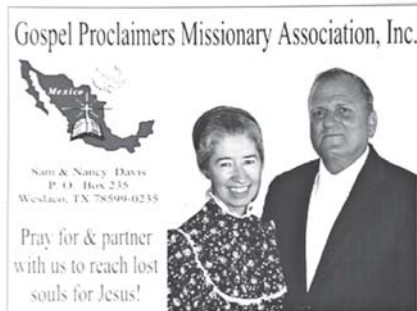
Salomone said Groppo had apparently kept his wife imprisoned for two periods totaling 16 years, the second coming after 2003 when their son died in an accident.—Reuters

US missionary killed in Mexico drug no-man’s land

MEXICO CITY, 29 Jan—American missionaries Sam and Nancy Davis were crossing a drug-cartel battleground in northern Mexico when gunmen opened fire on their truck and mortally wounded Nancy.

Now the search for her killers, an investigation led by authorities in Tamaulipas, could be mired by the same violence as investigators in previous high-profile cases have turned up dead in this state bordering Texas, where two powerful cartels are warring for drug routes.

No law enforcement officials on either side of the border would speak



A pray card handed out by Sam and Nancy Davis, missionaries working in Mexico, is shown in Wesfield, Ind, on 27 Jan, 2011.—INTERNET

publicly Friday about the security issue, or the fact that few crimes in Mexico ever get prosecuted.

“We expect the Mexican authorities to

investigate this case,” said US Embassy spokesman Alex Featherstone. “We can’t speculate on what might happen to the investigators.”—Internet

NATO says Danish warship rescues two from pirates

LONDON, 29 Jan—NATO says a Danish warship has rescued two men who escaped from pirates off the coast of East Africa.

The western military alliance says the men were among several crew members who attempted to shake their captors two days after their ship, the *MV Beluga Nomination*, was hijacked. The attempt to overwhelm the pirates failed, but the two seamen, a Ukrainian and a Filipino, managed to escape in one of the ship’s life boats.

NATO said in a statement that the pair spent two days at sea before being picked up by the *HDMS Esbern Snare* on Friday. The rest of the crew remains aboard their ship — now anchored off the Somali coast — where they await rescue or ransom.—Internet



Workers wearing protection suits cull chickens at a poultry farm where the bird flu virus had been found in Kawaminami Town, Miyazaki Prefecture 29 Jan, 2011. The bird flu epidemic has spread in Miyazaki Prefecture, with chickens in two more locations confirmed to have infected with a highly pathogenic avian flu virus, the local government said Saturday.—INTERNET

Rescue workers pull up three cars from a canal in Patterson, Calif, on 28 Jan, 2011. Divers began a daring effort Friday in frigid water to recover the car of a kidnapping suspect from a tunnel some 50 feet below the surface of a Central California canal. Earlier in the day, searchers discovered the Toyota Corolla belonging to Jose Rodriguez, who is suspected of kidnapping 4-year-old Juliani Cardenas on 18 Jan. INTERNET

No bodies in kidnap suspect’s car taken from canal

PATTERSON, 29 Jan—Authorities pulled a kidnapping suspect’s car from the bottom of a frigid Central California canal Friday, but the bodies of the suspect and the missing 4-year-old boy were not inside.

The badly damaged Toyota Corolla recovered from the Delta-Mendota canal along with two other vehicles just before 6 pm was empty, Stanislaus County Sheriff Adam

Christianson said. The car belongs to 27-year-old Jose Rodriguez, who is suspected of kidnapping Juliani Cardenas, his ex-girlfriend’s son, from the arms of the boy’s grandmother in Patterson on 18 Jan. Juliani’s mother, Tabitha Cardenas, reportedly ended her relationship with Rodriguez several months ago, and he is the father of her unborn child. Christianson said authorities will continue to search the canal for the bodies in the event they floated downstream. He said there is no evidence that Rodriguez fled the scene after dumping the car.

“He is not sophisticated enough, doesn’t have the infrastructure, doesn’t have the financing and doesn’t have the support to pull off that type of abduction,” the sheriff said.

Two of the car’s windows were down when it was pulled from the canal, Christianson said.

Divers have been combing the canal since last week after receiving a tip that a car matching the one in which Rodriguez allegedly fled was seen heading into the water.

Internet

American jet makes emergency landing in Jamaica

KINGSTON, 29 Jan—An American Airlines jet en route to Miami from Ecuador has made an emergency landing in Jamaica.

The airline says the jet landed at the Montego Bay airport and all passengers disembarked normally without incident. American said in a statement that the pilot decided to land as a precaution after getting a temperature indication warning on the right hand engine.

The Boeing 757 took off from Quito, Ecuador, on Friday with 155 passengers and a crew of eight. American says the passengers are being rebooked on other flights.—Internet

Egyptian Airlines plane makes emergency landing in Athens due to bomb scare

ATHENS, 29 Jan—An Egyptian Airlines plane with more than 230 people on board made an emergency landing at the Athens International “Eleytherios Venizelos” Airport Friday due to a bomb scare, Greek media reported.

According to local SKAI television channel, the plane which had lifted from Gatwick Airport in London and was flying to Cairo, Egypt, was diverted to Athens, when a note with the word “bomb” written in English was discovered on board.

Greek police are still investigating the case.

Xinhua

New York City may have to lay off 15,000 teachers

NEW YORK, 29 Jan—New York City might have to lay off 15,000 teachers if the state, grappling with a \$10 billion deficit, cuts the city’s education budget by \$1 billion, Mayor Michael Bloomberg said on Friday.

The city has around 75,000 teachers and Bloomberg is already planning to lay off around 6,000 to help deal with New York City’s deficit for the next fiscal year. In December, the budget director predicted the city’s budget gap could rise to \$4.4 billion, depending on state cuts. Like many cities, towns and states, New York is struggling with the

end of the federal stimulus programme. The city is losing \$800 million. This is why Bloomberg was already preparing to lay off so many teachers.

“The scuttlebutt is — I don’t know if it’s true or not — is that the education budget will be cut statewide and New York City’s share of that would be a \$1 billion cut,” Bloomberg, an independent, told WOR radio.

The teacher layoffs could be higher, depending on what New York state Governor Andrew Cuomo announces when he unveils his budget plan on Tuesday.—Internet



Pyinnya Ahman Library in Tatkon Tsp opens

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Jan—Pyinnya Ahman Library was opened in Hsinthae Village of Tatkon Township in Nay Pyi Taw District today. The opening ceremony was addressed by Minister for Home Affairs and for Immigration and Population U Maung Oo. The minister next donated K 5 million for the library construction. The library building was formally opened by Director U Than Tun of the Information and Public Relations Department and Township Peace and Development Council Chairman U Aye Lu and townselder U Khaing Ngwe.—MNA

UDNR trainees tour Bagan Ancient Cultural Region



Trainees of B.Ed Course No. 42 from UDNR visit Yeywa Hydropower Project.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Jan—The trainees from B.Ed Course No. 42 of University for Development of National Races visited Yeywa Hydropower Project of Construction-2 (Mandalay) of Hydropower Implementation Department, Shwezigon Pagoda, Alodawpyae Pagoda and Ananda Pagoda in Bagan Ancient Cultural Region on 26 January.

