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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

## Commerce Minister calls for boosting beans & pulses production and trading

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Dec — Minister for Commerce U Tin Naing Thein yesterday stressed the need for cooperation of related departments, traders' associations and private entrepreneurs to achieve sustainable success in the beans and pulses production.

During the meeting for the development of

beans and pulses production sector held at the Ministry of Commerce here yesterday, the minister also called for producing quality and high-yield beans and pulses to penetrate international markets, exporting more value-added goods and for organizing more companies for trading beans and pulses.

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## True patriotism

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

## Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay section of Yangon-Mandalay Expressway to be commissioned soon

(Continued from yesterday)

Deputy Superintending Engineer U Thein Myint Mon said that they built 1396 bridges: 472 from Nay Pyi Taw junction to Mandalay, and 924 in Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw section; the bridges on Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay section were 32 above-180-foot bridges, 78 50-to-180-foot bridges, 66 under-50-

foot bridges, 34 underpasses and 262 concrete box culverts; there were 72 above-180-foot bridges from Yangon to Mandalay, with a total length of more than 24,000 feet; and that bridges whose clearance areas were at least 90 feet wide were installed with plate girders from the Myanma Economic Corporation.

**Byline: Yan Gyi Aung;  
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Project Engineer Lt-Col Soe Si from the Directorate of Military Engineering of the Ministry of (See page 8)



Roadworks being carried out on a road section of Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay Expressway.— MNA



Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo receives a Korean delegation led by Mr Hee-sunko, chairman of Nong Woo Bio Co., Ltd.

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Minister Thura U Aye Myint presents K 5 million to gold medalists in Sepak Takraw Men's Regu.

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A helicopter is seen on water after an emergency landing in Shing Mun Reservoir of Hong Kong, on 27 Dec. The helicopter made an emergency landing due to mechanical failure on Monday.

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## PERSPECTIVES

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### Donate safe blood

Over 500 blood donors from various regions were honoured at the 34<sup>th</sup> ceremony organized by the Central National Blood Committee at the Institute of Nursing (Yangon) on 14 December. Among them, each of 41 donors has donated blood more than 100 times; and each of eight, 100 times.

Donating blood means saving life. So it is very generous to donate own blood and contribute volunteer service, and cash and kind to increase the number of volunteer blood donors.

Myanmar launched blood transfusion treatment in 1939, and a blood bank was established in Yangon General Hospital. The blood bank was reconstituted as the Central National Blood Bank in 1962, and as the National Blood Centre according to Blood and Blood Equipment Law in 2003.

In order to give safe blood, a blood donor must be healthy with full level of haemoglobin, and must be free from such bacteria as HIV, and hepatitis B and C.

Now, the number of regular blood donors is on the increase thanks to the contributions made by social organizations, departments and volunteer blood donors. To get safe blood only, the Ministry of Health ensures that blood is donated only after blood tests.

It does not take long to donate blood. After donating blood, the donor has his heart filled with full of pervasive pleasure for his generosity. It is to take care of blood donors, and blood donors on their part have to stay away from bad habits in order to save lives with safe blood.

### MWJA pays respects to doyen literati at homes

YANGON, 28 Dec — Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association (Central) paid respects to the respectees at their residences today who failed to attend the respect-paying ceremony to doyen literati held in commemoration of Myanmar Sarsodaw Day for ME 1372 on 26 December.

A team led by MWJA Secretary U Ko Ko (Ko Ko-Sethmu Tetkatho) and Joint-Secretary (3) U Aung Thein Win (Maung Khaing Khant) presented K 200,000 and offertories each to U Aye Pe (Tineyin May), Daw Myint Than (Lecturer Daw Myint Than), U Ohn Pe (Tetkatho Win Le) and U Win Pe (Mya Zin) at their homes.

The MWJA will continue paying respect to the doyen literati in the rest townships of Yangon Municipal area.—MNA

### All this needs to be known

- \* Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- \* Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- \* Do not be softened whenever appeased

## People's Voice

- \* 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

### Commander meets officers, other ranks of Mongnaung Station

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Dec — Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of the Eastern Command Brig-Gen Hsan Oo met officers, other ranks and their families at Mongnaung Station on 21 December.

During the meeting, the commander presented cash assistance to the families and

cordially greeted them.

After the meeting, the commander went to a local battalion and visited agricultural and livestock breeding farm.

He met officers, other ranks and their families at the local battalion the next day and presented cash assistance to them.—MNA

### Victorious Myanmar sports contingents honoured

YANGON, 28 Dec — Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Thura U Aye Myint attended the ceremony to honour members of Myanmar sports contingents who took part in the XVI Asian Games and 2<sup>nd</sup> Asian Beach Games at Mya Yeik Nyo Hotel here on 26 December.

It was also attended by Member of the committee, Chairman of Sports Plus Education Leading Committee Deputy Minister for Education U Aung Myo Min, Chairperson of Central Working Committee of Myanmar Women Sports Federation Daw Aye Aye, patrons of sports federations, presidents of Myanmar Sepak Takraw,



Minister Thura U Aye Myint presents K 5 million to gold medalists in Sepak Takraw Men's Regu. MNA

Myanmar Rowing Federation, Myanmar Wushu Federation, Myanmar Sports Journalists Federation, victorious athletes and coaches, managers and guests.

The minister spoke words of praise for success

Myanmar sports contingents made in the XVI Asian Games and 2<sup>nd</sup> Asian Beach Games and called for more achievements in international competitions.

Next, the minister, the deputy minister, presidents of MSTF, MRF

and MWF presented cash prizes to outstanding teams and athletes.

After speaking words of thanks by an athlete, those present enjoyed dinner and entertainments of Myanmar cultural troupes.

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### Silver Tiger hosts dinner to sale representatives



Managing Director U Tin Latt of Silver Tiger Co Ltd extends greetings at dinner hosted to sale representatives.—MNA

YANGON, 28 Dec — Silver Tiger Co Ltd hosted a dinner to sale representatives of Opple Lighting along with awarding ceremony at Sedona Hotel here yesterday evening.

Managing Director U

Tin Latt of the Silver Tiger Co Ltd extended greetings and presented prizes to sale representatives before the dinner.

The Silver Tiger is the first-ever company in Myanmar distributing

Opple brand ceiling lamps and electronics with guarantee.

Those who tend to become a sale representative of Opple electronic contact the company at (G-4, 5 and 6), building C, Pearl

Condominium, Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, Bahan Township (Ph: 555155 and 559433); (G-15), west wing of Aung San Stadium, Mingala Taungnyunt Township (Ph: 371533 and 394821); Room No (159/161), No (2), Ground Floor, 29<sup>th</sup> Street (middle block), Pabedan Township (Ph: 250615 and 095012580); No (267), between 26<sup>th</sup> Street and 83<sup>rd</sup> x 84<sup>th</sup> Street, Mandalay (Ph: 02-34957 and 66636) and Nice Electric at No (263) between 83<sup>rd</sup> Street and 29<sup>th</sup> x 30<sup>th</sup> Street, Mandalay (Ph: 02-21601).—MNA



## Suspected packages at Albanian, Finnish embassies proved to be false alarms

ROME, 28 Dec—The Italian police confirmed Monday that suspected packages found at Albanian and Finnish embassies were both proved to be false alarms.

According to the ANSA news agency, the police's bomb squad found a calendar in the suspicious package sent to the Albanian Embassy in Rome, while an agenda was found in the suspicious package sent to the Finnish Embassy to the Holy See in Rome.

On Monday morning a suspected package handled by the Greek Embassy's internal mail service was opened by

the staff but failed to explode.

Police's bomb squad experts rushed to the Greek Embassy to defuse the explosive device, and confirmed that the package was identical to those forwarded to Chilean and Swiss embassies last week.

Other suspected packages found on Monday morning at Venezuelan, Danish and Monacan embassies in Rome were all proved to be false alarms, the police said.

Last Thursday two mail bombs exploded at Chilean and Swiss embassies in Rome, injuring two people who



**Graphic locating the embassies targeted by parcel bombs. A parcel bomb found at the Greek embassy in Rome on Monday was similar to packages that went off injuring two people at the Chilean and Swiss missions in a suspected attack by anarchists, police said.**

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opened them. A group with ties to Greek anarchists claimed responsibility on Friday.

Xinhua

## Death toll of bomb blasts reaches 80 in Nigeria's Jos

Jos, 28 Dec — The death toll from the Christmas Eve bomb blasts in central north Plateau State had risen to 80, the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) said Monday.

The north central zonal manager for the agency Al Hassan Danjuma Aliu disclosed this to reporters in Jos, the state capital on Monday, adding that the figure covers the over all death tolls from 24 Dec.

He said the injured number is above 100. A source in one of the hospitals told Xinhua that most of the victims died as a result of serious injuries they sustained.

The source said the victims were also given mass burial at an undisclosed area in the state. The police in Nigeria's central north Plateau State on Sunday confirmed the killing of 32 persons after three blasts rocked Nigeria's restive Jos City.

State police commissioner Abdelrahman Akano told reporters in Jos, the state capital, that 74 others were seriously injured and were receiving treatment at various hospitals in the state.—Xinhua

**Map showing Taliban presence in Afghanistan. Confidential UN maps show a clear deterioration in security in parts of Afghanistan over the course of this year, despite White House claims its strategy is working, the Wall Street Journal reported Monday.**—INTERNET



## 16 people killed, 55 wounded in Iraq's violence

BAGHDAD, 28 Dec—Up to 16 people were killed and 55 were wounded in separate attacks across Iraq, including a twin suicide bombing in western the country on Monday, the police said.

One of the most deadly attacks during the day was a twin suicide bomb attack targeting a government buildings complex in central Ramadi, the capital of Iraq's western Province of Anbar. The coordinated attack took place before noon when a suicide bomber drove his explosive-laden car into a checkpoint at the entrance of a government buildings complex in central Ramadi, some 110 km west of Baghdad, a source from Anbar's operations command told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

Almost simultaneously, another suicide bomber wearing an explosive vest blew



**A policeman looks at a damaged police vehicle following a car bomb and minutes later a suicide bombing targeting the provincial headquarters in the western Iraqi City of Ramadi.**—INTERNET

himself up outside a government bank and a nearby court house, close to the site of the first attack, the source said.

