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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

Eighth-day regular session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw held Approval sought for appointment of Union Chief Justice Person suitable to be appointed as Union Election Commission Chairman nominated



The eighth-day regular session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in progress.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Feb—Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint, Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and representatives of Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw attended the eighth-day regular

session of the First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw held at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here at 11 am today.

Director-General U Myint Thein of the Hluttaw Office acted as master of ceremonies.

After taking posi-

tion, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint announced the validity and start of the session as 655 out of 658 Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives who have the right to attend the today's session were present accounting for

99.54 per cent.

The Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw announced that although an announcement was issued for Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives to raise objections with clear evidences in accord with Article 301

prescribed in Constitution of the Republic of Myanmar regarding nomination of U Tun Tun Oo to the post of Chief Justice of the Union submitted by the elected President, there was no objection to the nominee. Accordingly, Pyidaungsu

Hluttaw approved the nominee.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker submitted nomination to the post of Chairman of the Union Election Commission made by the elected President to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Library for all

It is safe to say that nation-building tasks can only be carried out through the power of healthy and educated persons.

At present, systematic plans make formal education and non-formal education gain harmonious development. All the school-age children have easy access to primary education at over 40,000 primary, post-primary, middle and high schools opened throughout the nation.

Strenuous efforts are being made for realizing the literacy campaigns in line with the aim "Education for All". With the collaborative efforts of local authorities, educational staff, members of social organizations and local people, the basic literacy campaigns are being undertaken on a wider scale. As a result, the adult literacy rate hits over 94 per cent up to 2010.

Libraries have been opened for enabling the literates to have reading habit and to escalate their reading skills. So far, over 50,000 self-reliant village libraries have been opened across the nation. Thanks to concerned efforts of the State, wellwishers and social organizations, the number of libraries is increasing day by day.

Recently, new libraries were opened in Aingma Village of Pale Township, Dingaseik Village in Thaton Township and Sakhangyi and Ohnbingyi villages in Kayan Township. Library buildings, furniture and publications were donated to the libraries. Indeed, it is necessary to place emphasis on durability and development of libraries.

It is to take pride in raising the literacy rate of the nation. Efforts are to be made for raising reading habit. All the literates should continue reading. All the people are to study various subjects of literature at libraries daily for broadening their horizons.



PROPOSALS

- * 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

MYANMARGAZETTE

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Feb— The State Peace and Development Council has confirmed the appointment of the following heads of service organizations on expiry of the one-year probationary period.

Name	Appointment
(a) U Kyi Htut Win	Director-General Water Resource Utilization Department Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation
(b) Dr Aung Thu	Rector Toungoo University Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar) Ministry of Education
(c) Dr Maung Thin	Rector Meiktila University Higher Education Department (Upper Myanmar) Ministry of Education
(d) Dr San Lwin	Rector Meiktila Institute of Economics Higher Education Department (Upper Myanmar) Ministry of Education

(e) Dr Myint Swe	Rector Myeik University Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar) Ministry of Education
(f) Dr Than Win	Principal Bago Degree College Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar) Ministry of Education
(g) U Maung Wai	Director-General International Organizations and Economic Department Ministry of Foreign Affairs
(h) U Thant Sin	Managing Director Myanma Petroleum Products Enterprise Ministry of Energy
(i) Dr Myint Oo	Rector University of Forestry Forest Department Ministry of Forestry
(j) U San Myint Oo	Managing Director Road Administration Department Ministry of Rail Transportation

MNA

Computer, English proficiency courses conclude



Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung addresses concluding of Office Work Computer Refresher Course and Advanced English Proficiency Course.—INDUSTRY-1

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Feb—The Ministry of Industry-1 held the concluding of Office Work Computer Refresher Course No. 1/2011 and the Advanced English Proficiency Course No. 1/2011 at its hall, here, this morning.

First, Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung

made a speech.

He presented prizes to outstanding trainees of the two courses and completion certificates to the trainee leaders.

Altogether 66 trainees attended the six-week courses.—MNA

Prince of Saudi Arabia, wife donate cash to cyclone Giri-hit victims, MMCWA (Central)

YANGON, 17 Feb— A ceremony to donate cash to the cyclone Giri-hit victims of some townships in Rakhine State and Myanmar

Maternal and Child Welfare Association (Central) was held at the Saudi Arabian Embassy on U Wisara Road, here, yesterday afternoon.

Director-General U Soe Aung accepts US\$ 50,000 donated for cyclone Giri-hit victims by President of Kingdom Holding Company of Saudi Arabia HRH Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal.—SWD

Ambassador of Saudi Arabia to Myanmar Mr Talal Mohammad Sabri Abdul Salam handed US\$ 50,000 donated by President of Kingdom Holding Company of Saudi Arabia HRH Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal to the Giri-hit

victims through Director-General U Soe Aung of Relief and Resettlement Department and US\$ 50,000 donated by HH Princess Ameerah Al Taweel, wife of the Prince, to MMCWA (Central) through Secretary of MMCWA (Central) Daw Thazin Nwe, members of the secretariat and the treasurer.—MNA

Four killed, dozens injured in Argentine train crash



Rescuers work at the site of trains collision in San Miguel, some 35 km northeast of Buenos Aires, on 16 Feb, 2011.—XINHUA

BUENOS AIRES, 17 Feb—State officials say the collision of two trains near an Argentine station has killed four people and injured about 70 others, 14 critically. Buenos Aires state Gov Daniel Scioli says a worker are searching to make sure there are no more people trapped in the wreckage, located near the San Miguel station, 12 miles (20

kilometres) west of Argentina's capital.

Scioli says four passengers died in Wednesday's crash.

San Miguel's mayor, Joaquin de la Torre, said 70 people were injured and 14 of them are in serious condition.

The accident took place during afternoon rush hour when a train that had departed from Retiro station in the capital slammed into the back of another train. Authorities haven't determined the cause.

Internet

Russia to deploy second S-400 missile around Moscow region

Moscow, 17 Feb— The strategic command of Russia's Space Defence Forces has received its second unit of S-400 Triumph missile systems and would deployed the system in the surrounding region of Moscow, local reports said on Wednesday.

So far, the forces have already deployed a unit of S-400 at Electrostal, a city near Moscow.

"The hand-over ceremony for the second S-400 will take place at the state firing range in Kapustin Yar from 16 to 19 February," said Col. Vladimir Drik, spokesman for Russian Defence Ministry. "The system uses a range of missiles, optimized for engaging ballistic and cruise missiles and hypersonic vehicles," Drik said.

The S-400 system consists of two divisions, as each contains eight launch points. Every launch points could blast four missiles. The system, developed on the basis of S-300 missile system, has a maximum range of up to 400 km at an altitude of 40,000 to 50,000 meters.—Xinhua

Tourist boat sinks in Vietnam bay, 12 dead

HANOI, 17 Feb—An overnight boat packed with tourists, including Americans, Australians and Britons, sank early Thursday in Vietnam's scenic Ha Long Bay, killing 11 foreigners and their Vietnamese guide, officials said.

Nine foreign tourists and six locals were rescued and rushed to hospitals as teams scoured the chilly waters for more survivors. The live-aboard ship went down at 5 am near Titov island with 21 foreigners on board, said Vu Van Bot, a police investigator in Quang Ninh Province. The total number of people on the boat, including the crew, was not immediately known.

Twelve bodies have been found, including those of tourists from the US, Australia and Britain, said Ngo Van Hung, director of Ha Long Bay's management board. The body of a Vietnamese tour guide was also recovered, and all of the dead have been sent to Bai Chay Hospital for identification. Japan's Kyodo news agency reported that one Japanese was among the dead.

Giang Quoc Duy, deputy director of the hospital, said three foreign tourists, including men from the US and France and a woman from Switzerland, were admitted to the hospital for treatment of minor injuries.—Internet



File photo shows Vietnam's Halong Bay on the northeastern coast. At least six people, including five foreigners, died and several others were missing after a tour boat sank Thursday in Halong Bay, a government official said.

INTERNET

Gunmen kill tribal leader, gov't official in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 17 Feb— Gunmen killed a Sunni Arab tribal leader and a government official in central and northern Iraq on Wednesday, the police said.

In west of Baghdad, gunmen wearing military uniforms before dawn stormed the house of Shiek Ali Dayeh al-Fahdawi, chieftain of Albu-Fahad tribe, in the town of al-Khaldiyah, some 80 km west of Baghdad, a source from the operations command of Anbar Province told Xinhua on condition of anonymity. The attackers dragged Fahdawi and his brother away from his house and shot them dead, the source said. Militants attacks continue in the once volatile Sunni Arab area in west of Baghdad that stretches through Anbar Province to Iraq's western borders with Syria, Jordan and Saudi Arabia.—Xinhua

Teen Somali pirate sentenced to nearly 34 years



In this 20 April, 2009 file photo, FBI agents escort Abdiwali Abdiqadir Muse into FBI headquarters in New York. Muse has admitted he's a modern-day pirate.—INTERNET

NEW YORK, 17 Feb—A teenaged Somali pirate captured in a dramatic high seas operation was sentenced by a US court Wednesday to nearly 34 years in prison, despite defence pleas for

leniency due to his young age.

