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Taikkyi, Hmawby Townships on fast track to infrastructural development

YANGON, 12 March — In pursuance of rural development tasks, the government is striving for ensuring better transport, food sufficiency and improvement of living standard of rural people.

Yesterday morning, Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence together with Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint looked into progress of construction of Okpon-Phokhachoe inter-village gravel road in Taikkyi Township. After inspecting concrete bridge across left canal of Tabuhla dam, he called for extended cultivation of summer paddy.

Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe oversaw Uto-Thanutchaung inter-village gravel road at Uto village in the township. After hearing reports on progress in construction of Taikkyi-Gyobu Lake road, he stressed the need for completion of task prior to rainy season. On his arrival at Myaungdaga village in Hmawby Township, Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspected removal of different strains at a quality paddy strain farmland and supplying irrigation water to summer paddy farmlands, and met local farmers.

At Myaungdaga Industrial Zone, Lt-Gen Myint Swe visited Yangon Tharaphu Foundry Shop and Soe Moe Khine Steel Plant. (See page 8)

Union Election Commission holds first meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 12 March—The meeting (1/2010) of the Union Election Commission was held at the office of the Union Election Commission here today.

Chairman U Thein Soe of the Union Election Commission delivered an address and explained the works of the Commission.

Members of the Commission took part in the discussions on matters in detail. The meeting ended with concluding remarks by the chairman.

Union Election Commission Chairman U Thein Soe and all the members were present at the meeting.

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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



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U Thein Soe
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DNA barcodes show migratory patterns very dynamic and caterpillar diets



Asota caricae moth. This moth has a two-inch wingspan and a 2,500 mile distribution.

SCIENCE DAILY, 12 March — University of Minnesota researcher George Weiblen and colleagues have found a faster way to study the spread and diet of insect pests.

Using a technique called DNA barcoding, which involves the identification of species from a short DNA sequence, Weiblen and an international team of researchers studied populations of numerous moth and butterfly species across Papua New Guinea. DNA barcodes showed that migratory patterns and caterpillar diets are very dynamic. In one case, a tiny moth that is distributed from Taiwan to Australia, has recently crossed thousands of miles of Pacific Ocean.

Internet



A new study has concluded that Amazon rain forests were remarkably unaffected in the face of once-in-a-century drought in 2005, neither dying nor thriving, contrary to a previously published report and claims by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.—INTERNET

PERSPECTIVES

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Improve social, economic conditions

With stability and peace, every region can enjoy development in the economic and social sectors. If so, the socio-economic status of the people will get higher and higher.

So, stability and peace are at the top of the government's list of priorities. The government has been implementing varieties of projects to improve the living conditions for the entire people. It is also in constant pursuit of national education promotion plans for development of human resources. On the top of that, it is constructing infrastructural buildings in various sectors such as transport, education and health care.

Now, the government is working hard to materialize the democratization process in compliance with the desire of the entire people.

Carrying out the task to build a new nation must be based on the past experiences, objective conditions and potential results. Therefore, such an onerous task is the concern of the whole nation. In other words, the entire people have to do their bit in the task with correct concept and conviction and a strong sense of patriotic spirit for progress of the Union.

Today, stability and peace have been restored across the nation. Even some regions in Shan State (North), which once lagged behind other regions in development, have been on the threshold of development in all sectors, and local people have been enjoying economic prosperity.

The process of building a new nation is now in progress in line with the national policy—non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty. A harmonious human society has been established with Union Spirit. The entire people are, therefore, to work hard, while maintaining the stability, peace and development momentum region-wise to be able to improve their socio-economic life.

Doaru and dealers at dinner

YANGON, 12 March — Doaru Cosmetics hosted a dinner to dealers at Chatrium Hotel here yesterday.

General Manager Mr Preman of DKSH and Director U Tin Aung of Doaru Cosmetics extended greetings.

Prizes were presented to top selling dealers before the announcement of starting entertainment programmes.—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

A & I Minister receives European Commission Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 12 March—Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo received European Commission Ambassador Mr. David Lipman at the ministry, here, today. They discussed food sufficiency and development of socio-economy.

Also present at the call were directors-general and managing directors of the departments and enterprises under the ministry.

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Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo receives European Commission Ambassador Mr. David Lipman.—MNA

Micro credit enhances livelihoods of women

YANGON, 12 March—Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation held a meeting with those of Yangon Division who have the micro credit as temporary loan at the hall of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Office, here, this morning.

Chairperson Daw Khin Myat Htwe of Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization explained the purpose of disbursing loans to the women.

Those who have micro credits reported on establishment of business with the use of micro credit.

General Secretary of MWAF Dr Daw Thet Thet Zin gave supplementary discussion on disbursement of micro

credit to the women.

After the meeting, the general secretary and party visited the food stall established by Daw Nwe

Nwe Aye with the use of micro credit in Middle Shwegondine Ward in Bahan Township.

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Human trafficking under alert eyes of Mandarins

NAY PYI TAW, 12 March — Director-General U Soe Kyi of Social Welfare Department met departmental personnel and members of social organizations at the office of Mandalay Division Women's Affairs Organization in Mandalay yesterday.

He explained background history

of human trafficking, human trafficking incidents around the world and measures for preventive measures against human trafficking of Myanmar at the meeting. Head of Division (Admin) Dr Daw Khin Aung Ngwe of Mandalay Division WAO reported on the improvement of women's life security.—MNA

219 drug-related cases exposed in February

NAY PYI TAW, 12 March—In February 2010, 219 drug-related cases were exposed: 50.8054 kilos of opium in 46 cases; 1.4373 kilos of heroin in 58 cases; 3.1726 kilos of opium oil in 15 cases; 5.0290 kilos of marijuana in 13 cases; 77516 stimulant tablets in 58 cases; 4.998 kilos of opium speciosa in six cases; 200 ecstasy tablets in one

case; 15 tablets of alprazolam; 1.5 kilos of Ephedrine; 145.40 kilos of caffeine in one case; 3.919 kilos of Ice in one case; 255 diazepam tablets in two cases; 360 tramadol capsules in one case; 520 litres of chemical liquid in two cases; 4.38 litres of opium liquid in two cases; 0.03 litres of cough syrup; seven bottles of morpheme in one case; 60 ativan tablets, and one other case.

Action was thus taken against 311 persons—248 men and 63 women—in 219 cases under the law.

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Prize winning Doaru dealers pose for photo.—MNA

Chile lifts tsunami alert after 7.2-magnitude earthquake

SANTIAGO, 12 March — The Chilean government lifted the tsunami alert in the centre-south coast of the country after ruling out the presence of high waves which could be produced by the 7.2-magnitude on Thursday, Deputy Interior Minister Rodrigo Ubilla said.

"The alert has been lifted based on a recom-

mendation of the Army," Ubilla said, who took charge on Thursday together with Chile's new President Sebastian Pinera.

The alert was issued after a strong earthquake measuring 7.2 on the Richter scale shook the country, which had its epicentre in Rancagua city, some 150 km south to the

capital Santiago. This is the biggest aftershock since the 8.8-magnitude quake on 27 Feb.

The earthquake on 27 Feb killed about 500 people and left tens of thousands of people homeless. Most of the deaths were due to an ensuing tsunami on the coasts of Maule and Bio Bio regions, because the tsunami alert was not issued on time.

Xinhua



Pedestrians pass through a shopping district in Seoul. South Korea's central bank has frozen the key interest rate at a record low 2 percent for a 13th month.—INTERNET

Gas line explosion reported in Oklahoma

HOUSTON, 12 March — A high pressure gas line exploded on Thursday afternoon south of state Highway 66 just west of Chandler, in the US state of Oklahoma.

There were large flames and smoke coming from the scene, about 2 miles west and half a mile south of Chandler, some 40 miles northeast of Oklahoma City, according to news reaching here.

Images presented by TV news helicopters in the Oklahoma City area showed towering flames shooting into the sky in a rural area.

The explosion happened around 3:30 pm local time, local TV reported, adding that there are no homes or businesses within a mile of the explosion.

So far no injuries have been reported.

By 4:15 pm, local media reported that the gas line was turned off, and the fireball went away.

Joey Wakefield, manager of the Lincoln County Emergency covering the city of Chandler and surrounding area, said it is unclear exactly what caused the line explosion.

Xinhua

Iran launches production line of new surface-to-air missile

TEHERAN, 12 March — Iran's Defence Minister Ahmad Vahidi said on Thursday that Iran has started the production of new medium-range surface-to-air missile, local satellite Press TV reported.

The smart missile has a range of more than 40 km and travels at supersonic speed before hitting the targeted enemy aircraft, Vahidi said in Iran's southern port city of Bandar Abbas.

He said the technologically advanced missile can be used in electronic warfare and the missile breaks into small pieces and acts as shrapnel upon impact, according to the report.

The Iranian Navy successfully test-fired a new missile from its first indigenously-built Jamaran de-

stroyer in the waters of the Persian Gulf, Press TV reported on Tuesday. In a footage shown on Press TV, the surface-to-surface *Nour* missile successfully hit its target at a distance of 100 km in the test-fire on Tuesday.—Xinhua

People move to a safer place after the tsunami warning was issued following four strong aftershocks, in Valparaiso, Chile, on 11 March, 2010. The first aftershock, measuring 7.2 on the Richter scale, lasted 45 seconds.

