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All national races like a stem with one hundred fruits

World anthropologists have recognized that of the anthropoid primates excavated around the world, the primate discovered in the Union of Myanmar dates back to the period about 40 million years ago. The Union is home to all the national races, like a stem with one hundred fruits in it. Therefore, the long history of the Union of Myanmar is the same, that of the national races.



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 63rd Anniversary Union Day)

Kayin State gaining development momentum in the time of State Peace and Development Council

Colourful Kayin State

Situated in the southeastern part of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Kayin State has an area of 11730.85 square miles. Such national races as Kayin, Pa-O, Mon, Bamar, Rakhine, Shan and so on are living in Kayin State in unity and harmony. Kayin State is formed with plains, mountains and forests. From north to south, mountains stretch in the east of Kayin State and plains cover the west.

Thanlwin, Thaugrin, Ahtayan, and Gyaing rivers flow through Kayin State which has spectacular mountains, and plains and is rich in land

and water resources. Kayin State lagged behind in development due to instability, but nevertheless, the Government managed to restore stability in the state and has built infrastructures one after another working day and night.

Without bridges across Thanlwin, Ahtayan and Gyaing rivers, Kayin State once experienced poor transportation. However, transportation has become smooth along with swift commodity flow thanks to emergence of bridges across those rivers. Kayin State previously had only over 1,000 miles

of motor roads which has now been extended to over 3,000 miles. With regard to education, a college had been the sole place for local youths to pursue higher education, but at present a university, a University of Computer Studies and a Technological University have been founded in the region with a view to turning out intellectuals and intelligentsia in the region. Kayin State also has seen remarkable progress in healthcare service.

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Technological University (Hpa-an) nurturing local youths in Kayin State to become technocrats who will serve the interest of the State and the people.

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Magway Region poised to enjoy greater development

Smooth transport boosts trade, education, health care and social affairs. With this concept, the government has been building new roads, railroads and bridges across the Union including far-flung areas.

Edible oil crops, beans and pulses and crops are abundant in Magway Region that has many plains with fertile soil. Previously, its commodity flow was slow owing to poor transport.

Now, the region enjoys swift commodity flow, seeing a large number of bridges, large and small, including those spanning the river Ayeyawady, and Patheingyi-Monywa Road, along with railroad networks including, roads that pass through Yoma mountain ranges and inter-district roads.

Daungmya Creek Bridge, built by Public Works, was put into service on 5 February. The 1758 feet long facility on Yangon-Pyay-Magway-Mandalay Road is the 255th among the above-180-foot long bridges built by the Ministry of Construction in the nation and the 21st in Magway Region.

Before the bridge was constructed, vehicles had to wait till the water in the creek flowed away to cross the waterway whenever it rained. Thanks to the bridge, Magway in Magway Region has direct access to Bagan-NyaungU as well as Yangon, Mandalay and Nay Pyi Taw through Myingyan-Natogyi Road and Yangon-Mandalay Expressway.

In addition, local people will be able to travel with convenience to Rakhine State and other regions in all weather conditions through Magway-Minbu-An Road. With swift commodity flow, Magway Region is poised to enjoy greater development in the economic, education, health care and social affairs soon.

Dip in BA at MAMT



YANGON, 7 Feb— Myanmar Academy of Management & Technology will open diploma course in business administration conferred by Central Institute of Technology (Central TAFE) of Australia in the last week of March.

As Australian qualified educator and examiner Steven R Sunthang will give lectures as well as examine the

trainees, trainees do not need to sit for exams of embassies.

Dip in BA course is eligible to those who are preparing to sit for matriculation exam and undergraduates and those with spoken English proficiency. For further information, contact MAMT at No. 7/189-195, Pansodan Tower, Pansodan Street (Middle Block), Kyauktada Township, here, Ph: 01-73139390, 391069, email: info@mamtyangon.com

and website: www.mamtyangon.com.—MNA

People's Desire

- * 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

U Kyaw Tin accredited to Canada

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Feb— The Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Kyaw Tin, Director-General of the Political Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to Canada.—MNA

Coord meeting for boosting agricultural produce held

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Feb—Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation held a coordination meeting for boosting agricultural produce, at the ministry here this afternoon.

At the meeting, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo made a speech. He said that it is important to know actual condition of agricultural sector for boosting agricultural produce and actual figures of sown acreage of crops and harvest, per acre yield and total yield. If so, food sufficiency, surplus and target to produce marketable crops would be carried out. Officials concerned are to make field to their posting areas

Ambassador U Thant Kyaw presents credential to President of European Council

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Ambassador U Thant Kyaw presents credential to President of European Commission

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Feb— Ambassador U Thant Kyaw, Head of the Mission of the Union of Myanmar to the European Union, presented his Credentials to the President of the European Commission, His Excellency Mr Jose Manuel Barroso, on 28 January 2011, in Brussels.—MNA

so as to provide necessary assistances for increasing agricultural produce. In conclusion, the minister urged to sharpen the skills of staff and to carry out welfare programme.—MNA



Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo addresses coordination meeting on boosting agricultural produce.—MNA

Hospitality Operation & Service Course at Star Resources

YANGON, 7 Feb—Star Resources Hospitality Management Academy will open Hospitality Operation & Service Course for those wishing to work in hotels, restaurants and cruisers in the third week of this month.

The three-month course covers hotel operation, customer service, F&B service, housekeeping operation with on-job-training at local hotels. The academy will also open international hospitality management course, IELTS foundation course and preparation course in the third week of this month.

Those interested are to enroll at the academy, Room No. 302, Building. 267, Pyay Road, Myenigon, Sangyoun Township, Ph: 01-523623, 523200, 095020302.—MNA

Basic Remote Sensing System course on 19 Feb

YANGON, 7 Feb—Myanmar Credit Technology will conduct four-day course on Basic Remote Sensing System, at e-learning center of Myanmar Computer Federation in Myanmar Info-Tech, Hline Township, here, on 19 February.

The course is useful for estimation of crops yield in agriculture sector, watershed areas calculation for irrigation, production of 3-D digital elevation model, environmental impact Assessment-EIA for environmental conservation, collecting metrological and hydrological data and much more.

For more information, contact Myanmar Credit Technology, Building-1, Room-7 in Myanmar Info-Tech and dial 652285 and 652286. Those wishing to attend the course are to register not later than 16 February.—MNA

Wildfires wreck 41 Australian homes

PERTH, 7 Feb—Wildfires in western Australia have destroyed at least 41 homes, officials said Monday, stressing that the number could rise with the flames roaring out of control.

Heat and high winds triggered by last week's ferocious Cyclone Yasi fed two major blazes in the west coast city of Perth at the weekend, with strong gusts grounding water bombing aircraft and creating fast and erratic flames. "Unfortunately it appears that we have lost 41 houses at this stage totally, and 19 partially damaged," said fire chief Craig Hynes.

"That number could

increase," he added as damage assessment teams fanned out.

Hynes said there had been no serious injuries or fatalities at this stage but cautioned that authorities were yet to bring the fires under control.

Both were burning in heavily vegetated areas on the city outskirts in rugged terrain that was difficult to access except by air.—Internet



In this Sunday, 6 Feb, 2011, photo provided by the Fire and Emergency Services Authority of Western Australia, Gosnell bushfire brigade battles a fire at the rear of a house in the Perth, suburb of Roleystone, Australia. One firefighter was injured and several people were treated for smoke inhalation.—INTERNET

Four Roma children die in Italy fire

ROME, 7 Feb— Four children aged between three and 11 years old died Sunday in a fire at an illegal Roma camp on the outskirts of the Italian capital, officials said.

"The bodies were half burned," a fire service spokesman said.

The ages of the victims were three, five, seven and 11, said the spokesman, adding that the remains of what was feared to be a fifth child turned out to be those of a small animal.

The fire started at 8:30 pm (1930 GMT) in an illegal encampment along a route that runs southeast out of the city, said Italy's ANSA news agency. The cause is under investigation.

The family, with seven members total, lived in one of five makeshift shacks in a camp that authorities had torn down several times, only to see it rebuilt by the Roma.

"These damn illegal camps have been cleared out of Rome," the city's mayor Gianni Alemanno told reporters as he visited the site.

Campaigners say thousands of Roma live in and around the capital, most of them in illegal constructions, which city authorities last year pledged would be shut down.—Internet



A burnt shack at a Roma camp on the outskirts of Rome. Four children aged between three and 11 years old died Sunday in a fire at an illegal Roma camp on the outskirts of the Italian capital, officials said.—INTERNET

S Korea police confident over Somali pirates



Suspected Somali pirates are escorted by police to a court in the South Korean port city of Busan.—INTERNET

commandos stormed the hijacked ship, and the victim was also hit by one navy bullet. The five were captured during the dramatic raid in the Arabian Sea on 21 January and flown to South Korea's port city of Busan last week to face a police investigation and possible trial.

