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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

Senior General Than Shwe felicitates Chairman of the National Defence Commission of DPRK Mr. Kim Jong Il

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Feb—On the occasion of the birthday of His Excellency Mr. Kim Jong Il, Chairman of the National Defence Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, which falls on 16 February 2010, Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Kim Jong Il, Chairman of the National Defence Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.—MNA

True patriotism

- * It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- * Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

New Kanbalu People's Hospital (100-bed) providing effective health care to residents

It was in the morning of 28 January 2010. Kanbalu dwellers were smiling in front of a grand and pleasant building. The building that has emerged almost overnight in Kanbalu is the People's Hospital (100-bed). The local people happily attended the opening ceremony

of the hospital. We the news crew arrived there to collect the facts about the new hospital. In the first interview, Secretary of Kanbalu Townselders Committee U Myint Swe said, "Initially, Kanbalu was equipped with a 16-bed Township Hos-

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A bird's eye view of Kanbalu People's Hospital (100-bed).

pital in 1968, relying on its health care services for many years. In October 2007, the State upgraded it to a 25-bed facility. At present, we all thank the State for upgrading the hospital to a 100-bed General Hospital."

With regard to emergence of the general hospital, the free medical treatment has been given to the patients with cleft lip and palate in Kanbalu on the Fullmoon day of Tabodwe yearly to coincide with the Buddha Pujaniya of magnificent Shwesigyi Pagoda.

In 2009 when the ninth Buddha Pujaniya was held, Aye Mya Soe Foundation gave free eye care to over 4,000 patients from Kyunhla, Shwebo, Taze, YeU, KhinU, Wetlet, Katha, Indaw, Bamauk, Kawlin, Wuntho and Pinlebu townships in addition to those from Kanbalu Township.

Considering the growing number of patients, geographical condition of the town and better transport of Kanbalu, the government managed to build a 100-bed General Hospital.

The new hospital is located on a land with an area of 28 acres at the corner of Tabinshwehti Road and the bypass of the town in Ward 3 of Kanbalu, Shwebo District, Sagaing Division.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Take active part in New Influenza A (H1N1) preventive measures

Today, New Influenza A (H1N1), an epidemic, has become a global health issue. It is not deadly if cured effectively in time. If the highly infectious disease grows into a pandemic, it can cost lives and cause economic and social losses. The people are therefore to participate in preventive measures against the fatal disease.

Since the early February 2010, Chin State, Yangon Division and Shan State have faced human cases on New Influenza A (H1N1). So, the Ministry of Health is now taking preventive measures such as working in cooperation with local authorities, giving health education, providing effective treatment to the victims, and monitoring the outbreak.

The flu is a new strain of swine-origin H1N1. So, laboratory test is the only means to identify the infection of the disease. Its symptoms include high body temperature, running nose, cold, cough, physical pains, headache, easy tiredness, and hard breathe, which are similar to that of other influenzas. So, a person with flu-like symptoms should take medical check-up in nearest clinic, hospital or health centre.

In particular, educative talks about the disease should be held for the knowledge of school-age children, and young people. After every sneeze or cough, a person has to wash his hands thoroughly. And we should avoid going to crowded places and wear surgical masks as part of prevention.

The people are, therefore, urged to extend a helpful hand with a sense of duty to local administrative bodies, and health staff in the disease control and preventive measures.

ASEAN-COCI exposes traditional dance patterns

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Feb—At the second day session of the Training Workshop on Preservation of Intangible Cultural Heritage: Traditional Dance Pattern organized by Subcommittee for Culture under COCI of Myanmar under the supervision of Ministry of Culture on 13 February, the delegates of ASEAN member countries focused on

the Sketch Drawing of Dance Pattern.

The workshop held at Thingaha Hotel of Nay Pyi Taw discussed the papers submitted by seven resource persons from the ASEAN member nations and approved the strong and weak points of the sketch drawings.

In the evening, Director-General U Sann Win of Archaeology, National Museum and Library Department, who is also chairman of the

ASEAN-COCI exposes traditional dance patterns

- * 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

Inter-university men's football friendly tournament kicks off

YANGON, 15 Feb— Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint attended the opening ceremony of inter-university men's football friendly tournament (2009-2010) of the Higher Education Departments under the Ministry of Education at Youth Training Center (Thuwunna) here this morning.

Also present at the ceremony were Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, Deputy

Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min, directors-general, rectors, pro-rectors, tutors, president and member of Myanmar Football Federation, officials concerned, athletes and students.

The Director-General of Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar) made an opening speech and opened the ceremony. The commander, the minister and party enjoyed the match.

MNA

Myanmar workers in Thailand to get legal status

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Feb—The 8th Meeting of Myanmar and Thailand on Employment of Myanmar Workers in Thailand was held at Aureum Palace Hotel in Bagan on 13 and 14 February.

The meeting was attended by the Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint and the Thai delegation led by Minister of Labour of Thailand Mr. Phaitoon Kaeothong. The two sides had fruitful discussion on the matters relating to verification of Myanmar workers who are already in Thailand to enjoy legal status and dispatching fresh Myanmar workers to Thailand. The officials



The 8th Meeting of Myanmar and Thailand on Employment of Myanmar Workers in Thailand in progress.—MNA

from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Defence, the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Ministry of Labour and the Ministry of Immigration and

Population of the Union of Myanmar attended the meeting.

The deputy minister of Myanmar and visiting Thai Labour Minister attended the signing

ceremony of the Agreed Minutes of the meeting at the same hotel on 13 February.

Deputy Minister U Maung Myint hosted a dinner to the Thai delegation at Bagan Nan Myint Tower in the evening of 12 February. The visiting Thai Minister paid homage to pagodas and visited the Institute of Lacquerware during his stay in Bagan. Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi hosted a dinner to the Thai delegation at Hotel Yangon in Yangon yesterday. The Thai delegation consisted of high-level officials from the Ministry of Labour, the Ministry of Interior, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Immigration Bureau of Thailand.

The Thai delegation left Yangon for Thailand by air today.—MNA



ASEAN delegates participating in Training Workshop on Preservation of Intangible Cultural Heritage.—MNA

ASEAN COCI of Myanmar, hosted a dinner to the ASEAN delegates

and presented gifts. This afternoon, the delegations of ASEAN

member nations left here for Yangon by flight.—MNA



Private guards inspect the site of the previous day's attack targeting the Iraqi National Movement, led by former Shiite premier Ayad Allawi in the Azamiyah District of Baghdad, on 14 Feb, 2010.— INTERNET

At least three dead in Ariz helicopter crash

SCOTTSDALE, 15 Feb—Three people were killed on Sunday when the helicopter they were riding in crashed and caught fire near Scottsdale, Ariz, authorities said. The victims — two adults and one child — were not immediately identified, *The Arizona Republic* reported. The helicopter crashed in a wash about 10 miles north of Scottsdale, Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Ian Gregor said.

The helicopter, registered in Scottsdale, belonged to Services Group of America, the parent company of Food Services of America, which distributes food products to wide range of customers including restaurants, schools, hospitals, hotels and cruise lines. Services Group of America is headquartered in Scottsdale.— *Internet*

A British journalist held in Gaza

GAZA CITY, 15 Feb—A British journalist has been arrested in Gaza by Hamas security forces, British and Hamas officials say. The man was identified as Paul Martin. The arrest was confirmed by the Foreign Office, which also said it was providing consular assistance.

A Hamas spokesman said Paul Martin was arrested for violating security but further details were not given. Reports say he was taken into custody for a fortnight while attending a court hearing. Mr Martin has written for the *BBC* and the *Times*.

Hamas Interior Ministry spokesman Ehab Ghussein said: "We have confessions that the British journalist committed offences against Palestinian law, and that harms the security of the country." Hamas is the Palestinian militant organization that took control of Gaza after winning elections there in 2007.

Internet

Drone attack kills six in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 15 Feb — A drone attack targeting a militant compound killed six people in Pakistan's northwest on Sunday. All six were suspected militants, two intelligence officials said. The officials asked not to be identified because they are not authorized to speak to the media. The suspected US drone fired two missiles at a compound about 22 km (13.6 miles) west of Miranshah, a city in North Waziristan.

North Waziristan is one of seven districts in Pakistan's tribal region along the Afghan border. The United States is the only country in the region known to have the ability to launch missiles from drones, which are controlled remotely.

Internet

India sounds red alert for Delhi and other cities after Pune bombing attack

NEW DELHI, 15 Feb— Indian government on Sunday sounded a specific red alert for the cities of Delhi, Indore and Kanpur, and also issued a general advisory to all states to step up security in the wake of Saturday's deadly blast in Pune. The alerts were issued following an emergency review meeting called by Home Minister P Chidambaram, who had visited the blast site in Pune. In the meeting with heads of intelligence agencies, Chidambaram is reported to have reviewed the security situation and the existing threat perception.

After the meeting, Chidambaram traveled to 7 Race Course Road, the prime minister's residence, to meet Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and briefed him on the latest

developments regarding the country's security. During his visit to Pune this morning, Chidambaram had ruled out intelligence failure as the reason behind the blast.

Nine people were killed and 57 others were injured after a blast ripped

through the popular German Bakery in Pune. The Pune blast was the worst terror attack in India after 26 November Mumbai attacks in 2008, when a group of terrorists went on a killing spree in Mumbai leaving 166 Indians and foreigners dead.— *Xinhua*



A British journalist and documentary film maker Paul Martin.

INTERNET



US rockets strike Afghan home, kill 12 civilians

MARJAH, 15 Feb—Two US rockets slammed into a home on Sunday outside the southern Taliban stronghold of Marjah, killing 12 civilians after Afghanistan's President appealed to NATO to take

care in its campaign to seize the town.

Inside Marjah, Marines encountered "death at every corner" in their second day of a massive offensive to capture this bleak mud-brick city filled with booby traps, hardcore Taliban fighters and civilians unsure where to cast their loyalty.