XINHUA

Four Brazilian soldiers killed in helicopter crash during training exercise

BRASILIA, 12 March — Four soldiers died after a Brazilian army helicopter crashed during a training exercise, the military announced on Thursday.

The accident happened on Wednesday night near Corumba, a municipality of the western state of Mato Grosso do Sul and bordering Bolivia, the military force informed on Thursday.

The aircraft, a model Aeschylus belonging to the Third Aviation Battalion of the regional capital Campo Grande, occurred during operation "Cabure," a routine training exercise for pilots and crew, a statement from the military said. A sergeant, two captains and an army corporal died in the crash. The cause of the accident are being investigated by experts from the Military Police and the Brazilian Air Force.—Xinhua

Policeman killed, 10 others wounded in Iraq's violence

BAGHDAD, 12 March — A policeman was killed and 10 others were wounded in attacks in Iraq's western Anbar Province and eastern Diyala Province on Thursday, local police said.

A policeman was killed and two others were wounded in a roadside bomb explosion near their patrol in Dhraa Dijla area east of Fallujah, some 50 km west of Baghdad, a provincial police source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The blast also destroyed one of the police vehicles, the source said.—Xinhua

Twin blasts kill five in Taleban hub S Afghanistan

ASHKAR GAH, 12 March — Two separate roadside bombings in Taleban hotbed Helmand Province in south Afghanistan left five civilians dead on Thursday, officials said.

"In the first incident, which took place in Taleban former bastion Marja District, three civilians were killed and two others sustained injuries as their car ran over a mine this morning," a senior police officer Ghulam Sakhi told Xinhua.

Xinhua



Engineering students at Japan's Tsukuba University have developed a robot that mimics a real baby and its fickle moods in the hope it may teach young people the pleasures of parenting amid a demographic crisis in with the country's population rapidly ageing.—INTERNET



A man from the Indonesian Island Papua poses for a photo at the ITB (Internationale Tourismus Boerse) travel trade fair at the fair grounds in Berlin.—INTERNET

Unemployment tops 20% in eight California counties

LOS ANGELES, 12 March —Unemployment topped 20 percent in eight counties in the US state of California, leading to more than one in five people losing jobs, according to statistics published on Thursday.

Moreover, revised numbers for last year show that fewer people were employed than was previously believed, *The Los Angeles Times* said.

The state was one of five, along with Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina, that reached their highest unemployment rates since the government began keeping track in 1976, according to the Bureau of Labour Statistics.

Most counties were still struggling under the burden of joblessness, especially the eight counties where rates were higher than 20 percent.

Merced County, for instance, had an unemployment rate of 21.7 percent in January, and Imperial County's rate was 27.3 percent.

The state's jobless rate of 12.5 percent in January was its worst on record and the fifth highest in the nation. For many California areas, unemployment rates moved persistently higher in January, indicating that the national economic recovery hasn't yet translated into jobs for the Golden State, the paper said.

The state's revised data for last year showing elevated unemployment indicate that a recovery could take longer than previously predicted, said the paper.

Xinhua

Brazilian government optimistic despite GDP fall

RIO DE JANEIRO, 12 March —Brazil's Finance Minister Guido Mantega said on Thursday that the 0.2-percent contraction in the country's GDP in 2009 was in fact a good result given the effects of the international financial crisis.

Compared to several other countries that registered much sharper falls last year, Brazil had an acceptable performance, said the minister.

He believed that his country has bottomed out

and is growing with a good pace in the beginning of 2010. Brazil's GDP may grow up to 5.7 percent this year, he added. Mantega said Brazil's President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva is satisfied with the 2009 figures, announced earlier in the day, and is now more interested in the country's economic performance in 2010.

The Brazilian industry was severely affected by the global crisis in late 2008 and early 2009, but

managed to recover and registered an expansion of 4 percent in the fourth quarter of 2009.

President of the Brazilian Central Bank Henrique Meirelles stated that Brazil entered a vigorous process of expansion after a brief recession.—Xinhua

France's Kevin Rolland performs during the skiing super pipe men's freestyle event of the X-games in Tignes.

INTERNET

Japan's economy not yet on self-sustaining recovery path

TOKYO, 12 March — Japan's Finance Minister Naoto Kan said on Friday the economy has shown some improvement but it is not yet showing a self-sustaining recovery.

"I still can't say the economy is on a self-sustaining recovery path," Kan, also Deputy Prime minister, told a regular news conference after a cabinet meeting.

"But the overall trend shows that it has moved

one step forward," he said.

The government said on Thursday that Japan's economy grew an annualized 3.8 percent in real terms in the October-December quarter, slower than the initially reported 4.6 percent growth, as private-sector capital investment turned out to have improved less than previously expected.

"The government and the Bank of Japan (BOJ)

are sharing a common goal and have been taking various steps to turn price moves positive this year if possible," said Kan, who became Finance Minister in January, in Parliament recently.

Kan has been advocating for the government and the central bank to aim for a positive annual inflation rate of about 1 percent to pull the nation out of deflation — in November the government said Japan was in deflation, citing falling consumer prices.—Xinhua



Shanghai Expo giant pandas enjoy fresh bamboo shoots in Shanghai, east China, on 10 March, 2010. Fresh bamboo shoots are offered for Shanghai Expo giant pandas from Wednesday.—XINHUA

Peru expects building industry to grow 10% in 2010

LIMA, 12 March —Peru expects its building industry to grow by 10 percent this year, the country's Housing, Construction and Sanitation Ministry said on Thursday.

It would be an increase

of almost 4 percentage points over last year when the building industry posted a 6.14-percent growth rate despite the global financial crisis.

Ministry sources explained that overall improvement of the global economy is expected to

assist a further growth of the building industry, which has been an engine for Peru's growth in recent years.

Peru set a goal of building 250,000 more houses by July 2011, after building 168,000 houses in 2009.—Xinhua

Petrobras announces oil discovery in Colombia

RIO DE JANEIRO, 12 March — Brazil's state-owned oil and gas giant Petrobras announced on Thursday an oil discovery in the Balay on-shore exploration block in Colombia.

According to Petrobras, the discovery was made at a depth of 4,652 metres in drilling in the department of Casanare.

An operation test proved an initial flow of 1,314 barrels of oil per day. Full potential of the discovery was yet to be confirmed.

Petrobras started operating in Colombia in 1972. The company currently holds stakes in seven production fields in the country.

Xinhua



Vietnam, US to boost cultural exchanges

HANOI, 12 March—Vietnam and the United States will organize a six-week cultural exchange programme beginning from Thursday, according to a Press conference held here on Thursday.

The activity will be held in Vietnam's capital city of Hanoi and southern Ho Chi Minh City, and Pasadena and Los Angeles cities in the American state of California.

Under the programme,

a US musician delegation will come to Vietnam and perform from 11 to 21 March and a Vietnamese musician delegation will make their performance in the United States from 14 April to 4 May.

The activity is the biggest musical exchange event ever since the establishment of Vietnam-US diplomatic relations. It is also part of a series of activities to celebrate the 1,000th anniversary of Vi-

etnamese capital city of Hanoi. The musical exchange is expected to give chances for Vietnamese audiences to enjoy current Vietnamese and international music, and bring opportunities for international friends to understand more about Vietnamese music and culture.

Within the programme, there will be many other activities such as seminars on music, culture, and art management.—Xinhua



A German inn turns its pavilion into a fitness club at the International Tourism Bourse in Berlin, capital of Germany, on 10 March, 2010. The bourse opened to public on Wednesday.

XINHUA

Spectators walk by giant sculptures of the exhibits at an open air exhibition entitled "The Magnificent Innovations for Women" in Budapest.

XINHUA

Germany to show its image and imagination in Shanghai Expo, chief organizer says

BERLIN, 12 March—Germany is ready to make its own contributions for the Shanghai World Expo, with many "infotainment ideas" and the German-style insights of how to build a balanced city, said Dietmar Schmitz, commissioner general of the German Pavilion, in an exclusive interview with Xinhua on Wednesday.

"When Shanghai raised 'better life, better city' as the main theme of the 41st World Expo, I realized that it was a very interesting motto," Schmitz said. "China is the first country who pick up urbanization as the subject of World Expo, with eyes on the human future."

Many megacities in the world, such as Japan's Tokyo, Brazil's Sao Paulo, are facing similar problems like overpopulation and energy waste, as the global entertainment and climate has changed due to human's industrialized activities, Schmitz said.—Xinhua

Blaze engulfs four storey building in London

LONDON, 12 March—A major blaze on Thursday morning engulfed a four storey building here, causing no death or injury, a spokesman for London Fire Brigade said.

More than 100 firefighters tried to tackle the fire engulfing half of the roof in flames at a restaurant and office in Shoreditch, east London.

Crews were called in the early morning and a total of 20 engines arrived to tackle the flames, the London Fire Brigade added.

Xinhua



India, Russia expected to settle aircraft issue with Putin's visit

NEW DELHI, 12 March—Six years ago, New Delhi signed a deal worth almost one billion US dollars with Moscow to pull out an abandoned aircraft carrier from the Russian junkyard and arm it with some of the most modern MiGs: the Mig29Ks.

Russia delivered the first four of the 16 combat jets recently but there is no sign yet of the carrier.

With Russian Prime

Minister Vladimir Putin arriving here for a one-day visit on Friday, the two countries are expected to definitely settle the aircraft issue with a possible signing of agreement, said Indian official sources. India recently has agreed to shell out 2.34 billion US dollars for the aircraft.

