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MAI launches maiden flight of Yangon-Siem Reap (Angkor Wat)



YANGON, 23 Feb—The Yangon-Siem Reap (Angkor Wat) route of Myanmar Airways International (MAI) was launched at Yangon International Airport, here, 9 am today.

Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Yangon Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Tun Than and officials formally opened the ceremony.

Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe cordially greeted the passengers for maiden flight of Yangon-Siem Reap (Angkor Wat).

Yangon-Siem Reap (Angkor Wat) was implemented under the MoU on promotion of tourism industry between the two countries during the trip of Prime Minister U Thein Sein to Cambodia in 2010.

MAI operates its flights with three Air Bus A-

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

Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of Ministry of Defence, Commander Brig-Gen Tun Than and officials launch maiden flight of Yangon-Siem Reap (Angkor Wat).—MNA

320s and one Air Bus A-321 to Bangkok, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur and Gaya and one Air Bus A-321 on Bangkok-Yangon and Bangkok-Singapore routes.

MAI plans to extend flights to Tokyo of Japan, Seoul of Republic of Korea, New Delhi of India, Dubai of UAE and Jakarta and Bali of Indonesia.

MNA

Victorious Myanmar archers back from First Asian Archery Grand Prix 2011

YANGON, 23 Feb— The Myanmar victorious archery team that bagged five gold, one silver and four bronze medals in the First Asian Archery Grand Prix 2011 held in Bangkok from 18 to 21 February arrived here by air yesterday evening.

The members of the Myanmar team led by General Secretary of Myanmar Archery Federation U Kyaw Oo (Deputy Director of Sports and Physical Education Department) were welcomed back by General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General of SPED U Thaug Htaik and officials.

Chairperson of Central Working Committee for Myanmar Women's Sports Federation Daw Aye Aye and Secretary Daw L Khun Yi handed over K 1 million as cash award presented by MWSF to the Myanmar team.

Myanmar stood first on the standing table of countries, followed by second prize winning France with three gold and four silver, third prize winning China with three gold, two silver and one bronze, fourth prize winning Russia with three gold, one silver and four bronze and fifth prize winning Vietnam with two gold, three silver and one bronze.



Myanmar secured one gold medal each in the men's compound team event and knockout event, the women's compound team event, the knockout event, and Aung Hngein won one gold medal in the women's single compound event and one silver in women's compound knockout event.

Ye Min Swe won one bronze medal each in men's single compound event and knockout event,

Members of Myanmar victorious archery team being welcomed back at Yangon International Airport after bagging five gold, one silver and four bronze medals in the First Asian Archery Grand Prix 2011.

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and Thin Thin Khaing one bronze in women's single recurve event. Ye Min Swe and Aung Hngein secured one bronze in the compound mix-team event.

Ye Min Swe and Aung Hngein set the new record with 157 points in the third place match by breaking their old record of 153 points in the 2010 grand prix.—MNA

PERSPECTIVES

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Preserve invaluable Myanmar traditional medicine

Traditional medicine of Myanmar had been developed in line with Myanmar traditions and customs since ancient monarchial era.

Before flourishing of Western medicines, health care services have been provided to the people applying Myanmar traditional medicines.

Herbal plants are being grown and species of these plants conserved by establishing the herbal parks to ensure availability of raw materials for production of traditional medicines. Departments concerned are conducting research to uplift quality of traditional medicines, carrying out development of Myanmar traditional medicine sector and preserving ancient treatises of traditional medicines.

The Nay Pyi Taw National Herbal Park located on 196.4 acres of land was inaugurated near Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo Road on 4 January 2008 for ensuring emergence of an international standard herbal park.

Rare and potent herbal plants from various parts of the nation can be seen in the National Herbal Park. Thousands of various rare herbal plants are being nurtured at the park.

Myanmar has to conserve valuable and rare species of herbal plants and preserve invaluable therapies of traditional medicines for their existence. Thus, utmost efforts are to be made for discovering and improving the essence of Myanmar traditional medicine by conducting systematic research through modern technology so as to disseminate potent therapy of Myanmar traditional medicines to the international community.

All this needs to be known

- * Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- * Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- * Do not be softened whenever appeared

Man injured in KNU mine attack

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Feb—U Maung Hla Phyu of Nyaunggon village in TadaU Village-tract, Hpa-an Township, Kayin State, lost his left big toe and picked up injuries in the lower body at the explosion of the mine planted by KNU near Taungpaw Monastery in Kyonkhanet Village at about 7 pm yesterday.

The incident took place when he stepped on the mine while preparing to cook rice.

Authorities are taking care of him who is receiving treatment in Hpa-an Hospital.—MNA

Brunei's Policy

- * 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

Deputy Minister for Construction U Myint Thein being greeted by Charge d'Affair ai Mrs Fadzlyani binti Haji Annuar of Brunei Darussalam Embassy in Myanmar at ceremony to mark 27th National Day of Brunei Darussalam held at Traders Hotel in Yangon on 23 February.—MNA



Mandalay Mayor inspects sanitation tasks

MANDALAY, 23 Feb—Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor U Phone Zaw Han together with the officials inspected drainage system for proper water flow of Ngwetchaung drain between 12th and 14th streets in Aungmyethazan Township on 9 February.

Later, he inspected building of Kywe-yegon dumping ground in Patheingyi Township and left necessary instructions.—MNA



Mandalay Mayor U Phone Zaw Han looks into sanitation task being carried out with the use of heavy machinery in Aungmyethazan Township.—MCDC

Raffles Hospital to partake in Education, Living & Health Care Exhibition

YANGON, 23 Feb— The Education, Living & Health Care Exhibition, organized by Jade Crown Organizing Group and mainly sponsored by Shine Construction Group, will be held at the Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road, here, from 9 am to 5 pm daily from 25 to 28 February.

Raffles Hospital of Singapore, one of the participants at home and abroad in the health and education fields, will participate in the exhibition.

Raffles Hospital will fix discount for health care services, present pamphlets and gifts and disseminate health knowledge to the visitors.

For further information, contact Raffles Hospital Patient Liaison Office Myanmar-Diamond Aces Services Co., Ltd, Tel: 01-299944 and 095127625.—MNA

Want to learn B.A (Hons;) of University of Sunderland?

YANGON, 23 Feb—For the human resource development, STI Education is conducting diplomas and advanced diplomas in Logistic Management, Supply Chain Management, Human Resources Management, Teacher Training, Hospitality & Tourism Management, Banking & Finance and Business Management etc. Those who have got advanced diplomas from STI may learn the final year of B.A (Hons;) in Business Management conferred by University of Sunderland, UK. And, they can continue to attend MBA courses of University of Bradford and University of Sunderland after passing B.A (Hons;).

For more information, STI Education, No.377, Shwebontha Street (Upper Block), Pabedan Township and Myanmar Info-Tech Ward (4) and Room (7), HloneTownship and dial Ph:700273 and 507048.—MNA

Tensions rise over Afghan civilian deaths

KABUL, 23 Feb—An investigation into claims that international troops killed scores of civilians in northeast Afghanistan escalated into a feud Tuesday between President Hamid Karzai and senior US military officials who cited a report that Afghan parents have been known to discipline children by burning their hands and feet.

Karzai spokesman Waheed Omar described comments made by Rear Adm. Gregory Smith, director of communications for the US-led coalition, also known as International Security Assistance Force, as being "outrageous, insulting and racist." He demanded a clarification.

The flap started during a discussion at the presidential palace about claims that NATO forces killed about 60 civilians during a four-day operation

in Kunar Province — a charge that has been contested by the international coalition.

Media reports and television footage broadcast after the claims showed severely injured children and others with burns on their faces, hands and feet — yet it was unclear if they were injured in military operations.

The Washington Post, quoting unidentified individuals who attended the palace meeting, reported Tuesday that Gen.

David Petraeus, the top NATO commander in Afghanistan, had suggested that Afghans might have intentionally burned their own children to exaggerate claims of civilian casualties. The coalition vehemently denied the report.

Internet



The body of a child wrapped in posters is brought out of a supermarket on 28 Jan, 2011 in central Kabul, Afghanistan.

INTERNET

US and allies kill, injure Iraqi people

BAGHDAD, 23 Feb— There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

Casualties of Iraqi people

The total number of casualties as from the day they invaded the country to 23 February reached 705053 and the total number of seriously injured people reached 1276603, according to the news on the Internet.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Death toll of Iraqi people	705053
2.	The total number of seriously injured people	1276603

Internet

Casualties of Afghan people in invasion of NATO troops led by US

KABUL, 23 Feb—The NATO troops led by the US have invaded Afghanistan and they are there for a long time.

A number of Afghan people are killed and injured due to invasion of the NATO troops led by the US.

Casualties of Afghan people

According to the Internet news, a total of 33667 Afghan people were killed and 40977 injured seriously as from the day when the NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan to 23 February.

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Internet

At least 14 injured in grenade attack in NW Pakistan



Rescuers work at the blast site in northwestern Pakistani City of Peshawar on 22 Feb, 2011. At least 14 people were injured Tuesday in a grenade attack in Pakistan's northwestern city of Peshawar, police sources said.—XINHUA

ISLAMABAD, 23 Feb— At least 14 people were injured Tuesday in a grenade attack in Pakistan's northwestern city of Peshawar, police sources said.

According to security sources, some unknown miscreants riding on a motorcycle attacked an electric pole with a hand grenade in the Shafi market in the cantonment area of Peshawar, the capital of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province.