Marines confronted a fierce sandstorm as they ducked in and out of doorways and hid behind bullet-riddled walls to evade sniper fire. To the north, US Army troops fought skirmishes with Taliban fighters, calling in a Cobra attack helicopter against the militants.

Militants littered the area with booby traps and explosives before the offensive, and the sound of controlled detonations — about three every hour — punctuated the day along with mortars and rocket fire.

A six year-old Afghan girl, injured in cross-fire between militants and US Marines on the outskirts of Marjah, is treated at a field hospital as her father (left) who carried her in search of help looks on.— *INTERNET*

Internet

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A woman reacts for her three sons, who were killed along with their father in a joint Iraqi-US raid, in the Shiite city of Najaf, 100 miles (160 kilometres) south of Baghdad, Iraq, on 13 Feb, 2010. *INTERNET*

Lebanese troops open fire on Israeli warplanes

BEIRUT, 15 Feb—Lebanese troops opened fire on Sunday on four Israeli warplanes that flew into Lebanese airspace, the army said.

Israeli warplanes frequently fly over Lebanese territory in what Israel says are reconnaissance missions. The overflights have been a constant source of friction between the two countries. Sunday's incident comes amid heightened tensions in the Middle East following some of the sharpest exchanges in years between Israel and its Arab neighbours.

Last week, Syria's Foreign Minister accused Israel of "spreading an atmosphere of war" in the region after Israel's Defence Minister Ehud Barak warned that the stalled peace process with Syria could result in an all-out regional war.



The Najaf International Airport, which opened a year and a half ago, is embroiled in a dispute between local authorities and the Kuwaiti contractor brought in to run the facility. — INTERNET

Shanghai improves meteorological services for World Expo

SHANGHAI, 15 Jan — Shanghai, which will host the World Expo 2010, is ready to provide online live broadcasting service on major meteorological disasters, local meteorologists said on Monday. A map of geological distribution of meteorological disasters in Shanghai has been completed on the basis of historical data about frequencies of such disasters.

During the Expo that will be held in the city from 1 May to 31 Oct, warning services against extremely high temperature will also be provided for local residents and visitors from outside the city, helping ease negative effect from undue heat on human health. Shanghai has already established a data bank on meteorological disasters and developed a disaster information collection and management platform, according to the local meteorologists.

In a related development, Shanghai has managed to improve its air quality. In 2009, the city recorded 334 days of good air quality, or 91.5 percent of the total days for the year, according to the city's environmental protection department.—Xinhua



Longshoremen unload containers from a ship at a port in Tokyo. Japan retained its title as the world's number two economy in 2009, ahead of China, extending a recovery from a brutal recession with a robust fourth-quarter performance, data showed on Monday. INTERNET

Nicaragua, Russia form cooperation commission

MANAGUA, 15 Feb — Nicaragua and Russia on Sunday formed a special commission to further cooperation in various fields including the fight against drug trafficking.

The Nicaragua-Russia Commission was formed after Nicaraguan Foreign Minister Samuel Santos Lopez met his Russian counterpart Sergey Lavrov.

Nicaraguan Foreign Minister said that Lavrov's visit would strengthen the existing ties through deepened understanding of the benefits shared by the two countries.

Via the newly-formed commission, the two countries will discuss cooperation in such fields as telecommunications, transportation, infrastructure and agriculture. The

Russian Foreign Minister arrived in Managua after a visit to Cuba. His Latin American trip will also take him to Guatemala and Mexico.—Xinhua

Barcelona to host Mobile World Congress

MADRID, 15 Feb — The Mobile World Congress, a showcase for the latest mobile phone technology, will open in the Spanish city of Barcelona on Monday. More than 1,300 companies will display their latest innovations during the event, which will last from 15 to 18 Feb, according to the organizer.

The congress also contains a leadership conference, which includes panel discussions on the communications industry, and an awards ceremony featuring a concert by rock group Duran Duran to reward the most innovative and creative solutions.—Xinhua

Cyprus benefits from Greek economic crisis, but faces challenges as well

NICOSIA, 15 Feb — Cyprus is benefiting from the Greek economic crisis through the transfer of billions of euros by Greek depositors who fear their country's economy might turn worse.

Cypriot Finance Minister Charilaos Stavrakis, just back from a short visit to Athens, confirmed on Sunday that large amounts of money was deposited in banks operating in Cyprus by deposi-

tors who either try to avoid higher taxation or are concerned about a collapse of the Greek economy.

Stavrakis did not give any figures about the funds transferred into Cyprus, but said the amount of money is in the billions of Euros.

He said that he came under pressure in Athens from Greek economic officials to facilitate the return of the money to

Greece, but he replied that deposits are regulated by the wishes of the fund holders.

"They are the ones who decide how to better handle their money," he said.

He added that it is a matter of free market, but pledged that the Cyprus government will cooperate in any legal action asked for by Greece to help its economy.

Xinhua

14 mln Latin Americans poor again

LA PAZ, 15 Feb — At least 14 million people in Latin America have returned to poverty due to the effects of the global economic crisis, an official with the World Bank was quoted on Sunday by local Press as saying. Carlos Felipe Jaramillo, World Bank country director for Bolivia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela, said his institution was concerned with the poverty issue, according to

the *La Razon* newspaper.

Latin America has a combined population of 569 million.

The World Bank estimates that nearly 25 percent of the region's population live on less than two US dollars a day.

The World Bank official added that the reduction of poverty in Latin America, a trend for eight consecutive years, stopped in 2009 due to the worldwide crisis.

Poverty rate in 2009 went back to the 2007 level because of the inability to generate new employment, Jaramillo said.

The World Bank country director said that South America, however, was less affected by unemployment than Central America and the Caribbean islands.

Xinhua

Samsung, Sony Ericsson roll out new smartphones

BARCELONA, 15 Feb — Samsung electronics and SonyEricsson unveiled their new top smartphone models on Sunday, both hoping to improve their positions in the more lucrative part of the phone market.

Samsung, the world No-2 handset maker, unveiled its flagship smartphone model Wave—using a new touch screen technology and the first phone to use its bada operating system. "Samsung's commitment to Bada is underlined by the fact that it is using it to power its product for the show but it's going to be an uphill struggle to get the developer community on board", said Ben Wood, research director at CCS Insight.

Earlier this month Samsung unveiled a plan to treble smartphone shipments in 2010 and promote its own bada software platform.

MNA/Reuters



A man walks past a job centre in the eastern German city of Dresden in 2009. The already high unemployment rate in Germany, Europe's biggest economy, will rise further this year after the country suffered its worst post-war recession in 2009, a report has said.— INTERNET

Two foreigners killed in terror attack in India

NEW DELHI, 15 Feb — Two foreigners, an Italian woman and an Iranian student, were among the nine people killed in the Pune terror attack Saturday evening, reported the *Indo-Asian News Service* on Sunday.

The news service quoted Police Commissioner of Pune Satyapal Singh as saying at a press

conference that the two foreign nationals were identified as Nadia Materini, 37, who was associated with the Osho Ashram, a mystic Hindu group located nearby, and Syed Abdul Khali, 26, a student of Symbiosis College in Pune.

The seven others killed were all Indians, said police and local media re-

ports. Some 40 people injured in the attack were still under treatment in hospital.

A powerful bomb explosion ripped through the popular German Bakery in downtown Pune on Saturday evening, killing nine people and injuring more than 50 others.

Xinhua



Two-month-old tiger cubs are dressed in Chinese outfits while waiting to join visitors celebrating the Chinese New Year of the Tiger at the Sri Racha Tiger Zoo in Chonburi Province, south-eastern Thailand on 14 Feb, 2010.— INTERNET

Children attend a Grand Parade of the Limassol Carnival 2010 in the coastal city of Limassol, Cyprus, on 14 Feb, 2010. The 10-day Limassol Carnival 2010 came to an end on 14 Feb with thousands of people descending on the downtown streets for the Grand Parade.

XINHUA



Police arrest militant, discover explosive device in Afghanistan

KABUL, 15 Feb—Police in Taliban birthplace Kandahar, south Afghanistan, detained a militant and discovered explosive device from his possession, a Press release of Interior Ministry said on Sunday.

“A man planted explosive device in a handcart with an attempt to explode it in Kandahar city on Saturday was arrested and thus the malicious design of terrorists was foiled,” the Press release added.

Since launching military operation against Taliban in Marja district of the southern Helmand province late Friday night the militants have intensified their activities.

The Taliban militants also on Saturday carried out a suicide killing two persons including a NATO soldier and injuring seven others including three soldiers.

Xinhua

Earthquake jolts S Philippines

COTABATO, 15 Feb — A magnitude-5.0 quake struck southern Philippines on Monday, the United States Geological Survey reported. The quake, 148.3 km below seabed, was recorded at 4:21 am with the epicenter at 120 km southeast of General Santos City of Mindanao region. It was also felt in Davao City and in Manila but no casualties or damages were reported. There was no tsunami alert either.

The Philippines sits on the Pacific “Ring of Fire” where continental plates collide, causing frequent seismic and volcanic activity. The worst earthquake in the country happened on 16 Aug, 1976 after a tsunami caused by a quake killed between 5,000 and 8,000 people in the Moro Gulf region in southern Philippines.

Xinhua

Economic restructuring to boost China’s economy, make it a “real tiger” in 2010

BEIJING, 15 Feb—As China celebrates the arrival of the new lunar year, the Year of the Tiger, the world hopes China’s economy will roar again in 2010, after it helped pull the global economy out of recession in 2009, the Year of the Ox. The world’s third largest economy will become a “real tiger” when the Chinese government successfully restructures the nation’s economy, a task the authorities have made a priority, as evidenced by a string of recent comments by top leaders, analysts say.

In early January, President Hu Jintao called on the whole nation to strive to accelerate the adjustment of China’s economic development pattern, to promote sound and fast economic and social development.

