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Suspension towers of Hlinethaya-Ahlon 230KV power grid under construction

YANGON, 30 Jan—Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Myint inspected construction of Hlinethaya-Ahlon 230 KV power grid (Hline River crossing) suspension towers in the compound of Ahlon Power Station on Strand Road in Ahlon Township here yesterday.

Deputy Superintending Engineer U Htay Oo of Bridge Construction Special Group-1 of Public Works reported on concreting of RCS-2 bored pile and installation of tower crane.

Project Manager of Power Supply Project

(South) of Myanma Electric Power Enterprise Superintending Engineer U Hla Myint also presented reports on arrival of beams and related equipment for four towers imported by Bawa Trading Co Ltd, and weight and height of river crossing suspension tower-2 to be built on the bank in Ahlon and RCS-1 on the bank of Seikkyi.

The minister stressed the need to meet set standard of construction materials, complete construction work on schedule and place emphasis on worksite safety.—MNA

True patriotism

- * It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- * Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

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

Football pitches under construction to host SEA Games

Myanmar is now constructing international football pitches in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay to host SEA Games that will take place in 2013. Among them, Nay Pyi Taw Football Pitch Project is being implemented near Thaikhaung Junction in Zeyathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw District.

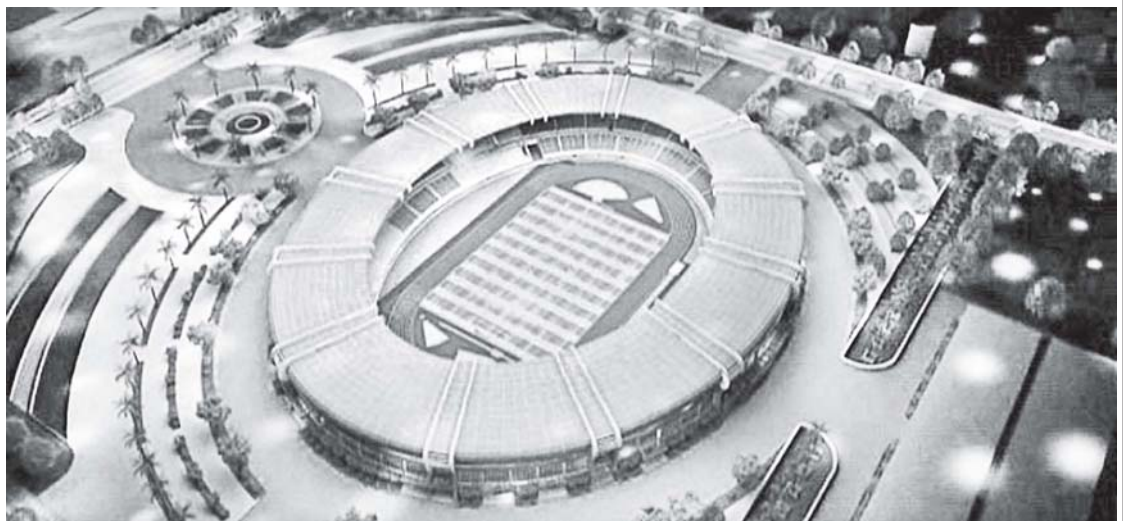
Project Director U Htay Aung of Max Myanmar Co said that they were using enough labour and machinery along with all necessary equipment in order that the pitches would meet international standards; that then the whole project had been completed by 66 percent; and that the project was hopeful of completion on schedule. Now, two football pitches are being constructed in Nay Pyi Taw District: one in Zeyathiri Township and another in Zabuthiri Township.

In the project area of 384 acres will be the stadium with an area of 29,427 square meters; the football pitch and

the track with 16,265 square meters; parking lot with 37,500 square meters. Upon completion, the stadium's roof will have an area of 31,200 square meters, and the stadium will be 23.5 meters high. And there will be a 22-

engineers, 123 staff members, 970 dayshift and nightshift workers, and 38 units of heavy February. The project is being implemented only with Myanmar engineers up to the third storey. Chi-

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The scale model of Football Pitch in Zeyathiri Township, which will have a seating capacity of 30,000.

acre training ground and 21-acre gymnasium. When asked about the project, the project director said that they were operating the project day and night with 60

machinery. The three-storey football pitch will have a seating capacity for 30,000.

Now, the third storey is being built and is due to be completed by

nese and Myanmar engineers will jointly build the 2.5 millimeters thick aluminium roof.

The ground floor has an area of 45,690 square meters and is com-

posed of wings and 56 rooms including an office, clinic, changing room, palour, restaurant, toilet and gymnasium.

The first floor has an area of 9200 square

meters, consisting of 28 rooms inclusive of an office, toilet and restaurant; and the second floor, an area of 2300 square meters with 12 rooms (See page 8)

PERSPECTIVES

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Choose hygienic fruit and vegetables

A balanced diet is good for your health, which contains suitable types of nutritious foods. In order to keep ourselves healthy and fit, we must also choose foods that are rich in vitamins and minerals.

Today, the world has seen a lot of changes in technology. More and more chemicals are used to improve the living status of man. Long-term consumption of foods contaminated with chemical agents is detrimental to the health of people.

Due to growing world population, crops are grown on a wider scale. Farmers have to use chemical fertilizers and pesticides. If farmers strictly follow instructions on inorganic fertilizers, consumers will not suffer harmful effects of hazardous chemical agents. It is therefore needed to wash fruit and vegetables thoroughly before consumption.

Eating adulterated fruit and vegetables and foods containing agents of pesticides and chemical fertilizers may cause varieties of health problems such as cholera, vomiting with stomach pain, and headache and harm cerebral and neurological systems.

So, we should grow fruit and vegetables on a manageable scale in the compounds of our houses in order that we can consume fresh and hygienic fruit and chemicals, and that is also sufficient to cover expenses on meals to some extent.

We can earn higher incomes and consume hygienic foods if we grow plants and trees on a small scale in the backyards of our houses.

People's Voice

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



MODEL PLOT HARVESTED: A total of 100 acres of quality paddy strain of 27742 acres of monsoon paddy was cultivated in Loikaw Township of Kayah State this year. Departmental officials harvest 2.70 acres of model monsoon paddy plot in Nwalawoe Village-tract in Loikaw Township recently.

KYEMON

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

YANGON, 30 Jan—Second Tournament of ITF 14 & Under Asian Championships 2011 Group (2) Tennis Tournament continued at Theinbyu Tennis Court in Mingala Taungnyunt Township, here, this morning. Officials from Sports and Physical Education Department, President of Myanmar Tennis Federation (MTF) U Aung Maw Thein and executives, guests and fans enjoyed the tournament. In women's (single) quarterfinal, Champion

Nilar Win (Myanmar) won Kavindiya De Silva (Sri Lanka) 2-nil. In first semi-final, Nilar Win will fight against Mollogoda (Sri Lanka) tomorrow. A total of 48 men's single events and five of eight men's double events have been completed at the second day events of 2nd Tournament. Due to the rain, the remaining events were postponed to tomorrow.

The third day events of 2nd Tournament continue tomorrow.—MNA

Hlawn Moe Thu opens Bag Collection Shop in Dagon Tsp

YANGON, 30 Jan — Hlawn Moe Thu Company Limited embarked its new step with the opening of new Hlawn Moe Thu Bag Collection Shop on Nawade Road in Yawmingyi ward of Dagon Township here today.

Managing Director Daw Khin Myo Thet of the company and film stars formally opened the new shop.

The Company is selling Hong Kong-made Promise Brand luggage, slim bags, shopping bags, back packs, side bags and office bags on wholesale or retail basis.

The company is sole agent for Monsca, Yearcon, Yamannu and Handry brands in Myanmar.

Hlawn Moe Thu sells bags at its shops in supermarkets here and its branch at No. (316-A), third floor, 78 Shopping Centre, at the corner of 78th and 38th Streets, Mahaangmyay Township in Mandalay. The company's head office is at No. (1/6), at the corner of Sabei and Gandama 6th Streets, Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Yangon (Ph: 01203194, 205059, 203352; Fax: 203194).—MNA



Managing Director Daw Khin Myo Thet of Hlawn Moe Thu Co., Ltd and film stars open the new shop.

MNA

Networking courses at NetInfo on 6 Feb

YANGON, 30 Jan— NetInfo Technical Training School has arranged to open Cisco CCNA and Microsoft MCITP Networking courses for those who want to work in computer networking fields.

Any interested may take the

courses starting from 6 February.

For more information, contact NetInfo Technical Training School, Building 2, Room 1, Myanmar Info Tech in Hlaing Township, Yangon; Ph: 507045, 652291 or 652248.

MNA

Education Roadshow 2011 on 11 Feb

YANGON, 30 Jan— Shelton College International will organize Education Roadshow 2011 programme to give

details on preparation for Singapore-Cambridge GCE 'O' and GCE 'A' at Summit Parkview Hotel here on 11February.

Shelton College International is approved exam centre that can hold GCE'O' and GCE 'A' levels exams.

GCE 'A' is integral part of those wishing to directly join National

University of Singapore, Nanyang Technology University and Singapore Management University of Singaporean government and universities in other countries.

Singapore Poly guidebooks and information on applying other Singaporean government universities will be available free for the students at Education Roadshow 2011 programme. For more information, contact Crown Education (Ph: 211888, ext:228 and 09-5085185).—MNA

New START, result of gamble-game between Russia, US

Moscow, 30 Jan—Russian President Dmitry Medvedev has signed the new strategic arms reduction treaty with the United States and after an exchange of documents, the agreement will officially enter into force.

Russian experts believe ratification of the treaty, known as New START, is the strategic key to the “reset” of Russian-US relations, as it could

boost nuclear safety between the two countries and further their bilateral relations.

However, additional clauses respectively approved by the two countries left a subtle situation, which revealed that a gamble-game between the two would surely continue. Ratifying the treaty, Medvedev sighed with the feeling that “Americans are through their journey We also

completed these procedures.” After the Cold War, the United States and Russia have held rounds of talks on strategic disarmament and signed several treaties. The New START treaty, which replaces the START I treaty that expired in 2009, was concluded after years of negotiations and has sparked hot debates in both countries since the very beginning.

