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Third regular session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to commence on 31 January

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Jan—Pyidaungsu Hluttaw of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar issued Announcement No.1/2012 dated 9-1-2012.

The translation of the announcement is as follows:

**Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Pyidaungsu Hluttaw
Announcement No.1/2012
1st Waning of Pyatho, 1373 ME
(9th January, 2012)**

Third regular session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw summoned

In accord with Section 79 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Section 13 of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law, it is hereby announced that the third regular session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall be convened at 10am on 8th Waxing of Tabodwe, 1373 ME (31st January, 2012) Tuesday in Nay Pyi Taw.

Sd/

**Khin Aung Myint
Speaker
Pyidaungsu Hluttaw**

Our Three Main National Causes

- * Non-disintegration of the Union
- * Non-disintegration of National Solidarity
- * Perpetuation of Sovereignty

Significant night temperature (9-1-2012)

Pinlaung	(5° C)
Heho	(5° C)
Putao	(6° C)
Namhsam	(6° C)
Haka	(6° C)

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing arrives in Bangkok

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Jan—High-ranking delegation of Myanmar army led by Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing left here yesterday morning by the special flight to pay a goodwill visit to Thailand at the invitation of Commander-in-Chief General Tanasak Patimapragorn of the Royal Thai Armed Forces of the Kingdom of Thailand and arrived at Don Muang Airport of Thailand at noon local time.

They were welcomed by General Tanasak Patimapragorn and wife, Lieutenant General Attanop Sirisak and wife, senior military officers of Thailand, Myanmar Ambassador to Thailand U Aung Thein and wife Daw Khin Htway Yi, Military Attaché Col Win Maung and wife Daw Myint Myint Kyi and officials at the airport.

The two commanders-in-chief exchanged greetings at the lounge of the airport.

The delegation then proceeded to Dusit Thani Hotel.

In the afternoon, General Min Aung Hlaing and party visited Grand Palace in Bangkok, Emerald Pagoda and Ananta Samakhon Throne.

General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla met embassy staff, staff at the military attaché office, their family members and Myanmar students at Myanmar Embassy in Thailand and gave advices.

In his instructions, the commander-in-chief elaborated on current developments in Myanmar, making peace with national races organizations, duty of Myanmar army and the people to safeguard Our Three Main National Causes

and the constitution, need to protect migrant workers who contribute to the country in accord with laws, rules and regulations, and need of students to master their subjects as they have invested time and cash in them.

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing presented gifts and foods and cordially greeted them.

The commander-in-chief and party enjoyed Thai traditional dances at Siam Niramit Theatre.

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General Tanasak Patimapragorn of the Royal Thai Armed Forces welcomes Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing and wife at Don Muang Airport.

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Points to be followed in submitting candidature lists for vacant constituencies
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PERSPECTIVES

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View from various angles

From aerial view, we can see vast tracts of colourful sceneries such as green forests and gardens, golden rice fields, vegetable patches, hills and mountains, creeks and rivers and rows of houses in urban and rural areas.

However, those sceneries can be seen differently from the ground view. For those who have the responsibility to make an important decision on development tasks of an organization or a human society, they need to study and review from various angles before making such a decision. They must consider emerging results in both short and long terms as well as the likelihood of adverse effects.

There is a common story in economic field. In it, an oboist once asked one of his village men on the way to the city to buy an oboe reed. He gave the village man a ten-kyat note in advance.

On arrival in the city, the villager found out that an oboe reed was worth only a kyat. Assuming that he could make nine kyats as a profit as one oboe reed valued at 10 kyats in the village was worth only one kyat in the city, he bought many oboe reeds with the rest of the money. Despite having weighed prospective profits, the village man did not mull how many oboists might be in the village.

A gigantic dam named Hoover was opened on the Colorado River in the United States of America in 1936. The aim of building the dam was to supply irrigation water and generate electricity. In addition to good results earlier expected, adverse effects emerged later.

After water had been stored for six years to reach the target level, a zone formed with fresh and sea water occurred stretching out up to 40 miles from the river mouth. As a consequence, the environment including plants and animals were greatly affected and some of the indigenous fish species came into extinction.