The next day, they paid homage to Lawkananda, Myazedi, Bu and Thabbyinnyu

pagodas. The trainees also visited Lacquerware Museum of Lacquerware College, Lacquerware Hall and Lacquerware Shop, Bagan Archaeological Museum and Thiri Zeyabumi Palace in Bagan and Mount Popa in Kyaukse Region. In the evening, they arrived back at University for Development of National Races.—MNA

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Yesterday, they toured Kyetmauktaung Dam, Central Institute of Transport and Communication in Meiktila and Cement Plant, Bicycle Factory and Vest Factory

Objectives of 64th Anniversary Union Day (2011)

1. For all national races to safeguard the national policy— Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of national solidarity, and Perpetuation of sovereignty
2. For all national races to keep Union Spirit ever alive and dynamic among national people
3. For all national races to wipe out, through national solidarity, disruptions caused to peace, stability and development of the nation by internal and external subversives
4. For all national races to make efforts with might and main to build a modern, developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation in accordance with the State Constitution approved by the great majority of the people
5. For all national races to work in concert with national unity for perpetuation of the Union that has existed for thousands of years

The Myanmar-Thailand Case Management Meeting on the returns, repatriation and reintegration of victims of trafficking in progress at Sedona Hotel in Mandalay on 27 January.—MNA



AUX air-conditioners on market



Photo shows sales of environmental friendly AUX air-conditioners.—MNA

YANGON, 29 Jan—United Aisa Co Ltd is distributing AUX long time quality air-conditioners installed with auto restart system, digital display, 4 way system air-flow and Japanese branded compressor and circuit. The company offers buyers four-year guarantee and 5% discount. For more details, contact United Asia Co Ltd, No 225 at corner of 11th Street and Anawrahta Street, Lanmadaw Township, Ph: 01-210834, 218021 and Fax: 0095-1-228384. —MNA

Bicycles, spare parts on sale at Win Thuza shops

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Jan — Bicycles and spare parts manufactured by Bicycle Factory (Kyaukse) of the Ministry of Industry-1 are available at Win Thuza Shops across the country. The factory has manufactured various designs of bicycles for men and women including electronic bicycles and more information are available at the factory in Kyaukse, Ph: 066-50536 and 066-50609. MNA

Star Resource to open International Bakery & Pastry Course

YANGON, 29 Jan—Star Resource Hospitality Management Academy will open International Bakery & Pastry Course for those wishing to join hotels, restaurants and luxury cruise liners during second week of February.

The course will take three months. During and after the course, the

academy will provide necessary requirement for the trainees.

For more information, contact Star Resource Hospitality Management Academy at Room No. 302, Building No. 267, Pyay Road, Myenigon, Sangyoung Township, Yangon (Ph: 01-523623 and 523200).—MNA

UMFCCI to hold talks on 5 Feb

YANGON, 29 Jan—UMFCCI conducts monthly talks to be held at UMFCCI Office Tower (1st floor) in Minye Kyaw Swa Street, here at 2 pm on 5 February.

This month talk includes a topic on "From Family Business To International Corporate Structure" by U Aye Kyaw (MHR), and invites presidents of UMFCCI, its brother associations and any interested persons. —MNA

Golden nut fixed at...

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of South-West Command Brig-Gen Tin Maung Win and Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint fixed gold nut at the trusses of the bridge and sprinkled scented water on it.

Afterwards, they pressed buttons to lift the first truss of the bridge and to fix it at the bridge. Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Construction U Myint Thein, departmental officials, officials of the ministry and local people.

After the ceremony, the commander, the minister and deputy

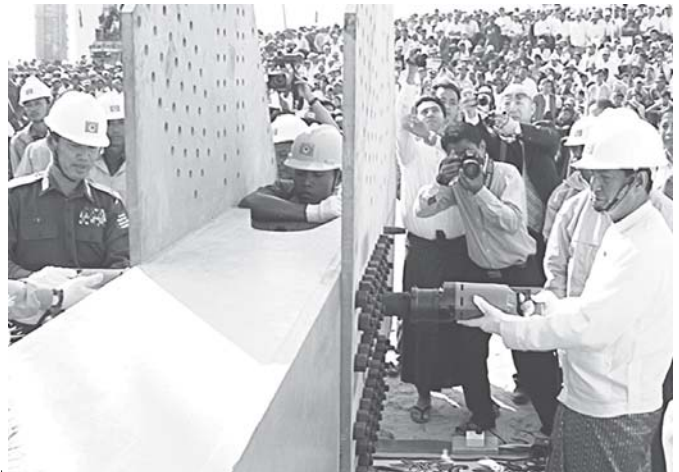
minister visited the construction site and inspected the works. The bridge is being constructed by the Special Project Group-5 of the Public Works.

The bridge will cross the Ayeyawady River in 20 spans — 120-metre 16 spans, 100-metre two spans and 60-metre two spans. So far, trusses for 14 spans have been collected and remaining trusses are coming by ship. The trusses fixed at a 120-metre span is 934 tons in weight and at a 100-metre span is 742 tons in weight and at a 60-metre span is 395 tons in weight,

and the whole bridge is 2071 tons in weight.

The steel-reinforced concrete bridge is a rail-cum-road type and it is 7402 ft long. The approach roads are 11389 ft long in total.

The rail road on the bridge is 13143 ft long while the road surface on the bridge is 28 ft wide. With two-lane motorway, the bridge is shouldering 14-foot-wide rail road. The bridge is flanked by two 3-foot wide pedestrian ways. The bridge's clearance is 262 ft wide and 57 ft high and the bridge can withstand 75 tons of loads per truck.—MNA



Commander Brig-Gen Tin Maung Win and Minister U Khin Maung Myint install first truss of Ayeyawady River Bridge (Nyaungdon).—MNA

Wise to open Certificate in Financial Management course

YANGON, 29 Jan—Wise International School for Executives will conduct the course on Certificate in Financial Management on 5 February.

Business owners, managers, auditors and accountants, financial officers, business development managers and financial enthusiasts should grasp the opportunity to attend the 10-day course.

The fee for course is fixed at K 50,000 per head and 40% discount will be given to members. The course will be conducted from 5.30 pm to 7.30pm on Saturdays and Sundays beginning 5 February. Those wishing to attend the course may enlist Wise International School for Executives, Tel: 01-556183, 095157032.—MNA

Respect-paying ceremony at Kyaukkyi (BEHS-2) on 19 Feb

YANGON, 28 Jan—There will take place a respect-paying ceremony to mark Golden Jubilee of No. 2 Basic Education High School (KBM High School) at its assembly hall, Myitta Ward, Kyaukkyi in Bago Region at 9 am of 19 February.

The respected teachers and old students are to attend the ceremony without fail, and sponsors may contact Col Myint Ohn (Rtd) Ph: 09-5171894, Daw Khin Yone Ph: 09-8021554, Major Hla Tun (Rtd) Ph: 01-510499, U Nyunt Shwe Ph: 01-505980, U Than Win; Ph: 01-646375 and U Aung Gyi (Kyaukkyi); Ph: 054-49024.—MNA

Milky Way to be in Lifestyles Expo-2011

YANGON, 29 Jan—Milky Way International Co Ltd will take part in Lifestyles Expo-2011 to be held at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road, Dagon Township here from 3 to 6 February.

