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## Four political objectives

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

## Four economic objectives

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

## Four social objectives

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

## Ayeyawady Division will become most economically developed region in Myanmar

### Yazudaing Bridge No (2) in Mawlamyinegyun Township put into commission

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Jan—The inauguration of Yazudaing Bridge No (2) in Mawlamyinegyun Township, Ayeyawady Division, took place at the pavilion near the facility this morning, with an address by Prime Minister General Thein Sein.

Also present on the occasion were Lt-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of

South-West Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe, ministers, deputy ministers, heads of department, service personnel, members of social organizations and guests.

In his speech, the Prime Minister said that today is an auspicious day for Mawlamyinegyun Township; that Maubin-Yaylegalay-Shwedaung-maw-Kyaikpi Road has been rebuilt, and Yazudaing Bridge No (2), one of the two bridges

spanning the river, has been constructed to extend the road to ensure smooth transport for Mawlamyinegyun which is not easily accessible due to its separated location; and that today, the first phase of the drive has been completed by putting Yazudaing Bridge No (2) into service.

Yazudaing Bridge No (1) is due to be completed by 2010, and so when it is completed, Mawlamyinegyun will enjoy smooth transport.

*Prime Minister General Thein Sein addresses inauguration of Yazudaing Bridge No (2) in Mawlamyinegyun Township, Ayeyawady Division.*

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**The newly-opened one way Yazudaing Bridge No-2 is broad crest type. The 540 feet long bridge with 20 feet wide motorway can withstand 60 tons load and it is the 48th of its kind among the above-180-foot bridges in Ayeyawady Division.**

When Bogale-Mawlamyinegyun Road Project and Mawlamyinegyun-Kyonmange Road Project to be launched soon are completed, the township will be easily accessible by land from the four corners of Ayeyawady Division, and

local agricultural produce and meat and fish will be transported to any other part of the nation, so the region will witness soon see significant development in the economic, education and health sectors.

Being blessed with fertile soil and having a

large number of rivers and creeks, the southern delta in the division produces rice and marine products including meat, fish and salt in abundance, thereby contributing to food security of the nation and neighbouring nations.

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## PERSPECTIVES

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### Boost production and export of beans and pulses

Myanmar is a land where various species of crops thrive due to its favourable soil and climate pattern. The government is fulfilling agricultural requirements including adequate supply of irrigation water for further improvement of the agricultural sector.

So far, the government has constructed more than 200 dams along with river water pumping stations and underground water tapping stations. As a result, monsoon and summer paddy, peas, sesame, corn, sunflower and long staple cotton are grown with multiple- and mixed-cropping patterns.

Food security is of vital importance for everyone, regardless of region. Now, it is an opportune time of farmers to work harder to ensure not only local food security but also boosting export of crop surpluses. In growing marketable crops, advanced agricultural methods are to be applied on a wider scale for boosting per acre yields of the crops.

Myanmar's beans and pulses are in demand at home and abroad. So, it is required to try for the crops to get handsome prices. Major requirements for boosting export of beans and pulses are extensive cultivation of high-yield strains, use of quality strains, and choosing particular strains that need less amount of fertilizer and pesticide.

Green gram, pigeon pea and black gram are exported more than any other pea. In 2008-2009 financial year, Myanmar exported more than 1.5 million tons of beans and pulses. The prices of black gram and green gram went up recently. Over the period from the end of last year to now, the price of pigeon pea has hit the record high. In Myanmar, pigeon pea is grown on a commercial scale in Magway, Natmawk, Aungmye, Pyaw, Pakokku, Chauk, Yenangyoung, Kyaukpadaung, Monywa and Shwebo.

Myanmar's beans and pulses inclusive of green gram, pigeon pea and black gram have won customer satisfaction at home and abroad. Here, beans and pulses will soon be in season. Pea merchants and farmers are, therefore, to take all possible steps for boosting export of quality beans and pulses.

## People's Desire

- \* Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- \* Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- \* Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- \* Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

### H&T Minister receives Israeli Ambassador

*Minister  
Maj-Gen  
Soe Naing  
receives  
Israeli  
Ambassador  
Mr.  
Yaron  
Mayer.  
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NAY PYI TAW, 9 Jan—Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing received Israeli Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Yaron Mayer at the ministry here on 5 January morning.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister

Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu, Director-General of Directorate of Hotels and Tourism, Managing Director of Myanma Hotels and Tourism Services, Head of Office and officials. They discussed matters to enhance mutual cooperation in tourism industry.—MNA

### Mandalay Mayor oversees road construction

MANDALAY, 9 Jan—Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han, accompanied by heads of divisions and officials, on 1 January inspected preparations for tarmacking Yangon-Mandalay Road between Industrial Zone-2 Kanaung-minthagyi Street and Htonebo-Myitnge Junction, paving gravel on Khine Shwe Wah Street between 64<sup>th</sup> Street and 65<sup>th</sup> Street in Chamyathazi Township.

The mayor heard the report on the progress of



*Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han inspects construction of Kanaungminthagyi road. —MNA*

gravel paving submitted by acting head of Road

and Bridge Construction Department. The mayor

left necessary instructions.—MNA

### YIEPHS holds 12<sup>th</sup> prize presentation ceremony



*A parent presents cash award to school children at the 12<sup>th</sup> prize presentation ceremony of YIEPHS. —MNA*

YANGON, 9 Jan—The 12<sup>th</sup> prize presentation ceremony for 2009-10 academic year of Yangon Institute of Education Practising High School was held at the Pyinnya Beikman Hall of the school, with an opening address by the rector (In-charge) yesterday.

The headmaster of the school explained all-round development of the school.

Officials presented prizes to outstanding students who stood from first to tenth places in the whole Myanmar for matriculation examination 2008-09, outstanding teachers for their regular

attendance, one who was selected to attend the ASEAN Cyberkits Camp Programme in Malaysia and outstanding students who were awarded in Maths Olympic Contest (Central), Maths Skill Contest (Central) and division level and central level performing arts competitions and those present enjoyed entertainments.

Next, officials presented prizes and certificates of honour to students who were awarded township and school level excellent awards and who performed all-round

development of the school. In the afternoon session, officials awarded outstanding students who were awarded in English, Maths Skill and Maths Olympic Contests, Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions and essay, painting and sports development contests, divisional, township and school level excellent award-winning students and winners of regular attendance award, Daw May Nwe scholarship for 2008-09 and old student Lieutenant Thant Zin Maung scholarship.

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## Britain mulls 'pullback from part of Afghan region'

LONDON, 9 Jan — Britain's military may hand control of parts of Afghanistan's Taliban-invested Helmand Province to their US counterparts, the *Times* reported on Saturday citing unnamed military officials.

The newspaper said that with the arrival of more US Marines in Afghanistan and the implementation of a new US counter-insurgency strategy, British troops might pull out of the upper Helmand valley and concentrate on the biggest population centre around Lashkar Gah.

It cited military officials as saying British commanders were ready to pull out of Musa Qala and Kajaki, home to

a hydroelectric power station to which they brought a turbine in an operation in 2008.

Handing over the two districts to US troops would free up roughly 1,100 troops to patrol the centre of Helmand Province, which was the initial strategy when British soldiers were first deployed there in 2006, said the *Times*.

However, the newspaper said there is resistance to leaving Sangin, the district that has claimed the highest number of British casualties.

The newspaper said cabinet officials have been briefed about the Helmand plans, and a decision was expected within six weeks.—*Internet*



*The scene where a suicide bomber on foot attacked a convoy of guards who provide security for international forces in Gardez, Paktia Province, south of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 7 Jan, 2010. At least three people died in the attack, a spokesman for the provincial governor said.—INTERNET*

## Venezuela sent F-16 jets to intercept US military plane

CARACAS, 9 Jan — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez said on Friday that he had ordered *F-16* jets to intercept a US military plane that twice violated Venezuelan airspace earlier in the day.

Speaking at a cabinet meeting, Chavez said that the US plane, based on the Netherlands' Curacao Island in the Caribbean, intruded into Venezuelan airspace twice, the first for 15 minutes and the second 19 minutes.

The *F-16s* escorted the US plane out, he added.

However, the US military denied that any of its planes entered Venezuelan airspace on Friday.

"As a matter of policy we do not fly over a nation's air space without prior consent and coordination," the US Southern Command, which is in charge of US military activities in the hemisphere, said in a statement. "We operate with the utmost respect for the sovereignty of the nations in our hemisphere."

Last month, Chavez accused the United States of flying an unmanned spy plane into Venezuela's airspace and vowed to shoot down any similar aircraft in the future.

Venezuela suspended diplomatic ties with Colombia in July in response to a US-Colombian military base deal, saying it would pave the way for the United States to invade Venezuela. Both Washington and Bogotá denied the allegation.—*Xinhua*

*A vehicle passes through a flooded street in the outskirts of Lima, on 8 January, 2010. Persistent rains flooded several streets in Peru's capital on Friday.—INTERNET*



## NATO says two service members dead in Afghanistan

KABUL, 9 Jan — Officials say two NATO service members have died in Afghanistan, including a Danish soldier killed by a roadside bomb. The Danish army says one of its soldiers was killed and five injured on Friday when a blast hit their vehicle in southern Afghanistan.

The Army Operational Command says the members of a Danish scouting unit were flown to a field hospital for treatment but one was declared dead upon arrival.—*Internet*

## Pakistani officials: Suspected US missiles kill four

PESHAWAR, 9 Jan — Suspected US missiles killed four people in northwest Pakistan, the latest in a surge of such attacks since a suicide bomber staged a deadly assault on CIA employees just across the border in Afghanistan.