What's more, the areas along the river were covered with silts and the arable farmlands turned into infertile ones. This is one of the examples showing that whatever task one wants to do, one should study from various angles.

CEO Classic Golf Tournament concludes

YANGON, 9 Jan—The prize presentation ceremony of CEO Classic Golf Tournament, organized by Myanmar Golf Federation and Myanmar PGA, was held in Royal Mingaladon Golf and Country Club in Mingaladon Township of Yangon Region yesterday evening.

Vice-President of MGF and Myanmar PGA U Aung Kyi delivered an address and CEO Group Chairman U Kyaw Kyaw Soe spoke words of thanks at the ceremony.

Directors of CEO Group presented Daily Best awards in both amateur and professional events.

Vice-President of MGF and Myanmar PGA U Min Thein awarded winners in amateur events.

General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaug Htaik and the CEO Group chairman presented prizes to winners in professional events.

Zaw Zaw Latt (Srixon), who stood first in the professional game, expressed thanks.

U Aung Kyi presented gift of MGF to CEO Group Director U Min Han. U Kyaw Kyaw Soe presented gift to the golf club through its general manager.—MNA



Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa receives Danish Minister for Development Cooperation Mr Christian Friis Bach. (News on page 16) MNA

Myanmar, US to promote bilateral relations and cooperation



Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin receives US delegation led by Ambassador Mr Derek Mitchell and Ambassador-at-large Mr CdeBaca. MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Jan—Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Wunna Maung Lwin received Ambassador Mr Derek Mitchell, US Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Myanmar, and Ambassador-at-large Mr CdeBaca, US Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Person, at the Ministry here this afternoon. At the call, they cordially discussed promotion of

bilateral relations and cooperation on matters of mutual interests.

Also present at the meeting with the Union Minister were senior officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Mr Derek Mitchell and Ambassador-at-large Mr CdeBaca were accompanied by Chargé d' Affaires of United States of America Mr Michael E Thurston.—MNA

214 drug cases exposed in December, 2011

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Jan—A total of 214 drug cases were exposed in December, 2011 nationwide and 20,3812 kilos of opium in five cases, 1,7206 kilos of heroin in 47 cases, 0,4642 kilo of solidified opium oil in four cases, 2,4351 kilos of inferior opium in five cases, 6,0971 kilos of marijuana in

12 cases, 248439.5 stimulants in 75 cases, 14,8148 kilos of speciosa in seven cases, 0,33 litre of liquid opium, 34 tablets of alprazolam in one case, 14 bottles of diazepam, 13 bottles of morphine, 635,49 kilos of pseudoephedrine in five cases, 7,0096 kilos of Ice in four cases, 1120 liters of ethyl ether in one case and 4.5 kilos of ediphedrine were seized.

Action were taken against altogether 329 persons—276 men and 53 women in connection with 214 drug cases. MNA

LOCAL SPORTS

Winners awarded in Bowling Contest

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Jan—The open men's and women's individual bowling contest in commemoration of the 64th Anniversary Independence Day 2012, organized by Myanmar Bowling Federation, was held at Nay Pyi Taw Bowling Hall on 7 and 8 January.

Deputy Director-General U Khin Maung Win of the Civil Services Affairs Department, President of Myanmar Bowling Federation U Thein Zaw and officials presented medals and cash award to the winners in men's singles event and women's singles event. (Picture)—Myanma Alin



Mass walks, sports activities organized

INSEIN, 9 Jan—The mass walk activity in last week of December was organized in Insein Township on 31 December.

Over 5000 participants including local authorities, NGO members and local people walked from the park junction to Aungzeya Suspension Bridge along Hline River Road.

In commemoration of the 64th Anniversary Independence Day 2012, the football matches were held at the sports ground of Insein Basic Education High School No. 1.—Kyemon

Take Fire Preventive Measures

Iran to launch nuclear work in bunker in “near future”

TEHRAN, 9 Jan—Iran will in the “near future” start enriching uranium deep inside a mountain, a senior official said, a move likely to further antagonize Western powers which suspect Teheran is seeking nuclear weapons capability.

A decision by the Islamic Republic to conduct sensitive atomic activities at an underground site—offering better protection against any enemy attacks—could complicate diplomatic efforts to resolve the long-running row peacefully.