The exhibition is mainly sponsored by Shine Group of Companies and co-sponsors are Asia Metal Co Ltd and Everseiko Co Ltd. There will be over 140 booths of 50 companies at the exhibition. Visitors will have to enjoy gift voucher and lucky draw programme of Milky Way International Co Ltd. For more information, dial 73043611 and 73090821.

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No (3) Automobile Factory...

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The factory is producing heavy turbo trucks with the technical assistance of Tata Motors Ltd of India. It can produce 5000 stocks of 20-40-ton heavy turbo trucks (6x2&6x4) per year.

Previously, No. (1) Automobile Factory was one and only factory in Myanmar which produced 6.5-ton TE-11 and TE-21 Trucks with the technical cooperation of Hino Motor Company of

Japan since its establishment in 1972. Now, the factory is arranging to manufacture 10-15-ton TE-31 trucks.

Through the extension of No (3) Automobile Factory (Magway), the State will own the factory which could produce high-tech heavy turbo trucks, 20-40-ton heavy turbo trucks, civilian vehicles such as city buses, cargo trucks, dump trucks, water bowser, fire engines. The

factory will become a technical source for domestic car manufacturers and will create various job opportunities for local.

Gear & Transmission Plant will produce gear boxes and marine gear boxes for modern cars and transmission systems to be used with diesel engines of Thagara Multi-purpose Diesel Engine Factory.

The Industry-2 Ministry — which could only produce Mazda Jeep and TE-11 and TE-21 Trucks before 1988 — has

Workers assembling automobiles at Heavy Turbo Truck Manufacturing Plant of No (3) Automobile Factory (Magway).



become the manufacture of luxury cars, trucks and heavy machinery now.

As the nation has

now enjoyed better transportation, local demand for automobile is expected to hit high. The factories

will save the foreign exchange while creating chances to reach low-cost automobiles to the people.

The establishment of Heavy Turbo Truck Manufacturing Plant and Gear & Transmission Plant is the remarkable step in the history of Myanmar automobile and diesel engine production.

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No (3) Automobile Factory (Magway) in Magway Industrial Region.

MBA General Secretary meets Chinese guests

YANGON, 29 Jan—General Secretary of Myanmar Banks Association Chairman of CB Bank U Khin Maung Aye and Joint General Secretary Managing Director U Zaw Win Naing of Kanbawza Bank met a delegation led by Huawei Technologies Co Ltd Director Mr Cao Yajun of the People's Republic of China at the hall of the association, here, this morning.

They exchanged views on application of ICT in banking services in China and Southeast Asian region, prospects of applying ICT to banking services in Myanmar and assistance of technology. Huawei Technologies Co Ltd is providing technological assistance to banking services of countries in China and SE Asia.

MNA



General Secretary of Myanmar Banks Association Chairman of CB Bank U Khin Maung Aye meets Huawei Technologies Co Ltd Director Mr. Cao Yajun and party of China.—MNA

Cash donated for social welfare tasks in Pyuntaza

YANGON, 29 Jan—Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Kyaw Myint yesterday attended the ceremony to donate cash for undertaking welfare tasks in Pyuntaza area in conjunction with the setting up the university scholarship fund in Pyuntaza.

The deputy minister accepted K 16.2 million for Shwezarmay Social Welfare Association donated by U Thura Soe & Daw Cho Cho Win of Kaba Aye Villa.

University Scholarship Fund Chairman U Aung Than and responsible persons accepted K 5 million for the scholarship fund donated by U Thura Soe & Daw Cho Cho Win of Kaba Aye Villa, K 2 million by Dr Kyaw Win of Magic Land Co Ltd of



Deputy Minister for SWRR U Kyaw Myint accepts K 16.2 million for Shwezarmay Social Welfare Association donated by U Thura Soe & Daw Cho Cho Win of Kaba Aye Villa.—MNA

Yangon through U Thura Soe, and K 1 million by Deputy Minister U Kyaw Myint and family. On behalf of Pyuntaza Association, Deputy Minister U Kyaw Myint spoke words of thanks.—MNA

Sub-working groups of MWF donate cash and kind for girls

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Jan—The Nurturing and Resettlement Sub-working Group and Child/Girl Sub-working Group under the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation held the cash and kind donation at the Training School for the Girls of Social Welfare Department yesterday.

The subcommittees served 280 girls of the school, staff and guests with meals.

Principal Daw Ni Ni Shwe accepted clothes worth K 750,000 donated by Nurturing and Resettlement Sub-working Group member Daw Phyu Thant Paing, K 500,000 for installation of fax phone and clothes by Child/Girl Sub-working Group Daw Hsu Htet Hlaing (a) Yadana Zaw Min (Managing Director of Unique Asia Travel of Tour Co Ltd) and clothes worth K 150,000 by Secretary of Child/Girl Sub-working Group Daw Lè Lè Aye of Mandalay Min Advanced Transport Service.

All present on the occasion were responsible persons of the working group and sub-working groups.—MNA

Traditional Foods and Utensils Sales 12-14 Feb

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Jan—The Traditional Foods and Utensils Sales in commemoration of the 64th Anniversary Union Day will be held at Seinlan Sopyay Garden on Inya Road, here, from 9 am to 9 pm daily from 12 to 14 February.

Traditional costumes and souvenirs of all national races in addition to traditional foods will be available at the sales.—MNA

MSI Education Consultancy Chairman U Tin Aung Soe speaking at ceremony to mark first 2011 Engineering Day.—MNA

Wash N' Care Linen Rental & Commercial Laundry Services Center opens

YANGON, 29 Jan —Hanse Care & Clean Services Co. Ltd organized a ceremony to introduce Wash N' Care Linen Rental & Commercial Laundry Services Center for local market at the service center in Dusit Inya Lake Hotel here on 25 January.

Talks on functions and services of the center were given and demonstration of the environmentally-friendly Lagoon Wet Cleaning System with low power consumption was presented at the ceremony.

Next, those present observed services being given to hotels, restaurants and club houses by Hanse Care & Clean Services Co. Ltd.

Managing Director U Aung Than Htay of Hanse Care & Clean Services Co. Ltd spoke on the occasion. Next, the Electrolux Asia Pacific Office Director gave accounts on sales of its products and the dealer manager on Electrolux Professional Laundry System and invention from conventional Dry Cleaning System to Wet Cleaning System.—MNA

First 2011 Engineering Day observed

YANGON, 29 Jan—Myanmar Search International Education Consultancy (MSI) observed the first 2011 Engineering Day at Traders Hotel here this evening.

MSI Chairman U Tin Aung Soe explained educational services of MSI.

MSI is an educational services company granting scholarships to students in cooperation with Tire-5 Excellence Award winners Taylor's University in Kuala Lumpur and Curtin University in Sarawak in Malaysia and The Best Education Experience Award 2010 winner PSB Academy in Singapore.

Those interested may register at the office of MSI bringing along with educational documents not later than 16 February. Scholarships will be granted by Taylor's University and Curtin University.

For further information, contact MSI Office at No (234) on the second floor on Shwebontha (Middle Block) in Pabedan Township, Yangon (Ph: 01 250929, 01 389915 and 09 5103915) and myanmarsearchinternational@gmail.com.—MNA



Blacklist system to monitor copyright

BEIJING, 29 Jan—China is planning to introduce a blacklist system for websites charged with online piracy of films and TV series as part of a major effort to better protect copyright, a senior official said on Friday.