The attack on Friday was the sixth in just over a week in North Waziristan, an unusually intense bombardment that also follows repeated calls by the United States for Pakistan to do more against militants there blamed for attacks on American and NATO forces in Afghanistan.

The area is the stronghold of the Haqqani network, an Afghan Taliban group with links to al-Qaeda. Its militants are responsible for cross-border attacks and could have played a role in the 30 Dec attack that killed seven CIA employees in Khost Province, analysts believe.

*Internet*

## Spanish soldier killed in accident in Afghanistan

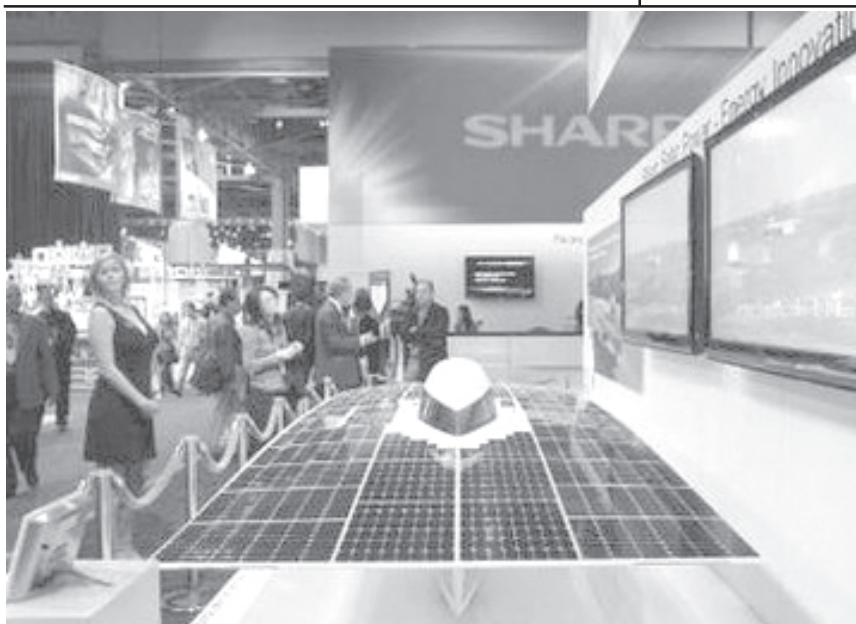
MADRID, 9 Jan — A Spanish soldier died on Friday after an armoured vehicle being checked fell on him in Afghanistan, said the Spanish Defence Ministry.

Christian Quishpe Aguirre, 24, was in a support base for NATO troops in the west Afghan province of Herat when a BMR armoured personnel carrier being checked fell upon him and took his life, the ministry said in a statement. Aguirre, who was married and had a daughter, joined the Spanish Army in 2005. His body will be repatriated to his hometown in Zaragoza on Saturday.

The ministry said that the chief colonel of the Spanish base in Herat Province has opened an investigation.

Since 2002, a total of 91 Spanish soldiers have lost their lives in Afghanistan.

*Xinhua*



*The Tokai Challenger solar-powered car is displayed during the 2010 International Consumer Electronics Show (CES) in Las Vegas, Nevada on 8 Jan, 2010. Sharp produces 25% of the world's photovoltaic cells, a representative said. The car is plastered with 2,176 solar cells. The cells, manufactured by Sharp, consist of rare metals that are usually used in satellites.—INTERNET*

## A/H1N1 pandemic death toll rises to 12,799, says WHO

GENEVA, 9 Jan — The global death toll of the A/H1N1 pandemic influenza has risen to at least 12,799, the World Health Organization (WHO) said in a latest update on Friday.

Of all the deaths, some 6,880 occurred in the Americas, while at least 2,554 were reported from Europe. The other four WHO regions, namely Western Pacific, South-East Asia, East Mediterranean and Africa, reported 1,361, 1,165, 708 and 131 deaths respectively. The WHO's tally of global pandemic deaths is an under-representation of the actual numbers as many deaths are never tested or recognized as influenza related, the UN agency noted.

The A/H1N1 flu virus was first identified in Mexico in April, and the WHO declared the new influenza as a pandemic in June. So far the virus has caused infections in more than 208 countries and overseas territories or communities.—*Xinhua*



## India intends to buy 10 C-17 Globemaster cargo planes

LOS ANGELES, 9 Jan—India intends to purchase 10 C-17 Globemaster cargo planes, US aerospace major Boeing announced on Friday.

India wants the C-17 Globemaster cargo planes, each worth at least 200 million US dollars, to replace their fleet of Russian aircraft, according to Boeing.

India sent the request to the US government for

the acquisition of the 10 aircraft last year, Boeing spokesman Jerry Drelling said, adding that finalization of the agreements could take years.

"It's been a good start to the year for the C-17 programme," Drelling said. "We're very excited about this project."

Final assembly of the C-17 takes place at Boeing's Long Beach plant near Los Angeles,

which employs 5,000 workers. The aircraft takes about 10 and a half months to finish, Drelling said. The C-17 Globemaster III air lifter is often used to transport combat equipment and troops or to deliver humanitarian supplies. The C-17 has a payload of 77 tons and requires a runway of only 915 metres to take off.

Xinhua

## UPS cuts 1,800 jobs, raises outlook

NEW YORK, 9 Jan—United Parcel Service Inc (UPS.N) raised its fourth-quarter profit forecast on Friday but said it was cutting another 1,800 management and administrative jobs.

UPS shares rose as much as 6.5 percent to their highest level since the depths of the financial crisis in October 2008.

The shipper expects fourth-quarter earnings of 73 cents to 75 cents per share, up from an earlier estimate of 58 cents to 65 cents and besting Wall Street's view of a profit of 63 cents per share, according to Thomson Reuters I/B/E/S.

The higher forecast reflects improved shipping volume amid an economic recovery, while the elimination of 0.5 percent of the company's US workforce of 340,000 is the result of increased automation of management functions, analysts said.—Internet



United Parcel Service aircraft are loaded with air containers full of packages bound for their final destination at the UPS Worldport All Points International Hub during the peak delivery day in Louisville, Kentucky, on 21 Dec, 2009.—INTERNET

## China signs \$1b contracts with Turkey

ISTANBUL, 9 Jan—China and Turkey signed 38 contracts worth of 1.05 billion US dollars at the end of the forum on economic cooperation and investment here on Friday. The deals cover Chinese imports of minerals, marble and other products from Turkey as well as contracting power plant projects in Turkey.

The signing ceremony was witnessed by visiting Chinese Commerce Minister Chen Deming and his Turkish host State Minister for Foreign Trade Zafer Caglayan in Istanbul.

More than 100 Chinese entrepreneurs came along with Chen to seek purchase and investment opportunities during the minister's four-day visit to Turkey. Addressing the forum with more than 400 people from the two countries, the two ministers pledged their efforts to forge close economic and trade relations by expanding trade and increasing mutual investment.—Xinhua



Dancers perform for tourists in the Jiuzhaigou scenic area, southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 9 Jan, 2010. —INTERNET

## Horizon Bank first US bank failure of 2010

WASHINGTON, 9 Jan—US regulators closed Horizon Bank of Bellingham, Washington, on Friday, kicking off what has been forecast as a peak year for small bank failures.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp said Horizon Bank had approximately \$1.3 billion in total assets and \$1.1 billion in total deposits as 30 September.

Friday's bank failure is expected to cost the FDIC's insurance fund a total of \$539.1 million.

The 18 branches of Horizon Bank will reopen during their normal business hours beginning on Saturday as branches of

Washington Federal Savings and Loan Association and deposits will continued to be insured by the FDIC. Community banks are facing persistent pressure from deteriorating loans, many tied to commercial real estate projects that have collapsed or are in decline.

Regulators closed 140 banks last year, the highest level since 1992 when officials were still cleaning up from the savings and loan crisis. That compares with 25 in 2008 and only three in 2007.

FDIC Chairman Sheila Bair has said in the current banking crisis, failures will peak in 2010 and then start to subside.

The price tag for the bank closings is expected to total \$100 billion from 2009 through 2013, according to the FDIC.

Internet

## Honda to boost annual world production by six percent

TOKYO, 9 Jan—Automaker Honda Motor Co (7267.T) plans to produce 3.59 million units in the world next financial year to start in April, up 6 percent from this financial year's outlook on rising sales, Asahi newspaper reported on Saturday.

The world's 7th-biggest automaker expects to see sales grow in emerging nations such as China, as well as a recovery in sales in the United States, Asahi said without citing a source. The company plans to produce 1.29 million units in North America next financial year, up 110,000 units from the current financial year, and 980,000 units in Japan, up 70,000 units, Asahi reported.—Xinhua

## Unemployment hits 10% across eurozone

BRUSSELS, 9 Jan—Ten people in a hundred who could be working are now unemployed across the 16 countries that use the euro, the EU said on Friday as the human cost of the economic crisis was laid bare.

New figures for November 2009 showed that the seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate hit a miserable 10.0 percent, with 102,000 more people left without their own income compared to October. In Spain, one of continental Europe's biggest economies, the rate has now hit a shocking 19.4 percent.