According to highly placed sources in the Indian Defence Ministry, a price row between India

and Russia had delayed the delivery of the carrier, which was originally named after the legendary Soviet Admiral Sergei Gorshkov and now rechristened by India as INS Vikramaditya, an ancient Hindu king.

Russia has told India that it cannot build the ship at the cost offered in 2004 and added a new price tag of 2.9 billion US dollars.

Xinhua

Eight killed in Indonesia landslide

JAKARTA, 12 March—Indonesian Social Affairs Minister Salim Assegaf Al Jufri said on Friday that eight people had died from a landslide that hit Cianjur, in West Java, on Thursday night, local media reported here.

"The search for people buried alive in the mud is underway at the moment. We also received reports on destroyed houses from the landslide following a flood from torrential rain last night," the minister was quoted by the *detik.com* as saying on Friday.

The minister also said that 600 people living around the landslide have sought refuge to more safe places.—Xinhua



Rescuers carry survivor Cao Lele at the site of landslide at Shuanghuyu Village in Zizhou County, northwest China's Shaanxi Province, on 12 March, 2010. Twenty-year-old Cao Lele and his 17-year-old sister Cao Yanyan were rescued early on Friday after being buried 54 hours following the landslide, which occurred early on Wednesday.—XINHUA

64 mainlanders make Forbes' rich list

BEIJING, 12 March—A total of 64 people from the Chinese Mainland made the *Forbes* magazine list of the world's richest billionaires, moving up to take second place for the first time. The US led the list, released on Wednesday, with 403 billionaires. China was followed by Russia with 62 billionaires. Of the world's 97 new billionaires, 62 were from Asia.

Among the super-rich from the Chinese Mainland, 27 made the list for the first time. In addition, 25 people from Hong Kong made it into the billionaires club, while 18 Taiwan people entered the list. More than 10 percent of billionaires on the list came from the Greater China Area, namely the Chinese Mainland, Hong Kong, Macau and Taipei.—Xinhua

All Items from Xinhua News Agency

Thirty die in renewed Mogadishu fighting

MOGADISHU, 12 March — At least 30 people were killed and almost 83 others were wounded on Thursday as the fierce fighting continues between Somali government forces backed by African Union (AU) peacekeeping troops and militant fighters in Mogadishu, medical sources said.

The fighting which erupted on Wednesday resumed in the early hours of Thursday morning after it briefly stopped overnight with both sides

claiming successes.

As many as 30 people were killed, 12 of them in one area in the north of Mogadishu while we have picked almost 83 wounded people including 35 children mainly in the northern districts of Mogadishu," Ali Muse, head of local ambulance service told *Xinhua*.

Heavy artillery and intense gunfire was heard around the battle areas in the north of Mogadishu where witnesses said several shells landed in resi-

dential neighbourhoods.

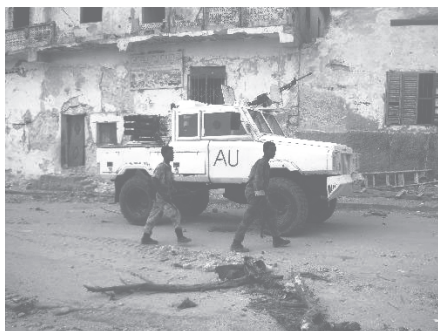
Families in residential pockets in the north began fleeing their homes to join hundreds of thousands of displaced civilians on the outskirts of coastal Indian Ocean city of Mogadishu.

Xinhua

Moderate earthquake hits eastern Indonesia

JAKARTA, 12 March — An earthquake measuring 5.1 on the Richter Scale rocked eastern Indonesia's Maluku Province at 20:16 Jakarta Time (1216 GMT) on Thursday, the country's Meteorology, Climatology and Geophysics Agency said.

The epicentre was at 209 kilometres southwest of Tual City and 239 kilometres northwest of Saumlaku City at a depth of 73 kilometres under seabed. The agency did not issue a tsunami warning. — *Xinhua*



position at the frontlines of the fighting with militant fighters in Mogadishu, Somali, on 11 March, 2010. — *XINHUA*

Three teens injured in drive-by shooting in Chicago

CHICAGO, 12 March — Three teenagers were wounded on Wednesday night in a drive-by shooting in Schaumburg, which located in the northwest of Chicago, the *Chicago Tribune* said on Thursday.

Two boys, 12 and 16, and a 14-year-old girl were shot around 8:30 pm on Wednesday as they were about to enter the parking lot, neighbours said.

The shots were fired

from a pickup truck driving westbound.

The pickup truck continued driving west after the shooting.

The younger boy and the girl are brother and sister, according to police.

The 12-year-boy, who received gunshot wounds to the torso and the arm, remained in critical condition on Thursday morning, and the 16-year-old boy who received gunshot wounds to the torso, lower abdomen, and legs was listed in good condition.

The girl, who suffered a graze wound was treated and released on Wednesday night, according to the local hospital.

Wanslaslo Elias, the maintenance man in the apartment complex where the victims live, told *Chicago Tribune* that the boys and girls are good kids, who don't have any problems with anything and aren't affiliated with gangs.

Xinhua

European heritage label seeks to bind EU states

BEIJING, 12 March — In an effort to create a sense of shared history, the European Union has launched an initiative to promote important sites of culture and heritage across its 27 member states and the continent.

The European Heritage label — modeled on the UN World Heritage programme — brings together dozens of locations that have had a part to play in forging the culture and history of modern Europe.

The label has already been awarded to 64 places, from Poland's Gdansk shipyards, a hotbed of the Solidarity movement that helped bring an end to communism, to the Acropolis in Athens, a relic of ancient Greece and a symbol of democracy.

The European Commission formally signed off on the idea this week, and it will now be expanded across the union, with each member state allowed to nominate two sites for the label each year, although only one, at most, will be chosen. In its sweep, the initiative seeks to contribute to the political and economic integration of Europe by binding its 4,000-year-old history and culture more tightly together, and building on the European City of Culture programme that has been running since the 1980s. — *Internet*

World's oldest malt whisky costing £10,000 a bottle goes on sale

The world's oldest malt whisky — costing up to £10,000 a bottle — went on sale today.

The Mortlach 70-year-old Speyside was sampled by a select group of tasters at a ceremony in Edinburgh Castle.

Bottles of the rare piece of Scotland's 'liquid history' have now hit the market.

Only 54 full-size bottles, costing £10,000 each, and 162 smaller bottles at £2,500 have been made available.

The whisky has been released under Gordon and MacPhail's Generations brand.

It was filled into its cask on October 15 1938 on the order of John Urquhart, the grandfather of the firm's joint managing directors, David and

Michael Urquhart.

Exactly 70 years later, the decision was made to empty the cask and bottle its contents.

A bottle of Mortlach was piped into Edinburgh Castle today and tasted by guests in the Queen Anne Room.

The rare whisky was matured in a former sherry cask made from Spanish oak. It has been bottled in a teardrop-shaped hand-blown crystal decanter with a silver stopper.

Whisky writer Charles MacLean described the dram as 'delicate, fresh, vital and fruity', with hints of waxiness and smokiness.

Guinness record: world's largest house of cards

American architect Bryan Berg broke his own Guinness record for building the world's largest house of cards in Macao.

This time, he spent 44 days building Macao's landmarks of Venetian, the Plaza and Sands using 218,792 cards (4,051 decks of cards).

Overall, the composition is 10.5 m long, 3 m tall, and weighs 227 kg. The structure

was constructed under the condition that the builder uses no tape, glue or any other adhesives.



Photo shows American architect Bryan Berg and his houses of cards.

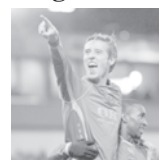
Crouch named comedy king for 'virgin' quip

England footballer Peter Crouch was named the funniest man in British sport, topping a poll out on Thursday of the best one-liners and comedy football moments of all time.

The gangly Tottenham striker was asked "What would you be if you weren't a footballer?". Crouch quipped: "A virgin".

The six feet, seven inches tall forward also topped a separate poll of the funniest men in British sport, with 24 per cent voting for his 2006 "robot dance" premiered after scoring for England in a pre-World Cup friendly match.

BBC commentator John Motson



England footballer Peter Crouch (left), has been named the funniest man in British sport, topping a poll of the best one-liners and comedy football moments of all time.

won the best sporting gaffe vote for stating: "For those of you watching in black and white, Spurs are in the all-yellow strip."

British ski jumper Eddie "the Eagle" Edwards' woeful efforts at the 1988 Winter Games was voted the funniest Olympic moment of all time.

TV host driving 210 miles in coffee car

A British TV host is driving 210 miles from London to Manchester, England, in a coffee-powered car as part of a major science fair.

Jem Stansfield, one of the hosts of science-themed TV show "Bang Goes the Theory," is due on Thursday in Manchester for the 11-13 March Big Bang Science Fair at Manchester Central, the BBC reported on Thursday.

Stansfield said before his journey that he was planning to stop at several schools on the road from London to his destination. "It's important for kids to understand that power is not something that is simply there at the flick of a switch," he said. "With the energy challenge facing the world, the more we encourage children to think about alternative fuels, where energy is stored and how it can be released, the better!"

The host said his journey will use enough coffee for 10,000 espressos, and he will need to stop for filter cleanings after every hour of driving.