Wang Zhicheng, deputy director of the copyright department of the National Copyright Administration (NCA) said at a Press conference that his administration plans to conduct a routine check every three months to review and supervise the legitimacy of the 50 most viewed films and 50 most viewed TV series on each major

website.

The routine check will cover all the 18 top Chinese video websites, which maintain a combined online-video market share of about 95 percent.

The NCA will name and shame those websites that provide visitors with unauthorized films and TV series on the administration's website as a warning to copyright violators, Wang said.

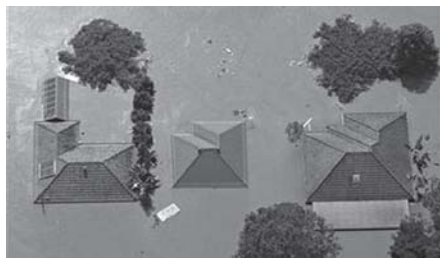
Any website that ignores the warning will face an administrative penalty or even criminal punishment, he warned.

Xinhua



Lanterns are lit for trial in Yangzhou, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 28 Jan, 2011. More than 20 sets of lanterns from Jiangsu and southeast China's Taipei will attend a lantern festival here on 29 Jan.—XINHUA

Australia's floods bill climbs, takes toll on PM



Roofs of houses are visible above flood waters west of Brisbane on 13 January, 2011.—INTERNET

CANBERRA, 29 Jan—Australia's floods disaster piled more pressure on government finances and the prime minister on Friday, after the hardest-hit state of Queensland cut its economic growth rate by more than half and confirmed a sharp slump in coal exports.

The mining state of Queensland's assessment highlighted the challenges facing Prime Minister Julia Gillard, who is struggling to win public support for her recovery package, which included a new flood tax announced this week. Gillard, stung in the past by accusations of wasteful spending, faces a major challenge in leading the economy out of one of its biggest natural disasters, after floods swamped the eastern seaboard, killing 35 people, crippling coal mines, ruining crops, damaging roads and railways and destroying homes.

"People have suffered enough without needing a new tax," opposition leader Tony Abbott said, seeking to tap into what appears to be a sour voter reaction to the new impost.

Underlying the scale of the task, the Queensland state government cut its 2010-11 (July/June) growth forecast to 1.25 percent from 3 percent before the floods, and estimated that the damage to that state alone would top \$5 billion.—Reuters

Caspian Sea may develop world's longest seaside park

TBILISI, 29 Jan—The planned enlargement of the Baku Seaside Park in Azerbaijan may turn it into the world's longest seaside park, measuring as long as 25 kilometres.

"At present the Baku Seaside Park stretches for two kilometres," said deputy park director Nazim Majidov. "The length of the park will be increased up to 16 kilometres and later to 25 kilometres. If in the future parkway extends up to 25 kilometres, the Baku Seaside Park will be the world's longest."

When complete, the seaside park is expected to link up the Baku Sea Port and the Flag Square, which flies one of the world's largest national flags.

"All the old equipment has been removed from the park and new ones have been imported from Italy, France, the United States and other countries," Majidov said.

Azerbaijan has been improving its facilities and infrastructure to boost the country's tourism sector.

Xinhua

Spain jobless rate surges to 20.33 percent

MADRID, 29 Jan—Spain announced Friday its jobless rate surged to a 13-year record above 20 percent at the end of 2010, the highest level in the industrialized world, as the economy gasped for air.

It was more bad news for an economy fighting to regain the trust of financial markets and avoid being trapped in a debt quagmire that has engulfed Greece and Ireland and now menaces Portugal.

Another 121,900 people joined Spain's unemployment queues in the final quarter of the year, pushing the

total to 4.697 million people, said the national statistics institute INE.

The resulting unemployment rate was 20.33 percent for the end of the year easily exceeding Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero's target of 19.4 percent.

Spain appears to be stuck in a rut of staggeringly high levels of unemployment.

After posting a jobless rate of 18.83 percent in 2009 and now 20.33 percent in 2010, the government is forecasting 19.3 percent for 2011 and 17.5 percent in 2012.—Internet

The 2011 Chevrolet Camaro convertible on display at the 2011 Washington Auto Show on 27 January, 2011 at the Washington Convention Centre in Washington, DC. The shows runs from January 28 to 6 February, 2011. XINHUA



Every year thousands brave the frigid winds of Canada's backwoods to spend time in a small wooden hut fishing through a hole in the ice.

INTERNET

Tropical cyclone Wilma hits New Zealand upper North Island

WELLINGTON, 29 Jan—There were more than 200 serious incidents as the New Zealand upper North Island was lashed by tropical cyclone Wilma overnight, the Fire Service said on Saturday.

Several houses have been damaged or destroyed, with one house fell into the sea and another one collapsed because of a slip.

About 70 people are in temporary welfare centres in the region after torrential rain and flooding in the region.

The worst-affected areas had up to 280 mm of rain fell in 12 hours.

New Zealand Civil Defence said most of the major rivers in Northland were topping their banks, and a number of roads and state highways remain closed by flooding, slips and fallen trees, Radio New Zealand reported on Saturday.

Several sewage plants are out of action. In some area, residents are being asked to conserve water. Firefighters have used a boat to rescue two people who were stuck up two trees for three and a half hours.

The MetService said Wilma should pass just to the north of East Cape late on Saturday morning before racing away to the southeast.—Internet

Belarus says oil contracts with Russia mutually beneficial

MINSK, 29 Jan—Belarus said on Friday contracts to supply Russian oil to Belarus signed in Moscow on Tuesday are mutually beneficial and are a result of mutual concessions.

Russia will supply 50 percent of the specified oil volume as the tolling of Russian companies for processing at Belarussian refineries, and another 50 percent as the oil purchased by Belarussian refineries, said Marina Kostiuchenko, spokesperson for Belarus' national petrochemical company Belneftkhim.

Kostiuchenko said that the concessions made by Russian oil suppliers allow Belarussian oil refineries to purchase all the raw materials in 2011 themselves and to freely dispose of the produced oil.

Belneftkhim completed negotiations in Moscow on Tuesday and signed contracts with Russian suppliers on resuming oil deliveries to Belarus.—Xinhua



People set up irrigation system in a farmland in Jiaozuo, central China's Henan Province, on 27 Jan, 2011. The central government has already allocated 4 billion yuan (608 million USDollars) for grain production and rural water conservation projects, according to a statement issued after a State Council executive meeting presided over by Premier Wen Jiabao on Wednesday.—INTERNET

Canadian firm explores biggest copper belt in Southern Africa

GABORONE, 29 Jan—The Canadian exploration company Hana Mining LTD announced on Thursday they found what could be the biggest copper belt in western Botswana. The Vancouver-based company has been doing exploration work on copper and silver deposits in the diamond-rich Southern African country since 2008.

Addressing members of the media in Gaborone, Hana Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Marek Kreczmer said the recently completed resource estimates showed an increase in copper resources by 43 percent and another increase of 97 percent in contained silver resources from the previous phase of exploration that ended in May 2010.

Kreczmer said the increased resource estimates would form a basis of the company's upcoming Preliminary Economic Assessment (PEA), which is expected to be complete by the end of the first quarter of 2011. He said the recent results from the exploration shows the highly prospective project dubbed Banana zone at Ghanzi in Southern Botswana may be one of the biggest copper resources in Southern Africa and can produce copper for up to 15 years.—Xinhua



Photo taken on 28 Jan, 2011 shows the new African Union (AU) Conference Centre in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The construction process of new AU Conference Center by China had finished the sealing of roof structure and began the internal decoration. The project will be completed at the end of 2011.