Experts have repeatedly expressed fears of a double-dip recession on the Iberian peninsula, which could itself stunt nascent recovery among neighbours already struggling with unfavourable exchange rates against the dollar and the Chinese yuan.—Internet



Job seekers wait outside a German Federal Labour Agency in Leipzig. German unemployment averaged 8.2% of the workforce in 2009. The European Union said the unemployment rate across the 16 countries that form the eurozone is 10%.

INTERNET





Candidates of the 2010 national entrance exam for postgraduate studies take part in the exam at Southwestern University of Finance and Economics in Chengdu, capital of southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 9 Jan, 2010. —XINHUA

## Lebanese President concerned about US airports security measures

BEIRUT, 9 Jan—Lebanese President Michel Suleiman expressed concern on Friday about additional screening at US airports of passengers from several countries, including Lebanon, the country's state-run National News Agency (NNA) reported.

Suleiman said following talks with US Senator Alcee

Hastings that he asked Lebanon's ambassador to Washington Antoine Chedid to follow up the issue with the US administration.

Washington decided last week to require tighter security for passengers travelling from or through nations listed as "state sponsors of terrorism," including Cuba, Iran, Sudan

and Syria, as well as Afghanistan, Algeria, Iraq, Lebanon, Libya, Nigeria, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Somalia and Yemen.

In 1999, Lebanese powerful Shiite armed group Hizbollah was placed on the US State Department terrorism list.—Xinhua

## S Korea's first icebreaker reaches New Zealand on way to Antarctic

SEOUL, 9 Jan—South Korea's first-ever icebreaking vessel reached a port in New Zealand on Friday, the last stop before it heads to the Antarctic, according to South Korean news service YTN.

The icebreaker, named *Araon*, stopped at the port of Christchurch, New Zealand, to store supplies and refuel before heading to the Antarctic next Tuesday for research expedition, YTN said. The 7,487-ton ship will conduct research in Cape Burks, where South Korea is preparing to build its second research base in the Antarctic, and in Terra Nova Bay, the southeastern end of the Antarctic, according to YTN.—Xinhua

**Builders work in the site of the Nanjing-Qidong Railway double tracking renovation project in Nantong, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 6 Jan, 2010. The project, extending to a full length of 268.3 km linking Nanjing and Qidong, involves an investment of 13.07 billion yuan. —XINHUA**



## Activities marking 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Vietnam-China relations to be held

BEIJING, 9 Jan —Vietnamese Ambassador to China Nguyen Van Tho said here on Friday the two countries will host more than 30 activities in 2010 as Vietnam and China celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Vietnam-China diplomatic ties and the year of friendship.

The activities also aim to boost mutual understanding, trust and cooperation between the two countries and peoples, said the ambassador.

In 2010, Vietnam and China expect to maintain high-level exchanges and conduct political, economic, cultural and people's exchanges as well, Nguyen told a Press conference at the Vietnamese embassy in Beijing.

Vietnam will also actively participate in the 2010 World Expo, to be held in Shanghai in May, and China-ASEAN Expo in Nanning of southern Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region to carry out

sport and cultural activities between the two countries' border areas. The Chinese side has proposed to invite 3,000 Vietnamese young people to visit Guangxi.

Nguyen said Vietnam, which assumes rotating presidency of the Association of the South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), attached great importance to establishing strategic cooperation relations with China.

Xinhua



Photo taken on 8 Jan, 2010 shows the construction site of the third generator of the Ningde nuclear power plant in Ningde, southeast China's Fujian Province. Ningde nuclear power plant, the first in Fujian, started building its third generator Friday. With an investment of 50 billion yuan (6.8 billion US dollars), the Ningde plant would be equipped with four 1-million-kilowatt generators in the first-phase construction. Its first generator would be installed in 2012. —XINHUA

## All Items from Xinhua News Agency

## Indonesia urges release of 17 hostages held by Somali pirates

JAKARTA, 9 Jan—Indonesia on Friday called for release of its 17 citizens taken hostage by Somali pirate last week.

"We keep monitoring the development of the

case along with the Foreign Ministry," said Bobi Mamahit, secretary of the marine transport department of the Transport Ministry.

The Singaporean-flagged *Pramoni*, a chemical tanker with a crew of 24, 17 of them Indonesian workers, was seized on 1 Jan by pirates in the Gulf of Aden, one of the world's busiest waterways.

It was not the first time ships with Indonesian crew on board were hijacked by Somali pirates.

Somali pirates have so far set more than 70 Indonesian workers free.

Xinhua

## Indonesia's Bali to host international film festival

JAKARTA, 9 Jan—Indonesia's Bali Province is preparing to host an international film festival in 2012, the Antara news agency quoted an official as saying on Friday.

"Bali is preparing itself to successfully host the International Film Festival in 2012," said the Head of Art and Film at Bali's Culture Department I Made Santha in the

provincial capital city of Denpasar.

He said that the preparation included the 32nd Balinese Art Fair in June and documentary film festival that specially will present the latest documentary movies produced by regencies/cities government in the province, local companies as well as individual producers.

Xinhua

## Another small earthquake jolts US Silicon Valley

SAN FRANCISCO 9 Jan—An earthquake of magnitude 3.8 struck the Silicon Valley area in the United States on Friday, a day after another tremor jolted the same region.

Preliminary data from the US Geological Survey (USGS) showed that the latest quake occurred at 11:48 am local time and was centered about 10 kilometres east-northeast of Milpitas, a Silicon Valley city in the US state of California.

According to the USGS, a 4.1-magnitude quake was recorded in the same area at 10:09 am on Thursday. Friday's quake was felt in various parts in the San Francisco Bay Area with no reports of damage so far.—Xinhua





## Ayeyawady Division will...

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In the early May 2008, the cyclone "Nargis" hit hard the region, but the storm-hit areas have enjoyed better conditions than that previously in a short time due to the combined efforts the government, the people and the Tatmadaw made in harmony to realize rescue, rehabilitation and reconstruction tasks in compliance with the guidance of the Head of State.

Seven new roads are being built and three old ones upgraded for the convenience of the



**Prime Minister General Thein Sein unveils the stone inscription of Yazudaing Bridge No. (2).—MNA**

ing Pathein with Yangon through Dahka, Einme, Pantanaw, Nyaungdon and Hlinethaya, and the 48-mile railroad linking

struction and Nyaungdon Bridge over the Ayeyawady River linking Hinthada and Nyaungdon will be rail-cum-road

To ensure equitable development of all parts of the Union including border areas and better socio-economic life of the

projects in the agricultural, meat and fish, forestry, industrial, transport, communication, electric power and energy

begun to benefit from the prudent projects.

In cooperation with the people, the government has been implementing the State's seven-step Road Map to build a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation in compliance with the public desire. So far, the fourth step or the new constitution has been approved with the majority of the ballot. So, the fifth step or general elections will be held in accordance with the new constitution in 2010.

In conclusion, the Prime Minister called for maintenance of the bridge for its durability for improvement of the socio-economic life of the posterity; effective use of the foundations in the interest of the nation and own interest; and further consolidated unity of the government, the people and the Tatmadaw to surmount the challenges and disruptions.

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**Commander Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe, Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint and a local formally open Yazudaing Bridge No. (2).—MNA**

seaside region in transporting local products by land to other regions. So far, a network of roads stretching over 480 miles in total has been set up. That means necessary measures have been taken for improving the socio-economic life and economic development of local people and evacuation of victims in the face of a natural disaster.

Apart from roads, Ayeyawady Division has seen two railroad projects: the 87-mile railroad link-

Hinthada and Nyaungdon through Zalun and Danubyu. Therefore, Ayeyawady Division will be also accessible by train soon, and surely, it will become the most economically developed region in the nation.

In Ayeyawady Division, having rivers and creeks in large quantity, river-crossing bridges are being constructed one after another. Yazudaing Bridge No (2) is the 48th above-180-foot bridge in the region. Yazudaing Bridge No (1) under con-

bridges, on completion.

Since its assumption of State responsibilities, the government has given top priority to restoration of stability and peace and national reconsolidation. Simultaneously, it has been carrying out tasks in various sectors in accordance with the political, economic, and social objectives, upholding Our Three Main National Causes, in pursuance of the national goal of shaping the nation into a peaceful, modern and developed one.

people, the Border Areas and National Races Development Project, the 24- Special Region Development Project, and the Rural Areas Development Project are on-going. In addition, the government has been implementing many

sectors to speed up the tasks.

At the same time, the government has been implementing short- and long-term national level projects for promotion of national education and health care with momentum, and the people have

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**The 48th above-180-foot Yazudaing Bridge No. (2) of Ayeyawady Division.—MNA**





## Ayeyawady Division will...

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In his address, Chairman of Ayeyawady Division PDC Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe said that it was difficult to travel from one region to another as Ayeyawady Division has rivers and creeks in a large quantity; some townships have land route; seven townships in the division had been hit hard by severe cyclone Nargis broke out in 2 May, 2008.

The Head of State

gyun Township is isolated and it greatly relied on water way as a mean of transport in the past, today's inauguration of Yazudaing Bridge No-2 benefited local people to be able to travel Shwetaungthamw, Kyaikpi and Mawlamyinegyun. It also links Bogale-Mawgyun-Kyonmangae-Myaungmya, No (10) Road.

Thanks to opening of Yazudaing Bridge No (2), local people will be



Prime Minister General Thein Sein waving at local people along Yazudaing Bridge No (2).—MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe delivers an address at inauguration ceremony of Yazudaing Bridge No (2).—MNA

gave guidance on construction of a network of 10 roads in the storm-hit areas of the division for prompt rescue measures when the natural disaster occurs again, swift flow of commodity and smooth transport, he added.