The impact of the blast also destroyed a transformer at the pole damaging some nearby shops. People were injured in the destroyed shops.

All the injured have been shifted to hospital but some of them are reportedly in severe condition.

It was the second bomb attack of the day. Hours earlier, a roadside bomb explosion killed two troops and injured four others in the country's southwestern port of Gwadar.—Xinhua

Taleban facilitator detained

KABUL, 23 Feb—Afghan and NATO-led troops have captured a Taleban facilitator in Taleban birthplace Kandahar in southern Afghanistan, a statement of the alliance said Wednesday.

"Afghan National Security and International Security Assistance Forces (ISAF)detained a Taleban facilitator during a security operation in Kandahar District, Kandahar Province on Tuesday," the statement added.

The unnamed Taleban man was responsible for the movement of weapons in the Province for attacks against Afghan and coalition forces, it said.

Taleban militants fighting Afghan and NATO-led troops have yet to make comment.

Xinhua



A man who was wounded in a bomb attack, waits for treatment at a hospital in Baghdad recently.

INTERNET

Israeli fire wounds seven Palestinians in Gaza

GAZA, 23 Feb—Seven Palestinians were wounded Wednesday by Israeli artillery shelling in Gaza City, witnesses and medical sources said. The wounded are members of Al-Quds Brigades, the armed wing of the Islamic Jihad movement, the brigades said in a statement.

Adham Abu Selmiya, spokesman for medical services, said that two were seriously wounded and the others sustained moderate injuries. The witnesses said that the bombing happened as the Israeli force was operating in Palestinian-controlled land in eastern Gaza City.

Also on Wednesday, the Israeli forces shot two Palestinian workers in

northern Gaza Strip. Abu Selmiya said that the two were collecting gravel and scrap metal near Gaza-Israel borders when they were shot. Shootings at the workers have been taking place on daily basis since Israel allocated a 300-metre-wide buffer zone along its borders with Gaza in February, 2010.

Xinhua



Soldiers from Kandahar Army Airfield, Afghanistan conducted a Team Village mission where members of Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations visited local villages to provide humanitarian aid and gather passive intelligence in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, on 23 Sept, 2003.—INTERNET



Science

Satellites to scan for earthquake signs

LONDON, 23 Feb—British and Russian scientists say a satellite system monitoring seismic activity from space may one day predict the occurrence of earthquakes and eruptions.

Researchers from the two countries have joined in the TwinSat project, which intends to put two satellites into orbit about 250 miles apart, working in tandem to collect and interpret electromagnetic signatures from the ground, the engineer.co.uk reported Tuesday.

Geologists say as stress builds up in the Earth prior to an earthquake or a volcanic eruption, subtle electromagnetic signals are released.

Present methods for collecting and analyzing seismic-related signals are not sensitive enough to be of any real predictive value, project researcher

Dhiren Kataria of University College London says.

“The signatures are much too weak and the signal-to-noise level too high,” he says. “Also, to be able to observe it, you need the sensors to be very close to the earthquake site and that is not always possible because most of our ground sensors are at fixed locations.”

“On the other hand, when you’re up in space the noise is reduced and the spread of the signal is over a much wider region, so you can capture it far easier.”

The project team, made up of researchers from UCL’s Mullard Space Science Laboratory and Russia’s Institute of Physics of the Earth and International Science and Technology Centre, says it plans to launch the TwinSat in 2015.—*Internet*

Coral reefs said vital to biodiversity

CANBERRA, 23 Feb—Australian scientists say corals reefs in the South China Sea, West Pacific and Coral Triangle are key to preserving fish and marine resources in the region.

Research by Johnathan Kool of the Australian Research Council’s Centre of Excellence for Coral Reef Studies and colleagues has established that the richest marine region on Earth — the so-called Coral Triangle between Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines — depends for its diversity and resilience on coral and fish larvae swept in from the South China Sea and Solomon Islands, an ARC release said Tuesday.

“The currents go in various directions, but the prevailing direction is from east to west, and this carries coral spawn and fish larvae from areas such as round the Spratly Islands in the South China Sea and the Solomons/Papua New Guinea,” Kool said.

“Maintaining the network of links between reefs allowing larvae to flow between them and re-stock depleted areas is key to saving coral ecosystems threatened by human pressure and climate change,” he said.

Recent evidence suggesting the region’s marine biology is closely interconnected shows it is in the interests of all Asia-Pacific countries to work together more closely to protect it, he said.

“These coral ecosystems provide food and income for more than 100 million people working in marine-based industries throughout the region,” Kool said.—*Internet*



A technician gathers sulphur deposits in Banyuwangi, eastern Java, which could be used as a source of renewable energy. Experts and activists say governments are not doing enough to exploit these energy sources.—INTERNET

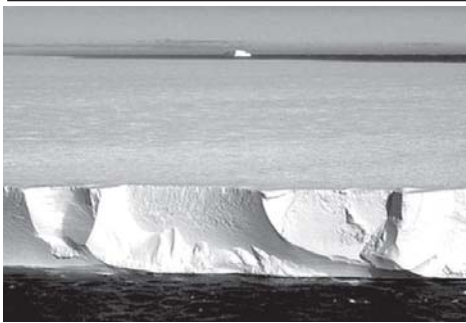
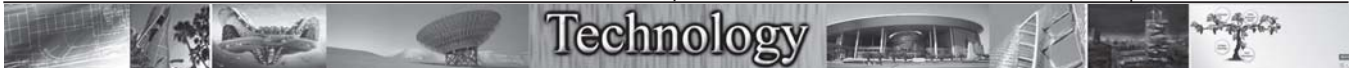


Photo illustration of a massive iceberg. A 30 million tonne block of ice sheared off a New Zealand glacier just minutes after a violent earthquake devastated the city of Christchurch, officials said Wednesday.

INTERNET



Technology

Macao’s 1st mobile e-book platform to be launched in Q1

MACAO, 23 Feb—Hutchison Telephone (Macao), which markets itself as 3 Macao, has announced that it will launch Macao’s “first-ever one-stop mobile e-book platform in the first quarter” of the year, the *Macao Post Daily* reported on Tuesday.

The company made the announcement about its “3 Books” launch during a media luncheon on Fisherman’s Wharf.

“With over a million books in what will be Macao’s largest electronic book collection, accessible via platforms such as the iPhone and PCs, the 3 Books service will offer users the most refreshing and comprehensive reading experience anytime, anywhere,” the announcement said.—*Xinhua*



Cellphone network said threat to GPS

WASHINGTON, 23 Feb—A proposed faster US cellphone network could interfere with global positioning systems, creating GPS “dead zones” across the country, researchers say.

GPS satellites transmit their navigation signals in the range 1559 to 1610 megahertz, close to the frequency band used by US telecom company LightSquared, which communicates with its satellites in the 1525 to 1559 megahertz range known as the “L” band, *NewScientist.com* reported Tuesday.

Despite the closeness of the frequencies, GPS receivers have operated without any interference problems — up to now. In January the Federal Communications Commission gave preliminary approval for LightSquared to build 40,000 new high-speed 4G mobile wireless protocol base stations on the ground that would broadcast much stronger signals in the 1525 to 1559 MHz range to link to cellphones.

Engineers with GPS manufacturer Garmin International in Olathe, Kan, say this will seriously damage GPS reception and that it “will result in widespread, severe GPS jamming [and] will deny GPS service over vast areas of the United States.”

Internet

The Amazon homepage appears on a screen in Washington, DC US online retail giant Amazon on Tuesday launched a movie streaming service that competes directly with Internet film star Netflix.

INTERNET



A Xoom tablet is displayed at the 3GSM World congress in Barcelona, on 17 Feb US telecom titan Verizon on Thursday will begin selling Motorola Mobility’s hotly awaited “Xoom” tablet computer at a price close to that of a top-of-the-line iPad.—INTERNET

Apple deemed top of movie product placement charts

LOS ANGELES, 23 Feb—Apple was deemed top of the product placement charts on Tuesday after getting its computers, iPads, iPods and other items featured in 30 percent of the top movies at the US box office in 2010.

But the single movie with the most placements was “Iron Man 2” — which featured 64 identifiable products, according to Brandchannel, the website of global brand consultancy Interbrand.

Brandchannel said it identified 591 brands or products in 33 films that reached No1 at the box office in 2010, an average of 17.9 per film. This was a slight increase from the 17.5 per film average of 2009.

Apple had roles in movies last year ranging from “Kick Ass” to “The Other Guys” and “Toy Story 3.” Total Apple product placements beat those of runners-up Chevrolet, Ford and Nike.

Apple was given the Brandcameo award for Overall Product Placement, which goes to the brand that makes the most discernible appearances in No1 films at the US box office that year.

Apple, which also came top in 2009, capped a decade in which its products appeared in one-third of 334 films that reached number one status at the US box office.—*Reuters*



Health

Health Tip: Cramp got your leg?

A muscle cramp occurs when a muscle involuntarily contracts. It often occurs during a sport or other exercise, but a muscle can spasm even during sleep.

The ADAM Encyclopedia offers these suggestions for alleviating or preventing a muscle cramp:

- * Stop your activity right away, and perform some gentle stretching or massage.
- * Heat the muscle while it's cramping. Apply ice for pain later.
- * Take a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug to help manage pain.
- * Drink plenty of water, a sports drink or take a salt tablet.
- * Don't push yourself beyond your limit while working out.
- * Be sure to include enough potassium in your diet.
- * Stretch your muscles regularly.—Internet



Mobile phones displayed in a store window. Cellphone use appeared to measurably increase brain activity in dozens of test subjects in a new study, though it failed to resolve a debate over whether the devices pose health risks.—INTERNET

Minority teens: Fewer depression therapies

ATLANTA, 23 Feb—Black, Hispanic and Asian adolescents are less likely than whites to receive treatment for major depression, US researchers say.