Claire Urquhart holds a bottle of the world's oldest malt whisky, which went on sale today costing up to £10,000 a bottle.

NEWS ALBUM

US troops to take over from British forces in Musa Qala

KABUL, 12 March — A town which played an iconic and controversial part in the British mission in Afghanistan is to be handed over to the Americans in a move signalling a major change in Western strategy.

Musa Qala, where 23 British soldiers died, will

be the first of a number of areas which will be transferred from UK to US control, reflecting the new military balance in Helmand where American troops now outnumber the British force.

A number of other areas currently under UK command will also go to the Americans as part of a "rebalancing" process.

Sangin is expected to stay in British hands, but with the addition of an US contingent.

The 500-strong British force in Musa Qala, along with the troops withdrawn

from other places under the plan, will move to the population centres of central Helmand.

In effect this will mean that they will be concentrating on providing security for reconstruction projects while the US forces take on more offensive operations against the Taliban.

What took place at Musa Qala had come under repeated scrutiny and led to bitter recriminations involving the British, the Americans and the Afghan government.

Internet

Mercy killing wife takes life at Swiss clinic

LONDON, 12 March — A woman who walked free from court 10 years ago after the attempted mercy killing of her husband has ended her own life in a Swiss clinic.

Celebrated toymaker Vicki Wood, admitted the attempted murder of Tim Wood in 1999, who had chronic dementia. Mr Wood died nine months after the failed attempt to end his life with a pillow at the couple's home in Totnes, Devon. Mrs Wood, who was 67, is believed to have travelled to the Dignitas clinic on Friday, suffering from a debilitating condition affecting her ability to work.

A Foreign and Commonwealth Office spokeswoman confirmed Mrs Wood had died in Switzerland on 5 March. Mrs Wood's case was a key part of the early debate on euthanasia in Britain.

Internet

US astronaut Tracy Caldwell Dyson, right, Russian cosmonauts Alexander Skvortsov, centre, and Mikhail Kornienko get ready for their final preflight practical examination in a mock-up of a Soyuz TMA space craft at Russian Space Training Centre in Star City, outside Moscow, Russia, on 12 March, 2010. The three are the next crew scheduled to blast off to the International Space Station on 2 April.—INTERNET



A train arrives at a train station in Colombo on 12 March 2010. China has agreed to lend \$290 million to Sri Lanka to build a new airport and revive its railway network, the island nation's foreign ministry said on Wednesday. INTERNET

British Airways employee faces terrorism charges

LONDON, 12 March — A British Airways employee accused of funding terrorism and planning suicide bombings — including his own — appeared in court on Thursday. Prosecutor Colin Gibb called the suspect, Rajib Karim, "a very dangerous individual, facing very serious offenses and likely to face a serious term of imprisonment."

Authorities said Karim — who was born in Bangladesh and is now a British citizen — collected money in Britain and sent it to Yemen and Bangladesh to fund terrorist activities. British authorities believe he had significant success in financing terrorist operations, security

sources with knowledge of the case told CNN.

He volunteered to recruit suicide bombers and to be one himself, prosecutors said in court. He said he would go to Yemen or Pakistan for training, they charged.

Internet

Kidnappers release two European aid workers

PORT-AU-PRINCE, 12 March — Kidnappers have freed two Swiss women snatched off the streets of Haiti's capital and held for five days, officials said on Thursday. It is the first reported kidnapping since Haiti suffered a magnitude-7 earthquake with catastrophic damage on 12 Jan. More than 5,000 prisoners fled jails that collapsed or were damaged in the tremor. Only about 200 have been captured.

Doctors Without Borders confirmed the kidnapping. Agency spokesman Michel Peremans said the victims were released on Wednesday night and are "in good health." He would not say if a ransom was paid.

Internet

New Jersey man suspect in Yemen rampage

SANAA, 12 March — Federal authorities are investigating a New Jersey man suspected of being an al-Qaeda member and going on a deadly rampage at a hospital in Yemen. The FBI is investigating Sharif Mobley, a 26-year-old from Buena, New Jersey, said Rich Wolf, a spokesman at the agency's Baltimore, Maryland, office. He wouldn't comment further.

Mobley had worked at nuclear plants operated by PSEG Nuclear for different contractors from 2002 to 2008, doing routing labour such as carrying supplies and assisting with maintenance activities, company spokesman Joe Delmar said. Mobley, who also worked at other nuclear plants in the region, satisfied federal security background checks required to work in the US nuclear industry as recently as 2008, he said.—INTERNET

Briton tells of torture during Iraq kidnap ordeal

LONDON, 12 March — A Briton held hostage in Iraq for more than two-and-a-half years has revealed harrowing details of the torture meted out to him by his captors.

In media interviews two months after his release, Peter Moore told how he was subject to mock executions and hung from a door by his arms as a punishment.

The computer expert was released

unharmed in December after 31 months in captivity during which all four of his bodyguards — abducted with him — are thought to have been killed.

Moore, 36, told *The Times* on Friday how guards put a gun to his head and pulled the trigger, at the same time firing a live round from another weapon.

"I remember thinking: I'm dead. It's not that bad. It's not that painful".

Internet



In this photo taken on 30 May, 2009, Cambodian boys ride their bicycles at Bayon front gate of Cambodia's Angkor complex in Siem Reap Province, about 230 kilometres (143 miles) north of Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Seventeen new roads will provide quick access to Cambodia's Angkor complex in case of fires at the ancient temples, officials said on 12 March, 2010.—INTERNET

Taikkyi, Hmawby Townships...

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While visiting No (4) Fertilizer Plant Project of Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise near Myaungdaga village, Lt-Gen Myint Swe heard reports on work progress and production process of the plant.

After inspecting the machine for producing ammonia, Lt-Gen Myint Swe called for safety first.

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe views progress of No. 4 Fertilizer Plant Project in Myaungdaga Village of Hmawby Township.



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Myanmar, China to cooperate in power grid project



Minister for Electric Power No.2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint receives General Director Mr Logan Liu of Chint Electric Co Ltd and party.

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NAY PYI TAW, 12 March—Minister for Electric Power No.2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint received a delegation led by General Director Mr Logan Liu of Chint Electric Co. Ltd of the

People's Republic of China at the Ministry here yesterday.

They discussed matters relating to cooperation in power grid and substation projects.

Also present at the call

were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Win Myint, Director-General U Khin Maung Zaw of Electric Power Department, Managing Director (Retd) expert Dr San Oo and officials concerned.—MNA

Ingapu Township gets e-Library



Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung visits Ingapu Township Library.—MNA

Ministry of Industry-1 holds round table discussion

NAY PYI TAW, 12 March—Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung attended round table discussion in English at the Ministry here today. It was held to hail the 65th Anniversary Armed

Forces Day.

Director-General U Win Myint of Directorate of Industries explained the purpose of holding the discussion.

Groups took part in the discussion under the titles of Tatmadaw, the

core armed forces of our nation, the vital role of Ministry of Industry-1 and the Interesting Places in Myanmar.

The minister and the director-general presented prize winners.

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Myanmar, Vietnam seek financial cooperation

NAY PYI TAW, 12 March—In a discussion held at the Ministry of Finance and Revenue this afternoon, Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun and Executive Committee Chairman of the Vietnam

Investment and Development Bank Mr Tran Bac Ha and party focused on mutual cooperation in finance and monetary affairs between the two countries.

Also present at the meeting were Governor

of Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein, Managing Director U Myat Maw of Myanma Economic Bank, Director-General U Hsan Tun of Internal Revenue Department and officials.

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Executive Committee Chairman of the Vietnam Investment and Development Bank Mr Tran Bac Ha and party call on Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 12 March—With the aim of broadening the horizons of the local people, the Township Library housing an e-Library was opened in Ingapu Township on 9 March.

Officials formally opened the library.

Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung spoke on the occasion.

Responsible persons of the construction committee presented the documents related to the library and wellwishers, books to the minister.

A local spoke words

of thanks.

The minister and officials sprinkled scented water on the plaque.

Later, they viewed keeping of books and application of e-library and Internet.

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Objectives of 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day

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

Indian delegation's visit concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 12 March — The visiting Indian delegation led by General Officer Commanding (GOC) 3 Corps Lieutenant-General NK Singh, AVSM, VSM of Indian Armed Forces of the Republic of India concluded their visit today.

General Officer Commanding (GOC) 3 Corps Lieutenant-General NK Singh, AVSM, VSM and party called on Lt-

Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence at Nay Pyi Taw Paunglaung Yeiktha here at 2 p.m. on 9 March.

In the evening, Lt-Gen Tha Aye and wife hosted a dinner in honour of the visiting Indian delegation led by the General Officer Commanding (GOC) 3 Corps and wife at Aureum Palace Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone.

The Indian delegation

arrived in Yangon on 8 March. While touring downtown Yangon, they paid tribute to King Zafar Shah's Tomb on Ziwaka Street in Dagon Township and paid homage in Shwedagon Pagoda.

They arrived back in Nay Pyi Taw on 9 March. They visited National Landmarks Garden and viewed development of Nay Pyi Taw in a motorcade.

The Indian guests arrived in Monywa via Mandalay on 10 March. They called on Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Myint Soe at the guest house of the command in the afternoon. The commander hosted a dinner to honour them in the evening.