Xinhua

Iran starts drilling oil well in Caspian Sea

TEHERAN, 15 Feb—Iran started drilling its first exploratory well in the Caspian Sea to search for oil in its waters, the state IRIB TV reported on Sunday.

“The Iran-Alborz semi-floating drilling rig has started exploration drillings in the Caspian Sea,” Iran’s North Drilling Company Managing Director Hedayatollah Khademi said, adding “it will drill the country’s first exploratory well at a depth of 1, 550 metres

under the seabed.”

In light of the great potential of the region, there is a very good possibility that the Iran-Alborz semi-floating drilling rig will help find new reserves of crude oil in the Caspian Sea, Khademi was quoted as saying. Earlier in July, Iran announced the country

would launch exploration of oil and gas using its domestically-built semi-floating drilling rig in the Caspian Sea.

Iran-Alborz weighs 14,000 tons and is the largest in the Middle East, Iran’s Oil Minister Gholam Hossein Nozari said in July.

Xinhua

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People watch lion dance performance on a street in Guilin, southwest China’s Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 14 Feb, 2010. Folk performance celebrating the Spring Festival attracted many local residents on Sunday.— XINHUA

Two teens wounded in church service shooting in US state of California

SAN FRANCISCO, 15 Feb—Three people wearing hooded black sweatshirts walked into a church in the US state of California on Sunday before one of them opened fire and wounded two teenagers, local media reported.

Witnesses said the suspects had paced up and down an aisle, apparently looking for targets, before shooting the victims sitting near the back of New Gethsemane Church of God in Christ, located in Richmond, a city about 16 miles (26 km) northeast of San Francisco.

The three suspects fled after the attack, the *San Francisco Chronicle* news-

paper reported, citing Richmond police Sgt Bisa French. The two victims, a 14-year-old boy and a 19-year-old man, were hospitalized and are expected to survive. Police said it was not clear whether they were the intended targets.

The shooting, which occurred in the presence of more than 120 church members, was seen as unusual — even in Richmond, which has recorded seven homicides so far in 2010 and also made national headlines last year with a violent gang rape outside a high school homecoming dance.

Xinhua



Baby tigers share the nipples of a pig mother with baby pigs at the Sri Racha Tiger Zoo in Chonburi Province, southeastern Thailand on 14 Feb, 2010.

INTERNET

Man bites into needle at Burger King

MASSACHUSETTS, 15 Feb — A Massachusetts man is suing fast-food chain Burger King after he allegedly bit into a metal needle in the middle of his Double Whopper.

Oscar Chaves' ordeal allegedly began when the New Bedford man dropped into the Burger King around the corner from his house for dinner

with his son-in-law, MyFox reported.

"I start to eat. I get about two bites and the third bite I feel something go through my throat," Mr Chaves said.

"I say, 'Steve, something go through my throat.' He says, 'Could be a piece of lettuce, you know how they make it.' I say, 'Yeah, but it hurt so much.'"

Mr Chaves was rushed to hospital where doctors removed a 5-cm needle from his tongue.

X-rays revealed damage to his esophagus and metal in his stomach.

Mr Chaves said he missed days of work.

His face was swollen for eight weeks, and he had to undergo testing for up to six months afterward. — *Internet*

US police officer saved as badge takes bullet

LAS VEGAS, 15 Feb — A Las Vegas police officer who became involved in a shootout on Saturday night may be thanking his badge for saving his life.

The 31-year-old officer, who has not yet been named, was struck by a bullet in an exchange of

fire with a suspect.

However, the bullet struck the badge and the officer suffered only minor injuries.

Police are searching for the gunman, who may also have been hit and who fled after the incident.

The officer had been on patrol in northern Las Vegas when he heard shots coming from an apartment block, the *Las Vegas Sun* reported.

The officer became engaged in the fire fight when he tried to stop the suspect. — *Internet*

Gloucestershire couple are £56m EuroMillions winners

LONDON, 15 Feb — A couple from Gloucestershire have been confirmed as Britain's biggest lottery winners, scooping a jackpot of £56 million in the Euro Millions game.

The pair, from near Cirencester, will appear at a news conference in Bath on Monday, said National Lottery organiser Camelot.

The winners came forward to claim the stake on Saturday, it said.

A total jackpot of

£112m had been on offer. The money was split with the other winning ticket, bought in Spain.

It is the fourth time in three months that a British winner has scooped more than £25m in the EuroMillions draw.

In November, Les Scadding, 53, and wife Samantha Peachey-Scadding, 38, from Caerleon, south Wales, won £45.5m.

A further £45.5m was won in the same draw by a syndicate of seven IT

workers at Hewlett Packard in Liverpool.

Then in January, four family members from Dorking in Surrey won £26.1m.

Across Europe, the record EuroMillions win is £113m by a single ticket-holder from Spain in May last year.

EuroMillions is played in nine countries — the UK, France, Spain, Austria, Belgium, Luxembourg, the Irish Republic, Portugal and Switzerland.

Internet

Boy, 3, born with half a heart waiting for transplant

Time is of the essence for a 3-year-old boy from Utah who was born with a rare and complex congenital heart defect that has essentially left him with half a heart, *ABC 4 News* reported.

Little Michael Melton suffers from hypoplastic left heart syndrome — a condition in which the left side of his heart is critically underdeveloped.



Little Michael Melton suffers from hypoplastic left heart syndrome, a condition in which the left side of his heart is critically underdeveloped.

What that means is that the left side of his heart can't effectively pump blood to the body, according to the Mayo Clinic, so the right side of the heart must pump blood both to the lungs and to the rest of the body.

Treatment for this condition involves either a three-step surgical procedure or a heart transplant, which is exactly what Michael needs. In order to get him moved up higher on an organ donor list, his mom, Clarissa Melton, moved to the Salt Lake Valley from her hometown of Vernal, Utah. She's worried if Michael doesn't get a transplant soon, he could die.

"I don't think you can be prepared," Melton told the news station. "I try to be. I know it would definitely be a possibility. It's like putting a time limit on my son's life." Michael is currently being treated at Primary Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City.

Burglar left trail in snow

Suburban Chicago police said they followed footprints in the snow from a burglary scene directly to the back door of a home where they arrested a suspect.

Des Plaines police said a woman arrived home on Tuesday and interrupted a burglar taking her jewelry, the *Chicago Tribune* reported on Friday.

The woman called 911 while the man fled and police arrived to find fresh footprints leading to the back door of a home on the same block as the woman's house. Luis Ramon Gonzalez, 23, was arrested at the home, which police said belonged to a relative, and charged with residential burglary.

Man wakes from coma when wife tells him he became a grandfather

After David Russell spent two weeks in a coma, he proved some things are worth waking up for.

Russell finally opened his eyes when his wife whispered in his ear that he had just become a grandfather for the first time, the *Daily Mail* reported.

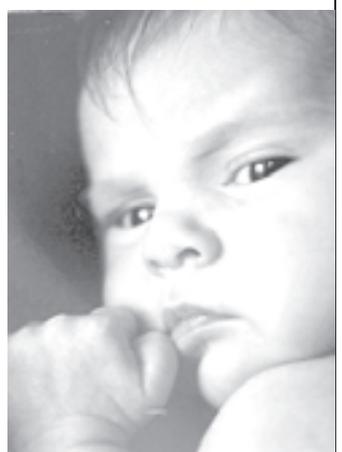
Doctors had cautioned Helen Russell that her 60-year-old husband did not have a good prognosis, and now against all odds he is making a full recovery after hearing about the new addition to the family.

Russell was induced into a coma two weeks ago after he fell 12-feet from a barn roof and had to undergo a five-hour operation to remove a blood clot from his brain. He was unable to come out of the coma after the surgery.

Doctors told Helen Russell that if her husband did wake up, he would probably have serious brain damage. But when he heard the words, "Come on granddad you have got to wake up now," Russell stirred in his hospital bed and winked at his wife. "The doctors didn't even think that he would survive the operation, which was absolutely horrific

news to be given," Helen Russell said. "When he failed to come out of an induced coma they said the best case scenario was that he would be brain damaged and severely impaired."

David Russell is expected to make a full recovery, and is currently starting rehabilitation. "He's incredibly proud and thrilled to be a grandfather," Helen Russell said.



Edie Russell, who 'saved her grandfather's life'.

NEWS ALBUM

New Kanbalu People's Hospital (100-bed)...

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The hospital has six main halls, staff quarters and other buildings. The six buildings are for the out-patient ward, the child ward, the obstetrics and gynecology ward, the operation and orthopaedic ward, the medical ward and the operation theatre. All the buildings are rounded with a 10-foot pavement each. The remaining buildings are for two mess halls, mor-

and tidy patient wards with good ventilation system and natural light.

The out-patient ward is 206 feet long and 74 feet wide. In addition, the hospital is formed with the office of medical superintendent, the staff office, the ECG Ultrasound room, the X-ray room and lab, the blood bank, the records office, two medical equipment stores, the office of pathologist, the office of orthopedic spe-

maternal ward is formed with two 22-bed halls, two private rooms, the delivery room and the room for babies. Likewise, the medical ward has two 22-bed halls, two special rooms for the Sangha, two private rooms, the hemodialysis room and the medical room. The modern operation ward has two operation theatres, the septic OT room, the restroom for relatives of patients and the recovery room. The measurements of wards are 150 feet long and 74 feet wide each. All the wards are provided with new beds and



Neat and tidy private room seen at Kanbalu People's Hospital (100-bed).



Modern beds provided at the hospital.

tuary, Dhammayon, the generator, the house of medical superintendent, 20-apartment staff quarters and 10-apartment advanced staff quarters. Moreover, a tube-well, the overhead tank and ground tank were constructed for supplying water to the hospital buildings. All the main halls have total floor area of 103,089 square feet and all the buildings, 120,666 square feet.

We visited the neat

hospital equipment. specialist, the office of obstetrician and gynecologist, the office of pediatrician, the room for nurses, the room for specialists, the emergency patient room, the eye care room, the dental room, the reception counter, the rest and relaxation room for patients, the bathroom and toilets for gents and ladies.