XINHUA

Azerbaijan, Ukraine sign natural gas supply deal

TBILISI, 29 Jan—Azerbaijan and Ukraine on Friday signed a deal on supplies of liquefied natural gas from the South Caucasus country to the Black Sea country.

The deal, signed on the sideline of the ongoing World Economic Forum in Davos of Switzerland, was signed by Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev and his Ukrainian counterpart Viktor Yanukovich.

The two countries also signed a deal on transferring oil from Azerbaijan to Europe via Ukraine, according to reports reaching here.

The reports quoted the Ukrainian presidential administration chief, Sergey Levochkin, as saying that 4 million tons of oil will be delivered through the Odessa-Brodi pipeline a year.

Ukraine is waiting for the completion of its first liquefied natural gas plant before the actual delivery of natural gas from Azerbaijan.

Levochkin said that the delivery of liquefied natural gas would diversify the energy sources for the Ukrainian industry and reduce the price of natural gas.

Xinhua

Cuba, Slovenia sign cooperation agreements

HAVANA, 29 Jan—Cuban and Slovenian representatives signed two agreements on Friday to expand their friendship and cooperative ties.

Both nations expressed their interest to strengthen bilateral collaboration under the principle of equality and sovereignty, as well as respect of each other's internal affairs.

Sources close to the representatives said a joint project will be aimed at boosting the economic, technologic and scientific relations.

The two countries

also agreed to hold regular meetings between both Foreign Ministries to discuss issues of common concern.

The agreements were signed by General Director of Cooperation Issues and Political Ties of Slovenian Foreign Ministry Igor Sencar and Vice Cuban Foreign Minister Dagoberto Rodriguez.

Xinhua

Mexico still good for foreign investment

DAVOS, 29 Jan—Mexico is still a safe destination for foreign investment, President Felipe Calderon insisted Friday, despite the increasingly brutal violence of the country's drugs cartels.

"We explained that Mexico is a safe destination for investment, with ideal conditions for doing business," he told reporters at the World Economic Forum in the Swiss resort of Davos.

Attracting foreign investment to his country was one of the main objectives of his visit to the international gathering. Calderon talked up Mexico's economic situation, saying it had growth exceeding 5.0 percent in 2010 and creating more than 800,000 new jobs.

Internet

Nokia joins Tencent, Sina to provide new location-based services



A girl tests out the new Nokia N8 mobile phone at the Nokia Flagship store in Helsinki on 10 Sept, 2010.—XINHUA

BEIJING, 29 Jan—Nokia Corp will join forces with Sina Corp and Tencent Holdings Ltd to launch location-based services through its Ovi Maps application during the first quarter of this year.

The partnership is a major step in cementing Nokia's dominant position in China's online-

last year. The license allows Nokia to continue offering mapping services in China.

The cooperation will boost the popularity of Nokia's Ovi Maps in China and provide new business opportunities for the Finnish company in the mobile Internet era, according to officials.

The service is designed only for Nokia handsets with Ovi maps installed. Both Sina's and Tencent's services will be integrated with the application, Nokia said in a statement. With a single login, users of Sina's micro blog and Tencent's QQ online community will be able to share their locations through Nokia's mobile devices and check in to a location.

Xinhua



Rows of "Maneki Neko", also known as Fortune Cats, are displayed for sale during the Lunar New Year bazaar in Singapore's Chinatown on 28 Jan, 2011. The raised left paw symbolises the welcome of good fortune and wealth. The Lunar New Year begins on 3 February and marks the start of the Year of the Rabbit, according to the Chinese zodiac.— INTERNET

'Mini-strokes' may cause lasting damage

VANCOUVER, 29 Jan—Transient ischemic attacks, known as mini-strokes and considered a risk factor for a serious stroke, may leave lasting brain damage, Canadian researchers say. Neuroscientist Lara Boyd and colleagues at the University of British Columbia Brain Research Center say although TIA symptoms may only last a few hours, patients report no lasting changes and brain scans detect no damage — TIA damage may be longer lasting, the *Vancouver Sun* reports. The symptoms of TIA — sudden numbness, vision loss or difficulty speaking — often disappear in 24 hours, but it should be considered a medical emergency and a doctor should be consulted, Boyd advises.

Boyd and colleagues used a device — commonly used to help heal the brains of stroke victims with pulses of energy — to map patterns of excitation of the brains of 13 patients who had experienced a TIA within 30 days. The researchers say the TIA brains showed similar damage to those of a stroke. People who experience TIA are also at much higher risk of stroke within 30 to 60 days of the event, Boyd says. INTERNET

Roof collapses follow wet snowstorm

HARTFORD, 29 Jan — Heavy wet snow that fell on New England in the most recent storm brought roofs down on many flat-topped buildings, authorities said. No deaths or serious injuries were reported from building collapses.

The storm moved up from the south Wednesday, dumping a foot or more of snow from Washington to Boston before heading into Canada on Thursday. The snow, mixed in some areas with rain or sleet, was exceptionally heavy and often fell on top of snow left over from earlier storms.—INTERNET

Lake Vostok drilling in Antarctic 'running out of time'

LONDON, 29 Jan — With only about 50m left to drill, time is running out for the Russian scientists hoping to drill into Vostok — the world's most enigmatic lake.

Vostok is a sub-glacial lake in Antarctica, hidden some 4,000m (13,000ft) beneath the ice sheet. With the Antarctic summer almost over, temperatures will soon begin to plummet; they can go as low as -80C.

Scientists will leave the remote base on 6 February, when conditions are still mild enough for a plane to land.

The team has been drilling non-stop for weeks. "It's like working

on an alien planet where no one has been before," Valery Lukin, the deputy head of Russia's Arctic and Antarctic Research

Institute (AARI) in St Petersburg, which oversees the project, told BBC News.

INTERNET



Antarctica's Vostok station was built in 1956.

INTERNET

Mammogram at age 40 prevents more cancer

AURORA, 29 Jan — A study challenges the US Preventative Service Task Force recommendations made in 2009 for breast cancer screening to begin at age 50, researchers say. R Edward Hendrick of the University of Colorado School of Medicine and Dr Mark Helvie of the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center used the same modeling data the task force considered and

compared task force guidelines to American Cancer Society guidelines, which recommend screening every year in women ages 40-84.

US Preventative Service Task Force recommends breast cancer screening every other year in women ages 50-74 because of the potential harms mammography can cause — including pain during the screening and the anxiety from false-positives, which can lead to additional imaging or biopsy.—INTERNET



A woman holds her dog during a mongrel dog show in the town of Barnaul in Russia's Altai region, on 29 January, 2011.

INTERNET

A cat hides under an umbrella left in front of a store, as snow falls in Macedonia's capital Skopje, on 28 Jan, 2011.— INTERNET

Home Depot looking for women shoppers

NEW YORK, 29 Jan— Home Depot is targeting its female customers by sprucing up departments offering home redecorating supplies and projects, the company says.