Xinhua



An armed Sahwa militiaman stands next to an Iraqi Arab farmer checking low water levels in a canal running through arid agricultural land in the Hawijah District of Kirkuk in northern Iraq on Saturday.
INTERNET

Iraq water shortages raising ethnic tensions

KIRKUK, 30 Jan—A worsening water shortage in Iraq is raising tensions in the multi-ethnic Kirkuk Province, where Arab farmers accuse the Kurdistan region of ruining them by closing the valves to a dam in winter.

“We are harmed by the Kurds, and the officials responsible for Baghdad and Kirkuk will not lift a finger,” said Sheikh Khaled al-Mafraji, a leader of the Arab Political Council that groups mainly Sunni tribal leaders.

At the heart of the conflict is the Dukan dam, built in 1955 in Iraq’s northern autonomous region of Kurdistan, 75 kilometres (50 miles) northeast of Kirkuk

Province. “They release too much water from June to September while from October it is the opposite: there is not enough drinking water and even less to irrigate our lands,” Mafraji complained.

A UN factsheet in October 2010 showed that while more rain fell in 2009 compared with 2008, the situation is still critical. Rainfall is now 50 percent below average. “The central government must intervene immediately to ask that our brothers in the north (Kurds) provide the necessary amounts of water for irrigation,” Mafraji said, threatening to hold demonstrations if his voice was not heard.

Internet

Train crash in Germany kills ten, injures 33



Staff members of the Deutsche Bahn train operator inspect the site where a passenger train collided with a freight train in the village of Hordorf near the east German city of Magdeburg on 30 Jan, 2011.—INTERNET

BERLIN, 30 Jan—A head-on train crash in eastern Germany killed 10 people and injured at least 33 others, eight of them severely, local firefighters said Sunday, and police feared the death toll could rise.

A passenger and a

cargo train crashed head-on near Hordorf village, close to Saxony-Anhalt’s state capital Magdeburg, and several cars of the train carrying some 45 passengers derailed and overturned, a spokesman for the district’s firefighters said. He

declined to be named in line with department policy.

Rescue operations were still under way early Sunday, and police had no immediate information as to what could have caused the accident late Saturday evening, regional police spokesman Frank Kuessner said.

Eight bodies were retrieved from the local passenger train and some 35 were injured, he said. Kuessner had no immediate explanation for the differing casualty figures.

“Rescue operations are still ongoing. The death toll may well rise further,” he said. Almost 200 police and rescue workers were at the crash site, he added.

Internet



People inspect a destroyed car and a wheelchair at the scene of a car bomb attack in Baghdad, Iraq, on 27 Jan, 2011.
INTERNET

Two police officers, soldier gunned down in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 30 Jan—Two police officers and a soldier were killed in two attacks by gunmen in Baghdad on Saturday, an Interior Ministry source said. Lieutenant Colonel Riyadh Mahmoud Abbas, affiliated to the Iraqi Interior Ministry, was shot dead when gunmen using weapons equipped with silencers attacked him in Baghdad’s western District of Mansour, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

In a separate incident, gunmen using silenced weapons shot dead Ali Jasim Mohammed, an officer in the internal affairs department of the Interior Ministry, in Baghdad northern District of al-Ateifiyah, the source said. Also in the capital, gunmen opened fire from their weapons fitted with silencers on an Iraqi army soldier while he was driving his vehicle in al-Amriyah district in western Baghdad, the source added.

The latest attacks are part of wave of assassinations by insurgent groups against Iraqi security members and government workers. The groups tactics are also include roadside bombings and sticky bombs attached to vehicles.—Xinhua

Residents gather recyclable materials at the ruins of houses in a residential district razed by fire in Navotas, Metro Manila on 30 Jan, 2011.
INTERNET



12 killed in Philippine slum inferno

MANILA, 30 Jan— Twelve people were killed in a huge fire that razed some 100 houses in a poor residential area in the Philippine capital on Sunday, authorities said.

Investigators said the fire at suburban Navotas city, north of Manila, began before midnight on Saturday and raged for about five hours.

City fire marshal Felis Medes said 11 people who were trapped in the burning structures were killed, while another person died in hospital while being treated. “Five of those killed were children,” he told reporters.

Arson investigators said they had yet to determine the cause of the blaze.

Radio reports quoted witnesses as saying that a mentally disturbed resident was seen playing with petrol in one of the burnt houses earlier in the day.

Internet

Roadside bomb kills four security guards in Afghanistan’s Helmand

LASHKAR GAH, 30 Jan—Four security guards were killed Saturday as their vehicle run over a mine in Afghanistan’s southern Helmand Province, deputy to provincial police chief said.

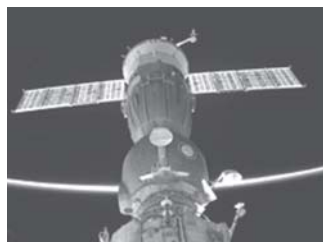
“Four security guards were killed when their car hit a roadside bomb in Nawa District west of provincial capital Lashkar Gah today at around 11 am local time (0630 GMT),” Kama-luddin Shirzai told Xinhua. The police official said the ill-fated guards were serving for a local private security company.

Xinhua



Science

Space Adventures closer to private round the moon voyage



The limb of Earth intersects one of two Soyuz spacecraft docked with the International Space Station.—INTERNET

WASHINGTON, 30 Jan—Space Adventures, the world's first space travel agency, has been arranging for private trips to the International Space Station for the past several years. Now, however, Space Adventures is a step closer to

another, even more exciting space voyage. At a recent conference in Munich, Space Adventure's Eric Anderson announced that one of two seats on a trip around the moon had been sold. The second seat, costing a mere \$150 million, is still open, though several people are expressing interest. Anderson declined to name who the person was, but indicated that he or she is very well known. The flight, now scheduled to take place in 2015, will take place on a specially equipped Russian Soyuz. The Soyuz would dock with a rocket booster in low Earth orbit and then be blasted into a free return trajectory, similar to the one Apollo 13 was obliged to use, which will take it around the far side of the Moon and then back to Earth.—Internet



A Flow Cytometer which is used to identify stem cells based on light scatter and fluorescence is put on view at the Beckman Coulter exhibit during the 2010 World Stem Cell Summit at the Detroit Marriott Renaissance Centre 4 Oct, 2010 in Detroit, Michigan. More than 1,200 scientists and researchers from around the world are expected to attend the summit that focuses on the advancement of embryonic stem cell research.

INTERNET

Intensive preparations for ATV freighter launch to space station

KOUROU, 30 Jan—The fuel and most of the cargo are loaded and ATV has been hoisted to the top of Ariane 5 as teams on four continents prepare for the 15 February launch of Johannes Kepler from Europe's Spaceport in Kourou, French Guiana.

With launch scheduled in just 18 days, experts from ESA, partner agencies and industry

teams are in the busy final stage of making Johannes Kepler ready for space.

Liftoff is set for 15 February at 22:07 GMT (23:07 CET) from Kourou. After eight days of orbital manoeuvres that will enable the Automated Transfer Vehicle (ATV) to synchronise its orbit with that of the International Space Station (ISS), the cargo vessel will dock on

23 February. Experts at Kourou handle ATV with care. In the past week at Kourou, experts from ESA and Ariane-space carefully fitted ATV into a large protective container to transfer it to the giant vertical integration building.

The transfer took place on 20 January using a massive trailer at a maximum speed of just 15 km/hour.—Internet

Russian cargo spaceship docks with ISS

MOSCOW, 30 Jan—Russian cargo spaceship Progress M-09M successfully docked with the International Space Station (ISS) early Sunday morning, the Russian Mission Control Centre said.

The docking was

completed at 5:38 am Moscow Time (0238GMT), it said.

The spacecraft was launched Friday on a Soyuz-U medium-class carrier rocket from the Baikonur space centre in Kazakhstan.

The Progress ship

carries 2,666 kg of various supplies for the ISS and its six-member crew, including clothes, personal hygiene items, food, parcels from crew members' families, fuel and drinking water.

Internet



Technology

Aquafadas digital comics authoring tool coming soon

NEW YORK, 30 Jan — Aquafadas, the developers of BannerZest and PulpMotion, has announced that it will soon release Comic Composer, the application used by its AveComics Productions to create digital comics. This authoring tool will be available for authors and publishers of digital strips.

With Comic Composer, you can create digital comics for a variety of platforms, including the iPhone, iPad, the Web, and other smart phones. The software facilitates creation of animated paths, various pan, zoom, and transition effects, and lets you isolate parts of a page to create animations and transitions between them. Comic Composer supports rectangular and polygonal cut-outs, giving you a full preview of the animations being created.—Internet



Blind driver Mark Riccobono takes part in a public demonstration, driving independently with the help of new technology and a specially modified car at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla, 29 Jan, 2010.

INTERNET

In this 22 Jan, 2011 photo, Valerie Houde fills her wood stove while waiting for a dial-up Internet connection in East Burke, Vt Bolstered by billions in federal stimulus money, the effort to expand broadband Internet access to rural areas has parallels to the electrification of rural Appalachia in the 1930s.

INTERNET



'Radical Redesign' urged for future computers

BATLIMORE, 30 Jan—To use multicore processors effectively the technology industry needs to radically rethink the basic computer architecture it has used over the past 50 years, a University of Maryland researcher argues in the January edition of the Association for Computing Machinery's flagship Communications publication.

"The recent dramatic shift from single-processor computer systems to many-processor parallel ones requires reinventing much of computer science to build and programme the new systems," argues Uzi Vishkin, a professor at the University of Maryland Institute for Advanced Computer Studies, in the paper.

Vishkin even offers a new

architecture abstraction, which he calls ICE (Immediate Concurrent Execution), and which he developed with funding from the US National Science Foundation.

The basic computer architecture we use today is based on the concepts put forth by mathematician John von Neumann in the 1940s. In his architecture, data and programmes are held in computer memory and fed to the computer's CPU. Programmes are executed using a programme counter, which supplies the CPU the address of the next instruction in memory to execute.

This approach allows what Vishkin calls serial computing, a design in which "any single instruction available for execution in a serial programme executes immediately."—Internet

New technique improves kids' knee surgery

ATLANTA, 30 Jan—A US surgeon says a new technology makes it possible to reconstruct knee tears in young athletes without disrupting their growth.

Dr John Xerogeanes of the Emory Sports Medicine Centre in Atlanta says 3-D magnetic resonance imaging now allows surgeons to preoperatively plan and perform repairs of anatomic anterior cruciate ligament surgery in the knees — one of the more common injuries in children. Previously, the doctor explains, this common injury in children was treated with rehabilitation, a brace and staying out of athletics until growth ceased and surgery could be done.—Internet

Health

Health Tip: Crohn's disease can lead to complications

Crohn's disease causes inflammation of the gastrointestinal tract, most commonly the lower part of the small intestine (the ileum).