Researchers at the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University in Atlanta analyzed data from 2004 to 2008 collected from the National Survey of Drug Use and Health.

Drs Janet R Cummings and Benjamin G Druss evaluated a national representative sample of 7,704 adolescents ages 12-17 diagnosed with major depression within the past year. Researchers studied the differences in treatment for depression across four racial/ethnic groups of adolescents with major depression — non-Hispanic whites, blacks, Hispanics and Asians.

The study, published in the *Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry*, found the percentage of non-Hispanic whites who received any major depression treatment was 40 percent compared with 32 percent for blacks, 31 percent for Hispanics and 19 percent for Asians.

Internet

Internet

Method detects likelihood of cancer spread

LUND, 23 Feb— Researchers in Sweden say they developed a technique that can identify which breast-cancer patients are likely to risk metastasis — the spread of cancer. Researchers at Lund University in Sweden say within the next two years the method will be tested in Swedish hospitals, and in the future the technique may also be used in other countries.

Carl Borrebaeck, professor of immunotechnology at Lund University and programme director for Create Health, says the idea is to build a diagnostic clinic next to the operating

theater, where the tumour can be analyzed while the patient is still on the operating table and the surgeon, oncologist and pathologist together can make a diagnosis and treatment plan.

Borrebaeck says with the technique for analyzing patterns of biomarkers — protein molecules — in the blood, it is possible to obtain information about what type of cancer the patient has and what the prognosis is. One-quarter of all women who suffer from breast cancer are at risk of metastasis, Borrebaeck says.

Internet



A Thai Disease Control officer sprays chemical to kill mosquitos spreading dengue fever, in Bangkok in 2005. Researchers in Thailand say they have developed a prototype vaccine against dengue fever and will conduct further tests with the aim of bringing it to market within a decade.—INTERNET

Business



Carrefour, Wal-Mart fined 9.5 mln yuan for cheating Chinese consumers

BEIJING, 23 Feb— Nineteen stores of Carrefour and Wal-Mart in China were fined 9.5 million yuan (1.45 million US dollars) for cheating consumers over prices, said China's economic planner and price regulator Tuesday.

The National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) disclosed the cases of price deception on 26 Jan, involving the two retailers' stores.

It ordered a maximum fine of 500,000 yuan for each store.—Xinhua



Visitors are seen in front of an electronic board showing stock prices at the Tokyo Stock Exchange in Tokyo on 22 Feb, 2011.

INTERNET



India once manufactured around 150,000 typewriters every year but five years ago he was unsure whether there would still be a demand for his services, as typewriter factories closed and the take-up of information technology increased.

INTERNET



Nikkei opens 0.26% lower

TOKYO, 23 Feb— Tokyo stocks opened lower Wednesday with the key Nikkei index down 0.26 percent.

The benchmark Nikkei 225 Average shed 27.42 points to 10,637.28.

The broader Topix index lost 3.30 points, or 0.34 percent, to 953.40.—Xinhua

BOJ upbeat on economy, exports show seasonal dip

TOKYO/AOMORI, 23 Feb—Bank of Japan Deputy Governor Hirohide Yamaguchi said the country's economy will soon pull out of its torpor, despite a near-stalling of export growth in January, but warned that risks remain from rising commodity prices.

Annual export growth slowed to its weakest pace in more than a year in January as shipments to China lost steam before the Lunar New Year, but economists said the central bank's forecast for an export-led recovery remained intact as underlying demand overseas was still strong.

"Exports were weaker than expected but the overall trade data does not alter the scenario that the economy is emerging from a lull in the January-March quarter," said Yoshimasa Maruyama, economist at Itochu Corporation in Tokyo.

Yamaguchi, a career central banker and a close aide to Governor Masaaki Shirakawa, said Japan was making progress toward an end to deflation with annual rises in consumer prices seen accelerating toward the year starting in April 2012.

Still, the government and the central bank are unlikely to draw much comfort as turmoil in Libya and a recent spike in commodity prices cloud the outlook. Yamaguchi also warned against excessive optimism over the US economy.

"Exports are resuming an uptrend," Yamaguchi said in a speech to business executives in Aomori, northern Japan, on Wednesday. "I expect Japan's economy to soon emerge from a lull and resume a moderate recovery path on strong overseas growth."

Reuters



Machu Picchu archaeological site. Peru's picturesque Inca city of Machu Picchu, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is a victim of its own success, and booming tourism demand now means access must be limited to protect it, UNESCO chief Irina Bokova said Monday.

INTERNET

China approves engineering research centre for high-speed trains

BEIJING, 23 Feb—China's Ministry of Science and Technology has approved a subsidiary of CSR Corporation Limited (CSR), China's largest rail vehicle maker, to set up an engineering research centre for high-speed trains.

The research centre of CSR Sifang Locomotive & Rolling Stock Co, Ltd (Sifang

Locomotive), is the first of its kind in China, said a CSR statement Wednesday.

The research centre will provide a platform for high-level research and development, experiments and engineering technology studies for China's high-speed trains, it said.

Sifang Locomotive is the maker of China's CRH-380A train, which set a world record speed of 486.1 kilometres per hour during a test run on the Beijing-Shanghai high-speed railway in December last year.

Currently, more than 40 CRH-380A trains made by Sifang Locomotive have been put into operation in China, according to the statement.

Xinhua



Activists rip out GM crops in a field in Menville, France, in 2004. Global plantings of genetically modified crops increased 10 percent in 2010 compared to the prior year, according to a study released Tuesday by an organization that promotes crop

biotechnology.

INTERNET



Macao logs over 2 mln visitor arrivals in January

MACAO, 23 Feb—Macao's visitor arrivals in January this year reached 2,076,064, up 1.4 percent from a year earlier, according to figures released on Wednesday by the city's Statistics and Census Service (DSEC).

Of all the arrivals in January, 54.5 percent lasted only one day, the figures indicated. Analyzed by place of residence, visitors from the Chinese mainland increased by 7.9 percent year-on-year to 1.22 million, 58.8 percent of the total, of which 538,306 traveling to Macao under the Individual Visit Scheme.

Visitors from South Korea (42,127) and Japan (36,155) grew by 39 percent and 1.4 percent respectively, while those from Hong Kong (529,621) and Taipei (92,123) decreased by 2.8 percent and 20.4 percent respectively.

Xinhua

Somali gov't deplors killing of US hostages by pirates

MOGADISHU, 23 Feb—Somali government has condemned as horrendous crime the killing of two American couples by pirates who seized their yacht last week off Oman.

The couples reportedly died after they were shot by their captors this week as the US navy pursued their pirated yacht in an effort to negotiate their release.

Two Somali pirates were also killed and 13 others captured by the American navy after the killing of the couples.

"We condemn the actions of these and all pirates operating from our shores and we will ensure that the captured pirates are brought to justice," Somali Prime Minister Mohamed Abdullahi said in a statement.

The premier said his government "deeply regrets" the deaths of the four Americans hijacked by pirates off the coast of Somalia describing the pirates as callous men

"We are all deeply saddened by the news of these killings. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and friends and we offer our sincere condolences," Premier Mohamed said.—Xinhua

Google faces another antitrust complaint in Europe

BEIJING, 23 Feb—Google faces another antitrust complaint in Europe from the French company IplusV that Google is abusing its dominant market position to shut out competition, according to the *New York Times* Wednesday.

IplusV, which specializes in creating thematic search engines, complained with the European Commission Tuesday that Google prevented competing search engines from using its advertising service if its search technology was not adopted. This thereby impeded the development of alternative technologies, the complaint said.

According to IplusV, Google was artificially favouring its own websites, and pushing down other competing search sites in search results.—Xinhua



This undated handout photo courtesy of NASA shows a sunset over the Arctic. Canada will invest CAN\$34.8 million (US\$35.2 million) in meteorological and navigational warning services in the Arctic, the government announced Tuesday.—INTERNET

NZ quake said a warning to North America

CORVALLIS, 23 Feb—The New Zealand earthquake that killed dozens and caused heavy damage is a warning to cities up and down the West Coast of North America, a researcher says.

Even though Tuesday's 6.3-magnitude earthquake was weaker than last year's 7.1 event, it was much shallower, was situated directly under Christchurch, hit during the lunch hour when more people were exposed to damage, and shook sediments that were prone to

"liquefaction," which can magnify the damage done by the ground shaking, PhysOrg.com reported.

Robert Yeats, a professor of geology at Oregon State University, says that same description matches what could happen in many major cities and towns in Washington, Oregon, California and British Columbia.

"The same characteristics that caused such destruction and so many deaths in Christchurch are similar to those facing Portland, Seattle, parts of the Bay

Area and many other West Coast cities and towns," Yeats said. "And it's worth keeping in mind that New Zealand has some of the most progressive building codes in the world. They are better prepared for an earthquake like this than many US cities would be."

Like much of the West Coast, Yeats said, New Zealand sits near a major boundary of the Earth's great plates — in this case, the junction of the Australia Plate and the Pacific Plate.

