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Guard the nation with political awareness

To break up the Union and national cohesion is the major as well as only way to weaken Myanmar. In order to implement that point, external elements will be likely to organize and mobilize participation of some nationals who lack political awareness whether they know or not to disrupt national development. Therefore, I would like to urge the entire people to guard the nation with political awareness against any forms of disruptions in order that the mother country's independence and sovereignty will never be under alien influence.

Senior General Than Shwe
Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council
Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services

(from the message sent on the occasion of the 63rd Anniversary Independence Day)



Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to Sri Lankan President

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Feb—On the occasion of the 63rd Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka which falls on 4th February 2011, Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Mahinda Rajapaksa, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.—MNA

The second-day meeting of the Group of Pyithu Hluttaw representatives-elect of Presidential Electoral College in progress at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building in Nay Pyi Taw.

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Meeting of Group of Pyithu Hluttaw representatives-elect of Presidential Electoral College resumes

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Feb—The Group of Pyithu Hluttaw representatives-elect of Presidential Electoral College held its second-day meeting at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here this morning.

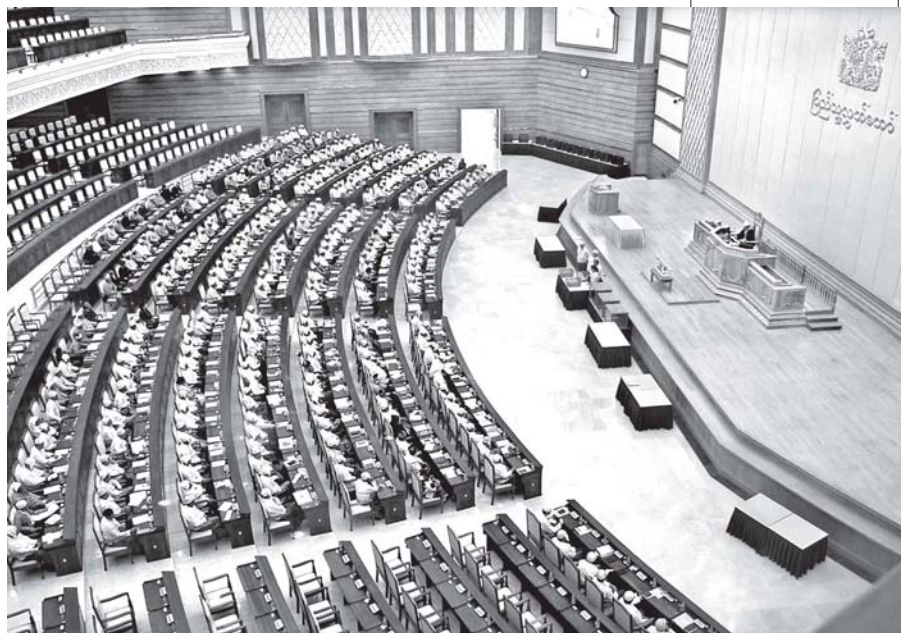
It was attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and Pyithu Hluttaw representatives-elect from Regions and States.

After taking position, the speaker supervised the meeting. He said that all the 325 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives-elect who have the right to attend the Hluttaw were present at the meeting, accounting for cent per cent. He announced that the meeting was therefore valid and the start of the meeting.

The speaker announced the names of the two vice-presidential candidates nominated by Pyithu Hluttaw representatives-elect at the first-day meeting of the group.

He also announced that the group to scrutinize whether or not the president and vice-presidents possess the qualifications prescribed for the president and vice-presidents had thoroughly scrutinized the qualifications of the two vice-presidential candidates and it was found that they possessed the qualification.

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Group of Defence Services Personnel Representatives elects Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo as Vice-President

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Feb—The meeting of the Group of Defence Services Personnel Representatives of Presidential Electoral College was held at Anawrahta Hall here today. In the process of electing vice-president, all representatives unanimously elected Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo as vice-president.

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PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 4 February, 2011

National brethren, united we stand

Myanmar is blessed with favourable geographic conditions, rich natural resources and magnificent scenery. Like colourful flowers blossoming in Myanmar's land and waters, all national races from every place and region of the Union have their beauties.

The national races have been residing together in the Union from time immemorial. They have been living through thick and thin in unity and amity. As a result, Union Spirit has been forged in them.

In retrospect, the colonialists occupied a prosperous Myanmar by waging aggressive war for three times. The Myanmar people had to have bitter experience of being oppressed by the colonialists and fascists. However, with the national people fighting back with anti-colonialist and anti-fascist sentiment, the colonialists could be driven out of Myanmar soil.

Leaning from past experiences in previous eras, national unity is of the essence. That is why national reconsolidation and national unity have been prioritized. Again, sound foundations have been built for building up a new nation.

Today's efforts for national reconsolidation and national unity are related to all sectors, including political, economic, military, social affairs. As a result, the whole nation has seen peace and stability, the rule of law and fruits of development.

Myanmar now is in transition of a new era and new system. The time has come for the national brethren to build a new democratic nation in unity and unison. Only then, can the peace and prosperity of the Union be perpetual.

Shine Group takes part in Lifestyles Expo 2011

YANGON, 3 Feb—Shine Group of Companies takes part in Lifestyles Expo 2011 at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road here from 3 to 6 February.

As special programme, any customer may buy a superior condo room with two to three years installments by just filling booking form at K 50,000.

For further information, contact No. 29, Gyobyu Street, Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Yangon (Ph: 385340) and (Fax: 250485).—MNA



Shine Group of Companies takes part in Lifestyles Expo-2011.—MNA

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

Ambassador U Than Swe presents credentials to Mexican President

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Feb—U Than Swe, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the United Mexican States, presented his Credentials to His Excellency Mr Felipe De Jesus Calderon Hinojosa, President of the United Mexican States, on 20 January 2011, in Mexico City.—MNA

FM felicitates Sri Lankan External Affairs Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Feb—On the occasion of the 63rd Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka which falls on 4th February 2011, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Prof G L Peiris, MP, Minister of External Affairs of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.—MNA

Dinner party of MBA course trainees



MBA Program Director Dr Ismail Ali Siad of Assumption University extends greetings at dinner party of MBA course trainees.—MNA

YANGON, 3 Feb—Myanmar Professional Development Centre has conducted Master of Business Administration (MBA) course since September 2010 in Yangon. The degree is conferred by Assumption University of Thailand. The dinner party for the trainees from 1st and 2nd batches of course was held on the lawn in Myanmar Info-Tech in Hline Township here yesterday evening.

First, MBA Program Director Dr Ismail Ali Siad and MBA Director Mr Mo Di extended greetings. Managing Director Daw Yin Win Thu expressed thanks after entertainment programme.

For more information, contact Myanmar Professional Development Centre at Room No. 1, Building No. 4, Myanmar Info-Tech, Hline Township (Ph: 507043 and 507047).—MNA

Roads, tube-well opened to hail 64th Anniversary Union Day

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Feb—The opening of Yayyah-Peinhnebin Village gravel road was held to hail the 64th Anniversary Union Day at the archway of the road on 25 January.

The chairman of Township Peace and Development Council and the executive officer of the committee formally opened the facility.

The inauguration of the 1980-foot-long and 10-foot-wide market gravel road in Yaksauk Township took place on 27 January; and 1360-foot long and 12-foot-wide tarred road in Panglong Township, on 30 January.

Similarly, the opening of the 2-inch diameter tube-well, 7' x 7' x 6' waterworks and 8' x 6' x 5' brick tank in Pwogon-3 Village in Pekon Township was held at the archway of the tube-well this morning.

The roads and the tube-well were built and sunk in 2010-2011 fiscal year by Township Development Affairs Committees.—MNA

Skirmish between two insurgent groups in Kyaikmaraw leaves one innocent villager dead

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Feb—Two Mon insurgent groups exchanged gunfire at Maetayo Village in Kyaikmaraw Township, Mon State, on 31 January, leaving one innocent villager dead.

It has not yet been confirmed how many insurgents from both sides were injured and killed during the skirmish.

The Mon splinter group led by Ko Yin Lay (a) Kun Ha Pwe with the rank of platoon commander and the group from New Mon State Party led by Ba Kyaw with the rank of company commander exchanged gunfire in a rubber plantation about 15 ft west of the house of the chairman of Maetayo Village Peace and Development Council. U Ka Lai, aged 83, father of the chairman of Maetayo Village PDC, was killed by gunshots in the battle between the two groups.

The Tatmadaw columns are in hot pursuit after the two groups.—MNA



Afghan security personnel inspect the site of a suicide bomb attack in Kandahar Province on 29 Jan, 2011. A motorcycle suicide bomber killed the deputy governor of Afghanistan's Kandahar Province on Saturday, a blow to US-led forces trying to bolster governance and fight a robust insurgency in the Taliban's heartland.—INTERNET

Two Iraqis killed in Baghdad, police foil suicide bombing in northern Iraq

BAGHDAD, 3 Feb—Two people were killed in a bomb explosion in a Baghdad District on Thursday morning, while a police force foiled a suicide bomb attack in Salahudin Province north of Baghdad, the police said.