The US National Digestive Diseases Information Clearinghouse says potential complications of Crohn's include:

- * A blocked intestine.
- * Ulcers and fistulas, which are tunnel-like abnormal passageways that often become infected.
- * Tiny tears, called fissures, in the membrane of the anus.
- * Nutritional deficiencies.
- * Arthritis.
- * Skin problems.
- * Gallstones or kidney stones.
- * Inflammation of the eyes or mouth.—Internet



Ira Katz, a pharmacist certified to administer the flu vaccine, holds up his pharmacy's leftover supply of the vaccine, at Little Five Points Pharmacy on 7 March, 2007.
INTERNET

Dry eye syndrome common in winter

PITTSBURGH, 30 Jan—Dry eye syndrome is common in winter because of cold, dry outdoor air and dry indoor heat, says an eye expert.

Symptoms include pain, blurred vision, a scratchy or burning sensation, or even watery eyes as the eyes try to compensate for the dryness, explains Pittsburgh-area ophthalmologist Dr Michael Azar.

"Because both dry eye and allergies can cause watery eyes, differentiating the two conditions can be difficult and may require an eye exam," he said in a news release from the Institute for Good Medicine at the Pennsylvania Medical Society.

Dry eye can occur at any age, but is more common among older adults, especially post-menopausal women. In some people, dry eye syndrome may be related to:

- *Conditions that affect the ability to produce tears, such as scleroderma, rheumatoid arthritis, and collagen vascular diseases.
- *Certain medications, such as diuretics, antihistamines and beta blockers.
- *Eyelid structural problems that prevent them from closing properly.

Azar outlined some ways to deal with dry eye syndrome.

"Try artificial tears or warm compresses to assist with tear secretion if you have classic dry eye symptoms. At home, a furnace humidifier or room humidifier can help. More severe symptoms may require treatment such as oral doxycycline to improve tear quality, punctal plugs [stoppers inserted into the tear duct], topical steroids or topical cyclosporine (Restasis)," he said.—Internet



Nurses feed newborn babies from bottles in 2010. A mom whose four-year-old died after losing a battle to a brain tumor called Wednesday for tougher US regulation of chemicals suspected of being behind a rise in childhood cancers.—INTERNET

Older patients may get lower quality care at trauma centres

WASHINGTON, 30 Jan—Trauma centres may not give the same high-quality care to severely injured elderly patients as they provide to younger patients, according to a new study.

Researchers analyzed data on 87,754 trauma patients of all ages treated at 131 trauma centers in the United States and one trauma centre in Canada. About one-quarter of the patients were elderly.

When patients in all age groups were grouped together, 14 centres were rated as high performers, with lower than expected rates of death. When young and elderly patients were looked at separately, seven centres were high performers for young patients and nine were high performers for elderly patients. Only two centers were high performers for both young and elderly patients.

The study findings are published in the January issue of the journal *Annals of Surgery*.—Internet

Business

India Maruti's profit falls on rising costs

NEW DELHI, 30 Jan—India's biggest carmaker by sales, Maruti Suzuki, on Saturday reported an 18 percent slide in quarterly net profit, hit by fast-rising raw material costs and bigger payments to its Japanese parent.

Maruti, 54 percent owned by Japan's Suzuki Motor Corp, said net profit slumped to 5.65 billion rupees (\$123 million dollars) in the three months to December from 6.8 billion rupees a year earlier.



Maruti Suzuki India Marketing Executive Officer IV Rao poses at the launch of Alto-K10 in Hyderabad in August, 2010. India's biggest carmaker by sales, Maruti Suzuki, reported on Saturday an 18 percent slide in quarterly net profit, hit by fast-rising raw material costs.—INTERNET

The result from the New Delhi-based company, battling mounting competition from India's second-largest carmaker, South Korea's Hyundai, and other rivals, fell shy of analysts' forecasts of around six billion rupees.

The drop came despite a 27 percent jump in sales to 92.8 billion rupees, boosted by new models rolling off the assembly lines of Maruti, which sells one out of every two cars in India.

The firm sold a record 330,687 vehicles, up 28 percent from the same period a year earlier during the three months.

Internet

Alpha agrees to buy massey energy for about \$7.1 billion

NEW YORK, 30 Jan—Alpha Natural Resources said on Saturday it agreed to a \$7.1 billion deal to buy Massey Energy Co, which was rocked by a deadly coal mining accident last year.

The deal — the latest in a wave of consolidation sweeping the industry — creates the second largest US coal miner by market value, holding 110 mines and combined coal reserves of 5 billion tons. The deal is expected to be completed in mid-2011.

Massey shareholders will receive

1.025 Alpha share for each Massey share in addition to \$10 a share in cash, for a value of about \$69.33 a share, the companies said. That represents a 21 percent premium over Massey's closing share price of \$57.23 on Friday.

Surging Asian demand for coal to fuel steel mills and power plants has made the sector one of the hottest for dealmaking over the past year. After the acquisition, Alpha will be the largest supplier of metallurgical coal, which is used in steel making, in the United States.—Internet

One man firms flourish in S Korea

SEOUL, 30 Jan—One-man businesses in South Korea increased by 15.7 percent in 2010, a symptom of the smartphone craze, the government said.

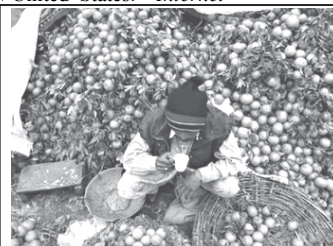
One-man companies swelled to 235,000 last year, mostly due to developers creating applications for mobile devices, the Small and Medium Business Administration said, *The Korea Times* reported Saturday.

"The number of people who want

to develop applications has been on the increase," said an unnamed teacher of a technology course. With a month of schooling, an app developer can start working independently, the teacher said.

The SMBA said 23.1 percent of the one-man firms were involved in media and technology services, up from 14 percent in 2009.

Internet



A Pakistani man drinks tea on his orange stall at the fruit market in Lahore in 2010.—INTERNET

Somali pirates could face S Korea charges



South Korean policemen lead a Somali pirate to the headquarters of the Namhae Maritime Police Agency in Busan, about 420 km (262 miles) southeast of Seoul, on 30 January, 2011.—INTERNET

SEOUL, 30 Jan—Five suspected Somali pirates captured after a mission to rescue a hijacked ship have been brought to South Korea to face possible criminal charges, officials said Sunday.

The suspects, seized on 21 January during a South Korean navy raid on the *Samho Jewelry*, arrived in Seoul on a special flight before being sent to the southern port city of Busan, a Korea Coast Guard office

spokesman said. “They are here, and the prosecutors’ office is reviewing the case with possible charges of maritime robbery and attempted murder as well as ship hijacking,” the spokesman said.

The captain of the *Samho Jewelry*, the 15,500-tonne chemical freighter hijacked on 15 January, is in a critical condition after being shot three times by pirates during the navy’s rescue mission.

Seok Hae-Kyun, 58, underwent two rounds of surgery at a hospital in Oman and was flown home on Saturday for further treatment.

Internet



Pilots Greg Poe (bottom), in an Edge 540 aircraft, and Patty Wagstaff, in an Extra 300 aircraft, take part in the Ilopango Airshow in San Salvador on 29 Jan, 2011. The annual airshow will end on Sunday.

INTERNET

Two killed, 20,000 affected in fresh flooding in S Philippines

DAVAO CITY, 30 Jan— At least two people were killed and more than 20,000 others are affected as parts of the southern Philippines are flooded anew by days of continuous rains, police said on Saturday.

The dead included a 70-year old man and a 7-year old boy swept by flood waters as 65 villages were inundated in Tubay town, Agusan del Norte Province, in Mindanao’s Caraga region. Chief Superintendent Reynaldo Rafal, regional police chief, told *Xinhua*.

There days of heavy downpour also caused minor landslides in the eastern seaboard province of Surigao del Norte, and according to Rafal, one person was also reported missing due to floods in the region. The police official said local disaster officials have already dispatched relief goods to the affected residents totalling about 8,000 families.

MNA/Xinhua

Iran hangs dozens of drug traffickers in early 2011

TEHERAN, 30 Jan—Iran has hanged dozens of drug traffickers in the first days of 2011 and vows to further pursue the campaign against drug smugglers.

On Saturday, Iran hanged an Iranian-Dutch woman who was identified as Zahra Bahrami for smuggling drugs into Iran, keeping and selling them in the country.

Bahrami was charged with “keeping and selling drugs,” the Tehran prosecutor’s office said. “The convicted woman was a member of an international gang engaged in drug transits,” said the prosecutor.

She smuggled drugs twice into Iran and distributed cocaine inside the country via Dutch connections, said the judiciary official.

She was arrested for “security crimes,” but investigators found in her house 450 grams of cocaine and 420 grams of opium, and later investigations revealed that she had sold 150 grams of cocaine in Iran, said a report by the official *IRNA* news agency citing the prosecutor’s office.—Internet



Dancers perform Ethiopian folk dance at a cultural restaurant in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on 29 Jan, 2011.

XINHUA

Gas leak at Texas oil refinery prompts evacuation

HOUSTON, 30 Jan—No injuries were reported due to a gas leak at a Texas City, Texas, refinery that forced the evacuation of nearby homes on Saturday, a city official said.

Production at Marathon Petroleum Corp’s 76,000-barrel-per-day capacity Texas City oil refinery, located about 50 miles south of Houston, was unaffected by the leak, said Marathon spokesman Robert Calmus.

Residents were allowed to return to the 12 homes evacuated at about 10 am local time, after the leak of isobutane vapor was stopped, said Bruce Clawson, Texas City emergency management director.

“It was a small evacuation,” he said.

A leaking flange at the refinery was the cause of the leak, Calmus said. The leak was plugged at about 9 am.

The Marathon refinery sits across the street from BP Plc’s giant Texas City refining and chemical plant complex, where an explosion claimed the lives of 15 workers in 2005.

Isobutane can cause asphyxiation and heart problems in high enough concentrations.

