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Papers on Water Resource Development and Management read out

NAY PYI TAW, 8 March — A paper reading session on Water Resource Development and Management of Irrigation projects, organized by Irrigation Department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, took place at Irrigation Development Training Branch in Bago yesterday.

Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Hla Min spoke on the occasion.

Next, the commander, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, and party viewed booths of the irrigation department and private companies.

The paper reading session followed. A total of 30 papers were read out at the session which lasts two days from 7 March to date.

It was also attended by Deputy Minister U Ohn Myint, officials and resource persons.—MNA

Taste urban life at Myoma Market

It is not an easygoing daily life process for everyone to fulfill the will of an empty and hungry stomach which is also needed to be treated with nutritious foods. We, Myanma Alin news crew, recently paid a visit to Myoma Market, in Zabuthaikdi ward of Nay Pyi Taw Zabuthiri, which is famed for its hustle and bustle.

The significant building of the market spacious ground, with welcoming shops at all wings, firstly said hello to us.

In an interview, Head of Branch U Aung Zaw Win of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee said, "The 28.1-acre market building is comprised of four complexes each of which has 72 shops.

"The market, which has hill restaurants and highway express bus terminal, faces south. The main market is kept open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. when the night bazaar starts selling that ends at 9 p.m.

"Brokerages and shops of hawkers, where vegetables and meals are sold, are situated west of the market. Bus terminals for downtown buses and for highway expresses are located east of the market.

"We do sanitation work five times daily with the help of two vehicles that belong to Nay Pyi Taw DAC.

"Water needed for the market is supplied from NanU Lake linked with Chaungmagyi Dam from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. daily.

"Shop keepers have been instructed to use paper bags, leaves and eco-friendly bags to minimize the environmental pollution. Stickers reading "Plastic Free Zone" can be found at the walls of shops. Throwing garbage in undisciplined manner is strictly prohibited.

"Educative talks on fire preventive measures

accompanied by demonstration on use of fire extinguishers have been held by Central Fire Brigade and Township Fire Brigade at the market. Work is under way to organize auxiliary fire brigade of the market. The electricity usage is also controlled in a systematic way," he explained.

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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

Union Election Commission Law in supplement

Two supplementary pages carrying the Union Election Commission Law issued under the Law No. 1/2010 of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar is inserted in today's *The New Light of Myanmar* daily.



Night bazaar packed with shoppers.

PERSPECTIVES

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Better transport for further relations

The government is working hard to complete the network of railroads and rail-cum-road bridges covering the whole nation.

From 1988 onwards, the government has built 1381 miles of railroads, a sharp increase that brings the total length of all railroads across the nation to over 3357 miles. In the same period, the number of bridges, large and small, has risen from 5650 to 10,760, and that of stations, from 487 to 858.

The Ministry of Rail Transportation has a plan to launch Pyay (Shwedaga)-Toungoo (Kyedaw)-Nay Pyi Taw Railroad Project, Hinthada-Zalun-Danubyu-Nyaungdon Railroad Project, and Pathein (Begaret)-Einme-Nyaungdon-Yangon Railroad Project.

Pyay (Shwedaga)-Toungoo (Kyedaw)-Nay Pyi Taw Railroad Project will link Pyay (Shwedaga) and Toungoo (Kyedaw)-Nay Pyi Taw through Bago Yoma mountain range.

Hinthada-Zalun-Danubyu-Nyaungdon Railroad Project, which is designed for boosting regional development and secure transport in Ayeyawady Division, on completion, will meet Yangon-Pathein Railroad at Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon). When Kyangin-Pakokku Railroad Project is completed, such regions on the west bank of the Ayeyawady River as Pathein, Hinthada, Kyangin, Pakokku and Kalay will be directly accessible by train from other regions through present railroads.

Now, the government is implementing six railroad projects—Kyangin-Pakokku Railroad Project, Pyawbwe-Natmauk-Magway Railroad Project, Katha-Bhamo Railroad Project, Mongnai-Kengtung Railroad Project, Dawei-Myeik Railroad Project, and Minbu-An-Sittway Railroad Project to complete the national railroad network that will cover all states and divisions.

The process of building a peaceful, modern and developed nation is to continue on a self-reliant basis. Only if the people improve their qualifications and calibers, will the goal come true. Not only that, ongoing projects will go in combination as planned. By then, there will be greater improvement in relations between one region and another throughout the nation.



Retd professor U Nyan Thin (Geology Department) of Myanmar Gemmology Institute gives talks on development of Myanmar gems industries at Central Hotel in Yangon on 3 March.—NLM

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

Outstanding sport teams honoured

YANGON, 8 March—A ceremony to honour outstanding sport teams of Yangon Command in Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's Shield Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) tournaments for 2009 was held at Yangon Command yesterday, attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and

Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint.

The commander accepted shields handed over by the sport teams and presented cash awards. The commander hosted a dinner, and cordially greeted the athletes.—MNA

EP-2 Minister receives Director of Youho Electric Ind Co Ltd

NAY PYI TAW, 8 March—Minister for Electric Power No.2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint received Director Mr Yoon Sang Young of Youho Electric Ind Co Ltd from the Republic of Korea and party at the Ministry here on 5 March.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Win Myint, Managing Director U Aung Than Oo of Myanmar Electric Power Enterprise, Managing Director U Myint Aung of Electricity Supply Enterprise and officials. MNA



Minister for Electric Power No.2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint receives Director Mr Yoon Sang Young of Youho Electric Ind Co Ltd of the ROK.—MNA

Band Contest continues for fifth day

NAY PYI TAW, 8 March—The 18th Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Military Band Contest in commemoration of the 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day continued for

fifth day at No. 7 Transit Centre (Ywadaw), here, this morning.

Chairman of the Leading Committee for Organizing the Contest Vice Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe, members of the committee, and officers and other ranks enjoyed

the presentation of the military bands.

North-East Command band, band company No. 2 representing Western Command, band company No. 3 representing No. 101 LID, band representing Eastern Command, band representing No. 99 LID,

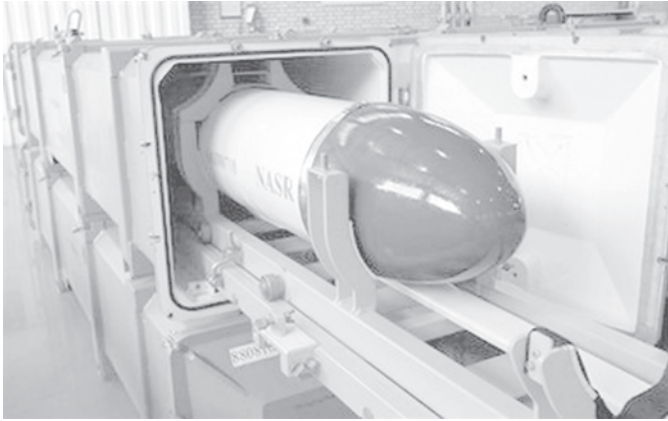
band company No. 3 representing Western Command, band company No. 2 representing North-East Command, band company No. 3 representing Triangle Region Command involved themselves in the competition.—MNA

Talks on ASEAN Integration given

NAY PYI TAW, 8 March—The Talks on ASEAN Integration: Our 3 Main Pillars, organized by Myanmar ASEAN-COCI, took place at the hall of Myanmar Radio and Television, here, on 4 March.

Chairman of Myanmar ASEAN-COCI Director-General of MRTV U Khin Maung Htay spoke on the occasion. Deputy Director-General U Tint Swe of ASEAN Affairs Department of Ministry of Foreign Affairs gave talks on ASEAN Political Security

Community, Deputy Director-General Daw Myat Myat Soe of Foreign Economic Relations Department of the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development on ASEAN Economic Community, Deputy Director Daw Mya Oo of the Ministry of Culture on the ASEAN Socio-Culture Community and Director-General U Khin Maung Htay of MRTV on facts about ASEAN and functions of Information Subcommittee, and replied to the queries raised by those present.—MNA



This photo released by the Iranian Defence Ministry, allegedly shows a Nasr-1 (Victory) missile in a factory in Teheran, Iran, on 7 March, 2010.—INTERNET

Iran begins production of cruise missiles

TEHERAN, 8 March — Iran announced on Sunday that it has started a new production line of highly accurate, short range cruise missiles, which would add a new element to the country's already imposing arsenal.

Gen. Ahmad Vahidi told Iranian State TV that the cruise missile, called Nasr 1, would be capable of destroying targets up to 3,000 tons in size.

The minister said the missile can be fired from

ground-based launchers as well as ships, but would eventually be modified to be fired from helicopters and submarines.

Western powers are already concerned about Iran's military capabilities, especially the implications of its nuclear program. The US and some of its allies, as well as the International Atomic Energy Agency, fear Iran is trying to produce nuclear weapons, a charge Iran denies.

The West is considering stiffer sanctions against Teheran to try to

force it to halt uranium enrichment, a process that has civilian uses but can be also used for nuclear arms if the uranium is enriched over 90 percent.

Iran also boasts an array of short and medium-range missiles capable of hitting targets in the region, including Israel, US military bases in the region and much of Europe.

Teheran frequently makes announcements about new advances in military technology that cannot be independently verified.

Internet

America-born al-Qaeda spokesman arrested

BEIJING, 8 March— Pakistani intelligence officers claim they have arrested an American al-Qaeda spokesman wanted in the US.