Federal Judge Lore-ita Preska in New York said the sentence of 33 years, nine months for Abduwali Abdukhadir Muse would serve as "general deterrence in this kind of crime." Muse was captured in 2009 at the scene of a dramatic clash between the US navy and Somali pirates holding hostage a US merchant captain, who was eventually rescued.

Prosecutors and the judge described Muse as a hardened pirate leader who displayed a cruel streak when he pretended to shoot the US captain of the Maersk Alabama cargo ship.

Preska highlighted "the extreme level of sadism and violence that MR Muse and his men employed."

After the sentencing, FBI assistant director-in-charge Janice Fedarcy said: "The stiff sentence handed down today sends a clear message to others who would interfere with American vessels or do harm to Americans on the high seas: Whatever seas you ply, you are not beyond the reach of American justice."—Internet

Cholera death toll in Haiti rises to 4,549

SANTO DOMINGO, 17 Feb—The cholera death toll in Haiti rose to 4,549, Haitian Health authorities said on Wednesday.

According to information reaching here from Port-au-Prince, Haiti's capital, the Public Health and People's Ministry (MSPP) said in a recent report that the figures were updated till 9 Feb.

The cholera outbreak began on October 2010 in Haiti and since then it has affected 231,070 people, 124,482 of them were hospitalized.

The Artibonite region continues being the most affected by the epidemic with a total of 866 deaths, while in the West department 823 people have died. Cholera were reported in 10 departments of the Caribbean country.—Xinhua



Some Haitian are seen at a cholera treatment centre in Port-au-Prince on 15 Jan, 2011.

XINHUA



Science

Two Russians cosmonauts end spacewalk

Moscow, 17 Feb—Two Russian cosmonauts on Wednesday conducted a five-hour-long spacewalk outside the *International Space Station* to install equipment for experiments on sensing earthquakes and lightning.

In their second venture outside the space station in less than a month, Dmitry Kondratyev and Oleg Skripochka also gathered two panels that had been left outside the station to expose various materials to space, an effort to determine what materials are best for space construction.

One Russian, two Americans and an Italian remained inside the station during the Wednesday spacewalk. The mammoth station consists of 10 modules built by the United States, Russia, Canada, Japan and the 18-nation European Space Agency.

Internet



The Ariane 5 ES V200 lifts off from the European Space Agency (ESA) launch centre in Kourou, French Guiana, 16 February, 2011.

INTERNET

Japan may send chatty humanoid tweet-bot to space

Tokyo, 17 Feb—Lonely astronauts on the *International Space Station* may soon be getting an android friend from Japan.

And for the folks back home, it will tweet.

Japan's space agency is considering putting a talking humanoid robot on the *International Space Station* to watch the mission while astronauts are asleep, monitor their health and stress levels and communicate to Earth through the micro-blogging site Twitter.

Japan's space agency

JAXA announced this week that it is looking at a plan to send a humanoid robot to the space station in 2013 that could communicate with the ground through Twitter primarily feeding photos, rather than original ideas and provide astronauts with "comfort and companionship."

Following up on NASA's "Robonaut" R-2 programme, which is set for launch on the *Discovery* shuttle next week, the Japanese android would be part of a larger effort to create and

refine robots that can be used by the elderly, JAXA said in a statement. Japan is one of the leading countries in robotics, and has a rapidly aging society with one of the world's longest life-expectancies.

Improving robot communication capabilities could help the elderly on Earth by providing a nonintrusive means of monitoring the robot owner's health and vital signs and sending information to emergency responders if there is an abnormality, JAXA said.—*Internet*

Rare leatherback turtle spotted in Indonesia

Jakarta, 17 Feb—Conservationists say they got a rare glimpse of a 6-foot (2-meter) -long leatherback — the world's most endangered sea turtle — together with dozens of eggs in western Indonesia.

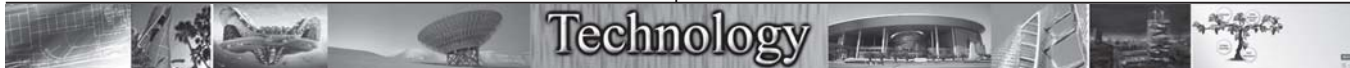
Khairul Amra, a member of a local conservation group, said Thursday that the giant turtle was spotted on a beach on Sumatra island over the weekend just before it plunged into the water.

Soon after 65 eggs thought to belong to the leatherback were found in a nest — the third such discovery on the same beach this year.

Leatherbacks, which can grow up to 9 feet (3 meters) long, have roamed the oceans for 100 million years, but the globe-trotting sea turtles today number only around 30,000.—*Internet*



In this 7 May, 2009 file photo, Kudan Elementary School children touch a cheek of Japan's robot teacher Saya following a special class by the robot that can express six basic emotions, developed by Tokyo University of Science Professor Hiroshi Kobayashi, in Tokyo.—INTERNET



Technology

CSIRO to go CSIntelRO for supercomputer

Sydney, 17 Feb—Seeking to replace its existing SGI Altix supercomputer with a new model powered by 64-bit Intel processors, Australia's science organization has gone to tender to double its supercomputing power.

Australia's Commonwealth Science and Research Organization, the CSIRO has issued a tender over at the Australian Government's Tendering site seeking new supercomputing powers.

What the CSIRO wants in its place is a "system using x86 (ia32) compatible processors with 64-bit extension", and while this would presumably also mean AMD has a chance, Intel's processors appear to be the ones that will eventually win this deal and be in that big box of supercomputing tricks the CSIRO is seeking. "The system will be used for data-intensive computing, and general shared-memory and other parallel computing", and says the CSIRO, "it will interface to existing storage systems."

Internet



Gadgets are displayed at Samsung's stand during the GSMA Mobile World Congress in Barcelona 15 February, 2011. The GSMA Mobile World Congress, representing the interests of the worldwide mobile communications industry, will take place from 14th to 17th February in Barcelona.—INTERNET

Twelve South unites your Apple Keyboard, Magic Trackpad

New York, 17 Feb—The designers at Twelve South can no longer stand by and allow Apple's Wireless Keyboard and Magic Trackpad to roam aimlessly about our desks. On Wednesday the accessory maker announced the MagicWand to unite these two star-crossed input devices in holy productivity.

The MagicWand is a bracket that allows you to slide in both Apple's Wireless Keyboard and its Magic

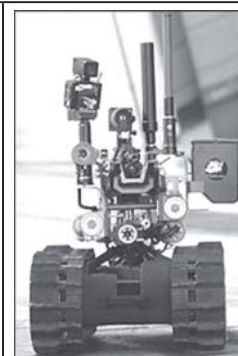
Trackpad right next to each other, turning them into the long, unified desktop input powerhouse that Apple doesn't seem to be interested in making itself. You can place the trackpad on either side of the keyboard, which should be ideal for left-handed mousers or designers who also want to add a traditional mouse or drawing pad to their setup.

Internet

Apple updates Digital Camera RAW to support six new cameras

Washington, 17 Feb—Apple has released an update to Digital Camera RAW that adds support for six new cameras. This compatibility update, version 3.6, affects iPhoto and Aperture users.

Five of the cameras are DSLRs, including Canon's just-released additions to its Rebel line, the T3i and the T3. The Olympus E-5 is now supported, as are two Pentax DSLR cameras, the K-r and K-5. The Olympus and Pentax cameras were all released in September 2010. The Panasonic Lumix DMC-FZ100, a megazoom point-and-shoot camera with raw shooting capabilities, rounds out the list. The update also fixes unnamed processing issues for the Nikon D7000 DSLR, the Nikon Coolpix P7000 advanced point-and-shoot, and the Panasonic Lumix DMC-GF1 and GH2 Micro Four Thirds cameras.—*Internet*



A weaponized robot, known as SWORDS, will be the first armed robotic vehicle to see combat. INTERNET

Health



A woman living with AIDS receives her free anti-retroviral treatment, on 1 April 2004, at a Johannesburg hospital, as the Gauteng Department of Health started a free anti-retroviral distribution programme.

INTERNET

New factor may spot heart risks in healthy people

WASHINGTON, 17 Feb — A possible new risk factor for death from heart disease in seniors has been identified by researchers.

The study of almost 1,300 people aged 65 and older focused on

heart rate turbulence, which refers to how smoothly the heart rate returns to normal after a premature contraction, a fairly common event.

Over 14 years of follow-up, abnormal heart rate turbulence was associated with an eight to nine times increased

risk of death from heart disease among participants who were considered at low risk for heart disease based on traditional factors such as age, gender, blood cholesterol and blood pressure levels, obesity, diabetes and smoking.—*Internet*

Health tip: Your child may be stressed

Even kids can be stressed out, to the point that it affects their physical and psychological health.

The American Academy of Pediatrics says these are possible signs that your child is under too much stress:

- * Physical complaints such as a stomach ache or headache.
- * Fatigue, restlessness or agitation.
- * Signs of depression, although the child is not very communicative.
- * Irritability and loss of interest in favourite activities.
- * Lack of interest in school, dropping grades.
- * Behavioral changes such as lying, stealing, avoiding responsibilities at home or becoming more dependent on parents.

Internet

Pesticides associated with Parkinson's disease

NEW YORK, 17 Feb—People exposed to the pesticides rotenone and paraquat developed Parkinson's disease approximately 2.5 times more often than others, US researchers found.

