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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

## Offering of Mya bowl, Shwekyar robes and consecration of Uppatasanti Pagoda held for second time

### Secretary-1 donates Mya bowl, Shwekyar robes to Uppatasanti Pagoda

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Feb—The second offering ceremony of Mya bowl and Shwekyar robes and the consecration ceremony of Uppatasanti Pagoda built on Uppatasanti Hill in Nay Pyi Taw was held at the cave of the pagoda this morning.

Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo offered the Mya bowl with meals, fruits, flowers, water and Shwekyar robes to the pagoda.

Also present on the occasion were State Ovadacariya Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Maha Withutayama Zaygon Monastery Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru

Bhaddanta Kavisara and member of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Ngwetaung Tawya Pariyatti Monastery Presiding Nayaka Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Paññasiri and members of the Sangha, Lt-Gen Ko Ko and Lt-Gen Khin Zaw of the Ministry of Defence, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, ministers, the attorney-general, deputy ministers, senior military officers, members of the Leading Committee, Work Committee and Subcommittees for Construction of the pagoda, departmental heads, and local people.

Altogether 36

members of the Sangha led by Sayadaw Bhaddanta Paññasiri consecrated the pagoda.

The Secretary-1 and party offered Shwekyar robes, Mya bowl with meals, fruits, flowers and water to four Jade Buddha Images in the cave and Maha Hsutaungpyae Buddha Image at the Gandakuti Building of the northeast corner of the pagoda.

The Secretary-1 and party also donated meals to members of the Sangha at the Dhammayon and presented offertories.

After the ceremony, the Secretary-1 and party viewed the works of stone sculpture in the cave.

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*Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and party offer Shwekyar robes to four Jade Buddha Images at Uppatasanti Pagoda.*

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*Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and party offer meals, fruits, flowers and water to four Jade Buddha Images at Uppatasanti Pagoda.—MNA*



## PERSPECTIVES

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## A future eco-tourism destination

The topography of northern Myanmar had denied easy transport in the area, thus leaving it far from the nation's main transport routes in the past. And this had made northern Myanmar, especially its northernmost parts less developed.

But now, a large number of motor roads and railroads have been built with bridges large and small spanning natural watercourses to form transport networks all across the Union. Infrastructures for development have been built in townships from Myitkyina to Bhamo, Putao, Nagmon and Machanbaw townships in the northern regions.

The government has already built a railway linking Mandalay in the central via Tagaung to Bhamo in the north. It put into service the Katha-Moetagyi railroad that will reach Bhamo in its final stage. In addition, Katha-Sinkhan road is under construction and Myitkyina and Bhamo are now linked with an all-weather road. Smooth transport contributes to economic development.

Absence of peace and stability made Putao a less developed township in the past. Nowadays, peace and stability has brought multi-sectorial development to the area.

The good news is that the township has excellent potentials for eco-tourism as it is blessed with rich biodiversity, pristine forests and picturesque scenes aided with better transport. What we should do is to develop accommodations, services and required infrastructure for the convenience of tourists coming to the area from around the world.

What is more, tourism development will contribute to enhancing trade and prosperity of the township. Hence, we can say that Putao stands witness to the fact that peace and stability brings all-round progress and that progress will help the township become the largest urban area of the northernmost Myanmar, with eco-tourism as its major revenue earner.

## b' coz for both gender

YANGON, 27 Feb—b' coz fashion centre was opened at No. 124, Maha Bandoola Park Street, Kyauktada Township here this morning.



Secretary of MWJA Dr Tin Tun Oo, Director Dr Khin Moe Moe of Swe Sone Media Group and garment entrepreneurs U Zaw Naing Moe and Daw Zar Mon Ei open new fashion centre.—MNA

## People's Desire

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

## Measures of secure and smooth transportation discussed

YANGON, 27 Feb—Supervisory Committee for Smooth and Secure Transportation of Yangon Division held work coordination at Yangon Command yesterday, with an address by Committee Chairman Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Win Myint.

Personnel of universities and colleges, personnel of departments, and chairmen of bus lines, reported on matters related to bus ferries of universities of colleges, traffic rules enforcement and road safety measures.

The commander attended to the requirements and made concluding remarks.—MNA

9<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Myanmar Lighting Manufacturing Co Ltd (Superlamp) held

Ceremony to mark 9<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Myanmar Lighting Manufacturing Co Ltd (Superlamp) in progress. MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Feb—The 9<sup>th</sup> anniversary show of Myanmar Lighting Manufacturing Co Ltd (Superlamp) and launching of LED lamp, produced by EU THAR factory in Kyaukse Industrial Zone of Mandalay, were held at Sedona Hotel in Mandalay on 20 February.

Deputy Managing Director Col Win Kyi (Retd) of UMEHL and Chairman and CEO U Sein Wan of Myanmar Lighting Manufacturing Co Ltd made greeting speeches.

Factory Manager Lt-Col Thein Win (Retd) explained LED technology produced by EU THAR factory, U Win Tin of Capital Power, Transformer technology and U Khant Zaw, electronic materials of Myanmar Lighting Manufacturing Co, Ltd

(Superlamp).

Those present viewed LED-related electronic materials, transformers, LED solarlamps and superlamp brand fluorescent lamps.

Those wishing to know more information about the products may contact Head office No. 189/191, Mahabadoola Street, Botahtaung Township here. (The products will be distributed at No. 160, Pyay Road, 9<sup>th</sup> mile, Mayangon Township here (ph-01-660150, 665561 and 665119). In Yangon, Superlamp brand fluorescent lamps are available at No. 68/69, Hlahteingyi road, Shwepyitha Industrial Zone No.3 (ph-01-618211, 618232, 618077, 704492 and 724838) and at No.10/B, 32<sup>nd</sup> road, 65x66 road, Chanayethazan Township in Mandalay (ph-02-22877 and 91004224). The products are also available in state and division.

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## Tajikistan secures third in AFC Challenge Cup

YANGON, 27 Feb—Organized by AFC, the third place match of AFC Challenge Cup 2010 football tournament took place at Colombo, Sri Lanka at 4.30 pm M.S.T today.

Tajikistan won over Myanmar 1-nil.

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## Very strong earthquake reported

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Feb—A very strong earthquake of magnitude 8.5 Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (Chile) about 11000 miles south-east of Kaba Aye seismological observatory was recorded at 13 hr 24 min 21 sec MST today, according to the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.

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People walk among the rubble in the downtown area of Port-au-Prince, on 26 Feb, 2010. Last month a magnitude 7.0 earthquake struck Haiti.

INTERNET

## Snow storm closes New York schools, snarls transport

NEW YORK, 27 Feb — A major snowstorm pounded the northeastern United States on Friday, knocking out power in hundreds of thousands of homes and forcing all New York schools to close.

Up to 20 inches (50 centimeters) of snow were forecast to fall on New York by Saturday and snowplows worked through the night to keep major avenues clear.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg ordered a rare closure of all public schools, handing 1.1 million students an unex-

pected long weekend. Columbia and other city universities also closed for the day.

Airlines posted major delays and cancelled hundreds of flights at Newark Airport in New Jersey and JFK Airport in New York.

Power was lost in homes throughout the region, with energy company Con Edison reporting 36,500 outages in suburban New York and about 700 in the city itself.

In New Hampshire, Governor John Lynch de-

clared a state of emergency after the storm knocked out power to more than 330,000 customers.

"High winds and heavy rains have downed trees and power lines across our state, and it is important that the state has all its resources available to manage this situation," Lynch said.

Thousands more homes were without power in Vermont, the government there said.

Internet



People trudge through the snow in Bryant Park during a snowstorm in midtown Manhattan in New York.—INTERNET

## Three crew members die in cruise liner accident

AL-ARISH, 27 Feb — A luxury cruise liner carrying nearly 1,500 passengers slammed into the pier as it docked on Friday at an Egyptian Red Sea resort in fierce winds, leaving three crew members dead, officials said.

The ship's owner, Costa Crociera, said the vessel sprung a leak on the right side after banging into the dock at about 4:45 am.

"We sadly have to confirm the deaths of 3 crew members," the company said in a statement. "The ship is now safely docked in port."

Other passengers were being put up in hotels and arrangements were being made to return them to their home countries, according to the company.

Witnesses said fierce winds had rocked the area overnight and the ship was slammed part way onto the pier. Bad weather was believed to be the cause of the collision, which left a 2 metre (yard) hole in the body of the ship, according to an Egyptian security official.—Internet



A Costa Europa cruise liner lists after it collided with the dock in Sharm el-Sheik resort, Egypt, on 26 Feb, 2010.—INTERNET

## Russia concerned over US missile shield plan

Moscow, 27 Feb — Russia remains concerned over US plan to deploy elements of a missile defence system in Europe, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said on Friday.

"We still have serious questions regarding the true purpose of the US missile defence system. Therefore we will continue to oppose all dubious and unilateral moves in relation to the missile defence that could have a negative impact on international security," spokesman Andrei Nesterenko said at a Press briefing. Nesterenko said Russia was "again witnessing a hasty deployment of missile defence system in Europe when the fragile architecture of European security actually becomes hostage to imaginary missile threats that are defined unilaterally."

Asked about Romania's recent state-

ment that it wants to host US missile interceptors, Nesterenko said Moscow was concerned that it learned about the core decisions not directly from Washington or Bucharest but from media reports.

"Such practices do not conform to our idea about equitable partnership in missile defence," the spokesman said.

The former Bush administration had planned to station a radar system in the Czech Republic and 10 missile interceptors in Poland as part of its missile shield to protect its European allies from missile threats from so-called "rogue states."

In September, US President Barack Obama scrapped the Bush-era programme, which Moscow strongly opposed, while initiating a "phased, adaptive approach" to the plan in Eastern Europe.—Xinhua

## Troops detain two Taliban commanders in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 27 Feb — Afghan forces during a raid against Taliban militants in Nawa District of the southern Helmand Province captured seven militants including two commanders, spokesman for provincial administration Daud Ahmadi said on Saturday.