Isobutane is used to make gasoline blending components that boost octane in the motor fuel.—Internet

Super hot fire hampers effort to extinguish burned ferry in Indonesia

CILEGON, 30 Jan—A super hot fire hampers effort to extinguish fire engulfing a ferry that was burned in Indonesia’s Sunda Strait early Friday morning, officials told *Xinhua* in an exclusive interview on Saturday.

Nusunadi, chief of Training and Search and Rescue (SAR) Planning of Sea Security Coordination Agency in Cilegon city of West Java Province, said that fire measuring about 500-1,000 Celsius degree pushed fire fighters to stay back. “We have difficulties with our limited equipment. However, the main obstacle is the super hot fire, expected of having burning power of 500 to 1,000 Celsius inside the ferry. We have to act extra careful,” he said. Nana Sukmana, an official from the Fire Fighter Office at Serang City, said that the day’s effort was helped by fire fighters from state-run steel company PT Krakatau Steel with its equipment. “With their help, our task is easier. However, as situation is getting worse, we decided to stay back for today,” he said.—Internet

Mother, two kids, boyfriend dead in ND shootings

MINOT, 30 Jan—The victims of a quadruple slaying in North Dakota were a mother, two of her children and her boyfriend, and all four suffered gunshot wounds, police said Saturday.

No arrests have been made in the two Friday shootings in Minot, but authorities said they’ve questioned a “person of interest” and insist residents aren’t in danger. North Dakota averages only 11 homicides a year.

Sabrina Zephier, 19, was found dead after police received a call about “a woman down and bloody” at an apartment Friday afternoon, police said in a statement Saturday.—Internet



Crime-scene tape and a snow-buried bicycle are seen in front of a trailer home on 29 Jan, 2011, in Minot, ND, where the bodies of a mother, her boyfriend and her son were found a day earlier.

INTERNET

'Milestone' WTO ruling due in EU-US Boeing battle



An Airbus A 380 flies over a Boeing flag flies at an airshow.—INTERNET

GENEVA, 30 Jan—The WTO is expected on Monday to hand over a final but confidential ruling to the United States and EU on their bruising dispute over decades of multi-billion dollar US public aid to aircraft giant Boeing.

"We are about to reach another important milestone in the WTO aircraft dispute," said Boeing Vice President for trade policy Ted Austell.

The ruling — which marks the second major stage in a seven-year, tit-for-tat subsidies battle along with the separate US challenge to European support for rival Airbus — should remain out of the public eye for a few months under World Trade Organization

rules. Sources in Washington said the lengthy ruling on large civil aircraft should be handed over to the two governments on Monday around 1530 GMT, giving lawyers on both sides the chance to come to grips with its complex findings.

Airbus said last Tuesday that it expects the WTO's arbitrators to award the European Union 45 billion dollars (32.8 billion euros) in "compensation", after interim findings were provided to the two sides last September.

"It will confirm that Boeing received illegal aid," said Maggie Bergsma, spokeswoman for European aircraft manufacturer Airbus.

"The aid given to Boeing was in fact much more significant in terms of distorting competitiveness than any sort of aid which Airbus has received."

"We consider that an amount of at least 45 billion dollars will be called for in compensation," she added.—Internet

Flu epidemic shuts all Moscow schools

Moscow, 30 Jan—Moscow and two other cities shut their schools for a week Saturday and urged children not to play in groups in a bid to stamp out the worst flu outbreak to hit central Russia in more than a decade.

The Moscow education department's order covered more than 1,500 public and private elementary schools.

Education officials said this meant that nearly 500,000 children would get an unscheduled week-long vacation in the first such shutdown to strike the Russian capital since 1998.

"Even today, some classes are already missing half their students," an official with Moscow's health control service told the *Komsomolskaya Pravda* daily.



File picture shows parents at a school in Moscow photographing their children. Moscow and at least two other cities shut all their elementary schools Saturday to help fight one of the worst flu outbreaks to hit central Russia in more than a decade, officials said.—INTERNET

"The situation in Moscow is relatively favourable compared to what it is in the other regions" of central Russia, Alexander Gavrilov said.

Moscow's kindergartens would remain open and older children would not be affected.

Internet

Eleven die after bus plunges into ravine in N-W China

YINCHUAN, 30 Jan—The death toll rose to 11 from nine and the injured rose to 22 from 18 after a bus plunged into a ravine in northwest China's Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region Saturday afternoon, according to local authorities.

The bus, carrying 33 passengers, tumbled into a ten-meter-deep ravine due to ice on the road. The accident occurred at 2:00 pm in Hongyao Township in Xiji County in Guyuan City, Ningxia, said an official of the county government.

Nine people died at the scene and another two died after sent to hospital. The injured have been hospitalized. Investigation into the cause of the accident is underway.

MNA/Xinhua

Chinese state councillor, US security adviser talk ties

BEIJING, 30 Jan—Chinese State Councillor Dai Bingguo and US National Security Adviser Tom Donilon on Saturday both spoke highly of Chinese President Hu Jintao's state visit to the United States earlier this month.

During a phone conversation, Dai and Donilon agreed that China and the United States should make joint efforts to properly implement the consensus

reached by leaders on both sides and cement the achievements made during Hu's visit, which was on 18-21 January.

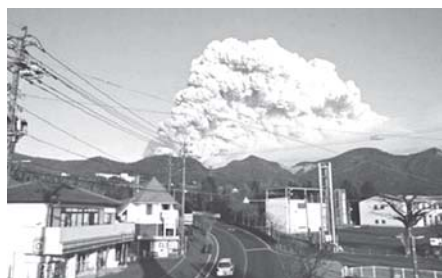
They also said that the two sides should maintain the current momentum in the development of bilateral ties and devote themselves to building a cooperative partnership based on mutual respect and mutual benefit.

MNA/Xinhua



People dance together to celebrate the "Salo Festival" in Poltava, Ukraine, 29 Jan, 2011. Salo is a traditional Ukrainian food of smoked, salted and flavored fat and has a history of more than one thousand years.—XINHUA

Kirishima volcano eruption continues



A handout photo released taken and released by the Kirishima city government (KCG) on 27 Jan shows smoke rising from Mt Shinmoedake in the Kirishima mountain range in Kagoshima prefecture, in Japan's southern island of Kyushu.—INTERNET

BEIJING, 30 Jan—Kirishima volcano in southern Japan continues to spew hot ash across the region, closing an airport and affecting a nearby prefectural capital of Miyazaki.

The ash plume rose to nearly three kilometers for the first time in 52 years.

The alert level remains at three, meaning the area around the volcano must be evacuated.—Xinhua

More teens go for plastic surgery in Singapore

SINGAPORE, 30 Jan— More young people are going for plastic surgery to get a "head start", a local newspaper reported on Sunday.

A check with nine plastic surgeons and aesthetic doctors showed an increase of about 30 percent in the number of clients under the age of 21 over the past five years, the *Straits Times* said Sunday.

Charisse underwent surgery on her eyelids when she were 18. She was happy with the results, though she would not consider any other cosmetic surgery in the future.

Her younger sister Christel followed

suit when she turned 14 two years ago.

"I was not too worried about any medical risks because I know that it is a simple procedure. Seeing my sister go through it also made me less frightened," said the younger sister.

Compared with a decade ago, the more invasive procedures live double eyelid surgery and liposuction are now more popular.

Andrew George Tay, a plastic surgeon at Novena Medical Centre, attributed the trend to greater awareness of plastic surgery.

Xinhua

SWRR Minister inspects departments in Shan State (North)

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Jan—Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Maung Maung Swe inspected progress in construction of the fire station maintenance of fire engines, water supply programme, and fire preventive measures in Kyaukme, Shan State (North), on 21 January.

On 22 January, he inspected maintenance of fire engines, preventive measures against fire, posting of staff members, and self-reliant generation of hydropower by damming Namhsin and

Hekham waterfall creeks for supply of electric power to villages in Mongngaw.

The following day, the minister inspected the fire service station, water supply tasks and maintenance of fire engines in Namhsan, and presented a TV and accessories to the station. While meeting locals and civil servants at Zayangyi Basic Education Post-Primary School in Namhsan, he donated a computer and accessories to the school.

Next, he inspected the damming of

a creek for supply of more water to Namhsan, water pipelines, and building of the monastery in Aryan Village. On his visit to the Maha Muni Buddha Image in Namhsan, the minister viewed the site chosen for Zetonsan monastery. The minister donated K 5 million; and Min Anawrahta Co, K 5 million to the monastery.

On 24 January, the minister inspected the fire service department, fire preventive measures, fire station and staff quarter in Hsipaw Township, and attended to the needs.—MNA

Thingangyun Township WJA to meet on 6 Feb

YANGON, 30 Jan — Thingangyun Township Writers and Journalists Association of Yangon Region will hold its annual general meet-

ing and literary talks at Township Peace and Development Council Office at 9 am on 6 February.

Authors Bogale Tint Aung, Manoktha

Kyaw Win and Akyidaw will give literary talks. The Township WJA invites its members and literature fanatics to attend the talks.—MNA

Hotel management diploma courses at Asia Masters



YANGON, 30 Jan —Asia Masters Hotel Training School recognized by Myanmar Hoteliers Association (Yangon Zone) and Confederation of Tourism and Hospitality (CTH) of England will conduct two-month certificate courses and one-year CTH Hotel Management Diploma and Advanced Diploma for Hotel Management courses on 4 February.

For more information, dial 379311, 391378 (Ext-715), contact Email: km11983.a@gmail and visit www.asiamasters.org.—MNA

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

JE-1 Refresher Course concludes

YANGON, 30 Jan— The Junior Engineer-1 (Civil) Refresher Course of the Ministry of Construction concluded at the

central training school (Thuwunna), here, on 28 January.

Managing Director U Kyaw Lin of

Public Works made a speech.

Altogether 23 trainees attended the four-week course.—MNA

Reminder for mariners

YANGON, 30 Jan— Daewoo E&P Myanmar that is undertaking oil exploration tasks as joint venture with Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise will sink Mya (north) oil exploration well in Block A-3 at Rakhine offshore

with the use of Semi-Sub Drilling Rig “Hakuryu-5” from 17 February to 30 August.

The exploration well is located at between north latitude 19° 34' 47.293" and east longitude 92° 35' 4.495".

Any watercraft is not to pass through the four square kilometers area of exploration well in Block A-3 and not to anchor and carry out fishery works, according to the Department of Fisheries.—MNA

Football pitches under construction to host...