Researchers at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, part of the National Institutes of Health, and the Parkinson's Institute and Clinical Centre in Sunnyvale, Calif, studied 110 people with Parkinson's disease and 358 matched controls from the Farming and Movement Evaluation Study.

Lead author Dr Caroline Tanner of the Parkinson's Institute and Clinical Centre says no home garden or residential uses are currently registered for either paraquat or rotenone. Paraquat use has long been restricted to certified applicators — largely due to concerns based on studies of animal models of Parkinson's disease.—*Internet*



Volunteers from Red Cross China take part in an AIDS-awareness event to mark World AIDS Day in Beijing. China has warned of the high prevalence of HIV/AIDS in some areas, saying the situation in the country was still grim and calling for better prevention and treatment of the disease.

INTERNET

Business

Borders files for bankruptcy to close 200 stores

NEW YORK, 17 Feb—Borders Group Inc filed for bankruptcy protection and said it would close about one-third of its bookstores, after years of shriveling sales that made it impossible to manage its crushing debt load.

The long-expected Chapter 11 filing will give the second-largest US bookstore chain a chance to try to fix its finances and overhaul its business in an attempt to survive the growing popularity of online bookbuying and digital formats.

But the chain still faces questions about its longer-term survival in the face of competition from larger rival Barnes & Noble Inc and discounters



A customer is seen through the window of a Borders book store in New York, on 16 March, 2010.—INTERNET

such as Wal-Mart Stores Inc and Costco Wholesale Corp, as well as from Web retailer Amazon.com Inc and from Apple Inc in electronic books.—*Internet*

US industrial production down slightly

WASHINGTON, 17 Feb — US industrial production fell 0.1 percent in January after climbing 1.2 percent in the previous month, the Federal Reserve said Wednesday. The Fed said manufacturing output rose 0.3 percent in January after rising an upwardly revised 0.9 percent in December. Excluding automobile production, manufacturing rose 0.1 percent.

Production at the nation's utility companies, which rose 1.4 percent in

December due to high demand attributed to unseasonably cold weather, fell 1.6 percent in January, the Fed said. At the nation's mines, output fell 0.7 percent in the first month of the year.

Capacity utilization measuring production as a percentage of manufacturing, mining and utilities operating at full steam fell slightly to 76.1 percent, 4.4 percentage points below its average from 1972 to 2010, the Fed said.—*Internet*

Comcast 4Q profit, revenue rise, beat street view

LOS ANGELES, 17 Feb—Comcast Corp, the nation's largest cable TV company, on Wednesday posted a fourth-quarter profit that beat analysts' expectations as more customers signed up for multiple services and the loss of video subscribers slowed.

It also added more broadband Internet and telephone customers than analysts were looking for — surprisingly strong results that caused the share price to climb 97 cents, or 4 percent, to close at \$25.13 Wednesday. "There's not a single meaningful operating number that it didn't beat," Bernstein analyst Craig Moffett said in a research report.

The Philadelphia-based company with operations in 39 states said it lost 135,000 video subscribers in the quarter,

fewer than the 206,000 subscriber loss analysts expected and less than the 199,000 it lost a year earlier. It finished the year with 22.8 million subscribers.

There were fewer cancellations by people who signed up mainly for promotional prices in 2009, and more people stuck around thanks to more high-definition channels and expanded programming brought on by the move to digital delivery.

It added 292,000 Internet customers, above the 212,000 expected, and 257,000 phone customers, also better than the 210,000 expected. It ended the year with 17 million Internet subscribers and 8.6 million voice customers.

Internet

Comcast logos are displayed on installation trucks in Pittsburgh, 15 Feb, 2011. Comcast Corp, a leading cable, entertainment and communications company, announced on 16 Feb, that the company's planned annual dividend has increased 19% to \$0.45 per share.

INTERNET



Fla girl dead in toxic truck; brother burned

FORT LAUDERDALE, 17 Feb—A state worker made the alarming discovery: a 10-year-old boy in the front seat of an exterminator's red pickup alongside a busy interstate, convulsing from seizures, dripping in chemicals so toxic they sickened rescue workers. Nearby, the boy's father lay on the ground, unresponsive and doused in gasoline in what he later told police was a futile attempt to kill himself.

The most horrifying find would come hours later because the truck was too toxic to search — the deteriorating body of the boy's twin sister, wrapped in plastic bags, wedged between chemical containers in the enclosed pickup bed.

The boy was in critical condition Wednesday, his burns, mostly below the waist, getting worse and doctors unsure of what chemical was used. His father, Jorge Barahona, was also in the hospital. He faces aggravated child abuse charges, but more were expected.

Meanwhile, an angry judge grilled state child welfare officials over missed opportunities to help the twins, Victor and Nubia, after an anonymous abuse allegation was called into a hotline 10 Feb four days before the children were found by the highway assistance worker along Interstate 95 in West Palm Beach.

Internet



In this 15 Feb, 2011 photo, Palm Beach County firefighters in protective suits work near Jorge Barahona's pesticide truck, background, where it was found the night before along the side of Interstate 95 near West Palm Beach, Fla.—INTERNET

Norwegian shipper: kill pirates 'on the spot'



Some of the Kenyan fishermen are seen onboard the South Korean fishing vessel Keummi 305 as it docks at Mbaraki Wharf, Mombasa, Kenya, on 15 Feb, 2011, after being held for four months by Somali pirates.

INTERNET

OSLO, 17 Feb—A Norwegian shipping magnate was strongly criticized Wednesday for suggesting that pirates captured off the Horn of Africa should be sunk with their skiffs or executed on the spot.

In a newspaper op-ed,

the 79-year-old founder of the Stolt-Nielsen shipping group, Jacob Stolt-Nielsen, said history shows that fighting piracy requires a gloves-off approach.

"When piracy implies a great risk of being caught and hanged, and the cost of losing ships and

weapons becomes too big, it will decrease and eventually disappear," Stolt-Nielsen wrote Tuesday in Norwegian financial newspaper *Dagens Naeringsliv*.

"Pirates captured in international waters have always been punished by death, often on the spot," he wrote, arguing that modern navies should deal with the problem like Roman pirate hunter Pompey did more than 2,000 years ago.

"Not arrest them and say, 'naughty, naughty, shame on you,' and release them again, but sink their boats with all hands," Stolt-Nielsen wrote. "The pirates won't be frightened by being placed before a civilian court."

Internet

Argentina demands US apology for undeclared cargo

BUENOS AIRES, 17 Feb—An Argentine official demanded Wednesday that the US apologize in a dispute over the seizure of US military equipment brought in by a police-training team. US officials said they had nothing to apologize for.

Argentina's Cabinet chief demanded an apology for what he called insults against his country's foreign minister, who ordered the equipment seized last week because it didn't precisely match a cargo manifest submitted earlier by the Americans.

The diplomatic dispute has soured relations between the countries and

frustrated US Defence Department officials, who want the equipment returned. Cabinet Chief Anibal Fernandez suggested the equipment might be destroyed in accordance with Argentine customs regulations.

"I wonder what would have happened if an Argentine airplane had landed in the United States with the same load? They would confront us saying, How are these people daring to take weapons, drugs and I don't know what else without authorization?" he said.

Internet

A lioness looks out of her cage at a provisory shelter in Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia, 15 Feb, 2011. Twenty-five lions rescued in Bolivia from what animal welfare advocates say were miserable conditions, mostly in circuses, are bound for a wildlife refuge in Colorado on Wednesday.

INTERNET



Venezuelans, French seize 3.6 tons of cocaine

CARACAS, 17 Feb—Venezuelan and French authorities have seized 3.6 metric tons of cocaine aboard a vessel in the Caribbean Sea.

Venezuelan Justice Minister Tareck El Aissami says seven suspects were arrested during the anti-drug operation off Venezuela's coast.

Venezuela is a major hub for gangs that smuggle Colombian cocaine to the United States and Europe.

El Aissami said on Wednesday that Venezuela is cooperating with foreign governments to fight drug smuggling.

Internet

Two hostages freed by FARC in Colombia



Police Major Guillermo Solorzano embraces his daughter Sofia upon his arrival at Catam Army Airport in Bogota 16 Feb, 2011, after his transfer flight from Palmira Airport following his release by FARC rebels.

XINHUA

BOGOTA, 17 Feb—Two hostages were released by the rebel Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) on Wednesday, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) confirmed in a statement.

The hostages, police major Guillermo Solorzano and soldier Salin Sanmiguel, "were delivered to former Senator Piedad Cordoba, ICRC members and one members of the non-governmental organization Colombians for the Peace," said the statement.

The humanitarian mission, dubbed "Freedom," began Wednesday morning from Cali, capital of Valle de Cauca department, to an unspecified place in southwest in the department, where the release was made.

The two released hostages were transferred by the Cougar helicopter of the Brazilian army, which landed in "Alfonso Bonilla Aragon" airport of Cali.—Internet

Rescued lions from Bolivia arrive in Colorado

DENVER, 17 Feb—Twenty-five lions, most of them rescued from Bolivian circuses, arrived in Colorado on Wednesday to start their new lives at a wildlife sanctuary.

The 14 males and 11 females landed at Denver International Airport around 4:30 pm. The jetliner pulled into a maintenance hangar and police officers armed with assault rifles stood by as a precaution.