Iran has said for months that it is preparing to move its highest-grade uranium refinement work to Fordow, a facility near the Shi’ite Muslim holy City of Qom in central Iran, from its main enrichment plant at Natanz.

The United States and its allies say Iran is trying to build bombs, but Teheran insists its nuclear programme is aimed at generating power and for medical purposes.

“The Fordow nuclear enrichment plant will be

operational in the near future,” the head of Iran’s Atomic Energy Organization, Fereydoon Abbasi-Davani, said. Uranium refined to purity levels of both 3.5 percent and 20 percent can be produced at the site, he added in comments carried by Iran’s *Kayhan* newspaper on Sunday. One Western official said with the start-up of Fordow, Iran would send a political signal to show it will not bow to international demands to suspend uranium

enrichment, activity which can have both civilian and military uses. The West has imposed increasingly tight economic sanctions on Teheran over its nuclear programme, culminating with a new law signed on New Year’s Eve by President Barack Obama aimed at preventing buyers from paying for Iranian oil. “I would see it as another escalatory step on the Iranian side,” the official, who declined to be named, said.—Reuters



Reuters and other foreign media are subject to Iranian restrictions on leaving the office to report, film or take pictures in Tehran. A general view of the Bushehr main nuclear reactor, 1,200 km (746 miles) south of Tehran, on 21 August, 2010.—INTERNET



A bus drives on a snowy street in Klosters-Monbiel, Switzerland, on 8 Jan, 2012.

INTERNET

Heavy snow slows road, rail travel in Alps

GENEVA, 9 Jan—Heavy snow is blanketing much of the central Alpine Region between eastern Switzerland and western Austria, causing traffic accidents and bringing road and rail traffic to a crawl.

Three days of snowfall has dumped over 3 feet (1 metre) of fresh snow in some areas.

Part of a major east-west railway link in Austria’s Tyrol Province remained closed Sunday. Authorities said a Czech man received

life-threatening injuries in Austria on Saturday when a car skidded off an icy interstate highway as he was fitting snow chains to his own car.

In Switzerland, authorities warned of avalanche risk throughout the Swiss Alps and Jura mountains.

Meteo Suisse predicted an end to the snowfall by Monday and perfect winter sports conditions throughout the week.

Internet

Russia to put new-generation radars into service this year

Moscow, 9 Jan—New-generation radars would be put on combat duty this year in southern Russia as a part of the country’s missile early

warning system, the Russian Defence Ministry said Sunday.

Ministry spokesman Alexei Zolotukhin said three

Voronezh-class radars had already been deployed in Kaliningrad Region, Leningrad Region and Krasnodar Territory.

The Kaliningrad has been in service since late November after President Dmitry Medvedev said new missile systems would be stationed in western and southern Russia in response to a planned US missile shield in Europe. “The new radar in the Leningrad Region is ready to go on combat duty. Another new radar is on test duty in Armavir in Krasnodar Territory,” Zolotukhin said.

The spokesman also revealed that another fourth generation Voronezh-class

radar would be installed near the Siberian City of Irkutsk by the end of 2012.

“It is not complete yet, but it is already working in the test programme,” Zolotukhin said. According to local media reports, the Voronezh-class radars are a breakthrough compared with Russia’s older Dnepr and Daryal class radars.

The radar in Kaliningrad region has a range of 6,000 km and can simultaneously track around 500 objects.

Moscow has long opposed the deployment of US-led NATO missile defence facilities near its borders and has called for a legally binding guarantee from the United States and NATO that the missile defence shield is not targeting Russia.—Xinhua



Iraqi security forces and people, seen through smashed glass of a damaged vehicle, gather at the scene of a bomb attack in Sadr City eastern of Baghdad, Iraq, on 5 Jan, 2012.—INTERNET

Bus crash in Montana kills two, injures 33

MISSOULA, 9 Jan—Two people were killed and 33 others injured when a bus veered off an icy interstate highway in western Montana and rolled onto its side on Sunday, and police and hospital officials said. Police said the death toll might rise. A spokeswoman at St Patrick’s Hospital in Missoula, where the most severely hurt were taken, initially listed two victims as critically injured, but one was later upgraded to serious condition.