"Our national troops backed by the NATO-led forces raided Taliban hideout in Nawa District on Friday night and arrested seven rebels including two local commanders Mullah Assadullah and Mullah Abdullah," Ahmadi told Xinhua.—Xinhua

## Motorcycle bomb targeting Afghan minister, wounds two

KABUL, 27 Feb — A bomb planted in a motorcycle targeting Afghan Minister for Water and Power Mohammad Ismael Khan injured two civilians on Friday in the country's western Herat Province.

Local police said that militants in the town of Torghondi bordering Turkmenistan detonated the bomb prematurely before the convoy of the minister reached the spot.

Two suspects were captured at the scene, said the police adding that the investigations are under way.

The minister, who used to fight Taliban, was traveling from neighbouring country of Turkmenistan, the police added.—Xinhua

## Two killed, 22 injured in northern Iraq blasts

BAGHDAD, 27 Feb — Two Iraqi civilians were killed and 22 injured in two attacks targeting Iraqi army in Mosul, capital of Nineveh Province in northern Iraq on Friday, police said.

"An explosive device in a barrel of waste on a highway in southern Mosul went off near an Iraqi army patrol on Friday afternoon, killing two civilians and wounding two soldiers and eight civilians, the city police said.

Separately a car bomb exploded near an Iraqi army patrol in Mosul, wounding 12 people, including four soldiers.—Xinhua

## ADB maps out new strategy for inclusive economic growth in Asia

MANILA, 27 Feb—Making Asia's sprawling urban areas more sustainable, competitive and environmentally friendly is the focus of an Asian Development Bank (ADB)-organized conference that begins in Manila on Friday.

The conference will look at a new approach for urban development by supporting small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to flourish around industry clusters, and the

vital role played by SMEs for sustainable growth and poverty reduction.

Asia's cities have fueled the region's unprecedented economic boom over the past few decades, expanding to form increasingly clustered urban regions. However, growth has come at the cost of environmental stress, overcrowding, and widening income gaps. Without change, these vast urban areas risk becoming economically un-

competitive and suffering further environmental degradation.

Given the substantial opportunities for SMEs in areas such as manufacturing, services and agriculture, it is critical for governments to come up with effective strategies and practical investment programmes to facilitate SME cluster development, said Hafeez Rahman, Director General of ADB's South Asia Department.—Xinhua



Workers build cars on the assembly line at Ford's Chicago Assembly plant in Chicago, Illinois in 2009. The US economy surged 5.9 percent in the fourth quarter, stronger than previously estimated, revised government data showed on Friday in a report signaling positive momentum entering 2010.—INTERNET



A group of elephants is pictured in Kruger Park, South Africa's most famous safari destination, Kruger National Park, gives visitors a chance to come face-to-face with Africa's big five game: lion, elephant, rhinoceros, leopard and Cape buffalo.—INTERNET

## Two banks close, total hits 22

WASHINGTON, 27 Feb—Regulators seized two banks in Nevada and Washington state on Friday, bringing the year total to 22 as small institutions continue to struggle with bad loans. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp said Rainier Pacific Bank in Tacoma, Washington was closed, and its deposits were assumed by Umpqua Bank of Roseburg, Oregon.

Carson River Community Bank in Carson City, Nevada also was closed, and its deposits were assumed by Heritage Bank of Nevada, Reno, Nevada, the FDIC said.

The agency said earlier this week that the number of "problem" US banks jumped 27 percent during

the fourth quarter of 2009 to 702, the highest level since 1993 and a sign that the industry's recovery remains uneven. The vast majority of those banks do not fail, but the size of the list indicates the number of institutions with significant weaknesses.

Rainier Pacific Bank had about \$717.8 million in total assets and \$446.2 million in total deposits as of 31 December, 2009, the FDIC said.

It said Umpqua Bank would pay the FDIC a premium of 1.04 percent to assume the failed bank's deposits. It also was buying about \$670.1 million of Rainier Pacific Bank's assets, and entered in a loss-share transaction on \$578.1 million.—Xinhua

## VW 2009 profit stalls, group expects a jumpstart this year

FRANKFURT, 27 Feb—Volkswagen, the biggest European carmaker, said on Friday that 2009 profit plunged by nearly 80 percent in the global slump but predicted that sales and operating profit would rebound this year.

VW reported a 79.8 percent drop in net profit to 960 million euros (1.3 billion dollars) on sales that fell by 7.6 percent to 105.2 billion euros.

Analysts polled by Dow Jones Newswires had forecast net profit of 986 million euros, and the news sent VW shares sharply lower in late trading on the Frankfurt stock exchange.

"Revenue and operating profit for 2010 are expected to exceed the prior-year figures" however, the company said in a statement following a supervisory board meeting.

But volatility in interest and exchange rates would continue to dog the net profit figure, it added.—Internet



Volkswagen Novo Gol and Voyage cars sit outside of a showroom in Rio de Janeiro.—INTERNET

## S Korea's investment abroad shoots up 22% in 2009

SEOUL, 27 Feb—South Korea's overseas investment surged in 2009 from a year ago on the back of a rise in its foreign exchange reserves and its overseas equity holding, the central bank said on Friday.

According to the Bank of Korea (BOK), the outstanding amount of South Korea's investment abroad posted 604.7 billion US

dollars, an increase of 109.3 billion US dollars, or 22.1 percent, from the last year. Out of the total increase, a gain of 27.2 billion US dollars came during the fourth quarter, the BOK added.

This was attributable to a sharp increase in foreign exchange reserve assets as well as a rise in the appraised value of South

Korea's overseas investment, the BOK said.

On the other hand, the outstanding amount of foreign investment in South Korea rose to 752.8 billion US dollars, up 144.3 billion US dollars from the end of 2008, according to the central bank. The increase came as there was a shift to large-scale net inflows in foreign portfolio investment, while the appraised value of foreign portfolio investment increased significantly in response to brisk conditions in the local stock and currency markets.—Xinhua

## Japan's JFE, Nippon Steel agree to cooperate

TOKYO, 27 Feb—Japan's two largest steelmakers, Nippon Steel Corp and JFE Holdings Inc, announced on Friday they have agreed to work together and supply each other with products such as steel slabs if there are sudden changes in market demand. The agreement marks the first time that the two steelmakers have cooperated.

Last month, in a precursor to the agreement, Nippon Steel supplied slabs to JFE to help it cope with demand in the aftermath of a fire at one of its factories in Chiba Prefecture. In turn, JFE will supply semi-finished steel to Nippon Steel in March.—Xinhua



## Eco-Everest to clean garbage from world's highest peak

KATHMANDU, 27 Feb—Eco-Everest Expedition will launch a campaign to clean Mt Everest (Qomolangma) from Nepali side, local media reported on Saturday.

According to eKantipur.com report,

Dawa Steven Sherpa, chair of the organization, said they will collect the garbage piled from the Everest base camp to the peak with the investment of 150,000 US dollars.

Sherpa said everyone including expeditors can

collect the garbage up to the second base camp while a team of 10 Sherpas will collect the garbage from 6,000 meters above. He said they will give 100 Nepali rupees (some 1.35 US dollars) to per kg of garbage collected from the Everest.

Eco-Everest Expedition had collected the garbage from the Everest in 2008 and 2009 by expending 4.3 million rupees (some 58, 100 dollars).

Xinhua

## Australia searches for new wildlife species

BEIJING, 27 Feb — Australia's government has launched a new survey to find out more about the country's unique wildlife. The programme will see scientists camping out in the bush in the hope of rediscovering forgotten species, and finding new ones. Peter Garrett, Australia's Environment Minister, launched the nation's new "Bush Blitz" programme.

The star of the show was a rarely-seen species of lizard—the Swain's Leaf Tail gecko.

This gecko was one of the first finds in the New England National Park in northern New South Wales.—Xinhua

*Suspected pirate vessels harass a ship escorted by the Chinese naval fleet in the Gulf of Aden, on 25 Feb, 2010.—XINHUA*



## All Items from Xinhua News Agency

### Child killed in fire at displaced camp in N Yemen

SANAA, 27 Feb—At least one child was killed and a young man was injured on Friday when a camp for displaced people who fled their war-torn province of Saada in northern Yemen caught on fire, the Interior Ministry said. The Ministry said in

a report posted on its website that the accident was occurred unintentionally inside a refugee camp in the district of Baqim, one of the border districts of Saada Province, where residents have been affected by the northern houthi rebel war

that raged on and off since 2004.

The report cited the security department of the camp as saying that the fire was caused by a short circuit, noting that the fire had been put out with the help of the residents of the camp.—Xinhua

## Asia should step up efforts to engage Africa

SINGAPORE, 27 Feb—Former United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan on Friday night urged Asia to step up efforts to engage Africa to gain a win-win outcome. In a public lecture at the National University of Singapore on links between Asia and Africa, and how the two could learn from each other and strengthen their partnerships, Annan said that Asia should step up efforts to engage Africa.

Asia has been reaping benefits from its relationship with Africa, including greater market access, for years, he said, adding that it now has a responsibility to help Africa along the path of development it has itself trodden so well.

Annan said that Asia will be helping itself as well if it does more to engage Africa and partner the continent in its development. This is because a prosperous and successful Africa will provide trade opportunities and a louder voice of support for common goals shared by the world, he said.—Xinhua



*Helicopters prepare to carry out rescue work in Yining of Kazak Autonomous Prefecture of Ili, northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, on 26 Feb, 2010. Two helicopters were sent at 10:30 am Friday morning to rescue the hundreds of people who were trapped by two deadly avalanches in Ili. However, due to the dense fog which made the visibility lower than 100 metres, the two helicopters had to fly back one hour later.—XINHUA*

## 8.8-magnitude earthquake hits central Chile

SANTIAGO CHILE, 27 Feb—A massive 8.8-magnitude earthquake struck Chile early Saturday, killing at least 122 people, collapsing buildings and setting off a tsunami.