In compliance with the guidance of the Head of State, Yazudaing Bridge No-2 has been built on Maubin-Yaylekalay-Shwetaungthamw-Kyaikpi-Mawlamyinegyun road section, No (1) Road. As Mawlamyine-

able to enjoy smooth transportation and swift flow of commodity, thereby contributing towards development of socio-economic status of the region. The commander urged local people in Mawlamyinegyun Township to maintain durability of new Razudaing Bridge No-2.

In giving accounts on construction of Yazudaing Bridge No-2, Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint said that the government has placed

emphasis on development of economic infrastructure in pursuance of building a peaceful, modern and developed nation and has fulfilled requirements on road transport which plays an important role in de-

velopment of economic, social, education and health sectors at the same time. A total of 2913 under-180-foot bridges and 234 above-180-foot

bridges have been opened. 19 above-180-foot bridges are under construction and arrangements are being made to build six bridges. Strenuous efforts are being made to open Yazudaing Bridge

been extended in the aftermath of cyclone Nargis. So far there have been 1506 miles in road transport linking between east and west banks of the Ayeyawady. Emphases is being placed on emergence of largest economic zone in Myanmar.

Next, a local spoke words of thanks. The Prime Minister cordially greeted departmental officials, members of social

organization and local people.

Then the commander, the minister and a local formally opened the Razudaing Bridge No-2.

The Prime Minister unveiled the stone inscription of the bridge.

Afterwards, Prime Minister General Thein Sein, Lt-Gen Ko Ko, Commander Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe and ministers sprin-



Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint delivers an address at inauguration ceremony of Yazudaing Bridge No (2).—MNA

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No-1 soon.

Before cyclone Nargis in the division, there had been 1344 miles and five furlongs in road transport and 161 miles and three furlongs have

**A total of 2913 under-180-foot bridges and 234 above-180-foot bridges have been opened. 19 above-180-foot bridges are under construction and arrangements are being made to build six bridges. Strenuous Efforts are being made to open Yazudaing Bridge No-1 soon.**



Those present at the inauguration ceremony of Yazudaing Bridge No (2).—MNA

kled scented water on it and posed for a documentary photo together with officials.

The Prime Minister and party inspected the bridge and greeted local people.

The newly-opened one way Yazudaing Bridge No-2 is broad crest type. The 540 feet long bridge with 20 feet wide motorway can withstand 60 tons load and it is the 48th of its kind among the above-180-foot bridges in the division.—MNA



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The Prime Minister and party left there and flew over the Cyclone Shelter and its environs.

On arrival at Daw Nyein Village of Pyapon

After hearing the reports, the Prime Minister attended to the needs and gave instructions on supervision of the tasks.

In Daw Nyein Village, the Prime Minister inspected installation of communication devices at the CDMA-450 system construction project of Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications under the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs.

clone Shelter where students were learning education and spoke words of encouragement.

In Kadonkani Village of Bogale Township, a responsible person of Htoo Trading Co Ltd reported to the Prime Minister on progress of Cyclone Shelter built by Htoo Trading Co Ltd. In-charge of the region Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung, Commander Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe and Lt-Gen Ko Ko gave supplementary reports.

The Prime Minister looked into construction of the lake and conditions of villages and gave necessary instructions to officials.

In Kyeinchaunggyi Village, the Prime Minister cordially greeted the departmental officials, social organization members and local people.

At the briefing hall for construction of the model village, a responsible person of Htoo Trading Co Ltd reported on arrangements for construction of the Cyclone Shelter school. Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung gave a supplementary report.

The Prime Minister inspected construction of the new Cyclone Shelter school for Kyeinchaunggyi Village BEMS contributed by Myanmar Red Cross Society and Red Cross Society of Japan and the site for the school to be built by Htoo Trading Co Ltd.

The Prime Minister looked into development of Kyeinchaunggyi Model Village and cordially greeted the local people.

On his inspection tour of Kyonda, DawNyein, Ayeya and Kyeinchaunggyi Villages, the Prime Minister asked about progress of economic, education, health, agriculture and fishery works and attended to



**Prime Minister General Thein Sein greets departmental officials, members of social organizations and local people at Kyondah village in Dedaye Township.—MNA**

Township, they were welcomed by departmental officials and social organization members.

The Prime Minister and party viewed construction of Cyclone Shelter and dredging of lake undertaken by Dagon International Ltd.

At the project site of 24-inch diameter inland natural gas pipeline central project (Daw Nyein) of Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise, the Prime Minister inspected documentary photos on laying of pipelines and the plot of the central project.



**Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects cyclone shelter at Kyondah village in Dedaye Township.—MNA**

**Yazudaing Bridge No (2), one of the two bridges spanning the river, has been constructed to extend the road to ensure smooth transport for Mawlamyinegyun which is not easily accessible due to its separated location.**

They left Daw Nyein Village and flew over Pyapon-Kyonkadun-Daw Nyein-Amar Road by helicopter.

On arrival at Ayeya Village of Bogale Township, they were welcomed by departmental officials and members of social organizations.

The Prime Minister viewed completion of Cy-

the needs. Next, he urged the local people to grow beans and pulses suitable for the region in addition to paddy and carrying out agriculture and livestock breeding for earning increased income, and he stressed the need for uplift of living standard by systematically spend their incomes.

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**Cyclone shelter being built by Eden Group Co Ltd at Kyondah village in Dedaye Township.—MNA**





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Moreover, the Prime Minister gave instructions on giving health knowledge to the local people, train the basic education students at the primary level to become qualified ones, teach all of curriculum from the textbooks to the students and examine them in the academic year, and maintain

the roads for the use of all the year round.

On arrival at No. 5 Fertilizer Plant (Pathein) of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise near Ohbo Village of Kangyidaunt Township, the Prime Minister and party were welcomed by officials of the plant.

The Prime Minister and party viewed the



**Prime Minister General Thein Sein views students taking lessons at Cyclone Shelter in Ayeya village, Bogale Township.—MNA**



**Photo shows CDMA-450 station in Daw Nyein village, Pyapon Township.—MNA**

scale model of the plant.

Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi reported on construction of the plant and facts about the project.

Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint and the commander gave supplementary reports.

The Prime Minister

cordially greeted the Chinese technicians.

In the compound of the No. 5 Fertilizer Plant, the Prime Minister and party viewed progress of buildings, arrival of machinery and construction of Ammonia and Urea Plant.

No. 5 Fertilizer Plant (Pathein) is located

on 200 acres of land near Dahka River in Kangyidaunt Township. On completion, the plant will produce 500 tons Urea tons and 325 of Ammonia per day.

Later, the Prime Minister and party left there and arrived in Pathein in the evening.

MNA

**Photo shows Kyeinchaunggyi village in Bogale Township.—MNA**



**Photo shows Cyclone Shelter in Ayeya village constructed by Diamond Mercury Company.—MNA**





## China-Nigeria strategic partnership improved

ABUJA, 9 Jan — The China-Nigeria strategic partnership has been improved for the past few years, said visiting Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi in Abuja, capital of Nigeria, on Friday.

In a meeting with Nigerian Vice President Goodluck Jonathan, Yang said after the two countries established strategic partnership in 2005, both China and Nigeria witnessed all-round development in their bilateral relations.

He said the mutual trust between the two sides was deepened and exchanges in various sectors were frequent. The two countries were engaged in closed cooperation in international and regional affairs. The economic and trade cooperation continued to make progress and the human and cultural exchanges were facilitated on wide ranges.—Xinhua



**Icicles cling to a palm tree on 6 Jan, 2010, in Lakeland, Fla. Farmers spray their crops to help protect them against the cold temperatures. Temperatures in the area dipped into the mid-20's, and farmers are working to salvage millions of dollars' worth of strawberries and other crops.—INTERNET**

## Doctor shortage before healthcare reform

WASHINGTON, 9 Jan — A group of US doctors wants Congress to know that there is a shortage of primary care physicians even before healthcare reform is considered.

The American College of Physicians sent a letter to key legislators in Congress urging them to ensure that the final healthcare reform bill includes provisions to support the primary care workforce.

“Recent studies show that the US faces a shortage of more than 40,000 primary care physicians, even before taking into account increased demand for primary care associated with increased coverage,” Dr Joseph W. Stubbs, president of the American College of Physicians said in the letter. Studies show that low levels of reimbursement for primary care, especially relative to other specialties, is a principal reason why physicians are not going into primary care, Stubbs said.—Xinhua

## US to continue drone attacks despite Pakistan's disagreement

ISLAMABAD, 9 Jan — The United States will continue the “effective” drone attacks in northwest Pakistan's tribal region near the Afghan border even if it has no agreement with Pakistan, a US senator said here on Friday.

Addressing a Press conference in Islamabad, visiting Senator John McCain said the US congressional delegation came to show the solidity and sympathy to the victims of the terror attacks in Pakistan but the strikes with unmanned aircraft will not stop as the US needs to root

out extremism from the region.

“We are always with Pakistan and the people of Pakistan and our relationship does not have time limitation,” McCain said. He said the use of drone strikes against suspected Taliban militants in Pakistan is an effective part of the US strategy.

Referring the recent diplomat issue, the senator said the US will try to deploy the qualified diplomats to the US embassy in Pakistan to help address the diplomatic concerns by the Pakistani government.