"A total of 14 people, including four policemen, were killed and 52 people, most of them were civilians, wounded by the blasts," the source said, citing a report from the city hospital. In a separate incident, a roadside bomb struck a civilian car near the city of Dujail, some 60 km north of Baghdad, killing a Christian woman and wounded her

husband, a local police source said.

In Iraq's eastern province of Diyala, an Iraqi army officer was killed when a sticky bomb attached to his car detonated while he was driving in the city of al-Khalis, near the provincial capital city of Baquba, some 65 km northeast of Baghdad, a provincial police source said.

In Baghdad, gunmen using silenced weapons opened fire on a sport utility vehicle (SUV) belonging to the Interior Ministry in Baghdad western district of Yarmouk, wounding two policemen aboard, an Interior Ministry source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

Violence and sporadic high-profile bomb attacks continue in the Iraqi cities despite the dramatic decrease of violence over the last three years. —Xinhua



**A soldier and Iraqi security personnel inspect the site of bomb attacks in Ramadi, 100 km (60 miles) west of Baghdad, on 27 December, 2010.**—INTERNET

## Fights start as thousands stuck in Moscow airports

MOSCOW, 28 Dec—Irate holidaymakers beat up Aeroflot staff at a Moscow airport on Tuesday as thousands were stranded with little food or information, after icy rain and blackouts disrupted traffic for a third straight day.

At Sheremetyevo where Russia's flagship carrier is based, Aeroflot personnel were now scared of dealing with agitated passengers, saying the airport did not have enough security guards, state-run RIA quoted an airline employee as saying.

Police told Reuters they were not involved in the reported violence at Sheremetyevo and declined to comment.

On Monday a group of passengers stormed passport control at Moscow's Domodedovo, Russia's biggest airport, where OMON riot police have since been dispatched. "People are desperate. Fights have broken out. It feels like there is no air in here," one woman at Domodedovo told Vesti 24 television on Tuesday.

Russia's transport minister issued blistering criticism of the management of the country's largest airport, Domodedovo, saying it should have shut because of the power cuts instead of keeping passengers hostage waiting for their flights. "After the lights went out, they should have shut!"

Prosecutors launched a probe on Tuesday into the widespread delays at the Russian capital's two main airports. Only 150 flights took off overnight at Domodedovo, which typically runs some 700 flights a day, after freezing rain snapped power lines leaving it in the dark for more than 10 hours over the weekend.

Arrival and departure information boards were almost all red, warning of delays and cancellations as



**Passengers sleep at the departure hall of Moscow's Domodedovo airport on 28 Dec, 2010.**—INTERNET

passengers slept on baggage conveyor belts and departure hall floors.

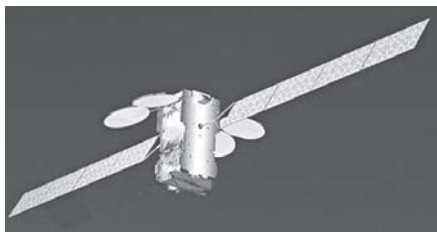
Russia's aviation agency chief Alexander Neradko said in televised comments that it would take another two to three days to normalise transport at Domodedovo and that priority was being given to passengers stuck since Sunday.—MNA/Reuters



## Science



### Russia puts European satellite Ka-Sat in orbit



*An image released by Eutelsat shows a computer-generated image of the European satellite Ka-Sat of Eutelsat Communications that has been successfully lofted into orbit by a Proton rocket late 26 December.—INTERNET*

MOSCOW, 28 Dec—Russia on Monday put into orbit the European Ka-Sat satellite launched overnight by a *Proton-M* rocket from the Baikonur cosmodrome

in Kazakhstan, space officials said.

"The satellite was successfully put into orbit at 10:03 Moscow time (0703 GMT)," the Khronichev space centre said Monday in a statement.

This was Proton's first successful launch after a failure on 5 December of three Russian navigation satellites, Glonass, to reach orbit. They fell into the Pacific some 1,500 kilometres (937 miles) from Hawaii.

After the incident, Russia has temporarily suspended Proton launches. Some experts have said programming errors caused failures.

Ka-Sat will ensure access to broadband Internet for poorly served terrestrial networks in Europe and Mediterranean basin. The satellite was constructed by EADS Astrium for Eutelsat, Europe's leading satellite operator.

*Internet*

### US study finds Neanderthals ate their veggies

WASHINGTON, 28 Dec—A US study found that Neanderthals, prehistoric cousins of humans, ate grains and vegetables as well as meat, cooking them over fire in the same way homo sapiens did.

The new research published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS) challenges a prevailing theory that Neanderthals' over reliance on meat contributed to their extinction around 30,000 years ago.

Researchers found grains from numerous plants, including a type of wild grass, as well as traces of roots and tubers, trapped in plaque buildup on fossilized Neanderthal teeth unearthed in northern Europe and



*A wax figure representing a Neanderthal man on display at a museum. INTERNET*

Iraq. Many of the particles "had undergone physical changes that matched experimentally-cooked starch grains, suggesting that Neanderthals controlled fire much like early modern humans," PNAS said in a statement.—*Internet*

### Scientists may be missing many Star explosions

WASHINGTON, 28 Dec—Some of the brightest stellar explosions in the galaxy may be flying under astronomers' radar, a new study suggests.

Researchers using observations from a sun-studying satellite detected four novas — exploding stars not quite as bright or dramatic as supernovas. The scientists were able to follow the explosions in intricate detail over time, including before the novas reached maximum brightness.

While other astronomers had discovered all four novas before, two of them escaped detection until after they had reached peak luminosity, the study revealed. This fact suggests that many other stellar explosions — even some that are incredibly bright — may be occurring unnoticed, researchers said.

"So far, this research has shown that some novae become so bright that they could have been easily detected with the naked eye by anyone looking in the right direction at the right time, but are being missed, even in our age of sophisticated professional observatories," study lead author Rebekah Hounsell, a graduate student at Liverpool John Moores University (LJMU) in England, said in a statement.

The new observations are also allowing scientists to study nova explosions in unprecedented detail, according to researchers.

"The data have in fact opened a new chapter in our observations and understanding of novae," Hounsell added.

*Internet*



## Technology



### Two new Pokemon Games coming to Nintendo DS in March

NEW YORK, 28 Dec—Pokemon players will soon meet new characters in new settings in a pair of games set to launch this spring. Nintendo on Monday announced the March 2011 release of "Pokemon White Version" and Pokemon Black Version" for Nintendo DS.

Nintendo said that with the game, players will encounter more than 150 new Pokemon characters who can be caught and trained then unleashed in battle.

"'Pokemon Black Version' and 'Pokemon White Version' represent a generational leap forward for the renowned series, delivering an unprecedented number of new Pokemon to catch, battle, and trade," Marc Franklin, director of public relations for Nintendo America, said in a statement. "Whether you have played the Pokemon video games before or are just getting interested in them, you won't want to miss 'Pokemon Black Version' and 'Pokemon White Version.'"—*Internet*



*The Amazon homepage is seen in Washington on 9 Dec advertising its new Kindle ereader. INTERNET*

### With iPod Rival, Samsung aims to match Apple products

NEW YORK, 28 Dec—Building out its family of products, Samsung Electronics has confirmed that it will debut a personal media player based on its Galaxy smartphones at next week's Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas. The four-inch touchscreen Samsung Galaxy Player has Wi-Fi, front- and back-facing cameras, and comes with eight, 16 or 32 gigabytes of data storage — much like Apple's iPod touch — according to a blog that covers Samsung products.

Samsung Hub also reported that the player is 9.9mm thick and runs Android 2.2 with a one-gigahertz processor, a microSD card slot, and access to Samsung Apps and the Android Market, which has more than 200,000 offerings. The South Korea-based Samsung previously released the Galaxy Player 50 at the IFA conference in Berlin in September, with a smaller 3.2-inch display, only a rear-facing camera, and running Android 2.1. A similar device, the GB-70, is also expected at CES.

Having launched the Galaxy Tab in September — a seven-inch answer to Apple's 9.7-inch iPad tablet, with one million sold in the first two months, as well as a line of Galaxy smartphones that have sold more than five million units on all major carriers, Samsung seems poised to try to match the Cupertino, Calif., computer giant product for product in the aggressive consumer electronics arena.

"Samsung is trying to match Apple family by family," said technology consultant and analyst Rob Enderle. "Samsung is one of the few companies that can match



*LG has launched LG's slimmest LED monitor LG E90 in India. At 7.2 mm thickness, LG E90 has a 21.5 widescreen display with resolution of 1920 x 1080 pixels, 10,000,000:1 contrast ratio, 250 nits of brightness and response time of 2ms. INTERNET*

Apple's distribution. Although they don't have their own stores like Apple, in terms of being able to compete in the same kind of stores, they can do that."

Enderle added that other companies trying to match Apple's success have done so "piecemeal, without going after the full set of products."

"Samsung is one of the most powerful consumer electronics companies in the world and the one that scares Sony the most. If you had to pick the company most capable of taking on Apple, Samsung would probably be it."

Samsung Electronics, a division of the Samsung Group, also makes semiconductors, smart televisions, home appliances, computing products, and printers.

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## Health

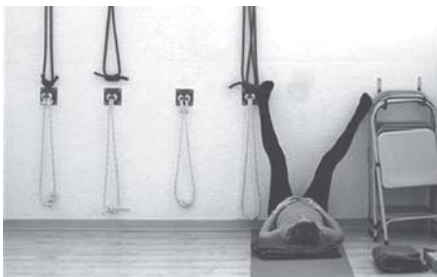
### Health Tip: Are varicose veins dangerous?

Varicose veins are enlarged, swollen veins in the legs that can be painful, although they're usually not serious.

The womenshealth.gov Web site says you should see a doctor about varicose veins if:

- \* A vein becomes swollen, red, tender or feels warm.
- \* Sores or a rash develop nearby.
- \* Skin on the ankle or calf thickens and changes colour.
- \* The vein starts to bleed.
- \* Symptoms hinder daily activities or cause emotional distress.—Internet

### Exercise may help limit pregnancy weight gain



A pregnant woman attends a yoga class in Madrid on 17 March, 2009.—INTERNET

NEW YORK, 28 Dec — Being physically active while pregnant may help women gain a little bit less weight, according to a new review of recent research.