Chilean TV showed devastating images from the country's second city of Concepcion of collapsed homes, a large building completely engulfed in flames and injured people lying in the

streets or on stretchers. It said the earthquake destroyed many roads, making it impossible for vehicles to get through, and there was no electricity or water.

Tsunami warnings were issued over a wide area, including South America, Hawaii, Australia and New Zealand, Japan, the Philippines, Russia and many Pacific islands.—Xinhua



*Residents walk by debris after 8.8-magnitude earthquake struck central Chile early Saturday in Santiago de Chile early Saturday 27 Feb, 2010. The quake hit 200 miles (325 kilometres) southwest of the capital, Santiago, and the epicentre was just 70 miles (115 kilometres) from Concepcion, Chile's second-largest city. XINHUA*

## Magnitude 6.9 earthquake rocks Okinawa islands in southern Japan

TOKYO, 27 Feb—An earthquake measuring 6.9 magnitude on the Richter scale on Saturday rocked Okinawa Prefecture and its vicinity in southern Japan, said the Japan Meteorological Agency.

The focus of the quake, which occurred at 5:31 am local time (2031 GMT Friday), was located some 10 km under the sea 50 km east off Naha, capital of Okinawa, said the agency. Two people, both female and aged 74 and 66, were reportedly slightly injured in the earthquake, local government reported.

The agency issued a warning of up to 2-metre high tsunami seismic waves for coastal regions of the main Okinawa island soon after the quake, but soon downgraded it to an advisory at about 6:30 am, and later lifted it at around 7 am.

Small waves of up to around 10 centimetres reached Nanjo city on the island and Minamidaito village just before 6 am, the agency said.—Xinhua

## Magnitude 7.2 earthquake jolts Ryukyu Islands

BEIJING, 27 Feb—A 7.2-magnitude earthquake struck Ryukyu Islands in the Pacific Ocean on Saturday morning, according to the China Earthquake Administration (CEA).

The earthquake occurred at 4:31 am (Beijing Time) near the Ryukyu Islands off Japan. The epicentre was 25.9 degrees north latitude and 128.6 degrees east longitude, with a depth of 33 kilometres, said the CEA.—Xinhua

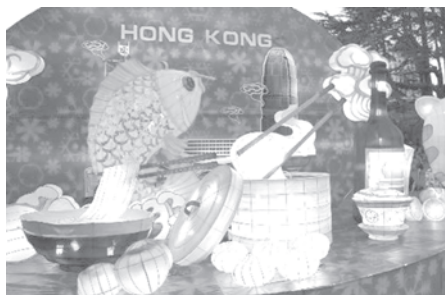


Photo taken on 26 Feb, 2010 shows a group of lanterns during a Lantern Festival celebrations in Auckland, New Zealand.

XINHUA

## Somali pirates releases Singapore-flagged chemical tanker

NAIROBI, 27 Feb—Somali pirates have freed a Singaporean-flagged chemical tanker after receiving unknown amount of ransom, a regional maritime official confirmed on Friday.

Andrew Mwangura, the East Africa Coordinator of Seafarers Assistance Programme (SAP) said the pirates freed the MV Pramoni early on Friday and the vessel is sailing away from the

Somali coast.

"The vessel which was seized on 1 Jan with 24 crew members from China, India, Nigeria and Vietnam was released early today after its owners paid ransom," Mwangura told *Xinhua* by telephone from Mombasa, east Kenya.

He said the MV Pramoni had 17 Indonesians, five Chinese, one Nigerian and one Vietnamese. The owners of the Sin-

gapore-flagged chemical tanker, MV Pramoni, on Thursday reportedly dropped off a ransom for the release of the vessel.

The vessel, which was en route to India, was captured by pirates in the Gulf of Aden on 1 Jan and is anchored off the Somali pirate stronghold of Eyl.

Hundreds of other people remain hostage aboard hijacked ships in the Gulf of Aden and its surrounding seas.—*Xinhua*

## Canada raises flight fees to cover tighter security costs

OTTAWA, 27 Feb—Canada will charge air travelers extra fees to cover the costs of tightening security, Transport Minister John Baird announced on Thursday.

Baird said the government will put up 1.5 billion Canadian dollars over the next five years to hire more security staff and

upgrade equipment, such as body scanners, explosives detection and passenger observation, in Canada's 89 airports. In addition, security will be improved in other airport operations such as the screening of airport staff, he said.

"I understand that new charges are not welcome, but they are necessary to keep travellers safe," Baird said. To cover the costs,

fees for travelers will rise by 2.50 Canadian dollars for a one-way flight in Canada, by 4.37 Canadian dollars for transborder flights and by 8.91 Canadian dollars for international flights. "The cost should be borne by those who use these services, not all taxpayers," Baird said, adding that the new security charge is a user fee, not a tax.—*Xinhua*

## One killed, two wounded in Indian submarine fire

MUMBAI, 27 Feb—An Indian Navy's sailor was killed and two others were wounded in a submarine fire broken out in an eastern port base of India on Friday, police said.

The fire occurred at a naval dockyard in the eastern Indian port of Visakhapatnam, claiming a 24-year-old sailor's life and making two others suffered from burn injuries, said the local police.

This was the first fatal accident that caused casualties in the Indian Navy's submarine fleet since the beginning of this year. The local police said it was still not clear how the fire occurred.

There are about 16 conventional submarines in the Indian Navy.

*Xinhua*

## Chevron production feared to drop by 62% in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 27 Feb—Chevron Pacific Indonesia, one of the main oil producer in Indonesia, said that its oil production may drop by 62 percent should the government impose a new environmental law, a media reported here on Saturday.

The firm has set a target to produce 400,000 barrels of oil per day (bopd) this year.

"Chevron production will decline to 152,000 bopd, far lower than our target," Chevron general manager support Bambang Pratesa was quoted by the *Jakarta Post* as saying.

The manager said that currently Chevron was trying to adjust its technology to the environmental law, which he said would take time.—*Xinhua*



Models show the chess made of chocolate during the "A-Z Chocolate Art Exhibition" in Hong Kong, south China. Dozens of art works made of chocolate are displayed at the exhibition that inaugurated on Thursday.

## Mexico recovers 2 stolen 18th century paintings

Mexican authorities have found two 18th century paintings stolen from a church two years ago.

The National Anthropology Institute says the paintings — "The Adoration of the Three Kings" and "The Birth of the Virgin" — were found in an art gallery in Tlaquepaque, a town near the city of Guadalajara. They were on sale for \$35,000.

The paintings were stolen on 5 Sept, 2008, from the Santa Matilde church in Pachuca, the capital of central Hidalgo state.

## Dying planet being torn apart by sun

A planet 800 light years from Earth has been squashed into a football shape by the gravity exerted by its sun, scientists in California said.

The planet WASP-12b is being torn apart by the gravitational pull, scientists at

the University of California, Santa Cruz, wrote in a recent edition of *Nature*.

The process is giving scientists a look at the last stages of a dying planet, astronomer Jonathan Fortney said.

WASP-12b, which has about 10 million years left before it dies, is 75 times closer to its sun than Earth is to our sun.



Photo taken on 25 Jan, 2010 shows an elaborately-wrought bird's nest made of used winebottle, hanging on the twigs, inside the Jiangbing Park in Mudanjiang City, northeast China's Heilongjiang Province.

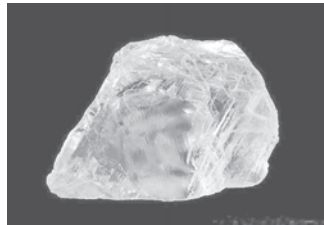
## Woman in Roman tomb was of African descent

A woman buried in the British city of York 16 centuries ago with signs of great wealth in her tomb was of African descent, scientists said on Friday.

A research team examined skeletons excavated in 1901, using modern techniques, *The Guardian* reported. In an article published in *Antiquity* magazine, researchers said at least one-fifth of the bodies appeared to be immigrants or the descendants of immigrants who had come to York from far-flung parts of the Roman Empire.

"We're looking at a population mix which is much closer to contemporary Britain than previous historians had suspected," Hella Eckhardt, an archaeologist from Reading University, said. "In the case of York, the Roman population may have had more diverse origins than the city has now."

York, then known as Eboracum, was one of the most important cities in Roman Britain and became the capital of Britannia Inferior under the Emperor Severus.



Chow Tai Fook Jewellery Co, a Hong Kong jeweller, paid a record price for an uncut diamond when it bought the egg-sized "Cullinan Heritage" which was unearthed in South Africa last year for 35.3 million US dollars.

## NEWS ALBUM



## Russia, US may clinch new arms deal in March or April

Moscow, 27 Feb—A new nuclear arms reduction treaty between Russia and the United States could be signed in March or April, a Kremlin aide said on Friday.

"The work is continuing. We still consider

March or April as the most realistic timeframe for the signing of the treaty," Sergei Prikhodko, Russian President Dmitry Medvedev's top foreign policy aide, was quoted as saying by Russian news agencies.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said on Wednesday that a new arms treaty could be hammered out in the near future if both countries faithfully adhere to agreements reached by their presidents.

Russia and the United States began last year talks on a replacement for the 1991 Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START-1) that expired on 5 December, but they failed to reach a deal before the end of 2009.

An outline of the new pact, agreed to by Medvedev and US President Barack Obama last July, includes cutting the number of nuclear warheads each country has to between 1,500 and 1,675.

Xinhua

## More bodies found in Indonesia's landslide

JAKARTA, 27 Feb—Rescuers have found 26 dead bodies after the landslide in West Java of Indonesia on Tuesday morning, and kept digging to find 19 others presumed to be buried under the rubble, spokesman of National Disaster Management Agency Priyadi Kardono said on Saturday.