Internet



People take part in the Hong Kong marathon on 20 Feb, 2011. More than 65,000 people took part in the 10-km, half-marathon and marathon races in the territory on Sunday, organizers said.

INTERNET

International Year of Forests (2011)

San Lwin

The United Nations General Assembly issued its Resolution 61/193 dated 20 December 2006 to designate the year 2011 as International Year of Forests. It was celebrated at the Assembly Hall of the United Nations Headquarters in New York of the US on 2 February 2011. I was selected to represent Myanmar at the ceremony. The United Nations Secretary-General in his speech spotlighted the importance of forest management for sustainable development of woodlands, economic and social sustainability, poverty alleviation, and forests' absorbing carbon dioxide, calling for cooperation of all countries in International Year of Forests. On the occasion, the winning films of International Forest Film Festival designed to value the central role of people in the sustainable management, conservation and sustainable development of our world's forests were screened. Among the screened films, "The Queen of the Trees" reflects the important role of a fig tree (*ficus glomerata*) in conserving the terrestrial biodiversity.

It was intended to enable governments, UN agencies, related NGOs, private organizations and other organizations to boost expression of unanimous stances in International Year of Forests to scale up management and conservation for sustainable development of forests.

The logo for this year is based on the theme of "Forests for People". Forests, habitats for the terrestrial biodiversity, play an important role in providing shelter, food, medicines and safe water and conserving the environment for global climate patterns. Therefore, it is required to widely recognize the vitality of forests that contribute towards basic needs and interests of the world population of seven billion.

At present, the world's forest coverage is 31 percent. Over 30 million acres of natural forests around the world are damaged yearly, which is alarming for one-fourth of the world population (about 1600 million) who depend on about 9800 million acres of natural forests.

The largest forest coverage countries are the Russian Federation, Brazil, Canada, the United States of America and the People's Republic of China, which forms over half the total area of the global forests. The total area of forests protected under the law including national parks and sanctuaries makes up only about 13 percent of world forests. From 2000 to 2010, the world lost 12.8 million acres of forests a year, which is equal to the area of Costa Rica. That shows a decrease in annual deforestation if compared with that from 1990 to 2000.

Plantations are being set up to regenerate deforested areas. So far, the afforested area has increased to about 625 million acres, about seven percent of world's forest area. From 2005 to 2010, over 12 acres of lands were put under plantations.

Wood and non-wood products are produced from only about 3000 million acres of forests, and 2350 million acres are designated for multipurpose areas. If compared with the total

area in 1990, the world's forest area from which wood and non-wood products are produced has decreased by about 124 million acres. Similarly, timber production size is decreasing in all regions of the world except Africa. According to the statistics, average annual production of timber is about 3400 million cubic meters.

The area of forests designated to conserve the environment is about 815 million acres. China is growing trees on a broad scale under an anti-desert programme. So, up to 1990, it saw about 148 million more acres of forests.

The four global objectives adopted at the United Nations Forum on Forests are:

- Reverse the loss of forest cover worldwide through sustainable forest management, including protection, restoration, reforestation, and increase efforts to prevent forest degradation;
- Enhance forest-based economic, social and environmental benefits, including by improving the livelihoods of forest-dependent people;
- Increase significantly the area of protected forests worldwide and other areas of sustainably managed forests, as well as the proportion of forest products from sustainably managed forests;
- Reverse the decline in official development assistance for sustainable forest management and mobilize significantly increased, new and additional financial resources from all sources for the implementation of sustainable forest management.

The United Nations Forum on Forest urged its members to work in International Year of Forests as follows:—

- For United Nations Forum on Forests member countries and regional organizations to work out the issues being faced by world forests and those who depend on them for their livelihoods by holding private ceremonies in order to raise the awareness about multipurpose values of forests,
- To formulate better policies to conserve all non-legally binding forests and to achieve the four global objectives, to boost international cooperation, to adopt strategies to seek ways, raise funds and exploit forest resources and hand them over to developing countries,
- To appoint coordination committee or those in charge at the national level in member countries, to launch International Year of Forests movements and work coordination at regional and national levels, to encourage voluntary service in movements between international organizations and members, and to expose achievements and challenges in addressing forest issues at national, regional and international levels for sustainable forest management,



- For UN agencies to effectively participate in movements to mark International Year of Forests,
- For UN Economic and Social Commission to submit agendas for celebrating International Year of Forests to UN General Assembly, and to boost management for benefits of present and next generations as the forest section is a crucial part in international development objectives,
- For organizations for forest cooperation to enable individuals or organizations to understand more the multipurpose values of forests including ecosystems and sustainable forest management.

In Myanmar, a member of the United Nations Forum on Forests, the Ministry of Forestry is playing a leading role in pursuit of short- and long-term plans for sustainable forest management for Myanmar forests. The Myanmar forest policy aims to ensure sustainable development of forests for the people and next generations to directly and indirectly enjoy benefits from forests, to help fulfil the basic needs of the people, to mobilize participation of the people in conserving and exploiting forests, and to organize the people to be convinced of the major role of forests in improving the socio-economic status of the State. Moreover, the government has given the green light to regenerate deforested areas and set up private-owned plantations in barren areas with active participation of the people.

As a gesture of honouring the International Year of Forests (2011), I would like to urge the people especially local people to do their bit in tasks for sustainable development of forests that lie at the centre of addressing forest issues for development economic and social development of the nation, environmental conservation and preparedness against natural disasters including global climate changes.

Translation: MS

Religious Affairs Minister receives Korean guests



Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung receives a delegation led by Ven Mok Tak of the Republic of Korea, Chairperson of Korea-Myanmar Friendship Association.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Feb—Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung received a delegation led by Ven Mok Tak of the Republic of Korea who is also Chairperson of Korea-Myanmar Friendship Association at the Ministry of Religious Affairs here this afternoon. They discussed strengthening of Korea-Myanmar friendly relations and religious affairs.—MNA

Industry-2 Minister receives KOICA Country Representative

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Feb—Minister for Industry-2 U Soe Thein received Resident Representative Ms Kim Jin-Hwa of Korea International Cooperation Agency-KOICA who has completed her tour of duty and her successor Ms Kim Tae-Eun at the Ministry of Industry-2, here, yesterday afternoon. Their meeting focused on continuous cooperation in technology for Technical Training School (Thagara) being opened with the assistance of KOICA and handing over of Technical Training School (Magway) in May 2011. MNA

Star Resources to open Receptionist & Flight Attendant course

YANGON, 23 Feb — Star Resources Hospitality Management Academy will open new class of Receptionist & Flight Attendant course in the last week of this February. The well-experienced lecturers of the academy will teach internationally recognized syllabuses with the course guide lines of Institute of Hospitality (UK) and Educational Institute of AH & LA (USA). The duration of the course is three months. Preparation Course will be opened in the same week as well. Those interested may contact Star Resources Hospitality Management Academy at Room No. (302), Building (267), Pyay Road, Myaynigon, Sangyoung Township (Ph: 01-523623, IELTS Foundation and 523200).—MNA

Kenbo Cup Golf

Tournament to be held

YANGON, 23 Feb—Thagyan 2011 Kenbo Cup Golf Tournament, mainly sponsored by Kenbo and organized by Myanmar Golf Federation, will be held Shwethamin Golf Club in Muse on 5 March, Ayeyawady Golf Club of Pathien on 13 March, Hanthawady Golf Club of Bago on 20 March, Monywa Golf Club of Monywa on 26 March, Northern Star Golf Club of Myitkyina on 1 April and Shwemantaung Golf Club of Mandalay on 5 April. The final event will go on in Shwemantaung Golf Club on 7-8 April on a grand scale.—MNA



MAI's jets. (News on page 1)—MNA

Talks on traffic rules given to university students

YANGON, 23 Feb—Head of No. 1 Traffic Police Area Police Captain Myint Kyi and party of Yangon Region Wireless and Traffic Police Corps gave talks on traffic rules at University of Computer Studies in Shwepyitha yesterday. It was attended by 525 faculty members and students in total. MNA



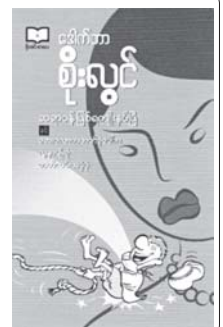
Chairman of Myanmar Pharmaceuticals Dealers Association Dr Win Sithu and party being seen off at Yangon International Airport on 23 February before their departure for Asia Pharma Expo-2011 to be held in Dhaka of Bangladesh.—MNA

Model Pharma Co., Ltd to take part in Education, Living and Health Care Exhibition

YANGON, 23 Feb — Besides, Pep 2 for children will be available at the booth. For further information, contact Model Pharma Co., Ltd at No (18-20) on Naykyar Street in Pazundaung township in Yangon (Ph: 201615 and 397681 and email: info@midelpharma.com. MNA

Model Pharma Company, a sole agent in Myanmar dealing with latest pharmacy and pharmaceutical equipment, will take part in the exhibition. Gulco Dr, a diabetes testing device, and BP Dr, a blood pressure measuring device, will be showcased at the booth of the company.

Health Education book, the 13th work of Dr Soe Lwin being distributed by Sarpay Lawka Book House-5, corner of Pansodan and Maha Bandoola Street, Kyauktada Township, Yangon.