Pooling the results of 12 studies, researchers in Munich, Germany, found that women who exercised

while pregnant gained an average of 1.3 fewer pounds than women who didn't.

That alone is probably not much of an incentive for women who are considering exercising while pregnant, but there are other reasons to do it,

said Dr Michael Kramer of McGill University in Montreal who reviewed the findings for *Reuters Health*.

Research shows that exercise can have positive effects on mood and insulin sensitivity in people overall, and appears to have no negative effects on women during pregnancy, noted Kramer, who is also scientific director of the Institute of Human Development, Child and Youth Health at the Canadian Institutes of Health Research.

Exercise can also help women maintain their pre-pregnancy conditioning.

Reuters



An injured boy receives medical treatment at a hospital after falling into water in Hengnan, Hunan Province on 27 Dec, 2010. A three-wheeled vehicle plunged into a creek in foggy conditions in central China on Monday killing at least 14 children on their way to primary school, state media reported. Picture taken on 27 Dec, 2010.

INTERNET

### Prostate cancer treatment may be tied to cataracts

NEW YORK, 28 Dec — Older men who opt for hormone-blocking therapy to treat prostate cancer might be slightly raising their risk of developing cataracts, hints new research.

However, it is not yet clear if the therapy does actually cause the clouding that develops in the lens of the eye.

The male hormone testosterone helps drive the growth of prostate cancer. So-called "androgen deprivation therapy," or ADT, suppresses production of testosterone. An estimated one of every three men with prostate cancer undergoes ADT, either in the form of drugs, such as Lupron or Zoladex, or surgery to remove the testicles.

Yet, it is increasing being recognized that ADT carries serious potential risks — namely, diabetes and obesity.

In October, the US Food and Drug Administration ruled that certain hormone treatments for prostate cancer, including Lupron, Zoladex, Trelstar, and Eligard,

must carry new warnings about an increased risk of diabetes and heart problems.

Because both obesity and diabetes have been linked to cataracts, "we suspected that cataract might have been another unintended consequence" of ADT, Jennifer Beebe-Dimmer of the Karmanos Cancer Institute in Detroit, Michigan, told *Reuters Health* in an e-mail.

To test their hunch, Beebe-Dimmer and her colleagues studied nearly 66,000 prostate cancer patients aged 66 or older from a large US cancer registry.

In this group, nearly half of the patients had received some form of ADT within the first six months of their diagnosis, mostly in the form of hormone-altering drugs.

Overall, about 111 new cataracts were diagnosed for every 1,000 men studied per year, report the researchers in the *Annals of Epidemiology*.

Reuters

## Business

### Cal-Maine Foods 2Q net income down on feed costs

JACKSON, 28 Dec — Second-quarter net income at Cal-Maine Foods Inc. fell nearly 6 percent, the company said Monday, citing higher feed costs.

The nation's biggest egg seller and distributor had already cautioned that corn prices had climbed and would likely stay volatile in the coming year.

Feed costs will be an ongoing concern in fiscal 2011, with the cost per dozen chicks produced up by four cents compared with a year ago.

Cal-Maine earned \$15.2 million, or 63 cents per share, for the period ended 27 Nov. That's down from \$16.1 million, or 67 cents per share, a year earlier.

The performance missed the 72 cents per share that analysts polled by Thomson *Reuters* expected. These estimates usually remove one-time items.

Cal-Maine's stock dropped by nearly 4 percent, or \$1.30, to \$32.52 in afternoon trading.

Revenue climbed to \$234.5 million from \$229.2 million, helped by higher average selling prices.

Internet



People Tokyo's Ginza shopping District in Oct 2010. Japan's core consumer price index fell 0.5 percent in November from a year ago. INTERNET



A shopper at the Brea Mall in Brea, Calif., carries bags full of packages on 26 Dec, 2010. So far, it's been the best holiday season for retailers since 2007, which was a record year.

INTERNET

### China needs to maintain trade surplus

BEIJING, 28 Dec — It is essential for China to maintain a trade surplus and expand its share of global trade, a senior official said in comments reported on Tuesday that appeared to cut against the government's pledge to seek more balanced trade ties.

Zhong Shan, a vice commerce minister, said Beijing did indeed want a "basic balance" in trade, but only in relative terms.

"A balance in trade is a relative balance, not an absolute balance. China is a developing nation; at the present stage it is very necessary to maintain a reasonable surplus," he said in comments published in the *China Securities Journal*.

"Our foreign trade growth must be faster than the overall level of global trade growth, otherwise our country's share of global trade will fall," Zhong said.

His comments could add fuel to foreign criticism of Chinese policies, seen as giving the country's exporters an unfair advantage and thereby crimping other's chances of generating jobs through exports.

The United States and Europe, among others, have long said that China depresses the value of its currency, making its products cheaper.

Reuters

### Ally to pay \$462m to settle loan deal with Fannie

NEW YORK, 28 Dec — Ally Financial Inc said Monday it will pay \$462 million to settle buyback claims on \$292 billion in home loans that it sold to Fannie Mae before the industry tightened underwriting standards in the wake of the financial meltdown.

GMAC Mortgage, which is part of Ally's Residential Capital unit, originates and services loans then sells them to government-sponsored mortgage companies Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. As part of their repurchasing deals, Fannie and Freddie have the option to go back and challenge Ally's underwriting standards. If successful, they could have forced Ally to buy back the loans in question.

The settlement covers loans that GMAC serviced for Fannie Mae prior to 30 June as well as all mortgage-backed securities that Fannie Mae purchased from the company. The \$462 million is slightly more than the reserves that Ally had set aside to cover a potential deal.

Ally CEO Michael A. Carpenter says the deal significantly cuts Ally's risk related to its legacy mortgage business.—Internet

## One in 10 admits to driving drunk or close

WASHINGTON, 28 Dec—One in 10 US drivers say they have driven in the past year when they thought that their alcohol level had been close to or over the legal limit, the AAA says.

The AAA Foundation's study says 5.5 percent of all drivers report having driven drunk more than once within the past 12 months.

The findings are part of the AAA Foundation's third annual Traffic Safety Culture Index, a nationally-representative survey conducted by Abt SRBI Inc. The telephone survey of 2,000 US residents ages 16 and older was conducted from 11 May through 7 June.

"Drunk drivers put everyone on the road in danger, especially during holiday

season which often combines travel with multiple opportunities to consume alcohol," Peter Kissinger, AAA Foundation president, says in a statement. "Driving is both a privilege and a responsibility. Exploring new technologies, such as interlocking devices, are important to ensuring public safety in conjunction with personal responsibility and law enforcement."

Every alcohol-related fatality is preventable and says that's why AAA is asking motorists to visit TakeThePledge.AAA.com to sign an online pledge to drive only while drug and alcohol-free this holiday season and all year long, Kissinger says.

Internet



*A dog looks out of the window of a vehicle while stopped in traffic during a snowstorm on I-95 in New Jersey on 26 Dec, 2010.*

INTERNET

## Astronomers see first black hole epoch

TEL AVIV, 28 Dec—Israeli astronomers studying black holes say some began forming when the universe was about 1.2 billion years old, much earlier than previously thought.

Scientist from Tel Aviv University say black holes smaller than the massive ones seen at later cosmic times began forming well before the previous estimates of black holes starting at 2 to 4 billion years after the Big Bang, a university release said Monday.

Data obtained from some of the largest telescopes on Earth show the black holes that were active when the universe was 1.2 billion years old are about a 10<sup>th</sup> the size of the most massive black holes seen at later times. However, they are growing much faster.

Such black holes may be related to the very first stars in the universe, the researchers say.—Internet

## Kindle takes lead in Amazon sales

SEATTLE, 28 Dec—US online retail giant Amazon.com said the latest Kindle tablet reader has become the best-selling item in the firm's history.

The third generation digital book reader surpassed the book, "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows," to become Amazon's top seller, the site said in a statement.

Amazon did not say how many 3G Kindles had sold, but the release said it sold a record 158 items per second on 29 Nov. During the 24-hour spree, Amazon sold 13.7 million items.

Assembling its bragging rights into fun facts, Amazon said it sold enough snow tire chains before Christmas to outfit the entire populations of Aspen and Breckenridge, Colo., and Sun Valley, Idaho. It also sold enough pairs of blue jeans to create a stack as high as Mount Everest, Amazon said.—Internet



*Microsoft's new Kinect controller for the Xbox 360 is seen on a shelf at the Best Buy store on 4 Nov, 2010 in Miami Beach, Florida. The Kinect uses sensors to read the players body language so controllers are not necessary to play Xbox games with the Kinect.*

INTERNET

## Japan trade review may revoke preferences for China

TOKYO, 28 Dec—Japan is reviewing its trade preference policy for developing countries in a move that could revoke preferences for about 450 items imported from China, an official at the Finance Ministry said on Tuesday.

The review of the trade regime aimed to promote economic development, known as Generalised System of Preferences (GSP), comes as China, Japan's biggest trading partner since 2009, readies to surpass Japan as the world's second biggest economy.

It also comes as the European Union plans to start reform of its trade preference regime for developing countries, of which China is also a beneficiary, next year.

Japan plans to remove goods from certain countries from its GSP list for

three years if they have accounted for more than 50 percent of total imports of the item on average for the past three years, a report on tax guidelines for the next fiscal year showed.

Japan imported \$97.8 billion worth of goods from China in 2009, data from the Japan External Trade Organization showed.

"We are not doing things with any specific countries in mind. We have started taking these measures so that by removing competitive goods, other developing countries can benefit more," said the official, who declined to be identified as he is not directly responsible for the decision.

Japan's GSP gave trade benefits for goods produced in 140 developing



countries and 14 regions worth 1.6 trillion yen in the year to March 2010. Imports from China accounted for 86 percent of that, data from the Finance Ministry showed.

A bill to change tariff-related laws must be passed in parliament for the review to take effect. The government is set to submit a bill in the next session of parliament expected to start in January, the official said, although its passage is not guaranteed as the Democratic Party-led government needs support of opposition members for it to pass in a divided parliament.—MNA/Reuters

*A girl dressed as Santa Claus makes her way to church for her horses to be blessed by priests on St Stephens day in Breznica, on 26 Dec 26, 2010.—INTERNET*



## Authors say self-publishing has profits

LOS ANGELES, 28 Dec—Consultants and authors say the role of the big New York publishing firms is shifting dramatically because of new options offered by the Internet.