Adam Gadahn has appeared in several al-Qaeda videos, warning America will face attacks if it does not heed their demands. Two Pakistani officers say Gadahn was arrested in Karachi.

The California-born convert to Islam was the first American to be charged with treason since the World War Two era. Gadahn has been wanted by the FBI since 2004. The US government offered up to 1 million US dollars in reward money for information leading to his arrest.

Internet

Japan's Nago assembly opposes Futenma plan in unanimous vote

TOKYO, 8 March — The Nago city assembly in Japan's Okinawa Prefecture on Monday unanimously voted to support a document that voices opposition to a plan to relocate a US military facility to Camp Schwab as part of ongoing negotiations to modify an agreement signed between Washington and Tokyo in 2006, local media reported.

The US military facility was originally going to be moved to a coastal area on the outskirts of Nago, but that plan has now been shelved by the governing coalition of the Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ), Social Democratic Party (SDP) and People's New Party (PNP).

The PNP was expected to propose moving some of the troops to Camp

Schwab, and the local assembly on Monday also voted to protest this move.

The document points out that to move troops to Camp Schwab would only move problems currently faced at Futenma, which is located in an urban area, to the centre of another city.

The assembly did not voice opposition to the US military being moved to Henoko on the city's outskirts in the document however.

On Sunday, DPJ Secretary-General Ichiro Ozawa voiced his opposition to Futenma heliport facilities within the prefecture, arguing that it would be damaging for the party, because the prefectural assembly has voted against such a move.—Xinhua



Young girls in traditional Chinese clothes enjoy a moment as they tour in a forest park in Fogang county, south China's Guangdong Province, on 7 March, 2010. The women who wear the traditional Chinese clothes are granted free entrance admission on the occasion of the International Women's Day on 8 March, 2010.—XINHUA

Death toll in Turkey earthquake rises to 57

ANKARA, 8 March — The death toll from a 6.0-magnitude earthquake that shook east Turkey on Monday rose to 57, the Turkish Prime Ministry said in a statement.

Nearly 100 people were injured in the quake, which hit the eastern province of Elazig early Monday morning, the statement said.

Local NTV channel reported earlier 38 people died in the quake.

The quake struck Basyurt region of Elazig's Karakocan town at a depth of 5 km at 4:32 am local time (0232 GMT), said the Istanbul-based Kandilli Observatory and Earthquake Research Institute of Turkey's Bogazici University.

Turkey's Disaster and Emergency Situation Management Directorate was quoted by the semi-official *Anatolia* news agency as saying the magnitude of the quake was 5.8 on the Richter Scale.

Rescue and search efforts were underway at the quake-hit region, the agency said, adding that State Minister and Deputy Prime Minister Cemil Cicek and other senior officials had left the capital Ankara for Elazig. With much of its territories lying atop the North Anatolian fault, Turkey is a quake-prone country. In 1999, more than 18,000 people were killed in two devastating earthquakes in the country.—Xinhua



Rescue workers and residents remove rubble from a destroyed house in Karakocan 8 March, 2010. A strong earthquake killed 41 villagers in eastern Turkey early on Monday, local officials said, as rescuers worked to free survivors trapped under the rubble.

XINHUA

37 killed in Baghdad by bomb and rocket attack

BAGHDAD, 8 March— The death toll from bomb and rocket attacks in Baghdad on Sunday, rose to 37 and 62 others wounded, an Interior Ministry source said.

In a bomb attack early in the day, the death toll rose to 25 with 19 others wounded when a mortar round struck a residential building in Baghdad's northeastern neighbourhood of Ur, the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

"Our latest reports said that 25 were killed and 19 others were injured by the blast in Ur neighbourhood," the source said, adding that part of the building was destroyed.

Xinhua

Two foreign troops killed in southern Afghanistan

KABUL, 8 March — Two service members with the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) were killed in southern Afghanistan on Sunday.

A Press release issued by the ISAF said one of the foreign troops was killed by small-arms fire, and the other in an IED (improvised explosive device) attack.

The ISAF press release failed to identify their nationality.

The two fatalities brought the death toll of the ISAF this year to more than 50.—Xinhua



A ferry crosses the Mekong River in Phnom Penh in January 2010. Thailand will ask China for help in dealing with the record-low water levels in the Mekong River, on which more than 60 million people depend, the prime minister said on Sunday.—INTERNET

Shell, PetroChina bid \$3 billion for Arrow

PERTH, 8 March—Royal Dutch Shell (RDSA.L) and PetroChina (0857.HK) (601857.SS) made a joint bid for Australia's Arrow Energy (AOE.AX) in a deal worth at least \$3 billion, marking a Chinese firm's first foray in the country's burgeoning coal seam gas sector.

Arrow said on Monday that the non-binding, conditional bid from a company jointly owned by Shell and PetroChina would give shareholders A\$4.45 in cash per share, plus a share in a new entity comprised of Arrow's international business.

Shell confirmed it was in discussions to acquire Arrow's domestic business, but declined to say more.

The deal could come under scrutiny as Australia has had an uneasy relationship with Chinese investments after Rio Tinto (RIO.L)(RIO.AX) scrapped a \$19.5 billion deal with Chinalco last year and regulators said they preferred state-owned companies to keep their stakes in Australia's top resource firms to no more than 15 percent.

The relationship was further strained after China arrested four Rio Tinto staff last year on charges of bribery and stealing business secrets.

The bid is the latest move by major energy firms into Australia's coal seam gas sector, after energy majors such as BG Group (BG.L), ConocoPhillips (COP.N) and Petronas (PETR.UL), already poured in about A\$20 billion since 2008, looking to convert the abundant gas resource into higher-valued liquefied natural gas (LNG) for export into Asia.

Coal seam gas is natural gas trapped in seams of coal.—Internet



In this on 19 Feb, 2010, photo childrens' faces are reflected in a protective glass as they watch Bob Fortunato demonstrate how bats used to be made on hand-turning lathes at the Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory in Louisville, Ky.—INTERNET

Chilean economy to decline by 1% due to earthquake

SANTIAGO, 8 March—The 27 Feb earthquake will cause a 1-percent decline in the Chilean economy, but not a recession, the country's study centre Libertad y Desarrollo (LyD) said on Sunday.

In 2010, Chile's gross domestic product (GDP) will grow by 4 percent, not the 5 percent as forecasted before the quake,

the LyD said.

"Although it is difficult to see the possible impact of the earthquake on the economic activity of this year, a first analysis told us that there will be an impact in the first two quarters," the centre said in its report.

The LyD said that the Chilean economy will not

contract at any quarters, but the biggest pressure will emerge between March and June when the GDP will grow by just 0.6 percent.

The consultancy agency IMTrust said the losses caused by the earthquake could reach 8 billion US dollars.

Xinhua

Economy faces 'high' risk of relapse

LONDON, 8 March—The economy, which emerged from recession in the final quarter of 2009, faces a "high" risk of relapse, and below-average growth in the next two years, the British Chamber of Commerce warned on Sunday.

"The UK economic outlook will remain highly uncertain for a considerable time," the BCC said in the group's latest economic forecast.

"The recovery will be fragile, and the risks of a relapse are high," it added. The BCC predicted that the economy will grow 1.0 percent this year, followed by expansion of 2.1 percent in 2011. It shrank by 5.0 percent in 2009.

The 2010 forecast was unchanged from previous guidance but the 2011 figure was lower than its prior prediction of 2.3-percent expansion.

"The obstacles to a sustained medium-term recovery now appear greater," the business group said.

The BCC added that the recovery would be "modest and below the historical average in the next two years".

The country escaped from recession in the fourth quarter of last year with growth of 0.3 percent. The expansion during October-December 2009 followed a deep recession that lasted six quarters — the country's longest on record.

Internet

China plans to buy 218 planes this year

BEIJING, 8 March—China plans to buy 218 aircraft this year to meet the increasing demand, a senior official said on Sunday.

The new orders will include jumbo jets and regional aircraft, said Li Jiaxiang, director of the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC).

China would expect 700 million passenger trips a year by 2020, and the number is likely to double by 2030, he said.

Last year China's passenger transportation hit 230 million trips, and cargo freight volume reached 4.46 million tonnes.

Xinhua

Farmers in the dock in water-deficient India

NEW DELHI, 8 March—India faces a water crisis with availability in decline and demand rocketing, and the profligate agricultural sector is in the firing line.

Farmers' wasteful use of water is unsustainable in a country with a fast-growing population and rapidly industrialising economy, says Water Resources Minister Pawan Kumar Bansal.

Agriculture "is going to face tough competitive demands from other sectors", Bansal told a water management conference in New Delhi recently.

"To feed 17 percent of the world's population we have only four percent of the world's water resources," he warned.

India's overall annual water consumption is expected to almost double from 634 billion cubic

metres (BCM) to 1,180 BCM by 2050, according to the Central Water Commission.

The ministry of water resources predicts per capita water availability by 2050 to be less than half 2001 levels.

The concerns coincide with new worries about India's ability to feed itself as another failed monsoon hits crop yields.