Xinhua

## UK police arrest three passengers on plane at Heathrow

LONDON, 9 Jan — British police arrested three passengers aboard a Dubai-bound Emirates airliner at London's Heathrow Airport on Friday on suspicion of making a bomb threat, police said.

Sky News television quoted police sources as saying initial searches had found no actual threat to the flight, indicating that the incident may have been an ill-judged prank.

The men, aged 58, 48 and 36, were taken into custody for making verbal threats against the crew before take off, the police said in a statement. “They have been arrested on suspicion of making a bomb threat,” they added.

An airport spokesman said other flights at Britain's biggest airport were unaffected. Witnesses told Sky that armed police with sniffer dogs boarded flight EK004, which had been due to take off at 2000 GMT (3 pm EST), and swiftly arrested the men.—Internet



## Mouse opens deposit safe before bank opens

A mouse caused chaos at a bank in Guangzhou, capital of Guangdong Province, after it accidentally pressed a button that opened the savings safe.

When staff arrived at the bank at 9 am, they found the safe, which has an automatic folding door, half open.

They thought the bank had been robbed. But minutes later, after finding everything in order, they spotted a small mouse sitting next to the all-important button.

## Back pain from bad posture

A California acupuncturist traces back pain to a lack of natural posture.

Esther Gokhale says 85 percent of the population in the United States will suffer from back pain in their lifetimes; however, in the African nation of Chad, the incidence of back pain is only 5 percent.

Gokhale observes that in many cultures, people still have natural posture and movement that prevents pain and enhances health.

Both manual labourers and sedentary workers from remote villages in Brazil and rural Portugal, she says, have not forgotten how to sit, stand, walk and sleep in harmony with their bodies' design.

At her wellness centre in Palo Alto, Calif, she has developed the Gokhale

MethodSM — a systematic approach for finding the body's way back to pain-free living.

Gokhale, author of “Eight Steps to a Pain-free Back,” says stretch sitting and stretch lying are two techniques that decompress the spine, improve circulation and breathing, relax muscles and reduce stress while working at the computer, watching TV and sleeping through the night.



## 14-year-old prodigy offered place at Cambridge

A 14-year-old math prodigy has been offered a place at Britain's prestigious Cambridge University — if he can pass just one more exam.

Arran Fernandez, who was home-schooled in southern England's Surrey county, was offered an undergraduate place at Cambridge's Fitzwilliam Col-

lege after passing the university's entrance exam.

He now needs only to pass his physics A-level exam — a standardized test for British students — to enroll.

British media quoted the boy's father, Neil Fernandez, as saying that Arran would be the youngest Cambridge undergraduate since William Pitt the Younger, who became prime minister, attended at the same age in 1773.

Cambridge University spokesmen were not available late Thursday.

## San Fran's famous sea lions now in Oregon

About 2,000 sea lions spotted off the central Oregon coast may be the popular marine mammals that disappeared from San Francisco's piers, wildlife experts say. The sea lions may have simply left their Fisherman's Wharf hangout to follow their food to colder water, the experts say.

“We've seen these huge pods out on the ocean — 200, 300 yards across — altogether a couple thousand sea lions,” said Steve Saubert, co-owner of Sea Lion Caves, a connected system of sea caves and caverns open to the Pacific Ocean near Florence, Ore.

## NEWS ALBUM

**Swimmers run to the icy waters of the North Sea in Ostend, Belgium. More than 6,000 swimmers took part in the annual New Year's swim in freezing temperatures.**



**In this photo released by the Fernandez family on 7 Jan, 2010, home-schooled Arran Fernandez, 14, poses with the offer he received to join Fitzwilliam College at Cambridge University in October, in London. Fernandez is set to become the university's youngest undergraduate since William Pitt the Younger in 1773, on condition that he passes his physics A-level exam.**





## Alcohol abuse kills thousands in Britain every year

LONDON, 9 Jan — An influential committee of British MPs has criticized successive governments for allowing Britain to develop a drinking habit that is killing tens of thousands of people every year.

“Over the last 60 years drinking habits have been transformed. In 1947 the nation consumed 3.5 litres of pure alcohol per head: The current figure is 9.5 litres,” the House of Commons health committee said in a report on Friday.

“This ... has been an increasing source of concern. These involve not only the consequences of binge drinking which are a cause of many serious accidents, disorder, violence and crime, but also long-term heavy drinking which causes more harm to health,” said the report.

Alcohol was probably a significant factor in 30,000 to 40,000 deaths per year,

the report said, citing figures from the president of the Royal College of Physicians.

The MPs called for an increase in alcohol pricing to deter drinkers, and they estimated that a minimum price of 50 pennies per unit would save more than 3,000 lives per year. A unit of alcohol is about 300 millilitres of normal beer. They also called for tougher rules for advertising.

Marketing by the drinks industry was 600 to 800 million pounds (960 million to 1.3 billion US dollars) in 2003, according to the report. Matt Wilson, the spokesman for the Advertising Standards Authority which administers TV and print advertising in Britain, told *Xinhua*: “Based on available evidence those rules that are already in place are going further than the Commons health committee is calling for. —*Xinhua*



Togo's national team at the Kegue stadium in Lome, in this 6 September, 2009 file photo.—INTERNET

## One dead, nine hurt in attack on African football stars

LUANDA, 9 Jan — Gunmen shot at buses carrying Togo's football team to the African Nations Cup in Angola, leaving one dead and nine wounded, but organizers insisted the tournament would go ahead.

Two players were among the injured, while a driver was killed when gunmen sprayed bullets at the team's vehicles after they had crossed into Angola's restive Cabinda Province from Congo-Brazzaville on Friday, according to a Togo official.

Many dived under their seats when the gunfire started. Squad member Thomas Dossevi said the team — one of the strongest in African football — had been “fired on like dogs”.

Two players — goalkeeper Kodjovi Obilale and defender Serge Akakpo — were among the wounded, Dossevi told *AFP*.

“The assailants were hooded and armed to the teeth. We stayed under the seats for 20 minutes. It was horrible.”

Two English Premiership players — Manchester City striker Emmanuel Adebayor and Aston Villa midfielder Moustapha Salifou — emerged unharmed from the attack, their clubs said.

*Internet*

## F-16s scrambled due to unruly airline passenger

WASHINGTON, 9 Jan — Two *F-16* fighter jets took to the air on Friday after a report of an unruly passenger aboard a airliner bound for San Francisco, the North American Aerospace Defence Command said.

As the fighter aircraft arrived, the Air Tran plane that had taken off from Atlanta landed safely in Colorado Springs, Colorado, at noon local time (1900 GMT), NORAD said in a statement.

The *F-16* warplanes were launched “today in response to reports of an unruly passenger aboard Air Tran Flight 39 from Atlanta bound for San Francisco,” NORAD said.

It was the second such incident in three days, with two *F-15* fighters intercepting an airliner bound for Hawaii on Wednesday after a passenger caused a “disturbance.”

NORAD, a joint US-Canada mission, scrambles fighter jets to respond to possible terrorist threats from the air, after the attacks of 11 September, 2001 involving hijacked airliners.

The fighter pilots are prepared to shoot down the airliners if necessary to prevent a possible repeat of the 9/11 attacks when hijacked planes were flown into the World Trade Centre in New York and the Pentagon in the US capital.

Based in Colorado, NORAD was created during the Cold War in 1958 to protect North America against air assaults.—*Internet*



A bus is encrusted in ice and snow at the back lot of a bowling alley in the Omaha, Neb, suburb of Elkhorn, where a fire was being put out, on 7 Jan, 2010. A winter storm with bitter cold temperatures and blowing winds is travelling through the region.—INTERNET

## China, India hold third round of defence consultation

BEIJING, 9 Jan — China and India held the third round of defence consultation here on Wednesday, according to a Press release from the Information Office of China's Defence Ministry on Friday.

Deputy Chief of General Staff of the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) Ma Xiaotian and visiting Indian Defence Secretary Pradeep Kumar jointly presided over the consultation, during which they exchanged views and

reached some consensus on bilateral ties, regional security, national defence policies and military exchanges and cooperation.

During the consultations, the Chinese side expressed its concern to the Indian side over the irresponsible remarks made by a few Indian leaders

and some Indian media's untrue reports.

The Chinese side stressed that both China and India should do more work, which will be favourable for boosting healthy bilateral ties, so as to facilitate the good environment and conditions for China-India relations.—*Xinhua*

## Foot-and-mouth disease reoccurs in north Vietnam

HANOI, 9 Jan — There have been 232 buffaloes and cows infected with the foot-and-mouth disease in the past two weeks in Vietnam's northern province of Lang Son, said an official report on Friday.

The disease has broken out in six districts of the province, according to the Department of Animal Health under the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development. The department said local authority is taking measures to prevent the spread of the disease.

Currently, Vietnam has five provinces affected by the foot-and-mouth disease including Kien Giang in the south, the central Phu Yen Province, and three northern provinces namely Son La, Cao Bang and the newly-reported Lang Son. —*Xinhua*

## UN chief sees “window of opportunity” to advance disarmament

UNITED NATIONS, 9 Jan — UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on Friday took note of last year's “encouraging developments” in disarmament, pledging to advance the goal of a nuclear-weapon-free world.

“Today there is a new window of opportunity in disarmament and non-proliferation,” Ban said in remarks at a roundtable meeting at the UN Headquarters with the heads of international organizations dealing with disarmament. He noted that a number of events in disarmament over the next few months, which include the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) Review Conference in May.