The Rimrock Trailways bus, which had been travelling west on Interstate 90 from Billings en route to Missoula, was found on its side in the median, according to Montana Highway Patrol Sergeant Scott Hoffman. The crash occurred at about 7:05 am local time. “We had a bus traveling too fast for conditions,” Hoffman said, adding that police were still investigating how precisely the driver lost control of the bus. No other vehicles were known to be involved, he said. Hoffman said road conditions were slick and hazardous. “We were dealing with black ice,” Hoffman told Reuters.

Some passengers were ejected from the bus, and three people, including the two who died, were pinned under the bus, Hoffman said. The driver survived and was among eight people initially listed in serious condition, he said. St Patrick’s hospital spokesman JoAnn Hoven said 12 patients from the crash were brought there, including two flown to Missoula by helicopter. Four of those were treated and released and eight others were admitted.—Reuters

Demolition crews bring down Houston skyscraper

HOUSTON, 9 Jan—It didn’t take long—mere seconds, in fact—to create a new hole in the skyline of Houston’s medical district.

Demolition crews used high explosives to implode the 20-story former Prudential Building that had been a landmark of the district landscape southwest of downtown Houston since 1952.

The crews had planned initially to touch off the explosives shortly before 8 am Sunday, but dense fog delayed the series of blasts until 11:15 am.

The Prudential Insurance Co of America built the 500,000-square-foot skyscraper to serve as its southwest regional headquarters.

The MD Anderson Cancer Centre bought the building in 1974 and made it the center’s main building in 1980 before vacating and closing the building in April 2010.—Internet



MD Anderson’s Houston Main Building is imploded on 8 Jan, 2012, in Houston.—INTERNET

Thai flood victims unhappy with government’s compensation

BANGKOK, 9 Jan—The majority of flood-affected people are not satisfied with the 5,000-baht (158 US dollars) flood compensation provided by the government, ABAC Poll revealed on Sunday.

The poll, which was conducted among victims in nine flood-hit provinces regarding home repair and restoration costs after the floods, showed that most respondents or 84.2 percent used their own money to repair inundated homes and resume damaged businesses while 40.8 percent counted on the service of fast cash loan.

More than half of the respondents said financial compensation should be more than

5,000 baht.

In addition, the poll found that in flood aftermath, people suffered the most by increasing expenses, devastated home and damaged belongings and cars.

As for expenditure for flood recovery, home repairs came first with an average cost per household of 37,022 baht (1,168 dollars) followed by electrical appliances and furniture repair or replacement totaling 20,745 baht (655 dollars).

The worst deluge in over half a century has hit Thailand countrywide since late July, affecting more than 13 million people and claiming almost 800 lives.—Xinhua

Boston lawsuit claims DES-breast cancer link

BOSTON, 9 Jan—Arline MacCormack first heard about DES from her mother when she was 17. Three decades later, MacCormack believes that the drug her mother took to prevent miscarriages caused her to develop breast cancer at age 44.

MacCormack, of Newton, is one of 53 women from around the country who are suing drug companies who made and promoted DES for millions of pregnant women from about 1938 to the early 1970s. In 1971, the US Food and Drug Administration told doctors to stop prescribing DES for their pregnant patients after a study found that taking DES during pregnancy appeared to increase the risk of developing a rare vaginal

cancer years later for DES daughters in their teens and 20s.

DES, or diethylstilbestrol (dahy-eth-uhl-stil-bes'-trawl), is a synthetic estrogen that was prescribed to millions of women in the United States, Europe and other countries to prevent miscarriages, premature birth and other problems.

The case in Boston is being closely watched by DES daughters around the country. Thousands of lawsuits have been filed since the 1970s alleging links between DES and cervical and vaginal cancer, as well as infertility problems. Many of those cases were settled before trial.

The Boston case is believed to be the first major litigation alleging a link between DES and breast cancer in DES daughters over the age of 40. MacCormack, now 50, said she was stunned when she was diagnosed with breast cancer six years ago after having mammograms every six months since she turned 40 because she had had several benign cysts removed over the years.