The case will now be handed over to state prosecutors, who are responsible for bringing formal charges. Attempted murder can be punishable by life imprisonment.

Seok, 58, remains in hospital in South Korea in critical condition after surgery. His ship, the 11,500-ton *Samho Jewelry*, was seized on 15 January. Kim Chung-Kyu, chief of the maritime police's Busan office, said they have enough evidence to prove their charges, including testimony from the Somalis and from crew members who were held hostage on the ship.—Internet

Two injured in twin blasts in Karachi, Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 7 Feb—Two women were injured when two low intensity blasts jolted two police stations in southern Pakistani city of Karachi on Monday, local sources said.

According to police, the militants targeted two police stations located in business hub of Lee Market and Malir in the southern and eastern part of the metropolis.

In the first blast at the Lee Market, a house nearby police station was partially damaged in which two women were injured.

The second blast took place near Shah Latif police station, Malir. Police, law enforcement agencies and rescue teams rushed to the sites and cordoned off the areas.

The blasts damaged the outer walls of both police stations, witnesses said.

Xinhua

A police officer takes position during an operation to take control of the Morro dos Prazeres Slum in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Sunday, on 6 Feb, 2011.

INTERNET



Police seize Rio slums without resistance

RIO DE JANEIRO, 7 Feb— Hundreds of police and military troops early Sunday occupied nine slums in central Rio de Janeiro that had been in the hands of drug traffickers, in the first such operation since November.

The nearly 1,000 civilian, military and federal police backed by 17 armored vehicles, four amphibian vehicles and marine riflemen faced little opposition in the two-hour operation that kicked off at dawn, officials said.

"The situation is calm and we have completed the first part of the operation — controlling the territory," military spokesman Colonel Lima Castro

told CBN radio. The security forces were also launching a month-long search for weapons and drugs in the now occupied shantytowns home to some 26,000 inhabitants, part of a plan by authorities to regain control of Rio's slums.

The city, known for both its beauty and its endemic violence, is the scheduled venue for both the 2014 World Cup and the 2016 Olympic Games.

A first counternarcotics operation was launched in November in the Complexo de Alemao favelas, a bastion of drug traffickers in northern Rio vanquished by 2,600 police and military troops.

Internet

Afghan forces kill one militant, wound two and detain four

KABUL, 7 Feb— Afghan forces killed one militant, wounded two and detained four others on Sunday, a Press release of the Defence Ministry released here Monday said.

"One militant was killed and two others sustained injuries as the Afghan soldiers came in contact with militants in Marja District of Helmand Province yesterday," the Press release added. Two personnel of Afghan national army sustained injuries while the troops also captured four militants, the Press release said. Marja District a former bastion of Taleban militants was captured by Afghan and NATO-led troops in February 2010. However, the Taleban fighters' tactic, occasionally target security forces in Marja District and run away.—Xinhua



Science

Low-orbit space plane may test in 2012

BOULDER, 7 Feb—A Colorado company's space plane could carry astronauts into low Earth orbit in a test next year, NASA says.

The space agency, Sierra Nevada Space Systems of Denver and the University of Colorado trumpeted their partnership in Boulder Saturday, *The Denver Post* reported.

Sierra Nevada received \$20 million from NASA's Com-

mercial Crew Development Programme Space Systems to develop the Dream Chaser, which will be able to carrying seven passengers into orbit.

Deputy NASA Administrator Lori Garver said the programme proved "that the government doesn't need to fund everything itself and that we don't have the answer to every question."

Sierra Nevada said

the project is ahead of schedule and it hopes to test the Dream Chaser in May 2012.

The company has been testing a scale model at the university, with students' help.

"To have a chance to have hands-on experience while you're still in school, that is indeed a dream come true," said Luis Zea, who is helping design the cockpit.

Internet

Pollutants may threaten Mexico's Coast

WASHINGTON, 7 Feb—Pharmaceuticals, pesticides, chemical run-off from highways and many other pollutants infiltrate the giant aquifer under Mexico's "Riviera Maya," a new study shows.

The report published in the journal *Environmental Pollution* argues that the waste contaminates a vast labyrinth of water-filled caves under the popular tourist destination on the Yucatan Peninsula.

The polluted water flows through the caves and into the Caribbean Sea. This pollution may have contributed to the loss since 1990 of up to 50 percent of corals on the reefs off the region's



This image obtained from the American Association for the Advancement of Science shows a sinkhole in Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula.—INTERNET

coast, the report said. And, with a 10-fold increase in population through 2030 expected, the problems are likely to worsen, the study noted.

"These findings clearly underline the need for monitoring systems to pinpoint where these aquifer pollutants are coming from," said Chris Metcalfe, senior research fellow of the United Nations University's Canadian-based Institute for Water, Environment and Health.

"As well, prevention and mitigation measures are needed to ensure that expanding development does not damage the marine environment and human health and, in turn, the region's tourism-based economy," Metcalfe added.—Internet



Ghanian football fans watch a televised match through a bamboo wall in a bar in Kumasi in 2008. The sight of tall, green bamboo stalks swaying above the dusty lands of his west African country led Ibrahim Djan Nyampong to an unusual conclusion: bicycles.—INTERNET

Researchers publish lionfish cookbook

KEY LARGO, 7 Feb—Marine researchers and the US government say they developed a new way to cope with the proliferation of the lionfish — by eating them "out of existence."

The non-native lionfish has no natural predators and the fish population is growing at an alarming rate, *The Daily Telegraph* reported.

Marine conservationists have published a glossy recipe book they hope will increase the demand for the lionfish's soft, white, buttery flesh.

The lionfish is a non-native predator that is known for its appetite and its ability to destroy aquatic life on reefs in the Caribbean and along the Atlantic Coast.

"The danger that lionfish pose for the marine ecosystem can't be overstated. They are a critical threat," said Alecia Adamson, field operations and outreach coordinator for the Reef Environmental Education Foundation in Key Largo, Fla, which created the recipe book.

Internet



Technology

Google CEO says wants to avoid long EU probe

LONDON, 7 Feb—Google Inc wants to avoid a lengthy legal battle with European Union regulators investigating its market dominance, the *Sunday Telegraph* quoted its chief executive as saying.

"We certainly want to avoid that," Eric Schmidt told the paper in an interview. "I think it is in our interests and I would hope in their interests to do a quick analysis of concerns that have been raised by competitors, hopefully they are minor or they are not correct."

"We'll find out and make sure we are operating well within the law and the spirit of the law."

Brussels launched a formal investigation into Google in November following complaints from European rivals that it was abusing its dominant



People ride their bikes past Google Inc headquarters in Mountain View, California, on 8 May, 2008. INTERNET

position in the market for web search services.

A previous EU investigation into software giant Microsoft snowballed into a 10-year legal battle in which the company paid 1.68 billion euros (\$2.3 billion) in fines.—Reuters

China has 130,000 registered cyber cafes by 2010

BEIJING, 7 Feb—China had around 130,000 registered Internet cafes by the end of last year, an official with the State Administration for Industry and Commerce said Sunday.

More than 100,000 unlicensed cyber cafes were shut down over the past five years during a crackdown on Internet pornography and violence, he said.

Local authorities had raised the entry threshold for Internet cafes and stepped up monitoring of entertainment venues, especially cyber cafes and video game halls, to protect children, the official said.

China's population of Internet users jumped 19 percent to 457 million last year, according to the China Internet Network Information Centre.

Xinhua

Nokia likely to sack several executives

FRANKFURT, 7 Feb—The world's biggest cellphone maker Nokia is likely to sack several executive board members in a management shake-up, a German weekly reported.

As rival companies have been eating into Nokia's market share, Chief Executive Officer Stephen Elop, who took over last September, is due to unveil a revamp of the company's strategy, which could include organizational changes, on 11 February.

Citing company sources, German weekly *Wirtschaftswoche* reported on Saturday that Mary T McDowell, the executive in charge of Nokia's mobile phones unit, may have to leave the company along with Niklas Savander, the manager of the markets unit.

Chief Development Officer Kai Oistamo may

have to go, too, as may Tero Ojanpera, the manager responsible for services and mobile solutions, the weekly reported.

Elop has ordered headhunters to look for top people with good software expertise, the report said.

A Nokia spokesman declined to comment.

Elop has been widely expected to make big changes to the top management team. So far, only one former leader, Anssi Vanjoki, has left the company.

Nokia has been left in the shade by high-end competitors such as Apple and Google and is now also suffering a drop in sales of its stronghold of traditional phones as Chinese manufacturers muscle in to take advantage of the growing market.