Internet



This handout picture released by Jain Irrigation Systems on 26 February, shows crops being watered in a field in Nashik district of Maharashtra state. India faces a water crisis, with availability in decline and demand set to rocket, placing the profligate agricultural sector in the firing line.—INTERNET

Cuba sends more doctors to help Chile's earthquake survivors

HAVANA, 8 March—The Cuban government has sent nine more doctors and paramedics to Chile to help the earthquake victims and survivors there, the Cuban Foreign Ministry said on Sunday.

The Ministry said in a statement that the doctors will serve at the Cuban temporary hospital in Rancagua, south of the Chilean capital Santiago.

Cuba "immediately an-

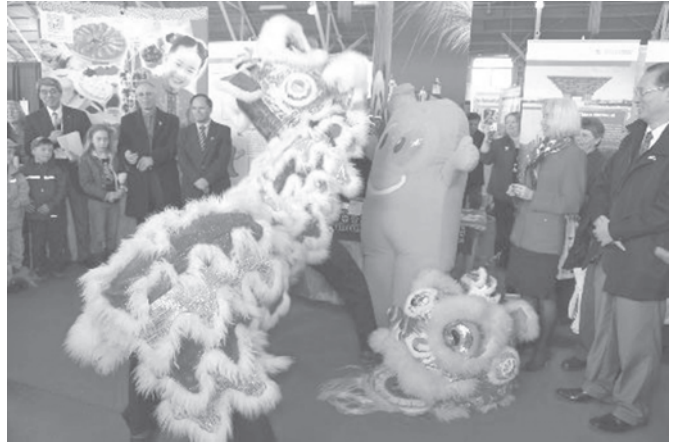
swered the aid request presented by the Chilean government, by offering a temporary hospital and a medical brigade," the statement noted.

It added that the 27 doctors the Cuban government had sent earlier and the nine reinforcement staff "are specially trained for emergency situations" and have "proved experience on similar situations."

The Ministry also said that the reinforcement team carried 12 tons of medical equipment and aid material with them.

Chile was struck by a magnitude-8.8 earthquake on 27 Feb.

This is the third time that Cuba has provided post-quake medical aid to Chile. It did the same when Chile was hit by major earthquakes in 1960 and 1971.—Xinhua



Visitors watch the performance during a tourism photo exhibition featuring the 2010 Shanghai World Expo, in Ottawa, Canada, on 7 March, 2010. The exhibition hosted by the Chinese National Tourism Administration kicked off here on Sunday in a bid to promote the upcoming Shanghai World Expo.—XINHUA



Job hunters stream into the spring job fair held in Dalian City, northeast China's Liaoning Province, on 6 March, 2010. The 2010 Spring Job Fair of Dalian kicked off on Saturday, in which 13,000 vacancies provided by 475 enterprises attracted a great number of graduates.—XINHUA

Missing peacekeepers of UNAMID return safely in Sudan's Darfur

KHARTOUM, 8 March—Two peacekeepers of the United Nations-African Union Mission in Darfur (UNAMID), who had been missing following an attack by unknown gunmen in Sudan's Darfur region on Friday, returned to their base, the UNAMID announced in a statement on Sunday.

A UNAMID team at Kass, 85 km northwest of Nyala, capital of the South Darfur State, reported that the two peacekeepers had safely returned to the base with the assistance of local people, according to the statement.

The soldiers managed to contact the

team in Kass on Sunday and told the team their location, and a search and rescue patrol was immediately dispatched to collect them. The two peacekeepers were found suffering from dehydration but were in stable conditions after receiving appropriate medical treatment.

On Friday, a UNAMID assessment patrol was sent to Deribat, in the Jebel Marra region of South Darfur, to assess the security and humanitarian situation following unconfirmed reports of armed clashes in the area, to pave the way for the provision of humanitarian emergency relief.—Xinhua

Egypt's coastguards intercept Palestinian fishing boat

CAIRO, 8 March—Egyptian coastguards intercepted on Sunday a Palestinian fishing boat after it entered the country's territorial waters illegally.

Security source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity that the coastguards seized the Palestinian boat with two fishermen aboard off the shores of Abu Shennar, an Egyptian village 10 km from the joint Egyptian-Palestinian borders.

Israeli authorities allow around 3,500 Gazans to fish in an area of 5.5 km off Gaza shores.

The Gaza Strip has been suffering from an Israeli blockade since June 2006 after Hamas militants captured Israeli Corporal Gilad Shalit in a cross-border raid. Israel tightened the blockade and shut down all its crossing points with Gaza after Hamas seized control of the territory in June 2007.

John Holmes, UN under-secretary-general for humanitarian affairs and emergency relief coordinator, said on Thursday that Israel's siege of Gaza has turned the coastal strip into "a big open air prison," calling for continued international aid to Gazans.—Xinhua

A drilling machine drill through to the flooded coal mine where miners have been trapped in Wuhai, north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, on 6 March, 2010. The first drilling target had been finished by getting into 202 metres underground at about 8:40 am Saturday.—XINHUA

All Items from Xinhua News Agency



One Yemeni soldier killed in escape attempt of hospitalized Qaeda suspect

SANAA, 8 March—At least one Yemeni soldier killed and another injured in an exchange of fire between security guards and an al-Qaeda suspect who was held at a hospital in Sanaa for treatment, ruling party's website, al-Motamar, reported on Sunday.

The report said the figure is an initial toll of the victims of the "terrorist attack" that targeted staff of the Republican Hospital where the militant were hospitalized. Another local website, News Yemen, confirmed the confrontation between an al-Qaeda member and troops at the hospital.

Quoting unidentified medical sources at the facility, the portal said the suspect was watched by a number of security personnel at the hospital, and when he was served dinner, he snatched a weapon of one of the guards and opened fire at them, leaving two of them injured.—Xinhua

Somali pirates free Thai fishing boat for ransom

LONDON, 8 March—Somali pirates freed a Thai fishing boat on Sunday after receiving a ransom, the European Union Naval Force (EU NAVFOR) said.

"EU NAVFOR can confirm that early this morning a Thailand flagged fishing vessel was released by pirates from the port of Heradeere after the payment of a ransom," it said in a statement without revealing the amount of the ransom.—Xinhua

Eight teens shot while leaving Indiana concert

GARY, 8 March— Authorities say eight teenage boys were shot while leaving a Gary, Ind, skating rink where they were attending a concert.

Police Cpl Gabrielle King says “chaos broke loose” when a fight erupted on Friday night event at World of Skates. Police say the shooting started in the parking lot.

The victims were taken to three area hospitals, where some remained on Saturday. Police say they ranged in age from 14 to 18, with wounds in the legs, wrist, stomach or back. King said injuries weren’t believed to be life-threatening. King said on Saturday evening no arrests had been made. A message seeking comment was left at World of Skates.—*Internet*



Girls play near a boat sitting in the middle of a street of Talcahuano, Chile, on 7 March, 2010. An 8.8-magnitude earthquake struck central Chile on 27 Feb, causing widespread damage.—INTERNET

Int’l aid efforts for Haiti should not be “cosmetic”

BRASILIA, 8 March— International relief efforts for Haiti after the 12 Jan quake should not be merely “cosmetic,” otherwise the world will miss an opportunity to rebuild Haiti as a better nation, said an expert.

Foreign donations, the international community’s improved coordination on aid efforts and a new aspect of the US role

constitute “an unforeseen opportunity to reconfigure the Haitian state,” said Rafael Lucas, a French expert of Haitian descent, in a recent written interview with *Xinhua*. However, given the gravity of the situation, international aid must be conducted in a way that is visibly effective and modernizing, said Lucas, a Caribbean affairs expert at

Bordeaux 3 University in southern France.

“It would be disrespect to the victims of this tragedy if we agree on mere cosmetic actions,” he said.

In his opinion, priorities for Haiti’s reconstruction must include public safety, a good road network, schools and hospitals and resettling displaced population to their original homes.—*Xinhua*

Growing low-oxygen zones may link with climate change

BEIJING, 8 March—Lower levels of oxygen in the Earth’s oceans could be another sign of fundamental changes related with global climate change, *McClatchy* Newspapers reported on Sunday quoting scientists of different disciplines.

Areas of low oxygen have long existed in the deep ocean. However, these areas — in the Pacific, Atlantic and Indian oceans — appear to be spreading, covering more square miles, the papers said.

“The depletion of oxygen levels in all three oceans is striking,” said Gregory Johnson, an oceanographer with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in Seattle.

In some spots, such as off the Southern California coast, oxygen levels have dropped roughly 20 percent over the past 25 years. Elsewhere, scientists said, oxygen levels might have declined by one-third over 50 years.—*Xinhua*

Australian state prepares for biggest floods in 20 years

SYDNEY, 8 March —The biggest floods in more than 20 years are predicted for north-western New South Wales as landholders moved stock and valuables on Monday.

The State Emergency Service (SES) said the floodwaters could isolate farms in the Bourke, Brewarrina and Central Darling shires.

The SES regional controller for the far west, Graham Craig, said flood levels could exceed those of the April 1990 floods and people may be isolated for up to five weeks.—*Xinhua*

Singapore sticks to ban on chewing gum

Singapore on Thursday stuck to its 18-year ban on the import and sale of chewing gum, which has become an international symbol of the city-state’s image as a strict society.

“The government stands by its decision to ban chewing gum,” Maliki Osman, parliamentary secretary at the Ministry of National Development, told parliament.