The days of taking a manuscript to the Big Apple to secure an advance are not over but they're dwindling, many say.

"Publishers used to be the gatekeepers," said Mike Shatzkin, a New York publishing consultant and editor of the Shatzkin Files, the *Los Angeles Times* reported Monday.

"Going through the gate still has certain benefits, but it's no longer the only way for authors to get to where they want to go," Shatzkin said.

Novelists Steven King, David Morrell and Paulo Coelho, self-help writer Steven Covey and marketing writer Seth Godin have stepped into self-publishing or announced plans to do so.

Crime novelist Joe Konrath said he made \$1.17 each time Hyperion sold a digital copy of "Whiskey Sour." When self-publishing through Amazon.com, he earns \$2.04 per sale, close to 70 percent of the sales price, he said.

"If a traditional publisher offered me a quarter of a million dollars for a novel, I'd consider it. But anything less than that, I'm sure I can do better on my own," he said.

Internet





Combo pictures taken on 28 April, 2010 (below) and 27 Dec, 2010 show the Switzerland Pavilion before and during demolition in Shanghai, east China. The demolition of all pavilions are predicted to be completed by the end of next year.

XINHUA

## Cholera kills 2,707 in Haiti

SANTO DOMINGO, 28 Dec— At least 2,707 people have died from the cholera epidemic in Haiti, the country's Ministry of Public Health and Population (MSPP) said Monday.

According to the 18 Dec statement from the authorities, since the cholera epidemic hit Haiti in mid-October, 128,251 people have been infected, 68,764 of whom were hospitalized.

The epidemic has spread to 10 departments. The northeastern Artibonite department is the most affected, where 813 people have died.

In the neighbouring Dominican Republic, the deadly disease has affected 115 persons, Dominican Public Health Minister Bautista Rojas Gomez said, adding that there have so far been no deaths due to sound sanitary controls and rapid government intervention.

Neither the Haitian authorities nor the international community has been able to find the origin of the cholera on this Caribbean Island.

Xinhua



A Government Flying Services helicopter is seen on water after an emergency landing in Shing Mun Reservoir of Hong Kong, south China, on 27 Dec, 2010. The helicopter made a controlled emergency landing due to mechanical failure on Monday. Three crew members onboard have safely exited the helicopter.

XINHUA

## Seven die, 15 injured in 100-vehicle pile-up on SW China expressway

ZUNYI, 28 Dec— Seven people were killed and 15 others injured when over 100 vehicles crashed into the back of each other on an expressway in southwest China's Guizhou Province Monday morning, local authorities said.

The pile-up began when a truck crashed into a petrol station in Zunyi County at about 8 am. At least 100 other vehicles then crashed into the rear of each other, according to local firefighters.

Six people died at the scene. One died in hospital. The injured received treatment at the People's Hospital in Zunyi County.

It was foggy when the pile-up happened. At around 10 am, visibility on the expressway was still less than 50 metres, according to a Xinhua reporter



Photo taken on 27 Dec 2010 shows a crashed truck after heavy fog caused an accident on the express way connecting Guiyang and Zunyi in southwest China's Guizhou Province. A chain of rear-end collisions began after a heavy truck crashed into a petrol station at about 8 am on Monday. At least 7 people were killed and 15 were injured in the accident. —XINHUA

at the scene.

Traffic banked up for about 20 kilometres after the accident.—Xinhua

## Chinese, English versions of China's 2010 yearbook published

BEIJING, 28 Dec— Chinese and English versions of the 2010 Yearbook of the People's Republic of China (PRC) have been published in China and abroad. The yearbook contains more than 100 colour photos and is divided into 40 categories including national defence, diplomacy and economy, a statement from the Xinhua Publishing House, a division of the Xinhua News Agency, said Tuesday.

Materials for the yearbook were taken from Xinhua's Multimedia Database and central and local government ministries and departments, the statement said. More than 3 million Chinese characters in length, it also includes a special section on the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the PRC.

The yearbook has been published annually since 1981.

Xinhua

## US man nabbed for drugs jumps to death in Manila

MANILA, 28 Dec— Philippine and US authorities are investigating the death of a US Navy officer who police say jumped from a second-floor staircase at the Manila airport after being arrested with a sachet of cocaine.

Aviation police chief Pedro Desuasido said Lt Cmdr. Scintar Buenviaje Mejia leaped to his death Monday while he was being escorted to the bathroom by a security guard. Desuasido said the 35-year-old Mejia, a Filipino-American citizen, died of severe head injuries.

He was arrested a day earlier at an airport X-ray machine where Desuasido say security personnel discovered a plastic sachet in the pocket of Mejia's bag containing cocaine.

Internet



US chain Wal-Mart has invested in Chinese e-commerce consumer electronics seller 360buy.com, as the world's largest retailer steps up its presence in China, a report said Tuesday.

INTERNET

## Two shot outside downtown SF nightclub

SAN FRANCISCO, 28 Dec— Two men were injured in a shooting early Sunday morning outside a downtown San Francisco nightclub, police said Monday.

The men, ages 25 and 27, were shot during a fight that involved several people outside the Lot 46 nightclub at 46 Geary St, near Market Street, just before 2 am, according to police.

During the fight, someone pulled a gun and fired several shots, police said.

The 25-year-old man was hit once in the thigh, and the 27-year-old man was shot twice in the hip, police said.

Both were driven by their friends to a nearby hospital then taken to San Francisco General Hospital, according to police. They are expected to survive.

There was no description of the suspect, and no arrests have been made.

Internet

## Commerce Minister calls for boosting beans ...

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The minister discussed matters related to development of beans and pulses sector with officials of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, traders and private companies. — MNA



Minister for Commerce U Tin Naing delivers an address at the ceremony.

MNA



## Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay section of Yangon-Mandalay...

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Defence said that he undertook Pantin-Hsinthaychaung section from mile post Nos 221/1 to 242/4 to meet international standard; that the section was built on the mountain range, so they had to work all day with high volume of manpower and heavy machinery to complete the tasks on schedule.

He added that the section was linked with two roads: Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Chaungnet-Taungwingyi Road and the road leading to Tatkon in Nay Pyi Taw District; that designs for the expressway were drawn domestically and the section was built with servicemen; that major raw materials such as cement, steel rods and plate girders are local-made ones; that the section met proper drainage system; that traffic islands in the section were

decorated with landscaping plants and rain trees were grown as shade trees and wind-breaking trees on both sides of the section; that service personnel carried out constant roadwork for durability of the section, and local people on their part needed to maintain the facility; and that he would like to urge road users to abide by the traffic rules.

Project Engineer Lt-Col Myint Oo said that



Photo shows a road section of Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay Road.



Project Engineer  
Lt-Col Soe Si.



Lt-Col Myint Oo.

he undertook the 19 miles and six furlongs long section from mile post No. 242/4 at Hsinthaychaung Bridge to mile post No. 262/2 in Paypinlay; that the concrete section was 18 inches thick and was designed to meet road standards; that the section was installed with road signs and guard posts, and it had a computer-system toll gate and a rest camp; that rest camps would

have parking lots, fuel stations, restaurants, workshops and lodging houses; and that for convenience of residents, the section was linked with Nay Pyi Taw-Taungwingyi Road, Nay Pyi Taw-Tatkon Road and Meiktila-Kyaukpadaung Road.

Assistant Project Engineer Captain Ni Win Tun said that the Road Department (Road Design Division) under Public Works and the Directorate of Military Engineering worked together in seeking the alignment to build an earthen road; that it was very challenging to carry out earthwork along the 360 feet wide road area, and they had to remove a large number of tree stumps and bamboo stumps, remove swamp soil, soap beds and salt soil, level down hills and fill ravines with earth; and that to meet the standard, they had to replace bad quality soil with good quality soil.

He said that they had

to use rippers of bulldozers and many units of heavy machinery to level down young sand mills at mile post Nos 253/4 and 250/6, fill 26 ravines and gorges with soil, and remove mud in swamp areas; that they got rid of soil in soap beds and salt soil and filled the holes with earth layer by layer; and that to cope with the challenges, they had to work round the clock with a great deal of heavy machinery and labour.

Assistant Project Engineer Captain Aung Thet Oo said that to build basic concrete layer of the section, they had to spread sand as thick as two inches on the leveled ground and sprinkle water; that they set up level posts and sensor posts under the supervision of the quality control group of Public Works to lay concrete with machines, in order to meet the standards.

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A traffic signboard seen on Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay Road.



## Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay section of Yangon-Mandalay...

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He said that just as soon as they had build basic concrete layer, they sprayed chemical liquid to harden the layer; that they did grooves on the concrete layer in order that vehicles did not skid off the road; that they cut the concrete road with a concrete cutter in order to avoid cracks on the concrete road, and put special tar between concrete blocks of the road; and that after shoulders had been built, the concrete road was serviceable.

He added that they had to take great care in laying concrete in the rainy season; that if it rained while they were laying concrete, the concrete surface was covered with tarpaulin sheets; and that concrete paving was carried out under the close supervision of surveyors and those in charge in the parts with superelevation.

Major Naing Aung

Win, Project Engineer of Paypinlay-Kukwe section, said that for ensuring durability of the facility, they had to control the content of water underground and aboveground below the facility; that in the process, they made sure that cambers and gradients met the designs in order that the road did not store rainwater on it; that they also had to build water-proof layers in the concrete road.

He said that for road



Major Naing Aung Win.

safety, bend degree, gradient and superelevation rate of the concrete road were as scheduled; that in addition, traffic signs, indicators and guard posts were erected wherever necessary along the section; that reflection lamps were installed at bends, downhill and uphill slopes and wherever necessary; and that solar lamps were installed on bridges for good views.

The road section un-

dertaken by the Directorate of Military Engineering comprises eight above-180-foot bridges, 23 50-to-180-foot bridges, 29 under-50-foot bridges, 11 underpasses, and 102 concrete box culverts.

The old road is 412 miles long, whereas the new one, only 352 miles and six furlongs long. And the old road is a 14-hour drive and the new road, just a seven-hour drive. The old road can withstand 40 tons of

loads, whereas the new one, 80 tons of loads. The highest speed for the old road is only 60 kilometers, and that of the new road, 100 kilometers. Unlike the old road, the expressway does not pass through towns and villages, thus ensuring road safety.