Rescuers had used heavy machinery equipments to remove huge amount of soil hitting the houses in Penjolaya village of district of Ciwidey of West Java, the spokesman said.

"Searching for the missing persons under the rubble is still underway now," he told Xinhua over phone.

The landslide on Tuesday morning buried 35 houses, according to West Java Disaster Management Agency.—Xinhua



A folk artisan plays "Nigugu", a mud toy that gives rough musical scale, during a temple fair in Junxian County, central China's Henan Province, on 26 Feb, 2010.—XINHUA

## Ten die in Al-Qaeda-linked attack in Philippines

ZAMBOANGA, 27 Feb—Al Qaeda-linked militants attacked a town in the southern Philippines on Saturday, killing 10 people, military and police spokesmen said.

Members of the Abu Sayyaf extremist group and other gunmen raided the town of Maluso on the island of Basilan before

dawn, killing a government militiaman and nine civilians, said Lieutenant Steffani Cacho. Soldiers were sent to secure the area but the attackers fled after burning several houses including the village chairman's, said Cacho.

The attack, led by Abu Sayyaf commander Puruji Indama, was motivated by

a personal grudge with the village chairman, said Basilan police chief Senior Superintendent Antonio Mendoza.

The attack came hours after two men kidnapped by the same Abu Sayyaf band in Maluso over three months ago walked free.

Indama kidnapped factory workers Michael Tan, Oscar Lu and Mark Singson on 10 November. Singson's severed head was recovered in early December but Tan and Lu were picked up by police late Friday.—Internet

## Mexican army detonates small bomb found with note

OAXACA, 27 Feb—Police in the southern Mexico state of Oaxaca have found a small bomb left in a vacant lot with a note mentioning a possible explosion at a local school.

State police say army specialists conducted a

controlled detonation of the device, with no injuries. A note mentioning a high school was with the bomb and contained the phrase "one hour, boom." Authorities searched the school on Friday but found nothing.

An anonymous phone call led police to the bomb. The army says it apparently contained nitroglycerine connected to a cell phone.

Incidents of violence involving schools in Mexico are rare.—Internet

## S Korea, Mexico agree to speed up FTA negotiations

SEOUL, 27 Feb—South Korea and Mexico have agreed to speed up their negotiations for a free trade agreement (FTA) while strengthening their bilateral ties, the South Korean Foreign Ministry said on Friday. The two countries reached agree-

ment at a meeting between South Korean Foreign Minister Yu Myung-hwan and his Mexican counterpart Patricia Espinosa in Mexico City on Wednesday to seek a resumption of FTA talks in the near future, the ministry said.

"Minister Yu requested

Mexico's support for resuming the negotiations for a South Korea-Mexico FTA, which have been stalled since June 2008, and Minister Espinosa responded by recognizing the need to sign an FTA between the two countries, as he agreed to hold more meetings between the two countries at all levels," the ministry said in a Press release.

Minister Yu said at the meeting that an FTA deal between the two countries would lead to a significant increase in the number of jobs in Mexico as the deal would substantially expand South Korean companies' investments to the country, according to the ministry.—Xinhua



The photo taken on 25 Jan, 2010, shows a Porsche sports car assembly line at the Volkswagen's plant in Hannover, north of Germany. Volkswagen, the biggest European carmaker, said on Friday that its 2009 profit plunged by nearly 80 percent in the global slump but predicted that sales and operating profit would rebound this year.—XINHUA

## Fourteenth negotiation talks of Sino-Australian FTA held in Canberra

CANBERRA, 27 Feb—The fourteenth negotiation talks of Sino-Australian Free Trade Agreement was held from 24 to 26 Feb here.

During the three-day talks, China and Australia discussed and exchanged opinions in areas like food product imports, trades of services, investment and others. Both agree to arrange another new rounds of talks soon.

Australian Trade Minister Simon Crean said negotiations had stalled but both countries were now keen to deepen their interdependency. "That's why the talks are back on track," he said, adding that Australia is determined to try and see them through.

The first negotiation talks commenced in Sydney, and the last talk was on December, 2008. Australian exports to China are mainly iron ore, coal and wool, whereas Australia buys garments, telecommunication facilities and computers from China.—Xinhua

## Suicide car bomber kills four in NW Pakistan

PARACHINAR, 27 Feb—A suicide car bomber killed three policemen and a child on Saturday in an attack on a police station in a northwestern Pakistani town, police said.

Al Qaeda-linked Pakistani militants have carried out numerous attacks on members of the security forces over the past couple of years, and they stepped up strikes after the army launched an offensive on their main bastion in October.

The blast in the town of Karak, 200 km (125 miles) southwest of Islamabad, came as police were on the alert for attacks on religious processions.

"The blast destroyed part of police station and a nearby mosque," police official Gul Sadi Khan told Reuters, adding three policemen had been killed. "Thirteen people have been wounded and we fear more people are trapped under the debris."

Internet



Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and party receive nine precepts.—MNA



Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and party offer dawn meal to Sayadaws.—MNA



Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo offers alms to a Sayadaw.—MNA

## Offering of...

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Next, they visited the Uppatasanti Pagoda the Archive and the Pitakat House. Afterwards, they enjoyed the documentary video on construction of Uppatasanti Pagoda and famous pagodas in the country. They also visited the Religious Affairs Library.

The Museum, Archive and Pitakat House display the religious affairs library, documentary booth on construction of Uppatasanti Pagoda, Buddhological Museum, the booth of famous pagoda-



das in the country, altar room, sacred relics and Buddhaimages, the small scale of the pagoda and the booth on religious edifices in the pre-

dict of the pagoda. The Buddhist religious literature, palm-leaves, folded papers and Kammava in Pali, Myanmar and English ver-

sions are put on display at the library. The Archive shows the equipment and materials used in construction of the pagoda.—MNA

Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo views artworks in Uppatasanti Pagoda Museum, Archive and Pitakat House.—MNA

## Orientation for GPs

YANGON, 27 Feb—The CME of Myanmar Medical Association will organize a Public Health, Family Medicine and Research Course for general practitioners on every weekend from 12 noon to 3 p.m. starting

from 20 March up to 13 June.

Pharmaceutical companies who will give helping hands in organizing the course are invited to meet at the Hall (A) of the association at 1 p.m. on 4 March. Doctors

who want to join the course are to enlist together with three passport sized photos at the association from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. not later than 17 March.—MNA

## Writing method course No. 1/2010 concludes

YANGON, 27 Feb—The conclusion of basic writing method course No. 1/2010 which is organized by Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association was held at

MWJA, here, this morning. Vice-Chairman (1) U Tin Kha (Tekkatho Tin Kha) of MWJA made a speech on the occasion. U Tin Hlaing (Ledwintha Saw

Chit) explained holding the course.

Chairman of MWJA U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung) and responsible persons presented completion certificates to the trainees. A total of 47 trainees attended the four-week course.—MNA

## Take Fire Preventive Measures



## Fullmoon Day observed with meritorious deeds at pagodas, in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Feb— Today is the fullmoon day of Taboung which is auspicious for every Buddhist. In successive years, the Buddhists observed Sand Pagoda Festival in dedication to the Lord Buddha. Buddha Pujaniya festivals were held at pagodas and stupas in Myanmar including those of Nay Pyi Taw.

This morning, the second offering ceremony of Mya bowl and Shwekyar robes to Uppatasanti Pagoda took place on Uppatasanti Hill of Nay Pyi Taw in conjunction with the consecration ceremony. In the evening, a total of 9,000 oil lamps were offered to the pagoda. Religious associations from regiments and units and townships of Nay Pyi Taw District recited religious verses. Moreover, the pagoda was packed with pilgrimages and devotees who donated flowers and water to the pagoda.

Likewise, local people and devotees visited Datusaya (Datpaungsu) Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw Bawga-theikdi Ward,

Phayakoesu, Lawka-marazein, Koe-khangyi and Hlaykhwintaung pagodas in Nay Pyi Taw Pynmana and performed meritorious deeds.

Similarly, the famous pagodas in Yangon were crowded with devotees and pilgrims. Some people practiced meditation at the religious edifices in Yangon.

This morning, the 2598th Buddha Pujaniya of Shwedagon Pagoda was held at Chanthagyi Prayer

Hall on the platform of the pagoda. Under the supervision of the Pagoda Board of Trustees of Shwedagon Pagoda, wellwishers donated rice to members of the Sangha in the afternoon.

Medicines were presented to pilgrims at Botahtaung Kyaikdeup Pagoda today.

In the evening, religious associations offered flowers, joss sticks and oil lamps to the pagoda.

MNA



Shwedagon Pagoda crowded with pilgrims on fullmoon day of Taboung.—MNA

**Sri Lankan Deputy Custodian Mr Mohan Tamabokke and party pay homage to Sayadaws at merit sharing ceremony of 2598th Buddha Pujaniya Taboung Festival at Shwedagon Pagoda.—MNA**



## Sri Lankan delegation takes part in 2598th Buddha Pujaniya Taboung Festival

YANGON, 27 Feb— Member of board of trustees of Tooth Relic edi-

fice of Sri Lanka Deputy Custodian, Mr Mohan Tamabokke and party

together with Sri Lankan Ambassador Mr Newton Gunaratna and wife partook in 2598th Buddha Pujaniya Taboung Festival organized by board of trustees of Shwedagon Pagoda and offered alms and rice to members of Sangha yesterday evening.

The visiting delegation also attended the 2598th ceremony to share merits held at Chanthagyi Prayer Hall of Shwedagon Pagoda this morning.

MNA



Uppatasanti Pagoda lighted with 9000 oil lamps on fullmoon day of Taboung.