“The treaty is facing a number of challenges. A successful outcome would strengthen confidence not only in the treaty but also for the collective global effort to achieve a world free of nuclear weapons,” Ban said.—*Xinhua*



## INVITATION TO TENDER

Sealed tenders are invited by the Public Works, Ministry of Construction, Government of the Union of Myanmar from reputed manufacturers or the bonafide agents for the supply and delivery of the following foundation equipment.

TENDER NO. E-2 (T) PW/2009-2010 CLOSING DATE (18.1.2010) 4:00 PM

Schedule Number	Nomenclature	Qty
1	Soilmec RT3ST Rotary Drilling Rig complete with Kelly Bar (4x15m) (Used/ Reconditioned)	(4) Sets
2	Hydraulic Vibro Hammer complete with Set Hydraulic Power Pack (Used/Reconditioned)	(1)

Tender application form (including tender documents and detailed technical specifications) will be purchased in FEC 400.00 (or) equivalent US\$ per set. The payment for tender application must be paid to Account No. SEE. 01015, Myanma Economic Bank (2). Yangon through Myanma Foreign Trade Bank.

The tender documents can be obtained from Mechanical Division, Building No.40, Public Works, Ministry of Construction, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, only with the Payment receipt from Account Division, Public Works.

Tender should be submitted to the above address not later than 16:00 hours on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

The Public Works reserves the right to reject any or all tenders without furnishing reasons.

For further detail information, please contact to Telephone No. 067-407076, 407176, 407173.

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## Truck accident kills 13, injures six in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, 9 Jan—Thirteen people died and six others were injured in a truck accident in the small town of Patos de Minas, in Minas Gerais state of southeast Brazil, local authorities said on Friday afternoon.

According to the authorities, the crash occurred earlier in the morn-

ing on the BR-365 federal road, and involved a van and a truck. The Federal Highway Police (PRF) said that the van crossed the lanes, colliding head-on with a heavy truck which came in the opposite direction.

According to the PRF, the vehicle was transporting tourists who had spent

the New Year's holiday in Sao Paulo state, also in the southeastern region, to the northeastern Bahia state. Twelve of the 13 dead were travelling in the van, which was overcrowded. According to the police, all died instantly. The truck's driver was taken to a local hospital, but later succumbed to injuries.—Xinhua

## Philippines prays for disaster-free year

MANILA, 9 Jan—Hundreds of thousands of people shed their footwear and prayed for relief from natural disasters on Saturday in a religious procession across the capital of the mainly Roman Catholic Philippines.

The annual festival centres on a black icon of a cross-bearing Jesus Christ, which many Filipinos believe can perform miracles to cure the sick, drive away bad luck and bring prosperity.

"They look like giant waves," Senior Inspector Oscar Huguera, head of Manila's mobile police division, said of the sea of humanity swarming around the carriage being pulled by bare-foot devo-

tees holding lengths of stout rope.

The devotees wore scarlet shirts and hurled white handkerchiefs and towels at an ebony-hued wooden statue of the "Black Nazarene", which volunteers touched onto its cheeks before throwing back the cloths to the

crowd.

"There are a lot more participants today than last year," Holguera told AFP, estimating the size of the crowd at several hundred thousand people.

"Many people are turning to religion after a year of disasters," he added.

Xinhua

## Road accidents drop by 10.1% in 2009

BEIJING, 9 Jan—Road accidents decreased by 10.1 percent in 2009 compared with the previous year, and the death toll and number of injured from road accidents dropped by 7.8 percent and 9.8 percent respectively, the Ministry of

Public Security said on Friday.

A total of 238,000 road accidents were reported in 2009, leaving 67,759 dead and 275,125 wounded, according to the ministry.

Road accidents caused 910 million yuan (133 million US dollars) in direct property damages, said the ministry.

Deaths caused by speeding, drink driving and fatigue driving declined noticeably, down by 10.1 percent, 13 percent and 15.2 percent respectively compared to 2008, it said.

Xinhua

## EU to pursue climate deal through G-20

MADRID, 9 Jan—The EU said on Friday it will pursue a new deal on global warming through the Group of 20, since last month's UN climate conference of nearly 200 nations led to unwieldy negotiations that didn't accomplish much.

Herman van Rompuy, the new EU president, said halting global warming remains a key target for the Europeans whose proposal for ambitious pollution cuts by 2020 found no takers at the December climate conference in Copenhagen.

"The European Union must continue to be the driving force" of the global climate change

debate, said Van Rompuy. The EU leaders will meet 11 Feb to discuss where to go next.

Internet

## Peru's Inca Trail among top five adventure attractions in the world

LIMA, 9 Jan—Peru's Inca Trail to Machu Picchu was ranked fifth on the list of Top Ten best adventure attractions in the world, the state-run travel company Promperu said on Friday.

The selection was made by a jury consisting leading writers, explorers and journalists from Britain, such as Tony Wheeler, founder of Lonely Planet, the largest travel guide book in the world. The Inca Trail, built during the Inca Empire, is part of a network of more than 30,000 km of roads, and was used by the Inca as their way to the sacred city of Machu Picchu.—Xinhua



A man walks on a pedestrian overhead bridge passes vehicles drive on a heavy traffic in Beijing, on 8 Jan, 2010. China overtook the United States as the biggest auto market in 2009 and automakers should see more strong growth this year, an industry group announced on Friday.—INTERNET

## China surpasses US in 2009 auto sales

BEIJING, 9 Jan—China overtook the United States as the biggest auto market in 2009 and automakers should see more strong growth this year, an industry group reported on Friday.

Boosted by Beijing's stimulus, 2009 passenger car sales soared to 10.3 million and total vehicle sales are estimated at 13.6 million, the China Passenger Car Association said. That represents growth of about 45 percent from 2008.

"This is even better than anyone expected," the group's general secretary, Rao Da, said at a news conference in Shanghai.

By contrast, US sales of cars and light trucks plunged 21 percent in 2009 to 10.4 million as a shaky economy kept buyers away from showrooms. It was the first time any country bought more cars than Americans.

The Chinese group's data were in line with forecasts by JD Power and Associates of 12.7 million sales of cars and light trucks and 900,000 bigger vehicles in 2009 for a total of 13.6 million. The company in early 2009 expected sales of 9 million vehicles but raised that as Beijing rolled out measures to boost demand.

"It's very, very strong growth, far beyond the expectations we had in the early part of 2009," said John Bonnell, a JD Power.—Xinhua





## EU Galileo sat-nav system to begin operations in 2014

BRUSSELS, 9 Jan—The EU's much-delayed Galileo sat-nav network will begin operation in 2014, the European Commission said on Thursday as it awarded key contracts to Germany's OHB System and France's Arianespace.

The European system is aimed to challenge the dominance of the US-built Global Positioning System (GPS), set up by the Pentagon in the 1980s, which is widely used in a huge variety of navigation

devices like those in cars and boats.

OHB System beat out larger rival EADS-Astrium for the contract to build the first 14 satellites for the 30-satellite navigation system, EU Transport Commissioner Antonio Tajani said, with Arianespace providing the launch services.

The first satellites will be launched from French Guiana by Russian Soyuz rockets.

Franco-Italian group

Thales Alenia Space was handed the contract to provide system support services.

"This will allow the initial deployment and service provision of Europe's satellite navigation system as of early 2014," Tajani said.

"With this and the upcoming awards for the remaining procurement packages, we are concluding a critical phase of the Galileo programme.

Internet



Workmen prepare the Galileo (GIOVE-B) satellite of the European Space Agency (ESA) on its launch pad at Kazakhstan's Baikonur cosmodrome in 2008. The EU's much-delayed satellite navigation network Galileo will begin operations in 2014, the European Commission has said as it awarded key contracts to Germany's OHB System and France's Arianespace.—INTERNET



## UK temperature hits minus 22°C, minus 8°F

LONDON, 9 Jan—Britain has experienced the coldest night of an icy winter, with temperatures falling to minus 22.3 de-

*Children play near a snowman in Hampshire, England on 8 Jan, 2010. Widespread ice and sub-zero temperatures continued to cause disruption across Britain with the coldest weather in 30 years showing little sign of easing.—XINHUA*

grees Celsius (minus 8.1 Fahrenheit) in the Scottish Highlands village of Altnaharra.

The village already holds the record for the coldest temperature ever recorded in Britain, reaching minus 27.2 Celsius (minus 17 Fahrenheit) in 1995.

Road, rail and air travellers faced continuing delays on Friday, and thousands of schools were shut.—Internet

## 19 indicted in US for mass cybercrimes conspiracy scam

HOUSTON, 9 Jan—Nineteen individuals, mostly from northern Texas, was indicted on Friday in an alleged 15-million-US-dollar international cybercrimes conspiracy scam.

The federal indictment, announced on Friday by US Attorney James Jacks, charged the 19 with conspiracy to commit wire and mail fraud. Of the 19 defendants, including two from Canada and eastern Europe, 15 were also charged with fraud related to electronic mail.

The indictment alleges that from 2003 to 2009, the defendants conspired to create shell companies to defraud telecommunications companies, credit reporting agencies and other services providers.

The conspiracy charge carries a maximum penalty of up to 30 years in prison and up to one-million-dollar fine.—Xinhua

## Sand slide kills three in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 9 Jan—Three workers were killed in a sand slide in a sand mine in Sleman of Yogyakarta in Java island on Friday, spokesman of the National Disaster Management Agency Priyadi Kardono said.

The accident occurred on Friday morning when the miners were carrying out a digging in an area which has been prohibited from mining.