Yangon-Mandalay Expressway is consisted of toll gates, rest camps, and security police outposts to meet all the characteristics of an expressway.

Toll gates on Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw section are at No (3) Junction, in Pyu, and at Nay Pyi Taw junction, and that on Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay section, at Theegon near Meiktila and at Zaga-inn junction. The rest camp for Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw section is in Pyu. Other rest camps are being built at Bawnetkyi near Bago, and at Nay Pyi Taw junction. And two rest camps for Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay section are under construction at Theegon and at Zaga-inn junction.

Now, the first-ever expressway of the nation is a

dream come true thanks to the guidance of the Head of State, and hard work and harmonious co-operation of related ministries, the Directorate of Military Engineering, and respective committees.

In compliance with the guidance of the Head of State, the expressway has been built as an eight-lane concrete facility, as well as the artery of the nation.

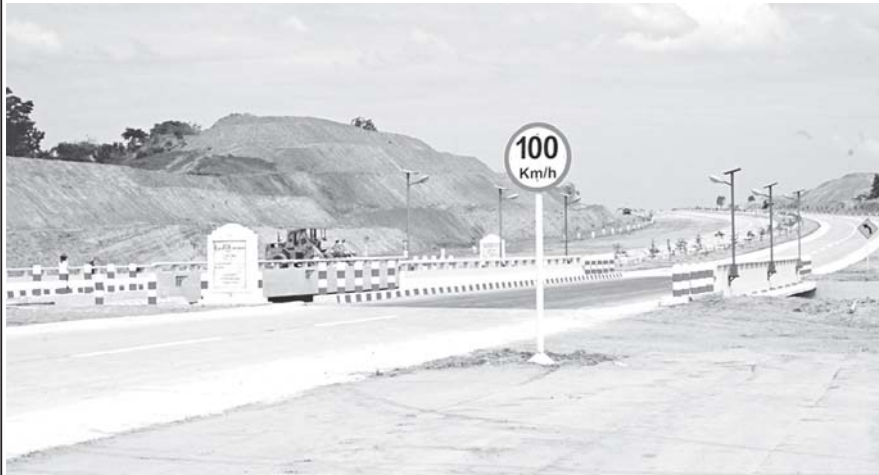
To have built Yangon-Mandalay Expressway in the time of the State Peace and Development Council as part of the drive for building a modern, developed nation is, indeed, a landmark of the nation. The facility was built with only domestic materials and by local experts and engineers, which implies that the nation has enjoyed development in various sectors. Moreover, the fine transport facility indicates the skills and tenacity of Myanmar engineers.

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Translation: MS



A road section of Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay Road.



A road section of Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay Road.

## Tube wells opened in Shwegyin, Nyaungshwe Tsps

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Dec—As a gesture of honouring the 63rd Anniversary Independence Day, the opening of two-inch tube well was held at Seikkalay village in Shwegyin Township, Bago Region on 24 December. It was sunk with the funds of K 2.5 million by Township Development Affairs Committee.

Similarly, tube well was opened in Maile ward in Nyaungshwe Township on the same day. The tube well was sunk with the funds of K 4,517,370 by Nyaungshwe Township DAC.—MNA

## 9th Obstetrics and Gynaecological Conference on 13-14 Feb

YANGON, 28 Dec—With a view to improving medicine, Myanmar Medical Association (MMA) will hold the 9th Obstetrics and Gynaecological Conference at Sedona Hotel in Mandalay on 13 and 14 February 2011. OGs and interested person may attend the conference. — MNA

## International Business Communication course at WISE

YANGON, 28 Dec—WISE International School for Executives will open Certificate in International Business Communication course on 4 January. Business owners, management executives, admin managers, HR managers, BDM, marketing managers, project manager and interested person may attend the course. Experienced teachers will conduct the course in the form of trainees-based teaching system such as group discussion and brain storming sections.

The ten-day course fee is K 50,000 and members may enjoy 40 per cent discount. Interested person may enroll at WISE International School for Executives, No. 1009 on the 10th Floor of Yuzana Tower at the junction of Gaba-Aye Pagoda Road and Shwegondine Road. Bahan Township, Yangon and dial 01-556183 and 09-5157032 in advance. The school will open management course monthly.—MNA

## A&I Minister meets ROK guests

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Dec—Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo received a delegation led by Mr Hee-sunko, Chairman of Nong Woo Bio Co., Ltd based in the Republic of Korea, at Irrigation Department in Yankin Township, here, yesterday morning.

At the call, both sides discussed bilateral cooperation in agricultural sector.



*Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo receives a Korean delegation led by Mr Hee-sunko, Chairman of Nong Woo Bio Co., Ltd.—MNA*

MNA

## Basic Computer Course, Management Course conclude

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Dec — The concluding ceremony of Basic Computer Course for Officers No.1/2010 and Management Course No.1/2010 (Nay Pyi Taw) was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Industry-1 here this morning with an address by Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung.

The minister presented prizes to outstanding trainees and completion certificates to leaders of the trainees.

A total of 73 trainees — 40 in Basic Computer Course for Officers and 33 in Management Course — took six-week courses.

MNA

## Health Minister discusses post-graduate academic matters



*Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint meets rectors and professors/heads at University of Medicine (1) (Yangon).—MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Dec—Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, accompanied by Deputy Minister Dr Paing Soe, discussed post-graduate academic matters at home and abroad in meeting with

rectors and professors/heads at University of Medicine (1) (Yangon) on 25 December. Director-General Dr Than Zaw Myint of Medical Science Department reported the minister on arrangements made for post-graduate academic matters and respective professor/heads, on the post-graduate subjects.

After that, the minister explained assistances provided by the State and attitudes to be taken by the trainees.

After hearing the reports by professors/heads, the minister coordinated the essentials.

MNA

## Gusto to open Graphic Design Course in Jan 2011

YANGON, 27 Dec — Gusto Training Centre will conduct Graphic Design Course in January 2011 with the aim to nurture well-qualified graphic designers.

The course is designed to cover essentials for a graphic designer in theory and practical.

The four-week course will start in January and



the seat is limited to 15. The enrollment will end on 30 December.

Those interested may contact Gusto at No. 26, 14<sup>th</sup> street (lower block), Lanmadaw Township, Yangon (01-224496 and 098628806).

MNA

## POEM:

### Nay Pyi Taw in all its glory

- \* Glory and dignity it has  
Auspicious signs of success  
Bringing all along with it  
New city Nay Pyi Taw
- \* Splendid with five Thiri towns  
Uttarathira  
Dekkhinathiri  
Pobbhathiri  
Zabuthiri  
Zeyathiri  
Magnificent with three more towns  
Surrounding it like stars  
Pyinmana, Tatkon and Lewe  
With eight towns formed it is  
Nay Pyi Taw the auspicious place
- \* Every thing's new  
From towns, wards, houses  
And offices, schools, halls  
To roads, bridges  
And markets and hospitals  
Better and better they are  
Excelling old facilities  
Matchless in every aspect  
Stars it can even reach  
City Nay Pyi Taw  
So high is your dignity
- \* "Upatasanti"  
A sublime pagoda  
Pleasant for all pilgrims  
A zoo for visitors  
Relax at water fountain garden  
Planetarium for knowledge  
Lots of interesting places  
City of great image  
So serene and lovely  
Warmly welcome to Nay Pyi Taw
- \* Dawn of a new age  
For a new country  
Rising Nay Pyi Taw  
All new and impressive  
Splendid like the rising sun  
Towering above all in world  
Prospering and developing  
With Earth as witness  
Nay Pyi Taw we honour

Zaw Min Min Oo (Trns)



*A village library in Thiri Village, Tarlay Township, Tachilek District was opened with a ceremony by Lt-Col Myint Naing of local station, District Chairman U Thet Lwin and Assistant Director of Shan State IPRD U Sai Hsan Tit on 21 December. — MNA*



## Vegetarian diet better for kidney disease

INDIANAPOLIS, 28 Dec — A US doctor says phosphorus levels stay lower in kidney disease patients who eat a vegetarian diet.

Dr Sharon Moe of Indiana University School of Medicine in Indianapolis says patients with kidney disease cannot rid their bodies of phosphorus - and need to watch their intake of the mineral found in proteins because high levels can cause heart disease — but phosphorus content is not listed on food labels.

Moe and colleagues

asked nine patients with chronic kidney disease to follow either a vegetarian or meat-based diet for one week, followed by the opposite diet two-to four weeks later. Blood and urine tests were performed at the end of each week on both diets.

The study, scheduled to be published in the *Clinical Journal of the American Society Nephrology*, found study patients eating proteins from vegetables had lower blood phosphorus levels and decreased phosphorus excretion vs. those eating a meat-based diet. This

was true despite both diets having equivalent levels of proteins and phosphorus.

"These results, if confirmed in longer studies, provide rationale for recommending a predominance of grain-based vegetarian sources of protein to patients with chronic kidney disease," the study researchers say in a statement.

The findings suggest protein sources may be more important than amounts and allow increases in protein intake, Moe says.

Internet



A Delta plane is seen at Newark Liberty International Airport during a snow storm, on 26 Dec, 2010, in Newark, NJ. Airlines are working to rebook stranded passengers and possibly add flights after a winter storm on the East Coast caused thousands of flight cancellations and left countless passengers stranded.—INTERNET

## Dams will damage Peru's environment

LIMA, 28 Dec — Environmentalists say construction of five hydroelectric dams in Peru as part of an energy agreement with Brazil will damage the environment. A study by ProNaturaleza, a conservation organization in Peru, said almost 3.7 million acres of jungle would be destroyed over the next 20 years, *Inter Press Service* reported on Monday.

The proposals include the Inambari dam, to be built in the Amazon rainforest in southeastern Peru. It will be the largest in Peru and the fifth largest in Latin America. "There will be a serious impact on the Amazon ecosystems," engineer Jose Serra, who prepared the report for ProNaturaleza, said.

Before signing the agreement with Brazil, the Peruvian government should have commissioned an environmental impact study to assess the damages, Ernesto Rael, a biologist with the Cayetano Heredia University's Centre for Environmental Sustainability, told *IPS*. Energy experts say Peru does not need to tap Amazon jungle resources to meet domestic demand for electricity, as the country's installed capacity of more than 6,000 megawatts is sufficient to cover current needs.