MNA

## MANA meets donors

YANGON, 27 Feb—A meeting between Myanmar Anti-Narcotics Association (Central) and wellwishers took place at the association on Kyundaw Street in Kamayut Township here on 25 February.

Chairman of the association U San Thein and officials explained progress of the association and imple-

mentation of the plans.

Those present discussed holding of a manuscript contest on narcotic drugs to introduce the association to the people.

On behalf of U Hla Tun-Hospice (Cancer) Foundation family, Brig-Gen Abel (Retd) donated K 500,000 to the chairman of the MANA.—MNA

## Myanmar Nurses and Midwifery Association to hold AGM 2010

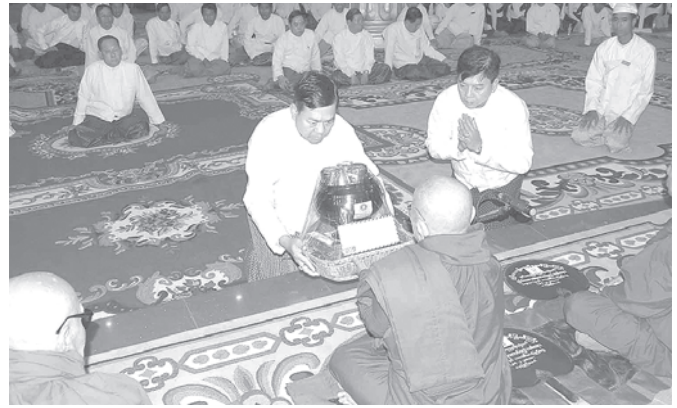
YANGON, 27 Feb—The Annual General Meeting of Myanmar Nurses and Midwifery Association will be held at the hall of Yangon University of Nursing (Central) on Bogyoke Aung San Street on 12 and 13 March.

Members of the Association (Central) and two nurses, one midwife

and one health staff each selected from States and Divisions are to contact the association (central) on 10 and 11 March. For further information, dial 01-388631 of the association (central) of Yangon, 095093765 of the chairperson and 095094573 of the joint-secretary.—MNA



**Lt-Gen Khin Zaw of Ministry of Defence presents offertories to a Sayadaw.**(News on page 1)—MNA



**Lt-Gen Ko Ko of Ministry of Defence offers alms to a Sayadaw.**  
(News on page 1)—MNA

## Myanmar, Laos firmly join hands

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Feb—A Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint arrived back here by air today after attending the 9th Meeting of Myanmar-Lao Border Authorities at Central Level held in Vientiane, Lao PDR from 22 to 26 February at the invitation of Mr Bounkeut Sangsomsak, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint and Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Bounkeut Sangsomsak of Lao PDR co-chaired the 9th meeting held at Lao Plaza Hotel on 23 February.

Both sides discussed matters relating to bilateral cooperation, cooperation between the two border authorities, implementation of border pass and checkpoints, navigation on the Mekong River, border trade, cooperation on drug control and boundary inspection and repairing and restoration of boundary reference markers.

Before the 9th



**Deputy Minister U Maung Myint holds 9th Meeting of Myanmar-Lao Border Authorities with Laotian Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Bounkeut Sangsomsak.**—MOFA

meeting, high ranking officials' was also held in the morning and afternoon.

After the meeting, the co-chairs signed the agreed minutes of the 9th meeting of Myanmar-Lao Border Authorities at Central Level.

Afterwards, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint attended a dinner hosted by Mr Bounkeut Sangsomsak.

On 24 February, Deputy Minister U Maung

Myint and Dr Thongloun Sisoulith, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Lao PDR discussed bilateral relations and cooperation.

Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, accompanied by the Vice-Foreign Minister of Lao PDR, visited Vangvieng District, Vientiane Province, and Nam Ngum Dam on 24 and 25 February.

On 25 February, the deputy minister visited the Myanmar Embassy in Vientiane and met with the Ambassador and staff members.

The deputy minister and party left Vientiane for Bangkok yesterday.

While in Bangkok,

the deputy minister met with Ambassador Vasin Teeravechyan, Co-chair of the Myanmar-Thai Joint Boundary Committee and advisor to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand.

MNA

## Tax-free markets in Yangon run at full speed

YANGON, 27 Feb—Vice-Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa this morning went to tax-free markets in Dagon Myothit (North), Dagon Myothit (South), Thakayta and Tamway Townships where he inspected selling of vendors and cordially chat with shoppers.

He later instructed the officials to strictly follow the disciplines of tax-free market.—MNA

## Baron's equestrians win awards

YANGON, 27 Feb—Baron's Cup 2010 Equestrian Contest kicked off at the corner of Pinlon Road and Pyidaungsu Road in Dagon Myothit (North) Township this morning.

The contestants showed off their brilliant skills. Managing Director Mr Peter Ong, Deputy Managing Director Lt-Col Maung Maung Sein (Retd), President of MEF U Pyone Maung Maung and officials awarded the winners.

Managing Director Mr Peter Ong presented K 500,000 to the funds of the federation through Vice-President U Nyein Kyaw of MEF.

MNA



**MD Mr Peter Ong of Myanmar Brewery Co Ltd gives away first prize to a winner.**—MNA

## Strong earthquake hits Ryukyu Island of Japan

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Feb—A strong earthquake of magnitude (7.0) Richter scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (Ryukyu Island, Japan) about 2100 miles east-north-east of Kaba Aye seismological observatory was recorded at (03) hrs (01) min (26) sec M.S.T on 27 February 2010.—MNA





**A member of Japan Airlines directs a customer at Tokyo's Haneda Airport. The national carrier, which last month filed for bankruptcy protection and is undergoing painful state-led restructuring, is set to announce its third-quarter results for fiscal 2009.—INTERNET**

## Seven die in plane crash in Peru

LIMA, 27 Feb — A light aircraft crashed on Thursday morning and left at least seven victims dead on Nazca lines, in Ica department of Peru, local police reported. The Nasca Highway Police said that the aircraft fell down and the accident occurred. Among the victims there are three Chilean tourists, three Peruvians and the pilot.

"They are all the people aboard the aircraft, which was completely destroyed due to the strength of the fall," director of the National Institute of Culture (INC) Americo Baiocchi said. According to the police, the aircraft belonged to the company Nazca Airlines and the accident occurred in El Mirador, 424 kilometer of the South Pan American highway, which was reported at 11:00 am local time.

Xinhua

## Oil spill sparks food fears on Italian farms

ROME, 27 Feb—Sludge from an oil spill snaking along the Po River reached the province of Parma on Thursday, raising fears that the home of Italy's famed prosciutto, parmesan cheese and other agricultural staples might be at risk of water contamination.

Italian farm lobby Coldiretti insisted Italy's food chain was safe since the Po isn't being used for irrigation these days. But another group of farm owners, Confagricultura, warned that the spring planting season, particularly for water-intensive rice crops, might be at risk unless clean water is ensured. The Po River valley, which extends 27,400 square miles across several northern regions, produces a third of Italy's agricultural output and represents 40 percent of the country's GDP.

Internet

## Girl, seven, starved to death by mum and convict boyfriend

BIRMINGHAM, 27 Feb — A seven-year-old girl starved to death by her mother might still be alive if she had not been failed by social services, a British High Court judge ruled yesterday. Khyra Ishaq would "in all probability" not have died, said the judge, had welfare officers intervened and taken her away from her mother and her convict boyfriend.

Khyra suffered months of abuse at the hands of her mother, Angela Gordon, and her mother's boyfriend, Junaid Abuhamza.—Internet

## Brazil calls for cancellation of Haiti's debt

PORT AU PRINCE, 27 Feb—Visiting Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva on Thursday called all creditor countries and agencies to write off Haiti's external debt so that the Caribbean country can apply for new loans to finance the reconstruction after the 12 Jan devastating earthquake.

During the ceremony for signing several agreements with Haiti, Lula said "it is time for the world to express solidarity forgiving that debt, which amounts to about

1,300 million dollars. He told Haiti President Rene Preval that a special meeting of South American Nations Union (UNASUR) has decided to donate 100 million dollars for Haiti.

The Brazilian leader arrived in Haiti on Thursday morning for his first visit since the quake, and has flown over the capital Port-au-Prince to verify the situation in the worst affected areas of the city. "The Brazilian government will do everything that is possible, and espe-

cially in agreement with the government of Haiti," he stressed.

"We are subordinate to the orientation of the government of Haiti, to what they want us to do and how we should do it. We are not coming from Brazil and do things the way we want. This country has a government legitimately elected," he stressed. In his dialogue with Preval, the President explained, in addition to debt forgiveness, a priority to start the reconstruction process was detected.—Xinhua

*Visitors enjoy the beautiful scenery at the Shuangfeng Forestry Center, Mudanjiang City, northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, recently.*

XINHUA



## Indonesia to host world geothermal congress in April

BALI, 27 Feb — Indonesia will host the World Geothermal Congress in Nusa Dua of Indonesia's Bali Province on 25-30 April, a statement said here on Friday. The meeting would be the largest event of world's geothermal stakeholders conducted every five years by the International Geothermal Association (IGA).

With the theme "Geothermal: the Energy to Change the World", the congress will be attended by about 2,500 participants of more than 80 countries consisting of researchers, experts, industry players, organization, academicians and related parties. The event would be the fourth after the ones in Italy's Florence in 1995, Japan's Bepu (2000) and Turkey's Antalya (2005).

Xinhua

## Russia ready to resume regular flights with Georgia

MOSCOW, 27 Feb — Russia is ready to resume regular flights with Georgia, but still refuses to talk with Georgian President Mikheil Saakashvili, Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said on Thursday. Direct flights between Tbilisi and Moscow were

halted in 2006 over a spy row. The flights were restarted for a short time in 2008, but were suspended again after a five-day war in August of that same year.

A Georgian Airways charter flight arrived in Moscow in early Janu-

ary in the first direct air service between the two countries since their brief war. The direct flight signaled an easing of tensions between the two former Soviet republics.