“Chewing gum has not been a significant problem since that ban took effect. There have been concerns that lifting the ban on chewing gum could result in chewing gum litter and undermine ongoing efforts to curb littering,” he said.

Osman said as the reason

for the imposition of the ban is still valid, “the government’s position is that the ban shall remain.”



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Mystery as lock of Napoleon’s hair found in Sydney

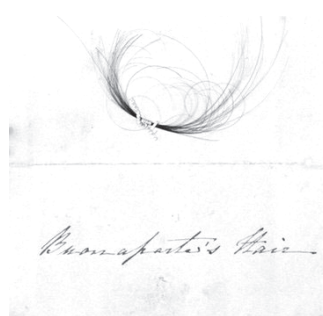
A few clippings of hair apparently taken from Napoleon Bonaparte on his deathbed have been found in Sydney’s Town Hall after the 130-year-old building cleaned out its vaults.

The tiny swatch of light-brown hairs had for years been stored in the archives of the imposing sandstone building along with a letter but nobody knows when, why or how they were received.

Margaret Bet-

teridge, who has curated an exhibition of the curios uncovered in the building, said on Thursday she could not be sure the hair belonged to the deposed French emperor but that the accompanying

letter made a good case. In it, a Scotsman named Ned Todd explains that he was given the hair by a woman whose brother, a Major William Crockett, had been present at Napoleon’s death.



A clipping of hair apparently taken from Napoleon Bonaparte on his deathbed. The clippings have been found in Sydney’s Town Hall after the 130-year-old building cleaned out its vaults, officials said.



File photo of British competitor Ben Pridmore. Pridmore, who memorized a randomly shuffled deck of 52 cards in 24 seconds, won last year’s world championship. Ronnie White will take part in the next world championships in Guangzhou, southern China, in November.

AIDS virus can hide in bone marrow

Medications can reduce the level of the AIDS virus in the blood, but HIV doesn’t disappear, a new research shows as quoted by AP on Monday.

The virus that causes AIDS can hide in the bone marrow, avoiding drugs and later awakening to cause illness.

According to the *Associated Press*, Dr Kathleen Collins of the University of Michigan and her colleagues report in this week’s edition of the journal *Nature Medicine* that the HIV virus can infect long-lived bone marrow cells that eventually convert into blood cells.

The virus is dormant in the bone marrow cells, she said, but when those progenitor cells develop into blood cells, it can be reactivated and cause renewed infection.

Jogger paid \$756 after toilet ordeal

Officials in London said they paid \$756 compensation to a jogger who was locked in a public toilet for 17 hours on Christmas Day.

London’s Southwark Council said the man, whose name was not released, was accidentally locked in the Dulwich Park men’s room by an attendant who did not check to see if the building was empty before locking the doors Christmas Eve, *The Daily Telegraph* reported on Friday.

CCTV footage of the man depicts him wearing a garbage bag and sitting under hand dryers to stay warm. He was freed when the doors were unlocked the following afternoon. Officials indicated the attendant, a worker on a temporary contract, is no longer employed by the council.

NEWS ALBUM

Safe water for Yangonites

YANGON, 8 March—Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspected the arrangements for uncovering underground Gyophyu pipes for safe water and cleaning the pipes on 41st Street and 54th Street, Botahtaung Township and 2nd Street in Lanmadaw Township, here this morning.—MNA

Orange supermarket for shopper convenience

YANGON, 8 March—The orange supermarket opened its seventh outlet at Room Nos. 15, 16, 17 and 18 in Myitta Yeikmon Housing, Thameinbayan Road, Tamway Township, here, yesterday.

The outlet is one-stop supermarket for all shoppers from 9 am to 10 pm everyday, including food courts in which punters can have Korean, Thai, Indian and Shan food.

The locations of orange supermarkets in Yangon are No (1) on 19th Street, Latha Township, No (2) on Wayzayantar Road, Thingangyun Township, No (3) on

Thudamma Road, North Okkalapa Township, and No (4) at Yetagun Tower, Kyimyindine Township and in Mandalay are No (1) on 80th between 28th and 29th Streets and No

(2) at Great Wall Shopping Mall.—MNA



Visitors seen at 7th branch of orange supermarket in Tamway Township.—MNA



Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo speaking at Paper-reading Session on Water Resources Development and Management of Irrigation Projects. (News on page 1)—MNA

Negligence, main villain in fire outbreaks

NAY PYI TAW, 8 March—The record points out the main villain of fire outbreaks to be aware of in future.

A total of 142 fires broke out across the nation in February.

Among them, 110 took place due to negligence; 21 broke out due to electrical fault; there were four arsons

and seven forest fires. The outbreaks ravaged 1305 buildings, one warehouse and left 10 victims dead, three injured and 2755 houseless.

Negligence is found as the most common manner of the outbreaks as 77.46 per cent of the outbreaks caused due to this reason.—MNA

Fisheries Department conducts training courses

YANGON, 8 March—No. 7 Course for Heads of Township Fisheries Department and the Basic English Proficiency Course concluded at the hall of the Fishery Training School in Insein Township on 6 March.

A total of 23 township level trainees attended the Course for Heads of Township FD and 19 at the Basic English proficiency course. Both courses lasted six weeks.

MNA

Taste urban life at Myoma...

(from page 1)

A total of 59 workers carry out everyday sanitation, beautifying

kept open. The market is alive with teeming crowd mostly on Tuesday and Friday. Service personnel

were displayed at the shops being packed with local residents, service personnel and visitors.

Restaurants, garment shops, domestic

goods shops, vegetable and fruit shops became alive with their customers as the time of night bazaar started.

A buyer at the market said, "I am Ma Wai Wai Thein of Ministry of Home Affairs. I do shopping one time in three days. Fresh vegetables and meats can be bought at reasonable price here."

She added that she always enjoys shopping at the market. Considering fair price, good quality and fresh foods, we noticed that it is a treasure for shopaholic.

Translation: HKA
Myanma Alin: 8-3-2010



Night bazaar packed with shoppers.

and greening tasks of the market.

We also learnt that the main market was opened on 4-5-2006 and all the shops on 8-12-2006. The main market closes on every Monday on which the night bazaar and hawkers' shops are

always buy the household goods on Tuesday and Friday evenings as the ferry buses stop at the market which is also close to staff quarters.

We found that various electronic products, stationery, watches, cosmetics and local produce



Shops alive with kitchen item customers.

Cars and buses in front of Nay Pyi Taw Myoma Market.



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

Home Affairs Minister inspects police staff quarters

NAY PYI TAW, 8 March—Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo inspected construction of staff quarters at Township Police Station of Nay Pyi Taw Lew Township yesterday.

He met with families of police members and encouraged them.—MNA

Delegates recount visit to Malaysia

NAY PYI TAW, 8 March—The recounting of the delegates who visited Malaysia took place at Aureum Palace Hotel here today. The delegates are among those attended workshop on Capacity Enhancement of Civil Service 2010 (Nay Pyi Taw). Chairman of Committee for holding experience sharing workshop Member of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Hla Myint Oo made a speech on the oc-

casation. The workshop was organized by CSSTB and sponsored by Sasakawa Peace Foundation of Japan.

On behalf of the delegates, director Daw Aye Aye Thant of Minister for Electric Power No.1 and principal U Kyaw Soe of Telecommunications and Postal Training Centre under the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs recounted visit.

MNA

Civil Service Selection and Training Board Member U Hla Myint Oo delivers an address at experience sharing workshop on Malaysia tour.

MNA



Orange supermarket opened in Tamway



Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Win Myint unveils signboard of orange supermarket in Tamway Township.—MNA

YANGON, 8 March—The opening of orange supermarket took place at the supermarket on Thameinbayan road in Tamway Township here yesterday, attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of

Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint.

The commander unveiled the signboard of the supermarket and viewed stalls of foodstuff and personal goods on show.

MNA

Anti-venom developed from chicken egg save lives

YANGON, 8 March—The ceremony to mark the success in developing anti-venom from chicken egg was held at Medical Research Department (Lower Myanmar) here on 6 March.

The ceremony was attended by Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe, health staff members and responsible persons. Deputy Director Dr Myo Khin of MRD explained the development of venom.

The deputy minister, after making speech, viewed the displayed posters and patients who were on the mend after receiving venom.

MNA



Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe addresses ceremony to mark the success in developing anti-venom from chicken egg.—MNA

Wanna hear talks on hotels?

YANGON, 8 March—Under the joint sponsorship of Tharabar Gate and Mount Pleasant Hotel, Myanmar Hoteliers' Association will hold an educative talk at Asia Plaza Hotel at the corner of Bogyoke Aung San Street and 38th Street, Kyauktada Township, here, on 12 March.

Writer Chit Swe Myint will give a talk entitled "hotel set-up and market". The CEC member of the association and any interested persons may attend the talk. The educative talk is held with the aim of promoting the hotel industry. For more information, please dial (Ph: 554980, 554981 and 554984).—MNA

No 23 Up-train collides with rail car beyond Thazi station

NAY PYI TAW, 8 March—Thazi-Myohaung No 23 local Up-train collided with a rail car between mile posts 314/2 and 314/3 of Ywapele station and Hanzar station beyond Thazi station yesterday morning.

The collision left three passengers dead and 10 injured. Seven of 10

injured had been discharged from the hospital and the remaining three are still undergoing medical treatment at Thazi People's Hospital and they are not in critical condition.