Reuters



Russian President Dmitry Medvedev chats with Russian Orthodox Church Patriarch Kirill during the Assembly of Russian Orthodox Church Hierarchs in the Kremlin on Thursday.—INTERNET

Health

Overcooking broccoli hurts health benefit

URBANA, 7 Feb—A US researcher says overcooking broccoli may hinder its cancer-fighting effect but cooking broccoli powder with its sprouts can double its power.

“Broccoli, prepared correctly, is an extremely potent cancer-fighting agent — three to five servings a week are enough to have an effect,” Elizabeth Jeffery of the University of Illinois says in a statement. “To get broccoli’s benefits, though, the enzyme myrosinase has to be present; if it’s not there, sulforaphane, broccoli’s cancer-preventive and anti-inflammatory component, doesn’t form.

“Steaming broccoli for 2 to 4 minutes is the perfect way to protect both the enzyme and the vegetable’s nutrients.”

Jeffery cautions overcooking destroys myrosinase. In addition, health-conscious consumers who cook with broccoli powder supplements may be missing out since the supplements may not contain the necessary enzyme.—Internet



A Sri Lankan nurse injects a vaccine against the H1N1 or swine flu influenza at a hospital in Colombo in 2010. Scientists in Britain have successfully tested a vaccine which could work against all known flu strains, the Guardian newspaper reported Monday.—INTERNET

Too many hours on the job may put teens at risk

WASHINGTON, 7 Feb — High school students who work more than 20 hours a week at part-time jobs during the school year may be more likely to have academic and behaviour problems, according to a new study.

US researchers analyzed data collected in the late 1980s from 1,800 middle-class teens in grades 10 and 11 in order to compare students who had jobs with those who didn’t work.

The study found that working more than 20 hours a week was associated with reduced school engagement, lower expectations for

further education, and an increase in illegal activities including stealing, carrying a weapon, and using alcohol and illicit drugs.

These negative behaviours persisted even after such teens reduced their work hours or stopped working, the investigators found.

However, teens who worked fewer hours appeared to experience negligible academic, psychological or behavioural effects, according to the study published in the January/February issue of the journal *Child Development*. “Although work-

ing during high school is unlikely to turn lawabiding teenagers into felons or cause students to flunk out of school, the extent of the adverse effects we found is not trivial, and even a small decline in school.

Internet

13-year-old Linda Afonso who contracted polio when she was four years old is seen in her home town of Luanda. In 2010, Angola registered 32 new cases of polio in the Luanda Area, in the east of the country and in the exclave province of Cabinda.—INTERNET



Frequent pitching could harm kids’ shoulders, elbows

NEW YORK, 7 Feb—Young pitchers who played more than 100 innings a year were 3.5 times more likely to suffer serious elbow or shoulder injuries than those who pitched fewer innings, a 10-year study has found.

Based on the data, the researchers suggested limiting young pitchers to no more than 100 innings a year or less.

The study included 481 healthy male pitchers, aged 9 to 14, who were followed from 1999 to 2008. Each year, the participants were asked how many innings they pitched in the previous 12 months, what types of pitches they threw, and if they had suffered an elbow or shoulder injury that required surgery or forced them to stop playing baseball.

During the 10-year study period, 5 percent of the pitchers experienced a serious elbow or shoulder injury that resulted in surgery or retirement.—Internet

Business

AOL to buy Huffington Post for \$315 million

NEW YORK, 7 Feb—Internet company AOL Inc said it agreed to buy news website The Huffington Post for \$315 million, creating a media group that will have a combined base of 117 million visitors a month in the United States.

AOL said it will pay about \$300 million in cash, funded from cash on hand. The company did not specify how it would pay the balance.

Arianna Huffington, the co-founder of Huffington Post, will lead the newly formed The Huffington Post

Media Group, AOL said.

Through the acquisition, AOL said it will accelerate its strategy to deliver an array of premium news, analysis, and entertainment.

The new media group will reach 270 million people globally, the company said.

AOL said the boards of each company and shareholders of The Huffington Post have approved the deal, which is expected to close in the late first, or early second quarter 2011.

Internet



Motorists wait at a traffic light junction during morning rush hour in Jakarta on 7 Feb, 2011.

INTERNET

Global IT product processing base in E China exports more

NANJING, 7 Feb—East China’s Jiangsu Province, home to global IT (information technology) products manufacturing and processing base, exported 103.66 billion US dollars worth of IT products in 2010, a rise of 28.7 percent on 2009, according to the provincial commerce bureau.

The amount accounted for 38.3 percent of Jiangsu’s total exports.

The total IT exports included 39.73 billion US dollars worth of portable PCs (personal computers), up 46.1 percent year on year, 8.81 billion dollars worth of LCD (liquid crystal display) panels, up 16 percent, and 7.97 billion dollars worth of integrated circuit chips, up 21.9 percent.

The southern part of Jiangsu has developed into an important IT products manufacturing and processing base in the world. The leading 15 IT enterprises of Taipei have launched operations in Suzhou City, while Kunshan City now accounts for 50 percent of world’s total annual laptop PC production.—Xinhua

Reuters

OECD wants more Swiss help in tax cheat hunt

ZURICH, 7 Feb—The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) wants Switzerland to make the international hunt for tax evaders easier, a Swiss newspaper reported on Sunday.

The OECD criticized current Swiss requirements for legal assistance in cases of tax evasion, saying they were too restrictive and an obstacle for an effective exchange of information, weekly *SonntagsZeitung* said, citing a government document.

Swiss Finance Minister Eveline

Widmer-Schlumpf therefore made proposals to the government to provide so-called legal assistance more easily to other countries, the paper said.

Switzerland had to give in to international pressure in 2009 and softened bank secrecy, pledging to help other countries in the hunt for tax evaders to comply with OECD standards.

However, the country said it would only give legal assistance if the other country could provide the name of the suspect and his or her bank.



Thick traffic is pictured in grid-locked Jakarta. Indonesia’s gross domestic product grew 6.1 percent last year, officials said Monday as Southeast Asia’s biggest economy confirmed its position among the top ranks of emerging markets.—INTERNET

HAILING 64TH ANNIVERSARY UNION DAY

Kayin State gaining development momentum in the time of State Peace and Development Council

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Furthermore, Yeboke Dam which can irrigate 3000 acres of farmland, bridges spanning over Winyaw River and Haungthayaw River, and Hatgyi Hydropower Project with capacity of 7325 megawatts are under construction for further prosperity of Kayin State.

Thanks to genuine goodwill of the Government, Kayin State today is enjoying fruits of development like any other states and regions in Myanmar. Kayin State has witnessed positive changes in the time of the State Peace and Development Council, compared to 1988. (See page7)

Progress of Kayin State



Photo shows Thanlwin Bridge (Hpa-an) across Thanlwin River.

Sr	Subject	Unit	1988	2010	Progress
1	Arable land	acre	576228	991315	415087
2	Water pumping work	work	-	7	7
3	Reserve Forest	sq/mile	1633.32	1752.32	119
4	Protected public forest	sq/mile	-	1733.47	1733.47
5	Motor road	mile	1078	3129	2051
6	Above-180-foot bridge	bridge	10	17	7
7	Post office	office	23	37	14
8	Telegraph office	office	7	15	8
9	Telephone office	office	5	24	19
10	Microwave station	station	1	8	7
11	Small-scale hydropower plant	plant	1	89	88
12	State-owned industry	plant	6	7	1
13	Private-owned industry	plant	209	586	377
14	Basic education school	school	1149	1338	189
15	University, College	university/college	1	2	1
16	Technological University	university	-	1	1
17	University of Computer Studies	university	-	1	1
18	Hospital	hospital	16	26	10

Tayokhla River Water Pumping Project

Water pumping work seen at Tayokhla River Water Pumping Project in Hpa-an Township of Kayin State.



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University of Computer Studies (Hpa-an)

Photo shows University of Computer Studies (Hpa-an) turning out human resources.

Yeboke Dam

Yeboke Dam in Hlaingbwe Township, whose construction is nearing completion.

Projects to be implemented for progress of Kayin State

Sr	Subject	Location	Remark
1	Yeboke Dam	Hlaingbwe Township Thapuhto Village	irrigation acre (3000)
2	Winyaw Bridge	Kya-in-Seikkyi Township	340 feet
3	Haugthayaw Bridge	Kya-in-Seikkyi Township	270 feet
4	CDMA/GSM mobile phone	Kayin State	3901
5	GSM mobile phone	Hpa-an, Myawady	2752
6	Hatgyi Hydropower Plant	Hlaingbwe Township	7325 megawatts



HAILING THE 64th ANNIVERSARY UNION DAY:**Panglong Conference to regain independence; Union Spirit to build new developed democratic nation***Maung Nwe Sit***National brethren
United we stand**

In general, a union is a nation of many national races. If a country is home to only one or two national races, it is formed as unitary state. Each of some countries has over 50 national races, but they are formed as unitary states in order that the sole government can undertake administrative machinery effectively. In the People's Republic of China, for example, Han nationals make up the majority, and there are 55 other national races. But, it is a unitary state.