Progress of road constructions inspected

YANGON, 23 Feb— Deputy Minister for Construction U Myint Thein on 21 February inspected maintenance and repaving of Mezali-Maletto Road being undertaken by Road Construction Special Group (4) and Maubin District Public Works. He looked into construction tasks being carried out on Maubin-Twantay Road by Yangon and Ayeyawady Region Public Works with the use of heavy machinery. At the briefing hall of Myago Camp, the deputy minister heard reports on progress of Khattiya-Myago road section presented by officials. The deputy minister stressed the need to place emphasis on timely completion of works with high quality and priority to be given to worksite safety.—MNA

Talks on Recent Climate Changes in Myanmar and Weather Outlook for 2011 on 5 March

YANGON, 23 Feb— Dr Tun Lwin (Meteorology and Hydrology Department) (Retired) will give talks on “Recent Climate Changes in Myanmar and the Weather Outlook for 2011” at the monthly subject-wise talks (March/2011), organized by the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, on the first floor of UMFCCI Office Tower on Min Ye Kyawswa Road in Lanmadaw Township here at 2 pm on 5 March.



Ye Min Swe and Aung Hngein who set new record of Asian Archery Grand Prix 2011 in Asia seen with Myanmar Archery Federation General Secretary U Kyaw Oo. (News on page 1)

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Myanmar workers participate in lifting first iron frame onto Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon).

Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon)...

(from page 16) The Ministry of Construction is building Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon) between mile post No. 40 and No. 44 on Yangon-Pathein Road, 8000 upstream of Bo Myat Tun Bridge. On 1 January 2010, the stake driving ceremony was held at RP 19 of the bridge project. The approach bridge will be 1837 feet long on Pathein bank and 1575 feet on Yangon bank. The total length of the motor road will be 3412 feet and the total length of railroad, 6614 feet. The total length of approach motor road will be 11389 feet. The bridge will have 10814 feet in total length of bridge and approach roads. Likewise, the bridge will have 20545 feet in total length of bridge and approach railroads. The



Photo shows piers of Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon).

Chairmen, executives and members of the UMFCCI and its affiliated associations and enthusiasts are invited to attend the talks. — MNA

clearance of the facility will have 262 feet wide and 57 feet high. So far, the construction of the bridge has completed by 63 per cent on 21-1-2011.

In an interview, group leader Ko Min Zaw of the engineers and workers said, “A total of 300 technicians of iron frame installation group are working at the construction project. Under the supervision of the superintending engineer, we all participate in installation of iron frames at the bridge through three steps. We firmly believe we will carry out the tasks without any mistake applying our



Pillars of Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon) are ready to be installed with iron frames.

experiences. Priority is being given to worksite safety. Installation of iron frames at the bridge will be complete with the use of manpower and heavy machinery.”

On completion, a railroad network will emerge in Ayeyawady Region in addition to the road network for contributing to construction of better transport for the local people and they will enjoy fruits of social, education and economic development in the near future.

Translation: TTA

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Official records show Cuban tourism optimistic in 2011

HAVANA, 23 Feb—Cuba registered record international tourist arrivals of 222, 296 at the end of January 2011, a year-on-year growth of 15.9 percent, the National Statistics Office (NSO) said here on Tuesday.

Compared with the same periods in 2007, 2008 and 2009, the number represents an increase of 33.9, 19.2 and 10.5 percent respectively and means a good start for the Cuban tourist industry in 2011, said the NSO.

Cuban authorities are planning to raise the number of international tourist arrivals up to 2.7 million this year, from 2.5 million last year, which saw a 4.2-percent growth over 2009.

Tourism is Cuba's second largest revenue source after the delivery of medical and other professional services in other countries, especially Venezuela, for which the island nation receives some 6 billion US dollars annually.—Xinhua



Chinese Vice Premier Zhang Dejiang (R front) shakes hands with a highly-skilled worker before a nationwide videophone conference on vocational training in Beijing, capital of China, on 22 Feb, 2011. XINHUA



Photo taken on 22 Feb, 2011 shows an experience zone during the launching ceremony of the search engine Panguso in Beijing, capital of China. Xinhua News Agency launched the Internet search engine, www.panguso.com, jointly with China Mobile on Tuesday. Panguso has designed an accurate search service for news, websites, images, videos and audio data.—XINHUA

Man jumps barricade at NBC's 'Today' show

NEW YORK, 23 Feb—A man who briefly interrupted "Today" show personalities at the NBC show's outdoor studio is being evaluated for emotional problems.

New York City Police Commissioner Ray Kelly said Tuesday that it's not clear whether the man, who was not identified, will face charges. He jumped a barricade that kept people away from Meredith Vieira, Al Roker and guest host Willie Geist as they stood outside and talked on the air.

Roker said the man said something to the effect of being God's gift to music. "Today" security and New York City police officers quickly subdued him. News anchor Ann Curry, who was inside at the time, wrote on Twitter that everyone at the show was OK. "Weirded out," she wrote, "but OK."—Internet

Plumber rescues US woman's 10k dollar diamond ring from sewer line

NEW YORK, 23 Feb—A plumber rescued a 10,000-dollar wedding ring from the sewer line after a Pennsylvania woman accidentally flushed it down the toilet.

According to KABC-TV, Kristen Kalis of Cranberry Township, Pa, was horrified when she realized she'd flushed the ring early in the morning, reports the *New York Daily News*.

Worst of all, she couldn't find one plumber who was willing to take on the case — they all told her the ring was gone for good.

Finally, Kalis spoke to Steve from Mister Rooter who was willing to try and retrieve the ring.

When snaking a camera down the sewer line didn't work, he wasn't deterred.

"Stuck the Shop-Vac down. It's about four-feet deep. Sucked it all out. After all the water was drained out, unplugged the Shop-Vac, took off the lid, dumped the water out and there was the ring," Steve told KABC.

He said this was the first diamond ring he'd ever found while working in the sewer line.

Kalis was grateful to Steve, to say the least.

"I'm like screaming and yelling outside. I'm hugging him. I'm telling him that I love him. I was just so, so happy," Kalis said.—Internet

Malcolm X daughter accused of fraud, identity theft

NEW YORK, 23 Feb—The youngest daughter of slain civil rights leader Malcolm X was being held without bail on Tuesday in North Carolina pending extradition to New York on charges she stole \$55,000 and the identity of the widow of her father's friend and bodyguard.

Malikah Shabazz, 44, is accused of defrauding Khaula Bakr of New York City, widow of a bodyguard who was with Malcolm X when he was assassinated in Harlem on 21 February, 1965, according to Queens County, NY, District Attorney Richard Brown.

Shabazz allegedly stole the personal identification information of the 70-year-old widow and used it to steal more than \$55,000 between August 2006 and November 2007, he

said. "She vehemently denies taking any money, or anything of value that belonged to Ms. Bakr," said Shabazz' attorney Sean Devereux after the hearing in Marshall, NC.

Shabazz was ordered held without bond, and New York officials were expected in North Carolina on Monday to transfer her to New York.

The attorney said the judge had given authorities a maximum of two weeks from Shabazz' arrest to collect her. "Otherwise we'll be back in court again," he said. Shabazz was arrested in Mars Hills, North Carolina, on Friday and charged with grand larceny, criminal possession of stolen property, forgery, identity theft, fraud, falsifying business records and other charges.

If convicted, she faces up to seven years in prison.—Reuters

A boy presents his cow during a cow beauty contest at the 48th Paris International Agricultural Fair, at the Porte de Versailles exhibition center in Paris, France, on 22 Feb, 2011. The annual fair, opened on 19 Feb, will run till on 27 Feb.



XINHUA



Photo provided by Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) on 23 Feb, 2011 shows trolleybuses of a new type running in the streets in Pyongyang, capital of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK).—XINHUA

New method found to detect autism risk

BEIJING, 23 Feb—Scientists have developed a new method of detecting the autism in infants by brain waves analysis, according to a study published in "*BMC Medicine*" Tuesday.

By analyzing brain activity patterns of nearly 80 babies, researchers found great differences between the high-risk group and the comparison group.

In the research, babies wore helmet-like caps studded with electrodes and electric

wire to measure electrical activity while they watched a research assistant blowing bubbles. The tests were repeated from the time they were 6 months old until they reached age 2.

Researchers said patterns in brain electrical activity can give many clues about how the neurons in each part of the brain are connecting and functioning.

Although these results are only pre-

liminary, the scientists believed that computer will help to pick up subtle differences in brain activity patterns therefore push forward this new method in application.

Compared with the traditional behavioural tests now used, this new method is safer, less expensive and easier to perform, and may help those autism-suspected babies shorten their waiting time by months or even years.

