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Prime Minister felicitates Sultan of Brunei

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Feb — On the occasion of the 27th Anniversary of the National Day of Brunei Darussalam which falls on 23 February 2011, U Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Muizzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam.—MNA

Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, prevalence of law and order
- * National reconsolidation
- * Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Eleventh-day regular session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw held Approval sought for appointment of Auditor-General of the Union Persons suitable to be appointed as judges of Supreme Court of the Union nominated

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Feb—The eleventh-day regular session of the First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw was held at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Building, here, at 11 am today, attended by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint, Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann, and representatives of Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw.

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

After taking position, Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint announced the validity and start of the session as 654 out of 658 Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives who have the right to attend today's session were present, accounting for 99.39 per cent.

The Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw announced that although



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

an announcement was issued for Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives to raise objection with clear evidences that the nominee does not meet

the qualification prescribed in Sub-section (a) of Article 242 of the constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar

regarding nomination of U Lun Maung to the post of Auditor-General of the Union made by the elected President, there were no

objection to the nominee. Accordingly, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approved the nominee. Afterwards, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

Speaker submitted nomination to the posts of judges of the Union Supreme Court made by the elected President in (See page 8)

PERSPECTIVES

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Environmental conservation for better world

Today, the world has come under environmental degradation due to many human activities such as excessive exploitation of natural resources and indiscriminate discarding of hazardous wastes and sewage.

World population is growing day by day, calling for increasing supply of safe water. Similarly, demand of water for the people, factories, farmlands and other enterprises is on the increase. So, the government is seeking more ways apart from constructing dams to meet the nation's demands of irrigation water and potable water.

So, it is required to utilize and conserve water sources systematically. In particular, factories near rivers and creeks have to treat sewage and hazardous chemicals before throwing them away. Waste water from distilleries, leather factories, peas mills, cold storages, prawn processing plants, textile plants, fish sauce factories, soft drink factories and chemical factories contains harmful chemical agents.

Water in a river or creek contaminated with such chemical agents is fatal to aquatic creatures in it and harmful to the health of those who use that water. Indiscriminately throwing away untreated sewage to water sources, setting up latrines on banks of rivers and creeks and taking bath and washing clothes on edges of rivers and creeks are some causes of water pollution.

Household waste is also consisted of perishable chemical agents, and that causes water pollution if it is thrown away to water sources.

Water pollution, air pollution, soil pollution and deforestation lead to environmental deterioration. Therefore, the entire people have to do their bit in environmental conservation tasks for the better world.

Delegation of Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise leaves for Malaysia

YANGON, 22 Feb—Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise under the Ministry of Information has been building modern studios and making quality Myanmar movies in cooperation with foreign countries with a view to developing the Myanmar film industry. In so doing, MMPE has purchased color analyzer, colour compact printer, B&W film calder processing machine, optical sound recorder (Stereo), simplex 35mm five star dolby digital projector from Addaudio Co Ltd.

In order to familiarize MMPE staff with the equipment and machines, short-term training courses were conducted with the help of foreign technicians. Now at the invitation of Addaudio Co Ltd, the six-member delegation led by MMPE Director (Technical) U Win Thu left here by air for Malaysia to be able to skillfully operate movie equipment and study modern cinematography.

MNA

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

Commander inspects development tasks in MraukU, Minbya and Myebon Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Feb—Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Brig-Gen Soe Thein, on 17 February, inspected maintenance of roads and bridges along MraukU-Minbya motor road. After that, the commander met with officers and other ranks and their families at local battalion and presented sport gears.

The commander inspected the local battalion. Later on, he looked into strand road, construction of shops, paving of tarred road, erecting of traffic island lamp posts and construction of Z-crafts in

FM sends felicitations to Brunei counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Feb — On the occasion of the 27th Anniversary of the National Day of Brunei Darussalam which falls on 23 February 2011, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Royal Highness Prince Haji Mohamed Bolkiah, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Brunei Darussalam.—MNA

Myebon Township.

On arrival at briefing hall of Myebon-Katha-Kyarintaung road construction project in Kyarintaung Village, the commander left necessary instructions after hearing the report by an official on works.

Afterwards, he inspected road works along Myebon-An motor road.—MNA

Quartermaster-General Maj-Gen Wai Lwin and wife being welcomed by Russian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Mikhail Mgeladze and wife at the reception to mark the Armed Forces Day of Russian Federation at Chatrium Hotel in Yangon on 22 February.—MNA



CPT Minister inspects Yadanabon Myothit Project



CPT Minister U Thein Zaw inspects installation and functioning of devices at Yatanarpon Teleport Building.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Feb—Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Zaw looked into installation and functioning of devices at Convergence Billing Center, Soft Switch Room, ISP Data Center, Yatanarpon Web Portal Control Center, Network Operating Center, IPTV Room and Data Center in Yatanarpon Teleport Building in Yadanabon Myothit near PynOoLwin of Mandalay Region on 20

February.

Next, the minister oversaw production of cables at Yatanarpon Fiber Optical Factory, mobile accessories and prepaid cards manufactured at Asia Mega Link Factory, progress in construction of housings of Northern Housing Project and land preparation and paving of new roads at project area.

MNA



People gather at the blast site in Quetta, southwest Pakistan, on 22 Feb, 2011. At least two persons were killed and several others were injured in a blast that took place in a hotel in Quetta on Monday night.—XINHUA

Blast rocks Kabul, Afghanistan

KABUL, 22 Feb—A blast rocked Afghan Capital Kabul on Tuesday. The blast was happened in eastern part of capital City Kabul, an official said, but declined to be identified.

Meantime, an official with the press department of Interior Ministry in talks with Xinhua described the blast as part of military exercise in Polygon area of Pul-e-Charkkhi some 10 km

east of the capital city.

However, he failed to explain why the authorities did not issue notice to Kabul residents before conducting any military exercise.

Afghans are war-weary people and any big bang can cause panic among the Afghans particularly to Kabul residents.

Two suicide attacks shocked capital Kabul on 28 Jan and 14 Feb

which left 10 people dead and 17 others injured, and almost of them were civilians.

Moreover, two more suicide attacks that rocked eastern Nangarhar and northern Kunduz Provinces on 19 Feb and 21 Feb respectively, had left 69 dead and over 100 others injured with majority of them non-combatants, according to officials.

Xinhua

American held in Lahore is CIA contractor

WASHINGTON, 22 Feb—An American held on murder charges in Pakistan after a shooting worked as a CIA contractor but was not involved in covert operations, US sources closely following the case said on Monday.

The confirmation of a link with the CIA — which had been reported in recent days in Pakistani media — was likely to further strain Washington's ties with Islamabad over the case.

The shooting of two Pakistanis last month in the eastern city of Lahore has inflamed anti-American feeling in Pakistan and highlighted the countries' uneasy alliance against Islamist militants who attack US troops in neighbouring Afghanistan.

Raymond Davis, a former American special forces soldier, is a "protective officer" employed as a CIA contractor, the US.

Davis' duties were essentially as a bodyguard, to provide physical security to US Embassy and consular officers and visiting American dignitaries, US officials who declined to be identified told Reuters.

Officials strongly denied news reports alleging Davis was part of a covert CIA-led team of operatives conducting surveillance on militant groups.



A US consulate employee is escorted by police and officials out of court after facing a judge in Lahore, on 28 Jan, 2011.

INTERNET

Confirmation of a connection between Davis and the CIA came as President Barack Obama's administration reiterated its call for Pakistan to recognize what Washington says is Davis' diplomatic immunity and to free him immediately. Davis has said the shooting occurred during a robbery attempt.—Reuters

Pirates shoot dead four American hostages-US military

WASHINGTON, 22 Feb—Pirates shot dead four American hostages on a yacht they had seized in the Arabian Sea, and a firefight left two pirates dead and 13 captured, the US military said on Tuesday.

The sequence of events was not immediately clear, but the US military's Central Command said the dead hostages were only discovered after US forces responded to gunfire and boarded the pirated yacht, known as the Quest.

"As they responded to the gunfire, reaching and boarding the Quest, the forces discovered all four hostages had been shot by their captors," the US military's Central Command said in a statement.

"Despite immediate steps to provide life-saving care, all four hostages ultimately died of their wounds."

MNA/Reuters

NATO airstrike kills six civilians, says Afghan official

KABUL, 22 Feb—A NATO airstrike targeting a group of alleged insurgents mistakenly killed an Afghan family of six, an Afghan official said Monday.

The airstrike took place late Sunday in Khogyani, a district in the eastern province of Nangarhar.

The attack came one day after President Hamid Karzai condemned NATO airstrikes that had allegedly killed some 50 civilians in the neighbouring province of Kunar.

Internet



A police officer inspects the damage following three near-simultaneous car bombings in the northern Iraqi City of Kirkuk. The attacks, which killed at least eight people, have been blamed on Sunni militant group Ansar Al-Islam.

INTERNET

Several injured in Pakistan port blast

ISLAMABAD, 22 Feb—Several people were injured Tuesday when an explosion hit a main road in Gwadar, a newly-built port city in southwest Pakistan, local sources said.—Xinhua

Suicide car bomber kills 12 north of Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 22 Feb—A suicide attacker detonated a car bomb Monday at a police station north of Baghdad, killing at least 12 police officers, police and health officials said.

The attack in Samarra, 60 miles (95 kilometres) north of Baghdad, comes nine days after a suicide bomber targeted Shiite pilgrims returning from a religious ceremony at the city's al-Askari mosque. Thirty-six were killed in that attack.

Monday's bombing also wounded at least 22 people, according to two police officers and hospital official.

The police battalion that came under attack had been dispatched from a southern Shiite Province two weeks ago to help protect pilgrims during the ceremony, said Niyaz Oglu, a member of the area's provincial council.