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including a CCTV room, control room, TV room, radio room and light and sound control room. The three floors have 96 rooms in total. Mandalay and Zabuthiri (Nay Pyi Taw) football pitches will be the same as the pitch under construction in Zeyathiri Township.

In addition, the football pitch will have coffee & snack shops and souvenir shops. When high-class football pitches are completed, Myanmar will be able to host other local and oversea sports games. So, the project will help raise Myanmar's sports standard.

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Photo shows implementation of Nay Pyi Taw Football Pitch Project with momentum to complete it in November 2011.



Yangon Mayor attends road-opening ceremonies

YANGON, 30 Jan—Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor U Aung Thein Lin on 26 January attended the opening of the 1200 feet long and 18 feet wide concrete road built to mark the 64th Anniversary Union Day.

The mayor, YCDC Secretary U Aung Than Win and officials formally opened and inspected the road.

He also attended the opening of newly-built roads in Weluwun (North) Motletsaunggon wards in Sangyoung Township.—MNA

Mingaladon BEHS-2 holds annual meeting

YANGON, 30 Jan—The annual meeting for 2009-2010 academic year of Parent-Teacher Association of Mingaladon Basic Education High School No. 2 (Aung San Thuriya Hla Thauang School) was

held in conjunction with the prize presentation for outstanding students at the school this morning.

It was attended by the commander of Mingaladon Station, senior military officers, members of the School

Board of Trustees, teachers and students.

Mingaladon Basic Education High School No. 2 stood third in Yangon Region with 92.75 per cent pass rate in the 2010 matriculation examination.—MNA

Students of UHS to pay respects to old teachers

YANGON, 30 Jan—The respect-paying ceremony of old students of former Union High School of 8th-Mile (Mayangon) will be held at the residence of Saya U Tpe Aung at 24-D in 106th Street in Mingala

Taungnyunt Township at 9 am on 12 February.

Old teachers and students were invited to attend the ceremony without fail. Those wishing to donate cash and kind may contact Col Ba Hein (Rtd), Tel:

660731, Major Maung Thein (Rtd), Tel: 572015, U Ba Nyunt Oo, Tel: 684761, U Tun Myint, Tel: 056-21473, U Aye Pe, Tel: 379647, Dr Aye Pe, Tel: 662967 and U Win Kyi, Tel: 573190. MNA

Tube-well launched to honour 64th Anniversary Union Day

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Jan—As a gesture of honouring the 64th Anniversary Union Day, a six-inch diameter tube-well in Ward (2), Myaing, Magway Region, was opened on 22 January.

Deputy Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun and officials formally opened the tube-well.

The 4200 feet deep tube-well was

sunk with a fund of K 11,238,500 — K 6.5 million contributed by General Manager U Eikdi Hla of the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs and family; K 4,438,500 by Township Development Affairs Committee; and K 300,000 by Aung Thein Myint (Thayet Cement Plant, Manager) and family. MNA

16th respect-paying of BEHS (Panson) held

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Jan—Sixteenth respect-paying of Basic Education High School (Panson) in Myinbet Ward in Pyawbwe of Mandalay Region was held at the school on 9 January.

Teachers U Mya Sein and U Soe Myint and member of the Patron U Yan Myo Win made speeches. After that, Chairman of committee for holding the ceremony U Aung Myat Phone explained

the purposes of setting up medicine funds for teachers. The old students paid respects to the teachers.

Afterwards, teacher Daw Khin Cho Cho spoke words of thanks.—MNA

Hole-in-one

YANGON, 30 Jan—Playing together with Col Sunny Ohn, Lt-Col Kyaw Win Maung (Rtd), U Khin Maung Tun (Township Custom

Officer) and U Khin Hlaing Oo (Asia Myanmar), U Kyaw Win (Zartinwe) scored an ace of Serixon Soft Feel No. 2 ball into hole

No. 5 with Callaway Iron No. 6 at Hpa-an Golf Course in Hpa-an of Kayin State on 26 January afternoon. MNA

Livestock Breeding Zone...

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“I started my farm with 20 goats.

Eight months later, now, goats have increased threefold.



A thriving chicken run in Hpa-an Livestock Breeding Zone in Hpa-an Township.

When I started to run the farm, I got goats at the price of 45,000 to 55,000 kyats per head. A female goat gives birth every nearly five months. Now, I have many goat kids.”

I also visited many other livestock farms. Throughout my visit, Deputy Director Dr Thein Zaw Win of Kayin State Livestock and Veterinary Department conducted round the farms.

Hpa-an Livestock Farm was established under the close supervision of Kayin State Peace and Development Council in February 2004. It is about three miles from Hpa-an. With an area of 70.60 acres, the zone is made up of 237 land allotments.

The farm keeps layers, broilers, goats, pigs and dairy cows. In Kayin State, similar



Eggs are delivered from livestock breeding zone in Hpa-an to markets to make ends meet.

farms have been set up in Kawkareik, Myawady, Hlinebwe and Kamamaung townships. Now, a plan gets underway to set up another farm on a

land of 22.33 acres near Htilon Village in Hlinebwe Township.

If it is fair to say that for those with innovations, good ideas and diligence,

there are so many choices of lucrative businesses.

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China-Sudan bio-energy project launched

KHARTOUM, 30 Jan—Sudanese Vice-President Ali Osman Mohamed Taha on Saturday inaugurated a bio-energy project that will provide an alternative source of energy and improve the local environment.

The project, which is part of a partnership between Sudan and China, has been established at al-Selait area, some 25 km east of the Sudanese capital, Khartoum. It consists of many units for producing bio-fuel and energy for lighting purposes using local sources of animal waste.

“We have established 75 units of bio-energy in all parts of Sudan and they are operating satisfactorily,” Chinese Ambassador to Khartoum Li Chengwen told *Xinhua*. “This project is characterized by the fact that it is less costly and easier to use besides its guaranteed continuation. It helps farmers to develop agriculture and resolves the issue of wood cutting, which protects environment,” the ambassador said.

The Chinese ambassador regarded the project as another good example of the deeply rooted and progressive China-Sudan ties in a way that served the interests of the two peoples.

Al-Wasila Hassan Manofaly, Director of Al-Selait bio-energy project, told *Xinhua*: “This project is important and affirms the importance of the cooperation between Sudan and China.”—*Xinhua*

Cyclone headed for Australia’s flooded north

BRISBANE, 30 Jan—A cyclone is racing toward Australia’s flood-ravaged northeast, rattling nerves throughout a region that has already suffered billions of dollars worth of damage from a months-long crisis.

Cyclone Anthony intensified to a Category 2 storm Sunday with winds of 80 mph (130 kph). It was expected to cross the Queensland state coast early Monday morning.

The Bureau of Meteorology warned residents in coastal communities to brace for destructive winds and more flooding.

Heavy rains that began in November



Water from recent flooding is seen submerging a town in Australia. The flood-shattered nation is bracing for further downpours as two tropical cyclones hammered toward the devastated northeast, threatening further misery for already inundated towns.—INTERNET

caused massive flooding across Australia, killing 35 people and damaging or destroying 30,000

homes and businesses. Prime Minister Julia Gillard called the storm a “big, cruel blow” to

residents who have already dealt with months of flooding.

Internet

Macworld shines without superstar Apple



Macworld attendees walk through the main expo hall at the Moscone Center in San Francisco, California.—INTERNET

SAN FRANCISCO, 30 Jan—From star-gazing iPad applications to crystal-encrusted iPhone cases, a universe of Apple gadgets flourished

at Macworld Expo despite the absence of the sun around which they revolve.

Attendance was on track to hit 25,000 by the time the annual gathering

of Apple faithful ends on Saturday.

The crowd was down from the 40,000 to 50,000 people seen in years when Apple took part and chief executive Steve Jobs starred in presentations that included unveiling hot new gadgets like the iPhone.

Apple pulled out of the show in 2010, but engineers from Cupertino, California-based company still make pilgrimages to Macworld to see what fans and entrepreneurs are making of their products.

Internet

Foreign potheads seek alternatives to Dutch coffee shop

MAASTRICHT, 30 Jan—Learning to grow their own weed or finding a dealer: French and Belgian potheads are seeking alternatives to the famous Dutch coffee shop as The Hague plans to cut off drug tourists.

Incensed by the “nuisance” caused by millions of people crossing its borders each year to visit one of 670 licensed coffee shops, the Netherlands plans to turn these cannabis-vending cafes into private clubs for card-carrying members — Dutch residents only.

“We are busy learning about growing cannabis at home,” a 27-year-old Belgian visitor said at “Mississippi”, a well-known coffee shop in Maastricht on the border with Germany and Belgium.



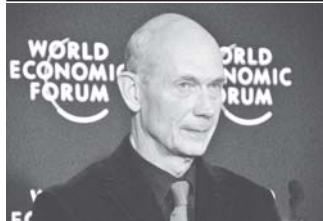
Coffeshop ‘Checkpoint’ is pictured in Terneuzen, the Netherlands. Learning to grow their own weed or finding a dealer: French and Belgian potheads are seeking alternatives to the famous Dutch coffee shop as The Hague plans to cut off drug tourists.—INTERNET

“Smoking a joint, that is our recreation. We really enjoy smoking a joint with a cup of coffee,” said the woman, a regular of the smoky establishment in the hold of a barge moored on the Maas River.

Though technically illegal, the Netherlands decriminalised the possession of less than five

grammes (0.18 ounce) of cannabis in 1976 under a so-called “tolerance” policy.

Cannabis cultivation and wholesale remain illegal and are in the hands of criminal organisations in a black-market business worth an estimated two billion euros (\$2.7 billion) per year.—Internet



World Trade Organization Director General Pascal Lamy speaks during a news conference after an informal meeting attended by the trade ministers representing major members of the WTO, on the sidelines of the annual World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, on 29 Jan, 2011.—XINHUA

WTO major members aim to finish Doha Round this year

DAVOS, 30 Jan—Trade ministers representing major members of the World Trade Organization (WTO) agreed on Saturday to finish the long-stalled Doha Round of global trade talks by this year.

“There was a sense that we are in the end game and that if Doha is done, it needs to be done this year,” Swiss Economy Minister Johann N Schneider-Ammann said after hosting an informal meeting with his counterparts from 23 major WTO members as well as WTO Director General Pascal Lamy.

Xinhua

6.2-magnitude earthquake jolts Jan Mayen Island

BEIJING, 30 Jan—An earthquake measuring 6.2 on the Richter Scale jolted Jan Mayen Island region in the north Atlantic Ocean at 2:55 pm Beijing Time on Saturday (0655 GMT), according to the China Earthquake Networks Centre.