A country with many national races is established as a union. The countries whose names start with United, Union and Federal are federal or union states, for instance, the United States of America, the Union of Myanmar, the United Kingdom (England, Wales, Scot and North Ireland), and Federal Republic of Germany. Similarly, 25 other

countries such as Australia, India, Nigeria, South Africa and Yugoslav are union states. India is made up of many states and national races, but the term 'Union' is not embodied to its name.

Federal and Federation are union states that are composed of provinces and regions of national races. If a nation has separate sovereignty, separate government, separate legislative hluttaw and separate high court is formed as a confederate or confederation state. The United States of America was established with 13 colonies of illegal immigrants from England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, France, Spain, Portugal, the Netherlands, Russia, Germany and Italy. Claiming that among them, the majority was Englishmen, English Queen Victoria sent troops and governors and ruled the region as a British colony. In the 1760, residents revolted against the British rule. They said that they were Americans of people from European countries, not Englishmen. Using the name of predominant residents Red Indians, they claimed themselves to be people of America or Americans. The 13 colonies had separate administrative bodies, separate legislative bodies and separate high courts. On 4 July 1776, the United States of America claimed its independence. It claimed to be United States, but it was made up of 13 separate states. So, it was, at the time, a confederate state. Later, national peoples were in rivalry against one another concerning administrative machinery, national defence, and foreign relations. So, they wrote a constitution and transformed itself into a union state.

In 1917, Great October Revolution led by Russian leader Lenin was launched successfully. Tsar King and Kerensky interim government were toppled to build Socialist (Communist) state. It is

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POEM**Try hard Myanmar**

- * Little durability and strength
A single stick of firewood has
Fragile and breakable it is
A bunch of sticks however
Is strong and durable
- * A single star twinkles faintly
A cluster of stars like Pleiades
However, shines brightly in sky
- * With bonds of love
Kith and kin of Union
Attachment so strong
Serving interest of nation
Our land our heritage
Developing with prosperity
Till it globally shines with glory
Try hard all Myanmar

**Hailing the 64th Anniversary Union Day
Padaung Than Kywe (Trs)**

the first-ever Socialist country in the world. Fourteen sovereign countries such as Belarus (Belorussia), Ukraine, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Armenia, Kirgizia, Estonia and Latvia joined Russia to build the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) with Socialist system. USSR is different from other union states. It is confederation of 15 republics with separate presidents and separate high courts.

The United States of America was a confederation state. But in the pragmatic world, its people were in rivalry, so it was reconstituted as a union state. Sweden, Norway and UAR were formed as confederation states but they split into pieces. USSR managed to stand for about 70 years: from 1917 in which the confederation state was built with the leading role played by Lenin, to 1991 in which it split into 15 countries due to the mismanagement of Gorbachev (to the liking of the West Bloc). The long-lasting existence was due to the visionary Soviet Communist Party. All the 15 countries had separate presidents, governments, legislative body and high courts. All the communist parties under the Soviet Communist Party managed to rule the 15 countries. And owing to the leadership of the sole party, China, Vietnam, Cuba and North Korea have stood till today and are developing fast.

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HAILING THE 64th ANNIVERSARY UNION DAY:

Panglong Conference to regain independence; Union Spirit to build new developed democratic nation

Maung Nwe Sit

(from page 8)

Since the Myanmar monarchical periods, over 100 national races have been living through thick and thin in the Union of Myanmar. They remained united in times of foreign invasion.

In the three aggressive wars waged against Myanmar by British (English) colonialists in 1824, 1852 and 1885, all national races respectively launched armed revolts with a sense of national duty against the invaders. The stories about national races' independence struggles were too many to be collected.

British colonialists enslaved Myanmar, home to many national races, following the Third Anglo-Myanmar War in 1885. They oppressed and treated the people unfairly. They took a lot of natural resources away. To regain Myanmar's sovereignty or independence cost a massive number of lives of Myanmar people.

Like other colonial countries of Europe, it was extremely clever and inhumane of British to colonize other countries with the use of sophisticated

weapons with the intention of excessively exploiting natural resources, labour and local products in their colonies. They intentionally undermined religious faiths, cultures and national unity. They drove a wedge among national races to break up national solidarity.

When it had no choice, but to grant independence, the British designated schedule areas. Their scheme was to break up Myanmar into pieces by granting independence to only plains: lower Sagaing Region, Mandalay Region, Magway Region, Yangon Region, Bago Region, Ayeyawady Region and Taninthayi Region and keeping highlands of national races under their political control.

Panglong Conference could be held in Panglong, Loilem District, Shan State (South), in February 1947 as a result of strenuous efforts made with tenacity by General Aung San and leaders of various national races who got involved in independence struggles. Eventually, Panglong Agreement could be signed on 12 February thanks to

visionary leaders of national races with a strong sense of Union Spirit and patriotic spirit.

At Panglong Conference, the most appropriate resolution was passed: to set up the Union of Myanmar and to throw off the yoke of the colonial rule together. It was particularly designed to shape the future of the nation and to regain independence.

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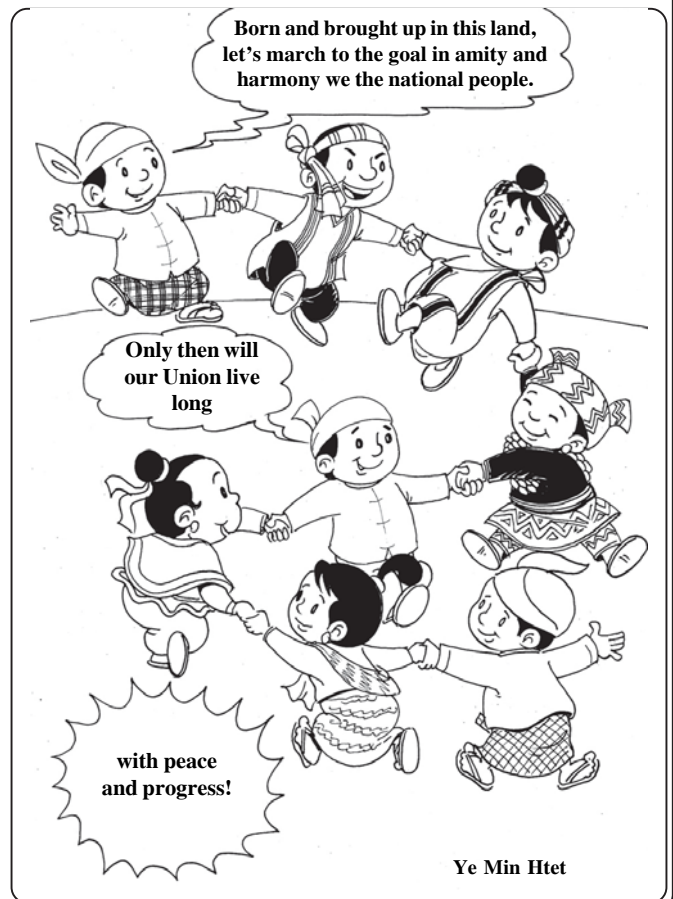
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Objectives of 64th Anniversary Union Day (2011)

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

Towards the goal



Ye Min Htet

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Commander inspects Kyeinpinse-Zalun Road

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Feb—Chairman of Ayeyawady Region Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Brig-Gen Tin Maung Win on 29 January inspected sunflower and green gram plantations in Danubyu Township.

While inspecting condition of Kyeinpinse-Zalun Road and plantations of beans and pulses along the road, the commander heard reports on progress of road works on Kyeinpinse-Sakkaw-Danubyu-Zalun road section presented by the chief engineer.

The commander then inspected growing of seasonal crops at local station in Kyonpyaw.

On 3 February, the commander attended stake-driven ceremony for construction of war-veterans Office in Yekyi. He then viewed mixed plantation of green gram and sunflower and display of pesticides at a farm in Thauggyi Village of Ngathaingyoung Township. At Bawai Village in Pantanaw Township, the commander observed beans and pulses grown in the district and different strains of sunflower displayed by Myanmar Agriculture Service and left necessary instructions.—MNA

Commander looks into progress of new Strand Road

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Feb—Yangon Region Peace and Development Council Chairman Yangon Command Commander Brig-Gen Tun Than oversaw construction of new Strand Road in Yangon yesterday.