The animals were rescued from deplorable conditions after a law was passed last year in Bolivia prohibiting all performances involving animals, Animal Defenders International said. Most of the lions were dehydrated and suffered from eye and foot infections when rescued, the group has said.

Television personality and animal advocate Bob Barker helped finance the \$200,000 airlift. He and actress Jorja Fox of CBS "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation," the group's ambassador, were on hand to welcome Operation Lion Ark. Barker said he was excited to see the animals headed to a sanctuary where they will have room to roam.

Internet

Eighth-day regular session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw...

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The elected President nominated U Tin Aye to the post of Chairman of Union Election Commission to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in accord with Sub-section (a) of Article

398 of Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Rule 26.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker announced that the contact

persons of respective parties may take out the curriculum vitae of the nominee, suitable to be appointed as the Chairman of the Union Election Commission nominated by the elected President, to examine the said person's qualifications at the Director-General of the Hluttaw Office, and that



Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint submits nomination of Chairman of Union Election Commission made by the elected President.—MNA

if there are any Hluttaw representatives inclined to raise objection against the nominee, they may report to the Director-General of the Hluttaw Office this evening with clear evidence in accord

with Sub-section (b) of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Rule 27 and Sub-section (b) of Article 398 of Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

The Pyidaungsu

Hluttaw Speaker afterwards announced the eighth-day session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw ended and ninth-day regular session will continue at 11 am tomorrow.

The session came to an end at 11.10 am.

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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives sign attendance book.—MNA



An artisan well in Twinywa Village of Pyawbwe Township irrigating monsoon paddy in 2010.

New RG truck-mounted...

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Water Resource Utilization Department designated the project zones in Natogyi Zone, Meiktila-Thazi Zone, Pyawbwe-Phayangazu Zone, Nay Pyi Taw Zone and Hinthada Zone. Of them, a total of 104 wells have been sunk in Nay Pyi Taw Zone since 2003 for supplying drinking water to 624,000 local people.

In Pyawbwe-Phayangazu Zone, the 100 4-inch diameter tube-well sinking

project commenced in October 2009. Up to February 2011, a total of 80 tube-wells have been sunk successfully. Among 80 tube-wells, 60 artisan wells pump 3000 gallons each of water per hour on average. Being a hot and dry area with water deficiency for cultivation, Phayangazu Zone cannot consume adequate water. Thanks to natural artisan wells, the region extends sown acreage through double and mixed cropping patterns with the use of

adequate water supply. As such, the local people are enjoying higher living standard.

Water Resource Utilization Department is striving for supply of clean drinking water for the people as well as water for agricultural purpose through underground water tapping work. In so doing, the department plans to supply water to the farmlands for boosting production and extending sown acreage.

So far, the department has sunk 104 tube-wells in Nay Pyi Taw

Zone, 449 tube-wells in Meiktila-Thazi Zone, 80 tube-wells in Pyawbwe-Phayangazu Zone, 46 tube-wells in Natogyi Zone and 157 tube-wells in Hinthada Zone. These tube-wells are irrigating 4500 acres of farmlands and supplying drinking water to over 80,000 people.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation imported 12 RG drilling rigs manufactured by RG-Petro Machinery Group Co Ltd of the People's Republic of China

in 2010 for effectively carrying out the tasks of Water Resource Utilization Department. Up to now, six RG drilling rigs have arrived at the worksites. The machines were used in sinking four tube-wells in Nay Pyi Taw Zone and three in Pyawbwe-Phayangazu Zone. The remaining six machines will arrive in Myanmar coming March.

The machines can sink 1000 feet deep of well and it has capacity of drilling stone layers

with the use of hydraulic system. Each sinking machine is valued at US\$ 395,000.

Nowadays, Water Resource Utilization Department is speeding up the effective utilization of underground water with the use of RG drilling rigs so as to contribute to uplift development of the nation and socioeconomic life of the local people.

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RG truck-mounted drilling rig manufactured by China seen in its preparatory work.

National reconsolidation can be achieved only through non-violence stance

Nga Min Swe

After Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's release, local journals featured "From Nga Min Swe to Daw Aung San Suu Kyi (2)" Open Letter. In the letter it is stated that due to the economic sanctions imposed by the US and West Bloc countries against Iraq, food and medicine supplies run out and lots of Iraqi children died; that thus it is undeniable that economic sanction is a terrorist attack that can claim lives; and that you can argue in public with tangible evidence that economic sanction is not a terrorist attack and if not, you must admit that economic sanction is a terrorist attack. I hoped Daw Aung San Suu Kyi would make a clarification in response to my claim.

Her NLD issued a statement on the economic sanctions against Myanmar, which I have learned. In the statement, the fact I pointed out that economic sanction is a terrorist attack is not dealt with at all. I assume no clarification means it is absolutely true that economic sanction is a terrorist attack.

The statement only said that the economic hardships being faced by Myanmar people are not because of economic sanctions; that sanctions cannot affect the general population and the economy of farmers; that the reason of economic sanctions are because of human rights violations and lack of democratic practices and that the

sanctions did not stem from the demands of any political party, organization or individual in Myanmar and they were decided by the nations concerned.

Myanmar people have heard that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi made lots of demands such as dissuasion of foreign businesses from investing in Myanmar, dissuasion of tourists from visiting Myanmar and a dialogue or utter devastation. Coming to their knowledge that the Myanmar people have realized economic sanctions are an improper act of committing terrorism, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and NLD might have issued the statement only to protest that they have nothing to do with such acts.

According to a military strategy, it is the most effective way to cut off supplies of an enemy's camp rather than trying to occupy it, and it is also the strategy that causes the fewest casualties. In the name of democracy and human rights, the US and West Bloc resorted to various ways to topple the Tatmadaw government with the intent to make their lackeys come to power in Myanmar. In their attempt, they employed a strategy of imposing economic sanctions like the one mentioned above. Their stooges supported their acts. However, the economic sanctions against Myanmar were not

effective thanks to united cooperation of the government, the people and the Tatmadaw and close friendships of the neighbouring nations. So it can be deduced that like the points stated in the NLD statement, the economic sanctions did not do much harm to the Myanmar people.

The root cause of imposing economic sanctions is human rights violations and lack of democratic practices, states the NLD statement. The US and West Bloc countries have already been strong economies. They have been familiar with democratic practices. Their citizens are highly educated. Those countries are like a person who has grown up. Myanmar and regional countries have yet to be ideal for their economy, education and democratic practices. So, they are like a young child. Human rights and democratic practices are tonics. The regional countries, including Myanmar, should not be administered such tonics in the way the West Bloc nations are done. Only the proper amount of tonics should be administered to the regional countries. With some regional countries exercising human rights and democracy on a proportionate basis, their economy has become strong. Myanmar on its part is building up a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation on a proportionate basis.

While the US and its allies are imposing economic sanctions against Myanmar accusing her of violating human rights and lacking democratic practices, they are found to be dealing with some nations that breach human rights and lack democratic practices by giving them special economic opportunities. While imposing sanctions against Myanmar because of the rule of military government, they are proving economic and military aids for a country ruled by a general who purged a democratically-elected government. Realizing the truth, the Myanmar people have come to know that the sanctions of the US and West Bloc are an act of terrorism to fulfill their wishes. Myanmar citizens who love Myanmar are displeased with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and NLD for demanding economic sanctions against Myanmar. Those sanctions harmed national reconciliation between the Myanmar people and the NLD.

I overheard that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi once said 'she accepts and believes in world peace leader Mahatma Gandhi's non-violence stance'. I myself believe in his stance. I would like to present some points from Mahatma Gandhi's non-violence stance in order that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi can study it again.

Mahatma Gandhi in his non-violence policy says that non-violence stance is the greatest among the applicable strengths. A person who lives in non-violence stance is ready to make the supreme sacrifice. For everyone, having love of others

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who love them is not non-violence stance. Only if we can keep showing love to those hostile towards us, can we cultivate non-violence stance. Non-violence represents truth. In this regard, we do not have to show truth by having hostilities to those who have different stances, but by making self-sacrifices.

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi welcomes sanctions against the country with the intent to make the government in a fix, whose stance is different

from hers. So, her stance is absolutely against the non-violence policy initiated by Mahatma Gandhi and squeezes and sparks total violence to the government and the people. If Daw Aung San Suu Kyi is in favour of Mahatma Gandhi's non-violence policy, she should lift the sanctions. If so, there will be any disagreement between the government and the people and her party NLD, and national reconsolidation can be built.

The US sanctions against Myanmar led to closure of 80 per cent of the garment factories in

the nation in 2003. In that case, the US did not need to use any bombers. That had adverse effects to female workers and their dependants. Here, the US uses economic sanctions as weapons at the instigation of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and NLD, which has come to the public knowledge. Like some other regional countries, Myanmar is carrying out smooth democratization processes in conformity with the criteria that are suitable for its people. Of the countries, Myanmar without economic strength is the only targeted country, which is abhorrent to Myanmar people. So, Myanmar people are more strongly equipped with a sense of national spirit that they will have to build the economy of the nation.

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Translation: ST + MS

Talks on liver transplant held

YANGON, 17 Feb—KC health care service held the medical talks on liver transplant at Traders Hotel, here, yesterday.