A roadside bomb went off in New Baghdad District in southeastern the capital, killing two civilians and wounding three, including a traffic policeman, an Interior Ministry source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

In north of Baghdad, an Iraqi police force foiled a suicide bomb attack, forcing a suicide bomber to blow up his explosive vest, wounding two people, a source from the operations command of Salahudin Province told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.—*Xinhua*

Nigeria secret police arrests seven suspected militants in oil rich state

PORT HARCOURT, 3 Feb—At least seven men suspected to be militants and kidnapers have been arrested by Nigeria's State Security Services (SSS) in oil-rich Rivers State.

Douglas Dogo, the state director of the service, disclosed this to reporters in Port Harcourt, the state capital on Wednesday, adding that

the men were arrested at different locations in the state on 21 Jan following a tip-off.

According to him, five of the suspects kidnapped four persons in Ahoada West Local Government Area in November last year.

He said the victims paid millions of Naira to the kidnapers before they were freed.

Dogo told reporters that the five men robbed a bank in Ikot Abasi in Akwa Ibom State.

Xinhua



In this file photo, people inspect a destroyed car and a wheelchair at the scene of a car bomb attack Baghdad, Iraq. Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's office released a statement on 2 Feb, 2011 announcing the arrests of an unspecified number of suspected al-Qaeda-linked extremists in last week's bombing in Baghdad.

INTERNET

Pirates threaten to kill 26 Bangladeshis on board hijacked ship

DHAKA, 3 Feb—Somali pirates threatened of killing 26 Bangladeshis on board hijacked Bangladesh-flagged ship MV Jahan Moni if owner of the ship fails to pay the ransom by Thursday, local media reported on Thursday.

Shahrier Rabbi, engineer cadet of the

hijacked ship, told his mother over phone that the pirates threatened to kill all of them if the ship owner fails to meet the demand by Thursday.

The family members Thursday morning rushed to the owner company SR Shipping Limited in Chittagong, 242 km southeast of

capital Dhaka, and conveyed the information to officials.

The official expressed hope that the issue will be settled in a week and it will take 10 to 12 days for the crews to return Bangladesh maintaining all the procedures.—*Xinhua*



People inspect a crater caused by a car bomb attack Baghdad, Iraq recently. A car bomb ripped through a funeral tent in a mainly Shiite area of Baghdad killing and wounding scores of people and prompting scuffles between police and Iraqis angry about security failures.

INTERNET

2,421 civilians killed in Afghanistan in 2010, mostly by insurgents

LONDON, 3 Feb — The number of civilian deaths in Afghanistan since the United States-led invasion began in 2001 hit record levels last year, according to a new report.

According to the Kabul-based Afghanistan Rights Monitor, some 2,421 civilians were killed, most at the hands of militants.

“Over 3,270 were injured in conflict-related security incidents across Afghanistan,” the BBC quoted the report, as saying.

The report said that the militants - the Taliban, the Haqqani group and others - are to blame for about 60 percent of the deaths.

It also said that foreign troops were to blame for about a fifth of all deaths - a slight fall over the previous year.

The report also found that there has been a dramatic increase in assassinations carried out by militants - 400 in 2010, compared to 230 the year before.—*Internet*

A doctor at a hospital checks wounds of a man who got injured during a suicide attack in Kabul, Afghanistan recently. A suicide bomber on a motorbike blew himself up next to a minibus carrying intelligence service employees in the Afghan Capital.

INTERNET



Australian soldier killed by IED in Afghanistan

CANBERRA, 3 Feb—An Australian soldier has been killed by an improvised explosive device during a patrol in southern Afghanistan, bringing the Australian death toll to 22.

The acting chief of the defence force, Lt Gen David Hurley, said 22-year-old Corp. Richard Edward Atkinson was on his first deployment to Afghanistan.

A second soldier was seriously wounded in the explosion in Uruzgan Province, and is now in satisfactory condition at a military hospital in Tarin Kowt.

“The entire Australian Defence Force and defence community is deeply saddened by the death of this fine young Australian soldier,” Hurley said of Atkinson, who was engaged to be married.

Australia has the largest military commitment in Afghanistan of any country outside NATO, with 1,550 Australian troops there.

Internet



Afghan refugee girl Nazool, 6, looks on while standing next to her house in a slum on the outskirts of Islamabad, Pakistan, on 25 Jan, 2011.

INTERNET



Science

NASA announces discovery of more planets

GREENBELT, 3 Feb—Scientists using NASA's Kepler space telescopes say they've discovered six planets consisting of gases and rocks around a single distant sun-like star.

The planets are orbiting a star dubbed Kepler-11 at a distance of about 2,000 light years from Earth, a NASA release said Wednesday.

"The Kepler-11 planetary system is amazing," said Jack Lissauer of the Kepler science team at NASA's Ames Research Centre at Moffett Field, Calif.

"It's amazingly compact, it's amazingly flat, there's an amazingly large number of big planets orbiting

close to their star — we didn't know such systems could even exist."

Scientists say it's the fullest, most compact planetary system ever seen outside of our own solar system. "Few stars are known to have more than one transiting planet, and Kepler-11 is the first known star to have more than three," said Lissauer. "So we know that systems like this are not common."

"But whether it's one in a thousand, one in 10 thousand or one in a million, that we don't know, because we only have observed one of them.—Internet



This on 18 Aug, 2007 photo made available by NASA shows astronaut Scott Kelly in the Zvezda Service Module of the International Space Station while Space Shuttle Endeavour remains docked with the station.—INTERNET

'Space net' for orbiting debris proposed

TOKYO, 3 Feb— Japan's space agency says it is teaming up with a maker of fishing nets to create a "space net" for safely collecting orbiting space debris.

The Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency and the Nitto Seimo Co. propose launching a satellite, attached to a thin metal net spanning more than a mile, into space before the net is detached and begins to capture space waste while orbiting earth, Britain's Daily Telegraph reported Tuesday.

As it collects debris the net would become electrically charged and be attracted back to earth by the planet's magnetic field, causing the net and its contents to safely burn up in the atmosphere.

As many as 10 million pieces of "space junk" are estimated to be orbiting Earth at any one time and are a cause for concern because of the potential for collisions with satellites and shuttles. Nitto Seimo, which became famous for inventing the world's first machine to make strong knotless fishing nets in 1925, says it has been researching super-strong space nets for six years.—Internet



This artist rendering provided by NASA, shows Kepler-11, a sun-like star around which six planets orbit. A planet-hunting telescope is finding whole new worlds of possibilities in the search for alien life, including more than 50 potential planets that initially appear to be in habitable zones.—INTERNET

Meteorites yield Mars water clues

LEICESTER, 3 Feb— Rare fragments of martian meteorites have revealed evidence of how water once flowed near the surface of that planet, UK researchers say. Scientists at the University of Leicester have examined five samples of nakhlite — a form of meteorite known to have originated on Mars and named after the Egyptian Village of el-Nakhl where the first one was found in 1911 — using an electron microscope, a university release said Wednesday.

The samples showed veins created during an impact on Mars and filled with clay, carbonate and other materials probably carried there by water from ice melted in the impact, John Bridges of Leicester's Space Research Centre says. The discovery closely ties in to recent geological discoveries of clay and carbonate on the surface of Mars made by NASA and European Space Agency probes, and suggests how some of it probably formed. "We are now starting to build a realistic model for how water deposited minerals formed on Mars, showing that impact heating was an important process," Bridges said. "With models like this we will better understand the areas where we think that water was once present on Mars.—Internet



Technology

Expo Notes: Naturespace adds another dimension to ambient sounds

NEW YORK, 3 Feb—3D video was the talk at this month's Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, but at Macworld 2011, app maker Holographic Audio Theater was looking to promote the idea of 3D audio. The company thinks that "three-dimensional audio" provides the most immersive experience, and it was in San Francisco this week to promote an app—Naturespace—that it thinks will drive that point home.

With 3D audio, you get the feeling of sounds coming from all around you, rather than just from your two earbuds. For Naturespace, that means rather than listening to recordings as they play in the left and right ear of your headphones, you can experience the sounds of the natural world in 360 degrees. The free app comes with six tracks of nature sounds; an additional 80 tracks are available as in-app purchases, ranging from \$1 to \$3. Tracks include rainforest sounds, wolves howling, and rainfall.

For the best experience with Naturespace tracks, the developer recommends listening on headphones with your eyes closed.

Each song title you purchase comes with a headphone and earbud optimized track. While I only experienced the app with the high-end headphones at the Holographic Audio Theater booth on the Expo showfloor, the exhibitor enthusiastically assured me that the company's mastering process for earbud tracks also does an excellent job of transporting a listener to the audio environment they're hearing.—Internet



News Corp. put ailing social network Myspace up for sale on Wednesday.—INTERNET

Secret Angry Birds access code to air during Superbowl

NEW YORK, 3 Feb— While the Packers and Steelers duke it out this Sunday during Super Bowl XLV, you might want to try raising the score on your Angry Birds app.

In an interview with Advertising Age, Angry Birds maker Peter Vesterbacka revealed that a secret access code will be embedded into a 30-second spot, promoting the upcoming Angry Birds animated movie, Rio.