The child ward and the operation and orthopaedic ward have two 28-bed halls each and two private rooms each. The

hospital equipment.

Wellwisher Aye Mya Soe Foundation spent K 2147.5 million on construction of the new hospital built by Htoo Trading Co Ltd. The construction tasks began on 10 May 2009. The hospital was completed on 10 January 2010. During the period of over eight months, all the construction tasks finished.

Under the arrangements of the State, Aye Mya Soe Foundation and wellwishers generously

donated modern hospital equipment namely hemodialysis machine, the RO machine, the ultrasound machine, the dental operation chair, accessories dentist tool and scaler, operation table, lamp, operation equipment, anaesthetics machine, suction machine, autoclave, defibrillator, oxygen concentrator, microscope, eye operation microscope, X-ray machine, snake antitoxin, drug for malaria, glucose,

organizational set-up of the hospital, the Medical Superintendent explained, "The emergency and ordinary sections of the hospital including special care units were built in modern design for providing health care services to the local people of Kanbalu and surrounding townships. A total of 201 health personnel including specialists, doctors, nurses and health staff are assigned duties at the hospital." He continued to

patients were worried about health conditions of patients before their arrival at the hospitals and for their accommodation there. In addition, they were anxious about all costs. Now, we have a great opportunity to receive medical treatment in the region. All the residents thank the State and wellwishers for their donations to the hospital."

As the 100-bed People's General Hospital



X-ray room.



Dental care facilities.

disposable syringe and needle, clothes for patients and operation theatre suits for surgeons. Among them, the hemodialysis machine is most essential for the region. Many snake-bite patients come to the hospital as Kanbalu and its surrounding townships are located in the tropical region. The hemodialysis machine can be used for effectively saving the lives of patients. Under the arrangement of townselder U Kyaw Nyunt of Kanbalu, U Than Win of Mann Myanmar Company Ltd donated the hemodialysis machine to the hospital.

With regard to the or-

explain that the general medical department, the general surgical department, the orthopaedic department, the pediatric department, the obstetric and gynecology department, the anaesthetics department, the X-ray department, the pathology department and the dental department are included in the special care units.

In an interview, a resident of Ward 3 from Kanbalu said, "We are very happy now. In the past, the emergency patients of Kanbalu went to general hospitals of major cities including Mandalay. Due to far distance, the relatives of

has emerged in Kanbalu, the local people from Kanbalu and its surrounding regions are enjoying the benefits of health care facilities and services of the specialists any time. The Kanbalu People's Hospital (100-bed) will effectively provide health care services to the local people of Kanbalu, Shwebo, Wetlet, KhinU, YeU, Taze, Dabayin, Kyunhla, Kawlin, Wuntho, Katha, Htigyaing, Bamauk and Pinlebu of Shwebo and Katha districts.

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Objectives of 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day

1. To uphold Our Three Main National Causes at risk to life as the national policy
2. To work hard with national people for successful completion of elections due to be held in accordance with the new constitution
3. To crush internal and external subversive elements through the strength and consolidated unity of the people
4. To build a strong, patriotic modern Tatmadaw capable of safeguarding the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the nation

Energy minister calls for systematic privatization of fuel stations

YANGON, 15 Feb—Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi met staff at the meeting hall of Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise here this afternoon. The minister urged them to be systematic in privatizing fuel stations and to follow the instructions of the ministry.

The meeting was attended by officials of Yangon Division Myanmar Petroleum Products Enterprise, managers and officials from fuel stations of MPPE, general manager of CNG, and officials from CNG filling stations of MOGE.

Then, the minister met a delegation led by Mr I Michael Raj of Annai Bio-Crop (P) Ltd of India and party. They cordially discussed production of substitute bio-fuel.—MNA

Waterway, aviation satisfying dwellers of Rakhine State



Commander Maj-Gen Thaug Aye, Ministers U Aung Thaug and Maj-Gen Thein Swe inspect arrival of vessels at Sittway port.—TRANSPORT

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Feb—For enabling the national brethren residing in Rakhine State to enjoy fruits of transportation sector, the local authorities is making utmost efforts for improvement of the waterway transport in MraukU and Sittway townships.

On 12 and 13 February, Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Thaug Aye, Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaug and Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe made a trip to inspect the

waterway leading to the entrance of MraukU and conditions of the jetty. While in Sittway, they looked into the waterway of Hsatyokya Creek, berthing of vessels at the port and freight-handling works, docking of ships at Sittway Dockyard and loading and unloading of coastal liners.

The aviation is one more reliable transport facility for the locals. At present, the runway, the taxiway, the apron and the airport building of Sittway Airport have been upgraded at lush and green environs.—MNA

Course on Prevention against Recruitment of Minors for Military Service conducted

YANGON, 15 Feb—The opening ceremony of instructor course No.1/2010 on Prevention against Recruitment of Minors for Military Service, jointly conducted by Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Reset-

tlement and UNICEF, was held at Social Welfare Training School of Social Welfare Department on Kyaikwaing Pagoda road here this morning.

It was attended by Vice-Chairman of the Myanmar National Committee for Child Rights, Chairman of the Working Committee Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint and Deputy Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun, senior military officers, officials from UNICEF, UNDP, ILO, World Vision (Myanmar) and Save the Children (Myanmar) and trainees.

The deputy minister made an opening speech. Afterwards, UNDP representative Mr Ramesh Shrestha delivered a speech.

A total of 40-trainee officers from Ministry of Defence, General Administration Department, Myanmar Police Force, Social Welfare Department, Myanmar Correctional Department, Immigration and National Registration Department and Ministry of Foreign Affairs are attending five-day course.—MNA



Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint speaking at instructor course No.1/2010 on Prevention against Recruitment of Minors for Military Service.—MNA

Concordia to conduct Land Survey, Applied GPS & Google Earth Software Courses

YANGON, 15 Feb — Concordia Int'l Co Ltd will conduct Certified Advanced Land Survey Course (5/2010) from 20 Feb to 3 March and Applied GPS & Google Earth Software Course from 10 to 12 March at the hall of Concordia in Shwegondine here from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

How to apply Total Station, Construction Survey, Topographic Survey, Differential GPS, RTK, Handheld GPS, GPS and Google Earth Software related to GPS downloading and processing to Garmin Map source and Google Earth Software and how to download and process

collected data with the use of Mapsource Software and Google Earth Software will be lectured at the courses.

Enthusiasts who have passed matriculation examination may enlist for the Certified Advanced Survey Course not later than 19 February and for

Applied GPS & Google Earth Software Course not later than 9 March at Concordia Int'l Co Ltd on the 4th floor of Shwegondine Plaza on Kaba-Aye Pagoda Road and dial 558170, 544824, 544199, 559444 and 09 500 5912 for further information.—MNA

Destruction of poppy plantations figures hits 12705.65 acres in Feb

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Feb — A total of 12705.65 acres of poppy plantation in states and divisions — 170.55 acres in Namhkam, Tangyan, Mongton and Kutkai Townships of Shan State (North), 146.5 acres in Pekhon, Pinlaung and Monghsu and Hsihseng Townships of Shan State (South), 7.5 acres in Kengtung, Mongphyat and Monghsat Townships of Shan State (East) and 30.63 acres in Chipwe, Waingmaw and Phakant Townships of Kachin State including 12350.47 acres of poppy plantation in states and divisions from 1 September 2009 to 6 February 2010 — had been destroyed up to 13 February. — MNA

Meeting of State Pariyatti Sasana University Administrative Central Committee held



Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung supplicating on religious affairs.—MNA

YANGON, 15 Feb— Administrative Central Pariyatta Sasana Chairman of State Pariyatti Committee, Vice- University Abhidhaja Sasana University Chairman of State Maha Rattha Guru Pyay

Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kundalajoti delivered an opening address at the meeting 1/2010 of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee State Pariyatti Sasana University Administrative Central Committee at the convocation Dhammayon in Kaba Aye Hill here this evening.

Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung supplicated on religious affairs.

Secretary of State Pariyatti Sasana University Administrative Central Committee Director-General Dr Myo Myint of Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana presented

Job opportunity for IT enthusiasts

YANGON, 15 Feb— Talks on IT and Job opportunities, jointly organized by Myanmar Professionals Education Centre (MPEC) and the Opportunity Journal, will be held at the Conference Hall of Myanmar Info-

Tech in Hline Township from 2:00pm to 4:00pm on 20 February.

U Ye Yint Win (Bizsoft), U Tun Khine (iTEGRA System) and U Nay Lin Than (MIT) will give talks on job opportunities for youth and requirement of IT technicians in works for entrepreneurs.

Any interested person may dial 668779, 668259, 650124 to attend the talks.

MNA

undertakings of the University Administrative Central Committee meeting No. 1/2009.

Those present discussed general matters.—MNA

Take Fire Preventive Measures

Yesago-Tamadan embankment to supply sufficient irrigation water

Article: Kyaw Sein; Photos: Aung Than (Mingala Taungnyunt)

(from page 16)

So, the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation is constructing Yesago-Tamadan embankment in order to prevent overflow of Chindwin River in Yesago Township and to make effective use of river water.

Embankment Construction in-Charge Staff Officer U Myat Zaw Thein from Assistant Director's Office of Pakokku Township Irrigation Department accompanied us, Myanma Alin news crew.

Yesago-Tamadan



U Myat Zaw Thein Staff Officer of Irrigation Department.

embankment is of earthen type with the length of two miles, the width of 12 feet and the height of 10 feet. It links Tamadan junction and Yesago Township. Sunflower plantations were seen on either side of the embankment as the river



Construction of tributary of Yesago-Tamadan embankment is under way.

water level falls. The construction of sluice gates with the width of five feet and height of five feet and six inches is under way.