Oglu accused al-Qaeda in Iraq of organizing the attack.—Internet



Residents gather at the site of a bomb attack in Baghdad's Shula District recently. A car bomb exploded at a funeral wake in a Shi'ite area of Iraq's Capital on Thursday, killing at least 35 people, wounding dozens and triggering clashes between angry residents and police, health and security sources said.

INTERNET



Science

NASA to launch newest Earth-observing satellite

BEIJING, 22 Feb—NASA will launch its newest Earth-observing satellite “Glory” this Wednesday to collect data on climate change research.

The satellite will be lifted off by a Taurus XL Rocket from the Vandenberg Air Force Base in California at the dawn of this Wednesday.

“Glory”’s main job will be to study the tiny atmospheric particles called aerosols. The data of this mission may help scientists’ research on how aerosols affect earth climate.

The \$424 million mission was supposed to start last November, but a problem with the satellite solar panels delayed the launch.—Xinhua

Gulf spill said ‘devastating’ to sea life

ATHENS, 22 Feb—The 2010 Deepwater Horizon gulf oil spill had a “devastating” effect on life on the seafloor that could need years to recover, a US marine scientist says.

Samantha Joye of the University of Georgia says studies using a submersible discovered a layer of dead animals and oil in the Gulf of Mexico as thick as 4 inches in some places, the BBC reported Monday.

Joye and colleagues used the submersible to survey the lowest layer of water around the destroyed wellhead, known as the benthos.

“The impact on the benthos was devastating,” she says.

“Filter-feeding organisms, invertebrate worms, corals, sea fans — all of those were substantially impacted — and by impacted, I mean

essentially killed.”

Joye says she disagrees with an assessment by BP’s compensation fund that the gulf waters will recover from the effects of the spill by the end of 2012.

“The gulf is resilient,” she said. “I do believe that it will recover from this insult, but I don’t think it’s going to recover fully by 2012.”

The impact at the bottom of the aquatic food chain will inevitably have long-term effects on species nearer the surface, she says, including some humans depend on as a food source.

“I think it’s going to be 2012 before we begin to really see the fisheries implications and repercussions from this,” she said.

Internet



Women wade through water covering the street and bridge connecting the suburbs on the outskirts of Chokwe, near the Limpopo river, Mozambique, in January 2011. Fifty million “environmental refugees” will flood into the global north by 2020, fleeing food shortages sparked by climate change, experts warned at a major science conference that ended here Monday.—INTERNET



Amelia Earhart, the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean, is shown in this undated file photo. More than seven decades after aviator Amelia Earhart disappeared while attempting her ill-fated flight around the world, a BC scientist hopes to extract DNA from letters she wrote to loved ones.

INTERNET

Ancient fossils: Plants or animals?

BLACKSBURG, 22 Feb—US scientists say mysterious ancient fossils discovered in China defy classification, puzzling researchers who can’t decide if they’re plant or animal.

Either way, they say, the fossils could shed new light on the evolution of large, complex organisms and indicate they may have diversified earlier than thought, LiveScience.com reported.

The researchers say the fossils, found in China’s southern Anhui Province, date to between 580 million and 635 million years ago.

Two of the fossil organisms resemble seaweed, while three other new types are difficult to classify as animal or plant.

“Some of my colleagues are more leaning toward the animal interpretation,” said study researcher Shuhai Xiao, a professor of geobiology at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. “But my personal view is that we still don’t know what they are.”—Internet



Technology

Russia grounds launches of Rokot carrier rocket

Moscow, 22 Feb—Russian Space Forces have grounded launches of Rokot light-class carrier rocket after its failed launch with military satellite Geo-IK-2, local reports said on Monday.

The launches have to be halted until the completion of an investigation on Rokot’s failure on 1 Feb, in which the rocket’s Briz-KM upper stage failed to place the satellite in a designed orbit.

The next launch of Rokot was scheduled at the end of March, but investigative commission said it would not complete its work by the deadline.

“Rokot’s launches have been suspended to fulfill recommended measures to ensure the necessary level of quality and reliability the Rokot will be evaluated by the state-owned enterprise TsNIImash and four institutes of the Defence Ministry,” local reports quoted a source from the forces as saying.

The three-stage Rokot is a rocket developed on a basis of the pensioned-off two-stage intercontinental strategic ballistic missile RS-18 (or SS-19 by NATO classification). It is capable to deliver up to two tons of load to a low orbit.—Xinhua



Airplanes might soon have flexible wings like birds and robots could change shape as they please thanks to research under way on mimosa plants, researchers said.

INTERNET

China mobile subscriber total rises to 853 million in January

HONG KONG, 22 Feb—China Mobile, China’s largest mobile carrier, said its total mobile subscribers rose to about 589.3 million in January, including 22.6 million 3G subscribers.

China Unicom, the country’s No 2 mobile carrier’s total mobile subscribers increased to 169.7 million for the month, including 15.5 million 3G subscribers.

China Telecom said its total mobile subscribers rose to about 94.1 million in January, including 13.6 million for 3G subscribers.

Reuters

Reuters

HP results seen solid as Apotheker’s vision awaited

SAN FRANCISCO, 22 Feb—Hewlett-Packard Co (HPQ.N) should reaffirm good corporate technology spending trends when it reports results, as investors wait to hear more about new CEO Leo Apotheker’s vision for the future.

On Tuesday, the world’s largest technology company by revenue is expected to report strong demand for networking equipment, servers and storage, but relatively lackluster sales of low-margin personal computers due to weak consumer spending.

The printing and IT services segments, which provide more than half of HP’s

operating profit, should turn in strong, if unspectacular, results, according to analysts.

HP’s report is due to come on the heels of the company’s most aggressive salvo at the wireless device market dominated by the likes of Apple Inc (AAPL.O) and Google Inc (GOOG.O) — the Palm software-powered TouchPad.

The tablet, unveiled alongside two new smartphones, emerged from HP’s \$1.2 billion acquisition of Palm, a pioneer in mobile computing that had languished in the face of Apple’s dominance.



A private road that leads to the Jackling House a historic mansion own by Apple CEO Steve Jobs who has bulldozed the home to make way for his future house is pictured in Woodside, California, on 21 Feb, 2011.—INTERNET



Health

Heart drug may help prevent blindness

ATHENS, 22 Feb— A statin drug — brand-name Lipitor — may help prevent blindness in people with diabetes, researchers at the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy say. Lead author Azza El-Remessy and colleagues say diabetic retinopathy is a leading cause of blindness in adults who have had diabetes for 10 to 15 years, and there are no government-approved oral treatments. Surgical methods are expensive and painful, El-Remessy says.

A study using diabetic rats, scheduled to be published in the March edition of the journal *Diabetologia*, found statins prevent free radicals in the retina from killing nerves important to maintaining vision.

“The exciting part is that there are now treatment options that are proven to be safe that can be immediately translated to patients,” El-Remessy says in a statement.—*Internet*



This undated photo by the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority shows Australia's Great Barrier Reef. In a long-term study of chemical signaling among organisms in coral reefs funded by the National Institutes of Health, seaweed has been found to send off a natural chemical response to ward off fungi, a process that could help the search for anti-malaria drugs, a US scientist said Monday.

INTERNET

High cholesterol, blood pressure in middle age tied to early memory problems

WASHINGTON, 22 Feb—Middle-age men and women who have cardiovascular issues, such as high cholesterol and high blood pressure, may not only be at risk for heart disease, but for an increased risk of developing early cognitive and memory problems as well, according to a study released Monday.

For the study, 3,486 men and 1,341 women with an average age of 55 underwent cognitive tests three times over 10 years. The tests measured reasoning, memory, fluency and vocabulary. Participants received a Framingham risk score that is used to predict 10-year risk of a cardiovascular event. It is based on age, sex, HDL cholesterol, total cholesterol, systolic blood pressure and whether they smoked or had diabetes. The study found people who had higher cardiovascular risk were more likely to have lower cognitive function and a faster rate of overall cognitive decline compared to those with the lowest risk of heart disease. A 10-percent higher cardiovascular risk was associated with poorer cognitive test scores in all areas except reasoning for men and fluency for women. For example, a 10 percent higher cardiovascular risk was associated with a 2.8 percent lower score in the test of memory for men and a 7.1 percent lower score in the memory test for women.—*Xinhua*

Health Tip: When you sweat all the time

Becoming drenched with sweat during an intense workout is to be expected. But what if you constantly sweat, even without exertion?

Excessive sweating, especially when accompanied by other symptoms, may signal that you should visit your doctor. The ADAM Encyclopedia cites these examples:

- * Sweating heavily for an extended period without an identifiable cause.
- * Feeling pressure or pain in the chest, along with sweating.
- * Losing weight.
- * Sweating that usually happens while you sleep.
- * Any of these symptoms accompanied by difficulty breathing or a very fast, pounding heartbeat.—*Internet*



Ragweed allergy season in North America has grown two to four weeks longer in recent years because of warmer temperatures and later fall frosts, researchers said.—INTERNET



Business



Singapore finance minister tipped to chair IMF panel

SINGAPORE, 22 Feb— Singapore Finance Minister Tharman Shanmugaratnam could be the next chairman of the top advisory body of the International Monetary Fund, local media reported on Tuesday.

The finance ministry said Tharman has been approached for the position of chair of the International Monetary and Financial Committee.

The Straits Times said the position is not full-time, enabling incumbents to continue in other roles. The committee gives advice on shaping the global monetary and financial system to the Board of Governors of the International Monetary Fund.

The former chairman of the

committee Yousef Boutros-Ghali was Egypt's former finance minister. He was no longer the country's finance minister following a cabinet reshuffle in the political unrest earlier this month.