The ad will air during the fourth quarter, he said.

The code unlocks a

bonus level. Pass that, and your name will be entered into the official Rio sweepstakes.

Win that, and you'll be flown to the March 22 premier of Rio in Rio de Janeiro.

If you'd rather not sit through hours of football, the advertisement will also be posted on YouTube after the show.

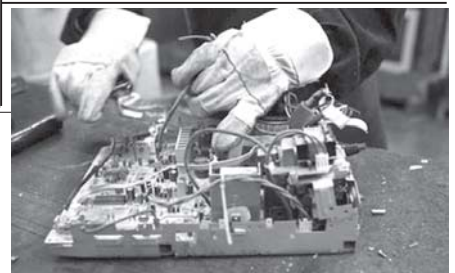
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A worker dismantles an old analog television on 28 Jan, 2009 in Hayward, California.—INTERNET

Sandy Bridge flaw halts sales of affected Dell, MSI and Gigabyte products

NEW YORK, 3 Feb—Intel introduced a new processor architecture at this year's Consumer Electronics Show dubbed Sandy Bridge, the second generation of the company's Core-i series CPUs. The new chips sport an integrated graphics processor that is powerful enough to compete with mid-range video cards, eliminating the need for consumers to also invest in a pricey display adapter for their new computers. Unfortunately for Intel, a design flaw has led to a halt in shipments and a recall of affected products, a situation which the company reports will cost around \$1 billion to correct, according to a press release.

The news surfaced earlier this week when Intel revealed that the CPU is affected by a flaw in the chipset. Now computer manufacturers and distributors are scrambling to address the situation before it spirals out of control.—Internet



Health

New test may help guide prostate cancer treatment

NEW YORK, 3 Feb—A new experimental test may someday help doctors with one of the most vexing problems in cancer therapy: identifying which prostate cancer patients need aggressive treatment.

Currently, once prostate cancer is diagnosed, doctors have no reliable way to know which cases are life-threatening. Most are not. So doctors have a difficult time determining whether they should monitor the cancers to see if they progress or recommend immediate treatment, such as surgery or radiation. Both



Nurses prepare to see patients in a hospital. A new antibiotic has been shown to cut the rate of relapse by almost half of infections of the C difficile bacterium, a growing scourge in hospitals worldwide, a study published Wednesday indicates.

INTERNET

treatments can cause problems, such as incontinence and impotence.

The dilemma results in overtreatment, such that about 48 men are treated for every life saved, says Dr Ronald DePinho of the Dana-Farber Cancer Centre in Boston.

But DePinho and colleagues have created a test they say might help doctors identify dangerous tumours more accurately than is possible now. In results published online Wednesday by the journal *Nature*, the scientists showed an improvement in accuracy to 91 percent from 84 percent. When applied to prostate cancer samples, the gene test indicates "how this particular cancer is wired to behave," DePinho said.

Drawing on research in mice, DePinho and colleagues identified four genes whose combined activity within cancers appears to drive prostate tumours toward being lethal. The genes are involved in processes like growth and ability to invade other tissues. In the largest test, they looked at 405 tumour specimens from men who'd been diagnosed between 1983 and 2004. Thirty-eight cases turned out to be lethal. Researchers looked for the chemical signatures of gene activity in the samples and tested how accurately that could classify tumours as lethal or not.—*Internet*



Bevacizumab, marketed as Avastin by the Swiss drug giant Roche, has been approved for use in combination with chemotherapy for treating colorectal cancer, non-small cell lung cancer and renal cell carcinoma. In December the US Food and Drug Administration said it was neither safe nor effective against breast cancer.—INTERNET

Health Tip: Getting too much caffeine

You may be consuming caffeine in everything from your favourite soda or a mug of coffee to the drug you took to ease your migraine.

Caffeine is a stimulant, and the University of Maryland Medical Centre says too much of it can lead to these side effects:

- * Rapid heart rate.
- * Tremors.
- * Trouble sleeping.
- * Urinating frequently.
- * Vomiting or nausea.
- * Anxiety and restlessness.
- * Feeling depressed.—*Internet*

Vitamin D deficiency linked with lung dysfunction

LOS ANGELES, 3 Feb— People with Vitamin D deficiency are more likely to suffer from reduced lung function, a new study suggests.

In the study, published in the February issue of *Chest*, researchers from the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine evaluated vitamin D levels in 67 patients with concurrent connective tissue disease (CTD) and interstitial lung disease (ILD) and 51 patients with other forms of ILD.

The overall prevalence of vitamin D deficiency and insufficiency was 38 percent and 59 percent respectively among the participants.

The study, found that reduced vitamin D levels were strongly associated with reduced lung function among patients with CTD-ILD.

Those with CTD-ILD were more likely to have vitamin D deficiency (52 percent vs 20 percent) and insufficiency (79 percent vs 31 percent) than other forms of ILD. Researchers conclude that vitamin D may have a role in the pathogenesis of CTD-ILD.

Vitamin D deficiency is prevalent among ILD patients, with the largest prevalence seen in patients with CTD, according to the study.—*Xinhua*

Business

Renault to invest 5.7 billion euros in industrial sites

PARIS, 3 Feb— French automaker Renault on Wednesday unveiled plans to invest 5.7 billion euros (\$7.8 billion) in its industrial sites by 2013, with 40 percent to go to plants in France. The company, currently embroiled in an industrial espionage scandal, said it had no plans to close plants or lay off workers as it tries to adjust production capacity and staffing to shifts in global demand.

Renault said it expected a "lasting decline" in the European market, and that forecasts for 2016 "do not see the European auto market returning to its pre-crisis level of 2007." Car market growth will be driven by markets outside Europe, notably Brazil, Russia, India and China, the company said, adding that the market outside Europe was likely to expand nearly 50 percent by 2016.

"Our strategic plan enables us to adjust industrial capacity to global demand, without closing sites or implementing redundancy plans or staff reduction plans," chief executive Carlos Ghosn said in a statement.—*Internet*



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Visa profit rises as it preps for new environment

NEW YORK, 3 Feb— Visa Inc's (VN) quarterly profit rose 16 percent, slightly beating expectations, as consumer spending ramped up and the company processed more transactions abroad.

But the days of outside returns on low expenses appear to be ending for Visa, the world's largest credit and debit card processing network. It failed to beat expectations by as much as investors have come to expect, and it has yet to fully assuage investor concerns about how it will cope with new US regulations that may reduce future revenue.

Shares fell about 1 percent in after-hours trading, after closing 2 percent higher at \$72.09.

Visa said it expects operating margins to remain around 60 percent for 2011, in what investors said signaled a shift from its earlier days of high revenues and relatively low expenses. "This quarter is a pretty clear view of the transition that's going on within the business for Visa and most likely for MasterCard," said Jim Tierney, chief investment officer of money management firm WP Stewart.

"The business is settling down into a really nice healthy fundamental growth rate that's coming from revenue growth and free cash flow usage instead of operating margin expansion," said Tierney, whose firm owns shares of MasterCard Inc (MA.N) and has owned Visa shares in the past.—*Reuters*

Beijing, Shanghai record robust economic growth in 2010

BEIJING, 3 Feb— China's Capital City Beijing and economic hub Shanghai both realized nearly double-digit growth in 2010, showing powerful economic momentum.

Beijing generated nearly 1.37 trillion yuan (208 billion US dollars) in gross domestic product (GDP) in 2010, up 10.2 percent year-on-year, according to the publicity office of the municipal government.

The growth was higher than what the city had originally expected, said

Yu Xiuqin, spokeswoman of the office.

Beijing's import and export value hit 301.41 billion US dollars last year, up 40.3 percent as against the previous year.

Shanghai's GDP grew 9.9 percent to hit nearly 1.69 trillion yuan last year, according to the city's bureau of statistics. The Shanghai World Expo that ran from 1 May to 31 Oct last year has helped boost economic growth.

Xinhua



Australia's Qantas said Thursday it would raise its fuel surcharge on international flights for the first time in three years as it tries to compensate for the impact of rising oil prices.

INTERNET

Commander attends opening of Mandalay Exhibition 2011

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Feb — Mandalay Exhibition 2011 opened on 28 February at Chanayethazan Township in Mandalay. The exhibition opening ceremony was attended by Chairman of Mandalay Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Brig-Gen Ye Aung, Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor U Phone Zaw Han, senior military officers and guests.

First, the commander and the mayor formally opened the exhibition and looked round the booths.

On 29 January, the commander attended a ceremony to donate traditional medicine to Mandalay Traditional Medicine Hospital and township traditional medical centres in Mandalay Region. The donor family explained the purpose of donating the medicine. An official then presented a certificate of honour to the donor family. —MNA

Fires break out in Lewe, Patheingyi

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Feb — A house in Ward 6 of Lewe in Nay Pyi Taw District caught fire due to a burning cigarette at about 1 pm on 1 February. The fire lasted about 20 minutes destroying the roof of the house. Lewe Police State has filed a lawsuit against house owner U Maung Myint.