Future demand, projected to grow to 12,000 megawatts by 2020, can easily be covered by the wind energy potential of the country's Andean highlands and coastal regions, they say.—Internet



People take part in the ritual of "The Bear", a tradition of more than 2,000 years that is believed to bring abundance, health and power, in the Crangasi neighbourhood of Bucharest, capital of Romania, on 26 Dec, 2010.—XINHUA

## Moderate quake hits New Zealand North Island's Bay of Plenty

WELLINGTON, 28 Dec—A 5.4 magnitude earthquake rattled New Zealand North Island's Bay of Plenty early Monday morning, causing no damages or casualties.

The quake struck 30 km north east of Tauranga at a depth of 210 km at about 3 am (14:00 GMT Sunday).

It may have been felt in the North Island, New Zealand's Institute of Geological and Nuclear Sciences said.—Xinhua

## What dads-to-be eat affects children later

WORCESTER, 28 Dec — A man's diet prior to fatherhood could determine which illnesses befall his children, US researchers say. Researchers at the University of Massachusetts Medical School in Worcester and University of Texas at Austin say animal studies indicate environmental influences on the father may "reprogram" genes in his offspring.

The study, published in the journal *Cell*, indicated offspring of male mice fed a lowprotein diet exhibited a marked increase in the genes responsible for lipid and cholesterol synthesis vs the offspring of the control group fed the standard diet.

The findings suggested the father's diet may play a more important role than previously believed in complex diseases such as diabetes and heart disease. "Knowing what your parents were doing before you were conceived is turning out to be important in determining what disease risk factors you may be carrying," principal investigator Dr Oliver Rando of the University of Massachusetts said in a statement.

Rando and colleagues looked at the offspring of one group of male rats serving as controls fed a standard diet vs the offspring of a second group that ate a low-protein diet. All females were fed the same, standard diet.

Internet



An aquiculture farmer airs fish in Zhuji City of east China's Zhejiang Province, on 26 Dec, 2010. The best time to harvest fish in Zhuji started in the last ten-day of December, and many fish farmers would like to salt and air their fish to make dried fish products. —XINHUA

## Three Syrians die of H1N1 flu pandemic

DAMASCUS, 28 Dec—Syrian Health Ministry announced Sunday that three Syrians have died of H1N1 flu pandemic, the local *Syria Now* news website reported.

The ministry source said that four infections were uncovered earlier this month, three of them have died,

whereas the fourth infection is still under medical treatment.

H1N1 influenza virus has claimed the lives of 150 among the 100, 000-plus laboratory-confirmed H1N1 cases in the country since 2009, the report said.

Xinhua

## Smoking may worsen cancer pain

COLLEGE STATION, 28 Dec—A US researcher suggests smoking may be associated with greater feelings of pain by patients with a wide range of cancer types and in all stages.

Lead investigator Joseph W Ditre of Texas A&M University in College Station also says smoking may be linked to the extent pain interferes with a patient's daily routine.

Ditre and colleagues surveyed 224 patients with a range of cancer diagnoses. Patients completed self-report measures of pain severity, pain-related distress, and pain-related interference as well as a demographics questionnaire.

The study, published in the journal *Pain*, found current smokers with cancer experienced more severe pain than those

who never smoked. Current smokers also reported more interference from pain than either those who never smoked or former smokers.

Among former smokers, the researchers found an inverse relation between pain and the number of years since quitting. This suggests, they say, that quitting smoking may reduce pain over time. "To elucidate important relations between pain and smoking among persons with cancer and to identify prospective targets for intervention, it is necessary to build upon past findings by examining smoking status and pain reporting in greater detail, across a wider range of cancer patients, and with regard to potential benefits of quitting smoking," Ditre says in a statement.—Internet

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## Beijing aims for smoke-free indoor public spaces by 2015

BEIJING, 28 Dec—Beijing will strive to make all the city's indoor public places, workplaces and public transport smoke-free by 2015, said local health authorities.

Hospitals, schools, theaters, museums, business halls, stadiums, offices of enterprises and government organizations, as well as buses, taxis and subways, should hopefully be smoke-free by then, said Mao Yu, spokesman of the Beijing Municipal Health Bureau, at a news conference held on Friday. The municipal government issued a smoking ban in the above places in 2008 ahead of the Beijing Olympics, but the rules haven't been effectively implemented. Mao said, "The current smoking-control regulations still need to be improved."—Xinhua



## CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

### MV KOTA MACHAN VOY NO (275)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA MACHAN VOY NO (275) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 29.12.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the 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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*Fishermen attend a fishing festival at the Xingyun lake in Jiangchuan County, southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 25 Dec, 2010.—XINHUA*

## Mother gives hours-old baby girl to California firefighters

LOS ANGELES, 28 Dec — A 27-year-old mother surrendered her baby girl to firefighters in Los Angeles on Christmas Eve, authorities said on Saturday. She told firefighters at Fire Station 46 that the newborn was just six hours old. The firefighters accepted the girl, wrapping her in a blanket. She was healthy and did not appear to have been neglected or abused.

Firefighters named the newborn Noel, in honour of the Christmas holiday, said Los Angeles Fire Department spokesman Erik Scott. "We are happy to state that our last report was that the infant was very healthy, and we are moved that this potentially tragic incident had a pleasant outcome," he said. "There was a sense of relief."

Both the baby and mother were given identification bracelets. The infant was taken to an area hospital, Scott said, and would be placed in protective custody. In California, a parent or legal guardian can surrender a newborn at fire stations and hospital emergency rooms with no fear of arrest. The law is meant to protect infants from being hurt, neglected or killed.—Internet

*The barreleye fish, already known as a species but filmed in the deep for the first time by the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute (MBARI). The green orbs are its eyes, directed upwards to detect its prey in silhouette through its transparent head.—INTERNET*

## Afghan girl develops singer career

KABUL, 28 Dec—"My dream is to become a star among the singers," a fashionable and talented girl Shabana whispered when asked by anchor. Securing place among top 11 junior singers in a stage show programme — Afghan Star, organized and broadcast by a local popular private television channel Tolo, Shabana called upon her fans to support her to become star.

Commenced in 2005, the "American Idol"-like "Afghan Star" programme has so far presented dozens of singers including few females to the conservative Afghan society. In her 20s and attired in western style dress, Shabana said, "If you people like Shabana to remain in stage and perform please vote for me." The votes are sent through mobile telephone in text messages.—Xinhua



*Mongolian contestants take part in an international beauty contest held in Manzhouli City, north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, on 24 Dec, 2010. Sixty-nine contestants from China, Russia and Mongolia attended the beauty contest.*

XINHUA

## New MRSA strain found in Isle of Man

LONDON, 28 Dec — A new strain of the superbug MRSA has been found in the Isle of Man, the Department of Health (DoH) has confirmed. The DoH said it had recently detected a small number of cases of a bacterium called MRSA USA 300. The strain mostly affects young, fit and healthy people, is transmitted in sports centres, gyms, and pools and can cause serious infection, the DoH said. Like all strains, it is resistant to many antibiotics, it added.

Dr Katie Laird, senior lecturer in pharmaceutical microbiology at De Montfort University, said: "Bacteria are particularly good at adapting to their environment and through mutations in their DNA, which they are able to share with



*The new strain is transmitted in swimming pools, gyms and sports centres.—INTERNET*

other bacteria, they can become resistant to antibiotics that are being utilised in healthcare environments." The DoH has produced posters, booklets and leaflets about the new strain, to try to prevent it spreading further. There will also be a presentation at Keyll Darree Education and Training Centre in Strang, Douglas, on 17 January. Internet



*Yachts compete at the start of the annual Sydney to Hobart yacht race in Sydney harbour on 26 Dec, 2010.—INTERNET*

## Displaced person wins Georgia's first million-dollar jackpot

TBILISI, 28 Dec—An internally-displaced person (IDP) has got a Christmas eve sweet surprise and now does not know what to do with the fortune won from Georgia's first million-dollar jackpot in history. The IDP, identified by the *Caucasus Press* news service as Zamira Tordinava, won 4.4 million Georgian laris (2.5 million US dollars) with just a single ticket she bought. The winner was announced late Friday by

the Georgian National Lottery.

The IDP now lives in a dormitory for refugees in the Georgian capital of Tbilisi. Though small compared with the world's largest jackpot amount of 390 million dollars, 2.5 million dollars can last very long in the South Caucasus country where the average monthly expenditure for ordinary people is well below 1,000 laris (571 dollars).

Xinhua

## Dollar weakens, giving gold a boost

NEW YORK, 28 Dec — Gold prices rose in New York on a light trading day as equities were mixed on the first trading day following the Christmas holiday break.

On the Comex division of the New York Mercantile Exchange, gold gained \$3.60 to \$1,384.10 per troy ounce. Crude oil prices for February delivery shed 76 cents to \$90.75 per barrel.

The dollar index dropped 0.29 percent, as the dollar faded against a

broad swath of currencies. The euro rose to \$1.3164 from Friday's \$1.3158. Against the yen, the dollar dropped to 82.80 yen from Friday's 82.86 yen. The Australia dollar rose to \$1.0045 from \$1.0039. The US standard fell to 1.2985 Singapore dollars from 1.2995 SD.

Against the Hong Kong dollar, the US dollar rose to 7.7817 HKD from 7.7816 HKD. The dollar fell to 1,148.90 South Korean won from 1,149.16 won.—Internet

## Unexploded homemade bombs found in Colorado store

ENGLEWOOD, 28 Dec—Police in the Denver suburb of Englewood say 10 unexploded homemade bombs were found in a cell phone store after they were thrown through the windows. Police say the bombs were found in the CTG Wireless store in a strip mall on Friday. No injuries were reported.

The Denver Post reports that nearby stores were evacuated while the Arapahoe County bomb squad gathered the devices.—Internet





**Bundled euro banknotes. Spanish police have detained a woman who faked her own kidnapping to test whether her husband would pay a ransom of 20,000 euros, sending him a photograph of herself with bound hands and feet, police said Monday.**

## US man drives onto lawn of former president Bush

The Secret Service has questioned a man after his car roared onto the lawn of former US president George W Bush without causing any injuries or damage, a local news station reported Thursday.

The NBC station KXAS said both Bush and his wife Laura were at home at the time but neither was harmed and the two were never in danger.