Yesterday, the Indian delegation paid homage to Thanbodde Pagoda and Bawditaung Pagoda in Monywa and visited silverware shop in Sagaing.

Then they arrived in Mandalay in the afternoon. They toured downtown Mandalay. In the evening, Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe hosted a dinner to honour them at Sedona Hotel.

Today, the General Officer Commanding (GOC) 3 Corps and party arrived back in Yangon, and left Yangon in the evening.—MNA



Lt-Gen Tha Aye of Ministry of Defence meets General Officer Commanding (GOC) 3 Corps Lieutenant-General NK Singh, AVSM, VSM of Indian Armed Forces.—MNA

Women issue digested in round table discussion

YANGON, 12 March— To mark the International Women's Day 2010, the Round Table Discussion on the Occasion of International Women's Day 2010 took place at Sedona Hotel, here, this morning.

UN Resident & Humanitarian Coordinator Mr Bishow B

Parajuli read the message in commemoration of the International Women's Day sent by the UN Secretary-General.

UNFPA Resident Representative Mr Mohammed Abdel-Ahad explained the motto of the International Women's Day "Equal rights, equal opportunities: progress

for all", and Assistant Representative Daw Pansy Tun Thein, Post Nargis assessments on protection of women issues.

Deputy Director-General U Aung Tun Khaing of Social Welfare Department discussed Plan of Action for Protection of Women in

Emergence, Daw Nyunt Nyunt Thane of UNICEF, women and trafficking, Ms Annami Lofving of UNAIDS, women and HIV and U Billy Kan Myat of Gender Group, NGOs efforts and programmes to empower women. Those present actively took part in the discussions.

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Round Table Discussion on Occasion of International Women's Day 2010 in progress.—MNA

New tarred roads opened in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe

NAY PYI TAW, 12 March— Hailing the 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day, three tarred roads—Phaungdaw-chatma pagoda road, Yone road and Kanswe road was opened in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe today attended by Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National

Races and Development Affairs Mayor Col Thein Nyunt, Deputy Minister Col Tin Ngwe, and officials.

Chairman U Aung Lwin of Lewe Township Peace and Development Committee and officials opened Pagoda road. The total length of newly opened roads is 7450 feet and total width is 18 feet.

Nay Pyi Taw DC is upgrading the three another roads that are 11000 feet long at a cost of 126.3 million kyats. The two other roads are underway to upgrade.

So far, Nay Pyi Taw DC has spent 340.4 million kyats on repairing and upgrading of 21 roads in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe since 2006-2007 financial year.—MNA

Ready to marry?

YANGON, 12 March — An ever brain storming word "Love" is on the cover of book entitled "Love and Marriage" by writer

Cetana Hlaing (Yesagyo). "Love is blind". But it may lead to an unhappy marriage. It is never late or early to know the knowledge on marriage.

What is love and what is marriage? The book has all the answers. Yan Aung Publishing House (Ph: 722571) distributes the book.—MNA

Hospital equipment donated to Children's Hospital

YANGON, 12 March— International Culture and Charity Group (ICCG) donated hospital equipment to Yangon Children's Hospital, here,

this morning.

Chairman of ICCG Mme, Dartin Norini Mazlan explained purpose of donation and donated a set of patient

care monitor and laboratory-chemicals worth US\$ 4,000 to Medical Superintendent of the Hospital Dr Aung Kyi Win.—MNA

EU assesses antitrust concessions by transatlantic airline alliance

BRUSSELS, 12 March — The European Commission on Wednesday invited comments from interested parties on concessions proposed by British Airways, American Airlines and Spanish carrier Iberia to address antitrust concerns.

The commission, the antitrust watchdog of the European Union (EU), said it may adopt a decision to make the concessions legally binding if the market test confirms that the proposed commitments remedy the competition concerns.

In September 2009, the commission formally charged the three airlines, citing concerns that their extensive cooperation, which involved revenue-sharing and joint management of schedules, pricing and capacity, may be in breach

of EU antitrust rules.

British Airways, American Airlines and Iberia then jointly offered a set of commitments to avoid antitrust fines, which were primarily aimed at enabling competing airlines to start operating on the affected routes by lowering barriers to entry. Concretely, they offered to make available landing and take-off slots at London Heathrow or London Gatwick airports on routes to Boston, New York, Dallas and Miami. In addition, the three airlines undertook to provide access to their frequent flyer programmes on the relevant routes, allowing passengers of the qualified new entrants to accrue and redeem miles on the parties' frequent flyer programmes.—Xinhua



People walk in sudden downpour on 12 March, 2010 in Manila, Philippines. The rain was a great relief to farmers experiencing El Nino-triggered drought in the agricultural areas of the country.—INTERNET

Visitors look at a piece called "Cinderella" by Portuguese artist Joana Vasconcelos during her presentation of the "Netless" exhibition at Belem Cultural Centre in Lisbon on 1 March, 2010. INTERNET



Firing kills three in Pakistan's Karachi

ISLAMABAD, 12 March—At least three men were killed and five others injured in a firing incident in south Pakistan's port city of Karachi on Thursday. According to local media reports, some unidentified miscreants opened fire on people riding a car in Nazimabad area of the city, killing three on the spot.

A leader of the banned outfit Maulana Abdul Ghafoor Nadeem was seriously injured and his son killed in the shooting incident, according to police sources. Rescue sources said that the bodies and the injured were moved to Abbasi Shaheed Hospital. Law enforcers soon arrived at the spot and cordoned off the area.—Internet

Nile cruises never boring

BEIJING, 12 March—

The only way to travel between Luxor and Aswan is by ship, as overland travel is banned because of terror threats. There are several companies offering Nile cruises, ranging from modest to extravagant.

Dine on deck and watch the sun go down on the horizon, colouring the waters with its many hues, enjoy the evening entertainment of belly dancers in the ship's interior, explore the onboard shop or make small talk with others onboard — a Nile cruise is never boring. But my abiding memory is not of any of these.

As I stood late one evening on the deck, I saw half a dozen boats come up to the ship and the peddlers shouting "hola, hola, gelabaya". I knew that "gelabaya" referred to the long tunic worn by Nubians.—Xinhua

Bing sustains gaining nine months in row

BEIJING, 12 March — Microsoft's new Internet search engine Bing is slowly and steadily gaining users for nine months in a row up since it was unveiled in June, according to media reports on Thursday. In the US search market, Bing increased its share in February to 11.5 percent from January's 11.3 percent, according to online tracking firm comScore.

Meanwhile Google is still dominating the online search business. Its share edged up to 65.5 percent in February from 65.4 percent in January. Microsoft and Google have been consistently upgrading online search service. The competitors have been focused on improving mobile search offerings and incorporating real-time content from popular online communities such as Twitter and Facebook into search results.—Xinhua

CIA used LSD to make French lose the loaf

PARIS, 12 March—In 1951, a quiet, picturesque village in southern France was suddenly and mysteriously struck down with mass insanity and hallucinations. At least five people died, dozens were committed to asylums and hundreds afflicted.

For decades it was assumed that the local bread had been unwittingly poisoned with a psychedelic mould. Now an even more extraordinary explanation has emerged, with evidence suggesting the CIA peppered local food with the hallucinogenic drug LSD as part of a mind-control experiment at the height

of the Cold War.

The mystery of Le Pain Maudit (The Cursed Bread) still haunts Pont-Saint-Espirit, in the Gard, south-east France. On 16 August, 1951, the inhabitants suddenly suffered frightful hallucinations of terrifying beasts and fire.

One man tried to drown himself, screaming that his belly was being eaten by snakes. An 11-year-old tried to strangle his grandmother. Another man shouted "I am a plane" before jumping out of a second-floor window, breaking his legs. He then got up and carried on for 50 yards.—Internet

Two missing after boat with 92 passengers sank in the Amazon

BRASILIA, 12 March — Two people were declared missing after a boat with 92 passengers aboard sank early on Wednesday in a river located in the Brazilian Amazon, official sources said.

According to the spokesmen for the Amazon state's Fire Department, the other passengers were rescued by a boat nearby.

The sinking of the ship *A Nunes* was recorded at 1 am local time (0400 GMT) on Wednesday in the Solimoes River, which joins the Negro River to form the Amazon, in a place close to Anori, located about 190 km from Manaus, the

capital of Amazon State and largest city in the region.

According to firefighters, *A Nunes*, a passenger ship that had departed from Manaus and was heading to the city of Tefe, began to sink after colliding with a tree trunk floating in the river, opening a hole in the hull.

The two missing persons were apparently crew members who jumped into the river to repair the ship and were washed away. Brazil's Navy said that a patrol ship and a boat were sent to the accident site to search for the missing persons with the help of a team of divers.—Xinhua



Shares in Air China rose on Friday after the nation's flag carrier said it plans to raise more than \$950 m through a private share placement to boost capital and lower financing costs.—INTERNET

Normal birth or C-section?

BEIJING, 12 March — A panel of medical experts in US are working on reversing the trend that it becomes more and more difficult for pregnant women who had caesarean section to try to give vaginal birth, according to media reports on Friday.

Fifteen years ago, nearly three in 10 women who had a first C-section were able to deliver their next baby vaginally, a trend called VBAC for "vaginal birth after cesarean." Now that rate has dropped to one in 10

in part because a third of hospitals and half of physicians ban women from attempting VBAC, the panel convened by the American National Institutes of Health said.