Tharman will be the first Asian chairman of the committee if he is chosen. Singapore is currently not a member of the committee but it has been invited to the restricted sessions of the committee in recent years.—*Xinhua*



File photo of an electrical pole with metre boxes in Vietnam. Vietnam will raise electricity prices by 15 percent to help attract investment for new power plants in the energy-hungry nation, which is also battling rising inflation, official media said Tuesday.

INTERNET

S Korea's imports of US beef grow 97% in 2010

SEOUL, 22 Feb — South Korea's imports of US beef surged a whopping 97 percent in 2010 compared with the year earlier, the Ministry for Food, Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries said Tuesday. The ministry said the country imported 125,681 tons of beef from the United States last year, up 97 percent from 63,817 tallied in 2009. The figure stands at 63 percent of the record 199, 409 tons of US beef imported in 2003 before South Korea banned US beef imports due to concerns over mad cow disease.

The ministry, which based its findings on data provided by the US Department of Agriculture, also said South Korea was the fourth-largest importer of US beef, after Mexico, Canada, and Japan. US pork imports, however, fell 14.7 percent last year. South Korea bought 99,901 tons of pork from the US last year, down from 117,157 tons reported in the year earlier, the ministry said.—*Xinhua*

Dollar at lower 83 yen in Tokyo

TOKYO, 22 Feb— The US dollar changed hands at the lower 83 yen level in Tokyo.

The dollar bought 83.19-21 yen at midday, up from 83.12-13 yen at 5 pm Monday in Tokyo.

The euro was quoted at 1.3594-3599 dollars and 113.08-12 yen, compared with 1.3681-3682 dollars and 113.72-76 yen in Tokyo late Monday.

Xinhua

File photo Mount Fuji rising up behind Tokyo's skyscraper skyline. Ratings agency Moody's on Tuesday said it had changed its outlook on the government of Japan's Aa2 rating to 'negative' from 'stable' on concerns current policy may not be adequate to contain huge debt.—INTERNET





Israeli construction cranes and excavators at the building sites of new housing units in east Jerusalem, 2008. Israel's economy picked up in the last quarter of 2010, chalking up 7.8 percent growth and a higher-than-expected annual growth rate of 4.5 percent.—INTERNET

Housing data may have understated extend of collapse

WASHINGTON, 22 Feb—A housing trade association is examining the possibility that the data it releases underestimated the collapse of the housing industry, the *Wall Street Journal* reported on Monday.

The National Association of Realtors, which issues the monthly existing home sales report that is closely watched by economists and financial markets, may have over-counted home sales dating as far back as 2007, the newspaper said in an article posted to its web site.

NAR's home sales count was at odds with calculations by CoreLogic, a California real estate

analysis firm, according to the report. CoreLogic says NAR could have overstated home sales by as much as 20 percent.

An over-count of home sales may mean that there is a bigger backlog of unsold homes and that it will take longer for the US housing sector to climb out of the deep hole it is already in, dragging on the broader economic recovery.

The crash of US housing markets, in part because of shoddy lending practices, was at the heart of the economic meltdown that started in the United States and spread around the world.

Reuters

Obesity gene may up dementia risk

STOCKHOLM, 22 Feb— People with the FTO genotype linked to overweight and increased diabetes risk have three times the risk for Alzheimer's disease, researchers in Sweden say. Study leader Caroline Graff of the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm says the study subjects with the genotype were not necessarily obese during

the study, but they may have been previously overweight.

"In a way, the finding that surprises us most is that when we correct for body mass index, we still see the effect. We thought the effect would work through a higher BMI," Graff told The Local.

"One explanation may be that those we examined were already way into the disease. That

could explain why their BMI was already lower, but we don't know whether this effect is independent of BMI or not."

The study involved 1,003 individuals age 75 and older — half who had the FTO genotype — who did not have or had not yet been diagnosed with dementia at the beginning of the study.—Internet



Lab workers dissect mosquitoes at a malaria vaccine research centre in the US in 2007. Seaweed emits a natural chemical response to ward off fungi that would otherwise colonize an injured plant, a process that could help the search for anti-malaria drugs, a US scientist said Monday. INTERNET

People struggle to eat heart-healthy foods

WASHINGTON, 22 Feb— People may know what to add to their diet for heart health, but they still struggle to incorporate it into their diets, a US survey indicates.

The International Food Information Council Functional Foods/Foods for Health Consumer Trending Survey indicates eight out of 10 Americans are aware of the relationship between omega-3s and heart health, but 48 percent of Americans are currently consuming omega-3s.

"Consuming a diet that is low in saturated and trans fats, cholesterol and sodium can help reduce your risk for heart disease," David Grotto says in a statement.

"But that's only one side of the equation. It is also important to choose foods that can promote heart health such as fruits and vegetables, whole grains and fiber."

Other heart-healthy foods are:

- * Nuts, which provide a rich source of protein, fiber, vitamins, minerals and unsaturated fat.
- * Monounsaturated fat such as olive, canola, peanut or high oleic safflower oil, or polyunsaturated fat such as sunflower, corn or soybean oil may help promote heart health.
- * Salmon, sardines, herring, trout and tuna are terrific sources of omega-3 fatty acids, as are eggs and some fortified food.
- * Protein from soy sources can also help reduce heart risk.
- * Sterols and stanols found in corn, soy, wheat and some fortified foods like soft table spreads, orange juice and yogurt help block the absorption of cholesterol in the intestine.

Internet



Asian feet made for more than just walking. Used and abused, squeezed into high heel shoes — feet often tend to get a raw deal. But there are places where they get plenty of attention, as China experiences a boom in foot massage parlours.—INTERNET

Australia's electricity prices to rise

CANBERRA, 22 Feb— By 2015, Australia's electricity will cost more than double its 2008 price, a new study indicates. Among the factors responsible for Australia's energy price increases have been massive investment in transmission and distribution networks and movements in the wholesale markets driven by the country's droughts and mining boom, said the report, released Monday by the Australian Industry Group. The report comes amid a stalemate in negotiations in Canberra over the shape of the country's carbon pricing scheme.

The government favours a fixed carbon price beginning in July 2012, with an emissions trading scheme kicking in three or four years later. In an interview with *Australia's Sunday Telegraph* newspaper in December, Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard attributed rising electricity prices to lack of certainty about a carbon price, which she said was causing an under-investment in new electricity generation.—Internet

Helsinki runs out of arctic-grade diesel

HELSINKI, 22 Feb— Neste Oil in Finland said Monday it had run dry of diesel fuel tailored for use in arctic conditions in the nation's capital region.

Finnish news agency STT reported Neste shipped arctic-grade diesel to southern Finland last week in

anticipation of demand by vacationers driving north for a winter break.

Temperatures in southern Finland are not low enough to demand arctic-grade diesel, which is still useful at minus 44 degrees Celsius or minus 47 degrees Fahrenheit, the news agency said.—Internet



A Google camera is pictured during a press conference in November 2010 in Hamburg at the launch of Google Street View from 20 German cities. Israeli ministers have been discussing the security and privacy implications of allowing Google Street View to photograph streets in Israel ahead of the launch here of the 3D-mapping service. INTERNET

The noblest task for purification, perpetuation, propagation and promotion of the Buddha Sasana

Ba Sein (Religious Affairs)

In order to carefully preserve the noblest task for purification, perpetuation, propagation and promotion of the Buddha Sasana (teachings of the Omniscient Buddha) at home and abroad, the Government of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar always attaches great importance to the implementation of this noble task.

In this regard, we all Buddhists throughout the country are very pleased and greatly honoured to learn that the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar issued the Notification No. 1/2011 regarding presenting religious titles on the 63rd Anniversary Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar which falls on 4th January 2011.

According to the Notification No. 1/2011 of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, the respective religious titles were presented as follows to internal and international outstanding Buddhist monks, Buddhist nuns and laypersons who earnestly carried out the noble task for promotion, purification, perpetuation and propagation of Buddha Sasana at home and abroad-

Religious titles for distinctively fulfilling two Dhuras (duties), Gantha Dhura (duty of learning and teaching the Pitaka Scriptures) and Vipassana Dhura (duty of engaging in meditation)

- Abhidhammaratthaguru title to three eminent Mahatheras (Chief Monks)
- Aggamahapandita title to ten eminent Mahatheras including four Mahatheras from abroad one from Sri Lanka, one from India,

- one from Viet Nam and one from England
- Dhadhammakatika Bahujanahitadhara title to one eminent monk
- Aggamahaganthavacakapandita title to seventeen eminent monks
- Mahaganthavacakapandita title to two eminent monks
- Ganthavacakapandita title to twenty-four eminent monks and four eminent nuns

Religious titles for excellent missionary works on Buddhism

Both internal and international outstanding Buddhist monks, nuns and laypersons who distinctively carried out the noble task of the excellent missionary works on Buddhism at home and abroad were presented these religious titles as follows.

- Abhidhaja-aggamahasaddhammajotika title to four eminent Mahatheras (Chief Monks) including one from abroad, India
- Aggamahasaddhammajotikadhaja title to twenty-one eminent monks including one from abroad, Viet Nam
- Mahasaddhammajotikadhaja title to eleven eminent monks, one eminent nun and one layperson including two eminent monks from abroad one from Viet Nam and one from Bangladesh
- Saddhammajotikadhaja title to fifteen eminent monks including two from abroad one from Nepal and one from Sri Lanka
- Aggamahakammathanacariya title to two

eminent monks including one from abroad, Thailand

- Kammathanacariya title to three eminent monks

Religious titles for excellent missionary works on Buddhism (only for laypersons)

The outstanding laypersons who generously donated and provided the four requisites for the noble task of excellent works on Buddhism at home and from abroad were presented the respective religious titles as follows. It is learnt that these religious titles have been presented since 1991.