In-Charge Staff Officer U Myat Zaw Thein explained to us, "Before the construction of the embankment, residents of Palesu, Kuhtoke, Zegyun and Aungchantha villages, afraid of the danger of

floods, felt unsafe to sleep well in their homes. Once the farmlands were inundated and the river water came into their houses. According to records, Chindwin River rose to the highest level of 30 feet and the lowest level of 24 feet in the past

30 years. In the rainy season, the water level rises to its highest. The new embankment will take in water by opening the valves while the water level rises and will store water by closing the valves while it falls. The embankment and sluice gate will guard against the threat of floods. The sluice gate can irrigate when the water level is 19 feet. The irrigation



Tamadan embankment will store water while Chindwin River water level rises.

water will be supplied through Pegon sluice gate Nos (1) and (2) when it is needed. The embankment

of the job has been completed. It will be fully completed in open season of 2010."

Yesago-Tamadan embankment will prevent floods. It can also be used as detour of Yesago which has the only motorway. It will enable locals from the villages to overcome the transportation difficulties in the rainy season. It will also improve socio-economic status of the local farmers and contribute to the objective of the State to boost agricultural production.

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Progress in ground work of Yesago-Tamadan embankment.

Cranberry juice boosts heart health

LONDON, 15 Feb—Researchers in London measured the cardio-protective potential of cranberry juice and found it may help lower blood pressure and help promote heart health. Researchers at Queen Mary University of London compared the cardio-protective potential of cranberry juice and that of red wine, cocoa and green tea and found that oligomeric procyanidins were present in

regular and light cranberry juice cocktail. Dr Roger Corder of Queen Mary University identified oligomeric procyanidins in cranberries that can promote a healthy heart by inhibiting Endothelin-1 synthesis — a blood vessel constrictor that causes heart disease.

“Red wine has long been associated with heart health, but this new study shows that cranberry juice is a very promising alcohol-

free alternative,” Corder, author of “The Red Wine Diet,” said in a statement. “We have now identified oligomeric procyanidins as the specific compound in cranberries that can boost the health of blood vessels, helping to prevent blood vessel constriction — a leading cause of high blood pressure.” The research was published in the *Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry*.

Internet



File photo of an 18-metre tall statue of popular TV animation hero, Gundam flashing its eyes at a press preview at a Tokyo park. Another visitor to Tokyo, a 42-year-old housewife from Beijing, said she had spent 200,000 yen on “Gundam” combat robot toys for her 12-year-old son, out of a shopping budget for the trip of up to 500,000 yen.— INTERNET

Father: Don’t treat kids as little adults

GAINESVILLE, 15 Feb—A Florida father who lost his young son to a series of preventable hospital medical errors said hospitals need to embrace a culture of listening to parents. Horst Ferrero’s 3-year-old son, Sebastian, died in 2007 after being administered a fatal dose of medication as part of a routine medical test. Horst and Luisa Ferrero, founders of the Sebastian Ferrero Foundation, are leading the effort to build a dedicated, full-service children’s hospital in Gainesville.

In an emotional retelling of his story at the Florida Association of Children’s Hospital’s dinner in Gainesville, Ferrero described what he called a “cascade of errors” that occurred when his son was hospitalized. If any member of the medical team had responded differ-

ently at any of a number of points along the way, his son’s life might have been saved, Ferrero said.

He urged hospitals to:

- Listen to parents. They know their children best and are speaking on their behalf.

- Build a culture that makes safety everyone’s responsibility. Double-checking can save lives.

- Treat the “whole” child. Every member of the medical team must be trained to observe and treat the whole child, not just focus on their limited scope of responsibility.

- Don’t treat children as little adults. Make sure staff at every level are trained and sensitized to the unique protocols associated with treating children.

Internet

PTSD threatens healthcare system overload

SAN DIEGO, 15 Feb—Post-traumatic stress disorder threatens to overload healthcare systems worldwide as cases increase and therapies fail to be effective US researchers say. Dr Brenda K Wiederhold, editor in chief of Cyberpsychology, Behavior and Social Networking, and of the Interactive Media Institute, San Diego, says new approaches to treatment are relying on technology, such as virtual reality, to alleviate the psychologically damaging effects of PTSD.

PTSD is common in soldiers returning from combat duty and may also result from sexual or physical assault, imprisonment or hostage situations, terrorism, surviving an accident or disaster, or diagnosis with a life-threatening illness.—Internet

Small farmers key to global food security

NAIROBI, 15 Feb—Helping the world’s smallest farms stay abreast of climate change and competition is key to feeding the planet’s growing population, scientists in Kenya said. Small farmers are neglected by agricultural aid policies, yet collectively they feed most of the world’s 1 billion low-income people, said the Kenyan-based International Livestock Research Institute.

Small farmers need help in understanding and coping with climate change, which will alter growing conditions, institute officials said in a recent issue of Science. They also need help in dealing with finite natural resources, including water, arable land and fossil fuels needed to produce fuel and fertilizer.

Most alarming, however, is that many regions in the poorest parts of the world already are being aggressively farmed and are close to being “tapped out” in terms of capacity for production, said Mario Herrero, a senior scientist at the institute. “In most regions of the world, farming systems are under intense pressure,” Herrero said.

Internet

Experts dispute cause of mud volcano

PORONG, 15 Feb—Scientists and drilling experts say they’re in disagreement about whether a gas exploration well triggered a fatal mud volcano in Indonesia.

The world’s biggest mud volcano killed 13 people and displaced 30,000 more 29 May, 2006, in the Porong sub-district of Sidoarjo, East Java. Mud from the volcanic dome destroyed four villages and continues to ooze enough to fill 50 Olympic-size swimming pools every day, researchers at the University of California, Berkeley, said. The drilling firm Lapindo Brantas has said an earthquake centered 174 miles away triggered the mud volcano, while an international scientific team, including the California researchers, allege it was caused by improper removal of a drill bit. Both sides presented their findings this week in the journal *Marine and Petroleum Geology*.

“The disaster was caused by pulling the drill string and drill bit out of the hole while the hole was unstable,” said Richard Davies, director of the Durham Energy Institute in England. “This triggered a very large ‘kick’ in the well, where there is a large influx of water and gas from surrounding rock formations that could not be controlled.”—Internet

More aid needed for sustainable seafood

DURHAM, 15 Feb—Global food security could be enhanced if developed nations increased aid for sustainable seafood production in developing nations, US scientists said. Seafood is a key source of protein for nearly 3 billion people but lack of a coordinated policy worldwide threatens the planet’s seafood supply, a group of economists and marine scientists wrote in a recent

issue of Science.

“In an ideal world, each country governs its own resources well and the seafood trade contributes to worldwide economic growth and food security. But that’s not the world we live in right now,” said Martin Smith, who teaches environmental economics at Duke University in Durham, NC.

Lack of a coordinated policy worldwide has

pushed many fish stocks beyond sustainable yields and led to a precarious position for fisheries in food security, Smith and a consortium of international marine experts said. Developing countries would benefit from more foreign aid for sustainable fishing gear, improved management and sustainable aquaculture facilities, the group said.

Internet



This photo released by Florida EcoSafaris show a guest experiencing a 750 foot zip through the Pine Flatwoods of the 4,700 acre Forever Florida wildlife conservation area. The Zipline Safari offered by Florida EcoSafaris at Forever Florida is the only full zipline wilderness course in the state of Florida.—INTERNET



The 77th Lemon Festival takes place from 12 February to 3 March 2010. Each year the festival follows a given theme, this year it is "Menton does cinema". The Lemon Festival attracts each year more than 230,000 visitors. It's the second biggest event on the Riviera after the Carnival of Nice. It uses the services of over 300 professionals and requires 145 tons of citrus fruit.

INTERNET

Grandparents who care for children 'boost obesity risk'

LONDON, 15 Feb — Young children who are regularly looked after by their grandparents have an increased risk of being overweight, an extensive British study has suggested. Analysis of 12,000 three-year olds suggested the risk was 34% higher if grandparents cared for them full time.

Children who went to nursery or had a

childminder had no increased risk of weight problems, the *International Journal of Obesity* reported. Nearly a quarter of preschool children in the UK are overweight or obese.

The researchers said very little research had been done on the influence of childcare on weight. Yet childcare may have an effect on weight through diet and physical activity. The

study used data from the Millennium Cohort Study, which looked looking at the health of children aged between nine months and three years old, who had been born in the UK between 2000 and 2001.

The results showed that those looked after by grandparents part-time had a 15% higher risk of being overweight for their age compared with those solely looked after by their parents. Those who were cared for by their grandparents full-time had a 34% increased risk of being overweight, the University College London team found.

Internet

HIV illness 'delayed by' herpes drug aciclovir

WASHINGTON, 15 Feb — A common treatment for herpes can delay the need for HIV drugs in people with both infections, say US researchers. A study of 3,300 patients in Africa found aciclovir reduced the risk of HIV progression by 16%, *The Lancet* reports.

Although a "modest" effect, the researchers said the cheap treatment is a simple way of keeping people with HIV healthy for longer. One expert said it was important to note that aciclovir does not seem to make HIV patients less infectious. The researchers from the University of Washington, Seattle, concentrated on people infected with HIV-1 - the most common type of infection.

It is known that most people who are infected with HIV-1 are also infected with herpes simplex virus type 2 (HSV2), or genital herpes. Previous studies have shown that keeping the herpes virus suppressed reduces HIV levels but it was unclear whether this would slow down the disease. Those in the trial were either given a twice daily dose of aciclovir or a dummy pill and then they were monitored for two years. At the end of the study, 284 people on aciclovir had either started taking HIV medication, had a drop in CD4 count suggesting they should be on medication or had died. —Internet

IT revolution an achilles heel for Swiss bank secrecy

GENEVA, 15 Feb — The digital revolution is turning into the achilles heel of Swiss banks, according to security and banking experts quizzed about recent stolen data turning up in the hands of neighbouring countries.