The company, acknowledging it has not always catered to women although they make up half its customers, hopes to attract them during what is the major selling season for home improvement stores, *The New York Times* reported Friday. "People are starting to spend more money again, and we need to participate in that," says Gordon Erickson, senior vice president for merchandising and decor.—INTERNET



Steelcase recalls Cachet swivel chairs

WASHINGTON, 29 Jan—Steelcase Inc. of Grand Rapids, Mich, is recalling about 165,000 Cachet swivel chairs due to seat supports that can crack, a federal agency said.

The chairs present a fall hazard that risks a back injury, the US Consumer Product Safety Commission said.

The Steelcase Cachet chairs with model number 487 were sold nationwide at Healthy Back Store, CSN, Home Office Solutions, Office & Co, and Fam Flax outlets from May 2002 through November 2009 for up to \$600.—INTERNET

Titian Madonna and Child sells for record \$16.9m

NEW YORK, 29 Jan — A 450-year-old Madonna and Child work by Titian has sold for \$16.9m (£10.7m) in New York, setting a new auction record for the Renaissance master. A *Sacra Conversazione: The Madonna and Child* with Saints Luke and Catherine of Alexandria was sold at Sotheby's to a European telephone bidder.

It beat the previous Titian auction record of £7.5m (\$11.9m) paid at Christie's in London in December 1991.

That was the price achieved for the artist's *Venus and Adonis* painting. A spokeswoman for Sotheby's said *A Sacra Conversazione* was "one of only a handful of multi-figured composi-

tions by Titian that remain in private hands". It was also, she added, "the most important to appear at auction in decades".

Sotheby's said the oil on canvas work — painted around 1560 — had changed hands only six times during its life. Prior to recent exhibitions in London, Paris and Amsterdam, it had not been seen publicly

for 30 years.

In 2008 the National Gallery in London and the National Galleries of Scotland launched a joint appeal to buy a pair of Titian paintings for £50m each. Enough was eventually raised to buy one of the paintings, *Diana and Actaeon*, for the nation. Funds are currently being sought to secure its partner, *Diana and Callisto*.—INTERNET



The oil on canvas painting had changed hands six times, according to Sotheby's.— INTERNET

Right winners claim 2003 lottery jackpot

Ontario Lottery officials say they have identified the seven rightful winners of a \$12.5 million jackpot dating back to 2003.

The winners were colleagues in construction in 2003, the *Toronto Star* reported. They say they have moved on with new jobs and family responsibilities but they are still friends.

Adam Barnett, 32, of

Grimsby said at a news conference Thursday that in 2003 they were all living "the party life."

"It's way better that we won now," he said.

They have also gained more than \$2 million because interest has boosted the jackpot to \$14.85 million (\$14.83 million US).

The Super 7 ticket sold 26 Dec, 2003, has had a complicated history. The Ontario Lottery and Gaming Commission says

that Kenneth Chung, owner of a variety store in Burlington stole a free-play ticket from its rightful owner and that free ticket then won the jackpot, which Kenneth's sister, Kathleen, claimed.

The Chungs and their father were charged with fraud last year.

"After more than seven long years, the right prize is going to the right people," Lottery and Gaming Commission Chairman Paul Godfrey said.

Virgos have most crashes

Illinois-based Allstate Insurance said its analysis of car accidents related to astrology found Virgos were the most likely to crash vehicles.

The company said its comparison of 2010 claims data against the revised astrological calendar found Virgos were involved in 211,650 collisions last year, 700 percent more than the 26,833 crashes involving Scorpios, the safest drivers on the zodiac calendar.

Allstate said Ophiuchus, the "new" sign added in the revised calendar, was the second-safest sign for motorists, followed by Cancer, Aquarius, Libra, Aries, Capricorn, Gemini, Sagittarius, Pisces, Taurus and Leo.



Customers browse products near a picture of *The Beatles* at the Apple store at the Glendale Galleria in Glendale, California on 8 Dec, 2010.

University awards first Beatles degree

A Canadian woman has become the first person in the world to graduate with a Masters degree in Beatles studies.

Former Miss Canada finalist, Mary-Lu Zahalan-Kennedy was one of the first 12 students to sign up for the Liverpool Hope University course on the Fab Four when it began in 2009 and was the first to graduate, the university said on Wednesday.

"I am so proud of my achievement," Zahalan-Kennedy said. "The course was challenging, enjoyable and it provided a great insight into the impact the Beatles had and still have to this day across all aspects of life."

The launch of the unique MA in Beatles, Popular Music and Society was a world first when it took its first class. Zahalan-Kennedy was the first to accept her degree in person from the university.

News Album



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.

Man arrested more than 250 times

Chicago police said a man charged with criminal trespassing at O'Hare International Airport has been arrested more than 250 times. Police said Elijah Goodlett, 53, was also charged with soliciting unlawful business after he was spotted trying to convince airport passengers to let him carry their luggage at about 11:30 am Thursday.

Officers said Goodlett was in violation of his bail from a previous charge of trespassing at the airport. Goodlett has been arrested more than 250 times previously, often on misdemeanor criminal trespassing and disorderly conduct charges, court records show.



Anthony Hopkins (R) poses at the premiere of his new film "The Rite" with actor Tony Shaloub in Hollywood, California on 26 Jan, 2011.

INTERNET

"The Rite" poised to top weekend box office

LOS ANGELES, 29 Jan—Theater marquees will be crowded this weekend as commercial titles "The Rite" and "The Mechanic" enter the market and Oscar darlings "The King's Speech" and "127 Hours" make major expansions.

New Line Cinema's "The Rite," starring Anthony Hopkins, should win the weekend and gross in the mid-to high teens. Playing in 2,985 theaters, the horror epic about a skeptical young priest who must perform an exorcism on Hopkins' character — hopes to capitalize on the success of August release "The Last Exorcism".—Internet

Intimate Swift letters reproduced "baby talk"

LONDON, 29 Jan— New analysis of a series of love letters from Anglo-Irish satirist and "Gulliver's Travels" author Jonathan Swift to two women shows that the strange, juvenile language he employed reflects the way babies talk.

Abigail Williams of St Peter's College, Oxford, who has been editing the early 18th century letters which constitute "The Journal to Stella," said that her own three-year-old son had helped her solve some of the mysteries of Swift's text. "If I am really struggling to understand a phrase, I ask my three-year-old son who has an excellent lip to say it aloud for me!" she said.

Reuters



Publicist says Presley didn't collapse

LOS ANGELES, 29 Jan— Lisa Marie Presley's publicist has denied a tabloid report claiming the US musician collapsed at her home in England after she lost 55 pounds on a diet. "It is absolutely and completely untrue," Presley's representative told People.com Friday. "The National Enquirer puts Lisa on the cover every few months with manipulated photos and horrendous stories of supposed 'meltdowns,' and has since she can remember."

The 42-year-old singer-songwriter, who is the daughter of rock 'n' roll icon Elvis Presley, is working in Los Angeles on her third album, People.com reported. "She is happy and healthy and working hard," the representative added. "The rest is absolute garbage. Not a bit of truth to any of it."—Internet

Berlin shows off real-life 'Indiana Jones' treasures



Giant basalt lion figures (9th century BC) from the entrance of the Western Palace of Tell Halaf are seen here on display at the "Rescued Gods of the Palace of Tell Halaf" exhibition at the Pergamon museum in Berlin. The exhibition shows an archaeological treasure some 3,000 years old, unearthed in the Syrian desert over 100 years ago.—INTERNET

BERLIN, 29 Jan—A treasure trove of 3,000-year-old giant birds, lions, and goddesses goes on show in Berlin with a past so incredible that it could rival archaeology action film hero Indiana Jones.