Internet



In this 13 Dec, 2011 photo, breast cancer survivor Arline MacCormack stands in front of a mirror at her home in Newton, Mass. A study has confirmed that the drug DES, which millions of pregnant women took decades ago to prevent miscarriage and complications, has put their daughters at higher risk for breast cancer and other health problems that are showing up now. MacCormack is one of 53 women from around the country who are suing drug companies who made and promoted DES for millions of pregnant women from about 1938 to the early 1970s.—INTERNET



Xenadrine EFX capsules photographed in 2007 in Glendale, California. A drug discovered nearly four years ago that builds muscles in lazy mice may also prevent heatstroke, according to lab research.

INTERNET

'Couch potato pill' may also prevent heatstroke

GLENDALE, 9 Jan—A drug discovered nearly four years ago that builds muscles in lazy mice may also prevent heatstroke, according to lab research reported on Sunday.

If further tests work out, the compound could help athletes or soldiers who are so sensitive to heat that they could die from exertion on a hot day, its authors say.

In 2008, a drug known as AICAR became dubbed the "couch potato pill" after it was found to develop muscles and boost endurance among completely inactive laboratory rodents. It is now being explored as a treatment for several muscle diseases and metabolic disorders.

In a paper published by the journal *Nature Medicine*,

researchers in the United States said they discovered by chance that AICAR also protects mice against a disorder called malignant hyperthermia.

This deadly condition is linked to a basket of flaws in a gene called RYR1, a trait which exists in mice as well as humans. A rise in body temperature causes a leak of calcium in muscle cells, triggering a molecular cascade that eventually makes the muscles contract and break down.

Potassium and protein then pour out of the crippled muscle cells and into the bloodstream, reaching toxic levels that lead to heart or kidney failure.

Tests on mice genetically

engineered to have the RYR1 mutation found that AICAR worked perfectly in preventing malignant hypothermia, says the study. "When we gave AICAR to the mice, it was 100 percent effective in preventing heat-induced deaths, even when we gave it no more than 10 minutes before the activity," said Susan Hamilton, a professor of molecular physiology at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas.

AICAR—full name 5-aminimidazole-4-carboxamide ribonucleoside—works by stopping the calcium leak, thus preventing the vicious circle from getting under way.—Internet

GM challenges German brands with small Cadillac

DETROIT, 9 Jan—General Motors Co proved with the Chevrolet Cruze it can build a top-selling compact car, cracking a market long dominated by Japanese brands. Now the No 1 US automaker is targeting the entrenched German luxury brands with a more nimble compact Cadillac.

The 2013 ATS is central to GM chief executive Dan Akerson's mission to refashion Cadillac into a global luxury brand by winning over younger buyers with a sportier image. From the start, GM took aim at BMW's 3-Series, the dominant car in this segment along with the Mercedes-Benz C-Class. Luxury compacts make up two-thirds of the luxury car market in the United States, according to Autodata.

GM has failed in this segment before, however. In the early 1980s, GM launched the Cadillac Cimarron, which Time magazine in 2007 called one of the 50-worst cars ever built. "We need to face one fact, the cars that have achieved consistent success in the segment have been European cars and then more specifically, they've been German," said Don Butler, head of Cadillac marketing at an event to showcase the 2013 ATS on Sunday, ahead of the Detroit auto show this week. Cutting weight from the vehicle was key to making the ATS competitive. At less than 3,400 pounds, the ATS is the lightest Cadillac yet.—Reuters



Vehicles for sale are parked at a Cadillac dealer in Sherman Oaks, California on 17 Aug, 2010.—INTERNET

GM posts record China sales in 2011

BEIJING, 9 Jan—US auto giant General Motors said on Monday its sales in China hit a record high in 2011, despite a broader slowdown in the world's largest vehicle market.

GM and its joint ventures in China sold around 2.55 million units last year, up more than 8.0 percent from the previous record of 2.35 million in 2010, the company said in a statement.

"GM stayed ahead of the competition despite a slowdown in the growth of industry demand," Kevin Wale, president of GM China Group, said in the statement.

China, which overtook the United States to become the world's top auto market in 2009, has become increasingly important for



A mechanic is seen working on a Buick at a General Motors (GM) dealership in Shanghai. US auto giant said on Monday its sales in China hit a record high in 2011, despite a broader slowdown in the world's largest vehicle market.—INTERNET

global players such as GM and Germany's Volkswagen Group.