CD-ROMs, USB sticks and even mobile phone cameras have become handy options for disgruntled or ambitious staff to copy computer data on thousands of clients when a few years ago a cumbersome paper trail was needed.

Swiss banks built much of their recent repu-

tation around a legal obligation to maintain secrecy on their customers' banking affairs — criminal cases aside — including from the taxman, whether in Switzerland or abroad.

But preventing one-off leaks, which can have much a bigger scope than before, is becoming a conundrum.

Banks are "big consumers of Information Technology" and have to "square the circle" to counter the threat, Gregoire Ribordy, director of network security firm IDQuantique told AFP.—Internet

Astronauts install space station observation deck

CAPE CANAVERAL, 15 Feb—Two NASA astronauts were readying to undertake a second spacewalk Saturday to complete work on a seven-windowed observation dome aboard the *International Space Station*.

Crew members from the shuttle *Endeavour* and space station entered the newly set-up Tranquility node and cupola late Friday, but the dome's window shutters remained closed, denying astronauts the first spectacular panoramic views of Earth from the orbiting outpost.

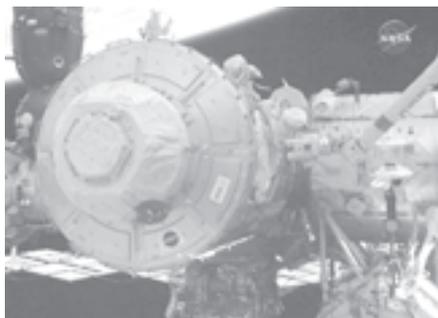
US astronaut Bob Behnken and his British-born partner Nicholas Patrick will at 9:10 pm (0200 GMT Sunday) be-

gin their second space walk of the *Endeavour* mission, hooking up exterior fluid lines for the massive Tranquility node.

NASA said the cupola's shutters would be opened Tuesday, giving station occupants not only an out-of-this world room with a view, but also vital access for monitoring space walks and docking operations. On their first outing, the pair used a large mechanical arm to hoist into place the 2,600-cubic-foot (74-cubic-meter) addition to the space station, built for NASA by the European group Thales Alenia Space in their Turin factory.

The US space agency said astronauts that entered

the newly attached module on Friday had to initially wear goggles and masks to protect against floating debris left over from its installation.—Internet



This NASA TV video grab from 12 February shows two NASA astronauts during a mission to install a seven-windowed observation dome aboard the *International Space Station*. Two NASA astronauts were readying to undertake a second spacewalk to complete work on the observation dome.—INTERNET

Members of the *Ceu na Terra (Sky in the Earth)* carnival street band perform during the first day of Rio de Janeiro's famous carnival, on 13 Feb, 2010.—INTERNET



Dutch tourist shooting mars start of Rio Carnival

RIO DE JANEIRO, 15 Feb—A 37-year-old Dutch tourist was in hospital in Rio de Janeiro after being shot twice by a mugger who attacked him and his wife after the city's famed Carnival festivities got under way, police told AFP.

"This is the worst crime we have had against a foreign tourist this year and we are worried about it," the head of the special tourist police unit handling the assault, Gilbert Stivanello, said on Saturday.

The Dutchman, identified as Alexander Kors Johannes Vervoort, was shot in the stomach and arm during the assault late Friday. He remained in intensive care, though was conscious.

The crime occurred as Vervoort and his wife, Ella Vervoort Ferwerda, were walking alone to the summit of a hill where Rio's landmark giant Christ the Redeemer statue is located. The popular tourist spot attracts 1.8 million visitors a year.

The wife, also 37, was beaten about the head with a pistol but was not badly hurt. The single mugger, described as a very young and small man, ran from the scene, leaving behind the camera, wallet, backpack and handgun he had been trying to steal.—Internet

Invitation To Sealed Tender

Sealed Tenders are invited to transport Kalaywa Coal from Kalaywa Coal Mines to Nay Pyi Taw Cement Factory Project (Taungphila).

Tender forms and documents are available at the Industrial Raw Material Planning Department, Myanmar Ceramic Industries, Ministry of Industry (1), Office No. 41, Nay Pyi Taw, during office hours. Tender will be accepted on the Closing Date of (26.2.2010) and only from Bidder who purchased Tender document officially. (For further details, contact telephone number 067- 408361)

Myanma Ceramic Industries

Gunmen seize four in S Philippines

COTABATO, 15 Feb — Gunmen separately seized at least four people, including a businessman in the restive southern Philippines over the weekend, officials said on Monday. In the southern province of Sulu where Al-Qaeda affiliated Abu Sayyaf militants are active, a former village chieftain and a driver of a town councillor were abducted by armed men on Sunday in the village of Musa, town of Maimbung, regional military com-

mander Major Gen Benjamin Dolorfino said.

The victims, Uloh Son and the driver Pando Mudjasan, were in the hands of militants identified as Junior Abunaki and brother Antonio.

Dolorfino said there is an ongoing operation to recover the victims. Meanwhile in Lanao del Norte Province, police said a businessman and son of a former village officials were also kidnapped.

Xinhua

Haiti airport to reopen for big carriers on Friday

PORT-AU-PRINCE, 15 Feb—Haiti's international airport, a key economic lifeline for the poorest country in the Americas, will reopen to major commercial airlines on Friday for the first time since a massive earthquake destroyed its control tower, a US military official said.

American Airlines will begin flying to Port-au-Prince on 19 February, with Air Canada and Air

France to follow shortly after, Brigadier General Darryl Burke, Vice Commander of Air Forces Southern, said in an interview over the weekend.

The airport was turned over almost entirely to disaster relief and military flights after the 12 January earthquake, which destroyed hun-

dreds of buildings in the capital, Port-au-Prince, and killed 212,000 people.

The quake caused serious damage to the airport's terminal. Crews have repaired airport lighting and the part of the terminal that the airlines will use, Burke said.

Internet

Taleban release video of two French hostages

KABUL, 15 Feb — The Taleban have released a video of two French journalists kidnapped in Afghanistan in December. The video was posted on a Web site and the link was provided by Taleban spokesman Zabiullah Mujahid. On it the two journalists plead for their release.

The pair disappeared on 30 Dec along with two or three Afghan employees while travelling in Kapisa province northeast of Kabul. French soldiers in the region are fighting the Taleban and other insurgents as part of NATO's mission in Afghanistan.

Last month, French President Nicolas Sarkozy confirmed the two were alive and healthy. He said France is doing everything possible to secure their release.

Internet



Arctic Ocean off the coast of Greenland. Greenland's continent-sized icesheet is being significantly eroded by winds and currents that drive warmer water into fjords, where it carves out the base of coastal glaciers, according to studies released on Sunday.— INTERNET

Fleming, Flowers hurt in motorcade crash

VANCOUVER, 15 Feb— US Olympic champions Peggy Fleming and VONETTA FLOWERS were injured on Sunday when a van in Vice President Joe Biden's motorcade crashed, a Biden spokesman said. The injuries were described as minor. The motorcade was en route an Olympic event in Vancouver, British Columbia, when the collision occurred, Biden spokesman Jay Carney said in a statement.

"Earlier this afternoon, a van in the Vice Presi-

dent's motorcade carrying members of the official US Olympic Games Delegation was involved in a minor accident while travelling to an event," Carney said. "Two members of the delegation, Peggy Fleming and VONETTA FLOWERS, received minor injuries and were taken to a local hospital as a precaution."

Carney said Fleming, 61, and Flowers, 36, have left the hospital. No one else in the Biden party was injured he said. Fleming — a member of

the World Figure Skating Hall of Fame, the US Figure Skating Hall of Fame and the US Olympic Hall of Fame—was US national champion from 1964-68 and world champion from 1966-68. She won an Olympic gold medal in 1968 at Grenoble, France. Flowers won an Olympic gold medal at Salt Lake City in 2002 as a member of the US bobsled team. She is the first person of African descent to win a Winter Games gold medal.

Internet

Two killed in crash after Valentine's Day robbery in LA

LOS ANGELES, 15 Feb— Two men were killed in a crash on Sunday after robbing a street-corner Valentine's Day flower stand, Los Angeles police said. Police chased the two men who sped off after the robbery early in the morning, Los Angeles police Lt Samuel Rhone of the Newton Station said. The

suspected robbers died when their getaway car crashed near the Civic Centre, he said.

It started when two men stole gift baskets and cash from a street vendor selling Valentine's Day gifts, Rhone said. The suspects then circled the block in a Nissan car multiple times, prompted a

chase by police who were alerted by the victim. It ended a few blocks away, when the suspects crashed into a parked vehicle and were thrown from the car, Rhone said. Both were pronounced dead at the scene, he added. The suspects were not immediately identified.

Xinhua

Death toll in Yemeni helicopter crash rises to 13

SANAA, 15 Feb — The death toll in a helicopter crash in Yemen's northern province of Saada rose to 13, the state-run Saba news agency reported on Sunday. "The helicopter went down on Sunday at Kahlan region in Saada province immediately after it took off," the agency quoted a source of the Defence Ministry as saying.

The source added: "The

crash was because of a technical problem. "The source said the chopper hit a military vehicle when it touched the ground, leaving 13 soldiers dead, including the chopper's four crew

members. "The helicopter was heading to the capital city of Sanaa to transfer seven injured soldiers to hospitals there for receiving treatment," said the source. — *Xinhua*

A wobbegong shark glides over the ocean floor in Sydney. A suspected attack by a feared great white shark in the city has been exposed as a bite from a docile wobbegong, a species that usually shuns humans, experts have said.—INTERNET



Yemen rebels may free Saudi soldiers in days

SANAA, 15 Feb—Yemeni Shi'ite rebels are expected to hand over five captive Saudi soldiers within a week, a Saudi-owned newspaper reported on Sunday, following a 48-hour ultimatum set by Riyadh.

Yemen promised on Sunday to extend state control into rebel areas, including the border with Saudi Arabia, and said some violations of a

cease-fire newly agreed with Abdul Malik al-Houthi, the northern rebels' leader, should be expected.