The epicentre, with a depth of 10

kilometres, was initially determined to be at 70.9 degrees North Latitude and 6.8 degrees West Longitude, the centre said.

There has been no reports of casualties or property damages yet.

MNA/Xinhua

Mexican military finds drugs on commercial plane



In this photo taken on 15 Jan, 2011, a couple of musicians look for clients willing to pay for a song at an empty Papagayo beach in Acapulco, Mexico. Once a glamorous beach mecca for international tourism, Acapulco's image has steadily deteriorated as a fierce turf war continues between rival drug gangs.—INTERNET

MEXICO CITY, 30 Jan—Mexican soldiers seized nearly 200 pounds (90 kilograms) of drugs from the cargo area of an Aeromexico commercial

plane scheduled to fly to the northern border city of Tijuana, the military said Saturday.

Agents discovered the shipment Friday at the airport in Guadalajara, Mexico's second-largest city, the Defence Department said in a statement.

They confiscated about 100 pounds (50 kilograms) of crystal methamphetamine, 60 pounds (30 kilograms) of heroin and 20 pounds (10 kilograms) of methylphenidate, which is often used to cut heroin, according to the statement. There were no arrests.

The Defence Department did not say how the drugs were discovered or give further details on the shipment.

Phone calls to Aeromexico representatives rang unanswered Saturday.—*Internet*



Nomads herd sheep on snow-covered grass land in the Hexigten Banner, north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, on 28 Jan, 2011. XINHUA

Costa Rica detains Salvadorian with 147 kg of cocaine

SAN JOSE, 30 Jan—Costa Rica's Drug Control Police on Friday detained a Salvadorian citizen aboard a vehicle loaded with 147 kg of cocaine on the northern border of the country, the Public Security Ministry said.

The Salvadorian citizen entered Costa Rica through Panama with 867 sacks of frozen fish, where the drug was hidden. He was detained at the Penas Blancas border checkpoint between Costa Rica and Nicaragua.

According to police, the drug was addressed to Mexico. The Salvadorian was taken to the Liberia Prosecutor's Office, 150 km northwest of San Jose, where he will be charged with the crime of international drug trafficking.—*Xinhua*



Rosa Pineda, a 78-year-old stylist, cuts Mario Garcia's hair, 70, during a senior citizen's talent fair sponsored by the Social Inclusion Department of the government of El Salvador in San Salvador, El Salvador, on 28 Jan, 2011.—INTERNET



A vendor sorts tomatoes at a wholesale vegetable and fruit market in the northern Indian city of Chandigarh on 29 January, 2011. India's food inflation had remained in double digits for most of past one year and had been the key contributor to its headline inflation, which in December rose to 8.43 percent from 7.48 percent in November.—INTERNET

Beijing faces longest wait for snow in 60 years

BEIJING, 30 Jan—China's capital is facing its longest wait for winter snowfall in 60 years as drought in the northern part of the country affects millions of people.

State media say if it doesn't snow in Beijing on Saturday this will be the longest the capital has had to wait in the six decades since the weather bureau started keeping such records. No snow is forecast in the coming days.

Months of dry weather have given China's key wheat-growing province of Shandong its worst drought in at least 40 years. That threatens to put further pressure on surging food prices.

Officials in Hebei Province tell the state-run Xinhua News Agency that 9 million people there have been affected by drought.—*Internet*

India x-courts investment as FDI slides

NEW DELHI, 30 Jan—As India was pitching itself as a hot investment destination at the World Economic Forum in Davos, figures showed the amount of foreign money entering the country has fallen by nearly a third.

It may seem a surprising figure given scorching growth running at nearly nine percent. But the culprits are delays in environmental clearances and land acquisition, red tape, and infrastructure bottlenecks, a report by India's central bank said last week.

In 2010, foreign direct investment (FDI) in India slid 32 percent from a year earlier to \$24 billion.—*Internet*



A young girl walks next to tents in a camp for people left homeless during the 2010 earthquake in the eastern suburb of Petionville, Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on 28 Jan, 2011. A year after the devastating earthquake that destroyed this city, life is returning to normal but thousands continue living in makeshift camps.—INTERNET

Ohio bust nets 2,800 pounds marijuana and \$1 million cash

CHICAGO, 30 Jan— Authorities in Columbus, Ohio, seized about 2,800 pounds of marijuana from Mexico with a street value of \$3.5 million, as well as almost \$1 million in cash in two raids, police said on Saturday. The marijuana was seized after a six-month investigation and was to be distributed throughout central Ohio, said Columbus Police spokesman Sergeant Rich Weiner.

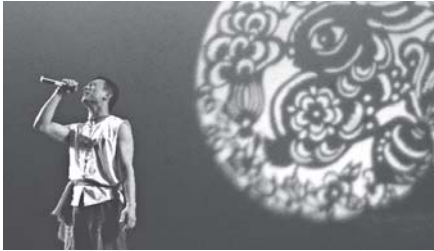
In the first raid, on 26 January, police witnessed large quantities of marijuana being transferred from a South Columbus warehouse to a van, which police intercepted along with two smugglers, Hector Martinez, 36, of Columbus and Luis Miranda, 24, of Phoenix, Ariz. They were arrested and charged with possession of marijuana. In total, approximately 2,055 pounds of marijuana were collected, said Sergeant Rich Weiner.—*Reuters*

High-speed railway helps Spring Festival rush

BEIJING, 30 Jan— China's high-speed railway is proving to be a big help during the Spring Festival, being both fast and convenient. This year, the lines from Shanghai to Nanjing and to Hangzhou are in use. CCTV reporter Li Zhen in Shanghai tells us how high-speed rail is helping ease the pressure during the holiday travel period.

Miss Feng comes from Wuxi in Jiangsu Province and works at a foreign company in Shanghai. When the Spring Festival comes, she decides to take the high-speed rail from Shanghai to Nanjing to get back home for the holiday.

Passenger Miss Feng said, "I've taken the high-speed rail several times before. But this is my first time take it to go home during peak-travel time. I chose it because it's faster, very convenient and most importantly, The waiting room and the cabinet are clean. The environment is great."—*Xinhua*



A singer performs during the Chinese New Year Gala called "In Between Springs, Fly Our Dream" held by the Columbia University Chinese Students and Scholars Association in New York, the United States, 29 Jan, 2011.—INTERNET

Man charged in two women's deaths

PAW PAW, 30 Jan—A Michigan man remained jailed without bond Saturday, charged in the shotgun slayings of a girlfriend and the wife of a cousin.

Van Buren County Sheriff's Detective Lt. Bill Lux told a court Friday Junior Lee Beebe Jr, 34, of Bangor had confessed to Michigan State Police that he had fired the weapon and admitted killing one of the victims, the *Kalamazoo Gazette* reported.

Beebe is charged with murdering Amy Henslee, 30, and Tonya Howarth, 36, whose bodies were found Friday buried on wooded property Beebe owned. Beebe is charged with two counts of murder and two counts of possession of a firearm. During a brief arraignment held via video conference, Judge Robert Hentchel ordered Beebe held without bond until another court hearing set for 8 Feb. Henslee, a stay-at-home mother who was the wife of a cousin of Beebe, had been missing since Monday. Howarth had been a girlfriend of Beebe's, authorities said.—*Internet*



Passengers walk past flowers left on the floor in memory of those killed in Monday's blast.

INTERNET

'Caucasus bomber' targeted foreigners

MOSCOW, 30 Jan—Russia said on Saturday that this week's horrific attack on a Moscow airport was staged by a suicide bomber from the volatile North Caucasus whose main target was arriving foreigners.

But officials stressed

they could not reveal the 20-year-old man's name or the republic he came from because they were still on the hunt for the organizers of the bloody strike.

"We have established the identity of the terrorist suicide bomber who

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Russian pub fire kills four in Volga region

MOSCOW, 30 Jan—Four people were killed in a pub fire in Russian Volga city of Kazan early Sunday, local media reported. According to a local emergency services spokesman cited by *RIA Novosti* news agency, the fire broke out at local time 4:47 am (GMT 0147) in Kazan's Leprikon pub. Seven people were evacuated by rescuers.

The blaze was distinguished one hour later. Local reports believed a discarded cigarette has

triggered the fire. Currently, an investigation is underway. Russian has been plagued by poor fire safety record, as some 15,000 people die in fires across the country annually.

Xinhua

The flag of South Korean steel giant POSCO is seen in front of the company's headquarters in Seoul. Among a host of stalled high-profile projects are POSCO's plans to build a \$12-billion mill in India.

INTERNET



US calls for release of official in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 30 Jan—The United States demanded the immediate release of an American official arrested in the shooting deaths of two Pakistanis, upping the stakes Saturday in a spat that has revealed the fragility of a relationship Washington believes is crucial for success in Afghanistan and against al-Qaeda.

The US Embassy said the man had a diplomatic passport and was immune from prosecution. It accused the Pakistani police of illegally detaining him. The mission said the man, who the US has not named, acted in self-defense against two armed men who approached his car in the city of Lahore on Thursday, intent on

robbing him.

Rana Sanaulah, the law minister in Punjab province where the killings took place, said the American's fate would be

decided in the courts. He said the provincial government could not free him even if directed to by the central government.

Internet



People look at blood stains at a roadside in Lahore, Pakistan on 27 Jan, 2011.—INTERNET

3D technology helps study ocean waves

CORVALLIS, 30 Jan—Researchers using so-called stereo vision will study waves pounding the shore to better understand a violent, ever-changing environment, US scientists say. Engineers at Oregon State University say the system, using two video cameras feeding images to an advanced computer system, will allow researchers to observe large areas of ocean waves to see what they are doing and why, a university release said on Friday.

The system could be of great value as climate change and rising sea levels pose additional challenges to vulnerable shorelines threatened by coastal erosion around the world, researchers say.

"An ocean wave crashing on shore is actually the end of a long story that usually begins thousands of miles away, formed by

wind and storms," David Hill, OSU professor of coastal and ocean engineering, says.

"We're trying to achieve with cameras and a computer what human eyes and the brain do automatically — see the way that near-shore waves grow, change direction and collapse as they move over a seafloor that changes depth constantly."