"We found the use of VBAC is certainly a safe alternative for the majority of women who've had one prior caesarean," provided that the incision is horizontal and low on the uterus, said Dr F Gary Cunningham, the conference chairman and a professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Texas Southwest-

ern Medical Centre in Dallas.

There is the rule that "once a Caesarean, always a Caesarean." Doctors almost always recommend a repeat C-section, worrying the scar on the uterus would rupture during labour, which can be life-threatening for both the woman and the child.

In 1980 an expert panel declared vaginal birth safe for many women who had had Caesareans, citing evidence that their risk of a uterine rupture was less than 1 percent.—Xinhua



Australia goes from 'best job' to 'best taxi ride'

PERTH, 12 March — Australian tourism authorities are seeking five foreign couples to take part in what is touted as the world's longest, and most extraordinary, taxi ride.

Building on last year's highly successful "Best Job in the World" campaign, officials are hoping to promote remote and rugged Western Australia by launching the "Extraordinary Taxi Ride".

In a nine-week journey over some 11,000 kilometres (7,000 miles) of road, five couples — one from New Zealand, Malaysia, Singapore, Germany and Britain — will travel the

state in the back of a taxi.

The couples, along with six Australian pairs, will travel one section each of the 11-leg journey, which starts in Perth on April 9 and traverses Outback and the beach-lined west coast before winding north to ex-pearling centre Broome.—Internet

Japan's newest airport opened outside Tokyo on Thursday aiming to lure budget airlines, but there was deep scepticism about its profitability as it has only one scheduled daily flight so far, a daily Asiana Airlines flight to Seoul.

INTERNET



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Great White shark gets a little too close for comfort

BEIJING, 12 March — It's the toothy grin that nightmares are made of.

But despite staring into the jaws of death, this diver still had the presence of mind to take a picture.

This amazing image from photographer Don Carpenter shows him fending off a Great White shark, pushing its snout, then putting his hand in its mouth.

More astonishing photos, taken from a nearby cage, show how powerful these killers are as the 15ft, one-and-a-half ton shark attacks.

The shots were taken off Guadeloupe Island, Mexico by Mr Carpenter, who spent two days diving with the female Great White.

Due to local regulations, he was not allowed to scatter fish guts, known as 'chumming', or put decoys in the water to attract the beasts - so meeting this shark really was a natural experience.—Internet

Er, too close for comfort: One of Mr Carpenter's companions, presumably in a temporary moment of insanity, reaches his hand out to grasp the 15-foot shark by the nose.—INTERNET

Six injured in Indian stampede triggered by chimney collapse

MUMBAI, 12 March — Six people were injured in a stampede caused by the collapse of an under-construction chimney of a power station project in central India on Thursday afternoon, said the police on Friday.

The chimney, nearly 12 metres high and being constructed in Singrauli of the central Indian state Madhya Pradesh, suddenly collapsed at about 4:30 pm local time, the police said.

The chimney's collapse caused panic in the surrounding area and sent many people on the run, triggering the tragedy. Among the six injured, three were in critical conditions.

No one was trapped in the chimney ruins, and the injured in the stampede were rushed to the nearby hospitals, said the police. The cause of the chimney's collapse is being probed.—Xinhua



Man 'murdered wife in fake car crash then tried to kill second partner in copycat attack'

EDINBURGH, 12 March — A man appeared in court yesterday accused of murdering his wife in Scotland 15 years ago and making it look as if she had died in a car crash, and then trying to do the same

to his second wife on the other side of the world.

Malcolm Webster, 50, is alleged to have obtained more than £200,000 in insurance payouts following the death of Claire Webster, 32, in Aberdeenshire. It is claimed that he remarried in New Zealand and that his new wife, Felicity Drumm, survived an attempt on her life.

Internet

Colombia to eradicate 13,000 hectares of coca

BOGOTA, 12 March — Colombia has launched a campaign to eradicate more than 13,000 hectares of coca in the north-western region of Nudo de Paramillo, the government said on Thursday.

The aim of the project is to get rid of coca to facilitate reforestation and productive projects so as to improve the livelihood of the peasants. Instead of coca, a large amount of areas in the region could be used to cultivate rubber plants, cacao, and trees, government officials said.—Xinhua

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV DIBENA EXPRESS VOYNO (119)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV DIBENA EXPRESS VOYNO (119) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 13.3.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W.2 where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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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 Claim Day.

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

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

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV DALIA ROJA VOYNO (109)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV DALIA ROJA VOYNO (109) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 13.3.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W.7 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 Claim Day.

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**Texas executes sheriff's
sergeant killer**

HUNTSVILLE, 12 March—Texas on Thursday executed Joshua Maxwell for the robbery and murder of Bexar County, Texas, Sheriff's Sgt Rudolfo Lopes. Maxwell and his girlfriend at the time, Tessie McFarland, killed Lopes and an Indiana man, Robby Bott, during a 2000 crime spree that began in Indiana and ended following a shootout with police in San Francisco, the *San Antonio News-Express* said.

McFarland, 30, is serving a life sentence. Before he was put to death in Huntsville, Texas, on Thursday, Maxwell apologized to his victims and their families. "I hurt a lot of people with the decisions I made," he said. "I can't be more sorry than I am right now. "This person who did that 10 years ago isn't the same person you see today," he said.

Lopes was 45 when he was killed in San Antonio in October 2000. A 15-year veteran in law enforcement, his body was found dumped behind a strip mall, authorities said. He had been shot in the head, bound and blindfolded. Maxwell was the fourth person executed this year at Huntsville, the newspaper said.—*Internet*

**Identifying serial killer's
pics of women**

SANTA ANA, 12 March—California prosecutors asked the public for help in identifying women pictured in photographs found in the home and storage locker of a convicted serial killer. Orange County prosecutors say they believe Rodney Alcalá took the photos before he raped and murdered 12-year-old Robin Samsøe in 1979. A jury convicted Alcalá on 25 Feb of killing Samsøe; Jill Barcomb, 18; Georgia Wixted, 27; Charlotte Lamb, 32; and Jill Parenteau, 21.

It was Alcalá's third conviction in the death of Samsøe, and he had been sentenced to death in both previous convictions but both convictions were overturned. Some photos show women or young girls in the nude and engaging in sex acts, the *Orange County Register* reports. Others show women or young girls who appear unconscious. Still others show women staring into the lens of a camera held by Alcalá in remote settings similar where Robin Samsøe's body was found in 1979, the newspaper says.

A few are of young men in sexually suggestive poses. "We know that he used his camera many times in the past to gain the trust of several of his victims," prosecutor Matt Murphy told the newspaper. "And then we found dozens of photos of unidentified young women who posed for him." We'd like to locate the women in these pictures," Murphy said.—*Internet*

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**Research discovers molecule that can
switch off cancer**

EDINBURGH, 12 March — Scientists have found a "switch" that can turn off cancer without the side effects of chemotherapy. Researchers have found a molecule that actually triggers cell death, and they are confident it can be developed into a treatment for cancer and other illnesses.

They found that the molecule called caspase, which was already well known for killing cells, could be used to target specific cancerous ones. If the finding can be turned into a treatment it would be a dramatic improvement on chemotherapy which kills healthy cells and well as the cancerous cells to treat the disease.

The study, from the University of Colorado, was published in the 12 March

issue of Science. Professor Ding Xue, who led the five-year study, said: "Our findings initially seemed too good to be true. "We wound up looking at the results from a number of angles, including genetics, cell biology and biochemistry. "Eventually we reached the only logical conclusions we could make." He added: "This is a completely novel finding, and all of the players in this story are well-known, well studied aspects of a very important process in our lives. The experiments were undertaken on a common, eyelash-sized nematode known as *Caenorhabditis elegans*, a popular laboratory organism for genetic and biomedical experiments.

Internet

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A man and cars are reflected on windows in Tokyo on 11 March, 2010. Japan's economy grew less than initially estimated in the fourth quarter and a broad gauge of price trends hit a record negative reading, adding to pressure on the Bank of Japan to ease monetary policy further next week.—INTERNET

Pollution affects women's marathon times

BLACKSBURG, 12 March — A US researcher said women's marathon running times are affected by poor air quality.

Civil and environmental engineer Lynsey Marr of Virginia Polytechnic Institute in Blacksburg said higher levels of pollution particles in the air were associated with slower running times for women.

However, men were not significantly affected.

Marr suggests the gender difference may be due to the smaller size of women's tracheas, which makes it easier for particles to deposit there and possibly cause irritation.

Marr and Matthew Ely of the US Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine evaluated marathon race results, weather data and air pollutant concentrations in seven marathons held in major US cities, including New York and Los Angeles, over a period of eight to 28 years.

"Although pollution levels in these marathons rarely exceeded national standards for air quality, performance was still affected," Marr said in a statement.

Internet

Gene causes neuropathy and brain disease

ROCKVILLE, 12 March — US and Australian scientists say they've determined a gene that causes a fatal childhood brain disorder can also cause peripheral neuropathy in adults.

The researchers say their findings are the first to show different mutations in the same gene can produce seemingly unrelated disorders.

Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease involves a broad range of inherited peripheral neuropathies that cause loss of muscle tissue in the hands, feet and lower legs of affected patients, usually starting in adulthood. Various genetic causes have been identified for the severe childhood brain disorder called Menkes disease that is fatal if not treated.