Xinhua



A group of people travel with Glacier Explorers to see one of the many icebergs that caved into Tasman Lake as a result of the 6.3 earthquake in Christchurch, New Zealand, Tuesday, on 22 Feb, 2011. INTERNET

NZ earthquake causes ice to break off glacier

CHRISTCHURCH, 23 Feb—The earthquake that struck Christchurch has caused some 30 million tons of ice to break off from New Zealand's biggest glacier. Tour guides at the Tasman Glacier in the Southern Alps say the quake caused the ice to "calve" from the glacier, forming icebergs in the terminal lake. Tourists of Glacier Explorer boats

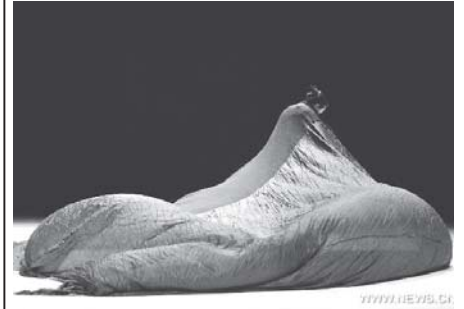
say the icefall caused waves of up to 3.5 metres in height which swept up and down the lake for 30 minutes. The glacier is about 120 miles (200 kilometres) from Christchurch on the west coast. The powerful earthquake struck Christchurch on Tuesday, toppling tall buildings and churches, crushing buses and killing at least 65 people. *Internet*

Fire breaks out in east China plant, casualties unknown

HANGZHOU, 23 Feb—Wenzhou received emergency calls at 8:02 am, saying some 20 people were trapped in the fire in Ou Hai District of the city. Casualties of the fire remain unknown as the fire fighters are still striving to extinguish the flame and search for others who are trapped in the fire.—*Xinhua*

Magnitude 4.4 quake rumbles Mendocino, Lake counties

MENDOCINO NATIONAL FOREST, 23 Feb— A light earthquake rumbled California's redwood country Tuesday night. The US Geological Survey said an earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 4.4 shook parts of Mendocino and Lake counties at 8:49 pm. The quake was centered six miles of Lake Pillsbury in the Mendocino National Forest and 22 miles east of Willits. A dispatcher at the Willits Police Department said a relative called to tell him about the temblor, but there were no immediate reports of injury or damage. No one reported feeling it to the USGS. *Internet*



Chinese modern dancer Jin Xing, artistic director of Shanghai Jinxing Dance Theater, presents "the Closest, the Furthest" at the Auditorium Music Park in Rome, Italy, on 22 Feb, 2011.—XINHUA



An African lioness climbs onto a tree nimbly in a wild life reserve near Livingston, South Zambia, on 22 Feb. It is widely believed that lions cannot climb, but caretakers in the reserve said the lions there can and had done more than once.—XINHUA

New Zealand earthquake death toll rises to 75

WELLINGTON, 23 Feb—The New Zealand South Island City of Christchurch Mayor Bob Parker said on Wednesday that the official death toll was 75 after Tuesday's massive earthquake. Fifty-five bodies have been identified, With 20 other deaths confirmed, though the bodies have yet to be recovered, *New Zealand Press Association* reported on Wednesday. There are also 300 people believed to be missing but details are unclear and officials are currently trying to refine that list. The Prime Minister declared a national state of emergency after an emergency cabinet meeting on Wednesday. *Xinhua*

China's drought-hit areas to see rain

BEIJING, 23 Feb— China's National Meteorological Centre (NMC) Wednesday forecast rain or snow in most parts of China in the next few days, which could help relieve the severe drought in many provinces. The NMC said northwestern and northern regions, areas along the Yellow River, Huaihe River and the Yangtze River, most regions south of the Yangtze and Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region could see light to moderate rain or snow from Thursday. Some areas in Henan, Shanxi and Hebei Provinces, which were severely hit by the drought, could see heavy rain or snow. The severe drought has persisted since last October, said the NMC.—*Xinhua*

Baby dolphins dying along oil-soaked US Gulf Coast

GULFPORT, 23 Feb—Baby dolphins are washing up dead along the oil-soaked US Gulf Coast at more than 10 times the normal rate in the first birthing season since the BP disaster, researchers said. Some 17 baby dolphin corpses have been found along the shorelines of Alabama and Mississippi in the past two weeks, The Institute for Marine Mammal Studies said. "The average is one or two a month. This year we have 17, and February isn't even over yet," said Moby Solangi, director of the Gulfport, Mississippi-based institute. "For some reason, they've started aborting or they were dead before they were born." Solangi is awaiting results from a necropsy performed on two of the dolphins Monday to determine a cause of death. But he called the high numbers an anomaly and said the Deepwater Horizon disaster, which unleashed millions of barrels of oil into the Gulf of Mexico over three months, likely played a role. Adult dolphin deaths tripled last year to 89 from a norm of about 30. "We shouldn't really jump to any conclusions until we get some results," Solangi said. "But this is more than just a coincidence." Dolphins breed in the spring — around the time of the 20 April explosion that brought down the BP-leased drilling rig — and carry their young for 11 to 12 months.—*Internet*



A woman walks the beach in Gulf Shores, Alabama, in 2010. Baby dolphins are washing up dead along the oil-soaked US Gulf Coast at more than 10 times the normal rate in the first birthing season since the BP disaster, researchers said.—INTERNET

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TAMPAN VOY NO (373) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 24.2.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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Fence tactic thwarts toxic toad



A poisonous cane toad sitting on a keeper's hand at the Taronga Zoo in Sydney. For three-quarters of a century, the cane toad has rampaged around northeastern Australia, but scientists hope the toxic terror may at last be stopped in its tracks.—INTERNET

PARIS, 23 Feb—For three-quarters of a century, the cane toad has rampaged around northeastern Australia, but scientists hope the toxic terror may at last be stopped in its tracks.

A native of Central America, the cane toad (*Bufo marinus*) was introduced to Australia in 1935 to kill beetles devastating sugar-cane crops, only to become a pest in its own right.

But a new investigation says that the toad — up to 25 centimetres (10 inches) long and two kilos (4.4 pounds) in weight — has an Achilles' heel.—*Internet*

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UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME



Vacancy Announcement

VA No. 006/UNDP HR/2011

The United Nations Development Programme is seeking applications from dynamic and highly motivated Myanmar nationals for the following vacancy with UNDP, Yangon, Myanmar.

Functional title and level : Assistant Resident Representative (ARR), Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting (MER),

**Level : NO-C
Type of Contract : Fixed Term
Duty Station : Yangon**

The ARR (MER) is an integral part of the MER Unit; the incumbent will help the MER international advisor to provide leadership to the Unit. Under the overall administrative guidance of the Senior Deputy Resident Representative (Programme), the ARR (MER) will be responsible for the effective monitoring, evaluation and reporting of all components of the UNDP programmes. He/She will define monitoring, evaluation and reporting strategies, policies and guidelines; lead outcome and impact assessments; track key impact, outcome and output indicators; lead and oversee qualitative outcome and impact monitoring; plan and oversee evaluations; analyze and report on progress towards outcomes and impact.

Competencies Required: Corporate Competencies: Demonstrates integrity by modeling the UN values and ethical standards and promotes the mission, vision and strategic goals of UNDP. Displays cultural, gender, religion, race, nationality and age sensitivity and adaptability and treats all people fairly without favoritism.

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Qualifications: Education & Experience: Masters degree or equivalent in Economics or Development related Studies.

5 years of experience at the national or international level of which minimum 3 years experience in monitoring and evaluation; strong analytical skills; experience in and drafting substantial reports on outcomes and impact; experience and expertise in application of data processing/analysis software (statistical software) packages; experience in web based management system; experience in working in the UN and or other international development organizations. Excellent level of English, both written and spoken an absolute requirement. Ability to work under pressure, multi-tasking and commitment to meet deadlines. Good humour, patience, high energy and a shared belief in UNDP's mission.

Closing date: 10 March 2011



Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak (R) and his Turkish counterpart Recep Tayyip Erdogan review the guard of honour during a welcoming ceremony in Ankara. —INTERNET

Turkey, Malaysia seek 'strategic' ties, sign deals

ANKARA, 23 Feb—Turkey and Malaysia said Tuesday they would pursue a "strategic" relationship as they signed several accords, among them a \$600 million deal for armoured vehicles production.

"We have decided to elevate our relations to a strategic level," said Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak, adding that the two countries would seek to finalize an agreement to that effect by the end of the year, coupled with a free trade accord.

Razak, on an official visit to Turkey, addressed a televised press conference along with Turkish counterpart Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

Internet

Battling US for huge deal, Eurofighter woos Japan

TOKYO, 23 Feb—In a deal that could be worth billions of dollars and determine one of the primary fighter jets in Asia for decades to come, European aircraft makers are trying to convince Japan to do something it has never done before — snub America.

US planes have long been Tokyo's overwhelming favourite, but Japan appears to be wobbling under a strong sales pitch for the Eurofighter Typhoon, coupled with problems and restrictions that have made the American alternatives less attractive. The stakes are high.

The contract is expected to be worth upward of \$10 billion, and the chosen plane will be the showcase aircraft for Washington's chief ally in the region at a time when both China and Russia are modernizing their air forces. Going European, some analysts say, also could complicate future US-Japan air defence cooperation.—*Internet*



In this 11 Feb, 2011 file photo released by the US Navy, a variant of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter, the F-35C, conducts a test flight over the Chesapeake Bay. —INTERNET

BP signs \$7.2 billion deal with Reliance

LONDON, 23 Feb—British oil giant BP said Monday it had signed a \$7.2 billion deal to buy 30 percent of 23 gas and oil fields in India from Reliance Industries Ltd.

In a statement, the firm said BP Group Chief Executive Officer Robert Dudley had signed the deal in London with Reliance Chairman and Managing Director Mukesh Ambani, said to be the richest man in India.

The deal also provides for a 50-50 joint venture for gas sourcing and sales in India.—*Internet*

Man has 39 wives, nearly 100 children

The more, the merrier is certainly true for Ziona Chana, a 66-year-old man in India's remote northeast who has 39 wives, 94 children and 33 grandchildren — and wouldn't mind having more.

They all live in a four storied building with 100 rooms in a mountainous village in Mizoram State, sharing borders with Myanmar and Bang-ladesh, media reports said.

"I once married 10 women in one year," he was quoted as saying.