Prof Anupam Sibal of Indraprastha Apollo Hospital, New Delhi of India gave talks on transplant of liver.

A ceremony to assign KC health care service led by Dr Kyaw Min as medical facilitator for Myanmar of Indraprastha Apollo Hospital, New Delhi and Apollo Hospitals Group was held in conjunction with the

recounting experience on liver transplant of Apollo Hospitals Group at the same venue in the afternoon.

KC health care service will sent those wishing to receive liver transplant to Indraprastha Apollo Hospital of New Delhi. Telemedicine service of KC will be opened at room-1, 2 and 11, Pearl Condo, (C) Complex, Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, Bahan Township. For information, dial 01-73076404, 01-557448, ext: 899.

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Press conference on liver transplant organized by KC health care service in progress at Traders Hotel.

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Indian Pharmaceuticals Exposition 2011 on 17-19 Feb

YANGON, 17 Feb—With a view to fostering bilateral relation, Myanmar-India Business Chamber and Pharmaceuticals Export Promotion Council, under Ministry of Commerce and Industry of India will jointly organize Indian Pharmaceuticals Exposition 2011 at Ball Room of Traders Hotel, here, from 17 to 19 February.

A total of 31 companies from home and abroad will showcase

pharmaceutical products and medical equipment of India with the aim of exchanging information about pharmaceutical industry and medical treatment and promoting trade between India and Myanmar. Anyone interested may observe

the expo.

Myanmar and India pharmaceutical entrepreneurs will meet on the first day of the exposition, and seminars on latest findings on Obstetrics and Gynaecology will be held till 19 February.—MNA



India-made pharmaceuticals and medical equipment displayed at India Pharmaceuticals Expo 2011.—MNA

Frog re-emerges in India after century



This undated handout photo released by Fundacion ProAves shows a recently found harlequin toad in Colombia.—INTERNET

WASHINGTON, 17 Feb—Researchers have rediscovered frog species including one last seen in India more than a century ago, potentially offering clues on why they have survived a global crisis killing amphibians.

But in a five-continent study released Thursday, conservationists largely had bleak news. Of 10 species at the top of a list of missing amphibians, only one — a harlequin toad in Ecuador — was found again.

Scientists estimate that more than 30 percent of amphibians are facing

extinction due to a mysterious fungus that has spread around the world over the past decade, along with pressure from loss of habitat and climate change.

Robin Moore, an amphibian expert at Conservation International, said that scientists would closely examine how the rediscovered species survived.

“It may be that the survivors are somehow resilient to this disease that’s wiped out a lot of species, whether it’s a genetic resistance or whether they have some sort of beneficial bacteria to fight the disease,” Moore said.

“It indicates that there are differences and some species are able to hang on. It’s provided us with more lines of research.”

The study, led by Conservation International and the International Union for Conservation of Nature, involved five months of expeditions across 21 countries.

Internet

A South Korean university student wearing traditional cloth of the Chosun Dynasty of 1392-1910 takes her souvenir pictures during her graduation ceremony in Seoul, South Korea, 17 Feb, 2011.

INTERNET



Rare turtle dove causes stir in UK neighbourhood

LONDON, 17 Feb—Hundreds of British birdwatchers have poured into a quiet village and lined its streets to catch a glimpse of a rare Oriental Turtle Dove.

Sky News says that Steve Akers first saw the rare bird through his kitchen window. He is now

charging birdwatchers 5 pounds (\$8) to enter his house for a chance to see the bird.

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds confirmed that the dove was an Oriental Turtle Dove. A spokesman, Grahame Madge, said Wednesday it may be a

once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for British enthusiasts to see the bird.

He says that it likely took a wrong turn while it was migrating from Siberia to its wintering ground in the Indian subcontinent.

Akers said he will donate the entry fee to bird charities.—*Internet*

20 killed in Tanzania military blasts



Smoke drifts over the Gongolamboto military camp on the outskirts of Dar es Salaam 17 Feb, 2011, following several explosion that occurred Wednesday night on 16 Feb, 2011.—INTERNET

ZANZIBAR, 17 Feb—A military ammunition depot in Tanzania’s capital blew up overnight in a series of explosions that leveled homes, killed at least 20

people and wounded about 145 others. The blasts were felt as far as 20 kilometers (12 miles) away.

Prime Minister Mizengo Pinda said several houses and a school were leveled during Wednesday night’s explosions, which sent huge orange bursts into the night sky over Dar es Salaam. Debris showered parts of the city 15 kilometers (10 miles) from the Gongola Mbotto military base where the depot was located.

It was at least the second recent accident at the base.

Military spokesman Lt Col Kapambala Mgwane said 20 people have been confirmed killed. He said the explosions were accidental but gave no details. A hospital administrator, Mussa Wambura, said about 145 people were injured, some “badly hit by the blasts.” The blasts closed the city’s international airport, near the Gongola Mbotto military base. Thousands of residents were evacuated to the national stadium.—*Internet*



Brazilian fisherman Jose Benedito, 39, searches for crabs in the mud surrounding mangrove roots on the coast of Para State where the fresh water from the Amazon River mixes with the Atlantic Ocean, in Braganca 16 February, 2011. Benedito and others like him harvest around 150 crabs per day to sell for around \$11 per 100 along a nearby highway as the main source of income for their families, even though the legal season ended at the end of January.

INTERNET

St Louis Art Museum sues to keep mummy mask

ST LOUIS, 17 Feb—The St Louis Art Museum has filed a federal lawsuit to try to keep a 3,200-year-old mummy mask that Egypt wants returned, claiming it was stolen.

The museum says the US government is trying to seize the 20-inch-long funeral mask of Ka-Nefer-Nefer and return it to Egypt. But the museum says it has legal rights to the mask it purchased from a New York art dealer for \$499,000 in 1998.

Egyptian officials have claimed the mask was stolen in the early 1990s from a storage room near a pyramid.

The suit claims there is no proof the mask was stolen and says the statute of limitations has expired for any seizure.

US Attorney Richard Callahan says the dispute is probably headed where it needs to go, and that’s to court.

Internet



In this photo provided 16 Feb, 2011, by the Saint Louis Art Museum is the the 3,200-year-old Ka-Nefer-Nefer mummy mask. The museum has filed a federal lawsuit in its effort to keep the mask that Egypt wants back.—INTERNET

Google introduces online payment system

BERLIN, 17 Feb—Google Inc is undercutting rival Apple Inc with an online payment system that lets publishers keep more of the fees charged for reading their digital editions.

Google CEO Eric Schmidt unveiled the one-stop payment service, called One Pass, at Berlin’s Humboldt University on Wednesday. Three German publishers, including the nation’s leading Axel Springer AG, already have signed up.

Besides Germany, One Pass is available to publishers in Canada, France, Italy, the UK and the US. Google said Media General Inc, publisher of the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, and Rust Communications, owner of the Southeast Missourian, plan to use One Pass.

The announcement came a day after Apple rolled out a long-awaited

subscription service for applications designed for its iPhone and iPad. Apple is demanding a 30 percent cut of all subscriptions sold on those mobile apps while Google is charging 10 percent.

“We aren’t in this to make money. Google makes money in other ways,” Schmidt said. “We are trying to get money to people who are producing high-quality content.”

Google makes most of its money from digital ads, including some that appear alongside online stories from newspapers and magazines.

The strategy has turned Google into one of the world’s most profitable companies, fostering resentment among some publishers, which believe the Internet search engine has prospered by showing excerpts of newspaper and magazine stories.

Internet

Global art market rebounds from financial crisis

MADRID, 17 Feb— Sales of modern art are returning to levels seen before the global financial crisis, as collectors snap up works that have dropped in price in recent years as an investment or to decorate their homes.

Gallery owners taking part in ARCO, one of Europe's biggest contemporary art fairs which got underway Wednesday in Madrid, said many collectors had

seen art values soar in the last decade and had bet they would profit from any new rise.

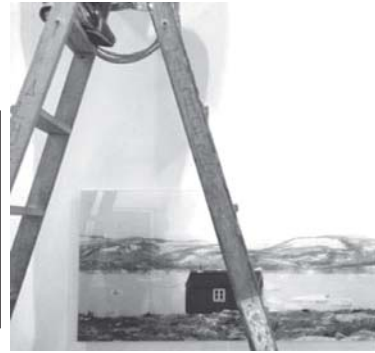
But they said buyers were being more selective this time around and it is mostly the very wealthy who have returned to the market as growth in the United States and other major economies, such as Germany, picks up.

"There was such a level of restraint in spending that people are

now starting to buy stuff that before they would not buy," ARCO director Carlos Urroz at the opening of the fair which features 197 galleries from 26 nations.

"For this reason I believe ARCO can be a parenthesis in this austere time which we have all had and people who have money will allow themselves a treat."

Internet



An art gallery worker is seen close to a photo by Finnish artist Tiina Itkonen at the ARCO International Contemporary Art Fair in Madrid. INTERNET

Video making second mobile revolution

BARCELONA, 17 Feb— Smartphones and tablets are driving a mobile revolution, allowing video to take the lead in a business once dominated by voice calls, industry players and experts say.

Video already does or will soon account for the majority of mobile data traffic, according to

companies that monitor traffic, and with the proliferation of tablet computers that is likely to increase.