"We are ready to establish regular air services," Lavrov said in an interview with the RIA Novosti news agency.

Xinhua



**Japanese video game giant Nintendo's portable video game consoles "DS LL" and "DSi" are seen in this file photo. Nintendo will next month launch its DSi XL hand-held game console in Europe and the United States, hoping to win over older users with its bigger screens, web access and electronic book reader.—INTERNET**

## World's oldest dog's a pub regular

LONDON, 27 Feb — A BEAGLE cross has become the oldest dog in the world after racking up an incredible 147 dog years, with her owner crediting her longevity to her weekly trip to an English pub. Lulu, who is 21 in human years, is deaf, walks with a limp and is practically blind, which means she often bumps into walls by mistake, *The Sun* reported.

But her owner Travis Buckley reckons the hustle and bustle of their trip to the local pub has helped keep her mind active and on her toes for so long. Mr Buckley, 60, has been taking Lulu to the Coach and Horses in Longford, Coventry, for her whole life - and he says she loves the attention from regulars.

Internet

## MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY HOLIDAY NOTICE

As the wharves warehouses and chellan Offices of Yangon Port will be closed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2010 (Peasant's Day) and 27<sup>th</sup> March 2010 (Tatmadaw Day) being the Public Holiday. Goods will be received shipped or delivered on payment of Holiday Fees.

### LANN PYI MARINE CO., LTD.

(Container Feeder Service)

#### ARRIVAL AND CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

Consignees of cargoes carried by M.V. DELPHINI ALPHA are hereby notified that the estimated arrival time of the vessels from Port Kelang are as follows:-

Voy -21	PKG	24-02-2010	YGN	27-02-2010
Voy -23	PKG	06-03-2010	YGN	09-03-2010
Voy -25	PKG	16-03-2010	YGN	19-03-2010
Voy -27	PKG	26-03-2010	YGN	29-03-2010

Cargoes will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the bye-law and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargoes will be surveyed daily from 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:00 Noon to 4:00 PM and Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No Claims against these vessels will be admitted after the Claims Day.

#### AGENCY DEPARTMENT

No.22,Pyay Road,7<sup>th</sup> Mile,Mayangone Township,Yangon.  
Phone No./Fax: 650746/663340

## CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

### MV GATI MAJESTIC VOY NO ( )

Consignees of cargo carried on MV GATI MAJESTIC VOY NO ( ) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 28.2.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

#### SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY

AGENT FOR: M/S GATI COAST TO COAST

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

## China reports at least 29 injured in Yunnan quake

BEIJING, 27 Feb — At least 29 people were injured and hundreds of buildings damaged in an earthquake in southwestern China's Yunnan Province, reports said on Friday. Dozens of aftershocks continued to rock the area around Chuxiong prefecture where the quake struck shortly before 1 pm on Thursday.

Some registered as high as magnitude 5.0, equaling the strength of the original quake, according to the prefectural government and state media.

Among structures damaged were at least 100 schools, 72 clinics and 1,446 houses. Scores of damaged buildings were being pulled down to guard against collapse. More than 700 soldiers were dispatched to aid the rescue. Quilts, clothing and thousands of tents were rushed to the area, about 60 miles (95 kilometres) northwest of the provincial capital of Kunming. More than 3,000 people were being pro-

vided temporary shelter in tents.

In May 2008, a massive 7.9-magnitude temblor struck Sichuan Province just north of Yunnan, leaving 90,000 dead or missing and another 5 million homeless.

Meanwhile, a magnitude-5.0 quake struck southern Tibet on Friday but there were no immediate reports of damage or injuries.

The quake hit Tingri county, about 200 miles (320 kilometres) west of the regional capital Lhasa, at 12:42 pm (0442 GMT), the Tibetan earthquake monitoring centre said.—*Internet*

*Members of China International Search and Rescue (CISAR) search for supposed survivor in a rubble near a collapsed building during their simulated rescue training at the Earthquake Emergency Rescue Training Base in Beijing, on 26 Feb, 2010.—INTERNET*

## MINISTRY OF RAIL TRANSPORTATION MYANMA RAILWAYS INVITATION TO SEALED TENDER

1. Sealed Tender is invited for supply of the following in Myanmar Kyat;

Tender No	Description	Qty
12(T)15/MR(ML) 2009-2010	Roller Bearing for Locomotive Traction Motor & Generator (FAG, SKF အမျိုးအစားအဖြစ် NSK, KOYO, NTN အမျိုးအစားများကိုလည်း တင်သွင်းနိုင်သည်။)	10 Items

Closing Date/Time - 31.3.2010 (Wednesday) (12:00) Hours

2. Tender documents are available at our office starting from 1.3.2010 during office hours and for further detail please call Deputy General Manager Supply Department, Myanma Railways, Corner of Theinbyu Street and Merchant Street, Botahtaung, Yangon. Phone: 95-1-291985, 95-1-291994,

## CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

### MV RATHA BHUM VOY NO (511)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV RATHA BHUM VOY NO (511) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 28.2.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

#### SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY AGENT FOR: M/S REGIONAL CONTAINER LINES

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

## 53 rare Leopards rediscovered in Java, Indonesia

JAKARTA, 27 Feb — As many as 53 extremely endangered leopards have been found in Java's Gunung Halimun Salak National Park in Java Island, local media reported here on Saturday. "We have redis-

covered a population of leopards which were on the brink of extinction in the Gunung Endut area" in Banten Province, park director Pepen Efendi was quoted by Kompas.com as saying. The director said the park will increase its security patrols, and warned that poachers would face criminal charges.

"I think if the patrols in the park are not intensified, other endangered animals could become extinct, too.—*Internet*

## Cash-strapped California selling two dozen office buildings

LOS ANGELES, 27 Feb — Cash-strapped California on Friday officially began the implementation of a plan to sell two dozen state office buildings across the state.

Through the sales, the state hopes to raise more than two billion dollars to pay off some of its long-term debt.

The on-sale buildings, which include the Ronald Reagan State Building in downtown Los Angeles, would be purchased by investors who would in turn lease them to the state for at least 20 years, according to the plan approved by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and the Legislature last June.

Under the plan, the state would pay the new owners an estimated 12.2 million dollars a year in rent.

*Xinhua*

## India confirms nine nationals killed in Kabul attacks

NEW DELHI, 27 Feb — India has condemned the twin suicide attacks in the Afghan capital Kabul early on Friday morning in which nine Indian nationals, including Indian government officials, were killed.

"As per the preliminary information provided by Afghan Government officials, up to nine Indians, besides a few others from Afghanistan and third countries, have lost their lives," Indian External Affairs Minister SM Krishna said in a statement issued to the media.

While strongly condemning the "heinous" attacks, Krishna said the terrorists had apparently targeted Indian nationals this time again, following two previous attacks upon Indian embassies in Kabul in 2008 and 2009.

"The deceased Indians include Government officials. A few Indians have been injured, most of whom are reported to be out of danger," he said.

Krishna said some Indian nationals were living in the residential facilities targeted by the militants.

"We are shocked at the inhuman attack on innocent lives earlier this morning in Kabul. We unreservedly condemn the terrorist attack. Our mission is in close touch with the Afghan authorities to get factual details," Indian Ministry of External Affairs spokesman Vishnu Prakash said earlier.—*Internet*







Passengers are transported between two banks of a Mekong River tributary in Vietnam. Water levels in the northern part of the giant waterway are at record-low levels, posing a threat to water supply, navigation and irrigation along a stretch of water that is home to millions, a regional official said.—INTERNET

## Pre-Hispanic relics found in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 27 Feb — Mexican archeologists have found at least 500 stone and ceramic pieces of the pre-Hispanic colonial era in the Chichimeca region of San Luis Potosi and Guanajuato states in central Mexico, local Press reported on Thursday. The relics, which date from 1000 AD to 1800 AD, were found in 37 camps distributed in five areas.

Ruben Manzanilla, an archeologist with the Mexican National Institute of Anthropology and History, told reporters that the relics included tools such as scrapers, knives and pocket knives made of different kinds of rocks. They also found a rock with paintings representing a heron made with some red-colour mineral and another rock with the painting of a possible human face, he added.

"Among the pieces there are small bullets of green or gray obsidian. According to historical records, this type of arrowheads were used by nomad natives in the so-called Chichimeca War against the Spaniards in the 16th century," he said. Manzanilla also said the mortar and pounding stones found there were made by sedentary pre-Hispanic groups, which proves that the nomads traded products with the sedentary groups.

"These activities were documented in history and we were able to corroborate it in these explorations," he said. Archeologists would continue their research in these areas where they found the relics and where El Realito dam is being built, he added.—Xinhua

## Giant iceberg 'could change weather patterns'

PARISM, 27 Feb — An iceberg the size of Luxembourg knocked loose from the Antarctic continent earlier this month could disrupt the ocean currents driving weather patterns around the globe, researchers said.

While the impact would not be felt for decades or longer, a slowdown in the production of colder, dense water could result in less temperate winters in the north Atlantic, they said.

The 2550 sq km block broke off on 12 or 13 February from the Mertz Glacier Tongue, a 160km spit

of floating ice protruding into the Southern Ocean from East Antarctica due south of Melbourne, researchers said. Some 400m thick, the iceberg could fill Sydney Harbour more than 100 times over.

It could also disturb the area's exceptionally rich biodiversity, including a major colony of emperor penguins near Dumont d'Urville, site of a French scientific station, according to the scientists. "The ice tongue was almost broken already. It was hang-

## Canadian passenger train with about 120 aboard derails

OTTAWA, 27 Feb — A passenger train with about 120 people on board has derailed in Quebec province, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) reported on Thursday. Seven passengers suffered minor injuries, and at least one person was sent to a local hospital while others were treated for shock.