Commander Brig-Gen Tun Than, at Asia World Port in Ahlon Township, heard reports on progress in paving new Strand Road presented by responsible

persons.

Commander Brig-Gen Tun Than then visited construction site of Ngamoeyeik Sluice Gate near Sitpin Village in Dagon Myothit (East) Township. The commander today inspected pumping of water from main canal of Lagunpyin Dam at Yemon (1) river water pumping project in Hlegu Township and stressed the needs.—MNA

MPPE hold meeting on fuel distribution of private filling stations

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Feb—Myanmar Petroleum Products Enterprise of the Ministry of Energy held a work coordination meeting on distribution of private filling station at the ministry here this afternoon.

Speaking at the meeting, Minister for

Energy U Lun Thi said the ministry privatized 260 filling stations from states and regions through Privatization Commission under the directive of the State Peace and Development Council on 10 June 2010. It was found that the private stations distributed their fuel mainly to vehicles and motorcycles. But as the pub-

lic needed fuel not only for transport sector but for other sectors such as industry, the ministry had instructed the filling stations to sell their fuel for other purposes. That was why the meeting was called for entrepreneurs, the minister added. He then, stressed the need for taking fire preventive measures at the stations.

Next, Deputy Minister for Energy U Than Htay explained daily distribution amount of fuel of private filling stations. The managing director of MPPE and officials replied to the queries raised by entrepreneurs.

Then, the entrepreneurs visited Filling Station No. 0354 (Nay Pyi Taw) and observed sale methods.—MNA

UMFCCI, JCCY, JETRO discuss boosting trade



Vice-Presidents of UMFCCI U Win Aung and U Zaw Min Win meet Chairman of Yangon JCCY Mr. Toru Hiroe, Managing Directors of Japan External Trade Organization Mr. Eitaro Kojima and Mr. Toshihiro Mizutani.—MNA

YANGON, 7 Feb — Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) holds talks with Japanese Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Yangon (JCCY) and Japan External Trade Organization, Yangon (JETRO) at the office of

the UMFCCI here on 25 January.

During the meeting, the three groups discussed matters on boosting Japan-Myanmar trade and investment and cooperation of Japanese businesses in industry and textile sectors in Myanmar.

Present at the

meeting were Vice-Presidents of UMFCCI U Win Aung and U Zaw Min Win and executives, Chairman of Yangon JCCY Mr. Toru Hiroe, Managing Directors of Japan External Trade Organization Mr. Eitaro Kojima and Mr. Toshihiro Mizutani.

MNA

Respect-paying of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana BEHS No. 2 held

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Feb— The 9th respecting-paying ceremony of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana No. 2 Basic Education High School was held at the school this morning.

Patron of the committee for holding the ceremony U Thein Lwin made a speech on the occasion.

Leader of committee for free

health care to the retired teachers U Kyi Wai submitted work programme and treasurer Daw Myint Myint Kyi, financial matters. Then, the old students paid respect to the teachers. On behalf of the teachers, teachers Daw Thein Thein Cho, U Mya Than and U Ye Myint gave advisory speeches.—MNA

JE-2 Proficiency Course opened

YANGON, 7 Feb— The Junior Engineer-2 Basic Proficiency Course No. 4/2011 of the Ministry of Electric Power No. 2 was opened at the central training school in Hlinethaya Township here this morning.

Director-General U Khin Maung Zaw of Electric Power Department made a speech.

Altogether 90 trainees are attending the two-week course.

MNA

Central Bank opens Basic and Advanced Computer Course No.1/2011

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Feb— The opening ceremony of Basic and Advanced Computer Course No.1/2011 conducted by the Central Bank of Myanmar under Ministry of Finance

and Revenue took place at the Central Bank of Myanmar this morning, with an address by Governor U Than Nyein of the Central Bank of Myanmar.

The governor viewed learning of the trainees and cordially greeted them. A total of 40 trainees from the Central Bank are taking the eight-week course.

MNA

iora (Singapore) Women's wear fashion shop opens



The opening ceremony of iora (Singapore) women's wear fashion shop in progress.—MNA

YANGON, 7 Feb— Silver Tiger Co Ltd opened iora

(Singapore) women's wear fashion shop yesterday at No. 1013

at ground floor of Tawwin Centre at No. 45 on Pyay Road, Dagon Township here yesterday.

iora brand women's wear of iora Fashion Pte Ltd from Singapore is well-known quality brand at home with a variety of choices for all occasion.

Customers may visit No. 1013, ground floor, Tawwin Centre, Pyay Road, Dagon Township here, Ph: 6800111, Ext: 1013.

MNA

21 people injured in bus, crane collision in western Japan

OSAKA, 7 Feb— Twenty one people were injured Monday morning when a school bus carrying 51 students collided with a truck-mounted crane and then crashed into a nearby office building in western Japan's Okayama Prefecture, local media reported.

The injured includes twenty elementary school pupils and a man who was working in the building when the collision took place at around 7:45 am local time, the report said, adding that the injured were taken to hospital for minor injuries.

The crane truck was moving onto a public road when its crane arm made contact with the bus, causing the bus to knock over a utility pole before crashing into the office of an automobile sales and repair company, the report said. The police are questioning drivers of the crane truck and the bus on suspicion that their negligence may have caused the accident.—Xinhua



Photo taken on 6 Feb, 2011 shows lanterns at the Dagan Park in Kunming, southwest China's Yunnan Province. A lantern show was held during the Spring Festival holiday here at the Dagan Park.

XINHUA



A man dressed in Chinese traditional costume greets onlookers during the Chinese New Year parade celebrating the Chinese Lunar New Year in Chinatown of Chicago, the United States, on 7 Feb, 2011. —XINHUA

At least one killed, 11 wounded in Ohio shooting

WASHINGTON, 7 Feb—At least one student was killed and 11 people were wounded on Sunday in a shooting incident near a college campus in the US State of Ohio, said local police.

Police said the shooting happened in a fraternity house near the Youngstown State University (YSU) campus. The university said that the one killed and the six injured are students from the university.

The shooting happened during a party early Sunday and no arrests have been made, according to local police.

The local police authorities identified the dead as 25-year-old Jamail E Johnson, a senior of the YSU, after suffering gunshot wounds to the head and legs.

The 11 injured were taken to a nearby hospital, and eight of them

have been treated and released by early afternoon, while the other injuries were not life-threatening, according to local authorities.

Cynthia Anderson, president of the university located in northeast Ohio, met students and their families at the hospital and called it "a sad day" for victims' families.

Xinhua

Migratory Greater Egrets (C), along with other birds are seen searching for food in a fishpond in the Philippines. Bird strikes in the country's key airport in Manila increased after developers reclaimed some small lagoons near the airport runway last year to build warehouses.—INTERNET



Australia must cut Programmes to pay for rebuilding

CANBERRA, 7 Feb— Australia will have to cut spending on some government programmes to pay for rebuilding after Tropical Cyclone Yasi hit Queensland State last week, said Treasurer Wayne Swan, echoing comments from other top leaders.

"Certainly it's going to be a lot of money, it's not just the damage to the towns," Swan told Australian Broadcasting Corp radio today, without saying where spending would be reduced. "It is the damage to the critical infrastructure, and of course it is the damage to some of those critical primary industries as well."

Prime Minister Julia Gillard and Finance Minister Penny Wong have also said the government is reassessing the budget after Yasi tore through sugar and banana-producing areas. Damage from the

cyclone adds to that from flooding that left 35 people dead and disrupted coal mining over the past two months.

Gillard's government on 27 Jan announced a A\$1.8 billion (\$1.8 billion) levy on middle- and high-income earners as well as A\$2.8 billion in budget cuts and A\$1 billion in delayed infrastructure projects to pay for rebuilding after the floods.—Internet

S Korean shipbuilding industry under massive restructuring

SEOUL, 7 Feb—South Korea's shipbuilding industry has been under massive restructuring since 2006 as global shipbuilders are undergoing one of the biggest structural changes in their history.

Currently in the global shipbuilding sector, the biggest restructuring has fallen on small shipbuilders that focus on small ships while mega-sized builders such as Hyundai Heavy Industries, the world's largest shipbuilder, have avoided streamlining.