For male

- Aggamahasirisudhammanijotadara title to four laypersons
- Sudhammanijotadhara title to six laypersons

For female

- Aggamahasirisudhamma Theingi title to four laypersons
- Sirisudhamma Theingi title to one layperson
- Sudhamma Theingi title to ten laypersons

It is further learnt that the great grand religious titles presentation ceremony will be held in Nay Pyi Taw, the capital of the Union of Myanmar. The religious title recipients at home and from abroad will be invited to attend this very auspicious ceremony to receive their respective religious titles which will be presented by the Government of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar for the year of 2011.

First Chaungtha Beach ...



Photo shows bungalows among coconut palms.

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rivers and creeks as a network. Chaungtha Beach is gaining greater development thanks to roads and bridges that has emerged one after another after 1988. Hotels, inns, restaurants, scenic beauties of forests, mountains and the sea make the tourists fresh and happy.

We, the news crew of Kyemon Daily heard news that the First Chaungtha Beach Festival will be held on a grand scale from 25 to 27 February. In an interview, Secretary of the Organizing Committee U Nyi Nyi Aung explained that the local authorities, the Myanmar Hoteliers Association and local people plan to join hands in organizing the festival for development of the region.

"Especially, all hotels, inns and restaurants in the zone will offer customers with 10 per cent discounts for

successfully holding the festival on a grand scale. Moreover, buses will run at usual fares," he said.

We have learned that hotels of the beach will serve the visitors with refreshments on 25 February evening, the stage show with participation of Chit Kaung, Sai Sai Kham Hlaing, Ye Lay, Kaung Myat, L Seng Zi, Waing Su Khaing Thein, Chan Chan, Ayethin Cho Swe, K Meiko to the accompaniment of the Trees Band on 26 February, and the Five Star Anyeint on 27 February.

General Manager U Kyin Hlaing said that priority will be given to security measure of the festival, and full time rescue duty will be assigned to members of the Red Cross Society.

In-charge of the construction group U San Yin said that hotels are being decorated with pleasant accessories, and the beach archway, stages for Anyeint and stage show, shops are under construction.

An official explained that Shwethaya Myoma



Information and souvenirs for tourists at Chaungtha Beach.



A Japanese couple strolling along Chaungtha Beach.

Market where tourists buy domestic products and souvenirs was built and reopened last year. At the festival, 50 shops will be built to display marine products and domestic goods.

A total of 15 hotels including international standard hotels, inns, restaurants and souvenirs plan to give better hospitable services to the visitors at 10 per cent discount.

Thanks to Chaungtha Beach Festival, the visitors will have the opportunity to tour Thebyu Island, Pokala Island (or) Aungmingala Island, Kyaukmaungnama Beach and Shwethaungyan Beach and their environs and to observe traditional works of local people and enjoy panoramic scenic beauties.

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

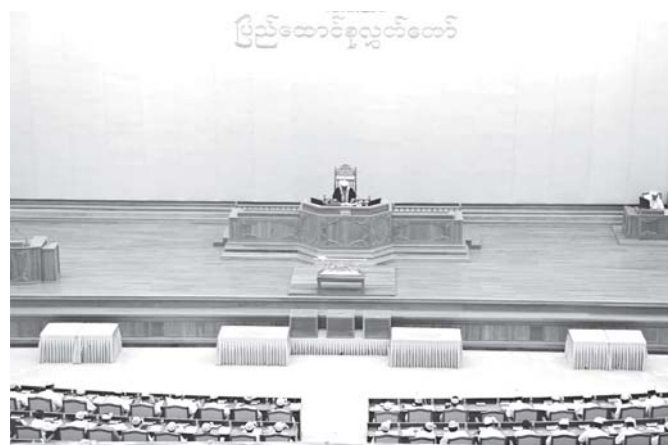


Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives signing attendance book.
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coordination with the elected Chief Justice of the Union.

The elected President and the elected Chief Justice of the Union nominated U Tha Htay, U

Soe Nyunt, U Mya Thein, U Myint Aung, U Aung Zaw Thein and U Myint Han for the posts of judges



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker submits nomination of persons suitable to be appointed as judges of Supreme Court of the Union. —MNA

of Union Supreme Court in accord with paragraph (1), Sub-section (d) of Article 299 of the

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

the constitution of the Republic of Myanmar and that if there were any representatives inclined to raise objection against the nominees, they may report to the Director-General of the Hluttaw Office this evening in accord with Sub-section (b) of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Rule 27, taking clear evidences.



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives arriving to attend the regular session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.—MNA

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker announced that the contact persons of respective parties may take out the curriculum vitae of the nominees, appropriate to be appointed as judges of Union Supreme Court nominated by the elected President and elected Chief Justice of Union, at the Director-General of the Hluttaw Office, to examine whether the said persons possess qualification described in Article 301 of

Next, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker announced the eleventh-day regular session of the First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw ended and the twelfth-day regular session would continue at 11 am on 24 February.

The session came to an end at 11.15 am.—MNA

Nursery and Midwifery Conference starts

YANGON, 22 Feb —The 52nd Nursery and Midwifery Conference of Myanmar Nursery and Midwifery Association took place at University of Nursing (Yangon) on Bogyoke Aung San Street in Lanmadaw Township here this morning.

Chairperson of the association Professor Dr Nan Htwan Hla made an opening speech and presented special honourable gold statuette to Winner of world outstanding health staff prize for 2011 Midwife Daw Nan Than Than Oo of Malyan village public health centre. The laureate was also awarded by officials of MNMA and Nutrition Manager Daw Su Su Lwin of Mo Asia Co Ltd (DUMEX). The MNMA chairperson presented certificates of honour to companies who sponsored the conference. The conference will be held till 24 February.—MNA



Chairperson of Myanmar Nursery and Midwifery Association Professor Dr Nan Htwan Hla speaking at 52nd Nursery and Midwifery Conference. —MNA

Home for human trafficking victims opened in Muse

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Feb —Opening of Muse home for human trafficking victims, built under the supervision of Central Committee for Prevention of Trafficking in persons, took place at the front of the home in Swansaw ward in Muse yesterday morning. It was attended by head of Transnational Crime Department under Myanmar Police Force Headquarters

Police Col Soe Myaing, Head of Squad for Prevention of Trafficking in Persons Deputy Police Col Nyunt Hlaing, Chairman of Muse District Peace and Development Council U Moe Hein, Director U Saw Win of Social Welfare Department, invited guests from respective departments, representatives from District Women Affairs Organization,

District Maternal and Child Welfare Association, UNICEF, UNIAP, WV (M), SC and AFXB.

At the ceremony, the Chairman of Muse District PDC, the director and the deputy police Col opened it.

Police Col Soe Myaing unveiled the signboard. After that, Police Col Soe Myaing made an opening speech, on behalf of the Central Committee for Anti-Human Trafficking. The director and the Chairman of Muse District PDC spoke words of thanks.

The home measures 98 ft by 36 ft and can take care of 50 victims. It was built at a cost of US\$ dollar 95000 contributed by Japanese Government. With the arrangement of UNIPA, K 4 million worth office

equipment and utensils has been provided from the fund of Commit.

To jointly combat human trafficking between Myanmar and China has started since 2005. In 2009, signing MoU and opening of border relation offices were carried out. A total of 183 Myanmar victims in China were handed over to Myanmar in 2010 according to mutual cooperation between the two countries.

Similarly, under the cooperation between border relation offices, 12 cases of human trafficking and 32 human traffickers—eight males and 24 females were exposed. The newly-opened home will take care of the victims in line with international norms.

MNA

Meeting on holding religious title conferring and rice offering held

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Feb—A coordination meeting on holding a religious title conferring ceremony and rice offering ceremony took place at the Ministry of Religious Affairs here this afternoon.

The meeting was attended by Chairman of the committee for organization the ceremonies Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung, Vice-Chairman Deputy Minister Thura

U Aung Ko, departmental heads of the ministry, officials from various ministries and subcommittees, representatives of Nay Pyi Taw Command and guests.

The minister delivered an opening speech and officials of the subcommittees reported on their respective tasks.

The deputy minister gave a supplementary report and the minister made a conclusion remark.—MNA

Forestry Minister visits fine wood products factories in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township

YANGON, 22 Feb—Minister for Forestry U Thein Aung together with Managing Director U Win Tun of Myanma Timber Enterprise and officials visited Fine Wood Products Factory of Beautiful Wood Industry Co., Ltd in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township today.

At the briefing hall of the factory, the managing director and manager of the factory gave accounts of production line, and the managing director of MTE and officials made supplementary reports.

Next, the minister inspected manufacturing

of fine wood products.

Then the minister went to fine wood products factories of Myanmar Technologies Industry and Lin Win Co., Ltd.

Fine wood products of the factories are exported to Southeast Asian and European countries.—MNA



Myanmar Olympic soccer team on 20 February morning seen at the airport together with Myanmar Football Federation President U Zaw Zaw before departure for India where they are to participate in the 2012 London Olympic qualifier (First Leg).—MNA

EP-2's Refresher Course for High-level Officials commences

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Feb—Minister for Electric Power No (2) U Khin Maung Myint addressed opening ceremony of Refresher Course (3/2011) for High-level Officials at

the training hall of the ministry here yesterday morning.

The one-week course is being attended by 13 deputy chief engineers and directors.—MNA

A collection of 'Myanmar, the land we love' and other articles comes out

YANGON, 22 Feb—Naingngan Gonyi Publishing House today published the book "A collection of 'Myanmar, the land we love' and other articles" by Mi Pyi Chit.

The book is designed to inspire readers

to cherish and protect the motherland and Myanmar lifestyle all the more.