The story kicks off nearly 100 years ago when Max von Oppenheim, the son of a rich German banker, fell in love with the Middle East as a diplomat keeping an eye on British empire-building.

He stumbled across the ruined palace of an Aramaean king, buried in the desert, as German engineers toiled on the nearby Berlin to Baghdad railway line along what is today the Turkish-Syrian border. After two digs, from 1911-1913 and 1927-1929, Oppenheim brought back many of his finds to Berlin where they were housed in their own museum.—Internet

Kim Clijsters wins Australian Open title



Li Na of Chinese.

MELBOURNE, 29 Jan—Kim Clijsters finally won her first Australian Open title and the fourth major of her career, wiping tears from her eyes after she beat Li Na 3-6, 6-3, 6-3 on Saturday.

The loss ended an outstanding run through the tournament by Li, who became the first Chinese player to reach a Grand Slam singles final.

Li appeared to become upset with some of the Chinese spectators in the crowd in the third set and asked the chair umpire to intervene. She later complained about the flashes from photographers at center court.

Clijsters, however, kept her composure all night. The win for the reigning US Open champion came in what could be her last appearance at Melbourne Park — she had said 2011 might be her last full year on the tour.—*Internet*



Kim Clijsters of Belgium.

Murray in Australian Open final against Djokovic

MELBOURNE, 29 Jan—Andy Murray doesn't have to worry about Roger Federer or Rafael Nadal this time.

There is also, of course, there's that long, long British drought.

Internet

He is hardly in the clear, however, as he goes for his first major title.

Murray won his Australian Open semifinal, defeating David Ferrer 4-6, 7-6 (2), 6-1, 7-6 (2).

Next in line is 2008 champion and longtime friend Novak Djokovic in Sunday's final.



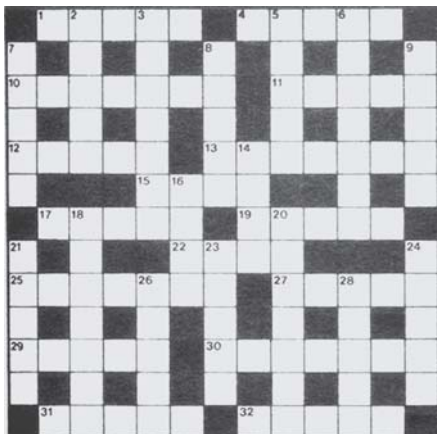
Britain's Andy Murray

SPORTS

Haas takes the lead, Tiger rallies to get 5 back

SAN DIEGO, 29 Jan—A strong finish by Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson made them feel better about their rounds Friday on opposite ends of Torrey Pines, and better about their chances of catching Bill Haas. Haas, slowly turning into the player everyone thought he would be, made eight birdies on the South Course for a 6-under 66, giving him a two-shot lead over Anthony Kim going into the weekend at the Farmers Insurance Open.—*Internet*

CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 1 Small coin
- 4 Strained
- 10 Boat's mooring rope
- 11 Dance
- 12 Theatrical player
- 13 Underground cell
- 15 So be it
- 17 Orchard fruit
- 19 Loafer
- 22 Observe
- 25 Shelter for shipping
- 27 Find the answer
- 29 Cavalry sword
- 30 Voter
- 31 Postpone
- 32 Viper

DOWN

- 2 Throw out
- 3 Normal
- 5 Consumed
- 6 Genuine
- 7 Utter
- 8 Commerce
- 9 Circular
- 14 Single digit
- 16 Bill of fare
- 18 Moral story
- 20 Go down
- 21 Pursue
- 23 Sequence
- 24 Striped beast
- 26 Portly
- 28 Supple

Aston Villa



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Blackburn

LONDON, 29 Jan—Robert Pires scored his first goal for Aston Villa as they saw off Blackburn to reach the fifth round of the FA Cup.



Robert Pires celebrates with a teammate after scoring his first goal for Aston Villa in their FA Cup match against Blackburn.

Ciaran Clark nodded Villa ahead but Rovers were quickly level as Nikola Kalinic bundled home from close range. Veteran winger Pires restored Villa's lead with a sweet half-volley before Nathan Delfouneso's header made it 3-1. Martin Olsson fired against the bar for Rovers but, even after Villa had Nathan Baker sent off for a wild tackle, Blackburn rarely threatened a comeback.

With half an hour left, Blackburn were given renewed hope when Baker was shown a straight red card for a two-footed lunge at David Hoilett. Hoilett fired over as Rovers tried to make the most of their numerical advantage but, in truth, the home side remained well on top. It was Villa who created the best late chances and only two fine saves by Robinson stopped substitute Stewart Downing from adding to their tally before the end.—*Internet*



Saturday, 29 January 2011

The FA Cup

Aston Villa	3 - 1	Blackburn
Birmingham	3 - 2	Coventry
Bolton	0 - 0	Wigan
Burnley	3 - 1	Burton Albion
Everton	1 - 1	Chelsea
Sheff Wed	4 - 1	Hereford
Stevenage	1 - 2	Reading
Swansea	1 - 2	Leyton Orient
Torquay	0 - 1	Crawley Town
Watford	0 - 1	Brighton
Southampton	1 - 2	Man Utd

Everton 1 - 1 Chelsea



Saha heads Everton into the lead in the second half

Liverpool agree Suarez deal with Ajax



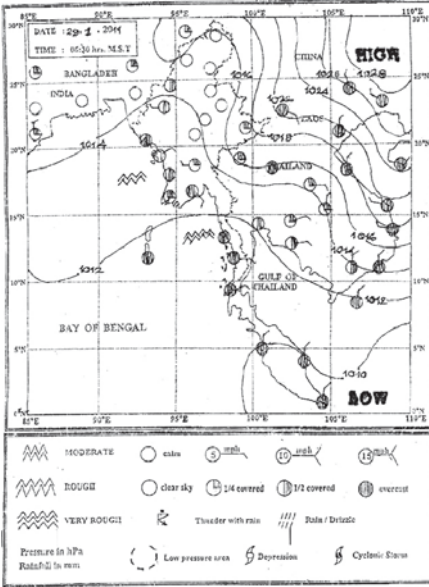
Uruguayan striker Luis Suarez

LIVERPOOL, 29 Jan—Liverpool confirmed on Friday they have agreed a deal with Dutch side Ajax to sign Uruguayan striker Luis Suarez, just hours after they turned down an attempt by Chelsea to relieve them of Fernando Torres. The English giants will pay a fee of up to 26.5 million euros (22.8 million pounds) subject to the player passing a medical and agreeing personal terms.

Suarez's much-anticipated move to Merseyside had been held up after the two clubs had failed to reach agreement on a transfer fee. However 24-year-old Suarez had spoken enthusiastically about the prospect of a move to England, telling the *Sunday Times* in an interview last week that he believed he could emulate the success of Carlos Tevez in the Premier League.