His wives share a dormitory near Ziona's private bedroom and locals said he likes to have seven or eight of them by his side at all times.

News Album



A car-shaped art work is exhibited outdoor at the 798 Art Zone in Beijing, China, on 20 Feb, 2011. The "brick car", 6.5 tons in weight, is made of cement, bricks and reenforcing steel bars.

Posters for Russia military holiday 'showed Chinese jets'

Hundreds of posters decorating Russian streets for a military holiday accidentally replaced Russian planes with Chinese fighter jets, an official admitted Tuesday.

Posters displayed in the northwestern city of Saint Petersburg showed a plane against a national flag. But instead of a Russian jet, it was in fact a Chinese Chengdu J-10, or Vigorous Dragon.

The slip, reproduced in around 250 posters, was an error by the designer, who was unfamiliar with military planes, said the head of the city's media committee, Alexander Korennikov.

"It was the designer's fault. If you are not a

specialist in military hardware, it is an easy thing to do," he said.

"The problem was that the images were printed and put up before being checked and agreed with the media committee."

The mistake was spotted at the end of last week and the posters were due to be removed by the end of Tuesday, on the eve of the holiday, Korennikov said.

On Wednesday, Russians celebrate the Day of the Defenders of the Fatherland, a public holiday when women traditionally give cards and gifts to men who served in the armed forces, although it has lately expanded to include all men.

Wallet missing for 40 years found in NY crevice

A New York man whose wallet disappeared from his jacket pocket has gotten it back — 40 years later.

Rudolph Resta was working for *The New York Times* as an art director in 1970 when he left his jacket in a closet at the old Times building in Manhattan just off Times Square. When he went to fetch the jacket, the wallet was gone. Fast-forward to last fall, when a security guard checking a gap by an unused window came

across the wallet — apparently stashed there by a thief who'd pulled out the cash.

Resta was tracked down through pieces of ID linked to the *Times*.

Resta is now in his 70s. He's enjoying the memories the wallet contained — photos of his sons as children, his glamorous wife and his late father.



A woman poses for a photo with her cat at a champion cat show held in Hong Kong, south China, on 20 Feb, 2011. Over 300 cats were brought to the show Sunday.

I pray for Charlie Sheen, says dad Martin Sheen



Charlie Sheen.—INTERNET

LONDON, 23 Feb—Hollywood legend Martin Sheen has revealed that he prays for his troubled son Charlie.

The 'West Wing' star said the actor, who has fought a well-documented battle with drugs and checked into rehab last month, had the backing

of his family, reports the Telegraph.

When asked how he was supporting his son, Sheen replied: "With prayer. We lift him up and we ask everyone who cares about him to lift him up, and lift up all those who are in the grip of drug and alcohol abuse, because they are looking for transcendence."

The 70-year-old was speaking at the UK premiere of his new pilgrimage film 'The Way' at London's British Film Institute.—Internet

Lindsay Lohan in talks to star in first movie since rehab stint

NEW YORK, 23 Feb—Lindsay Lohan is in negotiations to star in her first film since finishing her 3-month court-ordered stay at a California rehab facility.

The 24-year-old actress will return by mid-year for a role in "Escaping the Game," a drama to be filmed in the US and Spain, producer Nathan Folks told RadarOnline.

Folks said contracts are still yet to be signed but expected the deal to be finalized within the next few weeks. Lohan will play an investigator hired in a case involving missing celebrities who fake their own deaths and create a new life for themselves on a remote island. "She wants to do it. It's about celebs who become very famous and can't take it," *The New York Post* quoted Folks as saying.

The movie role comes after Lohan was charged with felony grand theft over a missing 2,500-dollar necklace.

Folks is confident the "Mean Girls" star will stay sober and out of jail, and said he had discovered how to get her insured for his 30 million dollars project.—Internet



Lindsay Lohan.—INTERNET

Lady Gaga wants non-glamorous life



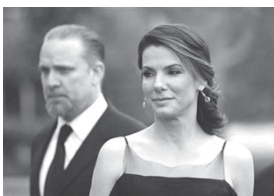
Lady Gaga.

INTERNET

LONDON, 23 Feb—Pop star Lady Gaga insists she wants to live a "normal" life and has no interest in the "glamorous" Hollywood social gatherings.

"I actually made a choice to keep my life pretty normal. Some point about two years ago I said to myself, 'OK, am I going to put my toe in Holly-wood's pond and figure out if I want to live a glamorous life and assimilate to the glamorous lifestyle,' but I really didn't want to do it," contactmusic.com quoted her as saying.—Internet

Sandra Bullock's ex Jesse James writing memoir



Actress Sandra Bullock (R) and husband Jesse James (L) arrive at the 41st Annual NAACP Image Awards at the Shrine auditorium in Los Angeles, on 26 Feb, 2010.

INTERNET

NEW YORK, 23 Feb —It looks like Jesse James, the infamous ex-husband of Sandra Bullock, is ready to reveal all about his past. He is writing a memoir, according to UsMagazine.com.

The book, which is allegedly titled 'American Outlaw', will be published by Gallery Books, an imprint of Simon and Schuster.

The 41-year-old motorcycle aficionado has a lot of potential material to cover: his three failed marriages, his recent engagement to Von D, his businesses such as West Coast Choppers - and, of course, his alleged affair with tattoo model Michelle (Bombshell) McGee, reports the *New York Daily News*. James is now engaged to LA tattoo artist Kat von D.—Internet



Models present creations from the Roksanda Ilincic Fall/Winter 2011 collection at London Fashion Week on 22 Feb, 2011.—XINHUA

Reid shock at 'devastating' New Zealand quake



New Zealand international footballer Winston Reid.—INTERNET

LONDON, 23 Feb—New Zealand international footballer Winston Reid spoke of his shock and sadness on Tuesday after learning of the deadly earthquake which rocked his homeland.

Reid said his delight at helping West Ham reach the FA Cup quarter-finals with a 5-1 win over Burnley on Monday had disappeared as soon as he awoke on Tuesday to learn of the devastation in Christchurch.

"It was a fantastic night for me and for the team, but obviously a thing like this happening puts it all

into perspective," said Reid, who headed home his first goal for the London club in the win over Burnley.

"I heard about the earthquake and then saw the pictures of it all on the news. It is devastating and my heart goes out to everyone back home," Reid said on the West Ham official website.—*Internet*

Santander's Indian owner paying off debt

MADRID, 23 Feb—The new owner of Racing Santander, Indian tycoon Ahsan Ali Syed, has begun to pay off the 13 million euros (17.7 million dollars) in debts the club holds with the Spanish Treasury, the regional government said on Tuesday.

Syed "has faced up to Racing's debts with the

Heinze sorry over bitter exit from United

MARSEILLE, 23 Feb—Marseille's veteran Argentinian defender Gabriel Heinze said on



Marseille's Argentinian defender Gabriel Heinze.—INTERNET

Tuesday he was sad that his spell at Wednesday's Champions League opponents Manchester United had ended on a sour note.

The 32-year-old - a member of the 2004 Olympic gold medal winning side - left United in 2007 for Real Madrid after French Manchester manager Sir Alex Ferguson replaced him at left back with Patrice Evra and then refused to sell him to bitter Premier League rivals Liverpool.

—*Internet*

Anelka double eases pressure on Ancelotti



Chelsea's French player Nicolas Anelka jumps to control the ball during the game against FC Copenhagen.—INTERNET

COPENHAGEN, 23 Feb—Nicolas Anelka eased the pressure on Carlo Ancelotti as his double-strike inspired Chelsea's 2-0 win over FC Copenhagen in the first leg of

their Champions League last 16 tie at the Parken Stadium on Tuesday.

Anelka's 15th and 16th goals of the season put Chelsea on course for the quarter-finals and they should have no trouble finishing off the lacklustre Danish champions in the return at Stamford Bridge next month.

It was a crucial victory for Ancelotti as the Chelsea manager fights to save his job following a woeful run of results which left the Blues in turmoil.

—*Internet*

Blackpool halt slide as Spurs downed

LONDON, 23 Feb—Blackpool dealt a blow to Tottenham's hopes of securing Champions League



Blackpool's English forward Brett Ormerod celebrates after scoring the third goal.—INTERNET

qualification on Tuesday, scoring their first win in seven matches with a 3-1 victory at Bloomfield Road.

First half goals from Charlie Adam and DJ Campbell and a late Brett Ormerod strike secured three precious points for

Ian Holloway's side, who had slipped close to the relegation zone after losing five of their six previous matches.

The win saw Blackpool advance to 12th spot, five points clear of the relegation places.—*Internet*

The new owner of Racing Santander, Indian tycoon Ahsan Ali Syed.—INTERNET



SPORTS

Benzema gives Real Madrid edge in Champions League

LYON, 23 Feb—Karim Benzema scored against his former club Lyon to earn Real Madrid a 1-1 draw here on Tuesday that



Madrid's French forward Karim Benzema (L) fights for the ball with Lyon's French midfielder Jeremy Toulalan (R) during the Champions League football match Olympique de Lyon versus Real Madrid.

—INTERNET

puts them in a strong position to reach the Champions League quarter-finals.

Benzema put the visitors 1-0 up moments after coming on as a second-half substitute at a damp and chilly Stade Gerland, only for Bafetimbi Gomis to equalise seven minutes from time.

Gomis's late volley extended Lyon's remarkable unbeaten record against Real to seven matches, but Benzema's away goal makes Jose Mourinho's side slight favourites to progress ahead of the second leg in Madrid on 16 March.