"If you want to put 2011 into a nutshell you can say that for the mobile phone companies their business is changing from an ears business — people speaking and hearing — into an eyes business with people looking at little screens," said

Stefan Zehle, CEO of Coleago Consulting.

Cisco chief John Chambers told the mobile industry's annual trade fair in Barcelona this week that the visual medium would soon become ubiquitous in mobile communication.

"It won't be fifty to sixty percent of traffic on networks in five years out that will be visual. It will be eighty to ninety percent.—Internet



The tail of a Qantas airplane is seen near an air traffic control tower in Sydney. The Australian airline has shrugged off a safety scare involving its flagship A380 superjumbos to post a four-fold increase in half-year net profits to Aus\$241 million (US\$240.6 million) on Thursday.

INTERNET

Qantas profits quadruple despite superjumbo scare

SYDNEY, 17 Feb—Australian airline Qantas shrugged off a safety scare involving its flagship A380 superjumbos to post a four-fold increase in half-year net profits to Aus\$241 million (\$240.6 million) on Thursday.

Underlying profit before tax rose 56 percent to Aus\$417 million, as sales grew 10 percent to Aus\$7.59 billion over the second half of last year, despite November's mid-air engine blast that grounded the double-decker planes.

"This result was achieved while overcoming significant operational challenges during the period including disruptions to the A380 network from November," Qantas said in a statement.

In a sign aviation is recovering from the global downturn, Qantas flights raked in pre-tax profits of Aus\$165 million, while budget offshoot Jetstar earned a record Aus\$143 million. The company will not pay an interim dividend.—Internet

Brazil's GDP up 7.8 percent in 2010

RIO DE JANEIRO, 17 Feb—Brazil's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth in 2010 was estimated at 7.8 percent, the country's Central Bank announced on Wednesday. According to the Central Bank's Economic Activity Indicator (IBC-Br), the IBC-Br reached 138.68 points last year, up from 128.64 points in 2009. The GDP expansion surpassed 10 percent at the beginning of the year, and registered some deceleration in the second half of 2010.

The IBC-Br is considered a preview for the official GDP figures, which will be released in March by the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE). The indicator, which takes into consideration data from Brazil's agricultural, industrial and tertiary sectors, is also used by the Monetary Policy Committee (Copom) to decide whether to make any changes in Brazil's annual basic interest rate Selic, which is currently at 11.25 percent.—Xinhua

EADS cuts price on US tanker bid

WASHINGTON, 17 Feb—European aerospace giant EADS on Wednesday said it had lowered its bid for a \$35 billion US Air Force aerial refueling tanker contract against US rival Boeing.

EADS North America chairman Ralph Crosby told reporters at a Washington news conference: "We did in fact revise our proposal and our price."

The European Aeronautic Defence and Space company "improved and updated the pricing" of the proposed

A330 aircraft made by France-based unit Air-

bus and submitted a "very competitive price proposal," he said.

In a politically charged battle, the US and European rivals delivered their revised final bids by last Friday's deadline to replace 179 tankers in an ageing fleet of Boeing KC-135s that date back to the 1950s.

Boeing's chief executive Jim McNerney last week described its final bid as an "aggressive" attempt to beat its "subsidized" European rival.

But EADS had held off comment on its bid until Wednesday's briefing.—Internet



A US Air Force Boeing KC-135 Stratotanker getting ready to refuel a B-52 bomber. European aerospace giant EADS on Wednesday said it had lowered its bid for a \$35 billion US Air Force aerial refueling tanker contract against US rival Boeing.—INTERNET



A pedestrian walks past an advertisement for an iPhone 4 in Bangkok.

INTERNET

US export of coking coal increases nearly 50 percent in 2010

HOUSTON, 17 Feb—US exports of steelmaking coking coal rose to 55 million tons in 2010, the highest level since 1991, according to statistics released Wednesday by US Energy Information Administration (EIA).

US producers have steadily expanded coking coal exports in recent years and the exports rose from 37 million tons in 2009 to 55 million tons in 2010, or an 49 percent increase, EIA said.

Experts believe that, in 2011, US exports will reach 65 million tons, much of which will be in the form of relatively low grade blending coals.

The EIA said the export increase trend mainly results from a decrease of domestic consumption. The 2010 export level is nearly three times the consumption of coking coal at US coke plants. The United States consumed less coking coal domestically due to the continued adoption of technologies such as electric arc furnace (EAF) technology, an alternative steelmaking process.

Xinhua

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Ancient Britons 'drank from skulls'

LONDON, 17 Feb — Ancient Britons were not averse to using human skulls as drinking cups, skeletal remains unearthed in southwest England suggest.

The braincases from three individuals were fashioned in such a meticulous way that their use as bowls to hold liquid seems the only reasonable explanation.

The 14,700-year-old objects were discovered in Gough's Cave, Somerset. Scientists from London's Natural History Museum say the skull-cups were probably used in some kind of ritual.—Internet

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Peter Ball had suffered from stomach ache for a while and at first thought he had pulled a muscle.—INTERNET

Facebook diagnosis by Bridgend surgeon saves friend

LONDON, 17 Feb—A surgeon potentially saved the life of an old schoolfriend by diagnos-

ing his symptoms for appendicitis on Facebook. Rahul Velineni, from the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, saw Peter Ball's status update on his stomach pains and his trouble walking. He sent the 30-year-old from Cheshire a message telling him he should see a doctor immediately. By the time surgeons operated, Mr Ball's appendix was already perforated, which could have been fatal.

He has thanked his old schoolfriend for offering

crucial advice at exactly the right time. Mr Ball had been suffering from stomach ache for a while and at first thought he had pulled a muscle. As his symptoms became worse, he decided to put himself to bed, posting an update that he was "walking like an old man" on his Facebook page. He said: "I woke at about half-three in the morning in pain and saw I had a message from Rahul asking me to call him and saying he thought I might have appendicitis.—Internet



The level of modification suggests the ancient Britons were "manufacturing" something of use.—INTERNET

Surgeon leaves forceps in woman

LYON, 17 Feb —A French woman said the surgeon who left a pair of forceps in her stomach tried to laugh off the matter, telling her their removal was a Valentine's Day gift. The woman, identified only as Anne who lives in Lyon, developed severe stomach

pains six months after abdominal surgery and learned through a scan the problem was caused by a pair of forceps, Radio France International reported on Wednesday.

"I felt as if my stomach was being torn open and I discovered a piece of steel poking out of my belly button," she said. When she called the clinic where the surgery had been performed, Anne was told removal of the forceps wasn't an urgent matter. It took a call from her lawyer to get the clinic to operate the next day.

Internet

Andy Warhol self-portrait sells for £10.8m



The Andy Warhol portrait was executed in 1967 and is one of 11 large self-portraits created that year.—INTERNET

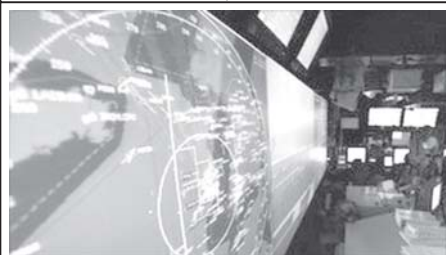
LONDON, 17 Feb — A rare Andy Warhol self-portrait has sold for £10,793,250 (\$17,441,892) at auc-

tion, having been in private hands since 1974. The red-and-white silkscreen portrait, which measures 6ft (1.8m) by 6ft, had a pre-sale estimate of £3m to £5m. It was bought by an anonymous bidder at the auction held by Christie's in London.

It was executed in 1967 and one of an historic series of 11 large-scale self-portraits created that year. Warhol was at the height of his fame when he first exhibited his self-portrait at the Expo 67 world fair in Montreal, Canada. The piece, which was put up for sale by the

estate of the painting's owner after their death, was exhibited in public for the first time at Christie's in New York from 22 to 26 January this year.

Internet



Electronic attacks will play a part in conventional conflict, but they are not wars, says Mr Schneier.—INTERNET

Cyber war threat exaggerated claims security expert

SILICON VALLEY, 17 Feb — The threat of cyber warfare is greatly exaggerated, according to a leading security expert. Bruce Schneier claims that emotive rhetoric around the term does not match the reality.

He warned that using sensational phrases such as "cyber armageddon" only inflames the situation. Mr Schneier, who is chief security officer for BT, is due to address the RSA security conference in San Francisco this

week. Speaking ahead of the event, he told that there was a power struggle going on, involving a "battle of metaphors". He suggested that the notion of a cyber war was based on several high-profile incidents from recent years.

They include blackouts in Brazil in 1998, attacks by China on Google in 2009 and the Stuxnet virus that attacked Iran's nuclear facilities.—Internet

81-year-old man receives diploma

An 81-year-old New York state man who left school in 1946 to join the US Army was awarded a high school diploma by the Pittsford Board of Education.

Dressed in a maroon cap and gown, Siegfried Weinthal accepted his diploma from the school board Monday after the New York Department of Labour's Division of Unemployment suggested his name for a diploma under a programme awarding high school degrees to people who left high school to serve in World War II, Korea or Vietnam, the *Rochester (NY) Democrat & Chronicle* reported on Tuesday.

"It was the first time I have received that kind of a request. I immediately contacted the superintendent and we got to work," Pittsford Mendon High School principal Karl Thielking said.