The VIA train went off the track at 4:45 am very close to a house at Saint-

Charles-de-Bellechasse in Quebec City's south shore region, on the south side of the St Lawrence River, VIA spokeswoman Ashley Doyle was quoted as saying. It's not yet clear what caused the accident, but one train car hit the back porch of the house, local police said. Passengers were being transported on buses to Montreal while Canada's Transportation and Safety

Board is investigating.

Established in 1977, VIA Rail Canada operates the national passenger rail service on behalf of the Government of Canada. VIA operates up to 503 trains weekly on 12,500 kilometers of track, and serves 450 communities across the country, from coast to coast and north to Hudson Bay. VIA carried close to 4.2 million customers in 2007.—Xinhua

## Mexican anti-drug plane found, three occupants dead

TIJUANA, 27 Feb — Mexican marines have found the wreckage of a small military anti-drug patrol plane reported missing earlier this week in northern Mexico.

Military officials said Friday that the aircraft's

three occupants were found dead at the scene, just south of the Baja California city of Ensenada.

The marines and army conduct joint operations in the region, and it was not immediately clear which branch the victims belonged to.

The plane was on a routine flight to detect drug planting when it went missing Tuesday.

While drug traffickers have sometimes opened fire on official aircraft, Mexico has also had difficulties in safely operating official craft.

Internet

## Marks drop as kids fail fitness test

NEW YORK, 27 Feb — Getting students to exercise more might not just address obesity issues, but also improve their grades. A US study found physically fit students scored higher in tests than their less fit peers.

Test scores dropped more than one point for each extra minute it took middle and high school students to complete a 1600m run/walk fitness test, according to Dr William J McCarthy and colleagues at the University of California in Los

Angeles.

For optimal brain function "it's good to be both aerobically fit and to have a healthy body shape", Dr McCarthy said. Dr McCarthy's team compared physical fitness and body weight measures with scores on California's standardized maths, reading, and language tests among 749 fifth-graders, 761 seventh-graders, and 479 ninth-graders who attended schools between 2002 and 2003.

About half of the stu-

dents were girls, 60 per cent were white, 26 per cent were of Hispanic ethnicity, and about 7 per cent each were African American and Asian/Pacific Islander. Almost 32 per cent of the students were overweight and about 28 per cent were obese, the researchers reported in *The Journal of Pediatrics*.—Internet

## Drug-resistant malaria 'growing' in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 27 Feb — Parasites are developing resistance to one of the most important anti-malaria drugs, according to experts.

Artimisinin has been highly effective, particularly in places where resistance to other drugs has developed.

But now some patients along Cambodia's border with Thailand are taking longer to respond to the treatment.

Experts on the disease are meeting village health workers in Cambodia's capital, Phnom Penh, to discuss ways to stop drug-resistant malaria spreading. Malaria Consortium technical director Dr Sylvia Meek says it must be eliminated before it spreads.

"There is a lot of population movement - people coming for instance from Nigeria to Asia - and it's growing and growing," she said. —Internet

Experts fear the glacier could change temperatures around the world.  
INTERNET



## SPORTS

## Dementieva reaches Malaysian Open semifinals

KUALA LUMPUR, 27 Feb—Top seed Elena Dementieva of Russia advanced to the semifinals at the Malaysian Open on Friday by breezing past Magdalena Rybarikova 6-0, 6-3. Dementieva needed only 62 minutes to crush the Slovakian in a match delayed for three hours because of seasonal tropical rain. The 28-year-old Russian will take on Sybille Bammer of Austria in the semifinals, who had a 3-6, 6-3, 6-3 win over Chang Kai-chen of Chinese Taipei.

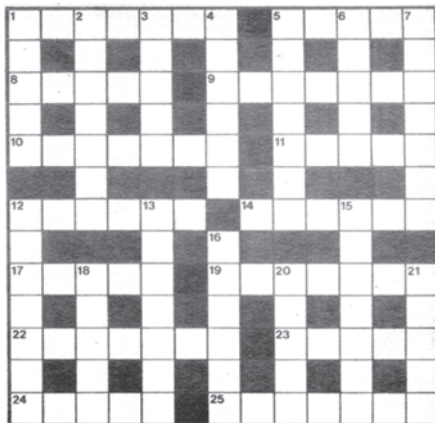
Xinhua

## Mexican flyweight world champion Torres dies at aged 66

MEXICO CITY, 27 Feb—Friends and family of Efrén Torres, held a service for the former world flyweight champion on Friday, a day after he died at aged 66, Mexican broadcasters reported. Torres, known as Alacran (the scorpion), was born in La Palma, a small town in western central Mexico state Michoacan. He died in Guadalupe, capital of neighbouring state Jalisco, and was buried close to that city's air base.

Torres was inducted into California's World Boxing Hall of Fame in 2007. During his boxing career he won 53 official fights, including 35 knock-outs, lost nine and drew one. His career lasted 11 years and his last official fight was in 1970. He competed almost all of his fights in Mexico, with a few excursions to Nicaragua, US state California. His only fight outside the Americas was in Thailand where he lost to Chartchai Chionoi in 1970, in the closing days of his career.—Xinhua

## CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



## ACROSS

- 1 West-Indies Island
- 5 Joyful
- 8 Sound
- 9 Pasta
- 10 Parliamentary session
- 11 Possessed
- 12 Cloak
- 14 Proverbial name
- 17 Devil
- 19 Entice
- 22 Cut short
- 23 Nimble
- 24 Shelf
- 25 Natural abilities

## DOWN

- 1 God of gateways
- 2 Dampen
- 3 British tribe
- 4 Claim without proof
- 5 Study of the past
- 6 Heathen
- 7 Produced
- 12 Play with songs
- 13 Descent
- 15 Applause
- 16 Artistic dancing
- 18 Weary
- 20 Overland path
- 21 Lock of hair

## Defensive crisis looms for Inter as Milan lurk

ROME, 27 Feb—Inter Milan boss Jose Mourinho will need to employ his greatest powers of tactical and motivational astuteness if his club are to maintain their four-point lead at the top of Serie A this weekend. Inter embark on a tricky trip to Udinese facing the possibility of needing to play two midfielders or youth team players at the back.

The champions have centre-backs Ivan Cordoba and Walter Samuel suspended after being dis-



Inter Milan boss Jose Mourinho

missed in last week's game with Sampdoria while Cristian Chivu, Marco Materazzi and Davide Santon are all injured, although Materazzi is a possibility. That leaves Mourinho with possibly only two defenders at his disposal in Brazilians Maicon, a right-back, and centre-back Lucio, thus facing the prospect of having to field two midfielders in his back-line.—Internet

## Djokovic, Youzhny reach Dubai final

DUBAI, 27 Feb—Serbian Novak Djokovic beat Marcos Baghdatis of Cyprus 6-7 (2), 6-3, 6-4 to reach the Dubai Championships final against Russian Mikhail Youzhny on Friday. Youzhny edged Jurgen Melzer of Austria 7-5, 7-6 (4) to make the Dubai final again. He lost to Roger Federer of Switzerland in 2007. Djokovic, who was not on his best and committing 10 double faults during the match, came from behind to win at last.—Xinhua

## Rangers aim to kill off Celtic title bid

GLASGOW, 27 Feb—Defending champions Rangers will seek to put an end to Celtic's faltering title challenge when the Glasgow rivals meet in the third Old Firm derby of the season at Ibrox on Sunday. Walter Smith's side have a seven-point lead at the top of the Scottish Premier League over the Hoops and a game in hand over their long-time adversaries.

"If we can win this game it would put a serious dent in their championship hopes," said Rangers assistant manager Ally McCoist. "We certainly wouldn't win anything at this stage but you'd have to say it would put a real dampener on things for them."—Internet

## Chinese Zhou Yang breaks world record of women's 1,000m short track speed skating

VANCOUVER, 27 Feb—Chinese Zhou Yang broke the world record of women's 1,000m short track speed skating in the semifinals at the Vancouver Olympic Winter Games here on Friday.

Zhou, 18, sliced 0.446 seconds off the previous world record of one minute and 29.495 seconds, which was set by her teammate Wang Meng in Harbin, China in 2008.

Xinhua

## PSG take on rivals Marseille in 'Le Clasico'

PARIS, 27 Feb—Eight-time French champions Marseille and under-performing giants Paris Saint-Germain meet on Sunday in what is the country's most bitter footballing rivalry. Tensions run high between the two clubs and the game has become infamous for events off the pitch in recent years.

Authorities are so worried about violent clashes between supporters that Marseille have been granted just 1,500 tickets for the game. Didier Deschamps's men go into the game after cruising through into the last 16 of the Europa League with a 6-2 aggregate victory over FC Copenhagen on Thursday. The one-time European champions even rested 14-goal top scorer Mamadou Niang ahead of Sunday's crunch match.

Internet

## Wilson ties Villegas with late run in Phoenix

SCOTTSDALE, 27 Feb—Mark Wilson charged and Camilo Villegas faltered. The result was a two-way tie for the lead at 11-under 131 halfway through the Phoenix Open. Wilson birdied the last four holes for a 5-under 66, while Villegas bogeyed No. 18 when he missed a 14-foot putt for par. The 28-year-old Colombian settled for a 69 after tying the tournament first-round record with a 9-under 62 on Thursday.

Eleven players were within two shots of the lead at TPC Scottsdale, where a crowd estimated at 101,709 attended the second round Friday under thinly overcast conditions. Anthony Kim (65), Ryan Moore (66) and Rickie Fowler (67) were 10 under.—Internet



First-round leader Camilo Villegas, of Colombia, rests his chin on the second green while lining up a putt during the second round of the Phoenix Open PGA golf tournament on 26 Feb, 2010, in Scottsdale, Ariz.—INTERNET

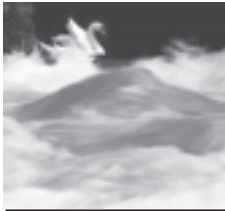
## Gatorade drops Tiger Woods sponsorship

WASHINGTON, 27 Feb—Sports drink brand Gatorade dumped troubled golf star Tiger Woods on Friday, becoming the third major corporate sponsor to abandon him since details of his adulterous affairs surfaced late last year. A representative for the drink, sold by PepsiCo Inc, confirmed late Friday that it had ended its relationship with the golfer, who made a lengthy public apology last week for his infidelities.