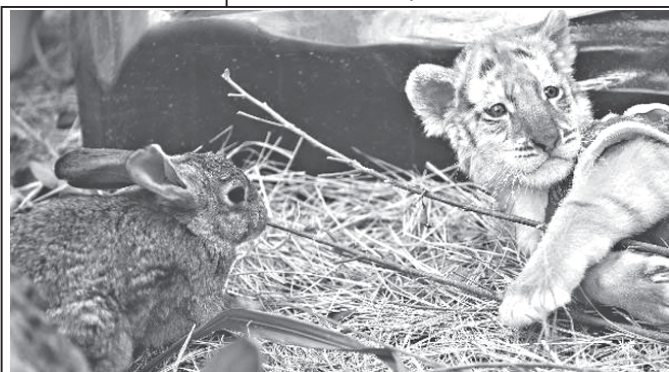
Small shipyards have been undergoing restructuring for the past five years due to the limited number of yards that have received new

orders and a stronger outlook for small ships stemming from huge replacement demand.

A new mega-trend — fuel efficiency and lower carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions — has already caught on in the global shipbuilding sector, set to bring about an upheaval across all the shipyards.

Top-tier shipbuilders have been on the move far ahead of CO2 regulations by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) while leading shipping companies have been buying fuel-efficient ships on concerns over higher oil prices and weaker freight rates.

Xinhua



A baby tiger stays with rabbits in Xiangjiang Wildlife Park in Guangzhou, capital of south China's Guangdong Province, on 7 Feb, 2011.—XINHUA

Dead duck tests H5N1 positive in Hong Kong

HONG KONG, 7 Feb— A duck carcass found in Tai O, Hong Kong, was tested positive for H5N1 avian influenza virus, a spokesman for the city's Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department said on Monday.

The duck carcass was collected at a beach near Po Chue Tam, Yeung Hau Temple, Tai O on 3 Feb. They were highly decomposed when found and required a series of tests before H5N1 avian influenza was confirmed Monday.

The spokesman said there were no poultry farms within three kilometres of where the dead chickens were found.—Xinhua

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As the wharves, warehouses and Chellan offices of Yangon Port will be closed on the 12th February 2011 (Union Day) Goods Shipped or delivered on payment will be received as Holiday Fees.



Spectators gather to join the Chinese Spring Festival celebration on the Trafalgar Square in central London, Britain, on 6 Feb, 2011. Hundreds of thousands of people swarmed into the festively decorated Trafalgar Square and London's Chinatown to celebrate the Chinese Lunar New Year, the Year of the Rabbit.—XINHUA

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV BILLION VOY NO (124) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 7.2.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W(1) 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.

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Members of The Chengdu Acrobatic Group perform in a tent in Caracas, Venezuela, Sunday on 6 Feb, 2011. Founded in 1952, the Chinese group is touring their 'Illusions of a Child Elf,' show throughout Venezuela.

INTERNET

Father escapes jaws of death by punching 8ft crocodile on snout

SYDNEY, 7 Feb — A father survived a crocodile attack by repeatedly punching the reptile on the nose. The man (37) was recovering in hospital last night after the 8ft crocodile grabbed his arm and hand in a waterhole where he was swimming with his two teenage daughters.

He fended off the rep-

F1 star suffers multiple fractures in crash

ROME, 7 Feb — Polish Formula One star Robert Kubica has suffered multiple fractures in a crash while heading to a rally in Italy. The Lotus Renault driver was at the wheel of the Skoda Fabia he was to race in the Ronde di Andora event when he left the road at high speed and crashed into a wall. His co-driver, Jacob Gerber, was able to get out of the wreck unhurt but Kubica remained inside.

Internet

tile by hitting it several times on the snout before dragging himself to dry land. Doctors treated two large bites to his back and 10 puncture wounds to his wrist.

Although the injuries were not life-threatening, the attack at Weipa, in the far north of Queensland state, Australia, is likely to raise questions about the need to cull the growing crocodile population. The Northern Territory alone is believed to have close on 100,000 saltwater crocodiles, prompting calls for culling or legalised hunting.—Internet

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Avalanche kills Canadian snowmobiler

SMITHERS, 7 Feb—A weekend avalanche claimed the life of a snowmobile rider near Smithers, British Columbia, authorities said. The name of the victim, described as a local man, had not been released, The (Vancouver) Province reported on Sunday. The man was snowmobiling with friends several miles south of Smithers Saturday afternoon when he was overtaken by the snow slide, the Canadian Broadcasting Corp reported.

Barry Finnegan with Bulkley Valley Search and Rescue said it appeared the man, who was in his 20s, was using a camera when another snowmobiler triggered the avalanche.

"The slope released and caught the individual, who was filming or taking pictures down below, and he was buried by the slide," Finnegan said.—Internet

Age related macular degeneration clue discovered

LONDON, 7 Feb — Age-related macular degeneration affects 500,000 people in the UK and is incurable. The study in the journal *Nature* found an enzyme known as DICER1 that stops functioning, resulting in the

illness. UK experts said it had the potential to be an important breakthrough. The macula is a part of the eye which sits in the centre of the retina and is responsible for the fine detail at the centre of the field of vision.



An international team of researchers have found a clue to one of the leading causes of blindness, which they hope could eventually lead to a cure.

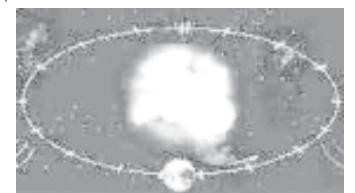
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As the disease progresses that central vision declines, making reading, driving and recognising people difficult. It affects one in 50 people over 50 and one in five people over 85. The exact cause is unknown, but risk factors include smoking, high blood pressure and having relatives with the condition.—Internet

3D images prove Sun really is a sphere

EDINBURGH, 7 Feb — If there was ever any doubt about the shape of the Sun, there isn't any more - thanks to a groundbreaking project beaming 3D images of the star back to Earth. "It's official: the Sun is a sphere," NASA proclaimed yesterday as it unveiled the images which for the first time show the sun from every angle. But the Solar Terrestrial Relations Observatory (Stereo) project is about more than just providing pretty pictures.

Experts hope it will help them better predict the weather in space and its impact on other space missions, and how it affects life on Earth.—Internet



Sri Lanka bans laundry near WCup venue

Sri Lanka has banned people from hanging their washing out to dry near a cricket ground in Colombo where World Cup games will be played, a news report said Sunday.

Residents and shop owners around the R Premadasa Stadium, which will host seven matches, were issued the orders

by Colombo City authorities this week, the island's *Sunday Times* newspaper said.

"These include abstaining from hanging out clothes for drying in public view, putting out garbage on the roadsides and engaging in street games such as hopscotch and cricket matches," the paper said. The 35,000-seater Premadasa stadium,

which will be the venue for three Sri Lanka games and one semi-final, is surrounded by low-income housing schemes. Sri Lanka has spent \$8 million renovating the ground and has also built two new stadiums in the south and centre of the island for the World Cup.

The World Cup, hosted by India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh, starts on 19 February and ends on 2 April.



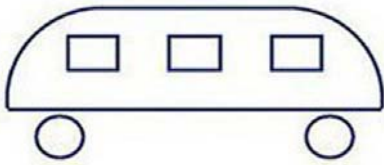
Spectators watch the third one-day international between Sri Lanka and West Indies at the Sinhalese Sports Club ground in Colombo. Sri Lanka has banned people from hanging their washing out to dry near a cricket ground in Colombo where World Cup games will be played, a news report said Sunday.

Boston woman delivers big baby

A Boston woman delivered a 13-pound, 2-ounce baby boy — the largest her doctor said she has delivered naturally.

Amanda Byron, 21, gave birth Thursday to Jonathan Patrick Rozzi after 4 hours of labor and 10 minutes of pushing, the *Boston Herald* reported.

"When they told me his weight I didn't realize how big a deal this was until everyone started taking pictures," said Byron. "The nurses were all so surprised at his size. I was told the last big baby was 12 pounds but that was a C-section. Everyone's asking me 'How did you do it?' It wasn't as much pain as I thought it would be. So I just smile and shrug," said Byron.



Pre-school test: Which way is bus travelling? To the left or to the right?

Which way is the bus in the picture travelling? To the left or to the right? Can't make up your mind? Look carefully at the picture again. Still dont know? Pre-schoolers all over the United States were shown this picture asked the same question. 90% of the pre-schoolers gave this answer. The bus is travelling to the left. When asked, Why do you think the bus is travelling to the left? They answered: Because you cant see the door to get on the bus.

News Album

Prison gives pizzerias a record order

Two Pizza Huts in Kansas are working up a Super Bowl order of 941 pizzas and almost 10,000 chicken wings — for a prison.

The Hutchinson Correctional Facility is holding the huge meal as a fundraiser for its Spiritual Life Centre, selling slices to inmates, KWCH-TV, Wichita, reported. About 800 of the 2,000 prisoners ordered pizza or wings.

Hutchinson's Pizza Huts are used to orders up to 500 for Super Bowl Sunday but had to bring in corporate managers from Colorado for this one.