"It is an accident, they violated the warning in the mine," he told Xinhua over phone.

The three were killed on the scene after a huge amount of sand and soil buried them, said Kardono.

Xinhua

## Brazil monitors suspected A/H1N1 flu cases among Indians

BRASILIA, 9 Jan—A medical team was sent to monitor suspected cases of A/H1N1 flu in an indigenous region in Brazil's Amazonas state, it is reported. The decision was made after a 10-year-old Indian boy from a village of the Yanomami ethnic group in the Santa Isabel do Rio Negro region had to be hospitalized with serious flu symptoms.

The National Health Foundation also reported two other flu cases in the same village.

Sizinando Pontes, an official from the Indigenous Health District, said local residents were concerned about an outbreak of A/H1N1 flu in the region.

The virus is feared to have been brought in by local health staff, who worked in another Yanomami community on the Brazil-Venezuela border for an A/H1N1 flu outbreak in October and November last year, said Pontes.

Xinhua

## Six Cambodians die of human swine flu

PHNOM PENH, 9 Jan—Cambodian government on Friday reported a total of 550 cases of A/H1N1 flu with six deaths.

As of 7 Jan, six Cambodians have died of A/H1N1 epidemic and the total cases have risen to 550, Ministry of Health said on the government website.

Thirteen out of the 25 provinces across the country have found infection cases.—Xinhua

## Hong Kong police arrest six in \$3 mln Tokyo heist

HONG KONG, 9 Jan—Hong Kong police have arrested six people in connection with a three-million-US dollar luxury watch heist in Tokyo, a report said on Saturday.

Three men and three women — all Chinese —

are suspected of involvement in the theft of 200 luxury watches last week at a store in the upmarket Ginza shopping district of the Japanese capital, Radio Television Hong Kong reported.

Thieves bored

through the shop's walls to get at the watches, Tokyo police said previously.

RTHK said a number of the stolen watches had been recovered in the southern Chinese city.

Internet



Pedestrians are seen at Tokyo's Ginza shopping district. Hong Kong police have arrested six people in connection with a \$3 mln luxury watch heist in Tokyo last week, at a store in the upmarket Ginza shopping district of the Japanese capital.—INTERNET



## SPORTS

## Ancelotti makes Anelka his main man for January

LONDON, 9 Jan—Nicolas Anelka has been told he will carry the responsibility of keeping the goals flying in for Chelsea in the absence of Didier Drogba.

Ivory Coast star Drogba is away at the African Nations Cup along with Salomon Kalou, Michael Essien and John Mikel Obi, but Blues boss Carlo Ancelotti believes Anelka has the ability to ensure that the club's leading striker is not too badly missed. Anelka has recovered from a hamstring injury which kept him out of Chelsea's last four matches and is set to return to action at Hull on Saturday.—Internet

## Inter's Vieira completes City move

MANCHESTER, 9 Jan—Inter Milan midfielder Patrick Vieira on Friday completed his move to Manchester City. France international Vieira, who becomes new Blues boss Roberto Mancini's first signing, has signed a six-month deal with an option for a further year.

The 33-year-old's deal at Inter was due to expire in the summer and the former AC Milan and Arsenal midfielder is desperate to secure first-team football as he bids for a place in France's World Cup squad. Mancini, who worked with Vieira at the

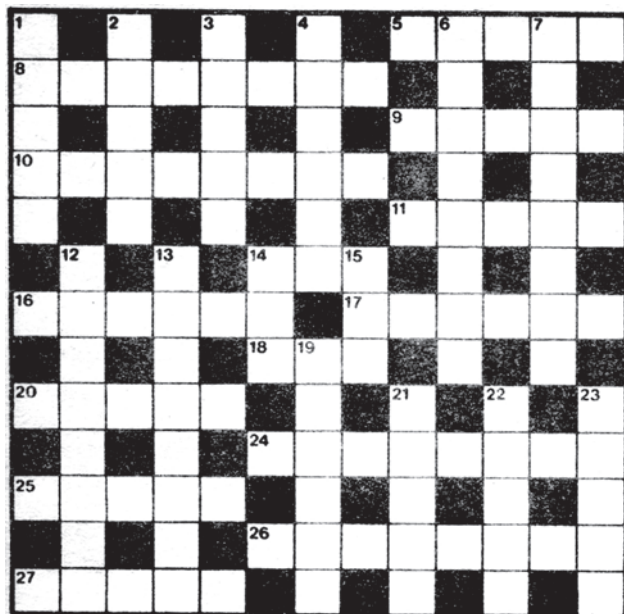
San Siro, told the club's website, [www.mcfc.co.uk](http://www.mcfc.co.uk): "Patrick is a world class midfielder with a winner's mentality and will fit into this group very well."

Internet



New Manchester City signing Patrick Vieira poses for photographers at the Club's Carrington training complex in Manchester, north-west England. — INTERNET

## CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



## ACROSS

- 5 Purchaser
- 8 Woven picture
- 9 Decrepid
- 10 Rude
- 11 Obliquely
- 14 English river
- 16 Cured herring
- 17 Insanity
- 18 Tropical edible root
- 20 Ardent
- 24 Harshness
- 25 Inferior
- 26 Mockery
- 27 Disorderly

## DOWN

- 1 Tarnish
- 2 Convulsive movement
- 3 Devotional song
- 4 Copper alloy
- 6 A revolt
- 7 Distinction
- 12 Make least of
- 13 False
- 14 Not wet
- 15 Tree
- 19 Respond
- 21 Value
- 22 Faint-hearted
- 23 Scavenging animal

## Wickmayer wins WTA Auckland Classic



Yanina Wickmayer of Belgium holds the trophy after defeating Flavia Pennetta of Italy at the women's Auckland Classic final on 9 January.—INTERNET

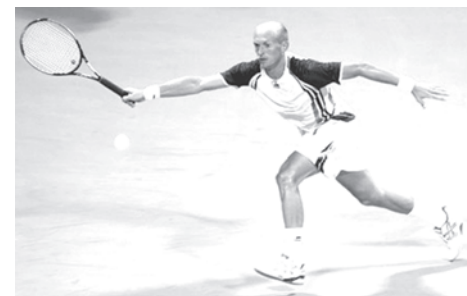
AUCKLAND, 9 Jan—Promising Belgian tennis star Yanina Wickmayer underscored her potential by winning the Auckland Classic final here Saturday less than a month after a year-long ban was lifted, allowing her to play. The big-hitting Wickmayer, the world number 16, took just over an hour to trounce the 12th-ranked player and tournament top seed Flavia Pennetta of Italy 6-3, 6-2.

After a faltering start, in which she dropped her opening serve and made 10 unforced errors in the first four games which left her trailing 1-3, Wickmayer took charge of the game. As she began to find her range with her powerful forehand, Wickmayer broke Pennetta's next two serves to take the first set and then piled on the pressure with a third service break in the opening game of the second set.—Internet

## Davydenko beats Federer to face Nadal in Qatar Open final

DOHA, 9 Jan—Russian Nikolay Davydenko justified his win over Swiss Roger Federer last year by beating the world number one again 6-4 and 6-4 here on Friday to reach the Qatar Open tennis tournament final.

The third seed, who beat the Swiss in the semifinals of the ATP World Tour Finals in November, repeated the feat to progress to Saturday's final where he will face world number two Rafael Nadal of Spain. "I'd beaten him once, so I knew I could beat him again. I concentrated more on baseline and serves," said Davydenko, who has lost 12 times to Federer.—Internet



Russia's Nikolay Davydenko returns a shot to Roger Federer of Switzerland during their semi-final match at the Qatar Open tennis tournament in Doha on 8 Jan, 2010. — INTERNET

## Fergie heaps praise on Yeung regime at Birmingham

MANCHESTER, 9 Jan—Sir Alex Ferguson has heaped praise upon Birmingham City's new owner Carson Yeung for his efforts in transforming the for-

tunes of the Premier League club. The Manchester United manager was scheduled to take his team to Birmingham on Saturday evening for a meeting with Alex McLeish, a loyal Ferguson player during their time together at Aberdeen.

Ferguson has paid close attention to the fortunes of Birmingham, under the management of his former player, and has been impressed by the strides taken by the club since Hong Kong-based businessman Yeung completed his takeover from David Sullivan and David Gold in October. "Alex McLeish has done a brilliant job at Birmingham, absolutely wonderful," said Ferguson.—Internet



Birmingham City owner, Hong Kong businessman Carson Yeung.—INTERNET

## Real to stay out of transfer market

MADRID, 9 Jan—Real Madrid has no plans to replace injured Brazilian defender Pepe, or any others players, during the mid-season transfer window, Spanish media said on Friday. The club's management told coach Manuel Pellegrini that he could not expect any new signings this month, the Marca sports newspaper said.

Internet

## Canadian Heil wins Moguls event

CALGARY, 9 Jan—Jennifer Heil added another gold medal to her trophy case — and she won't need to go far to put it there. The Spruce Grove, Alberta, native was nearly perfect at a World Cup moguls event Friday, earning her 22nd career World Cup title. Heil, the 2006 Olympic champion, finished with 23.95 points at Canada Olympic Park.

Nikola Sudova of the Czech Republic was second with 23.39 points and Margarita Marbler of Austria grabbed third in 23.16. Canada added a second podium finish later Friday when Vincent Marquis of Quebec placed second in the men's event. Dale Begg-Smith of Australia was first in 23.73, followed by Marquis in 23.38 and Alexandr Smyshlyaev of Russia in 23.27.