Henry Morello, of Anthem, Ariz., talks about his ordeal in the desert during a news conference, on 15 Feb, 2011, in Phoenix. The 84-year-old Morello survived five days in the Arizona desert without food and water in explains how he survived. Morello was located Saturday near Bloody Basin Road and Interstate 17 north of Black Canyon City, and is now listed in good condition in a local hospital.

Man, 84, survives desert ordeal over five days

There was a moment when Henry Morello began to lose hope, stuck as he was for five long days with his car in a ditch in the Arizona desert.

The 84-year-old drank windshield wiper fluid after he got thirsty, used car mats to stay warm and even read a car manual from cover to cover to pass time.

Then, he heard a knock on a window from a hiker, and suddenly his long, painful ordeal was over.

"I just kissed him," Morello said of the hiker.

"He looked like an angel to me."

Morello described his ordeal at a hospital news conference on Tuesday as he recalled making a wrong turn while driving home 7 Feb from a favourite restaurant in Cave Creek and ending up stuck in the desert near Interstate 17 north of Phoenix. His car and cell phone battery soon went dead as rescuers looked for him.

News Album

Zoo prepares cross-eyed cat for celebrity

Hot on the heels of cross-eyed opossum Heidi's smash success at the Leipzig Zoo, a nearby animal park in eastern Germany has been preparing its own cross-eyed creature for possible celebrity.

Meet Frank the jaguarundi, a 14-year-old wild cat from the Tiergarten Delitzsch in eastern Germany, who has his own pair of crossed eyes.

"I think many people probably just come to the zoo to see him," zoo head Katrin Ernst told *Reuters*. "They stand at his enclosure and call his name. I can hear here it from my office nearby." Jaguarundis are a type of puma native to North and South America.

Frank's handlers believe he was born cross-eyed, unlike opossum Heidi whose crossed eyes stem from a poor diet when she was young.



Frank, the eyra or jaguarundi, which is a type of wild cat, is pictured in a zoo in the town of Delitzsch, north of Leipzig.

Cabbie returns \$75K in jewels

A New York cabbie said he refused a dinner in his honour after he returned a bag containing \$75,000 in jewelry to its owner because alcohol would be served.

Zubiru Jalloh, 42, discovered a white bag in his cab Sunday and promptly returned the sack and its contents, the jewelry, some photos and \$229 cash, to owner John James, the *New York Post* reported on Tuesday.

"I said, 'Sir, this property does not belong to me, and it is my duty to return it,'" Jalloh said he told James.



Janelle Monae dives into the crowd while performing "Cold War" at the 53rd annual Grammy Awards in Los Angeles, California on 13 Feb, 2011.
INTERNET

Singer Bruno Mars avoids jail on cocaine charge

LOS ANGELES, 17 Feb—Fresh off his weekend Grammy win, singer Bruno Mars pleaded guilty to cocaine possession on Wednesday but avoided jail in exchange for probation, community service and drug counselling.

Mars, 25, who had a breakthrough year in 2010 with hits "Just the Way You Are" and "Grenade", made a brief appearance in a Las Vegas courtroom where a judge sanctioned a plea deal worked out with prosecutors. Mars, whose real name is Peter

Herandez, was arrested in September in a bathroom at the Hard Rock Hotel with a bag of cocaine, according to a police report.

The singer's lawyer Blair Berk entered the guilty plea on his behalf. Mars was placed on 12 months probation, given a \$2,000 fine, 200 hours community service and ordered to attend drug counselling.

Reuters



An Indian man passes a mural depicting Conan the Barbarian on a wall in the Indian city of Bangalore. The country's first comic book convention opens in the capital New Delhi on Saturday.—INTERNET

NY Met Opera goes global with 11 productions



A view of the Metropolitan Opera House in New York City.—INTERNET

NEW YORK, 17 Feb—Opera buffs will be able to hear the New York Metropolitan Opera singing from the other side of the world again this year. The prestigious opera company announced

Wednesday a program-me for the 2011-12 season that will include 11 live transmissions in HD to movie theaters worldwide. At present the programme reaches some 1,500 screens in 46 countries.

The schedule, including "Anna Bolena" on 15 October, then "Don Giovanni" and "La Traviata," will "feature the world's leading singers, conductors, and stage directors in seven new productions, including a world premiere and a Met premiere, and four revivals," the Met said.

Internet



British actor Colin Firth poses for photographers during a photocall for the movie "The King's Speech" by British director Tom Hooper.

INTERNET

Firth says 'King's Speech' role helped him love royals

BERLIN, 17 Feb—Oscar-nominated British actor Colin Firth said Wednesday that his role in "The King's Speech" helped him discover his "love" for the royal family.

The dramatization of the real-life relationship between King George VI and his speech therapist on the eve of World War II is screening on the sidelines of the Berlin film festival, which runs until Sunday.

When asked about his views on the British monarchy after playing a member, Firth said he had been surprised to confront a historical figure of such depth and strength.

Internet

Inter edge to win at Fiorentina

ROME, 17 Feb — Inter Milan kept up their title challenge with a hard-fought 2-1 victory at Fiorentina on Wednesday.

An own goal from Michele Camporese gave the champions the lead before Manuel Pasquale's cross trickled over the line to restore parity.

But Giampaolo Pazzini struck the winner from close range to keep Leonardo's team in the scudetto hunt.

The victory moved them up to third in Serie A just five points behind leaders and bitter city rivals AC Milan.

And it was the perfect response after the harsh criticism directed at the team in the Italian press after Sunday's 1-0 defeat at Juventus.

This was Inter's eighth win in 10

league games under the Brazilian, who joined in late December.—*Internet*



Inter Milan's midfielder Giampaolo Pazzini(L) is congratulated by Inter Milan's Dutch midfielder Wesley Sneijder after scoring against Fiorentina during their Italian serie A football match in Florence.—*INTERNET*

Arsenal fightback stuns Barca in Champions League

LONDON, 17 Feb — Arsenal gave themselves a fighting chance of reaching the Champions League quarter-finals here on Wednesday, coming from behind to stun favourites Barcelona 2-1 in a pulsating encounter.

Two goals in the final 12 minutes from Robin van Persie and substitute Andrey Arshavin clinched a dramatic victory for the English Premier League side after Barcelona had taken the lead through a first-half David Villa strike.

The result means Arsenal — thrashed 6-3 on aggregate by Barcelona in last year's quarter-finals — will carry a narrow lead into Camp Nou when the two sides meet in the second leg on 8 March.



Arsenal's Dutch striker Robin Van Persie(L) celebrates after scoring a goal against Barcelona.—*INTERNET*

The thrilling finale capped a superb encounter at the Emirates as arguably the two most stylish sides in Europe laid on a feast of attacking football.

Internet

Ronaldo to help coordinate World Cup 2014

SAO PAULO, 17 Feb — Ronaldo, Brazil's legendary footballer who retired this week, was Wednesday appointed to help coordinate Brazil's hosting of the 2014 World Cup.

Sao Paulo governor Geraldo Alckmin named the ex-player to his state committee coordinating the football tournament in a ceremony in a Sao Paulo stadium.

He also awarded Ronaldo, 34, a medal in honour of his sporting achievements and legacy.

"It's an honour to help the government of Sao



Former Brazilian football star Ronaldo

Paulo to put on the best World Cup of all time," Ronaldo said.

The three-time FIFA World Player of the Year, whose goalscoring genius led Brazil to the 2002 World Cup title, confirmed his retirement on Monday in a tearful media conference.—*Internet*

Shakhtar stun Roma in Champions League

ROME, 17 Feb — A trio of Brazilians gave Shakhtar Donetsk a shock 3-2 victory at Roma on Wednesday to put the Ukrainians in firm control of their Champions League second round clash.

Jadson, Douglas Costa and Luiz Adriano all found in the net in the space of 12 first half minutes to turn the tie on its head following Simone Perrotta's opener.

Jeremy Menez's second half strike ensured Roma retained a slight hope of triumphing following the second leg in

Donetsk in three weeks time.

Roma finished the game to a cacophony of jeers and were even booed when they went to salute their fans after the match.—*Internet*



Shakhtar's Brazilian midfielder Jadson celebrates after scoring against AS Roma. *INTERNET*

S P O R T S

South Africa's Dikgacoi joins Palace

LONDON, 17 Feb — South Africa midfielder Kagisho Dikgacoi has joined English Championship (second division) club Crystal Palace on loan from Fulham until the end of the season.

Dikgacoi was a member of South Africa's 2010 World Cup squad but he has struggled for playing time since signing for Fulham in August 2009.

The 26-year-old was delighted to move to Palace, despite the south London team's lowly position in Championship, as more regular first-team action should boost his chances of remaining in

the South Africa team.

He will be available for Palace's crucial clash against fellow strugglers Sheffield United at Selhurst Park on Saturday.

Internet



South Africa midfielder Kagisho Dikgacoi(R), has joined English Championship (second division) club Crystal Palace on loan from Fulham until the end of the season. *INTERNET*

Nam breaks language barrier to flourish in France



Valenciennes' South Korean midfielder Nam Tae-Hee

VALENCIENNES, 17 Feb — Having overcome difficulties with the language barrier, Valenciennes' South Korean youngster Nam Tae-Hee has begun to play a central role in his side's battle to avoid relegation.