At about 4 pm on 1 February, a fire broke out due to intense heat at a filling station on Strand Road in Ward 6, Patheingyi, Ayeyawady Region,

when a station attendant opened up a petrol tank with a lever. Due to the fire, the attendant was burned and a shop, tanks of diesel and petrol, nearby houses and polythene bags destroyed. Athehyi Police State has filed a lawsuit against Attendant Tet Toe.

As Fire Services Department has already issued fire warnings, all people are to follow the warnings and beware of fire in order avoid the danger of fire.

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Khin Pyone Mon Indonesian batik at Lifestyles Expo 2011

YANGON, 3 Feb — Mon Shine International Trading Co Ltd (Khin Pyone Mon-Indonesian batik) is exhibiting its colourful design batiks in Lifestyles Expo 2011 held at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road in Dagon Township here

from 3 to 6 February.

During the exhibition, various kinds of batiks are available at 10% to 15% discount. As part of repaying gratitude to customers who bought Khin Pyone Mon batik during the past 10 years, the company plans to give



Prime Minister U Thein Sein sends message of felicitations to Sri Lankan counterpart

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Perennial Crops Diploma Training School opened in Myeik

YANGON, 3 Feb — Perennial and Farming Department (Myanma Perennial Crops Enterprise) of Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation opened the Perennial Crops (Rubber+Oil Palm) Diploma Training School at Shwedu Farm in Shwedu Village of Myeik Township on 21 January morning.

Managing Director of Myanma Perennial

Crops Enterprise U Kyi Win explained the purpose of opening the school and opened it.

The school will admit 50 trainees per year. The training period is designated as two years. On completion, the trainees will be conferred on Diploma in Agriculture (Rubber+Oil Palm Major).

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Lifestyles Expo 2011 kicks off

YANGON, 3 Feb — Opening of Lifestyles Expo 2011 by Milky Way International Co., Ltd took place at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road, Dagon Township, here, this morning.

Managing Director Daw Nan Su Yati Soe of Milky Way International Co., Ltd and Managing Director U Myo Ko Ko of Shine Group of Companies and an official opened the expo.

Shine Group of Companies is main sponsor, Kaung Myat Zaw Co., Ltd, diamond sponsor and Asia Metal Co., Ltd and Everseiko Co., Ltd, co-



Visitors seen at opening ceremony of Lifestyles Expo 2011 at Tatmadaw Convention Hall in Dagon Township.—MNA

sponsors. Items on show at the Expo by over 60 companies are construction materials, aluminum, furniture, cosmetics, sun

glasses, air-con, electronic and related materials, computers, mobiles and wifi phones, floors and clothes, shoes and slip-

pers and much more.

Customers may visit the four-day show from 9 am to 6 pm.

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Pyinnya Alin library opens in Tangyan Tsp, Northern Shan State

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Feb — The opening of Pyinnya Alin Library took place in Natat Village, Waingmaw Village-tract, Tangyan

Township, Lashio District of Shan State (North) on 20 January. Secretary of Township Peace and Development Council U Nyi Nyi Latt, Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department U Sai Tun Kyaw and responsible persons formally opened the library.

The Township PDC Secretary and the IPRD Head explained purpose of opening the library. Next, well-wishers donated cash and publications to the library. The new library building is 24 feet long and 18 feet wide which is constructed with the contribution of the State and villagers, more than K 1.8 million.—MNA

UMFCCI meets Thai delegation

YANGON, 3 Feb — Vice-presidents, general secretary, joint-general secretaries, CEC members and executives of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry met a 17-member delegation led by Chairman Mr Ophas Kanchanavijaya of Kanchanaburi Rajabhat University Council of Thailand at the head office here on 24 January.

The two sides held discussions about bilateral trade, education, cultural exchange, Dawei Deep Sea Port and Special Economic Zone Project, students exchange programme for development of human resource and small and medium economic enterprises, and transportation for mutual benefits.—MNA

One injured in mine blast planted by KNU in Papun Township

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Feb — U Pha Tu residing in Pazunmyaung village of Kamamaung sub-township, Papun Township of Kayin State stepped on a mine planted by KNU insurgent group, on 30 January while searching for his elephant near Htikalaw Creek about 10 miles to the northeast of Kataingti village. The victim lost his left knee and is now receiving treatment at Kataingti clinic.

Due to the mine blasts across the county from 1 to 31 January, three men died and 16 men and two women were injured.—MNA

Meeting of Group of Pyithu Hluttaw...

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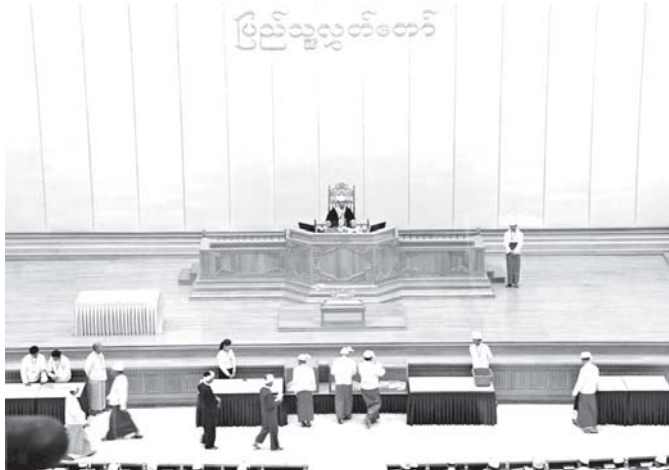
boxes before the Pyithu Hluttaw representatives-elect, and counted the ballots in accordance with related bylaws.

Numbers of the ballots won by vice-presidential candidates

ency, 38 votes, and 11 cancelled votes.

Therefore, Hluttaw Speaker announced that U Thein Sein of Zabuthiri Constituency was named Vice-President.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann announced that the name of U Thein Sein who was elected as Vice-



Pyithu Hluttaw representatives-elect cast secret votes for election of vice-president.—MNA

candidates as a vice-president. Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swar also cast ballots.

Next, staff members of Hluttaw Office opened the polling

were filled in Form (8). The list was submitted to the speaker for approval, and put on record. Of the two candidates, U Thein Sein of Zabuthiri Constituency won 276 votes, and U Saw Thein Aung of Hlaingbwe Constitu-

ents by the Group of Pyithu Hluttaw representatives-elect would be submitted to the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

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Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann announces that the name list of vice-president U Thein Sein will be submitted to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker.—MNA

Electoral College will hold the presidential election at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw at 10 am tomorrow, and the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

speaker's invitation of all Pyithu Hluttaw representatives to the election.

The Pyithu Hluttaw speaker announced the

conclusion of the second-day meeting of Pyithu Hluttaw representatives-elect. The meeting ended at 11.55 am.

MNA



Pyithu Hluttaw representatives-elect sign attendance book.
MNA

Photo shows the arrival of Pyithu Hluttaw representatives-elect to attend the meeting.
MNA

STI to confer certificates, hold talks on 13 Feb



YANGON, 3 Feb—STI Education will hold a ceremony to confer diplomas and certificates including diplomas and certificates of London Teacher Training College (LTTTC) based in London, Association of Managers and Administrators (AMA), Queensfield Business School (QBS) based in Singapore, courses of Diploma in Business Management, Diploma in Commodity Flow and

Production, and Diploma in Information and Business which are recognized by Australia, from 10 am to 12 noon on 13 February.

Those successful candidates who have not received invitation cards are requested to contact STI.

For more details, visit STI Education at 377, Shwemontha Street (Upper), Pabedan Township; or Room No. 7, Building No. 4, Myanmar Info-Tech, Hline Township, or dial 507048, 507151, 507152, 250056, 700273.—MNA



Green World to open marketing courses on 7 Feb

YANGON, 3 Feb — Green World – Academy of Marketing will commence its courses on Practical Retail Management, Marketing Fundamental, Integrated Marketing Communication and Consumer Behaviour in Yangon on 7th February.

Employees from the marketing companies and those who are interested in the retail market are

suitable to do the courses. The 16-hour courses are arranged to suit the employees working for offices.

Those wishing to do the courses may contact the academy at No.388/398, 4th Floor, Yoma Bank (Ahlon Branch) Building, Ph: 01-227032; 73114508.

MNA

HAILING THE 64th ANNIVERSARY UNION DAY:**Second Panglong conference verges upon the absurd***Maung Su San***National brethren
United we stand**

The theme of a motto depends on whether it carries enough institutions or not. It is to be convinced that First Panglong Conference was just a process to seek necessary institutions because at that time there were not enough institutions for independence. Now, there have been the State Constitution and three hluttaws (parliaments), thus indicating there have been all

necessary institutions. If there have been sufficient institutions, some mottos will become unreasonable and pointless.

From those facts, it can be deduced that the motto "Second Panglong conference" is irrational and illogical since the nation has already witnessed the constitution and three hluttaws. Any political issues can be submitted to the forum provided according to the constitution.