—*Internet*

Spain's Alvaro Quiros, left, walks along the first fairway with his caddie during a practice round of the Accenture Match Play Championship golf tournament on 22 Feb, 2011, in Marana, Ariz.—INTERNET

Players stake out territory at Match Play

MARANA, 23 Feb—More than ever, the World Golf Championships are living up to their name.

The series enters its 13th year when the Match Play Championship gets under way Wednesday at Dove Mountain with Lee Westwood of England as the fifth player to occupy the No. 1 seed in the 64-man field.

There are players from 15 countries, which is not unusual or even a record. But as the boundaries of golf become more blurred, there is a certain vibe in the high desert north of Tucson that a rivalry is taking shape — not between two players, but two continents.

The Americans have the most players in the 64-man field with 25.

The Europeans have the highest-ranked players — eight of the top 16 seeds, led by Westwood and Martin Kaymer.—*Internet*



Courier hopes for fit Roddick in Chile

MIAMI, 23 Feb—Jim Courier hopes to have a healthy Andy Roddick in his squad when he makes his debut as the US Davis Cup captain when the Americans face Chile on outdoor clay in Santiago from 4-6 March.



Jim Courier hopes to have a healthy Andy Roddick.—INTERNET

Eight-ranked Roddick, who withdrew from the Delray Beach ATP event this week because of flu, was named to the US team on Tuesday along with John Isner and Bob and Mike Bryan, the world's top doubles squad.

"Hopefully Andy is going to get healthy. He's got a little bit of the flu," Courier said Tuesday. "But these guys are tough and we're not excuse makers. We will be ready to play and ready to battle when we get down there."

—*Internet*

I'm not a stopgap for Ancelotti, says Montella

ROME, 23 Feb—New Roma coach Vincenzo Montella denied on Tuesday that he is merely steering the boat until Carlo Ancelotti's arrival at the club.

On Monday Montella took over from Claudio Ranieri, who resigned on Sunday, as the Romans' coach in his first senior posting having been promoted from youth team duties.

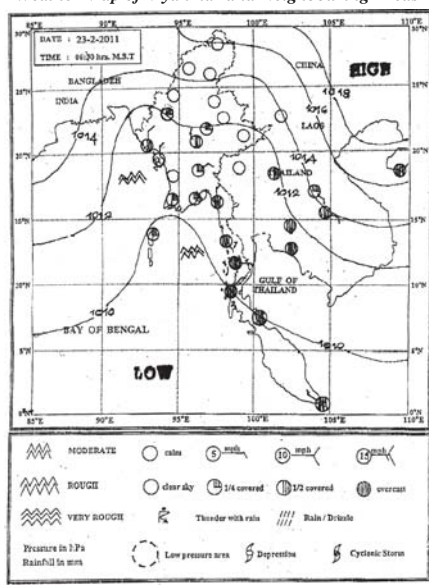
Chelsea manager



New Roma coach Vincenzo Montella

Ancelotti is known to covet the Roma job and despite winning a domestic double in his first season at Stamford Bridge, he and the team have struggled this time around.—*Internet*

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Wednesday, 23rd 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 weather has been partly cloudy in Lower Sagaing and Mandalay Regions, Rakhine and Mon States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Night temperature were (3°C) to (4°C) above February average temperature in Mandalay and Magway Regions, Mon State, (7°C) above February average temperature in Rakhine State, (4°C) below February average temperature in Kachin State, (6°C) below February average temperature in Upper Sagaing Region and Chin State and about February average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant night temperatures were Haka (1°C), Putao and Pinlaung (6°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Dawei (0.28) inch and Kawthoung (0.08) inch.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 22-2-2011 was 97°F. Minimum temperature on 23-2-2011 was 60°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 23-2-2011 was (65%). Rainfall on 23-2-2011 was (Nil).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 22-2-2011 was 98°F. Minimum temperature on 23-2-2011 was 68°F. Relative

humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 23-2-2011 was (58%). Total sunshine hours on 22-2-2011 was (9.7) hours (Approx).

Rainfall on 23-2-2011 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (1.97) inches at Mingaladon, (1.89) inches at Kaba-Aye and (3.54) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Northeast at (12:30) hours MST on 22-2-2011.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 24th February 2011: Light rain are likely to be isolated in Upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Regions, Kachin State and weather will be partly cloudy in Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Chin, Shan, Rakhine, Mon and Kayin 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: Generally fair weather in the Whole country.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 24-2-2011: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 24-2-2011: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 24-2-2011: Generally fair weather.

The notice to be known by Ma Zin Mar Myint (a) Ma Shwe Sin (a) Susi, (father) U Shwe Myint, CSC No. 12/BaTaHta (Naing) 037597 and all concerned
I am pleased to give notice under the instruction of client U Phoe Yar Zar, CSC No. 12/BaHaNa(Naing) 003772, residing at No. 5/11, Byaing-ye-oh-sin Street, Byaing Ywama Ward, Tamwe Ward, Tamwe Township as follows.
You Ma Zin Mar Myint (a) Ma Shwe Sin (a) Susi is a legitimate wife of my client as you both have lawfully married on (24-11-2010) in the Court of Yangon Divisional Region.
You Ma Zin Mar Myint (a) Ma Shwe Sin (a) Susi while my client was away left home without any consent of my client on (10-2-2011).
That is why I would like to notify that anyone who accepted the wife of my client without his permission, or who called her in misleading, or who helped Ma Zin Mar Myint (a) Ma Shwe Sin (a) Susi for a purpose of leaving home, will be taken action by law and you Ma Zin Mar Myint (a) Ma Shwe Sin (a) Susi is wished to come back home as soon as possible commencing from this date of notice.
By Instruction,
Daw Nwe Ni Aung, LL.B, Dip in LP (WIPO)
Bachelor of Intellectual Property
WIPO, Geneva, SWITZERLAND
Advocate and Law Consultant (Srl.7335)
Bldg. (A-1), Rm. (101), Minye Kyaw Swar Housing,
Tamwe Township, Yangon.
Ph. 09-73116854



Competitors Austria's Christina Staudinger, Sweden's Anja Paerson, Italy's Francesca Marsaglia, Lindsey Vonn of the US (top, L-R), Austria's Margret Altacher, Austria's Nicole Hosp, Switzerland's Fraenzi Aufdenblatten and Switzerland's Lara Gut (bottom, L-R) wear protective masks as temperatures drop to -28 degrees Celsius (-18 degrees Fahrenheit) before a practice run for the women's downhill World Cup ski race in Are on 23 Feb, 2011.

INTERNET

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (24-2-2011) (Thursday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	(09:00am - 11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission	(24-2-11 09:30 am ~ 25-2-11 09:30 am) MST

- Local Transmission**
- * Opening
 - * News
 - * Tapestry; A Genuine Myanmar Handicraft
 - * Delicious Htamane Delicacy of Tabodwe
 - * News
 - * Charity Festival in Hninzigon Home for the Aged
 - * News
 - * Myanmar Movie Impact "Flying Cranes"
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 - * News
 - * Cultural trail from China to ASEAN
 - * News
 - * Working & Living in Myanmar (Jade and Gem)
 - * News
 - * MI People's Celebrities "Lovely Colourful House"
 - * Music Gallery
 - * News
 - * Monywa..Picturesque City
 - * A Visit to A Laungdaw Kassapa in Modern Days
 - * Myanmar Movie "Who Really Won"

Thursday, 24 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. Song Of National Races

8:20 am
8. Dance Variety

8:30 am
9. Myanmar Traditional Culture Performing Arts Competitions

8:40 am
10. International News

8:45 am
11. Musical Programme

4:00 pm
1. Martial Song

4:10 pm
2. Cute Little Dancers

4:20 pm
3. Myanmar Traditional Culture Performing Arts Competitions

4:30 pm
4. Documentary

4:40 pm
5. Musical Programme

4:50 pm
3. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Fourth Year (Law)

5:00 pm
7. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

5:10 pm
8. Singing In Different Versions

5:20 pm
9. Science and Environment

5:30 pm
10. Documentary

6:00 pm
11. Evening News

6:15 pm
12. Weather Report

6:20 pm
13. Myanmar Series

6:40 pm
14. Approaching Science Discovery World

7:00 pm
15. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm
16. News

8:00 pm
17. International News

8:00 pm
18. Weather Report

8:00 pm
19. Documentary

8:00 pm
20. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm
21. TV Drama Series

- ★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
- ★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

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

People's Desire

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

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

Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon)—pride of the nation

Article: Kayan Soe Myint; Photos: Kyaw Moe Lwin



Myanmar engineers install first iron frame at Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon).

On arrival at Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon) construction project, we saw multi-coloured flags along the bank of Ayeyawady River.

The ceremony to fix the first iron frame at Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon) was held on the bank of Ayeyawady River in Kyeinbinse Village in Nyaungdon Township, with the attendees of local people from Maubin District and Nyaungdon Township.

Chairman of Ayeyawady Region Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Brig-Gen Tin Maung Win and Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint fixed the gold nuts at the first frame and then lifted it on the bridge.

With the farsightedness to serve the interest of the State, the government is building roads and bridges for ensuring equitable development all parts of the Union. Especially, a road network with 11 roads and many bridges has been constructed to link between towns and villages in Ayeyawady Region.

(See page 9)

Significant night temperatures (23-2-2011)

Haka	(1° C)
Putao	(6° C)
Pinlaung	(6° C)