"It's definitely a record," said manager Jen Osner.

'Roommate' earns top box-office bunk with \$15.6M



In this film publicity image released by Sony Pictures, Minka Kelly, left, and Leighton Meester are shown in a scene from 'The Roommate.'
INTERNET

LOS ANGELES, 7 Feb—The college thriller "The Roommate" has moved into the top spot at the box office with a \$15.6 million debut during a typically slow Super Bowl weekend in which the NFL championship game preoccupies movie fans.

The Sony release features Leighton Meester as a psycho freshman who becomes obsessed with her new roommate (Minka Kelly). The 3-D underwater cave adventure "Sanctum," whose producers include "Avatar" creator James Cameron, drew modest crowds and came in second with \$9.2 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

Released by Universal, "Sanctum" is a survival story about explorers

trapped underground in flooded caves during a monster storm. The previous weekend's No 1 movie, Anthony Hopkins' exorcism thriller "The Rite," fell steeply to sixth-place with \$5.6 million. The Warner Bros release raised its 10-day total to \$23.7 million.

Revenue estimates were off sharply on Sunday as football fans gave movies a pass in favor of the big game. Even without the Super Bowl, though, it was another sleepy weekend at theaters, with overall business down for the 13th-straight weekend compared to last year, when Cameron's 3-D sensation "Avatar" still was riding high.

INTERNET



A logo of the upcoming Berlinale film festival is displayed in Berlin on 4 Feb, 2011. The 61st edition of the festival, running from 10 to 20 Feb, will showcase 22 films in its main programme including 16 in the running for the festival's coveted Golden and Silver Bear top prizes.—XINHUA

Jackson confirms 'The Hobbit' start for March

WELLINGTON, 7 Feb—Filming on the troubled big-budget production of "The Hobbit" will finally start in March, director Peter Jackson confirmed on Monday, after months of wrangling and delays.

The cameras will start rolling on the 500-million-dollar production on 21 March, in the New Zealand autumn, after taking into account filming schedule requirements, actor availability and the seasonal weather.

"Despite some delays we are fully back on track and very excited to get started," Oscar-winning director Jackson said in a statement.

The two-part prequel to "The Lord of the Rings" has been dogged by problems, including a union threat to boycott the movie.

INTERNET

'Dragon' dominates Annie Awards; Disney stays home

LOS ANGELES, 7 Feb— "How to Train Your Dragon" has swept the animation prizes at the Annie Awards, with the DreamWorks production winning 10 trophies including best picture at a ceremony boycotted by rival Disney.

Presented by the International Animated Film Society, the Annies often are a forecast for the animated-feature category at the Academy Awards. But "Toy Story 3," from Disney's Pixar Animation, remains the favourite for the 27 Feb Oscars.

"Toy Story 3" was nominated for best-animated feature at the Annies, along with Disney's "Tangled." But the studio decided not to make any awards push for the Annies in a dispute over voting procedures, which Disney claims is stacked in favour of DreamWorks Animation movies.

Prizes for DreamWorks' "Dragon" at Saturday night's ceremony also included the voice-acting Annie for Jay Baruchel.—INTERNET



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Liverpool spoil Torres Chelsea debut with 1-0 win

LONDON, 7 Feb — Kenny Dalglish refused to revel in revenge over Fernando Torres as Liverpool spoiled the Chelsea striker's debut with a 1-0 win at Stamford Bridge.



Chelsea's Fernando Torres shoots during their English Premier League match against Liverpool at Stamford Bridge in London.

Dalglish's pleas to remain at Anfield as he handed in a transfer request in a successful attempt to force through a British record 50 million pound transfer last week.

The Spaniard believes Liverpool are a club in transition and he jumped at the chance to join Chelsea because he sees the Blues as serious contenders for silverware.

As an Anfield legend who has won every major trophy during his time as a player and manager on Merseyside, Dalglish was inevitably frustrated to see Torres lose faith with Liverpool.—*Internet*

Gerrard set to miss England friendly

LONDON, 7 Feb—Steven Gerrard is likely to miss England's friendly against Denmark on Wednesday after suffering a groin injury in Liverpool's 1-0 win over Chelsea on Sunday.

Gerrard will join up with Fabio Capello's squad at their Watford training base ahead of the trip to Copenhagen, but Liverpool boss Kenny Dalglish doesn't expect his captain to feature in the match.

"Gerrard has a groin problem. We've spoken to the England team, he's got to go to let them have a look at him but he won't be playing," Dalglish told reporters after Sunday's match.



Liverpool's Steven Gerrard (2nd R) runs with the ball against Chelsea during their Premiership football match.—*INTERNET*

Ronaldo double as Real keep on Barcelona trail

MADRID, 7 Feb—Real Madrid responded in style to Barcelona's record breaking, 16th consecutive league victory with Cristiano Ronaldo leading the way in a 4-1 win over Real Sociedad on Sunday.

Ronaldo was charged up for the game after being criticised for not scoring in four matches and having seen Lionel Messi hit a hat-trick in Barcelona's 3-0 win over Atletico Madrid on Saturday.

That victory saw Pep Guardiola's side surpass the run of 15 victories set by Alfredo Di Stefano's Real Madrid team of 1960-1961 and put them ten points clear at the top.

"I have already said that even if Ronaldo's season ended now it would still have been fantastic. He always



Real Madrid's forward Cristiano Ronaldo (R) clashes with Real Sociedad's goalkeeper Claudio Bravo.—*INTERNET*

works hard and gives everything for the team," said Real coach Jose Mourinho after his side cut the gap to Barcelona back to seven points.

Mark Wilson leads Phoenix Open

SCOTTSDALE, 7 Feb—Mark Wilson had a two-stroke lead in the Phoenix Open when play was suspended Sunday because of darkness.

Wearing a yellow visor and green shirt in support of his beloved Packers, the Wisconsin player broke a tie with Tommy Gainey with a 15-foot birdie putt on the par-3 12th. Gainey three-putted the hole for a bogey.

"I birdied some tough holes," Wilson said. "The 4-iron I hit on 12 was the best swing of the day and I rolled in that putt. Just felt good.—*Internet*



Mark Wilson wears a Green Bay Packers cheesehead as he chants with the crowd at the 16th hole.—*INTERNET*

Celtic, Rangers braced for seventh clash

GLASGOW, 7 Feb—Celtic and Rangers insisted on Monday that their rivalry remains as intense as ever despite the two Old Firm rivals having to face each other seven times this season.

Sunday's Scottish Cup fifth round 2-2 draw at Ibrox guaranteed another match between the Glasgow giants with a Scottish Premier League fixture at Parkhead on 20 February to come before the Cup replay on 2 March and the League Cup final three weeks later.

Celtic boss Neil Lennon joked that it



Celtic's Scott Brown (R) celebrates scoring as Rangers' El-Hadji Diouf protests the shot at Ibrox Stadium in Glasgow on 6 Feb, 2011.—*INTERNET*

would be "absolute torture" to face Rangers so many times.

"I think sometimes it can be over-egged a bit but it's just the way the fixtures have turned out," Lennon added.—*Internet*

Inter, Napoli close gap as Milan held in Genoa

ROME, 7 Feb—Inter Milan thumped 10-man Roma 5-3 and Napoli beat Cesena 2-0 as both sides closed in on Serie A leaders AC Milan, who were held to a 1-1 draw at

Genoa on Sunday. Napoli trail Milan by just three points while In-



Inter Milan's forward Samuel Eto'o shoots to score a penalty against AS Roma.—*INTERNET*

ter are five points back but with a game in hand.

Samuel Eto'o took his tally this season to 27 goals with a brace while Wesley Sneijder, on his first start since December, Thiago Motta and Esteban Cambiasso added the other strikes for the champions.

Brazilian midfielder Simplicio, Montenegro striker Mirko Vucinic and substitute centre-back Simone Loria replied for Roma.

Inter coach Leonardo said the title fight would go all the way.—*Internet*

Buffon back in Italy squad for Germany friendly



Juventus goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon

ROME, 7 Feb—Juventus goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon was recalled to the Italy squad for Wednesday's friendly against Germany in Dortmund, less than a month after making his injury comeback.

Buffon has not played for his country since a herniated disc in his back

forced him out of Italy's first match at the World Cup last June.

But having made his injury return in January for Juve, he has earned an immediate call-up to coach Cesare Prandelli's squad.

The major surprise was a first selection for Inter Milan's Brazilian-born midfielder Thiago Motta who has long been a naturalised Italian.

He is one of three Inter players in the squad alongside transfer window signings Giampaolo Pazzini and Andrea Ranocchia.