The constitution and the three hluttaws provide enough forums in which any hard talks can be held. To address issues of democratization and ethnic groups, which can be under discussion in these forums, rests on the strength of the nation and institutions. The constitution and the three hluttaws are, in reality, enough forums, so there is no need to set up any parallel forums. According to the objective conditions of the nation, political issues are to be addressed in conformity with the existing institutions. Despite enough institutions, some are claiming that they will have to hold second Panglong conference, which is a pretty silly thing to do. The constitution and the three hluttaws serve as the fundamental pillars where a

If one considers that there is no other way but to use official forums, one will notice that the motto "second Panglong conference" is quite nonsensical. For activists, many of the mottos are no longer consistent with prevailing conditions due to recent achievements. Therefore, they try an unrealistic agenda "second Panglong conference". Politics must be exercised in accordance with the constitution at hluttaws in peak condition. So, any types of mottos that do not comply with that point are inappropriate and impracticable. In fact, a political motto must reflect feasibility and comply to objective conditions. Today, lip service and high-flown language do not work at all, so things must be viewed objectively without stereotyped beliefs. In the term of power, that is paradigm transformation from monopoly of power to the sharing of power.

POEM**The 64th Anniversary**

- * Victory flag flying high
Whole nation in unison
In harmony and amity
Brethren of Union
Awakened and united
With force of unanimity
Marching forward in harmony
Independent golden land prospers
Entering the new age
A landmark in history
With heart and soul
Victory so glorious
Independent Myanmar reaches zenith
Ever loyal to country
Testimony of us Myanmar
- * Dawn of new age
Milestone of Myanmar
Striving in unity
Honouring we all
Auspicious Union Day
Unforgettable forever
Celebrated in whole country
The 64th Anniversary
Still firm is the Union

**Hailing the 64th Anniversary Union Day
Hnin Maung (Zigon) (Trs)**

large variety of public voices can be produced and heard. So, any others pillars except these pillars should not be used. I do not think that the motto intended to set up a parallel pillar is sensible. They should bear in mind that issues of ethnic minorities are to be addressed in line with the constitution in Pyithu Hluttaw, Amyotha Hluttaw and State or Region Hluttaw. To address issues of ethnic groups in a parallel forum is like the dream of an opium eater. That is merely an unrealistic idea.

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Second Panglong conference verges upon the absurd

Maung Su San

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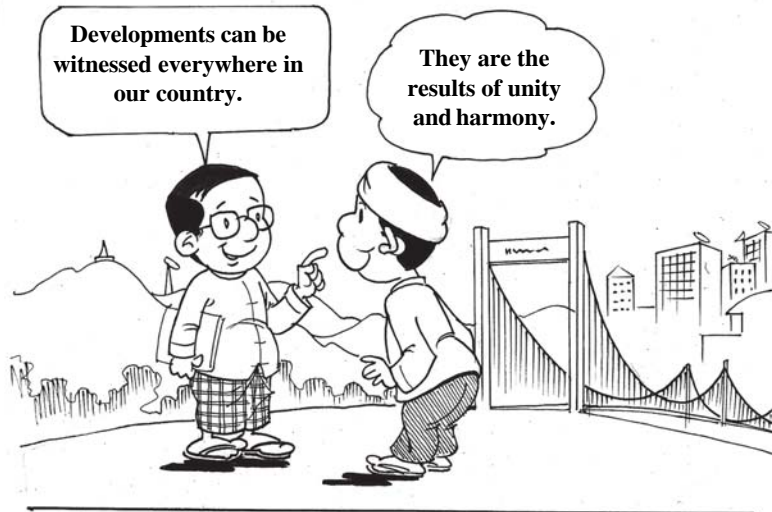
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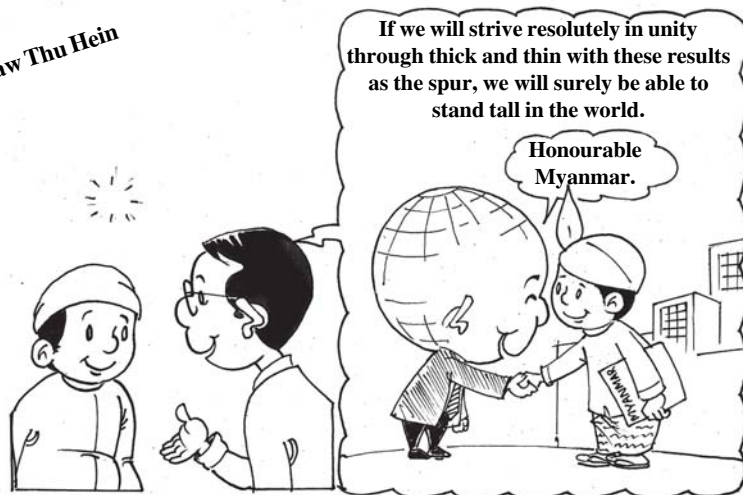
Objectives of 64th Anniversary Union Day (2011)

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

Results of unity and harmony



Kyaw Thu Hein



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Meeting of Amyotha Hluttaw...

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The speaker took position and supervised the meeting. Next, the speaker announced the validity and start of the meeting as it was attended by all 168 representatives-elect accounting for cent per cent attendance.

Then, the speaker announced the name of the two vice presidential

possessed presidential and vice presidential qualifications after they had been assessed by the scrutiny group. Then, the representatives-elect secretly cast their votes with ballot papers (Form-3) in the presence of the Speaker and the group of representatives-elect in order to elect vice president out of the two the nominees. In

Hluttaw Office counted the ballot papers from the ballot boxes in accord with the rules and regulations in the presence of the representatives-elect. Next, Form-8 was filled according to the number of votes the vice presidential nominees got, submitted to the speaker, signed and put on record. The number of votes got was 140 votes for Dr Sai Mauk Kham (a) Maung Ohn of Shan State



Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint announces that the name of Vice President-elect Dr Sai Mauk Kham (a) Maung Ohn would be submitted to the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.—MNA



Amyotha Hluttaw representatives-elect cast secret ballots to elect vice president.—MNA

nominees proposed by the representatives-elect on the first-day session of the meeting. Afterwards, he announced that the two vice presidential nominees were found to have

doing so, Speaker U Khin Aung Myint and Deputy Speaker U Mya Nyein secretly cast their ballots as well.

After the casting of votes, an official of

Constituency No.3, 27 votes for Dr Aye Maung of Rakhine State Constituency No.1 and one cancelled vote.

The speaker therefore announced that Dr

Sai Mauk Kham (a) Maung Ohn of Shan State Constituency No.3 had been elected vice president, who got the majority of votes. Then, the speaker announced that the name of Vice President-elect Dr Sai Mauk Kham (a) Maung Ohn would be submitted

to the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

The presidential election of Presidential Electoral College with Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives will take place at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Meeting Hall at 10 am on 4 February 2011 (Friday).

It is announced that the speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw invites all Amyotha Hluttaw representatives to be present.

Later, the speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw announced the end of the second-day meeting at 11.30 am.—MNA



Amyotha Hluttaw representatives-elect sign attendance book.

MNA



Photo shows arrival of Amyotha Hluttaw representatives-elect to attend the meeting.—MNA

Myaungmya BEHS-3 pays respects to teachers

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Feb—The second respect-paying ceremony of No.3 Basic Education High School of Myaungmya in Myaungmya District, Ayeyawady Region took

place at the school on 22 January.

The old students paid respects to 84 retired teachers at the ceremony. After that, school head Dr Tin Yu Yu Aye presented

certificates of honour to Col Tin Naing Tun (Retd) who donated two set of computers and the wellwishers who donated K 0.3 million for construction of school road.—MNA

Strategy First Institute to conduct diploma courses in March

YANGON, 3 Feb — Strategy First Institute will conduct general management diploma courses and triple major diploma courses of the United Kingdom's Institute of Commercial Management (ICM) in March.

The general management diploma courses includes the Diploma in Business Studies and the

Advanced Diploma in Business Studies. The triple Major Diploma includes the Diploma in Marketing and Advertising & Public Relations (MAPR). DipinMAPR which is the first marketing diploma in the country comprises five subjects — International Business Communication, Marketing, Advertising, Public Relations and Buyer Behaviour

and Consumerism.

The institute has planned to award two Full Tuition Fees Scholarships for applicants and students, aged from 17 to 21, who won at least five distinctions in the matriculation examination or those who won four As in IGCSE are eligible for the courses.

More information are available at Room No. 1005, Pngyan Tower, at the corner of Dhammazedi Road and Bargara Road, Sangyoung Tsp, Yangon, Ph: 539132 and 539135.

MNA

Depression becomes low pressure

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Feb—According to the observation at 10.30 hrs MST today, the depression over southwest and adjoining Sri Lanka Coast has weakened into a low pressure area still persist, announced the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.—MNA

Conflict, Instability cause mental illness in Somalia

NAIROBI, 3 Feb—Prolonged conflict and instability have largely impacted on the mental and psychological well-being of the Somali people, the UN health agency said on Wednesday.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), one in three Somalis has been affected by some kind of mental illness, a prevalence which is higher than in other low-income and war-torn countries.

To have a better understanding of the mental health services within the country, WHO in Somalia produced a mental health situation analysis.

The document groups all crucial information on mental health in Somalia and is the result of a participatory process, which has engaged stake-holders through desk review work, group discussions, data collection, and consultative meetings both done in Somalia and at Nairobi level.