The cause of the collision has been under investigation by the authorities.—MNA

YANGON, 8 March—With a view to nurturing the youths to become outstanding athletes, the summer sports courses for 2010 were opened at Aung San Stadium, here, on 5 March morning. A total of 10,915 trainees are attending the courses that will last from 8 March to 9 April.

Likewise, the Sports Diploma Course No. 11 was opened at Institute of Sports and Physical Education (Yangon).

Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint delivered addresses at the opening ceremonies.—MNA

**MOC Chairman Minister for Sports
Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint addresses
opening of summer sports courses for
2010.**

SPED



Myanmar Timber Entrepreneurs Association holds AGM

NAY PYI TAW, 8 March — The 16th Annual General Meeting of Myanmar Timber Entrepreneurs Association was held at the office of the association in Nay Pyi Taw Ottarathiri here on 5 March with an address by Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung.

The minister accepted K 430.7

million donated by 35 companies, members of the association, presented by the vice-chairman of the association.

Officials read out annual report and financial statement, presented a report on construction of new building for the association and suggested to make a change in the English version of the name of the association.—MNA

Deputy Transport Minister receives Director of Aerodata AG Co., Ltd



Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung receives Director Mr. Peter Kriening of Germany-based Aerodata AG Co., Ltd.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 8 March — Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung received Director Mr. Peter Kriening of Germany-based Aerodata AG Co., Ltd, at his office here on 5 March.

Also present were Director-General U Win Pe of Transport Department, Head of Office U Win Khant and officials.—MNA

15 houses destroyed in fire in Mogaung Village of Pale Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 8 March—A fire that broke out in the evening of 4 March at Mogaung Village of Pale Township, Sagaing Division, destroyed 15 houses.

A total of 15 fire victim households are accommodated at the temporary rescue camp. Officials provided necessary assistance for them.—MNA

UPG partakes in Myanmar Industrial Exhibition 2010

YANGON, 8 March—United Paints Group Co Ltd participated in Myanmar Industrial Exhibition 2010 held at Tatmadaw Convention Hall here from 5 to 7 March. The leading com-

pany in paints industry displayed booths of computerized tinting system and introduced PREMIER brand paints. UPG sponsored the exhibition together with Star Electronics, Chemical Engi-

neering Co-op Ltd, Myanmar Lighting Manufacturing Co Ltd, Soe Electric and Machinery Co Ltd, Nibban, United Pacific Co Ltd, Supreme Group of Companies and Tokyo Pipe.—MNA

MCPA to bring talks on how Internet works

YANGON, 8 March—Myanmar Computer Professionals Association, holding technical talks constantly with the aim of developing Information and Communication Technology, has arranged to organize next talks at Myanmar Info-Tech main building here on 11 March.

“The workings of the Internet”

becomes the topic of the talks to be given by two Internet analysts of an international Internet network association Packet Clearing House.

The talks is open to all those interested who are invited to contact MCPA office at No (4), Campus (4) of Myanmar Info-Tech (Ph: 652276).

MNA

Tables for your computer

YANGON, 8 March — The Chuangxiang computer table, solely distributed by Micro Computer Co., Ltd for computer users, comes into the market recently.

The Chuangxiang computer table with steel frame and tempered glass can be used for long time without breaking or getting weaker. The high-quality products are available in different colours and designs at reasonable prices.

Micro Computer Co., Ltd distrib-

utes Hasee laptop, All-in-One desktop computer, genius keyboard, mouse, speaker, headset, web-cam and other computer accessories retail and wholesale, and a service center is being kept open for computer and printer.

Every one may contact Micro Computer Co., Ltd at No (143) on 46th Street in Botahtaung Township, Yangon (Ph: 294503, 202453 and 721668) and email: micro@micro.com.mm and erservcie@micro.com.mm.—MNA



Steel Tube : 0.7mm
Dimension - (3' 3" x 2' x 3' 3")
(L100 x W60 x H100 cm)



Tempered Glass : 6mm
Steel Tube : 0.7mm
Dimension - (3' 6" x 1' 8" x 3' 2")
(L110 x W55 x H97 cm)

Chuangxiang brand tempered glass computer tables imported and distributed by Micro Computer Co., Ltd.—MNA



A Toyota Sai hybrid, a model that was recalled due to brake trouble, at a showroom in Tokyo. Crisis-hit Toyota will hold a public test on Monday of its technology with the aim of rebutting allegations by a vocal critic that an electronic defect can cause runaway crashes.—INTERNET

Blast hits police building in Pakistan, eight dead

LAHORE, 8 March—A suicide car bomber struck a building where police interrogate high-value suspects in Pakistan's eastern city of Lahore on Monday, killing at least eight people, officials said. Some 45 others were wounded in what appeared to be the biggest explosion to strike the nuclear-armed, US-allied country in several weeks, breaking a relative lull in violence.

No group immediately claimed responsibility, but suspicion immediately fell on the Pakistani Taliban and allied militant groups responsible for a wave of attacks that killed more than 600 people late last year—a stretch of violence that appeared to be retaliation for a military offensive against insurgents along the Afghan border.

The explosion went off outside the Punjab Province police's Special Investigation Agency building, police official Zulfikar Hameed said. TV footage showed a huge crater in the ground where the blast seemed to have originated. "This place was used to interrogate important suspects, but presently there was none such suspect, but more than 40 staff were manning the place," Lahore police chief Pervez Rathore said.

Lahore government official Khushro Pervez said eight people had died and several of the wounded were in critical condition.—*Internet*



Pakistani policemen search vehicles at a check point in Lahore. A powerful car bomb attack in Pakistan's second city has killed eleven people, a senior administration official has said.—INTERNET

Soldier shot dead in Afghan base attack

LONDON, 8 March — A British soldier was shot dead in southern Afghanistan on Sunday during an attack on a base by insurgents armed with guns and rocket-propelled grenades, defence officials said.

The serviceman, part of the 3 Rifles battle group, died of wounds from small arms fire after his base

near Sangin, in Helmand Province, came under attack, said the Ministry of Defence. His death was not connected to the ongoing Operation Mushtarak, a major offensive in Helmand aimed at driving the Taliban out of their southern strongholds.

"A British soldier was killed this morning in a firefight with insurgents at Patrol Base Bariolai to the north of Sangin District centre," said military

spokesman Colonel David Wakefield. His death brings to 271 the number of British troops killed since operations in Afghanistan began in October 2001.

The news came after Prime Minister Gordon Brown paid a lightning visit to troops in Helmand on Saturday, during which he said early wins in Operation Mushtarak offered a "beacon of hope".

—*Internet*

Australia charges a man over Indian boy's death

MELBOURNE, 8 March—Police in Australia's south-eastern state of Victoria have charged a man with manslaughter in relation to the death of a three-year-old Indian boy. Dhillon Gursewak, 23, lived in the same house in the Melbourne area where the boy was staying during his holiday. He is not said to be a relative.

He is accused of criminal negligence, Australian media reported. Gurshan Singh's body was found on Thursday by the side of a road about 30km (19 miles) away from the house. His parents had reported him missing. There have been a number of racist attacks on Indians in the past year. Australian officials have warned against jumping to conclusions. Police have been treating the incident as a possible homicide.—*Internet*

Internet

Canada will list al Shabaab—a Somali-based militant group which recently pledged allegiance to al Qaeda—as a "terrorist group" to prevent it from operating or seeking funds, the Canadian government said on Sunday.

Canada said it took action after it received reports from the Somali community that Al Shabaab has attempted to radicalize and recruit young Canadians. "This government ... is determined that terrorist groups do not receive support from Canadian sources," Vic Toews, Canada's minister of public safety, said in a statement. The listing prohibits Canadians from knowingly dealing with assets Al Shabaab owns or controls. It also makes it a criminal offence to knowingly participate in, contribute to, or facilitate certain activities of the group. Britain's interior minister announced a similar move this month.—*Internet*



A pirate boat in the Gulf of Aden off Somalia in 2009. Somali pirates raked in an estimated 60 million dollars in 2009 but the Indian Ocean's ransom hunters have also spurred a much larger industry of ship protection.—INTERNET

France claims biggest haul of pirates off Somalia

PARIS, 8 March — French frigate Nivose has seized 35 pirates in three days off Somalia, the French military said today, claiming “the biggest seizure” so far in the vital shipping lane. In the latest of four operations

since Friday, eleven pirates were intercepted overnight with the help of other ships and a Spanish maritime patrol airplane participating in the European Atalanta anti-piracy mission.

Four mother ships and

six smaller boats had been seized in the four operations since Friday, the French military said. The European Union launched its Atalanta mission in December 2008 in a bid to secure one of the busiest shipping lanes in the world, joining forces with US-led and NATO missions, as well as other warships from other naval powers.

But the unprecedented naval deployment has failed to curb piracy as Somalia’s marauding ransom hunters moved south and started venturing further out in the less heavily-patrolled Indian Ocean, notably towards the Seychelles.—*Internet*

Antwerp hostage-takers escape with diamond haul

ANTWERP, 8 March — Robbers held a diamond merchant hostage for 18 hours before freeing him in return for millions of dollars worth of gems. The attack took place at the merchant’s home in the northern Belgium city of Antwerp, which is one of the world’s most important diamond trading centres.