Saudi Arabia has demanded that the rebels, who are in conflict with both Riyadh and Sanaa, should hand over the five missing soldiers. It says this would prove they are serious about ending the fight with Riyadh which has raged

since insurgents seized some Saudi territory in November.

"We have enough time to deal with this issue (the release of the Saudi soldiers) as the deadline set by the authorities ... is 72 hours," Ahmed al-Salami, a parliamentarian who is a member of a committee overseeing the truce, told Reuters.

Internet



Children play as a storm approaches a beach in the Netherlands in 2007. The UN climate change panel admitted Sunday to having imprecisely stated in a key report that 55 percent of The Netherlands is under sea level, saying that is only the area at risk of flooding.— INTERNET

Somali pirates get 15-year sentences for hijacking, kidnapping

DJIBOUTI, 15 Feb—A court in Somalia handed out 15-year prison sentences to 11 pirates yesterday, the presiding judge said. Prosecutors at the court in Berbera, in the breakaway northern state of Somaliland, brought a number of charges against the men, including piracy and attempted armed kidnapping.

They showed the court photos obtained from NATO naval forces showing the pirates when they were arrested last December. The trial, which lasted a week, was finally concluded today after the evidence brought

before the court showed that the 11 were involved in piracy and hijacking. The court finally announced its verdict - a jail term of 15 years each," Osman Ibrahim Dahir, the presiding judge, said.

The pirates were detained after they attacked an international naval force ship, mistaking it for a commercial ship off the Somali coast. The international forces disarmed and released them, but they were arrested again a few days later by Somaliland coastguards who spotted them in a coastal village near Djibouti. "Some of the pirates confessed their crimes while others were

still reluctant to confess, but they were sentenced and sent to jail," said Jamal Abdikarin, a security officer in Berbera.

Internet

Australian court sentences five men in terror plot

SYDNEY, 15 Feb—An Australian court on Monday sentenced five men to prison terms of 23 to 28 years after convicting them of preparing for ter-

ror attacks on unspecified targets by stockpiling explosive chemicals and firearms. Justice Anthony Whealy of the New South Wales Supreme Court said he had little hope that the men, aged 25 to 44, could be rehabilitated, saying they were motivated by "intolerant, inflexible religious conviction" and had shown contempt for the

Australian government, its leaders and laws.

The men were found guilty last October on charges linked to preparing for a terrorist act between July 2004 and November 2005. The men — Australian-born or naturalized citizens with immigrant backgrounds — had all pleaded not guilty to the charges.— Internet



Computer Engineer Barbie is shown, on 12 Feb, 2010 at the New York Toy Fair. Mattel introduced the 126th career doll for the iconic toy. Computer Engineer Barbie features a binary code patterned T-shirt and all of the latest gadgets including a smart phone, Bluetooth headset and laptop travel bag.— INTERNET

At least seven dead in Chicago-area fire

CICERO, 15 Feb— Seven people, including a 3-day-old baby, were killed in a house fire in Cicero, Ill, on Sunday, authorities said. The other six victims ranged in age from 3 to 20, the *Chicago Sun-Times* reported. The fire broke out around 6:30 am on Sunday in a multifamily dwelling that may have housed as many as 25 people, authorities said.

Cicero town spokesman Ray Hanania said the fire burned in at least three buildings. Hanania said there was "no evidence to suggest arson" but the cause of the fire had not been determined last Sunday. "We're looking into why this fire took place and what may have resulted in such a tragic loss of so many people in one building," he said.— Internet



Afghan civilians, who have fled from Marjha, sit on the back of a pick-up truck as they arrive in Lashkar Gah, in Helmand Province, southern Afghanistan, on 13 Feb, 2010.— INTERNET

Two Kenyan soldiers killed at border with Sudan

NAIROBI, 15 Feb—Two Kenyan soldiers were shot dead and six seriously injured in an ambush by unknown gunmen at the Kenya-Sudan border on Sunday. Kenya's Military Spokesman Bogita Ongeru confirmed the incident, saying the Kenyan team was on routine patrol early on Sunday when they were ambushed. Six others were airlifted to Nairobi with serious injuries sustained during the attack.

"We are yet to know the attackers, but the soldiers were killed as they patrolled the border. Six are being airlifted to Nairobi," Ongeru was quoted as saying by to the *Standard* newspaper on Monday. He said the two died on the spot when the gunmen opened fire at their vehicle. Ongeru said the victims were part of a patrol team deployed at the common border to ensure safety of Kenyans in the area.

However, the military spokesman could not confirm that the attackers, some in military fatigues, also took away all the guns belonging to the eight casualties. Witnesses said the attackers made away with the officers' uniforms, but Ongeru said he was yet to get such a brief. The border has been in contention over a number of issues including the location of immigration offices.— Xinhua

SPORTS



Jussi Jaaskelainen (left) is Bolton's hero as the Finnish goalkeeper saved Tom Huddlestone's second half penalty to force a 1-1 draw against Tottenham in the FA Cup fifth round.— INTERNET

Tottenham in a spot of bother after more penalty woe

BOLTON, 15 Feb—Tottenham first-team coach Joe Jordan admits his players will have to start practicing their spot kicks more often after another miss consigned them to an FA Cup fifth round replay with Bolton.

When Bolton goalkeeper Jussi Jaaskelainen saved Tom Huddlestone's second half penalty to secure a 1-1 draw at the Reebok Stadium on Sunday, it was the fourth penalty out of six this season that had been missed by Spurs.

England forward Jermain Defoe was relieved of the duties after taking his total of misses to six from 10 attempts in the 2-2 FA Cup fourth round draw with Leeds last month. The only Tottenham player to have converted a penalty this season is Robbie Keane, who scored in the 5-0 win over Burnley and the 4-0 victory over Peterborough but has now joined Celtic on loan until the end of the season.

Internet

Schalke beat Cologne to remain in title hunt

BERLIN, 15 Feb—Third-placed Schalke maintained their title push with a 2-0 win over Cologne on Sunday to put them three points behind leaders Bayer Leverkusen and Bayern Munich.

Joel Matip set Schalke on the right road in first-half injury-time, with Jefferson Farfan ensuring the victory in the 81st minute. In Sunday's late kick-off, Eintracht Frankfurt defeated SC Freiburg 2-1 with Halil Altintop scoring the decisive goal in the first minute of time added on.

Internet

Wobbly Bordeaux rediscover winning feeling

PARIS, 15 Feb—French champions Bordeaux returned to winning ways on Sunday night with a nervy 3-1 victory at home to Saint Etienne that re-established their three-point lead at the top of the table. The chasing pack had closed the gap on Saturday following wins for Montpellier, Lille, Lyon and Marseille, while Bordeaux went down 4-2 at Rennes in their last league outing and lost to Monaco in the French Cup in mid-week.

They got back on track against fifth-bottom Saint Etienne though, but only after Les Verts substitute Gonzalo Bergessio missed a second-half penalty that could have earned his struggling side a share of the points.— Internet



Bordeaux' forward Marouane Chamakh (R) fights for the ball with Saint-Etienne's defender Mouhamadou Dabo (L) during their French L1 football match, at the Chaban Delmas stadium in Bordeaux, western France.— INTERNET

China coach says team needs work despite E Asia win

BEIJING, 15 Feb—The new head of China's scandal-plagued football association praised the national team's East Asian championship win, but said the squad still had a long way to go to regain world-class status. China on Sunday reclaimed the East Asia title it last won in 2005, finishing the round-robin event with two wins over Hong Kong and South Korea, and a scoreless draw with Japan. Wei Di, who was named to head the Chinese Football Association (CFA) after his predecessor was detained on corruption allegations, said while the performance was a good one, the players and their coach have more work to do.

"The East Asia Cup is not as important a competition as the World Cup or the World Cup qualifier ... so that means Gao Hongbo and his team have not been truly tested," Wei was quoted as saying by the *Beijing Youth Daily* on Monday.— Internet



Members of the Chinese football team celebrate their victory during the award ceremony of the East Asian football championship at National Stadium in Tokyo, on 14 February.—INTERNET

Atletico stun Barca to blow title race open

MADRID, 15 Feb— Atletico Madrid blew the Spanish championship race wide open by defeating previously unbeaten leaders Barcelona 2-1 in an enthralling game here on Sunday. Barca's lead over title rivals Real Madrid was reduced to two points after Pep Guardiola's defensively depleted side crashed to defeat in the Spanish capital.

Missing the injured Eric Abidal, Dani Alves, Dmytro Chygrynskiy and Yaya Toure, along with Rafa Marquez and Gerard

Pique suspended, Barca struggled from the start while Seydou Keita soon limped off to add to their problems. Diego Forlan coolly put Atletico ahead from an excellent Jose Antonio Reyes pass that sliced the defence wide open before Sergio Aguero missed an excellent chance to add to the lead.— Internet

Fulham into quarter-finals after killing off County

LONDON, 15 Feb— Fulham romped into the FA Cup quarter-finals with an emphatic 4-0 win over League Two team Notts County on Sunday. Roy Hodgson's side raced into a two-goal lead before half-time at Craven Cottage thanks to strikes from Simon Davies and Bobby Zamora. Damien Duff and Stefano Okaka added further goals in the closing stages of the fifth round tie to keep Fulham on course for a first FA Cup final appearance since 1975 when they lost to West Ham.— Internet

Verdasco rallies to beat Roddick for San Jose title

SAN JOSE, 15 Feb— Second-seeded Spaniard Fernando Verdasco rallied to topple top-seeded Andy Roddick 3-6, 6-4, 6-4 to win the ATP Tour SAP Open. Verdasco, who claimed his fourth career title, had lost 15 straight matches against top-10 players before breaking through against world number seven Roddick. He became the first Span-



Spaniard Fernando Verdasco

iard to win a title in the San Francisco Bay Area since Manuel Santana did it in 1964 in nearby Berkeley.— Internet

Dustin Johnson survives to win at Pebble Beach

PEBBLE BEACH, 15 Feb—Dustin Johnson stood on the 18th tee as powerful waves crashed along the sea wall along the left side of the famous 18th hole at Pebble Beach. Then he turned to face what he considers the toughest drive on the golf course. "It's such a gorgeous hole," Johnson said. "If you miss it a little left, it's not so pretty." What followed was a tee shot as majestic as the scenery around him.