“Taking care of mental health patients shows the communities that mental illnesses can be treated effectively, without stigmatizing the patients,” said Dr Marthe Everard, WHO Representative for Somalia.

Xinhua



Chinese President Hu Jintao (3rd R) shakes hands with a passenger as he visits a long-distance coach station, where he gives regards to volunteers and passengers, in Baoding City, north China's Hebei Province, on 1 Feb, 2011. Hu made a tour in Baoding from 1 to 2 Feb to welcome the Spring Festival, or China's Lunar New Year, with local officials and resident.—XINHUA



Police check an airplane after its emergency landing at Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia, on 31 Jan, 2011. A Philippine Airlines plane with more than 70 people on board made an emergency landing at Kota Kinabalu Airport on Monday due to a bomb scare.

XINHUA

Unemployment up sharply in January in Spain

MADRID, 3 Feb — Unemployment in Spain increased sharply in January, the Labour Ministry announced on Wednesday.

The number of jobless rose by 130,930 in January, a 3.19 percent increase, to a total of 4.23 million, according to the ministry.

The service sector was the hardest hit, with 105,080 people losing their jobs, followed by industry with 8,266 people, and construction with 5,275.

Spanish Secretary of State for Employment Mari Luz Rodriguez said the news was “bad,” but it did highlight the fact that January was traditionally a bad month for the labour market in Spain.

The Spanish government has predicted that unemployment might fall slightly in the first half of 2011 and improve at a faster pace in the second half of the year, which would end with the creation of around 100,000 jobs.—Xinhua

China to sell bullet train technology

BEIJING, 3 Feb — China is ready to sell its high-speed bullet train technology to other countries, authorities said.

“China is willing to export the high-speed rails technology to any country that wants to buy,” Wang Yongping, spokesperson of the ministry of railways, told *the Global Times*. “We own the most advanced technology of high-speed rails.”

The statement came after British daily *The Sunday Times* reported that Chinese-made bullet trains would hit the rails in Britain by 2025.

The bullet train, unveiled in December last year, can run at the speed of up to 486 km per hour.

The report said China's ambassador to Britain,

Liu Xiaoming, met with British ministers to discuss a deal and convinced them that China could supply the advanced trains at a much lower cost.

Britain needs 120 bullet trains for the 30 billion pounds (USD 47.6 billion) high-speed rail project that will connect London to other major cities, such as Manchester, in 2025, the report said.

The cost for 120 high-speed trains from Western producers, such as Siemens, Bombardier and Alstom is 4 billion pounds (USD 6.3 billion), but Chinese trains cost only half that, the report said.

Wang, however, declined to comment on negotiations with Britain.

Internet



A man surfs the internet looking for love at a cafe in Beijing in 2010. Chinese singles in the US now have an online match-making service to help them find love and marriage with others that share their culture and values.

INTERNET

New Sino-Russian pipeline delivers 1.3 mln tonnes of crude oil in 1st month

MOHE, 3 Feb — Some 1.318 million tonnes of crude oil had flowed through an oil pipeline from Russia's far-east to China by 31 Jan, a month after the pipeline began operating, an officer of the Chinese operator of the pipeline said. The pipeline, which originates in the Russian town of Skovorodino in the far-eastern Amur region, enters China at Mohe and terminates at Daqing City of northeast China's Heilongjiang Province.

The facility withstood the test of the severe coldness since it was put into operation on 1 Jan and no production accident has been reported so far, said Gou Hanghai, director of the Mohe administration station of the pipeline.

The pipeline remains a daily oil delivering capacity of 42,000 tonnes, he said. The 1,000-km-long pipeline will transport 15 million tonnes of crude oil from Russia to China per year from 2011 to 2030, according to an agreement signed between the two countries. Some 72 kilometres of the pipeline is in Russia and 927 kilometres of it is in China.—Xinhua



Photo taken on 2 Feb, 2011 shows fireworks illuminating the sky over Changsha, capital of central China's Hunan Province. A firework gala was held here to greet the Lunar New Year.

XINHUA

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Scientists have built an 'invisibility cloak' using crystals to split light.
INTERNET

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV HAL ADMIRALTY VOY NO (017)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV HAL ADMIRALTY VOY NO (017) are here by notified that the vessel will be arriving on 4.2.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.L.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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INVITATION TO TENDER

Sealed tenders are invited by the Department of Health, Central Medical Stores Depot for the supply of medical equipment.

Tender documents are available during office hours at the office of the Deputy Director (Medical Stores), Central Medical Stores Depot, No-57, Sakawa Road, Dagon Township, Yangon, commencing from (7.2.2011).

Sealed bids are to be submitted to the office of the Deputy Director (Medical Stores), Central Medical Stores Depot, not later than (22.2.2011) 14:00 hour, after which no bid will be accepted. No telegraphic/telex proposal will be accepted.

For detail information please contact the Deputy Director (Medical Stores) Phone No. 371969, 372362.

Central Medical Stores Depot
Department of Health

'Invisibility cloak' hides objects

LONDON, 3 Feb — Scientists have built an "invisibility cloak" that can hide everyday objects by splitting light. It's not quite on a par with Harry Potter's magic garment, but the "cloak", which is actually a lump of calcite crystal, can make objects like pins and paper clips disappear from sight.

Physicists from the University of Birmingham and colleagues from Imperial College, London, and Technical University of Denmark, said using the natural crystal enabled them to hide bigger objects than other researchers.

The team, led by Dr Shuang Zhang, from the university's school of physics and astronomy, glued two triangular pieces of calcite together, placed on a mirror.

The light enters the calcite and splits into two rays of different polarizations travelling at different speeds and in different directions. Although the cloak itself is

visible, it hides objects placed underneath it.

The researchers said the size of the cloaking area was not limited by the technology available but the size of the crystal and their experiments might pave the way to more devices which can hide much larger objects. Dr Zhang said: "This is a huge step forward as, for the first time, the cloaking area is rendered at a size that is big enough for the observer to 'see' the invisible object with the naked eye."

INTERNET



Filipino gold rabbits take the cake

LONDON, 3 Feb — Wealthy Chinese-Filipinos are snapping up rice cakes decorated with gold and diamonds to celebrate the Lunar New Year in the hope of attracting good luck in the Year of the Rabbit. The rabbit-shaped glutinous rice cakes sell for between

500 and 2,700 dollars and are covered with 24-carat gold foil and a few small diamonds.

The creator of the custom-baked sweets, Angelito Araneta Jr, says they are meant to attract wealth as well as secure good ties with friends and kin. Chinese-Filipinos traditionally share glutinous rice cakes with family and friends to celebrate the Lunar New Year, which falls on Thursday this year.— *Internet*

A rabbit-shaped sweet rice cake covered in edible gold leaf to welcome the Lunar New Year.— *INTERNET*

Yachts with champagne showers tempt the world's super-rich to Germany

BERLIN, 3 Feb — Fancy an ocean-going super yacht fitted with showers that spray champagne? Or perhaps a giant room-sized freezer so that guests can have snowball fights in the Bahamas? Germany now claims to be the best place to go shopping for such craft. Forget the recession, the global super-yacht business is booming. According to evidence gleaned by *Der Spiegel* magazine, Germany has become the world's top provider of luxury motor vessels for the ultra-rich, outstripping rival concerns in the Netherlands and Italy.

With a handful of specialist shipyards in the port cities of Hamburg and Bremen, it caters to a variety of exclusive customers such as Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen, Muammar Gaddafi's son, and the Russian owner of Chelsea FC, Roman Abramovich. "We have an unusual situation," said Michael Breman, the head of sales at the super-yacht builders Lürssen in Bremen whose luxury vessels start at \$50m (£43m). "Never has there been so much money available to spend on yachts."



Roman Abramovich's super-yacht 'Eclipse' in the shipyard in Hamburg.— *INTERNET*

Yacht builders say the demands of their super-rich customers are becoming increasingly eccentric. Clients demanded two helipads on one yacht, giant room-sized freezer compartments and even recording studios and operating theatres on others.— *Internet*

Male model was the real Mona Lisa

LONDON, 3 Feb — A male apprentice, long-time companion and possible lover of Leonardo da Vinci was the main influence and a model for the Mona Lisa painting, an Italian researcher said.

But Silvano Vinceti said the portrait also represented a synthesis of da Vinci's scientific, artistic and philosophical beliefs.

Because the artist worked on it at various intervals for many years, he was subjected to different influences and sources of inspiration, and the canvas was full of hidden symbolic meanings, he said. "The Mona Lisa must be read at various levels, not just as a portrait," Mr Vinceti said. The male model is one

FA official claims phone was hacked

LONDON, 3 Feb — A former football executive who knew sensitive information about England players and managers has launched legal action over allegations that his phone was illegally hacked by a private investigator working for Britain's biggest-selling newspaper. David Davies, a Football Association veteran who had three stints as acting chief executive of the game's governing body, confirmed he had begun High Court proceedings to force police to disclose information about the alleged interception of his messages by Glen Mulcaire for the 'News of the World'.— *Internet*

of many theories that have circulated over the decades about the identity of Mona Lisa and the meaning for her famously enigmatic smile.