The bilingual book (Myanmar-English) is available at Naingngan Gonyi Publishing House (1) in Sarpay Beikman

Building at 529/531, Merchant Street, Yangon (374532), Naingngan Gonyi Publishing House (2) on Thitsar Road in Yankin Township, Yangon (725530) and book centres across the nation. It is priced at 1000 kyats per copy.—MNA



Hospital exam centres to be opened for inpatient matriculation exam candidates

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Feb—For hospitalized candidates who are going to sit for matriculation examination to be held from 7 to 17 March of 2011, Health Department and Myanmar Board of Examinations have planned to run three hospital exam centres at Yangon People's Hospital, central Women's Hospital and Waibargi Specialist Hospital.

Inpatient candidates wishing to take the exam may contact medical public relations officers who are on special duty at those hospitals.—MNA

KNU mine injures civilians

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Feb—Two innocent people were injured in the explosion of the mine planted by KNU in the forest near Thonetaing Village in Kya-in Seikkyi Township, Kayin State, on 20

February. While Daw Khin Win and her son Maung Aung Phyo Htet were cutting trees for firewood, a tree fallen onto the mine, which led to the bomb explosion, leaving the mother

injured in the left belly, and the son, in the right and left thighs.

The victims are now in Kya-in Seikkyi Township General Hospital under the care taken of by authorities.

MNA

Captain Manual in circulation

YANGON, 22 Feb—The book "Captain Manual" by Professor U Kyaw Nyunt (Retd) came out today.

The book is based on the experiences of marine laws, rules and regulations and proce-

dures he gained at sea in his service of nearly 30 years. It also features suggestions and ways of how to deal with dangers and difficulties.

The book priced K 4000 per copy is published by Wisdom House

Book Centre at 101, Building (1191-1192), Letwe Mindin Street, Myitta Nyunt Ward, Tarmway Township, Yangon (09-5058533, 01-545036, 09-49288948).

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Computer courses in MCC Training Institute (Yatanarpon)

YANGON, 22 Feb—School of Computing of MCC Training Institute (Yatanarpon) under MCC Group runs B.Sc (Business IT) Courses; School of Engineering, B.S.E Courses; and School of Business, B.B.A Course. B.Sc (Business IT) Course will be opened at Yangon Campus on 24 March; and at MCC Training Institute

(Yatanarpon) and at Mandalay Campus on 31 March, whose certificates are conferred by University of Greenwich in England.

For further information, contact MCC Training Institute (Yatanarpon) Incubation Centre (3) in Yatanarpon Cyber City, PyinOoLwin (02-78112, 02-78114, 09-5067165), Yangon Campus, Hostel (3-4),

3rd Floor, Theingyi Market (C) Building, Shwedagon Pagoda Road, Pabedan Township, Yangon (01-395512, 245762, 249152, 246634), or Mandalay Campus on Wahgingon Pagoda Street, 35th Street, between 56th and 57th Streets, Chanayethazan Township, Manadlay (09-91034062, 02-77930).—MNA

Take Fire Preventive Measures

China's Huawei withdraws from US company purchase

SHENZHEN, 22 Feb—A leading Chinese telecommunication equipment manufacturer confirmed Monday that it would abandon its efforts to acquire assets of a US computer company as recommended by a security panel.

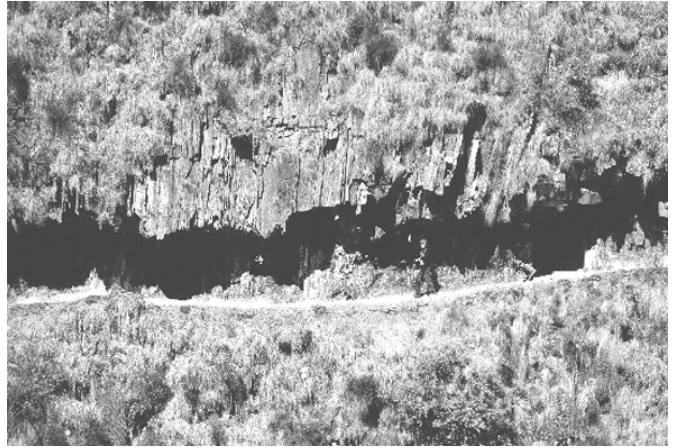
"Huawei Technologies Ltd has withdrawn its application to the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) for approval of its purchase deal with 3Leaf Systems," a Huawei senior executive told *Xinhua* in a telephone interview. "That means Huawei will also pull

out of the 3Leaf Systems purchase deal," the executive said on condition of anonymity.

Huawei bought servers and intellectual property rights from bankrupted 3Leaf Systems last May for 2 million US dollars.

Huawei said it did not apply for approval from the CFIUS in advance because it bought only assets of the company, not the company itself.

On 11 Feb, the CFIUS recommended Huawei to part with the assets it had bought, citing security reasons.—*Xinhua*



Tourists walk on an ancient path in Wuli Village, Bingzhongluo Township of Lisu Autonomous Prefecture of southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 21 Feb, 2011. The path was excavated and paved on cliffs as a section of the Cha Ma Route, which literally means Tea Horse Road. Beginning in the Tang Dynasty (618-907), this business route was traveled by caravans across west and southwest China's Yunnan, Sichuan, Gansu and Qinghai Provinces and Tibet Autonomous Region to reach south Asia.
XINHUA

China, Malaysia to enhance co-op in cross-border crimes



Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak (L, front) meets with Chinese State Councillor and Minister of Public Security Meng Jianzhu (R, front) in Kuala Lumpur, capital of Malaysia, on 21 Feb, 2011.—XINHUA

KUALA LUMPUR, 22 Feb—Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak met with visiting Chinese State Councillor and Minister of Public Security Meng Jianzhu here on Monday, calling

for closer ties with China in fighting cross-border crimes.

Malaysia deems China as one of the most important countries and is willing to continue deepening bilateral relations with China, said Najib.

He stressed that as important partners, it is crucial for Malaysia and China to further enhance cooperation in security fields and join hands in fighting against various cross-border crimes.

Xinhua

One Chinese killed, four others injured in road accident in N Philippines

MANILA, 22 Feb—A Chinese national died and four others were injured in a road accident in northern Philippines early Tuesday, police said.

Huang Jiahua, 27, driver of the car, died while undergoing treatment following the accident that happened in Sta. Cruz village in Sta. Ana town, Cagayan Province at around 5:45 am, Philippine National Police spokesman Senior Supt. Agrimero Cruz Jr said.—*Xinhua*

Stampede kills at least 30, injures 70 in Mali

BAMAKO, 22 Feb—At least 30 people were killed and 70 others injured on Monday night in a stadium stampede in Mali, media report said.

Report from AFP said the stampede occurred in the Modibo Keita stadium in Bamako, the capital of Mali at the end of a sermon by a renowned imam.

The tragedy came as the crowd was trying to get close to the imam, the report said.—*Xinhua*

At least two dead, ten trapped in bus after collision in Southern Calif

LOS ANGELES, 22 Feb—At least two people were killed and 10 others were trapped inside a bus after it collided with a vehicle and went over side near Crestline in San Bernardino mountains, Southern California on Monday, authorities said.

The bus, packed with as many as 25 teenagers when it collided with a SUV, slid down a 25 feet (7.6 metre) snow-covered embankment near Lake Gregory Drive in Crestline, about 73 miles (118 km) east of downtown Los Angeles before noon, fire department spokesman Bill Peters said.—*Xinhua*

US, Colombian coast guards save six after shipwreck

BOGOTA, 22 Feb—The Colombian navy says US and Colombian rescuers have saved six people from a shipwrecked catamaran after more than 24 hours adrift at sea.

Capt Carlos Gil says the Japanese-flagged "Pulchra 3" was carrying four Japanese nationals, an Italian woman and a Frenchman, the captain.

They were heading from France to Panama when the boat ran aground early Saturday on a coral reef near the Serrana Bank, a Colombian atoll in the Caribbean.

They used a satellite phone to make a distress call to the US Coast Guard in Miami.—*Xinhua*



Salvadoran rescuers and firefighters stand around a damaged bus after a truck collided with three buses near the department of Santa Ana, 42 kilometres west of San Salvador, capital of El Salvador, on 21 Feb, 2011.—XINHUA

Stepmother indicted in murdering disabled US girl

BEIJING, 22 Feb—The stepmother of a 10-year-old disabled girl was charged on Monday with murder in the child's death in the US State of North Carolina.

Zahra Baker, who lost hearing and part of her left leg at the age of five during cancer treating, was reported missing last October, according to media reports. Officials on Monday released the latest detail in the case of Zahra: her head was missing. Since Zahra's reported missing, police have found some of her body parts in various locations, but never the skull.

An autopsy concluded some bones had "cut marks", indicating the little girl was dismembered by at "least two different cutting instruments."

Xinhua

Dutch crime boss killed in Amsterdam

THE HAGUE, 22 Feb—Dutch crime boss Stanley Hillis was attacked and killed by a group of unknown hitmen Monday on the east side of Amsterdam, police said. Hillis, nicknamed "the Old Man", was slain on the streets by several gunmen who fled the scene in a van after the shooting, local press quoted police as saying.

The man was a top figure of the Dutch organized crime and has been active since the 1970s. He committed a series of robberies and shot a policeman in 1979, and escaped from prison several times.

His lawyer Mark Teurlings said he was surprised, "To me the murder comes as a surprise. I spoke to him a few weeks ago. He had no fear and was not concerned." —*Xinhua*



Performers participate in the Kapa Haka Te Matatini Festival in Gisborne, New Zealand, on 20 Feb, 2011. The four-day festival began on 17 Feb in Gisborne.—XINHUA

Drought leaves 190,000 short of water in SW China county



A farmer from Yanghe Village in Shiyan, Central China's Hubei Province, checks on withered bok choy plants on his farm on Friday. Winter wheat and vegetables in the province have been severely affected by several months of drought.—XINHUA

CHONGQING, 22 Feb— A four-month drought has left nearly 190,000 people short of drinking water in a county of southwest China's Chongqing Municipality, a local water conservancy official said Monday.