Internet

Canada's Jennifer Heil, center, raises her arms she takes gold in the ladies' moguls as silver medalist Nikola Sudova, left, and bronze medalist Margarita Marbler, right, look on at the Freestyle FIS World Cup skiing event in Calgary, Alberta, on 8 Jan, 2010.—INTERNET





## U Kyaw Soe (a) Tan Wan Kyaiy B.Sc (Botany) (55 Yr)

Residing at No.97, Yaykyaw Street, Kyidaw Quarter, Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Yangon, beloved husband of Daw Khin Khin Kyi, beloved father of Than Myat Wai (Janet) (Temasek Poly Technic, Singapore), expired at East Yangon Hospital on (6:45) pm Friday, 8 January, 2010. Funeral arrangement will be held on Sunday, 10 January at Yeway Cemetery at 11:00 am.

Beloved family.

## China becomes rising star in Regenerative Medicine

LONDON, 8 Jan—Chinese researchers have become the world's fifth most prolific contributors to peer-reviewed scientific literature on Regenerative Medicine (RM), according to an international study published on Friday.

The Canadian-based McLaughlin-Rotman Center for Global Health (MRC) published a research article in the UK journal Regenerative Medicine, saying that China's contributions to scientific journal on RM topics leapt from 37 in 2000 to 1,116 in 2008, exceeded only by that of the United States,

Germany, Japan and Britain.

"China has been developing very quickly in the area of regenerative medicine", said Dominique McMahon, the leading author of the article, who also told *Xinhua* that "there is no doubt that China is one of the leaders in the race to develop RM therapies."

But as the stem cell research develops fast in recent years, RM becomes more and more dependent on this side, and shared some ethic criticism against stem cell research since it involves the usage of human embryos.

*Xinhua*

## MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (10-1-2010) (Sunday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am ~ 10:00am) MST
Europe	- (19:30pm ~ 21:30pm) MST
North America	- (23:30pm ~ 07:30am) MST

### Local Transmission

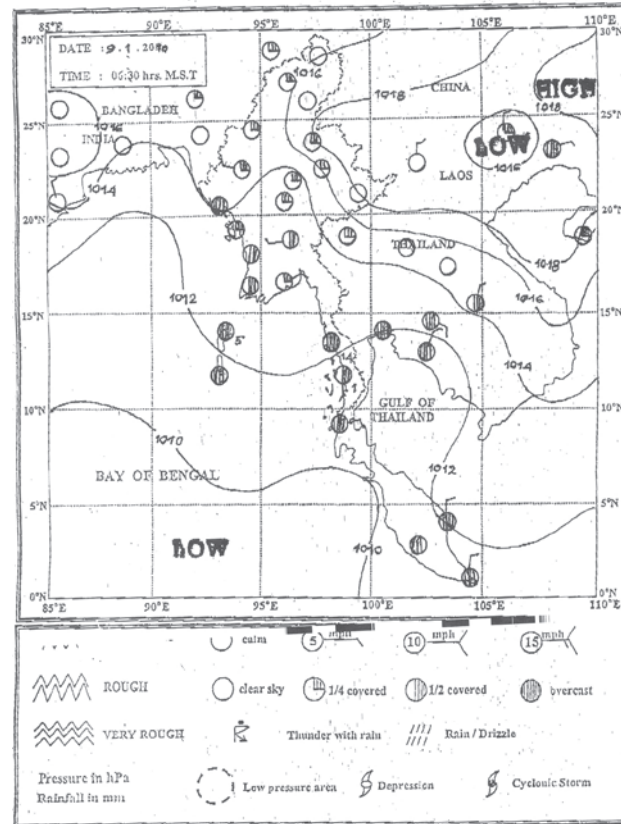
- \* Signature Tune
- \* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- \* Traditional Art of Making Goldware
- \* Paintings decorated by art of goldsmith
- \* Myanmar Green Tea
- \* Myanmar Movies Impact "Romantic Shocks"
- \* A Day in Yangon  
(A recreation and relaxation center Kandawgyi National Garden)

### Europe/ North America Transmission

- \* Signature Tune
- \* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- \* Traditional Art of Making Goldware
- \* Paintings decorated by art of goldsmith
- \* Grow Noni: Become a Millionaire
- \* Myanmar Movies Impact "Romantic Shocks"
- \* A Day in Yangon  
(A recreation and relaxation center Kandawgyi National Garden)
- \* Myanmar Modern Song
- \* Prospering and Diverging Mon State
- \* Baungte: My Village
- \* Culture Stage
- \* Peaceful & Developed Dawei
- \* Myanmar Modern Song
- \* Myanmar Green Tea
- \* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Website: [www.mrtv3.net.mm](http://www.mrtv3.net.mm)

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



## WEATHER

Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2010

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T.** During the past 24 hours, light rain have been isolated in Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, weather has been partly cloudy in Rakhine State, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Night temperatures were (3°C) below January average temperatures in Kachin and Shan States, (6°C) below January average temperatures in upper Sagaing Division, (3°C) above January average temperatures in Kayah State, Bago Division, (5°C) to (6°C) above January average temperatures in Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and about January average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Loilem (0°C), Namsam (2°C), Putao, Machanbaw, Lashio, Pinlaung, Heho and Katha (4°C) each. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Dawei (0.55) inch and Coco Island (0.20) inch.

Maximum temperature on 9-1-2010 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 9-1-2010 was 64°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 9-1-2010 was 64%. Total sun shine hours on 8-1-2010 was (7.1) hours approx.

Rainfall on 9 -1-2010 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, (Nil) Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and (Nil) Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Northwest at (15:30) hours MST on 7-1-2010.

**Bay inference:** Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and Central Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 10<sup>th</sup> January 2010:** Light rain are likely to be isolated in Mon State and Taninthayi Division, weather will be partly cloudy in Rakhine and Kayin States, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Slight increase of night temperatures in the Lower Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 10-1-2010:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 10-1-2010:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 10-1-2010:** Partly cloudy.

Myanmar

TV

Sunday, 10  
January  
View on today

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. အဝံ့ဇယမင်္ဂလံ

(ယဉ်ဝေယံထွန်းတေးရေး-  
ဂီတစာဆိုမျိုးနွယ်ဆွေ)

7:50 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am

6. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ(၃၈) ဖြာမင်္ဂလာ

8:10 am

7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:20 am

8. Musical Programme

8:30 am

9. International News

8:35 am

10. Crossroads Cafe (Episode-23) (The Gift)

11:00 am

1. Martial Song

11:10 am

2. Round Up Of The Week's International News

11:20 am

3. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဟာသကဏ္ဍာ" (အပိုင်း-၆၂)

12:20 pm

4. Golf Magazine (TV)

12:45 pm

5. မြန်မာရုပ်ရှင် "လူဇော်" (ကျော်ဟိန်းကောလိပ်လှိုင် နေဝင်းကြည်ကြည်ဌေး၊ ဆွေဇင်ထိုက်တိုးတိုးလွင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဇော်ထက်)

3:45 pm

1. Myanmar National League MNL (2009) ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲ တိုက်ရိုက် ထုတ်လွှင့်မှုအစီအစဉ် (ကမ္ဘောဇ (FC) အသင်း နှင့် ရတနာပုံ (FC) အသင်း)

5:45 pm

2. Musical Programme

6:00 pm

3. Evening News

6:15 pm

4. Weather Report

6:20 pm

5. တစ်မျက်နှာတစ်ကွက်စာ "သားသမီးသမက်ချွေးမ" (ခင်မိုးမိုးအေးဦးဝင်းမြိုင်၊ သွေးသစ်မိုးထက်ပိုင်၊ ဖြူသော်အေးချမ်းမိုး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မေတင် (MMG))

6:45 pm

6. Musical Programme

7:00 pm

7. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "တော်ဝင်နန်းသား" (အပိုင်း-၃)

8:00 pm

8. News
9. International News
10. Weather Report

11. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ်

- "ဒိုင်နိုဆော့မီးသားစု စွန့်စားခန်း" (အပိုင်း-၇၆)

12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

- "နွေဦးကဗျာချစ်သံသာ" (အပိုင်း-၂၈)

13. ရုပ်သံကြယ်ပွင့်များ





- ★ 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 broadcasts designed to cause troubles

**Local people to grow beans and pulses suitable to region in addition to paddy, carry out agriculture and livestock breeding for extra income**

**Prime Minister inspects disaster preparedness measures in Dedaye, Pyapon, Bogale Townships, No. 5 Fertilizer Plant (Pathein)**

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Jan—Prime Minister General Thein Sein, accompanied by Lt-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe, ministers, deputy ministers, departmental heads and officials, left Yangon yesterday morning by Tatmadaw helicopter and arrived in Kyondah Village of Dedaye Township of Ayeyawady Division at 8.15 am.

The Prime Minister and party were welcomed by Lt-Col Khin Maung Soe of the local battalion, departmental officials and members of social organizations.

The Prime Minister cordially greeted the departmental officials, social organization members and local people.

Next, the Prime Minister and party viewed progress of Cyclone Shelter built by Eden Group of

Companies Ltd.

The Prime Minister from the Cyclone Shelter looked into inflow of fresh water into the lake near the Cyclone Shelter and construction of Basic Education Middle School and gave necessary instructions to officials.

Next, the Prime Minister cordially conversed with the local people.

(See page 8)



*Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspecting No. 5 Fertilizer Plant (Pathein) Project.—MNA*