Internet



Art historian Silvano Vinceti gestures as a photo of Italian artist Leonardo da Vinci's Mona Lisa painting is projected in background.— *INTERNET*

1,500-year-old church found in Israel



A view of a mosaic in the archaeological site where an ancient church was found in Hirbet Madras, central Israel, on 2 Feb, 2011.

Israeli archaeologists presented a newly uncovered 1,500-year-old church in the Judean hills on Wednesday, including an unusually well-preserved mosaic floor with images of lions, foxes, fish and peacocks.

The Byzantine church located southwest of Jerusalem, excavated over the last two months, will be visible only for another week before archaeologists cover it again with soil for its own protection.

The small basilica with an exquisitely decorated floor was active between the fifth and seventh centuries AD, said the dig's leader, Amir Ganor of the Israel Antiquities Authority. He said the floor was "one of the most beautiful mosaics to be uncovered in Israel in recent years."

"It is unique in its craftsmanship and level of preservation," he said.

Eldest Cuban woman turns 126

Juana Bautista de la Candelaria Rodriguez, the eldest person in Cuba, celebrated her 126th birthday on Wednesday in good health, the official *Prensa Latina* news agency said.

Rodriguez lives in her birth town of Campechuela in the eastern Granma Province. According to local authorities and her relatives, she was born on 2 Feb, 1885. An original document of the Campechuela Civil Registry confirms her age.

With three children including two having been dead, six grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren, Rodriguez said her long life is due to pure country air, rich diet and a "heart always full of love for her fellows."



A Japanese magician performs magic tricks with an iPad in Tokyo, Japan, on 1 Feb, 2011.

News Album

Cab concept car includes mini-fridge

Turkish car company Karsan said its entry for New York's "Taxi of Tomorrow" competition includes a mini-fridge and charging ports for mobile devices. Karsan said its concept car, which will compete against submissions from Ford and Nissan, also includes adjustable headrests, an intercom for communicating with the driver, reading lights and receipt-printing equipment, the *New York Post* reported Wednesday.

The *New York* Taxi and Limousine Commission said the winner of the "Taxi of Tomorrow" contract will design cabs for the city for more than 10 years. The winner is not expected to be announced for several months.



Models pose with the world's most popular "Ken" doll turning 50 years-old during the press preview of the 62nd International Toy Fair in Nuremberg on 2 Feb, 2011. More than 2,640 exhibitors from over 60 countries worldwide will present their new toy products from 3 Feb to 8 Feb, 2011.

US actress Lindsay Lohan accused of necklace theft



Actress Lindsay Lohan.

LOS ANGELES, 3 Feb— Troubled US actress Lindsay Lohan was accused of stealing a 2,500-dollar necklace from a Southern California jewelry store and she is likely to face the law again, media outlets reported

Wednesday.

Lohan, 24, tried the necklace on in a high-end jewelry store shortly before it went missing, the *Los Angeles Times* reported. Investigators have the video of the starlet wearing the missing piece of jewelry inside the store, they told a Los Angeles court.

The investigators obtained a warrant to search Lohan's Venice residence. Before they could be able to serve the warrant, one of Lohan's aides turned it in to police.

Lohan denied any wrongdoings, claiming that the person filing the complaint was "nuts," gossip website TMZ.com reported.—Xinhua



Actress Carey Mulligan.

Carey Mulligan finds new love

LOS ANGELES, 3 Feb —Actress Carey Mulligan seems to have moved on from her spilt with actor Shia LaBeouf as she was spotted taking a romantic stroll with her new boyfriend.

The 25-year-old was spotted hanging out with British actor Eddie Redmayne in New York's Midtown, reports usmagazine.com.

Dressed in a plaid shirt, skinny jeans and brown brogue shoes, Mulligan clung to the 29-year-old's arm as they braved the city's winter weather.

"They look really happy together," said a source.

Internet



Models present creations of classic wedding garments during a wedding garment show in Kiev, capital of Ukraine, on Feb. 2, 2011. —XINHUA



A model presents a creation by designer Andre Lima during the closing day of 2011-2012 Fall-Winter collections of the Sao Paulo Fashion Week in Sao Paulo, Brazil, on 2 Feb, 2011. —XINHUA

Final Oscar ballots mailed to voting members

LOS ANGELES, 3 Feb—The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (AMPAS) has mailed final ballots for the 83rd Academy Awards to the 5,755 voting members, the Academy said on Wednesday.

Completed ballots must be returned to PricewaterhouseCoopers by 5 pm Tuesday, on 22 February, according to the Academy. Ballots received after the deadline will not be counted.

Nominees in 19 Awards categories were listed on the ballots. Ballots for the remaining five categories including documentary feature, documentary short subject, foreign Language film, animated short film and live action short film will be distributed after verification of mandatory member attendance at screenings, AMPAS said.

When the tabulation of the votes is complete, the winners' names will be placed in sealed envelopes to be opened at the awards presentation held 27 Feb at the Kodak Theatre.

Xinhua

United legend Gary Neville retires

LONDON, 3 Feb — Manchester United defender Gary Neville has retired from football with immediate effect, the player announced on Wednesday. Veteran full-back Neville, who turns 36 later this month, has not played since Premier League leaders United's victory away to West Bromwich Albion on New Year's Day. Neville, a one club man, made 602 appearances for United, scoring seven goals, and also won 85 England caps. "I have been a Manchester United fan all my life and fulfilled every dream I've ever had," Neville said in a United statement. "Obviously I am disappointed that my playing days are at an end, however it comes to us all, and it's knowing when that time is and for me that time is now. "I have played

in the most incredible football teams, playing with some of the best players in the world as well as against them and I have been lucky to have been part of the team's achievements and the club's great success."—*Internet*



Manchester United's English defender Gary Neville(L), has retired from football with immediate effect, the player announced on Wednesday.— INTERNET

Adebayor nets first goal as Real reach Kings Cup final

MADRID, 3 Feb — Real Madrid will face arch rivals Barcelona in a mouth-watering Kings Cup final after Jose Mourinho's Madrid side defeated holders Sevilla 2-0 at the Santiago Bernabeu on Wednesday to reach their first final since 2004. Togo forward Emmanuel Adebayor scored his first Real goal deep in stoppage time to add to an 81st minute strike from German international midfielder Mesut Ozil, as Real won the semi-final tie 3-0 on aggregate and eased the pressure on coach Mourinho.



Real Madrid's Togolese forward Emmanuel Adebayor (Top R) reacts after scoring during the Spanish King's Cup (Copa del Rey) semifinal second-leg football match Real Madrid CF vs Sevilla FC at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid.— INTERNET

The Portuguese now has the chance to win his first trophy with the club by lifting Madrid's first Kings Cup since 1993. The two powerhouses of Spanish football, Real and Barcelona, will face off in the final with Mourinho hoping to fare better than in the league when

his side lost 5-0 to Barcelona at Camp Nou. Barcelona defeated Almeria 3-0 on Wednesday to cruise into their second final in three seasons with an 8-0 aggregate win.— *Internet*

Belichick wins 3rd Coach of Year honour

DALLAS, 3 Feb — Bill Belichick is closing in on Don Shula. The New England coach Bill Belichick won *The Associated Press* 2010 NFL Coach of the Year award on Wednesday, the third time

Belichick has earned the honour. Belichick, who also won in 2003 and 2007, now trails only Don Shula, a four-time winner of the award.

For leading the Patriots to a 14-2 record, the best in the league, Belichick received 30 votes from a nationwide panel of 50 media members who regularly cover the NFL. That easily beat Raheem Morris, who led a turnaround in Tampa Bay and got 11 1/2 votes. Belichick has overseen a transition in New England to a younger team, particularly on defense.



New England Patriots head coach Bill Belichick

Internet

Chambery amateurs continue dream French Cup run

PARIS, 3 Feb — Fifth division amateurs Chambery continued their dream French Cup run on Wednesday, a 2-1 victory over Sochaux seeing them progress into the quarter-finals.

Paris Saint Germain, however, safely negotiated their potential banana skin, a Guillaume Hoarau hat-trick guiding the Parisians to a 4-1 win over fourth tier Martigues.

The poor showing of First Division clubs in this season's edition did not let up as Sochaux were joined by Nancy in exiting the competition as they were beaten 2-1 by Second Division Le Mans

League leaders Lille and Nice, though, managed to scrape through to the last eight as the former edged Second Division Nantes on penalties, while Nice beat tiny Drancy 1-0. It leaves just four left with a hope of lifting the trophy.— *Internet*

Chievo dent Napoli title hopes, Juve lose again

ROME, 3 Feb — Mid-table Chievo put a huge dent in second-placed Napoli's Serie A title hopes as they completed the double over their opponents this season with a 2-0 win in Verona on Wednesday.

And the pressure is mounting on Juventus coach Luigi Delneri as his team lost for the fifth time in eight games since the turn of the year with a 2-1 reverse at Palermo.

Davide Moscardelli and Gennaro Sardo scored the goals to down an out of sorts Napoli who dropped to five points off leaders AC Milan, who drew 0-0 with Lazio on Tuesday.