Freddy Hanard, the head of the Antwerp World Diamond Centre, which represents the city’s diamond sector, said the gang made off with “several million euros” worth of diamonds, the *Belga* news agency reported.

A spokesman for Ludo Van Campenhout, who is in charge of Antwerp’s diamond quarter, criticised the attack but said security measures in the area were adequate. “Attacks on diamond merchants are virtually non-existent in Antwerp.

Internet

Aftershocks weaken Chile’s quake-damaged buildings

CONCEPCION, 8 March—A father’s unanswered cry for his missing son rang out Saturday from the wreckage of a fallen 15-storey

apartment building that has become a symbol of Chile’s devastating earthquake. “Jose Luis! Jose Luis!” cried the man, Jose Leon, peering

into holes in the concrete that had been carefully cut by rescuers who used body-sniffing dogs to help recover victims.

Emergency workers said on Saturday that there is no hope of finding more survivors in the building, and that continuing aftershocks have made the rubble too unstable for firefighters to continue looking for 21-year-old Jose Luis Leon, the only known remaining victim not recovered.

Shortly afterward, a huge yellow excavator began clawing into the concrete slabs and twisted metal to completely demolish the structure.

Internet



People walk past a damaged house in Caleta Tumbes, Chile, on 6 March, 2010. A tsunami, caused by an earthquake, hit Chile’s coastal central region on 27 Feb.—*INTERNET*

Boy, 11, helps paramedics after Phoenix bus crash

PHOENIX, 8 March — More than a dozen people remain in hospital following a fatal bus crash in the US, including an 11-year-old boy who is drawing praise for helping paramedics at the scene. The driver of the bus is among nine people who are listed as being in a critical condition, with six others including young passenger, Oscar Rodriguez, listed as stable, MyFox National reported.

Paramedics told MyFox Phoenix that despite Rodriguez being injured himself in the rollover crash on the interstate he helped them by acting as a translator in the aftermath. Six people

were killed in the crash, which occurred when the bus, which was operating illegally, clipped a pickup truck, veered, overcorrected then rolled over early last Friday morning (local time) on the outskirts of Phoenix, Arizona.

The bus was travelling from the central Mexican state of Zacatecas to Los Angeles, despite the company which operated it, California-based Tierra Santa Inc, not being permitted to carry passengers across state lines.

Internet



Oscar Rodriguez helped translate for ambulance officers after the deadly crash.—*INTERNET*

Police say Remains of Amber Dubois found

ESCONDIDO, 8 March—A massive search operation has led to the discovery of the remains of a Southern California teen who had been missing for more than a year, police said. Escondido, Calif, police and sheriff’s detectives made the discovery after following up on a lead in their investigation, Escondido Police Chief Jim Maher said.

“The discovery was made in the early morning hours on Saturday in a very rugged and remote area of Pala,” Maher said on Sunday. Maher made the announcement during a brief news conference but declined to answer questions, the newspaper said. “Any details, no matter how slight, would be inappropriate to reveal at this time,” Maher said.

Dubois was 14 when she disappeared on 13 Feb, 2009, while walking to Escondido High School. The discovery of her remains came four days after the body of Chelsea King, 17, was found buried in a shallow grave in the same region of Southern California. She was last seen alive on 25 Feb when she went for a run in a community park but did not return home.

Investigators have been looking into whether John Albert Gardner III — the suspect in the rape and slaying of King — had anything to do with Dubois’ disappearance, the Union-Tribune said.

Internet

Kilted skiers set CairnGorm ‘world record’

LONDON, 8 March — More than 200 skiers and snowboarders have set a new “world record” for the most people in kilts going down a piste.

Participants came down in a line from the Ptarmigan Top Station on CairnGorm Mountain, near Aviemore. Money raised from the event will go to charity and a schools skiing programme.

A total of 235 intermediate and advanced level skiers took part in the attempt, which organizers described as a “fantastic spectacle”.

The record bid came during the best ski season in Scotland since 2001, according to Ski-Scotland. More snow has been forecast, meaning the season could last through to May. CairnGorm Mountain

spokesman Colin Kirkwood said: “We’re delighted, it was a little cloudy overhead but it was a fantastic spectacle and people really enjoyed taking part. It was an impressive sight and we wanted to do something to celebrate the great ski season we’ve been having and doing something which could involve the public.”

Internet



Money raised from the world record attempt will go to charity.—*INTERNET*

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A woman sweeps the outside of a tent in a displaced person camp, on 7 March, 2010, in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.—INTERNET

US troops withdrawing en masse from Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE, 8 March—US troops are withdrawing from the shattered capital, leaving many Haitians anxious that the most visible portion of international aid is ending even as the city is still mired in misery and vulnerable to unrest.

As troops packed their duffels and began to fly home this weekend, Haitians and some aid workers wondered whether UN peacekeepers and local police are up to the task of maintaining order. More than a half-million people still live in vast encampments that have grown more unpleasant in recent days with the early onset of the rainy season.

Some also fear the departure of the American troops is a sign of dwindling international interest in the plight of the Haitian people following the catastrophic on 12 Jan earthquake. "I would like for them to stay in Haiti until they rebuild the country and everybody can go back to their house," said Marjorie Louis, a 27-year-old mother of two, as she warmed a bowl of beans for her family over a charcoal fire on the fake grass of the national stadium.—INTERNET

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV JIAO CHENG VOYNO (101)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV JIAO CHENG VOYNO (101) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 6.3.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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Drive with care

At least 7 die in snow-linked accidents in Germany

BERLIN, 8 March—Heavy snowfall in parts of Germany triggered a deadly avalanche and caused thousands of accidents, leaving at least seven people dead and dozens more injured, police said on Sunday.

Across the southern state of Bavaria, police registered more than 2,000 accidents over the weekend, German news agency DDP reported, with at

least three people dead.

Police in the city of Regensburg said 46 cars were damaged in a highway pileup on Saturday that left 17 people injured. In the northeastern state of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, three more people died in traffic accidents on icy roads.

An avalanche in the Bavarian Alps on Sunday killed a backcountry

skier, regional police spokesman Dieter Betzold said.

The avalanche engulfed a group of four at the Grosser Traithen mountain close to the town of Oberaudorf.

While three of the skiers were apparently able to dig themselves out of the snow, the group's fourth member was found dead, Petzold said.

Internet

India car sales rise 33 percent in February

MUMBAI, 8 March—Car sales in India jumped 33 percent in February, industry data showed on Monday, as customers purchased vehicles ahead of an expected increase in tax announced in the fed-

eral budget last month.

A total of 153,845 vehicles were sold in February, up from 115,505 a year earlier, data from the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers showed. Car sales have

been on the rise in Asia's third-largest automobile market due to inexpensive loans, the launch of new models and a recovery in demand. Sales of trucks and buses jumped by 87 percent to 58,024, indicating a recovery in economic activity, industry data showed.

The government hiked vehicle excise duties in the budget as part of a rollback of stimulus measures aimed at shielding India's economy from the global financial crisis.

Internet

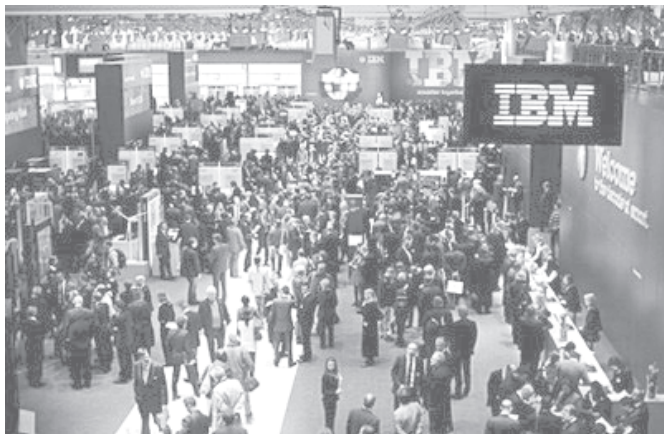


Vehicles wait in a traffic jam in New Delhi. Car sales in India jumped 33 percent in February, industry data showed on Monday, as customers purchased vehicles ahead of an expected increase in tax announced in the federal budget last month.—INTERNET

Fire breaks out at Istanbul Airport, flights continue

ISTANBUL, 8 March—A fire broke out at Istanbul's Ataturk International Airport on Sunday night, according to private CNN-Turk channel.

In a statement by the Transportation Ministry Undersecretary Habib Soluk, there was a fire at a power station that converted natural gas to electricity about 200 metres from the Ataturk Airport on the Airport's VIP pathway. The reason for the fire was still unknown, the report said. Soluk said 20 fire trucks managed to put the fire under control and were currently cooling the relay down. The power station, which provided part of the power for the terminal, only housed generators which were now out of commission.—Xinhua



Visitors walk around the IBM stand at the world's biggest high-tech fair, the CeBIT on 4 March. The world's biggest high-tech fair, the CeBIT, welcomed more visitors than last year, organizers said on Sunday, despite the crisis wracking the economy and the IT industry.—INTERNET

Complete list of Academy Award winners

LOS ANGELES, 8 March—Below is a complete list of the 82nd annual Academy Awards winners.