The county with 1.21 million people, located in the Yangtze's Three Gorges Dam area, reported little rain in winter and most of its reservoirs and wells are now empty, said Cheng Dexing, the county's water conservancy chief.

Shuikouxiang Township was among the first to suffer from the prolonged drought that started in October.

All its wells and ponds had dried up, leaving more than 9,000 villagers, including 3,000 primary and secondary school students, without adequate water supplies.

By Monday, water shortages had been reported in nearly 80 villages and 20 towns. "The drought could last until April," said Cheng.

He said the water conservancy bureau had sent water wagons to the drought-hit areas and were diverting water from bigger reservoirs in neighbouring counties, hoping the worst would be over by the end of the month.

Xinhua



People skate at the skating rink in the Central Park in New York, the United States, on 21 Feb, 2011. An overnight light snowfall hit the city on Monday.

XINHUA

Hundred of flights delayed, 20 canceled in foggy Shanghai

SHANGHAI, 22 Feb— Almost 100 flights were delayed and 20 were canceled over Monday night and early Tuesday at fog-covered Shanghai's Pudong airport.

More than 30 incoming flights destined for Shanghai Pudong International Airport landed at Shanghai Hongqiao International Airport between 8 pm Monday and 8 am Tuesday.

The heavy fog has covered the city since late Monday, reducing the visibility to less than 100 metres on Tuesday morning, said the Pudong Airport spokesman.

An emergency response plan had been

activated by the airport to cope with an influx of flights when the skies cleared, said the spokesman. The airport reminded passengers to check the flight schedules.

Fog was expected to hit most parts of east China on Tuesday, with the visibility of less than 200 metres in parts of Beijing and Tianjin, said a warning issued by the National Meteorological Centre Monday night.

Snow and strong winds are expected to hit north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region in the next few days, reducing temperatures by up to 12 degrees Celsius, according to the provincial meteorological centre.—Xinhua

NZ leader says at least 65 killed in earthquake

CHRISTCHURCH, 22 Feb—A powerful earthquake slammed New Zealand's already-bruised city of Christchurch on Tuesday, killing at least 65 people, and sending rescuers scrambling to help people trapped under collapsed buildings.

The 6.3 magnitude earthquake hit the country's second-largest city around lunchtime, collapsing buildings and sending bricks and other heavy debris toppling into busy city streets. It was the second major quake to strike Christchurch in the past five months.

Prime Minister John Key told reporters that the death toll was at least 65, and was expected to rise further.

Video footage showed some multi-storey buildings collapsed in on themselves, and others with walls that had collapsed into the streets, strewn with bricks and shattered concrete. Sidewalks and roads were cracked and split, and thousands of dazed, screaming and crying residents wandered through the streets as sirens blared. Groups of people helped victims clutching bleedings wounds, and others were carried to private vehicles in makeshift stretchers fashioned from rugs or bits of debris.



A building in Christchurch, New Zealand, is destroyed after an earthquake struck on 22 Feb, 2011. The 6.3-magnitude quake collapsed buildings and is sending rescuers scrambling to help trapped people amid reports of multiple deaths.

INTERNET

Christchurch Mayor Bob Parker declared a state of emergency and ordered people to evacuate the city centre. Troops were deployed to help people get out and to throw up a security cordon around the stricken area, Deputy Prime Minister Bill English said.—Internet

5.3-magnitude earthquake jolts N Philippines

MANILA, 22 Feb—A 5.3-magnitude earthquake rocked northern Philippines Thursday morning, the United States Geological Survey (USGS) said.

The quake, whose epicentre was 66 kilometres southwest from Manila, occurred at 10:10 am, the USGS said, adding the depth of the tremor was 137 kilometres.

There was no immediate reports of casualties from Philippine

authorities.

The tremor was also felt in the capital city. Shiela Briol, a Manila resident, said that when the tremor occurred, she was at the 19th floor of a highrise building in the city. "The whole office is swaying," she said, surprised.

The Philippines sits in the so-called Pacific Ring of Fire, an area where continental plates collide producing frequent quakes and volcanic activities. —Xinhua



A light rail train moves in fog in Dalian City, northeast China's Liaoning Province, on 22 Feb, 2011. The heavy fog decreased the visibility to less than 200 metres in some parts of Dalian Tuesday. A "yellow alert" was issued by local meteorological centre.

XINHUA

Australian flood relief centre deluged in Brisbane storms

BRISBANE, 22 Feb—Overnight storms caused flash flooding in Brisbane's oldest suburb of Spring Hill in Australia, ruining half of the donated goods in a food relief centre in the area, local media reported on Tuesday.

Goods donated for Brisbane's flood victims including kitchen items, clothing and electrical appliances, at the flood relief centre at the RNA showgrounds, Spring Hill, have been water damaged.

Craig Michaels, a disability pensioner who started the flood relief centre, said it was a cruel blow for families still struggling after January's floods.

"It's been pretty devastating walking in here to see the massive damage that's been done to everything there," he told the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC). He said about half of the donations at the centre had been ruined. He appealed for volunteers to go to the showgrounds to help to clean up the mess, and move what was salvageable to another site.

"Some helping hands would be fantastic," he said.

"It's just devastating." He said boxes and packing tape were needed, along with storage pallets to move everything.—Xinhua

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- Closing date/time - 24.3.2011 (Thursday) (12:00) hr
- Tender documents are available at our office starting from 22.2.2011 during office hours and for further details, please contact: Deputy General Manager, Supply Department, Myanma Railways, Corner of Theinbyu Street and Merchant Street, Botahtaung, Yangon. Phone: 95-1-291985, 95-1-291994.

Royal Mail's red rubber band use revealed

LONDON, 22 Feb—Postal workers get through two million red rubber bands per day, the Royal Mail has revealed. In the past five years, the organization has spent almost £5m on four billion bands which are used to bundle letters together. Keep Britain Tidy has called for their use to be reduced because they say wild animals can choke on them. The Royal Mail says the bands are necessary and that they use biodegradable ones. The figures were released to the *Daily Telegraph* under the Freedom of Information Act.

It said that the amount the postal organization spends on bands has increased by 40% in five years. Keep Britain Tidy has long campaigned against the use of rubber bands. In



The Royal Mail said the bands were re-used. — INTERNET

2009, about 13,000 discarded bands were collected by people and sent in to the charity who then delivered them to the Royal Mail's headquarters. Dickie Felton, from Keep Britain Tidy, has previously said: "We accept that dropping an elastic band is hardly the worst littering offence in the world, but none-the-less it is litter. — *Internet*

Device 'could revolutionise blood pressure monitoring'

LEICESTER, 22 Feb — A device which can be worn like a watch could revolutionise the way blood pressure is monitored in the next few years, scientists say. Researchers at the University of Leicester and in Singapore have developed a device to

measure pressure in the largest artery in the body. Evidence shows it gives a much more accurate reading than the arm cuff. The technology is funded by the Department of Health and backed by Health Secretary Andrew Lansley. It works by a sensor in the watch re-

cording the pulse wave of the artery, which is then fed into a computer together with a traditional blood pressure reading from a cuff. Scientists are then able to read the pressure close to the heart, from the aorta.

Professor Bryan Williams, from the University of Leicester's department of cardiovascular sciences at Glenfield Hospital, said: "The aorta is millimetres away from the heart and close to the brain and we have always known that pressure here is a bit lower than in the arm. "Unless we measure the pressure in the aorta we are not getting an appreciation of the risks or benefits of treatment." *Internet*



A sensor in the watch records the pulse wave of the artery. INTERNET

Thousands are 'at risk of alcohol death' say doctors



Fewer people 'drinking more' say experts. — INTERNET

LONDON, 22 Feb — Poor alcohol regulation could cost up to 250,000 lives in England and Wales over the next 20 years, doctors warn. Writing in *The Lancet*, leading liver disease specialists say measures including a

minimum price of 50p per unit are urgently needed. They also said the coalition government was "too close" to the drinks industry.

But the Department of Health said it was taking "tough action", while the drinks industry said it was "playing its part in tackling alcohol misuse". The scientists predicted UK deaths from liver disease in four different scenarios.

The best case was based on the UK following the example of France, which had a deep-seated problem in the 1960s, with high liver disease deaths linked to the consumption of cheap alcohol. — *Internet*

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Monkeys 'display self-doubt' like humans

WASHINGTON, 22 Feb— Monkeys trained to play computer games have helped to show that it is not just humans that feel self-doubt and uncertainty, a study says. US-based scientists found that macaques will "pass" rather than risk choosing the wrong answer in a brainteaser task. Awareness of our own thinking was believed to be a uniquely human trait.

University of New York at Buffalo and Michael Beran, from Georgia State University, carried out the study. — *Internet*



An international team has found that monkeys trained to play computer games feel self-doubt and uncertainly. INTERNET

But the study, presented at the AAAS meeting in Washington DC, suggests that our more primitive primate relatives are capable of such self-awareness.

Professor John David Smith, from State Uni-

Drug relapse brain region found in rats

LONDON, 22 Feb — Scientists in the US have identified an area of the brain which makes heroin-addicted rats relapse. The study, published in *Nature Neuroscience*, showed that part of the medial prefrontal cortex was activated. When the researchers blocked nerve cells in the

region, there were fewer relapses. Experts in the UK said the study was a technical 'tour de force'; however, it did not promise new treatments in humans.