In the current study, the researchers said they determined people with a CMT-like neuropathy have a mutation in the same gene that causes Menkes disease. The researchers said the gene, called ATP7A, codes for a protein needed to move the trace metal copper between different compartments within the body's cells, or out of cells altogether.

Shellfish suffering in polluted marine environment

BEIJING, 12 March — Shellfish from water off the country's shores has become more toxic as more pollutants including heavy metals and oil damaged the marine environment, the State Oceanic Administration (SOA) reported on Thursday.

About 147,000 sq km of ocean failed to meet the standard for clear water last year, an area 7.3 percent greater than the previous year's, the SOA's annual report on the oceanic environment showed.

Most shellfish in offshore areas contained excessive harmful chemicals like lead, cadmium and DDT, a common pesticide in China, the report said.

Lead detected in shellfish was 50 percent higher than standard levels, while cadmium and DDT levels were about 40 percent higher, test results showed.

Lead is a poisonous metal that can damage the nervous system and cause blood and brain disorders if it is consumed. The World Health Organization classifies DDT as "moderately hazardous".

The lead in shellfish must be less than 1 mg for every kg for it to be safe, according to national seafood standards. DDT levels must be less than 1 mg for every 1 kg to meet safety standards.—Xinhua

More ethanol usage may be bad for Earth

WEST LAFAYETTE, 12 March — A Purdue University study suggests the increased use of corn ethanol might boost the Earth's greenhouse gas emissions.

Professor Thomas Hertel and his five co-authors said their new economic analysis of the effects of increasing use of corn-derived ethanol on greenhouse gas emissions confirms the corn-based biofuel is unlikely to reduce global production of carbon dioxide.

The study focused on how mandated increases in production of the

biofuel in the United States will trigger land-use changes domestically and elsewhere. In response to increased demand for corn, the scientists said farmers convert additional land to crops. And that conversion can boost carbon dioxide emissions, the scientists said.

The investigators said their main conclusion is stark: The indirect, market-mediated effects on greenhouse gas emissions "are enough to cancel out the benefits the corn ethanol has on global warming."

The study appears in the journal *BioScience*.

Internet

Garlic may be strong cancer fighter

COLUMBUS, 12 March — A new test hints garlic may be a strong cancer fighter, Ohio State University researchers say. Senior author Earl Harrison and colleagues say gas chromatography-mass spectrometry separates components of a mixture to detect specific substances to design a urine test to measure the extent of a potential carcinogenic process known as nitrosation.

The small pilot study, reported in *Analytical Biochemistry*, found the results of the urine test suggested the more garlic people consumed, the lower the levels of the potential carcinogenic process were. "Our results showed that those were inversely related to one another — meaning that the more we had the marker for garlic consumption, the less there was of the marker for the risk of cancer," Harrison says in a statement.

The nitrosation process is mostly initiated by consuming substances from certain processed meats, high-heat food preparation practices, or water contaminated by industrial or agricultural runoff called nitrates — about 20 percent of which convert to nitrites.—Internet

UNESCO highlights culture protection in Haiti reconstruction

PARIS, 12 March — The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) on Thursday highlighted the importance of salvage of culture heritages in Haiti's reconstruction, saying culture should be an integral part in humanitarian aid.

"Culture must go hand in hand with humanitarian aid. It must be present in Haiti's reconstruction strategies because culture and development are closely linked," UNESCO Direc-

tor-general Irina Bokova said in a Press release summarizing her two-day official visit to the Caribbean nation hit by a devastating earthquake on 12 Jan.

She visited several national heritages and met with the Haitian Culture Minister and local officials before leaving on Wednesday.

"We are aware that emergency humanitarian aid is not the only appropriate response to the country's needs and that your know-how and your traditions

must be taken into account in the reconstruction effort," said Bokova while reiterating UNESCO's commitment to safeguarding Haiti heritage.

Xinhua

A kangaroo is seen in an enclosure in the zoo in Dhaka. People in a Japanese mountain region have reported a number of kangaroo sightings, and journalists are now trying to stalk the marsupials.

INTERNET



SPORTS

Chelsea's Didier Drogba wins African football award



Drogba is the skipper of Ivory Coast and a key player for them.

LONDON, 12 March—Ivory Coast and Chelsea striker Didier Drogba has been named African Footballer of the Year. Drogba scored five goals as Ivory Coast qualified for the 2010 World Cup and scored for Chelsea in the FA Cup final.

Chelsea team-mate and Michael Essien and

Cameroon forward Samuel Eto'o were also shortlisted for the award. Drogba, who turned 32 on Thursday, had previously won the award in 2006, while Algeria were named team of the year at the ceremony in Accra, Ghana.

Algeria qualified for the World Cup finals in South Africa after defeating Egypt in a play-off game.

Drogba has scored 25 goals so far this season for Chelsea, who are in contention for the Premier League title and remain in the Champions League and FA Cup.

And the Ivorian claimed as he celebrated his 32nd birthday that his appetite for the game is as strong as ever.—*Internet*

Schwartzel takes lead at Doral

DORAL, 12 March—Five birdies were enough to put Charl Schwartzel among the leaders at the CA Championship. No mistakes is what put in the lead alone on Thursday on a rough-and-tumble day at Doral. Schwartzel, who got into the elite field with two victories in his native South Africa at the start of the season, managed to get around the famed Blue Monster without a bogey on his way to a 5-under 67 and a one-shot lead in the World Golf Championship event.

Not so fortunate were Ernie Els, Robert Allenby and Vijay Singh, all of them poised to claim a share of the lead or better until they stepped to the tee on the 443-yard closing hole at Doral that was playing into a wind strong enough to knock the caps of some players. Singh was in the lead until putting his tee shot into the water and making double bogey, giving him a 68.—*Internet*

Manchester United in Telekom Malaysia sponsorship deal



United's shirts will be sponsored by Aon from next season.

LONDON, 12 March—Manchester United have signed a five-year sponsorship deal with communications group Telekom Malaysia. The deal will make Telekom Malaysia the "Integrated Telecommunications Partner" of the Old Trafford club in Malaysia. Announcing

the deal, chief executive David Gill said the partnership was proof of the Glazer family's long-term commitment to the club.

"We will be around for the length of this deal and many more in addition to that," Gill said. "This demonstrates the strength of the club. It is a long-term partnership for five years. But Gill admitted that the green and gold scarves used by anti-Glazer fans during the side's 4-0 victory over AC Milan on Wednesday had not gone unnoticed.—*Internet*

Woods likely to return at Masters



Tiger Woods.

DORAL, 12 March—Tiger Woods intends to remain out of golf at least until the Masters, two people with knowledge of his plans told *The Associated Press* on Thursday. Woods has been practicing at Isleworth near his Orlando home the last two weeks, and swing coach Hank Haney flew there during the weekend to work with him. That led to speculation on Thursday he was close to playing again.

ing again.

The two people, who spoke on condition of anonymity because only Woods is supposed to release such information, say he is likely to play first at Augusta National in April. Woods twice has gone nine weeks without competing before showing up at a major. The first time was in 2006, when he didn't play after the Masters while coping with his father's death, then missed the cut in a major for the first time in the US Open at Winged Foot. Two years ago, he was out with knee surgery until winning the US Open at Torrey Pines on a shattered left knee.

Internet

Real give vote of confidence to Pellegrini



Pellegrini was a helpless spectator as his team crashed out of the Champions League to Lyon.—*INTERNET*

MADRID, 12 March—Beleaguered Real Madrid coach Manuel Pellegrini has received a vote of confidence for the club's director-general Jorge Valdano despite their disastrous Champions League exit to Lyon on

Wednesday night.

The nine-time European champions were held to a 1-1 home draw in the Bernabeu to go out 2-1 on aggregate to the French side, who won the first leg 1-0.

It is the sixth year in a row that Real have failed to get beyond the last 16 knockout stages of a tournament they once made their own and to add to the disappointment, this year's final will be held in their home stadium in Madrid.

Internet

Poulter aims to become top-ranked European



Ian Poulter lifts the Accenture World Matchplay trophy in Arizona in February.

INTERNET

NEW YORK, 12 March—Ian Poulter can become the top-ranked European golfer for the first time in his career if he can clinch his second world title of the season in Florida this week.

But it seems the Englishman is still starstruck from the goodwill messages he received after securing his first Accenture Match Play title in Arizona in February.

The world number five told the European Tour: "Greg Norman gave me a call, Nick Faldo dropped me a line and Arnold Palmer wrote me a letter.

I can't express how much it means. It's just so nice—Greg was just off to Asia and took time out of his schedule to call. "And when Arnie sends you a letter to say he was watching and 'congratulations, well played' it can't really get better than that.

Internet



A late goal gave Lille (photo) a 1-0 victory over English giants Liverpool in the first leg of their Europa League last-16 tie. Italy's Juventus defeated Fulham (3-1) as Valencia were held to a 1-1 draw at home to Werder Bremen.—*INTERNET*

Juventus overwhelm Fulham, Lille put Liverpool in danger

LONDON, 12 March—Juventus assumed command of their Europa League last-16 tie against Fulham with a 3-1 first-leg win on Thursday, after beleaguered English giants Liverpool were beaten at Lille.

Juve took an early lead in Turin when centre-back Nicola Legrottaglie headed home from a ninth-minute corner before right-back Jonathan Zebina extended their advantage with a thunderous 25-yard effort.