With two assists in nine appearances this season, the 19-year-old is starting to make his presence felt — a little over two years since he arrived in France in January 2009.

He has also earned the faith of his coach, Philippe Montanier, who has

handed Nam the keys to the Valenciennes attack in their last four matches by deploying him as a classic number 10.—*Internet*

Murray disappoints Dubai again

DUBAI, 17 Feb — Andy Murray will have to wait at least another month before getting a chance of avenging

himself upon Novak Djokovic after pulling out of the Dubai Open with a wrist injury.

The Scot lost to the Serbian in the Australian Open final a month ago, and had been scheduled for a possible repeat with his career-long rival during next week's two-million-dollar event.

But Murray told the world via his website that he is not fit to compete, even though he only played one match in Rotterdam last week, losing in straight sets to Marcos Baghdatis.

Internet



Andy Murray

Vera Zvonareva loses at Dubai Championships

DUBAI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, 17 Feb—Vera Zvonareva and Francesca Schiavone were both eliminated in the third round of the Dubai Championships on Thursday.

Alisa Kleybanova beat Russian teammate Zvonareva 6-3, 6-2, while Svetlana Kuznetsova defeated Schiavone 1-6, 6-0, 7-5.



Russia's Vera Zvonareva returns the ball to Italy's Roberta Vinci during the third day of Dubai WTA Tennis Championships in Dubai, on 16 Feb, 2011.—*INTERNET*

Samantha Stosur of Australia also reached the quarterfinals, beating Swiss veteran Patty Schnyder 6-3, 6-4, while Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland defeated Marion Bartoli of France 6-3, 6-2 and Shahar Peer if Israel overcame a sluggish start to beat Yanina Wickmayer of Belgium 3-6, 6-4, 6-1.—*Internet*

Klasnic fires Bolton into FA Cup fifth round



Wigan Athletic's Honduran midfielder Hendry Thomas (R) vies with Bolton Wanderers' Swedish forward Johan Elmander during the FA Cup Fourth round replay football match. *INTERNET*

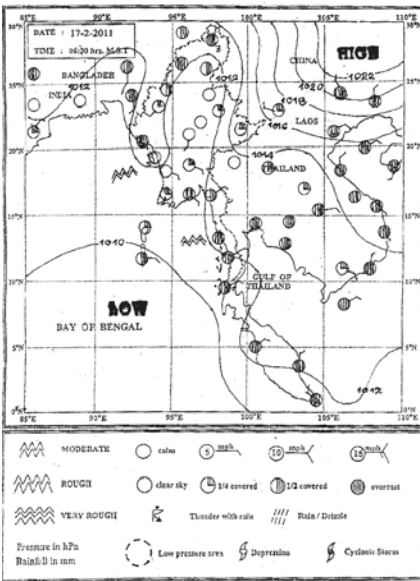
WIGAN, 17 Feb — Ivan Klasnic fired Bolton Wanderers to a 1-0 win over Wigan Athletic in their FA Cup fourth-round replay at the DW Stadium on Wednesday.

Owen Coyle's side can look forward to a fifth-round trip to Fulham this weekend thanks to Croatian striker Klasnic's second-half winner.

While Wanderers' Wembley bid remains alive, Wigan are left to focus on a grim fight for Premier League survival. However, Bolton's win was tarnished slightly by an Achilles injury suffered by Sam Ricketts, which will keep the defender out for several weeks.

"He has damaged his Achilles and it doesn't look great at this time," Coyle said.—*Internet*

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Thursday, 17th February, 2011

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T.
 During the past 24 hours, light rain have been isolated in Upper Sagaing Region, Kachin and Rakhine States, weather has been partly cloudy in Yangon and Taninthayi Regions, Chin and Mon States, generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above February average temperature in Upper Sagaing Region, Kachin, Rakhine and Mon States, (3°C) to (4°C) below February average temperature in Bago Region, Chin and Kayah States and about February average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant night temperatures were Haka (3°C), Nanhsan, Pinlaung and Heho (4°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded was Putao (0.07) inch.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 16-2-2011 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 17-2-2011 was 62°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 17-2-2011 was (66%). Rainfall on 17-2-2011 was (Nil).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 16-2-2011 was 93°F. Minimum temperature on 17-2-2011 was 69°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 17-2-2011 was (50%). Total

sunshine hours on 16-2-2011 was (9.8) hours (Approx).

Rainfall on 17-2-2011 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 Southwest at (15:30) hours MST on 16-2-2011.

Bay Inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 18th February 2011: Rain are likely to be isolated in sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions, Kachin, Chin, Shan and Rakhine States and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of isolated rain in the Upper Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 18-2-2011: Possibility of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 18-2-2011: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 18-2-2011: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Pujols arrives in Cardinals' camp



JUPITER, FLA, 17 Feb—Albert Pujols has arrived at St Louis Cardinals spring training camp.

Pujols pulled his black pickup into a spot at 7:35 am Thursday, pulled two boxes and a backpack out of the truck and made the short walk into the clubhouse.

“Better than ever,” he said, when asked how he was feeling.

Pujols arrived at the Cardinals’ complex one day after he and the team failed to reach an agreement on a new contract by a deadline the three-time MVP imposed. Pujols said he wants to revisit the talks after this season ends.—Internet

This 17 Sept, 2010, file photo shows St Louis Cardinals’ Albert Pujols hitting an RBI-double during the first inning of a baseball game against the San Diego Padres, in St Louis. Pujols is seeking a deal that would make him one of baseball’s highest-paid players.

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MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (18-2-2011) (Friday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	(09:00am - 11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission	(18-2-11 09:30 am ~ 19-2-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Myanmar’s Traditions and Culture ‘The Mystique of Shwedagon pagoda’
- * News
- * Boost Production of All Crops
- * Myanmar Traditional Sticky rice Festival
- * News
- * The Light of World Peace
- * News
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- * News
- * Today’s Efficient Youths
- * News
- * Painting Competition
- * News
- * Culture Stage
- * ‘‘Products of Myanmar’’ Velvet Slipper
- * News
- * Mya Nan San Kyaw Golden Palace in Mandalay
- * Music Gallery
- * Coloured Glass Ball...Expert
- * Myanmar Movie ‘‘A Monk’s Single Meal’’
- * Daily Life of A Buddhist Monk
- * Amazing Hotel in Myanmar (Summit Park View)



Friday, 18 February View on today

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| <p>7:00 am
1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw -Uppatasanti Paritta</p> <p>7:30 am
2. Morning News</p> <p>7:40 am
3. Dhamma Puja Song</p> <p>7:45 am
4. Nice & Sweet Song</p> | <p>7:55 am
5. Health Programme</p> <p>8:05 am
6. The Mirror Images Of The Musical Oldies</p> <p>8:15 am
7. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions</p> <p>8:25 am
8. Teleplay (Healthy)</p> <p>8:40 am
9. International News</p> <p>8:45 am
10. Musical Programme</p> <p>4:00 pm
1. Martial Song</p> <p>4:10 pm
2. Musical Programme</p> |
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| <p>4:20 pm
3. Song Of National Races</p> <p>4:30 pm
4. Songs Of Yester Years</p> <p>4:40 pm
5. 2011 University Entrance Examination (History)</p> <p>5:00 pm
6. Songs For Upholding National Spirit</p> <p>5:05 pm
7. Myanmar Language</p> <p>5:20 pm
8. Documentary</p> <p>5:30 pm
9. Images of Innocent Child</p> | <p>6:00 pm
10. Evening News</p> <p>6:15 pm
11. Weather Report</p> <p>6:20 pm
12. Internet Garden</p> <p>7:00 pm
13. TV Drama Series</p> <p>8:00 pm
14. News</p> <p>15. International News</p> <p>16. Weather Report</p> <p>17. Just For Laughs (Gags Asia)</p> <p>18. TV Drama Series</p> <p>19. Song Lover</p> <p>20. Ovada Patimauk Day Of Sitagu</p> <p>21. Metta Bhavana by Mingun Sayadaw</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

New RG truck-mounted drilling rigs, ready to tap underground water

Article: *Tin Htwe (MNA)*; Photos; *Ko Htwe*



Arrival of RG truck-mounted drilling rigs manufactured by the People's Republic of China at worksite.

To be able to implement the aim on boosting agricultural production set by the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, the Water Resource Utilization Department is successfully undertaking two tasks on pumping water from rivers and creeks and underground water tapping. Underground water tapping project zones are designated across the nation with the aim of effectively utilizing underground water when one region would face shortage of water for agricultural purpose due to inadequate rainfall in unfavourable weather. (See page 7)

Untimely rainfall warning

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Feb—According to the observations at (09:30) hrs MST today, isolated rains are likely in Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions, Kachin, Shan, Chin and Rakhine States within next (2) days commencing noon today, announced Meteorology and Hydrology Department. — MNA

Inside

Mahatma Gandhi in his non-violence policy says that non-violence stance is the greatest among the applicable strengths. A person who lives in non-violence stance is ready to make the supreme sacrifice. For everyone, having love of others who love them is not non-violence stance. Only if we can keep showing love to those hostile towards us, can we cultivate non-violence stance. Non-violence represents truth.

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