Best picture

- "The Hurt Locker"

Actor

- Jeff Bridges, "Crazy Heart"

Actress

- Sandra Bullock, "The Blind Side"

Supporting actor

- Christoph Waltz, "Inglourious Basterds"

Supporting actress

- Mo'Nique, "Precious"

Director

- Kathryn Bigelow, "The Hurt Locker"

Animated feature

- "Up"

Original screenplay

- "The Hurt Locker"

Adapted screenplay

- "Precious"

Best foreign-language film

- "El Secreto de Sus Ojos"

Best film editing

- "The Hurt Locker"

Art direction

- "Avatar"

Cinematography

- "Avatar"

Costume design

- "The Young Victoria"

Best documentary feature

- "The Cove"

Documentary short

- "Music by Prudence"

Makeup

- "Star Trek"

Music (original score)

- "Up"

Music (original song)

- "The Weary Kind (Theme from "Crazy Heart") from "Crazy Heart"

Short film, animated

- "Logorama"

Short film, live action

- "The New Tenants"

Sound editing

- "The Hurt Locker"

Sound mixing

- "The Hurt Locker"

Visual effects

- "Avatar"—INTERNET

Patient died for want of a glass of water

LONDON, 8 March—A 22-year-old man died of dehydration after three days in a leading teaching hospital during which time he was so desperate for a drink that he rang police begging for help. Officers arrived on the ward only to be told by doctors that everything was under control.

The next day Kane Gorny's mother Rita Cronin found him delirious and he died within hours. She said nurses had failed to give him vital drugs which controlled fluid levels in his body.

"He was totally dependent on the nurses to help him and they totally betrayed him," Ms Cronin said. A coroner has referred the case to police, who said they were investigating the possibility of a manslaughter charge against St George's Hospital in South London.

Mr Gorny had been a

keen footballer and runner until diagnosed with a brain tumour.

The medication he took caused his bones to weaken and he was admitted to St George's for a hip replacement in May last year. The operation left him immobile and unable to get out of bed.

INTERNET

Arizona Department of Public Safety police officers survey the damage of a tour bus that crashed in a multi-vehicle accident on 5 March, 2010, in Sacaton, Ariz. Police are saying six people were killed in the crash on Interstate 10 about 25 miles south of Phoenix after a bus traveling from Mexico to Los Angeles struck a pickup truck and rolled before landing upright on its wheels.—INTERNET



Childbirth death risk in third world as bad as UK 100 years ago

LONDON, 8 March—Pregnant women in developing countries face as great a risk of death in childbirth as British mothers-to-be 100 years ago, campaign groups today warned. Coinciding with the 100th year of International Women's Day, a coalition of chari-

ties has called on world leaders to give greater priority to maternal and child health.

They noted that in 1910, some 355 women per 100,000 live births in England and Wales died in labour or through pregnancy-related problems. The mortality rate for

women giving birth today in the developing world is 450 women per 100,000. However, in Chad the number of women dying in pregnancy or birth stands at 1,500 per 100,000 live births—around three times the rate for British women in 1910.—INTERNET

Floating 'garbage patch' doubles in size

LOS ANGELES, 8 March—Oceanographers have found that a vast floating island of rubbish in the Pacific has doubled in size over a decade and is now twice as large as Texas. The giant waste collection, known as the 'Great Pacific Garbage Patch', lies between California and Hawaii and has been growing gradually for 60 years.

It contains everything from plastic bags to shampoo bottles, flip-flops, children's toys, tyres, drink cans, Frisbees and plastic swimming pools. Older debris has slowly broken down under the sun's rays into small particles which settle and are suspended just below the ocean surface. The soupy water is heavy with toxic chemicals and the broken-down plastic particles are now turning up inside fish. Up to 26 pieces of plastic were recently found inside a single fish and researchers have warned that the chemicals will work their way into the human food chain.—INTERNET



Britain's Yorkshire pudding makers want naming rights

YORKSHIRE, 8 March—Yorkshire pudding makers could win special protection to stop people from outside the region cashing in on the famous name. The Sunday roast favourite could win European rights, meaning puddings must be made in

Yorkshire or Humberside if they are labelled as such, *The Sun* reports.

Producers of Champagne and Parma ham have similar protection in France and Italy. Three British Yorkshire pudding manufacturers are in talks about applying for the special status. The application was backed by the Regional Food Group for Yorkshire and Humber, which believes a centuries-old recipe could hold the key to a successful bid.—INTERNET

Mother's love : A newborn giraffe is licked by its mother in the giraffe house of the Budapest Zoo and Botanic Garden in the Hungarian capital.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Villegas wins Honda Classic

PALM BEACH, 8 March—Camilo Villegas of Colombia won the PGA Honda Classic by five shots over American Anthony Kim. The two had shared the lead after the second round at the



Camilo Villegas of Colombia poses with the trophy after winning the Honda Classic Sunday in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.—INTERNET

Palm Beach course in Florida. Villegas' win on Sunday moves him to the No. 3 spot in the 2010 standings, according to PGATour.com.

The 28-year-old shot a final-round 68 and finished 13-under 267. "I've been working hard on my game. I've been working hard on my attitude. I've been excited about playing golf. I've been feeling good. And you've got to feel good to play good," PGATour.com cited Villegas as saying after his win.—Internet

Carragher would leave Liverpool if talks break down

LONDON, 8 March—Long-serving Liverpool defender Jamie Carragher insists he would have no qualms about playing for another club if he is forced to leave Anfield. Carragher, 32, will have just one year remaining on his present deal at the end of this season and Liverpool boss Rafael Benitez is yet to open talks over a renewal.

Benitez has given new deals to a host of stars this season with Spanish goalkeeper Jose Reina the latest to put pen to paper on an improved contract. Carragher has figured regularly in Benitez's team despite a poor start to the season and has now made a record number of European appearances for the Reds. But the centre-back, who joined Liverpool 18 years ago, acknowledges there may come a time when he has to search for another club.—Internet



Long-serving Liverpool defender Jamie Carragher

Japan beat Philippines 5-0 in Davis Cup

OSAKA, 8 March—Japan comfortably won the remaining two dead rubbers to complete a 5-0 whitewash over the Philippines in the Davis Cup tennis Asia-Oceania zone Group One first-round tie on Sunday.

Having already secured a place in the second round on Saturday, Japan's top player Takuma Ito whipped Cecil Mamiit 6-4, 7-6 (7/4) in a shortened reverse singles, and then Go Soeda trounced Francis Casey Alcantara 6-1, 6-0. Japan will play Australia in the second round from 7-9 May, vying for a place in the play-off for the World Group. Australia defeated Taiwan to reach the second round.

The Philippine players' performance fell short of that on the first day of the best-of-three contest when Ito needed three hours and 13 minutes to score a 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4 win over 698th-ranked Treat Conrad Huey in the opener.—Internet

Nuremberg end Bayer Leverkusen's unbeaten run

COLOGNE, 8 March—Bayer Leverkusen saw their record unbeaten run come to an end with a 3-2 defeat at struggling Nuremberg which dents their Bundesliga title hopes. Leverkusen had gone into Sunday's match with a 24-game unbeaten streak and looking to draw level on points with Bayern Munich at the top.

But the home side dominated and took a 3-0 lead with striker Eric Maxim Choupo-Moting scoring twice before a belated fightback by Leverkusen. The defeat leaves them three points adrift of Bayern, who were held 1-1 at Cologne on Saturday, while Nuremberg move out of the relegation zone into 15th with their best victory of the season.

Internet

Mallorca keep pressure on for Champions League spot



Mallorca's Cameroonian forward Pierre Webo

BARCELONA, 8 March—Real Mallorca moved into the Champions League places after a comfortable 3-0 win over Sporting Gijon in the Spanish first division on Sunday. Mallorca are in fourth place, ahead of Sevilla on goal difference after the victory against an in-form Sporting side looking for their third consecutive win.

A long range shot from Julio Alvarez surprised Sporting keeper Juan Pablo Colinas to put Mallorca ahead and while they were always in control they did not extend the lead until the last 15 minutes when Victor Casadesu and Pierre Webo wrapped up the match. A Gaizka Toquero double gave Athletic Bilbao a 2-0 win over Valladolid to boost their European ambitions.

Internet

Inter held by Genoa in San Siro but stay four points clear

ROME, 8 March—Inter Milan were held to a drab goalless draw by Genoa in the San Siro on Sunday to leave them four points clear of arch-rivals AC Milan in Serie A. It proved a frustrating night for the reigning champions and in particular their coach Jose Mourinho, who was serving the second of a three-match touchline ban. He fielded a three-strong attack of Mario Balotelli, Goran Pandev and Diego Milito, but they drew blank against a determined visiting side.

Only in the closing minutes did Inter threaten with Maicon, striking substitute Samuel Eto'o and Wesley Sneijder going close. Inter moved to 59 points, with Milan their nearest challengers after being held goalless

by AS Roma on Saturday. In other action on Sunday, Palermo stepped up their campaign for a Champions League place with a 1-0 win over Livorno.—Internet



Inter coach Jose Mourinho cuts an animated pose as his side were held in the San Siro.—INTERNET

Djokovic beats Isner in marathon as Serbia reach last eight

BELGRADE, 8 March—World number two Novak Djokovic beat John Isner in a grueling four hour 16 minute encounter to secure Serbia's passage into the quarterfinals of the Davis Cup on



Djokovic (left) and Viktor Troicki celebrate Serbia's passage to the quarterfinals.—INTERNET

Sunday. Serbia led the United States 2-1 overnight in Belgrade with Djokovic favored to beat the giant Isner to clinch the tie, but he was given an almighty scare before winning 7-5, 3-6, 6-3, 6-7, 6-4.