Dickson Etuhu's deflected shot reduced the arrears but former France international David Trezeguet restored the home side's two-goal cushion by volleying home in first-half injury time after his shot came back off the post. Liverpool, a disappointing sixth in the Premier League after losing 1-0 to Wigan on Monday, were short of fluency on an uneven playing surface and sank to defeat when Eden Hazard's 84th-minute free-kick drifted straight in from wide on the left-hand flank.

Internet

Rain suspends play at Puerto Rico Open

RIO GRANDE, 12 March—Heavy rain forced the suspension of first-round play Thursday in the PGA Tour's Puerto Rico Open. Before play was suspended at 7:19 am, Skip Kendall holed a 7-iron shot from 159 yards for eagle on the par-4 10th. Eighteen players teed off before play was stopped.

Play was called for the day at 1:30 pm after about 6 inches hit the already soaked Trump International Golf Club-Puerto Rico course. The \$3.5 million tournament is being held opposite the World Golf Championships-CA Championship at Doral.—*Internet*

Arsenal captain Fabregas to miss Hull clash



Arsenal captain Cesc Fabregas.

LONDON, 12 March—Arsenal captain Cesc Fabregas is set to miss Saturday's Premier League clash at Hull with a hamstring injury. Fabregas suffered the injury in the first half of last

weekend's victory over Burnley and was ruled out of the midweek Champions League victory over Porto as a result.

Gunnars boss Arsene Wenger had rated the Spain midfielder's chances of facing Hull as 50-50, but his creative talisman looks certain to absent from the trip to the KC Stadium. Wenger also has fitness doubts over Czech midfielder Tomas Rosicky, who has a groin strain, and French defender Bacary Sagna, who has an ankle problem.

Internet



People wait in line for free bananas during a demonstration by banana producers from the Canary Islands at Madrid's landmark Puerta del Sol on 12 March 2010. Banana producers from the Canary Islands (ASPROCAN) gave out free bananas to protest against new commercial measures taken by the EU which have lowered non-European tariffs for banana imports.—INTERNET



MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (13-3-2010)(Saturday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am~10:00am)MST
Europe	- (15:30pm~23:30pm)MST
North America	- (23:30pm~07:30am)MST
Oversea Transmission -	(13-3-10 11:30 am ~ 14-3-10 11:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Ywama Floating Market: A Place of Matchlessness
- * News
- * Poem Garden "Bobby"
- * "Pop in Teenagers" Fidelity of Love
- * Panca Rupa
- * News
- * Record Album
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- * Dainty Hill-resort of Loi-Mwe
- * News
- * Delicious "Monlatsaung"
- * Ancient Artifacts Showroom
- * Culture Stage
- * Unique Biodiversity of Indawgyi Lake (Part-V)
- * A Little Village of Kyar Ton
- * News
- * Traditions of Ganan Nationals
- * The Interesting Places of Kachin State
- * Beauty of Gall Wood displayed
- * Folk Art of Pottery

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WEATHER

Friday, 12th March, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in 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, Chin, Rakhine and Kayin States, Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions and about March average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant day temperatures were Mandalay, Magway and Hpa-an (40°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 11-3-2010 was 97°F. Minimum temperature on 12-3-2010 was 73°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 12-3-2010 was 69%. Total sun shine hours on 11-3-2010 was (9.0) hours approx.

Rainfall on 12-3-2010 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 Northeast at (16:30) hours MST on 11-3-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 13th March 2010: Weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin, Chin and Rakhine States, Mandalay, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions.

State of the sea: Strong easterly winds with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coast. Surface wind speed in the strong wind may reach (35) m.p.h. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.


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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 13-3-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 13-3-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 13-3-2010: Partly cloudy.

Weather outlook for third weekend of March 2010: During the coming weekend, weather will be partly cloudy in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay Divisions.



Saturday, 13 March
View on today

<p>7:00 am</p> <p>1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု အရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်</p> <p>7:25 am</p> <p>2. To Be Healthy Exercise</p> <p>7:30 am</p> <p>3. Morning News</p> <p>7:40 am</p> <p>4. မြတ်ဂုဏ်တော်သခင် (သန်းမြတ်စိုးတေးရေး-မောင်မောင်လတ်)</p> <p>7:50 am</p> <p>5. Nice & Sweet Song</p>	<p>8:00 am</p> <p>6. ကဗျာပန်းဥယျာဉ်</p> <p>8:15 am</p> <p>7. "တန်ခိုး"</p> <p>8:25 am</p> <p>8. (၆၅)နှစ်မြောက်တစ်မတော်နေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်</p> <p>8:40 am</p> <p>9. International News</p> <p>8:45 am</p> <p>10. Connect With English (Episode-31) (A Box Of Memories)</p> <p>11:00 am</p> <p>1. Martial Song</p> <p>11:10 am</p> <p>2. မြန်မာ့ကြွယ်ဝသောအမွေအက</p> <p>11:20 am</p> <p>3. Game For Children</p> <p>11:45 am</p> <p>4. Round Up Of The Week's TV Local News</p> <p>12:15 pm</p> <p>5. Yan Can Cook</p> <p>12:35 pm</p> <p>6. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "တာသကမ္ဘာ" (အပိုင်း-၇၉)</p> <p>1:20 pm</p> <p>7. အတိတ်ပြည့်</p> <p>1:40 pm</p> <p>8. ကြွယ်ဝသောမြေဓာတ်ရုံ</p>	<p>1:50 pm</p> <p>9. "လာအာတူသွားကြစို့"</p> <p>2:00 pm</p> <p>10. "ရုပ်မြင်ရသတေးစုကဏ္ဍ"</p> <p>2:25 pm</p> <p>11. နားခင်ပိတ်သူလက်သံ</p> <p>2:50 pm</p> <p>12. International News</p> <p>4:00 pm</p> <p>1. Martial Song</p> <p>4:10 pm</p> <p>2. အတပြည့်</p> <p>4:20 pm</p> <p>3. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "တောင်တန်းမြင့်မြင့် ဆူရတေးများ"</p> <p>4:30 pm</p> <p>4. တစ်မတော်နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြု တေးသီချင်းပြိုင်ပွဲ ဆူရတေးများ</p> <p>4:40 pm</p> <p>5. အမေသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ တတိယနှစ် (ရွှေတေးအသံသွင်း) (ရွှေတေး)</p> <p>4:50 pm</p> <p>6. Songs For Uphold National Spirit</p> <p>4:55 pm</p> <p>7. Dance Of National Races</p>	<p>5:00 pm</p> <p>8. "ဖွားချစ်ကတားမြစ်ထားသည့်"</p> <p>5:40 pm</p> <p>9. Musical Programme</p> <p>5:50 pm</p> <p>10. (၆၅)နှစ်မြောက်တစ်မတော်နေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်</p> <p>6:00 pm</p> <p>11. Evening News</p> <p>6:15 pm</p> <p>12. Weather Report</p> <p>6:20 pm</p> <p>13. အလှူရှာမယ်လွန်ကွယ်</p> <p>6:40 pm</p> <p>14. ယဉ်တစ်ကိုယ်မယ် (အောင်အောင်) (ခရီးစဉ်-၁၉)</p> <p>7:00 pm</p> <p>15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "တောင်တန်းမြင့်မြင့်" (အပိုင်း-၁၉)</p> <p>8:00 pm</p> <p>16. News</p> <p>17. International News</p> <p>18. Weather Report</p> <p>19. တာဝန်အစီအစဉ် "တောင်တန်းမြင့်မြင့်" (အပိုင်း-၁၉)</p> <p>20. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရွှေတေးသံ" (အပိုင်း-၁၄)</p> <p>21. ဝိတတ်ခရီးလေးဖွင့်ပါဦး</p>
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- ★ 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

Entire people urged to realize, take part in four clean edutainment programme

NAY PYI TAW, 12 March — A ceremony to launch the National Sanitation Week 2010, jointly organized by the Ministry of Health and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), was held at the meeting hall of the ministry here this morning with an opening address by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint.

In his address, the minister pointed out that National Health Plan (2006-2011) is being implemented under the leadership of National



Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint delivers speech at the opening of National Sanitation Week 2010.—MNA

Health Committee; that for Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (2007-2011) is

also underway in order to carry out thoroughly; that food, water, hand and latrine cleans are interrelated; that everyone should be fully aware of diarrhoea and it is required for everyone to realize and take part in four clean edutainment programme; that sanitation activities in Myanmar is on the right track to Millennium De-

velopment Goals of the UN thanks to collaborative efforts of the departments concerned and the people; that efforts should be made with added momentum to fulfill the requirements prior to UN Millennium Development Goals (2015); and that the ministry is organizing health education talks at grassroots level in order to

raise the public awareness on water, sanitation and hygiene.

Next, UNICEF Resident Representative Mr. Ramesh Shrestha spoke on the occasion.

After the ceremony, the minister, the deputy ministers and party viewed the commemorative booth on display.

MNA

Myitkyina sub-printing house rehearses fire drill

NAY PYI TAW, 12 March — Myitkyina Sub-printing House in Kachin State rehearsed fire drill on 7 March.

Local authorities and Officials supervised the drill. Educative talks on the causes of fire outbreak and fire preventive measures were also held at

the house.

An official from the township Fire Services Department demonstrated the methods of fire extinguishing and staff of the house practised systematic fire extinguishing processes together with firemen.

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