Internet

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Saturday, 29th January, 2011

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy over Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Kachin, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Night temperatures were (4°C) below January average temperature in Kachin State, (5°C) to (8°C) below January average temperature in upper Sagaing Region and Chin State, (3°C) above January average temperature in Taninthayi Region, Kayin and Mon States and about January average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant night temperatures were Haka (-3°C), Namhsan and Pinlaung (1°C) each, Lashio (3°C) Putao and Mogok (4°C) each.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 28-1-2011 was 93°F. Minimum temperature on 29-1-2011 was 59°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 29-1-2011 was (65%). Rainfall on 29-1-2011 was (Nil).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 28-1-2011 was 94°F. Minimum temperature on 29-1-2011 was 69°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 29-1-2011 was (61%). Total sunshine hours on 28-1-2011 was (7.9) hours

(Approx).

Rainfall on 29-1-2011 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 (3.38) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Southeast at (16:30) hours MST on 28-1-2011.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 30th January 2011: Light rain are possible to be isolated in Yangon and Taninthayi Regions, Kachin State, weather will be partly cloudy over Bago and Ayeyawady Regions, Kayin and Mon States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States.. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of slight decrease of night temperatures in the upper Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 30-1-2011: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 30-1-2011: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 30-1-2011: Generally fair weather .

Milan 'newboy' van Bommel in Serie A bow

ROME, 29 Jan—AC Milan's new recruit Mark van Bommel will make his first Serie A outing when the league leaders take on Catania on Saturday.

The Dutch international, until Tuesday the captain of Bayern Munich, joined Milan five months before his contract in Germany was due to expire, reportedly on a free transfer.

The former Barcelona and PSV midfielder, who has won 66 caps for the Netherlands, made his debut immediately for Milan, alongside compatriot and fellow new recruit Urby Emanuelson, in their Italian Cup tie against Sampdoria on Wednesday.

Van Bommel shone throughout the match and was on hand with two decisive passes for Pato as Milan ran out 2-1 winners.



AC Milan's Mark Van Bommel (centre).—INTERNET

"Van Bommel did a good job," Milan coach Massimiliano Allegri acknowledged.

Internet

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (30-1-2011) (Sunday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am~11:00am MST)
Oversea Transmission	- (29-1-11 09:30 am ~ 30-1-11 09:30 am MST)

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Honeymoon Trip
- * Progress of Ayeyawady Bridge (Pokakku) "Screwing nut to steel frame"(Letpanchepaw Side)
- * News
- * Record Album
- * News
- * Youth of the Future (Taekwando)
- * News
- * MI People's Celebrities "Thazin with Wedding Plan"
- * Automobile & Autoparts Expo 2011

Oversea Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Honeymoon Trip
- * Progress of Ayeyawady Bridge (Pokakku) "Screwing nut to steel frame"(Letpanchepaw Side)
- * News
- * Easily Cooked & Tasty Dishes "Sour Fish Soup with Drumstick"
- * Record Album
- * News
- * Youth of the Future (Taekwando)
- * News
- * MI People's Celebrities "Thazin with Wedding Plan"
- * Automobile & Autoparts Expo 2011
- * News
- * Sprising Myanmar (The Shwedagon Pagoda) (Part-I)
- * News
- * Glorious Mrauk U & Its Pagoda Festival
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Daily Code and Conduct
- * News
- * Glimpse at the Architecture (The Dhammayangyi)
- * Myanmar Movies "Twin Brothers In Different Lives"



Sunday, 30 January View on today

- 7:00 am**
1. Paritta By Hilly Missionary Region Sayadaw
- 7:25 am**
2. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am**
3. Morning News
- 7:40 am**
4. Dhamma Puja Song
- 7:50 am**
5. Nice & Sweet Song

- 8:05 am**
6. (38) Phyar Minglars
- 8:20 am**
7. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 8:30 am**
8. Teleplay (Health)
- 8:40 am**
9. International News
- 8:45 am**
10. Musical Programme
- 11:00 am**
1. Martial Song
- 11:10 am**
2. Musical Programme
- 11:20 am**
3. Round Up Of The Week's

- International News
- 11:30 am**
4. TV Drama Series
- 12:25 pm**
5. Golf Magazine (TV)
- 12:50 pm**
6. Myanmar Video Feature
- 2:30 pm**
7. Musical Programme
- 2:40 pm**
8. Dance Of National Races
- 2:50 pm**
9. International News
- 3:45 pm**
1. Myanmar National League MNL Grand Royal (2011) Football Competition Live (Magway)

- FC & Zwekapin United FC)
- 5:45 pm**
2. Musical Programme
- 6:00 pm**
3. Evening News
- 6:15 pm**
4. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm**
5. Cartoon Series
- 6:40 pm**
6. Tamyethnar Takwetsar
- 7:00 pm**
7. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm**
8. News
9. International News
10. Weather Report
11. Cartoon Series
12. TV Drama Series
13. Yinhlainchatthan Taythihan

- ★ 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

All Pyithu Hluttaw, Amyotha Hluttaw representatives arrive in Nay Pyi Taw
Representatives enjoying convenient accommodation, meals and transport

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Jan — All Pyithu Hluttaw representatives and Amyotha Hluttaw representatives have arrived here to attend the Hluttaw meetings to be commenced on 31 January 2011.

Thanks to comprehensive preparations of the authorities concerned, the Hluttaw representatives are convenient in accommodation, meals and transport matters.

The Hluttaw representatives today contacted the authorities concerned for attending the Hluttaw meetings.

MNA

Talks on prevention against HIV/AIDS held in Gangaw

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Jan — Educational talks on prevention against HIV/AIDS took place at the meeting hall of Gangaw Township Peace and Development Council on 24 January, with an address by Chairperson of Township Women's Affairs Organization Daw Aye Ohnma Win.

During the talks, Dr Htay Kyaw of Gangaw People's Hospital explained infection of HIV/AIDS and prevention of the disease and all together 152 social organization members and students of Basic Education High School in Gangaw Township attended the talks. —MNA

Significant night temperatures (29-1-2011)

Haka	(-3°C)
Namhsan	(1°C)
Pinlaung	(1°C)
Heho	(2°C)
Lashio	(3°C)
Putao	(4°C)
Mogok	(4°C)

Late Tadanari Lee screamer seals historic Asian Cup triumph for Samurai blue

KHALIFA, 29 Jan — Japan left it late to seal a win in the Asian Cup final but it was worth the wait as substitute Tadanari Lee scored a sensational volley deep into extra-time to secure a record fourth crown for the Samurai Blue.

Often bested for much of the contest Japan had goalkeeper Eiji Kawashima to thank for a string of saves while Australia's Harry Kewell will curse his luck for missing a host of chances in a tense final in Qatar.

The Asian Cup's joint leading goalscorers of the tournament were both unable to create a winner and the match drifted towards extra-time.

A tense 30 minutes followed as two tired teams attempted to find a breakthrough. Both made substitutions up front as Tadanari Lee replaced Ryoichi Maeda and Robbie Kruse came on for Harry Kewell. Kruse almost made the difference with a bullet header seconds after coming on the pitch which was superbly stopped by Kawashima and moments later Keisuke Honda bent a drive wide of the Australian post.

Only a moment of magic was going to settle the contest and it duly arrived from Tadanari Lee who opened his international goalscoring account in spectacular fashion.

Lee smashed home a sensational first time volley after excellent work from Nagatomo down the flank found the unmarked forward in the box who executed the goal like a veteran.

After being second best for most of the contest Japan had somehow snatched victory in the closing stages sealing a record fourth Asian Cup. —Internet



Japanese players celebrate after scoring a winning goal into net of Australia.
 INTERNET