The study worked on the idea that when addicts stopped taking drugs, but then returned to the place they were taking drugs, they were likely to relapse. Rats were trained to take drugs in one environment, where they were delivered a dose of heroin. The rodents then "went to rehab" in another environment where the feel of the floor, lights and sounds were different and there was no access to heroin. — *Internet*



The finding has been hailed by one expert as a 'research tour de force'. — INTERNET

Designer says his car will soon fly

The science fiction dream of a flying car will soon be realized, a designer is telling potential buyers and investors.

Sam Bousfield, a California architect, came to Seattle Saturday to pitch his concept in a computer-generated video.

"When artists dream of the future, you always see that traffic moves in the air and people walk on the ground," he said.

On the screen, a little red dart takes off from an aircraft carrier and flies in the air.

Bousfield calls the vehicle Switchblade because when it's on the ground its wings fold into the chassis like the blade of a pocketknife, *The Seattle Times* reported.

He is asking prospective customers to make a \$2,000 deposit. The "target price" of the kit is \$60,000, but the owner will have to add an engine and avionics that will raise the cost to \$85,000, and then assemble it himself.

As an "experimental" self-built kit airplane, it need not be certified by the Federal Aviation Administration.

File photo released by Ueno Zoo in Tokyo, capital of Japan, shows giant panda "Xian Nu" from southwest China's Sichuan Province. A pair of giant pandas, "Xian Nu" and "Bi Li," from southwest China's Sichuan Province arrived at their new home in Tokyo's Ueno Zoo late Monday.

North Dakota mom offers breast milk online

A North Dakota woman says she produces so much breast milk she's offering it for sale on Craigslist.

Breanna Clemons, 26, of Bismarck told *The Grand Forks Herald*, "As we speak, I have over 200 bags." She is asking \$2 per ounce but says she is mainly trying to help mothers who cannot nurse and whose babies cannot drink formula.

"If someone were to inquire, I would pump it and store it, so it would be as fresh as possible for them," she said.

So far, Clemons, who is married and has two young children, has had no takers.

The Human Milk Banking Association of North America discourages free-lance selling of breast milk. "We don't recommend casual sharing of milk from unscreened donors," said President Jean Drulis.

She said the organization screens donors for HIV, hepatitis and drug use. Milk banks pool the milk of several donors and pasteurize it, Drulis said.



In a 18 Feb, 2011 photo, the Beauty of Xiaohu, a mummy discovered in the Tarim Basin in far western China, is shown at the 'Secrets of the Silk Road' exhibit at the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology in Philadelphia. The exhibit is scheduled to run through until on 15 March. Philadelphia is the final stop before the artifacts return to China.

News Album

Cat survives arrow shot to head

A black tomcat who survived having an arrow shot into his head may have his name changed from "Jynx" to "Lucky", the cat's Illinois owner said. Sadie DeWolfe, 33, of Toulon said her pet slipped from her house and was shot sometime Friday, the Peoria (Ill.) *Journal Star* reported.

She said she found him on her front step about three hours later - the arrow still in his head. DeWolfe said she took a picture of the injured cat with her phone, posted it on Facebook and got many comments from people angry about the cruelty Jynx suffered.

The arrow went through the cat's head from front to back, just barely missing his skull, said DeWolfe after she took Jynx to Wyoming Veterinary Clinic.

Dina Lohan earns cash for Lindsay Lohan's photos, blasts media for star's troubles

NEW YORK, 22 Feb—Dina Lohan may have earned a decent amount of money for trading Lindsay Lohan's photographs with ABC News, but that doesn't stop her from blaming the media for the star's

troubles. The "concerned" mother blamed the media for Lohan's troubles on "Good Morning America" Friday.

While she took 15,000 dollars from ABC News for interviews with "GMA" and "20/20" with Chris Cuomo, she also received a licensing fee for family photos of Lindsay, as it disclosed in the footage.—*Internet*



Cast member Jennifer Aniston poses on the red carpet as she arrives for the German premiere of the movie "Meine Erfundene Frau" (Just Go With It) in Berlin on 21 Feb, 2011.—XINHUA



Musician Steven Tyler arrives at the T-Mobile Magenta Carpet pre NBA All-Star Game event in Los Angeles on 20 Feb, 2011.—XINHUA

Rihanna steals audience's attention at NBA All-Star Game

BEIJING, 22 Feb—Robyn Rihanna Fenty stole the audience's attention by making a halftime show during the 2011 NBA All-Star Game at Staples Centre in Los Angeles Sunday. The Barbadian beauty, who was right on her 23rd birthday, brought 4 singles, "Umbrella", "Only Girl in the World", "Rude Boy", and "All of the Lights".

Canadian rapper Drake joined Rihanna, and changed the lyrics to "Happy Birthday" for her. Music producer Kanye West emerged on stage when Rihanna began her last song. Their wonderful cooperation grabbed a part of audiences' concentration from the basketball superstars to the rhyme of music. In the All-Star Game afterward, Western Conference team beat the Eastern Conference by a score of 148-143. Kobe Bryant was named MVP.—*Xinhua*



Barbadian singer Robyn Rihanna Fenty poses for photographers as she arrives at the MTV Europe Music Awards 2010 in Madrid, on 7 Nov, 2010. XINHUA

Director of new China's first film with kissing scene dies at 90

SHANGHAI, 22 Feb—Huang Zumo, director of the classic Chinese movie, *Romance on Lushan Mountain*, died Saturday night in Shanghai.

The 90-year-old director died of heart failure at a local hospital in Shanghai, said a spokesman with the Shanghai Film Group Corporation (SFG).

Huang Zumo is most remembered for shooting *Romance on Lushan Mountain*, a 1980 blockbuster about two lovers who were forced to separate due to the opposing political views of their families, with the backdrop set in the picturesque Lushan Mountain. The movie won Huang great fame and popularity and was regarded as a landmark, since it was the first new China-made film that included a kissing scene. A sequel, titled *Romance on Lushan Mountain 2010* and directed by Zhang Yu, who played the heroine in the 1980 *Romance on Lushan Mountain*, was made in 2010 as a tribute to the original film.—*Xinhua*



A model wears a creation by fashion designer Vivienne Westwood during her Autumn/Winter 2011 collection show, on the third day of the London Fashion Week in London, on 20 Feb, 2011. XINHUA



West Ham United's Carlton Cole (C) goes around Burnley's Lee Grant to score during their FA Cup.—INTERNET

Cole hammers Burnley FA Cup hopes

LONDON, 22 Feb—A double by England striker Carlton Cole inspired Premier League strugglers West Ham to a 5-1 thrashing of Championship side Burnley and earn them a place in the FA Cup quarter-finals here on Monday.

The 27-year-old struck in the 48th and 50th minutes to add to German Thomas Hitzlsperger's opener on his debut for the three-time FA Cup winners - Kiwi international defender Winston Reid added a fourth for his first goal for the club.

Burnley - who had beaten their opponents in their last meeting in the Premier League in February last year - reduced the deficit through Rodriguez but the four goal advantage was restored in time added on by Freddie Sears.—INTERNET

Van der Vaart out of Blackpool clash

LONDON, 22 Feb—Spurs Dutch international playmaker Rafael Van der Vaart was ruled out on Monday of his side's Premier League match with relegation-threatened Blackpool on Tuesday.

The 28-year-old has suffered a recurrence of a calf muscle injury, which had forced him out for several

matches. Van der Vaart, who has been a huge success in his maiden season with the club scoring 12 times in 23 matches, should be fit in around 10 days.

Spurs are presently fourth, 10 points adrift of leaders Manchester United.—INTERNET



Tottenham Hotspur's Dutch midfielder Rafael van der Vaart waits by the post during a match.—INTERNET

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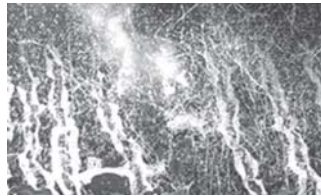
Greece condemns Athens derby violence

ATHENS, 22 Feb—The Greek government on Monday condemned the violence that marred yet another Athens derby between arch-rivals Olympiakos and Panathinaikos, highlighting the failure of successive state crackdowns.

"It is distressing to have such incidents in a supposed field of sport," government spokesman George Petalotis said as authorities pledged a new overhaul on the operating of fan clubs which are blamed for the problem.

The government said a new law to

be unveiled in March would toughen sanctions on troublemakers, impose greater scrutiny on fan associations and make teams responsible for organised supporter trips to matches.—INTERNET



Olympiakos' fans celebrating in the stands in Athens during a derby match against Panathinaikos. INTERNET

Gattuso gets four match ban for headbutt

PARIS, 22 Feb—AC Milan midfielder Gennaro Gattuso received a four match suspension from UEFA on Monday for headbutting Spurs coach Joe Jordan in last week's Champions League Last 16 first leg clash.

He was already suspended for the second leg after being booked.

AC Milan told AFP that the player would not be making any reaction to the punishment and that they were not going to appeal. The suspension means

that Gattuso will not be available for Champions League action until the final - should Milan reach it.

Gattuso cut a frustrated figure during the 1-0 defeat to Tottenham at the San Siro and regularly squared up to beanpole striker Peter Crouch after challenges between the pair. He also argued with Jordan on the touchline before pushing the former Milan player in the neck.

INTERNET



AC Milan's midfielder Gennaro Gattuso (R), seen here confronting Tottenham's assistant coach Joe Jordan on 15 Feb, received a four match suspension from UEFA on Monday for headbutting Jordan in last week's Champions League Last 16 first leg clash.—INTERNET

Shot and stabbed, Christy Martin refuses to quit

LAS VEGAS, 22 Feb—In Christy Martin's world everything was pink. Except the blood. On a March night 15 years ago in a boxing ring on the Las Vegas Strip it was bright red and it was everywhere, gushing from a freshly broken nose and forming a mosaic of stains on Martin's pink trunks.