They will now play Croatia at home on 9-11 July in the quarterfinals of the premier team event in tennis after their first-ever victory in the World Group. Djokovic, urged on by a partisan home crowd, looked headed for a routine win as he took the opening set, but he was broken twice in the second as Isner leveled.—Internet

Sir Alex Ferguson dismisses Red Knights link

LONDON, 8 March—Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson has rejected claims he is supporting a potential takeover of the club by a group of wealthy fans. It had been suggested Ferguson would invest his own money in the club if the bid by the "Red Knights" succeeded. But Ferguson insisted the reports are "absolute rubbish - there is not an ounce of truth in it".

On Sunday one of the "Red Knights" told BBC Sport that they had had no contact with Ferguson. A United spokesman added: "[The owners] the Glazer fam-

ily and the manager enjoy 100% trust in each other." The debt level of more than £700m incurred under the Glazers on a once-debt free company has caused unease among some supporters. Thousands of fans have joined the green and gold protest against the Americans, who bought the club in 2005, by wearing the colours of Newton Heath - the club was renamed Manchester United in 1902.

And the Manchester United Supporters Trust, which is running a vocal campaign to bring about a change of ownership, says membership has



Ferguson has won 26 trophies in 24 years at Old Trafford.

INTERNET

doubled to about 100,000 in the past month, with much of that growth coming following the "Red Knights revelation". Ferguson has some friends among the Red Knights and has said he has "no problem" with the protestors.

Internet



RSS Persistence naval ship of Singapore arrives in Shanghai, east China, on 8 March, 2010. The ship, with 164 crew members onboard, arrived Sunday in Shanghai for a 5-day visit.
INTERNET



MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (9-3-2010) (Tuesday)

Transmissions

	Times
Local	- (09:00am~10:00am)MST
Europe	- (15:30pm~23:30pm)MST
North America	- (23:30pm~07:30am)MST
Oversea Transmission	- (9-3-10 11:30 am ~ 10-3-10 11:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * A Salient Myin Ma-hti
- * News
- * Kayin Traditional Vegetable Curry (Tarlabaw)
- * Myanmar Culture Profile "Myanmar Longyis Changing Fashion Trend (Part-1)"
- * News
- * Fossilized Wood Garden
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- * A Cup of Milk for Nutrition
- * News
- * Life-time Achievement National Literary Award (2008)
- * News
- * Unique Biodiversity of Indawgyi Lake (Part-I)
- * Culture Stage
- * News
- * Learning Opportunities for Disabled Persons
- * News
- * Greening Area in Mandalay
- * Music Gallery

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

WEATHER

Monday, 8th March, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr.

M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin, Shan and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above March average temperatures in Kachin, Shan, Rakhine, Kayah and Kayin States, lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, (5 °C) to (6 °C) above March average temperatures in Chin State, upper Sagaing and Magway Divisions and about March average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant day temperatures were Chauk (42 °C) and Minbu (41°C).

Maximum temperature on 7-3-2010 was 98°F. Minimum temperature on 8-3-2010 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 8-3-2010 was 69%. Total sun shine hours on 7-3-2010 was (8.6) hours approx.

Rainfall on 8-3-2010 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 (4) mph from Southwest at (18:30) hours MST on 7-3-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 9th March 2010: Light rain are like to be isolate in Kachin State and Upper Sagaing Division, weather will be partly cloudy in Shan and Rakhine States, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and generally 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 in the whole country.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 9-3- 2010: Fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 9-3- 2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 9-3- 2010: Fair weather.

Myanmar



Tuesday, 9
March
View on today

7:00 am

1. တောတန်းသားသန့်ပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. အောင်တော်မူ

(စောမင်းနောင်၊ နိုင်ငံခြား၊
တေးရေး-ဒီဂျစ်တယ်လေး
တင်အောင်)

7:50 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:05 am

6. အတိုးမြှင့်ပွဲ

8:15 am

7. "ရေအကျိုးဆယ်ပါး မတောင်းဘဲပြည့်စေသော"

8:25 am

8. "စီးဆင်းပါစေမေတ္တာရည်"

8:35 am

9. (၆၅) နှစ်မြောက်တစ်မတော်

8:45 am

10. International News

8:50 am

11. Songs Of Yester Years

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:05 pm

2. Dance Of National Races

4:20 pm

3. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:30 pm

4. The Mirror Images Of The Musical Oldies

4:40 pm

5. (၆၅)နှစ်မြောက်တစ်မတော် နေ့ရက်ပြုအစီအစဉ် တေးသီချင်းပြိုင်ပွဲ ဆုရတေးများ

4:50 pm

6. အထေးသင်တန်းသို့လ် ပညာရေးရပ်မြှင့်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ ဒုတိယနှစ် (စီးပွားရေးပညာအထူးပြု) (စီးပွားရေးပညာ)

5:05 pm

7. Songs For Uphold National Spirit

5:10 pm

8. "စည်းကမ်းလိုက်နာ ဘေးကင်းကွာ"

5:25 pm

9. နိုင်ငံစီးပွားအလေးထား ကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ

5:35 pm

10. ရင်မှစွဲထင်တေးအလှ သံစဉ်

5:45 pm

11. (၆၅)နှစ်မြောက်တစ်မတော်နေ့ရက်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

6:00 pm

12. Evening News

6:15 pm

13. Weather Report

6:20 pm

14. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ

6:35 pm

15. ဆိုလိုက်ကြစို့

7:00 pm

16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "တိုးအတူရှိစဉ်တုန်းက" (အပိုင်း-၄)

8:00 pm

17. News

18. International News

19. Weather Report

20. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဆူးလွမ်းသောချစ်နန်းဆီ" (အပိုင်း-၃) ပထမတွဲ

21. "ရုပ်ရှင်ပရော်ဖက်"

- ★ 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

Union Election Commission Law, Political Parties Registration Law, Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law, Amyotha Hluttaw Election Law, Region Hluttaw or State Hluttaw Election Law issued

NAY PYI TAW, 8 March—The State Peace and Development Council today issued the Union Election Commission Law under the Law No. 1/2010 of the SPDC of the Union of Myanmar, the Political Parties Registration Law under the Law No. 2/2010 of the SPDC of the Union of Myanmar, the Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law under the Law No. 3/2010 of the SPDC of the Union of Myanmar, the Amyotha

Hluttaw Election Law under the Law No. 4/2010 of the SPDC of the Union of Myanmar, and the Region Hluttaw or State Hluttaw Election Law under the Law No. 5/2010 of the SPDC.

The said laws will be inserted as supplements in the dailies as of 9 March, and the books of the laws will be published.

MNA

Home honours wellwishers

YANGON, 8 March—The 35th ceremony to share merits for cash donation to Hninzigon Home for the Aged was held in conjunction with the ceremony to honour the wellwishers at Thiri Yadana Dhammayon of the Home on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road in Bahan Township yesterday afternoon.

A total of 1185 wellwishers donated K 110,599,610 to the funds of the Home from February to August, 2009. At present, altogether 180 elder persons are accommodated at the Home.

MNA

MGC's annual golf tournament on 19 March

YANGON, 8 March — Myanmar Golf Club will organize an annual golf tournament in conjunction with funfairs at Myanmar Golf Club in 9th Mile on Payay Road here from 19 to 21 March.

The prize presentation ceremony will be held after funfairs on 21 March evening. All members and their families may enjoy get-together and entertainment programme.—MNA

Capability to fight fire

YANGON, 8 March — Taungup Township Fire Services Department showed off fire fighting skills with the joint strength of 46 firemen from the township FSD and auxiliary fire brigade at the sports ground in

Taungup, Rakhine State on 5 March.

Firemen demonstrated fire drill and how to use the fire extinguisher.

It was attended by local authorities, members of social organizations and local people.—MNA

Exploring Echinacea's enigmatic origins

SCIENCE DAILY, 8 March—An Agricultural Research Service (ARS) scientist is helping to sort through the jumbled genetics of Echinacea, the coneflower known for its blossoms and its potential for treating infections, inflammation, and other human ailments.

Only a few Echinacea species are currently cultivated as botanical remedies, and plant breeders would like to know whether other types also possess com-

mercially useful traits.

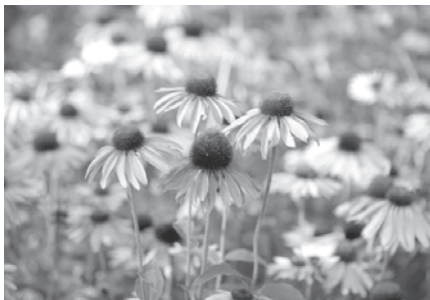
ARS horticulturist Mark Widrechner, who works at the ARS North Central Regional Plant Introduction Station (NCRPIS) in Ames, Iowa, is partnering in research to find out how many distinct Echinacea species exist. Previous studies have put the number between four and nine species, depending on classification criteria.

Working with Iowa State University scientists, Widrechner selected 40 diverse Echinacea populations

for DNA analysis from the many populations conserved at the NCRPIS. Most of these Echinacea

populations were found to have a remarkable range of genetic diversity.

Internet



Flower bed of Purple Echinacea (coneflower).