Johnson's drive was long and pure, setting up a simple birdie from the greenside bunker Sunday. It gave him a one-shot victory over David Duval and J.B. Holmes, making him the first player in 20 years to win back-to-back in the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am. Johnson closed with a 2-over 74, the highest final round by a Pebble Beach champion since Johnny Miller (74) in 1994. The 25-year-old Johnson is the first player since Tiger Woods to go straight from college and win in each of his first three years on the PGA Tour.— Internet



Jim Furyk putts on the seventh hole during the final round of the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am golf tournament at Pebble Beach Golf Links in Pebble Beach, Calif, on 14 Feb, 2010.— INTERNET

Napoli slow Inter title charge as Juve bounce back

ROME, 15 Feb—Napoli held leaders Inter Milan to a 0-0 draw in a pulsating encounter in Naples to give the champions' title rivals a boost on Sunday. Earlier in the day Italian veteran Alessandro Del Piero scored a controversial late spot-kick to give out-of-form Serie A giants Juventus a much-needed 3-2 victory over Genoa.

Napoli had the best of Sunday night's game at the San Paolo stadium, hitting the woodwork twice to Inter's once, but the champions held on to extend their lead over Roma to seven points, although AC Milan could cut that to six if they win their game in hand. Inter coach Jose Mourinho admitted Napoli deserved something from the game but said his side should have had a penalty when a Maicon cross hit Salvatore Aronica's arm in the box in the first half.— Internet

Mobile phone subscriptions to reach five bln in 2010

GENEVA, 15 Feb— The number of mobile phone subscriptions worldwide were expected to reach 5 billion this year, compared with 4.6 billion in 2009, the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) said on Monday.

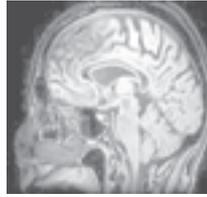
Mobile broadband subscriptions, which topped 600 million in 2009, are projected to exceed 1 billion around the

world in 2010.

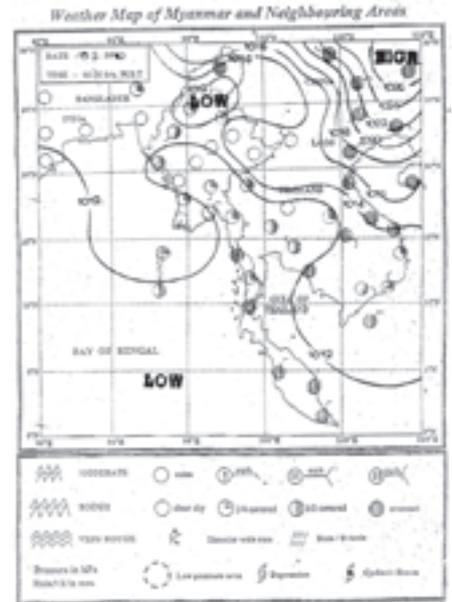
The ITU attributed the subscriptions increase to advanced services and handsets in developed countries, and expanded mobile health services and mobile banking in developing countries.

The Geneva-based ITU was founded in 1865 and has 191 member states.

Xinhua



FTD can result in obvious shrinkage of the front of the brain.—INTERNET



WEATHER

Monday, 15th February, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, light rain has been isolated in Kachin State, weather has been partly cloudy in Chin State, upper Sagaing, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below February average temperatures in upper Sagaing and Bago Divisions, (3°C) to (4°C) above February average temperatures in Kachin, Chin, Rakhine and Kayah States, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions and about February average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Loilem (2°C) and Namhsan (4°C).

Maximum temperature on 14-2-2010 was 99°F. Minimum temperature on 15-2-2010 was 68°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 15-2-2010 was 76%. Total sun shine hours on 14-2-2010 was (9.5) hours approx.

Rainfall on 15-2-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from West at (23:00) hours MST on 14-2-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 16th February 2010: Light rain are likely to be isolated in Kachin and Rakhine State, Taninthayi Division and weather will be generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Seas will be slight in Myanmar waters. **Outlook for subsequent two days:** Generally fair in the whole country.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 16-2-2010: Fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 16-2-2010: Fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 16-2-2010: Fair weather.

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (16-2-2010) (Tuesday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am~10:00am)MST
Europe	- (19:30pm~21:30pm)MST
North America	- (23:30pm~07:30am)MST
Oversea Transmission-	(13-2-10 11:30 am ~ 14-2-10 11:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * King Alaung Mintaya's Palace Site
- * News
- * Taking an Oath for Life
- * Record Album "It's Love If Your Heart Beats"
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- * Culture Stage "Harmonious Movements of Tip and Toe"
- * News
- * Valuable Lacquerware Arts
- * Meditation Centres throughout Myanmar
- * News
- * Welcome to Ngwe Hsaung Beach Resort
- * News
- * Traditional Dances of National Races (Rakhine) "Beautiful Rakhine State"
- * Melodious Flute Tunes of the Villages

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm



Tuesday, 16 February
View on today

7:00 am

- 1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

- 2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

- 3. Morning News

7:40 am

- 4. အောင်တော်မူ (စောမင်းနောင်စိုင်းညိုမင်း၊ တေးရေး-ဇိုလ်ကလေး တင်အောင်)

7:50 am

- 5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am

- 6. ပြင်ဦးလွင် ဝန်းမြို့တော်ဆီသို့"

8:10 am

- 7. အတိုးမြှင့်ပွဲ

8:25 am

- 8. Songs Of Yester Years

8:40 am

- 9. International News

8:45 am

- 10. "တက္ကစီမံတာသင်လိုရာ"

8:55 am

- 11. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:00 pm

- 1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

- 2. Dance of National Races

4:15 pm

- 3. အရေးပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:20 pm

- 4. The Mirror Image of

the Musical Oldies

4:30 pm

- 5. ၂၀၁၀ခုနှစ်၊ တက္ကသိုလ်ဝင် စာမေးပွဲဘာသာရပ်ဆိုင်ရာ သင်ခန်းစာ (သင်္ချာဘာသာရပ်)

4:45 pm

- 6. Song for Uphold National Spirit

4:55 pm

- 7. Musical Programme

5:10 pm

- 8. "ရှင်သန်ခြင်း"

5:30 pm

- 9. သဘာဝပတ်ဝန်းကျင်နှင့် ကြွယ်ကြွယ်အိတ်

5:45 pm

- 10. ရင်မှာခွဲထင် တေးအလှူသံပွဲ

6:00 pm

- 11. Evening News

6:10 pm

- 12. Weather Report

6:15 pm

- 13. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ

6:30 pm

- 14. ဆိုလိုက်ကြွပွဲ

7:00 pm

- 15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အဆိပ်သင့်တဲ့အချစ်" (အပိုင်း-၃၅)

8:00 pm

- 16. News
- 17. အမျိုးသားအထိမ်းအမှတ်ဥယျာဉ် (နေပြည်တော်)
- 18. အမျိုးသားအထိမ်းအမှတ်ဥယျာဉ် (စစ်ကိုင်းတိုင်း)
- 19. International News
- 20. Weather Report
- 21. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဆွေလွမ်းသောချစ်နှင်းဆီ" (အပိုင်း- ၂၆)
- 20. "ရုပ်ရှင်ပဟေဠိ"

- ★ 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

Yesagyoy-Tamadan embankment to supply sufficient irrigation water

Article: *Kyaw Sein*; Photos: *Aung Than (Mingala Taungnyunt)*

Myanmar, rich in natural and water resources, is agro-based country. All types of crop can be grown if there is land and water. The Agriculture Mechanization Department is reclaiming farmlands as the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation is striving to provide irrigation water to the farmlands. Dams and reservoirs were constructed to store rain and mountain torrent water. In addition, sinking tube wells were sunk to make use of underground water and river water pumping projects were built to pursue irrigation water.

Tamadan embankment is being built in Yesagyoy Township in Pakokku District of Magway Division to store river water while the river water level rises. Myanma Alin news crew recently observed the

construction of Tamadan embankment.

There is an old Pegon embankment linking Yesagyoy and Pakokku-Monywa motorway. Its length is 7,900 feet, width 21 feet and height 10 feet. There is the only motorway providing access to Yesagyoy. The motor road is 18 feet wide on the embankment. There are two sluice gates at the embankment; 3 feet x 5 feet wide Pegon sluice gate No (1) and 4 feet x 5 feet wide three-door Pegon sluice gate No (2).

While the water level of Chindwin River rises, the river water is supplied to the farmlands through the canals. However, farmers faced difficulties of lacking irrigation water every year when the water level of Chindwin River falls.

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A villager passing through thriving sunflower plantation beside Tamadan embankment.



The Ediacaran Doushantuo Formation and overlying Dengying Formation crop out in the background above the Yangtze River near Yichang city and the Three Gorges Dam, Hubei Province, China.—INTERNET

New picture of ancient ocean chemistry argues for chemically layered water

SCIENCE DAILY, 15 Feb —A research team led by biogeochemists at the University of California, Riverside has developed a detailed and dynamic three-dimensional model of Earth's early ocean chemistry that can significantly advance our understanding of how early animal life evolved on the planet.

Working on rock samples from the Doushantuo Formation of South China, one of the oldest fossil beds and long viewed by paleontologists to be a window to early animal evolution, the research team is the first to show that Earth's early ocean chemistry during a large portion of the Ediacaran Period (635-551 million years ago) was far more complex than previously imagined.—Internet