Internet

Lille title hopes held up at Auxerre

PARIS, 7 Feb—French leaders Lille suffered frustration Sunday as a late Auxerre equaliser denied them a win which would have underpinned their hopes of a first league title in 57 years.

But Lyon and Paris Saint Germain were unable to take advantage as they also dropped points as an increasingly tight championship race heats up.

Lille arrived at their struggling hosts with four-point cushion over a clutch of sides in what is turning into a tight battle for the crown. League top scorer Moussa Sow fired in his 16th of the season with an acrobatic effort after 16 minutes, but the home fans had the last laugh at the Abbe-Deschamps stadium when Dariusz Dudka levelled with just four minutes remaining.—*Internet*



Auxerre's midfielder Dariusz Dudka (R) clashes with Lille's midfielder Yohan Cabaye (L).—*INTERNET*

SPORTS

Results on 6 February

Italy - Serie A

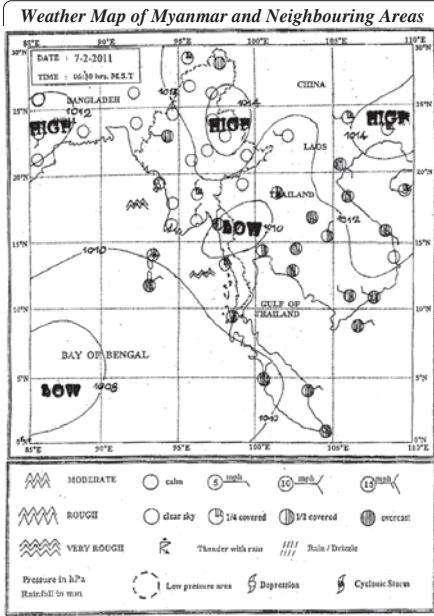
Bologna	1 - 0	Catania
Brescia	2 - 0	Bari
Genoa	1 - 1	AC Milan
Lazio	1 - 1	Chievo
Lecce	2 - 4	Palermo
Napoli	2 - 0	Cesena
Parma	1 - 1	Fiorentina
Inter Milan	5 - 3	AS Roma

Spain - Primera Division

Sevilla	0 - 0	Malaga
Real Madrid	4 - 1	Real Sociedad
Valencia	2 - 0	Hercules

Germany - Bundesliga I.

Freiburg	0 - 0	Eintracht Frankfurt
Auxerre	1 - 1	Lille
Toulouse	2 - 0	Monaco
Lyon	0 - 0	Bordeaux



WEATHER

Monday, 7th February, 2011

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T.

During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Regions and Rakhine State, generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Night temperatures were (4°C) below February average temperature in Mandalay, Magway and Bago Regions, Shan and Kayin States and (5°C) below February average temperatures in Upper Sagaing Region, (8°C) below February average temperatures in Chin State and about February average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant night temperatures were Haka (-2°C), Lashio (2°C), Namhsan, Pinlaung, Heho and Loilin (3°C) each.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 6-2-2011 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 7-2-2011 was 58°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 7-2-2011 was (65%). Rainfall on 7-2-2011 was (Nil).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 6-2-2011 was 94°F. Minimum temperature on 7-2-2011 was 65°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 7-2-2011 was (60%). Total sunshine

hours on 6-2-2011 was (10.2) hours (Approx).

Rainfall on 7-2-2011 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 (5) mph from Northeast at (15:30) hours MST on 6-2-2011.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 8th February 2011: Weather will be partly cloudy in Taninthayi, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Kachin and Mon States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States.

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 8-2-2011: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 8-2-2011: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 8-2-2011: Generally fair weather.

Death toll from flash floods, landslides in Philippines hits 17

MANILA, 7 Feb — The death toll from the recurrence of flash floods and landslides in central and southern Philippines has climbed to 17, a senior government official said Sunday. Undersecretary Benito Ramos, executive director of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC), said that 11 of those who died came from Caraga region such as the provinces of Agusan del Norte, Surigao del Norte, Surigao del and Agusan del Sur.

Other fatalities came from the provinces of Misamis Oriental, Compostella Valley and Sulu. Ramos said three people were reported missing, while a total of 127,157 families or 599,553 persons were affected by the low pressure area, which prevailed since the end of January and brought widespread rains over Visayas region and Mindanao region and triggered new incidents of flash floods, landslides and big waves in 11 provinces in central and southern Philippines.—Xinhua



Violin-maker Christophe Landon sands the wood body of a violin in his shop in New York. Even with US interest in classical music slipping, and some orchestras folding in harsh economic times, support for the artisans' business is such that hundreds of individual American violin-makers are thriving.

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MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (8-2-2011) (Tuesday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am - 11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission	- (8-2-11 09:30 am ~ 9-2-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Residing in the Union with..Union Spirit (Chin State)
- * News
- * A. Visit to the Gems Museum (Nay Pyi Taw)
- * Live Concert
- * News
- * Picturesque Views in Southern Shan State
- * News
- * "it" 4th Art Show
- * News
- * Song
- * Mann Shwe Settaw (Min Bu)

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- * "it" 4th Art Show
- * News
- * Mann Shwe Settaw (Min Bu)
- * News
- * Elegant Myanmar Dance
- * News
- * "Today's Efficient Youth" Brighter Future
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Amazing Interior Decoration
- * Song
- * News
- * Mile of Road...Piles of Hope (Pathein-Monywa Motor Road) (Part-1)
- * Myanmar Movie "Competition of Consecration"
- * The Melodious Tune of Myanmar Harp

Tuesday, 8 February
View on today

<p>7:00 am 1. Paritta By Venerable Min Gun Sayadaw</p> <p>7:15 am 2. Dhamma Puja Song</p> <p>7:25 am 3. To Be Healthy Exercise</p> <p>7:30 am 4. Morning News</p> <p>7:40 am 5. Nice & Sweet Song</p>	<p>7:55 am 6. Health Programme</p> <p>8:00 am 7. Songs Of Yester Years</p> <p>8:15 am 8. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions</p> <p>8:25 am 9. 64th Anniversary Union Day Programme</p> <p>8:40 am 10. International News</p> <p>8:45 am 11. Musical Programme</p> <p>4:00 pm 1. Martial Song</p>
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<p>4:05 pm 2. The Mirror Images Of The Musical Oldies</p> <p>4:20 pm 3. 64th Anniversary Union Day Programme</p> <p>4:30 pm 4. 2011 University Entrance Examination (History)</p> <p>4:55 pm 5. Songs For Upholding National Spirit</p> <p>5:00 pm 6. 64th Anniversary Union Day Programme</p>	<p>5:15 pm 7. Sweet Melody</p> <p>5:30 pm 8. Star Garden</p> <p>6:00 pm 9. Evening News</p> <p>6:15 pm 10. Weather Report</p> <p>6:20 pm 11. Kyae Pwint Myaye Yin Khone Than</p> <p>6:35 pm 12. TV Drama Series</p> <p>7:40 pm 13. Union Day Programme</p> <p>8:00 pm 14. News</p> <p>8:00 pm 15. International News</p> <p>8:00 pm 16. Weather Report</p> <p>8:00 pm 17. Just for Laughs</p> <p>8:00 pm 18. TV Drama Series</p>
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- ★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
- ★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

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

People's Desire

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

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

HAILING 64TH ANNIVERSARY UNION DAY

Kayin State gaining development momentum in the time of State Peace and Development Council



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Repaved roads commissioned into service in Kyaikto, Tangyan

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Feb—As a gesture of hailing the 64th Anniversary Union Day, a ceremony to open the laterite road in Htinpongon Village of Kawbein Village-tract in Kyaikto Township was held at the road on 5 February morning.

It was attended by Senior Engineer U Myint Soe of Mon State Development Affairs Committee, departmental officials, social organization members and local people.

Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council U Tin Aung Win and Executive Officer of Township Development Affairs Committee U Saw Shwe formally opened the road.

A similar ceremony to inaugurate Yongyi tarred road of Tangyan Township DAC was held at the archway of the road yesterday.

Col Khaing Zaw of the local station, Chairman of Township PDC U Nyunt Hlaing, Executive Officer of Township DAC U Tin Maung Soe formally opened the repaved road.—MNA

Panglong Conference to regain independence; Union Spirit to build new developed democratic nation



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POEM

* Little durability and strength
A single stick of firewood has
Fragile and breakable it is
A bunch of sticks however
Is strong and durable

* A single star twinkles faintly
A cluster of stars like Pleiades
However, shines brightly in sky

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Significant night temperatures (7-2-2011)

Haka	(-2° C)
Lashio	(2° C)
Namhsan	(3° C)
Pinlaung	(3° C)
Heho	(3° C)
Loilem	(3° C)