It quoted officials as saying the man did not intend to harm the couple, and that he had gone to the gated Dallas neighbourhood where the former president lives to show off his Plymouth Barracuda, a vintage muscle car, to a friend.

The man told investigators he ran up onto the lawn after the gas pedal on the car got stuck, according to the television station.

## Spanish woman fakes kidnapping to test husband

Spanish police have detained a woman who faked her own kidnapping to test whether her husband would pay ransom, sending him a photograph of herself with bound hands and feet, police said Monday.

The man received the photo on his mobile phone from someone claiming to be one of the kidnappers along with a text message demanding a ransom of 20,000 euros (26,000 dollars) for her release, they said in a statement.

The ransom request

was repeated in later text messages as well as warnings that the man not go to police, which he ignored. Police launched a search and spotted her car, which they followed to a shopping mall in the town of Gandia on the Mediterranean coast.

"The woman, who was travelling alone and was in perfect health, was the supposed victim of the kidnapping," the police statement said.



**An "iPhone" shaped cookie next to an iPhone (R) in Aizumi, Tokushima prefecture, Japan. Green Gables, a small countryside bakery in western Japan, has enjoyed a surprise hit with its "iPhone cookie", a handmade chocolate biscuit decorated with colourful, edible application icons.**

## News Album



**Elephant Ko Raya plays in the snow in the zoo in Berlin, on 27 December, 2010.**

## Romanian teenage thief betrayed by cellphone

A Romanian teenager was caught trying to burglarize the home of his sleeping neighbours as his cellphone rang when he approached them.

Police in south-western Romania were alerted by the septuagenarian homeowners when they were roused by the ringtone, the police spokesman in the department of Gorj said.

"The couple were resting on the bed when the phone rang. They realised that someone else was in the room, as they have no phone," he said.

It was the second time the 18-year-old had tried to rob his neighbours, police said. He was detained on Sunday and risks spending up to seven years in jail.



**South Korean actor Bae Yong-joon attends a production report conference of the TV drama "Dream High" at Kintex in Gyeonggi Province of South Korea, on 27 Dec, 2010.**

XINHUA

## Sir Elton John welcomes baby boy

WASHINGTON, 28 Dec — Sir Elton John and David Furnish have welcomed a baby boy to their family, according to US Magazine. Zachary Jackson Levon Furnish-John was born on Christmas in California via a surrogate. He weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces.

"We are overwhelmed with happiness and joy at this very special moment," John, 62, and Furnish, 48, told the magazine. "Zachary is healthy and doing really well, and we are very proud and happy parents." This is the first child for the couple, who wed in 2005 after 12 years together.—Internet

## Natalie Portman to wed 'Black Swan' choreographer

NEW YORK, 28 Dec—Natalie Portman is pregnant with her first child and is engaged to Benjamin Millepied, the choreographer of "Black Swan."

A publicist for Portman confirmed Monday that the couple are engaged and expecting, but declined to give any further details. People magazine first reported the news.

The 29-year-old actress and Millepied, a



**Actress Natalie Portman smiles during a news conference for the film "Black Swan" at the 35th Toronto International Film Festival in this on 14 Sept, 2010**

INTERNET

## Broadway theaters remain open despite winter storm

NEW YORK, 28 Dec—The East Coast blizzard hasn't left Broadway stuck.

Paul Libin, chairman of The Broadway League, says the Great White Way is open for business as usual, with shows going on as scheduled Monday. He adds that cancellations may mean hard-to-get seats may be available.

Theatergoers are being advised to contact their point of purchase for information about refunds or exchanges. Broadway theaters may be open, but getting to them may be another story, with area airports shut down, subways delayed and huge snowdrifts across New York City making streets and roads difficult to navigate.—Internet



**Sir Elton John**



**Actors Ben Stiller, Jessica Alba, Robert De Niro and Owen Wilson attend the world premiere of "Little Fockers" at Ziegfeld Theatre on 15 Dec, in New York City.**

INTERNET

## Assange memoir to give full details of WikiLeaks

NEW YORK, 28 Dec—WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange's new memoir will give a full account of his life and the secretive group that has leaked large amounts of documents, US publisher Alfred A Knopf said on Monday.

Knopf spokesman Paul Bogaards said Assange and the publishing house reached a deal for his autobiography "just before the holiday" and that a manuscript was expected to be delivered in 2011.

Assange told *The Sunday Times* newspaper in Britain that he agreed to book deals due to financial pressures from legal issues.—Reuters

well-regarded ballet dancer and choreographer, met during the making of "Black Swan," Darren Aronofsky's psychological thriller that stars Portman as a ballet dancer. She's been nominated for best actress by the Golden Globes and the Screen Actors Guild.

Internet



**WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange**

## Rampant Arsenal leave Chelsea in tatters

LONDON, 28 Dec — Arsenal kept the pressure on Premier League leaders Manchester United and delivered a hammer blow to Chelsea's hopes of retaining the title with a 3-1 victory over the struggling champions.

Arsene Wenger's side had repeatedly failed to produce the goods in crunch matches against their London rivals, but they finally rose to the occasion as goals from Alex Song, Cesc Fabregas and Theo Walcott gave them a vital victory at the Emirates Stadium.

Branislav Ivanovic got one back for Chelsea but the damage had already been done and Blues boss Carlo Ancelotti could face a fight to save his job after his team's sixth league game

without a win.

Arsenal's triumph - their first in 12 games against Chelsea and United - lifted them back into second place and within two points of the leaders.

Internet



Arsenal's English striker Theo Walcott (R) vies with Chelsea's Czech goalkeeper Petr Cech.—INTERNET

## Argentina big five 123 million in debt - report

BUENOS AIRES, 28 Dec — Argentina's big five clubs are 650 million pesos (123.5 million euros) in debt, with River Plate in the most precarious position, local media reported on Monday.

The Tiempo Argentino newspaper claimed that River Plate have a deficit of almost 80 million pesos - a record for an Argentine club - and debts of 216.8 million pesos, of which 190 million is due to be repaid in 12 months.

Boca Juniors, Independiente, Racing Club and San Lorenzo are the other four major sides with serious financial worries. All five failed to make any impression in the Argentine title race this season with Estudiantes taking the championship, two points ahead of Velez

Sarsfield.

River Plate were fourth, Racing sixth, Boca were 11th, San Lorenzo finished in 13th place with Independiente in 20th and last spot.—Internet



Supporters of River Plate at a game in 2009. Argentina's big five clubs are 650 million pesos (123.5 million euros) in debt.—INTERNET

## Justice will be done, says upbeat Contador

MADRID, 28 Dec — Triple Tour de France winner Alberto Contador issued an optimistic Christmas Day message on Saturday declaring he would be cleared over a doping charge and that 2011 would be an historic year for him.

The 27-year-old Spaniard was provisionally suspended in September after trace amounts of clenbuterol, a banned weight loss/muscle-building drug that is also used to fatten cattle, were found in a urine sample taken during this year's Tour de France.

However, Contador expressed his confidence on his twitter that his

claims he unknowingly ingested the clenbuterol from beef brought from Spain to France during the second rest day of the Tour, just four days before he won his third title on 25 July, would be borne out.

Clenbuterol was banned by the European Union in 1996 but it is still administered illicitly by some ranchers.

Internet

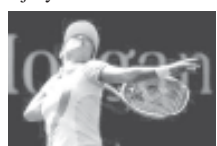


Triple Tour de France winner Alberto Contador.—INTERNET

## China's Zheng to miss Australian Open

BEIJING, 28 Dec — Chinese number two Zheng Jie will miss next month's Australian Open, where she went to the semi-finals in 2010, as she continues to recover from wrist surgery, state media said on Monday.

Zheng, 27, said she was still not ready to get back on court following an injury to her left wrist that



Chinese number two Zheng Jie (pictured) will miss next month's Australian Open.—INTERNET

plagued her throughout the year and ended her season following the US Open.

Zheng is currently number 26 in the WTA Tour rankings, but will see that number drop after the first Grand Slam of 2011 at Melbourne Park, as she will lose the points she earned from her semi-final run this year.

"I did withdraw from next year's Australian Open. It is a hard decision for me to make. I have plenty of good memories and experiences there," Zheng said in a post on microblogging site Twitter, the Global Times reported.—Internet

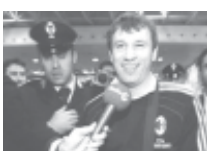
## Bad boy Cassano joins AC Milan teammates

MILAN, 28 Dec — Controversial Italian forward Antonio Cassano on Monday joined up with his future AC Milan teammates for a winter training camp in Dubai.

The out-of-favour Sampdoria player's transfer to AC Milan will be completed on 2 January.

A smiling and visably moved Cassano was already wearing his new team's training kit as he was greeted by a crowd of fans at Milan airport before the team jetted out for the Middle East.

His contract will not be filed before the official opening of the transfer market on 2 January, but



Controversial Italian forward Antonio Cassano (R), seen here at Malpensa airport, joined up with his future AC Milan teammates.

INTERNET

agreement has been reached allowing the player to join his new team's training camp in Dubai.

"We're expecting a lot from him, he's a bonus to the team," said AC Milan defender Massimo Oddo.

Internet

## Osgood earns 400th career win in 4-3 OT victory

DENVER, 28 Dec — Niklas Kronwall scored the game-winner with 1:18 remaining in overtime and Chris Osgood stopped a season-high 46 shots in the Detroit Red Wings' 4-3 victory over the Colorado Avalanche on Monday night to become the 10th goalie in NHL history to reach 400 wins.

Nicklas Lidstrom, Jiri Hudler and Johan Franzen also scored for the Red Wings, who have won three of their past four games.

Osgood was swarmed by teammates after reaching the milestone win. The 17-year veteran has 316 of his wins with the Red Wings.

Matt Duchene scored twice for Colorado and TJ Galiardi added another. The Avs have dropped three straight games.

Kronwall scored the winner on a power play following a tripping call on Avs goalie Peter Budaj.

Internet



Detroit Red Wings goalie Chris Osgood (30), gets drilled in the chest by Colorado Avalanche center Matt.—INTERNET

## S P O R T S

### Schweinsteiger named German footballer of year

BERLIN, 28 Dec — Bayern Munich star Bastian Schweinsteiger was named German footballer of the year by sports magazine Kicker on Monday.