Applications could range from analyzing wave impacts to locating shoreline structures, building ocean structures, assisting the shipping industry, improving boating safety and reducing property damage, researchers say. Advances in computer science have made it possible to see what a dynamic marine environment is doing at the moment it happens, Hill says.—*Internet*



Costa Rican President Laura Chinchilla (R) stands next to Japanese Prince Akishino (C) and his wife Princess Kiko upon their arrival at the presidential house in San Jose. The prince visited with children suffering with cancer, on the fifth day of his visit to the Central American nation.—INTERNET

Virus, cold blamed for shad deaths

DETROIT, 30 Jan—Researchers say gizzard shad dying in waterways around Detroit show signs of viral hemorrhagic septicemia, a disease that caused a major die-off four years ago.

Thousands of dead shad have been found in the St. Clair and Detroit rivers, Lake St Clair, connected by the two rivers to Lake Erie and Lake Huron, and Lake Erie itself, the *Detroit Free Press* reports.

Michael Thomas, a biologist with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources,

said low temperatures are also responsible for the deaths. He said either the virus makes the fish more vulnerable to the cold or vice versa.

Thomas said the size of this die-off has not been measured, although many fish carcasses can be seen under the ice. Most of the victims appear to be juveniles measuring 4 to 7 inches.

The virus was first detected in Lake St. Clair in 2003. The 2006 die off killed thousands of fish.—*Internet*



Photo taken on 29 Jan, 2011 shows a giant rabbit sculpture made of 30,000 porcelain plates, on the People's Square in Jingdezhen City, east China's Jiangxi Province. The porcelain sculpture of rabbit is built to greet the Year of Rabbit in Chinese lunar calendar.

Sandbar piano copycats warned

Environmental officials warn copycat pranksters and artists inspired by a baby grand piano being plunked on a sandbar off Miami that they are breaking the law. The piano was removed Thursday, *The Miami Herald* reported. The next day, a table with two place settings, two chairs, a bottle of wine and a statue of a chef turned up on the bar.

"The bottom line is that this is completely against the law," Jorge Pino of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission said. "People caught doing it will be arrested." Nicholas Harrington, a junior at the Marine and Science Technology Academy in Miami, has taken credit for the baby grand which he planned to use in a video. Before he got it out to the bar with help from his father, brother and the family boat, Harrington set it ablaze.

Danube hosts Europe's biggest winter swim carnival

More than 1,700 people braved the frigid waters of the River Danube Saturday for Europe's biggest winter swim carnival, a colourful German tradition now in its 42nd year.

Participants slid gingerly into the water, a bracing 2.5-degrees Celsius (36.5 degrees Fahrenheit), and set off toward the finish line in the southern German town of Neuburg an der Donau four kilometres (2.5 miles) down river.

Many let out an exhilarated squeal as they made contact.

"This is my 18th time and I love every minute of it," said 62-year-old metalworker Hans Hartmann, one of 1,760 participants from across Europe.

"There is nothing like the feeling of swimming past the Neuburg skyline and hearing the fans cheer you on. If you're in good shape and the (wet) suit fits then it's not even that cold."

News Album



Participants in the Danube winter swim make their way down the river at Neuburg an der Donau, southern Germany, on Saturday. More than 1,700 people braved the frigid waters of the River Danube for Europe's biggest winter swim carnival.

Thieves make off with live lobsters

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police were searching for 10 crates of live lobsters stolen from a company in Nova Scotia.

Louis Huskins, manager of Huskins Fisheries Ltd in Woods Harbour near Yarmouth, told the Canadian Broadcasting Corp on Friday the lobsters would have been easy to sell. He said the thieves may simply have broken off the claws and tails and cooked them, holding them on ice until buyers turned up.

The theft occurred on 20 Jan but was only

made public a week later, *The Globe and Mail of Toronto* said.

Huskins said the missing lobsters were worth about \$6,200, with the Canadian dollar almost on par with the US dollar.

The thieves tried several buildings before discovering the lobster holding tank. They also grabbed crates of super-large lobsters.

The last time the company was robbed of lobsters on a large scale was in 1997 when thieves grabbed seven or eight crates of live lobsters and left. This time, they dumped the lobsters from the crates, possibly into a car trunk.

Huskins told CBC police believe a car was used because a truck would be more likely to attract attention. He expects more thefts because of the economic slump.

Hopkins seeks the 'devil' inside, in new film



Anthony Hopkins arrives at the world premiere of New Line Cinema's 'The Rite', in Hollywood, California.

INTERNET

LOS ANGELES, 30 Jan—British actor Anthony Hopkins gets to battle with the devil in his latest movie, a film in which he plays a possessed priest — but insists it's good to face up to one's inner demons. In "The Rite" the veteran star plays Father Lucas, tasked with teaching a young US priest studying exorcism in Rome about Good and Evil — but who ends up needing the devil cast out of himself.

The film, which opened in the United States on Friday, is based

on the book "The Making of a Modern Exorcist" by American author Matt Baglio, and is directed by Mikael Hafstrom. "It was not the exorcism itself that drew me to it. You don't make films about subjects, you make films about characters. It's a coming-of-age story about finding yourself, finding your way in life," Hafstrom said.—*Internet*

Sundance film pays tribute to hip hop emperors



L-R: Jarobi White, Q-Tip, Phife Dawg, Ali Shaheed Muhammad and Consequence of A Tribe Called Quest perform in 2007.

INTERNET

PARK CITY, 30 Jan—They were the "Rolling Stones of hip hop" in the 1990s, before breaking up in 1998 — but now the story of "A Tribe Called Quest" is being told, at the Sundance Film festival.

"Beats, Rhymes and Life: The Travels of A Tribe Called Quest," by US actor-turned-filmmaker Michael Rapaport is in competition at the prestigious independent film festival, which closes Sunday.

The band's five albums all went either gold or platinum, and its four members — all from the Queens borough of New York — are credited with revolutionizing hip hop. They notably brought jazz influences into hip hop, and broached social problems in their lyrics.—*Internet*

Fan Bingbing likely to land role in China-French co-produced film

BEIJING, 30 Jan— Chinese actress Fan Bingbing has been invited to play the lead in a Chinese-French co-produced film about a wartime love story.

Producers from China and France signed a contract in Paris on 26 January, 2011 to make the film, "First Love" (in Chinese "Qing Dou Chu Kai"), during the ongoing Chinese Movie Festival in France.—*Xinhua*

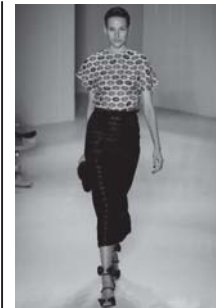


Actress Fan Bingbing poses during a premiere Press conference of the film "Shaolin" in Beijing, capital of China, on 13 Jan, 2011.—*XINHUA*

Comcast takes control of NBC Universal

LOS ANGELES, 30 Jan—The nation's largest cable TV company, Comcast Corp, took control of NBC Universal after the government shackled its behavior in the coming years to protect online video services such as Netflix and Hulu. The deal closed shortly before midnight EST on Friday.

The takeover gave the cable-hookup company 51 percent control of NBC Universal, which owns the nation's fourth-ranked broadcaster, NBC; the Universal Pictures movie studio and related theme parks; and a bevy of cable channels including Bravo, E! and USA. The combination had raised fears that Comcast might abuse its control of NBC Universal to favour its most valuable customers: the 23 million who rely on it for cable TV service and the 17 million who pay for Internet connections.—*Internet*



A model presents a creation by brand Reinaldo Lourenco during the 30th Sao Paulo Fashion Week at the Armando Alvares Penteado Foundation, west of Sao Paulo, Brazil on 29 Jan, 2011.—*XINHUA*



In this 6 Aug, 2009 file photo, the Comcast logo is displayed on a TV set in North Andover, Mass. INTERNET



Murray routed in Melbourne More major anguish for Briton as Djokovic lands second Australian Open

MELBOURNE, 30 Jan—Andy Murray is still searching for his maiden Grand Slam title after he was beaten 6-4 6-2 6-3 by Novak Djokovic in the final of the Australian Open.

The Scot has now lost three Grand Slam finals without winning a set, after he was comprehensively outplayed by the Serbian world number three.

Djokovic won in two

hours and 39 minutes in the most one-sided Australian Open men's final since 2003.

It was a second Australian Open triumph for Djokovic, who also won the Melbourne title in 2008.

Djokovic had seen off Tomas Berdych and Roger Federer without dropping a set in his last two rounds and was firing on all cylinders from the outset of his fourth major final.

The Serbian star held serve to love and earned a break point on Murray's

first service game. But the fifth seed battled through the second game to hold and a high-quality opening set went with serve and looked destined for a tie-break.

That was until the decisive 10th game, when Djokovic prevailed in a 38-shot rally to open up two set points on Murray's serve. He took the first one when Murray hit a backhand long. Things began to look desperate for Murray as Djokovic claimed a double break in the second set to race to a 5-0 lead. Murray managed

to save face by clawing back two games on the spin, but Djokovic took the all-important eighth game to open up a two-set advantage.—*Internet*



Novak Djokovic

Bryans brothers beat Indians to win Australian Open

MELBOURNE, 30 Jan — American twins Bob and Mike Bryan derailed the Grand Slam comeback of reunited Indian stars Mahesh Bhupathi and Leander Paes to win the Australian Open final on Saturday.

The veteran Indians, seeded third and making their Grand Slam return after splitting in 2002, were hoping to add the Australian Open to their three previous major titles and take a step towards a career Grand Slam.

But the "Indian Express" was derailed by the Bryans, who claimed their 10th Grand Slam title to-

gether, and their fifth Australian Open in six years with the 6-3, 6-4 win in 1hr 08min. "It took the best team on the planet to stop this train," Bhupathi said.

The Indians had an opening to level the second set in what turned out to be the final game, but an ace to the Bryans, their ninth of the match, killed off their break point opportunity.—*Internet*



West Ham 3 - 2 Nott'm Forest



Victor Obinna marked his return from suspension with a match-winning display.



Sunday, 30 January 2011 The FA Cup

Arsenal	2 - 1	Huddersfield
Wolves	0 - 1	Stoke
Notts County	1 - 1	Man City
West Ham	3 - 2	Nott'm Forest
Fulham	0 - 0	Tottenham

Arsenal 2 - 1 Huddersfield

LONDON, 30 Jan—Cesc Fabregas came off the bench to fire 10-man Arsenal into the FA Cup fifth round as the Gunners narrowly saw off League One Huddersfield.