The people who had paid thousands to sit at ringside were there to watch Mike Tyson win the heavyweight title against Frank Bruno, not two women fight. But as the blood flowed the cheers started raining down as the unlikely warriors bathed in red traded punches for six rounds before Martin won a unanimous decision.

INTERNET



In this 16 March, 1996 file photo, three-time world champion Christy Martin of Orlando, Fla, celebrates her victory over Deirdre Gogarty as her husband and trainer Jim Martin holds her up at the MGM Grand Garden in Las Vegas. INTERNET

Baddeley back on the right track

LOS ANGELES, 22 Feb—The last big hurdle for Aaron Baddeley was a row of eucalyptus trees to the left of the 17th fairway at Riviera, a shot that could have made his two-shot lead disappear at the Northern Trust Open.

He never gave it much thought.

With a 3-wood, he aimed at a gap in the trees and played a 50-yard cut to get back out into the fairway and escape danger. Moments later, he rapped in a 5-foot par putt on the final hole to win for the first time in four years.

In a battle of generations, Sunday's win at historic Riviera made him feel young again.

INTERNET



Aaron Baddeley, right, of Australia, shakes hands with playing partner Fred Couples after Baddeley won the Northern Trust Open PGA golf tournament at Riviera Country Club in Los Angeles. INTERNET

Cyclist has wood removed from leg after crash

MANCHESTER, 22 Feb—Malaysian cyclist Azizulhasni Awang staggered across the line at the Track World Cup with a bronze medal and a 7.8-inch piece of wood sticking through his left calf.

Awang had surgery Sunday to remove the

massive splinter, a day after a crash at the Manchester Velodrome sent it through his leg.

Awang managed to remount his bike after the high-speed crash in Saturday's Keirin final and stagger across the line to claim a bronze medal.

He was rushed to the hospital but doctors waited until Sunday to carry out the procedure to remove the splinter. "Operation done. Splinter taken out cleanly," Awang wrote on his Twitter account. "Thanks for the prayer n support."—INTERNET



A splinter is seen through the leg of Malaysia's Azizulhasni Awang after a crash in the Men's Keirin Final during the Track Cycling World Cup at the National Cycling Centre, Manchester, England.—INTERNET

Earnhardt Jr wrecks late, fades in Daytona 500



Dale Earnhardt Jr comes to a stop on the back stretch after he was involved in a crash during the NASCAR Daytona 500 auto race at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla, on 20 Feb, 2011.—INTERNET

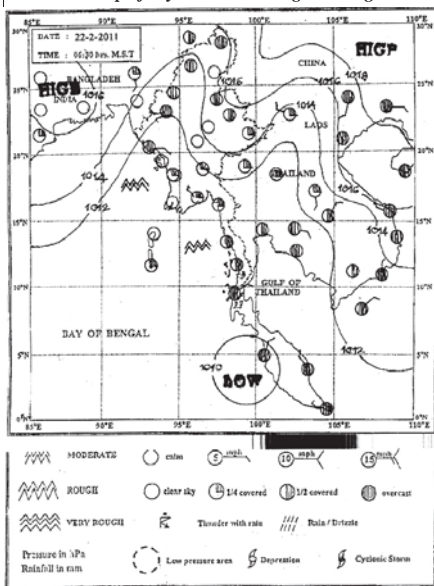
DAYTONA BEACH, 22 Feb—Surrounded by friends and strangers, Dale Earnhardt Jr watched a highlight video of previous Daytona 500 races.

His late father was featured prominently. There also was a huge No 3 painted in the infield grass at Daytona International Speedway and a moment of silence during the third lap.

Earnhardt welcomed all the tributes. He might be glad to leave them behind, too.

After what had to be a difficult week, one that was mostly about the 10-year anniversary of his father's death at Daytona, Junior can now move on.—INTERNET

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Tuesday, 22nd February, 2011

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30hr. M.S.T.
 During the past 24 hours, rain have been scattered in Taninthayi Region, isolated in Upper Sagaing Region and Chin State, weather has been partly cloudy in Lower Sagaing Region, Kachin, Shan, Mon and Rakhine States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Night temperature were (5°C) above February average temperature in Mon State and (3°C) to (4°C) above February average temperature in Upper Sagaing Region, Kachin, Northern Shan and Rakhine States and about February average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant night temperatures were Pinlaung, Heho and Haka (6°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kawthoung (1.30) inches and Myeik (0.12) inch.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 21-2-2011 was 98°F. Minimum temperature on 22-2-2011 was 61°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 22-2-2011 was (65%). Rainfall on 22-2-2011 was (Nil).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 21-2-2011 was 98°F. Minimum temperature on 22-2-2011 was 69°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 22-2-2011 was (53%). Total

sunshine hours on 21-2-2011 was (10.2) hours (Approx). Rainfall on 22-2-2011 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (1.97) inches at Mingaladon, (1.89) inches at Kaba-Aye and (3.54) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from North at (12:30) hours MST on 21-2-2011.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 23rd February 2011: Light rain are likely to be isolated in Upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Regions, Kachin, Mon and Kayin States and weather will be partly cloudy in Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Chin, Shan and Kayah States and generally fair 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 continuation of isolated light rain in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 23-2-2011: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 23-2-2011: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 23-2-2011: Generally fair weather.

Injuries hit Man Utd for Marseille clash

MANCHESTER, 22 Feb—Manchester United set out for Marseille on Tuesday for their Champions League last 16 round tie without several senior players including Rio Ferdinand and Ryan Giggs.

Ferdinand has not played since picking up a calf injury before the Premier League defeat at Wolves on February 5, and his fellow central defender Jonny Evans also missed the trip as he is struggling with an ankle problem.

That meant Chris Smalling was in line to start alongside Nemanja Vidic in the heart of the United back four against the French champions. Veteran midfielder Giggs was another absentee from the United party, which was also missing Michael Owen, who has a groin injury.

United midfielder Anderson was a non-traveller and could be facing a lengthy absence from the side after being substituted at half-time in Saturday's



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INTERNET

FA Cup fifth-round win over Crawley.

He reportedly suffered a knee injury which will need further examination before United can be sure how long he will be absent for.

Internet

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (23-2-2011) (Wednesday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	(09:00am~11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission	(23-2-11 09:30 am ~ 24-2-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Ecstasy of Life
- * VCD Centre
- * News
- * Foundation of Taungoo Kingdom (500th) Anniversary (Episode-2)
- * News
- * Artist Ahead: Min Wai Aung
- * News
- * From Yangon to the Peak of Mt. Victoria
- * 5th Anniversary of Paragu Shan Tiniketan Library

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- * News
- * Zar Ni Aung & Her Goal of Arts
- * News
- * Myanmar Customs & Naming System
- * News
- * Shriking Footprints
- * News
- * Music Gallery
- * Myanmar Movie "Mommy's Girls"



Wednesday, 23 February View on today

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

- 7:50 am**
- 5. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:00 am**
- 6. Health Programme
- 8:10 am**
- 7. Cultural Dances
- 8:20 am**
- 8. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 8:30 am**
- 9. Teleplay (Traffic)
- 8:40 am**
- 10. International News
- 8:45 am**
- 11. Musical Programme
- 4:00 pm**
- 1. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm**
- 2. Musical Programme
- 4:20 pm**
- 3. Dance Of National Races

- 4:30 pm**
- 4. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) Third Year (Economic)
- 4:45 pm**
- 5. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 4:50 pm**
- 6. Classical Songs
- 5:00 pm**
- 7. Documentary
- 5:05 pm**
- 8. Musical Programme
- 5:20 pm**
- 9. "ASEAN" Programme
- 5:35 pm**
- 10. Melody Tunes (Sogya Pyawshwin Tay Thansin)

- 6:00 pm**
- 11. Evening News
- 6:15 pm**
- 12. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm**
- 13. Traditional Boxing
- 6:35 pm**
- 14. Shwe Yin Chone Than
- 7:05 pm**
- 15. Ratha Pawlwin Thayotesaung Lwin Pyin (Character Contest)
- 7:30 pm**
- 16. Alinka Wut Yi Music Troupe
- 8:00 pm**
- 17. News
- 18. International News
- 19. Weather Report
- 20. Korea NG Award
- 21. TV Drama Series
- 22. Myanmar Drama

- ★ 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

First Chaungtha Beach Festival to attract more tourists

Byline: Zin Htoo



Visitors taking relaxation at Chaungtha Beach in Patheingyi District with sunset beauty in the background.

Arrangements are being made for organizing the First Chaungtha Beach Festival comprising fun-fairs, special sales and

contests on a grand scale from 25 to 27 February.

Tourists and home-grown travellers know Chaungtha as a recrea-

tion centre with easy access and low cost for transport charges.

A small village near the origin of Uto Creek at the Bay of Bengal has been

established as Chaungtha Beach with a few hotels for over two decades. Indeed, Ayeyawady Region is teeming with (See page 7)

New building for "Khant" Library opens in Sittway Township

SITTWAY, 22 Feb— The opening of a new building for "Khant" Library built with the contribution of K 1 million by Movie Star Khant Sithu took place at the library in Mingan Ward in Sittway on 15 February, attended by Chairman of Sittway District Peace and Development Council U Moe Zaw Soe, Deputy Director (Admin) U Myint Swe of Information and Public Relations Department (Head Office) and officials.

The deputy director and the district chairman spoke on the occasion.

Next, the assistant director of Sittway District IPRD presented a set of TV for the library through the chairman of the ward PDC.

Then the district chairman and the deputy director and the ward chairman formally opened the new building for the library. — MNA

Significant night temperatures (22-2-2011)

Pinlaung	(6° C)
Heho	(6° C)
Haka	(6° C)