Bayern Munich star Bastian Schweinsteiger.—INTERNET

Schweinsteiger, who has just extended his contract with the German champions until 2016, was one of the stars of the World Cup in South Africa where his team reached the semi-finals.

The 26-year-old has played 223 Bundesliga games, winning five league titles and five German Cup crowns since joining the club in 1998.—Internet

## Aldridge scores 26 as Blazers upset Jazz

SALT LAKE CITY, 28 Dec — LaMarcus Aldridge scored 26 points, former Utah guard Wesley Matthews had 14, and the Portland Trail Blazers halted a four-game road losing streak with a 96-91 victory over the Jazz on Monday night.

Deron Williams had 31 points, including back-to-back 3-pointers that pulled the Jazz within 94-91 with 7.7 seconds left. But Andre Miller made a pair of free throws to seal the win for Portland. The Trail Blazers went on a 14-0 run in the third quarter to take a 60-53 lead and went on to avenge a 103-94 loss in Portland on 20 Nov.

The game was Matthews' first in Salt Lake since he left the Jazz for a five-year, \$34 million deal with Portland after last season. He had as many points

(four) in the first half as turnovers before turning it on in the second half.

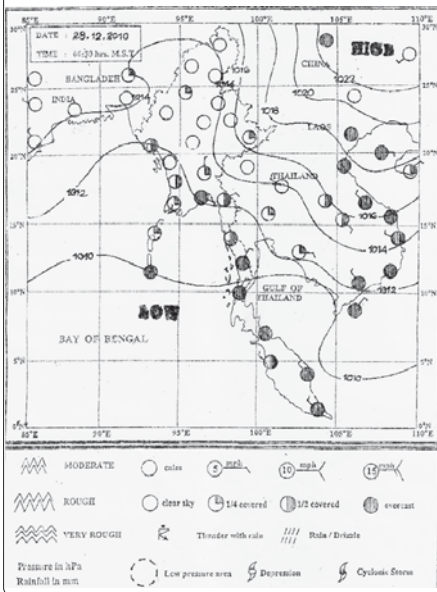
He started the third-quarter spurt with a 3-pointer, Nicolas Batum added another, and Aldridge and Miller each hit a pair of shots while Utah went scoreless for nearly five minutes.—Internet



Utah Jazz forward Paul Millsap (24) makes a reverse dunk against Portland Trail Blazers forward LaMarcus.—INTERNET



## Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



## WEATHER

Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> December, 2010

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T.** During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin, Rakhine and Mon States, Yangon and Taninthayi Regions and generally fair in the remaining States and Regions. Night temperatures were (3°C) above December average temperature in Mon State and (3°C) to (5°C) below December average temperatures in Kachin, Shan, Rakhine and Kayah States, Mandalay, Bago and Taninthayi Regions, and (6°C) to (8°C) below December average temperatures in Chin State, Upper Sagaing Region and about December average temperatures in the remaining States and Regions. The significant night temperatures were Haka (-4°C), Pinlaung (-2°C), Namhsan and Loilin (-1°C) each Heho (0°C).

## Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 27-12-2010 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 28-12-2010 was 53°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 28-12-2010 was (63%). Rainfall on 28-12-2010 was (Nil).

## Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 27-12-2010 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 28-12-2010 was 62°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 28-12-2010 was (66%).

Total sunshine hours on 27-12-2010 was (9.9) hours.

Rainfall on 28-12-2010 was at (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (83.19) inches at Mingaladon, (97.64) inches at Kaba-Aye and (109.29) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Northeast at (12:30) hours MST on 27-12-2010.

**Bay Inference:** Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Southwest Bay and partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of the 29<sup>th</sup> December 2010:** Light rain are possible to be isolated in Taninthayi Region, weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin, Rakhine and Mon States, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions and generally fair in the remaining States and Regions. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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

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

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 29-12-2010:** Generally fair weather.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 29-12-2010:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 29-12-2010:** Generally fair weather.

## Worley wins 3<sup>rd</sup> WCup giant slalom, Vonn 7<sup>th</sup>

SEMMERING, 28 Dec — Tessa Worley of France has won a third straight women's World Cup giant slalom, while second-placed Maria Riesch overtook Lindsey Vonn at the top of the overall standings.

Worley finished her two runs on the Panorama course in an aggregate time of 2 minutes, 9.66 seconds to beat Riesch by 0.62 seconds on Tuesday. World champion Kathrin Hoelzl took third.

Three-time overall champion Vonn of the US finished seventh. She trails Riesch by 41 points going into the final race of the year a slalom in Semmering on Wednesday.

Worley also won this season in Aspen, Colo and St Moritz, Switzerland.—Internet



*France's Tessa Worley speeds down the course on her way to set the fastest time during the first run of an alpine ski, women's World Cup giant slalom, in Semmering, Austria, on 28 Dec, 2010.*

INTERNET

### MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (29-12-2010)(Wednesday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am ~ 11:00am MST)
Oversea Transmission	- (29-12-10 09:30 am ~ 30-12-10 09:30 am MST)

#### Local Transmission

- \* Opening
- \* News
- \* 100 Shuttle Silk Fabric and its Key Notes
- \* News
- \* Shrinking Footprints
- \* News
- \* Water Fountain Garden (Nay Pyi Taw) "Blessed with a Variety of Beauties"
- \* News
- \* Mogok, The Ruby Land
- \* Home Decoration Furniture & Electronic 2010
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#### Oversea Transmission

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- \* News
- \* Mya Nan San Kyaw (The Golden Palace)
- \* News
- \* Let's Unite (Lihsu Traditional Dance)
- \* Music Gallery
- \* News
- \* Biological Expedition to Hponkan Razi Region
- \* Myanmar Movies "The Spouse And The Lover"



Wednesday,  
29 December  
View on today

#### 7:00 am

1. Paritta By Venerable Min Gun Sayadaw

#### 7:15 am

2. Dhamma Puja Song

#### 7:25 am

3. To Be Healthy Exercise

#### 7:30 am

4. Morning News

#### 7:40 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

#### 7:50 am

6. Cultural Dances

#### 8:00 am

7. Health Programme

#### 8:10 am

8. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition

#### 8:20 am

9. Teleplay (Health)

#### 8:40 am

10. International News

#### 8:45 am

11. Musical Programme

#### 2:50 pm

1. Defence Services Commander In Chief Cup, Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Football Tournament (live) (Final Place) (Yangon Command Team Vs Southern Command team)

#### 4:45 pm

2. Classical Songs

#### 4:50 pm

3. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Third Year (Myanmar)

#### 5:05 pm

4. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

#### 5:15 pm

5. "ASEAN" Programmes

#### 5:25 pm

6. Melody Tunes (Sogya Pyawshwin Tay Thansin)

#### 6:00 pm

7. Evening News

#### 6:15 pm

8. Weather Report

#### 6:20 pm

9. Traditional Boxing

#### 6:35 pm

10. Shwe Yin Chone Than

#### 7:00 pm

11. Ratha Pawlwin Thayotesaung Lwin Pyin (Character Contest)

#### 7:30 pm

12. Alinka Wut Yi Music Troupe

#### 8:00 pm

13. News

14. International News

15. Weather Report

16. "Chit Thu Doe Yoe Pan Khin Lan" (Nay Min, Nan Su Yati Soe, Yan Paing Soe, Than Than Soe, Man Win, Shat Soe, Min Hlaing, Ei Phyto Cherry, Mi Mi Thu Kha) (Director-Acadamy Malikha Soe Hlike Aung)

17. Korea NG Award

18. TV Drama Series

19. Myanmar Drama

20. Myta Pawana By Mingun Sayadaw Phayagyi

- ★ 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

### DMH issues weather forecast for first 10-day week of January

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Dec — The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology issued a weather forecast for first 10-day week of January today.

#### State of rainfall

Light rains are likely to be isolated in Kachin State and Taninthayi Region for two days and generally fair in remaining States and Regions.

#### Night temperature

The night temperature in Kahin, Chin, Shan

States and upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Yangon Regions will remain significantly below January mean minimum temperature and the night temperature in remaining States and Regions will remain slightly below January mean minimum temperature.

#### State of mist

Heavy mist is likely to fall in the morning in Kachin, Chin, Shan, Kayin States and upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Yangon Regions about three or four

days and in remaining States and Regions about two days.

#### State of water level

The water level of Ayeyawady River may fall 15 cm (about six inches) in Myitkyina, Bhamo, Katha, Mandalay and Sagaing and 30 cm (about one foot) in Pakokku, NyaungU, Chauk, Minbu, Magway, Aungmye, Pyaw, Seiktha, Hinthada and Zalun below present water levels. The water level of Chindwin River may show a fall in 15 cm (about six inches) in Khamti, Homalin, Mawlaik, Kalewa and Monywa below present water levels.—MNA

### Model monsoon paddy plot harvested in Meiktila



Manawthukha model monsoon paddy being harvested in Meiktila Township.—DISTRICT/IPRD

MEIKTILA, 28 Dec—With a view to ensuring right production and the per acre high yield, the harvesting ceremony for Manawthukha model monsoon paddy was held at field No. 732 of farmer Daw Cho Cho Win in Kabyu Village-tract, Meiktila Township. Chairman of Meiktila District Peace and Development Council U Sein Oak together with

Staff Officer of District Land Records Department U Myint Thein, Township PDC Chairman U Kyaw Swe, Staff Officer of Township Land Records Department U Ngwe Soe Lwin and staff members attended the ceremony. It was learnt that there were 97.5 baskets per acre in that field.

District/IPRD

### Water supply will be cut temporarily

YANGON, 28 Dec—The work on sluice gate construction will be performed at the junction of water pipeline from Nyaungnapin water purifying plant and pipeline that supplies to Hlawga Lake from 6 pm of 29 to 6 pm of 30 December.

During that period, Nyaungnapin water purifying plant will cut out water supply to its consuming townships temporarily—Mingaladon, North Okkalapa, South Okkalapa, Thingangyun, Thakayta, Dawbon, Dagon Myothit (North), Dagon Myothit (South) and Dagon Myothit (East).

So, those living in the townships need to store water in advance, announced officials concerned.—MNA

### Significant night temperatures (28-12-2010)

Pinlaung	(-2° C)
Heho	(0° C)
Haka	(-4° C)
Namhsan and Loilem	(-1° C) each