The hosts led when Peter Clarke diverted Nicklas Bendtner's strike into his own net, before Sebastien Squillaci was sent off for a block on Jack Hunt.

The red card changed the game and Alan Lee headed the Terriers level.

But Fabregas slotted home a late winner from the penalty spot after Bendtner had been fouled by Jamie McCombe.

There was a tangible sense of relief at full-time at the Emirates after Fabregas, not for the first time, provided the spark that rescued the north Londoners from a tight spot.—*Internet*



Cesc Fabregas' late penalty means the Gunners avoid a replay.

Results on 29 January

Italy - Serie A	
Lazio	2 - 0 Fiorentina
Catania	0 - 2 AC Milan
Spain - Primera Division	
Levante	2 - 0 Getafe
Malaga	1 - 2 Zaragoza
Mallorca	0 - 4 Sporting Gijon
Real Sociedad	2 - 0 Almeria
Hercules	0 - 3 Barcelona
Deportivo La Coruna	3 - 3 Sevilla
Germany - Bundesliga I.	
Nurnberg	2 - 0 Hamburger SV
Schalke	0 - 1 Hoffenheim
St. Pauli	3 - 0 1. FC Cologne
Werder Bremen	1 - 3 Bayern Munich
Wolfsburg	0 - 3 Borussia Dortmund
Kaiserslautern	0 - 1 Mainz

Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle



S P O R T S

Bayern sink Bremen, Dortmund hammer Wolves

BERLIN, 30 Jan — Defending champions Bayern Munich had to come from behind on Saturday to win 3-1 at Werder Bremen, while Bundesliga leaders Borussia Dortmund kept



Bayern Munich's midfielder Arjen Robben (L) celebrates after scoring during their German first division.—*INTERNET*

up their domination with a 3-0 win at Wolfsburg.

Bremen's Per Mertesacker went from joy to despair as his opening goal just after the break was cancelled out by an Arjen Robben goal before Mertesacker turned the ball into his own net to give Bayern the win which puts them third.

"Bremen were strong in the first 20 minutes, but we changed our tactics and were better," said Bayern coach Louis van Gaal.—*Internet*

Van Bommel red-carded but Milan win again

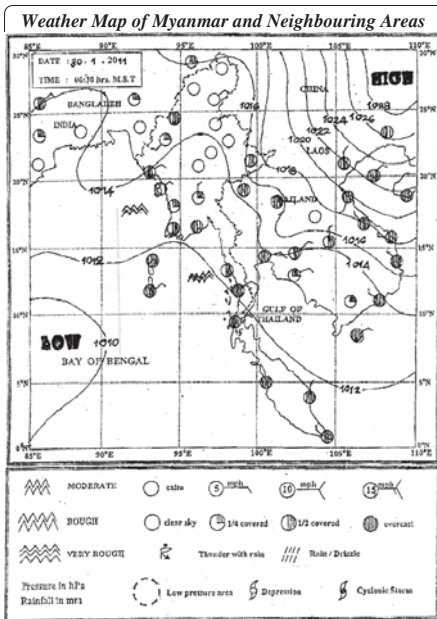
ROME, 30 Jan — Mark van Bommel was sent off on his AC Milan league debut but the Serie A leaders still claimed the three points in a 2-0 win at Catania on Saturday.

Despite playing most of the second half with 10 men, goals from Robinho and Zlatan



Ibrahimovic sent Milan seven points clear at the top ahead of Sunday's matches. Goalscorer Robinho claimed the rossoneri are closing in on the scudetto crown.

"I'm happy with the win against a team that defends really well," he said. "We're still top and there are 15 or 20 games left so we have to keep playing this way. "It's tough to play with 10 men but I don't think Van Bommel deserved his second yellow."—*Internet*



WEATHER

Sunday, 30th January, 2011

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T.
 During the past 24 hours, light rain have been isolated in Taninthayi Region and Mon State, weather has been partly cloudy in Upper Sagaing, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady Regions, Kachin, Eastern Shan and Rakhine States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Night temperatures were (5°C) above January average temperature in Yangon Region, Eastern Shan and Mon States, (3°C) to (4°C) above January average temperature in Bago and Ayeyawady Regions, Kayah and Kayin States, (4°C) below January average temperature in Kachin State and about January average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant night temperatures were Heho (1°C), Loilem (2°C), Lashio, Namhsan, Pinlaung and Mogok (3°C) each and Putao (4°C). The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Kawthoung (0.59) inch.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 29-1-2011 was 94°F. Minimum temperature on 30-1-2011 was 59°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 30-1-2011 was (65%). Rainfall on 30-1-2011 was (Nil).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 29-1-2011 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 30-1-2011 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 30-1-2011 was (70%). Total

sunshine hours on 29-1-2011 was (7.9) hours (Approx).

Rainfall on 30-1-2011 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 Northeast at (14:30) hours MST on 29-1-2011.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 31st January 2011: Light rain are likely to be isolated in Yangon and Taninthayi Regions, Kachin and Mon States, weather will be partly cloudy over Bago and Ayeyawady Regions, Shan, Rakhine, Kayah and Kayin States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Strong Easterly winds with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coast. Surface wind speed in strong wind may reach (35) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere 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 31-1-2011: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 31-1-2011: Likelihood of isolated light rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 31-1-2011: Fair weather.

Owen, Hernandez rescue United

SOUTHAMPTON, 30 Jan — Javier Hernandez booked Manchester United's place in the FA Cup fifth round as the Mexican striker clinched a hard-fought 2-1 victory over League One Southampton on Saturday.

United were in danger of heading out of the competition in embarrassing fashion after being outplayed by the hosts, who took a 44th minute lead through Richard Chaplow.

But the second half introduction of Welsh midfielder Ryan Giggs helped turn the tide at St Mary's as Michael Owen and Hernandez struck after the break to spare United's blushes.

Internet



Manchester United's striker Hernandez slides in to score the equalizing goal.

INTERNET

Messi sends record-equalling Barcelona seven clear

MADRID, 30 Jan — Lionel Messi struck twice as Barcelona beat Hercules 3-0 on Saturday to clinch a record-equalling 15th consecutive Spanish league win as the champions moved seven points clear of Real Madrid.

Barcelona coach Pep Guardiola said he was honoured to match the long-standing record of the great 1960-1961 Real Madrid side which was captained by Alfredo di Stefano.

"It is a tremendous hon-

our to win 15 consecutive league games and equal the record of (Alfredo) di Stefano's Real Madrid side," said Guardiola.



"I am sure that some team will beat the record but nobody has managed to do it in 50 years. We are proud. If 50 years have passed, it shows how difficult it is."—Internet

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (31-1-2011) (Monday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	(09:00am - 11:00am MST)
Oversea Transmission	(31-1-11 09:30 am ~ 1-2-11 09:30 am MST)

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * National Kandawgyi Garden (Pyin Oo Lwin)
- * Good Friends for good Future
- * News
- * Topic On Journal "Fascinating Myanmar Tapestry"
- * Record Album
- * News
- * Youth and Music (Part-4)
- * News
- * The National Museum

Oversea Transmission

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- * News
- * The National Museum
- * News
- * Suprising Myanmar (The Shwedagon Pagoda) (Part-II)
- * News
- * Myanmar Horoscope with Advanced IT
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Myanmar Movies Impact "Love in Luck with forty belles"
- * Buddha Sasana Flourishes in bawdhitataung
- * News
- * A Pilgrimage to Dhammayangyi
- * The glory of Maha-Muni Buddha Image, at dawn
- * Myanmar Movies "Whom do you love most"



Monday, 31 January View on today

7:40 am 5. Nice & Sweet Song	4:10 pm 2. Dance Variety	5:25 pm 8. Myanmar Idol
7:50 am 6. Cute Little Dancers	4:20 pm 3. Musical Programme	6:00 pm 9. Evening News
8:02 am 7. Song Of National Races	4:30 pm 4. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Second Year (Physics)	6:15 pm 10. Weather Report
8:15 am 8. One village and one Product	4:45 pm 5. Songs For Upholding National Spirit	6:20 pm 11. Sing & Enjoy
8:30 am 9. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition	5:05 pm 7. Myanmar Language	7:00 pm 12. TV Drama Series
8:40 am 10. International News		8:00 pm 13. News
8:45 am 11. Musical Programme		14. International News
4:00 pm 1. Martial Song		15. Weather Report
		16. Monthly Weather Report
		17. World's Stars (Part-9)
		18. TV Drama Series

- ★ 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

Livestock Breeding Zone in Hpa-an

Byline: Maung Maung Htwe (MNA); Photos: Tha Nyan (MNA)

Sounds that layers were having food in mangers were like music to my ears.

"I began to raise 500 layers with an initial investment of one million kyats in 2000. As you see, the number of my layers has increased to 8000," said Ko Win Htein.

I was amazed by his words, gazing at the large chicken farm. It is because I was born and have grown up in a city and know nothing about agricultural farming and livestock farming. Up to that time, I thought that to do business was just running supermarkets and companies.

"Really?"
"Certainly. After breeding 500 layers one year, I made a profit of one million kyats. Then, I invested the profit in my business. So, layers increased by 1000 a year. The number of layers increased to 3000 in 2002. This farm belongs to me. When Hpa-an

Livestock Breeding Zone was set up in 2004, I got a two-acre plot and kept breeding layers. Now, I have 8000 layers."

"A layer lays eggs for 14 months. When the term is over, I sell them for slaughter, and I buy young layers in place of them. On average, I get 6000 eggs a day. I sell one egg for 90 kyats in wholesale. Brokers come down to my farm to get eggs."

His farm is completely filled with chicken runs, suggesting that he is getting on with his business as a result of a good idea.

Side by side his chicken farm is a goat farm belonging to a young man. Giving me a warm welcome, he said, "I am Soe Thu Kyaw. Now, I have 60 goats."

(See page 9)



Eggs from chicken farms of Hpa-an Livestock Breeding Zone.

Stake driven for village library building in Kanma Township

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Jan— A ceremony to drive stake for construction of new building for Yenatha Library was held in Yenatha Village of Kanma Township, Thayet District, yesterday.

Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council U Kyaw Swe Win, Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Than Than Hsint and Village PDC Chairman U Tin Maung Htwe drove stakes for the building.

The library will be constructed with K 1 million contribution by the State and K 2 million by the people. The building will be 27 feet long, 18 feet wide and 12 feet high.

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Significant night temperatures (30-1-2011)

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