Napoli coach Walter Mazzarri had warned his team before the game that they always struggle



Chievo's forward Davide Moscardelli celebrates after scoring against Napoli during their Italian Serie A football match at Bentegodi stadium in Verona.— INTERNET

against Chievo, and they had already been beaten 3-1 at home, but the players didn't heed his advice.— *Internet*



Suarez debut delights Liverpool manager Dalglish



Liverpool's Argentinian forward Luis Suarez

LIVERPOOL, 3 Feb — Liverpool manager Kenny Dalglish promised more to come from Luis Suarez after revealing the Uruguay striker had not even trained with his new side before marking his Premier League debut with a goal. Suarez ensured Liverpool supporters, dejected by the loss of Fernando Torres to Chelsea on Monday, had a new

hero after coming off the substitutes' bench to score in the 2-0 victory over Stoke at Anfield here on Wednesday.

The £22.6 million signing from Dutch side Ajax gave Reds fans disheartened by a season of under-achievement reason to be hopeful after rounding keeper Asmir Begovic and although Andy Wilkinson got a boot to the striker's shot, he could only help it into the net off the post. Suarez is now in line to start Liverpool's game with Chelsea on Sunday after an eye-catching 27 minute display.— *Internet*

City rocked by spot-on Gardner

BIRMINGHAM, 3 Feb — Manchester City's title challenge was left hanging by a thread after Craig Gardner struck late on to earn Birmingham a 2-2 draw at St Andrew's which boosted their survival hopes on Wednesday. Nikola Zigic had cancelled out Carlos Tevez's early opener before the visitors, who saw Micah Richards carried off on a stretcher,

regained the lead with a brilliant free-kick from Aleksandar Kolarov shortly before half-time.

Having themselves been denied a strong penalty claim, City then lost the lead for a second time when Patrick Vieira fouled Kevin Phillips inside the area and Gardner drove home the resulting penalty with 13 minutes remaining. For Roberto Mancini's team, Manchester United's lead at the top now looks insurmountable with the table-toppers eight points clear with a game in hand, while, for Alex McLeish's team it was a precious point in their battle to beat the drop.— *Internet*

Manchester City's Argentinian player Carlos Tevez (R) runs with the ball as Birmingham City's Craig Gardner (L) closes in during the Premiership football match at St. Andrews in Birmingham.— INTERNET

SPORTS

Shock exit for Spanish heart throb Lopez

JOHANNESBURG, 3 Feb — Top seed and Spanish heart throb Feliciano Lopez made a shock first round exit from the South African Open on Wednesday after losing a three-set thriller to Canadian Frank Dancevic. The 26-year-old victor, ranked 201 places below the defending champion, won 6-7 (5/7), 6-2, 7-6 (10/8) in a match interrupted by rain for two hours during an absorbing final set.

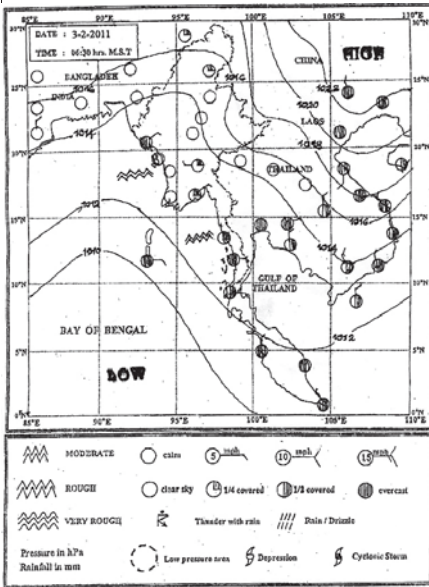
"I am very happy and having fun. The fact that most of the crowd were behind Feliciano did not bother me because I was focused on the match and



Top seed and Spanish heart throb Feliciano Lopez

nothing else. Maybe they will support me now," said Dancevic. On a bad day for seeds, third Janko Tipsarevic of Serbia lost 7-6 (7/4), 4-6, 6-7 (4/7) to Jesse Huta Galung of the Netherlands and seventh Rainer Schuettler of Germany fell 6-3, 4-6, 4-6 to Japanese Go Soeda.— *Internet*

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Thursday, 3rd February, 2011

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T.
 During the past 24 hours, weather has been generally fair in Lower Sagaing and Magway Regions, Chin, Rakhine and Kayah States and partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below February average temperatures in Upper Sagaing Region and Shan State, (5°C) below February average temperatures in Kachin and Chin States, (4°C) above February average temperature in Bago Region and Mon State and about February average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant night temperatures were Haka (1°C), Pinlaung (2°C), Lashio and Heho (3°C) each, Namhsan and Putao (4°C) each.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 2-2-2011 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 3-2-2011 was 59°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 3-2-2011 was (73%). Rainfall on 3-2-2011 was (Nil).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 2-2-2011 was 93°F. Minimum temperature on 3-2-2011 was 66°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 3-2-2011 was (76%). Total sunshine hours on 2-2-2011 was (8.6) hours (Approx).

Rainfall on 3-2-2011 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (1.97) inches at Mingaladon, (1.89) inches at Kaba-Aye and

(3.54) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Southeast at (11:30) hours MST on 2-2-2011.

Bay Inference: According to the observations at (10:30) hrs MST today, the depression over Southwest Bay of Bengal weakened into a low pressure area and it is centered near the Southwest Bay of Bengal and adjoining SRILANKA Coast. Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 4th February 2011: Light rain are likely to be isolated in Taninthayi Region and Kachin State, weather will be partly cloudy in Upper Sagaing, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Chin, Shan, Rakhine and Mon States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Strong 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: Possibility of isolated light of rain in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 4-2-2011: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 4-2-2011: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 4-2-2011: Generally fair weather.

SW China airport resumes normal operations after 2 days of heavy fog

CHENGDU, 3 Feb— Shuangliu International Airport in southwest China's Sichuan Province resumed normal operations early Thursday after heavy fog the previous two days caused flight disruptions.

More than 200 inbound and outbound flights were delayed, canceled or diverted after fog began to shroud many Sichuan cities early Tuesday.

The fog left 24,000 travelers stranded at the airport, resulting in many failing to return to their homes before Wednesday, the eve of the Lunar New Year, China's most important festival.

Airport authorities launched an emergency response and rescheduled flights in response to the disruption.

Normal airport operations resumed at 4:26 am. Xinhua



Performers wearing costumes of the Qing Dynasty (1644-1911) act during a performance presenting the ancient royal heaven worship ceremony in the Tiantan Park (Temple of Heaven) in Beijing, capital of China, on 3 Feb, 2011, on the occasion of the Chinese Lunar New Year of Rabbit.

XINHUA

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (4-2-2011) (Friday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am-11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission	- (4-2-11 09:30 am ~ 5-2-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Caves of Myanmar
- * News
- * MOSA 8th Annual General Meeting
- * Let's Go and Enjoy Nature's Beauty
- * Fine Arts Podium "Open-ended Drum"
- * News
- * Shwe Than Lwin Home For Aged
- * News
- * Live Concert
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- * News
- * Today's Efficient Youth (Indonesian In't School)
- * "Easily Cooked & Tasty Dishes" Mutton Curry
- * News
- * Working & Living in Myanmar (Fishery)
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Culture Stage
- * Myaing Hay Wun Elephant Camp
- * News
- * Environmental Conservation from the Myanmar Cultural Perspective
- * Myanmar Movies
- * "Implicated Attachment"



Friday, 4 February View on today

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

- 7:50 am**
5. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:00 am**
6. Health Programme
- 8:10 am**
7. The Mirror Images Of The Musical Oldies
- 8:20 am**
8. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition
- 8:25 am**
9. Teleplay (Traffic)
- 8:30 am**
10. (64)th Anniversary Union Day Programme
- 8:40 am**
11. International News
- 8:45 am**
12. Musical Programme

- 4:00 pm**
1. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm**
2. Songs Of Yester Years
- 4:20 pm**
3. Song Of National Races
- 4:30 pm**
4. 2011 University Entrance Examination (Myanmar Sar)
- 5:00 pm**
5. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 5:10 pm**
6. Documentary

- 5:20 pm**
7. (64)th Anniversary Union Day Programme
- 5:30 pm**
8. Yoetha Phyu Sin Kalaydoeathwin
- 6:00 pm**
9. Evening News
- 6:15 pm**
10. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm**
11. Internet Garden
- 7:00 pm**
12. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm**
13. News
14. International News
15. Weather Report
16. Just For Laughs (Gags Asia)
17. TV Drama Series
18. Song Lover

- ★ 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

Meeting of Amyotha Hluttaw representatives-elect group of Presidential Electoral College resumes

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Feb—The second-day meeting of Amyotha Hluttaw representatives-elect group of Presidential Electoral College was held at 10 am today at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here. It was attended by Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and Amyotha Hluttaw representatives-elect from Regions and States.

(See page 10)



The second-day meeting of Amyotha Hluttaw representatives-elect group of Presidential Electoral College in progress.—MNA

Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, 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

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POEM
The 64th Anniversary
* Victory flag flying high
Whole nation in unison
In harmony and amity
Brethren of Union

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