"We no longer see a role for Tiger in our marketing efforts and have ended our relationship," a Gatorade spokeswoman said. "Our partnership with the Tiger Woods Foundation will continue. We wish him all the best." Gatorade decided before the sex scandal that it would drop its "Tiger Focus" drink. AT&T and technology outsourcing and consulting company Accenture have already ended their sponsorships, while Gillette has distanced itself from the world-famous athlete, who is considered to be one of the best professional golfers of all time.

Woods had been largely absent from public view for the 12 weeks since he crashed his car outside his Florida home, and as the details of his multiple infidelities unraveled in a flurry of media coverage around the world. Woods, who is believed to be the world's wealthiest athlete, was estimated to have earned 100 million US dollars annually in endorsement deals before he confessed to "infidelity" and said he was taking an indefinite break from professional golf in December.—Xinhua





A swan swims at the river mouth between the River Drim and Ohrid Lake in the city of Struga on 25 February, 2010. The water level of Ohrid Lake is 20cm (7.9 inches) above the critical point, local media reported.

INTERNET

### Condolences U Tin Maung (Pindaya) Aged- (97) Years

Our heartfelt condolence to Lt.Col Shu Maung (Retd)-Daw Khin Nilar Shein on the demise of their beloved father U Tin Maung (Pindaya) who passed away on 23-2-2010.

John &amp; Juny (Patheon)

### MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (28-2-2010) (Sunday)

#### Transmissions

Local	Times
Local	- (09:00am~11:00am)MST
Europe	- (15:30pm~23:30pm)MST
North America	- (23:30pm~07:30am)MST
Oversea Transmission	- (28-2-10 11:30 am ~ 1-3-10 11:30 am) MST

#### Local Transmission

- \* Signature Tune
- \* A Visit To Kayah State
- \* Lifestyles Along The Ayeyawady (Mandalay to Pyay) (Part-1)
- \* Lifestyles Along The Ayeyawady (Mandalay to Pyay) (Part-2)
- \* The Customs and Dances of National Races "Let's march forward harmoniously"
- \* Discovering Imaw Bum Area (Part-IV)
- \* Easily Cooked Tasty Dishes (Clam Omelette)
- \* The Fruits of Myanmar
- \* Beautiful Myanma Silver Bowl
- \* Record Album
- \* Fabulous Shwe Ku Dage Daw Gyi

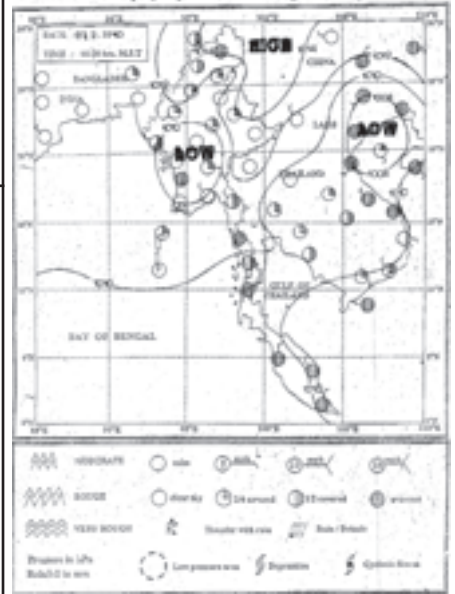
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- \* The Customs and Dances of National Races "Our Union Painting (Ayeyawady)"
- \* Discovering Imaw Bum Area (Part-IV)
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- \* Record Album
- \* Fabulous Shwe Ku Dage Daw Gyi
- \* Culture Stage
- \* Reed Handbag
- \* Music Gallery
- \* Unforgettable Trip to Ahka Village
- \* Traditional Custom of Kadu National Race
- \* Music Up...Close
- \* Ayeyawady Dolphin Expedition (Part-VI)
- \* The Exotic Land of Myanmar
- \* The Conspicuous Dhammayangyi
- \* Bead Gallery
- \* A Day in Yangon "The National Races. Village (Part-III)

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

### Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



## WEATHER

Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2010

### Summary of observations recorded at 09:30hr. M.S.T.

During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin, Shan, Rakhine and Mon States, Sagaing, Mandalay, Yangon and Taninthayi Division and generally fair in the remaining states and Divisions. Night temperatures were (3 °C) to (4 °C) below February average temperatures in Kachin and Chin States and Bago Division, (5 °C) to (6 °C) above February average temperatures in Rakhine State and Taninthayi Division and about February average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant night temperatures were Haka (2 °C) and Namhsan (5 °C).

Maximum temperature on 26-2-2010 was 98 °F. Minimum temperature on 27-2-2010 was 71 °F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 27-2-2010 was 72%. Total sun shine hours on 26-2-2010 was (9.1) hours approx. Rainfall on 27-2-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total Since 1-1-2010 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) m.p.h from Northeast at (15:30) hours MST on 26-2-2010.

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

### Forecast valid until evening of 28<sup>th</sup> February 2010:

Light rain are likely to be isolated in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division, weather will be partly cloudy in Rakhine State and upper Sagaing Division and fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Generally fair weather in the whole country.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 28-2-2010:** Fair weather.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 28-2-2010:** Fair weather.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 28-2-2010:** Fair weather.



Sunday, 28  
February  
View on today

#### 7:00 am

- မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော် ယောဆရာတော်ဟောကြားတော်မူသောပညာတသန့်ပညာတော်

#### 7:25 am

- To Be Healthy Exercise

#### 7:30 am

- Morning News

#### 7:40 am

- အောင်တော်မူ(စောမင်းနောင်) မိုင်းညိုမင်းတေးရေး-ဇိုလ်ကလေးတင့်အောင်

#### 7:50 am

- Nice & Sweet Song

#### 8:05 am

- ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ(၃၈)ဖြာ မင်္ဂလာ

#### 8:20 am

- အတုပြိုင်ပွဲ

#### 8:30 am

- Musical Programme

#### 8:40 am

- International News

#### 8:50 am

- "ညောင်မယ်ဇွဲ"

#### 11:00 am

- Martial Song

#### 11:10 am

- Musical Programme

#### 11:25 am

- Round Up Of The Week International News

#### 11:35 am

- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဟာသကမ္ဘာ"(အပိုင်း-၇၆)

#### 12:35 am

- Golf Magazine(TV)

#### 12:55 am

- မြန်မာစိန်သီလင်း "ကိုကိုဘာလို့မုန်းတာလဲ"

(လူမင်းသတ်မွန်မြင့်၊  
ခင်ခင်ခင်မြင့်)  
(ဒါရိုက်တာ-မီးပွား)

#### 2:40 am

- အတုပြိုင်ပွဲ

#### 2:45 am

- International News

#### 4:00 pm

- Martial Song

#### 4:10 pm

- အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

#### 4:20 pm

- Dance Of National Races

#### 4:30 pm

- Musical Programme

#### 4:45 pm

- အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ခုတ်ယူနှစ်(ရသစာပေအရေးအသားအထူးပြု) (ရသစာပေအရေးအသား)

#### 5:00 pm

- Songs For Uphold National Spirit

#### 5:10 pm

- "မာန်အောင်ကျွန်းပတ်လမ်းအောင်ပွဲ"

#### 5:25 pm

- Sing & Enjoy

#### 6:00 pm

- Evening News

#### 6:15 pm

- Weather Report

#### 6:20 pm

- ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် "BUGS ADVENTURES" (အပိုင်း-၂)

#### 6:40 pm

- တစ်မျက်နှာတစ်ကွက်စာ "ခိုင်းတော့သင်ခန်းစာ" (မင်းဦးခင်ဇာမြည်ကျော်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မေတင် (MMG))

#### 7:00 pm

- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "တော်ဝင်နုလုံးသား" (အပိုင်း-၁၆)

#### 8:00 pm

- News
- International News
- Weather Report
- လပတ်မိုးလေဝသနှင့်လေဗေဒခန့်မှန်းချက်
- ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် "တောကောင်ငယ်သိုင်းညိုနောင်လေးများ"(အပိုင်း-၅)
- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရွှေစာလည်" (အပိုင်း-၁၁)
- "ရုပ်သံကြယ်ပွင့်များ"

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

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

### People's Desire

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

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

## Uppatasanti Pagoda, a sacred place of enjoyable pilgrimage

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Feb—Work coordination meeting of Uppatasanti Pagoda was held at the meeting hall of the pagoda here this morning.

Chairman of the Leading Committee for Construction of Uppatas-

anti Pagoda Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo addressed the meeting which was also attended by Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, the min-

isters, the attorney-general, deputy ministers, senior military officers, departmental heads, members of the pagoda board of trustees and donors.

Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo in his address

focused on handing over the religious edifices to the PBT, ensuring satisfaction of pilgrims doing meritorious deeds, renovating the edifices to enhance splendour of the pagoda, supervising systematic usage of water and electricity and

carrying out regular sanitation tasks. He also called for cooperation among Ministry of Religious Affairs, the PBT and donors for maintenance of the edifices and greening of the pagoda and its environs.

The commander ex-

plained the rules and regulations of the PBT, assigning duties on construction of the religious edifices, handing over the completed building by the construction group to PBT office, organizing prayer groups and follow-up tasks.—MNA



Chairman of Leading Committee for Construction of Uppatasanti Pagoda Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo speaking at work coordination meeting of Uppatasanti Pagoda.—MNA