In December alone, GM's sales in China rose 9.8 percent annually to 196,797

units. The China Association of Automobile Manufacturers, which tracks auto sales and production in the country, has yet to release figures for all of 2011.

However, association officials have forecast that annual growth for the whole of 2011 will be just five percent, down from an earlier forecast of 10-15 percent.

Sales soared more than 32 percent in 2010 but have since lost some steam amid a slowdown in economic growth and after China phased out incentives, such as tax breaks for small-engine vehicles. China has moved to protect its domestic auto industry in recent weeks, slapping import tariffs on some US passenger cars and sports utility vehicles, and saying it would "withdraw support" for foreign investment in the sector.—Internet

Asia stocks drop on eurozone worries

BANGKOK, 9 Jan—Asian stocks dropped on Monday, ignoring signs of job improvement in the US, as traders continued to fret about Europe's unfolding sovereign debt drama. Benchmark oil fell to \$101 per barrel while the dollar strengthened against the euro but fell against the yen. South Korea's Kospi fell 1.1 percent to 1,822.42 while

Hong Kong's Hang Seng index was 0.9 percent lower at 18,422.23. Benchmarks in Singapore, Taipei, India and Indonesia also were lower.

In Japan, financial markets were closed for a public holiday. Bucking the negative trend were mainland Chinese shares, which rose amid promises by Beijing to channel more bank lending to

struggling entrepreneurs while keeping inflation and surging housing costs in check.

The Shanghai Composite Index jumped 1.4 percent to 2,194.57. The smaller Shenzhen Composite Index added 1.8 percent to 832.81. China tightened lending and investment curbs last year to cool its overheated economy but has reversed course in



recent months following a slump in global demand that has hurt exporters and led to job losses. Other positive economic news came out of the US, where the unemployment rate fell to 8.5 percent in December, the lowest level in nearly three years.—Internet

Slovenian adventurer embarks on eco-friendly world trip



Matevz Lenarcic, Slovenian pilot, biologist and photographer, prepares before taking off from Ljubljana airport for a flight around the world in a 290 kilogrammes (640 lb) airplane consuming the smallest amount of fuel ever.—INTERNET

ultra-light plane boasting super-low fuel mileage.

"I want to make people understand that this world is the only one we've been given and if we destroy it, we and our descendants will be losing it for good," Lenarcic told AFP ahead of the solo adventure dubbed GreenLight WorldFlight.

Lenarcic hopes to fly the Pipistrel Virus-SW914 weighing just 290 kilogrammes (640 pounds) some 100,000 kilometres (62,000 miles), circling the world westbound in two and a half months.

His first stop will be Morocco, followed by Senegal, from where he will embark across the Atlantic Ocean. Lenarcic plans to overfly seven continents, 60 countries, 120 national parks, the world's highest mountains including Mount Everest, cross three oceans and the Antarctic, while burning the smallest amount of unleaded fuel per distance flown.

Internet

LJUBLJANA, 9 Jan—Slovenian adventurer Matevz Lenarcic flew out of the Capital Ljubljana on Sunday at the start of an eco-friendly trip around the world in an

A blooming meadow can be seen in front of the Alp mountains including the Zugspitze near the Bavarian village Grainau, southern Germany in 2011. The second study looked at 867 samples of vegetation from 60 mountaintop sites across Europe in an assessment of the hottest decade on record.

INTERNET



Global warming: European species lag in habitat shift

PARIS, 9 Jan—Fast-track warming in Europe is making butterflies and birds fall behind in the move to cooler habitats and prompting a worrying turnover in alpine plant species, studies published Sunday said.

The papers, both

published by the journal *Nature Climate Change*, are the biggest endeavour yet to pinpoint impacts on European biodiversity from accelerating global temperatures.

A team led by Vincent Devictor of France's National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS) found that from 1990 to 2008, average temperatures in Europe rose by one degree Celsius (1.8 degrees Fahrenheit).

This is extremely high, being around 25 percent greater than the global average for all of the last century.

In order to live at the same temperature, species would have to shift northward

by 249 kilometres (155 miles), they calculated.

But during this period, butterflies moved only 114 kms (71 miles), and birds by just 37 kms (23 miles).

The data derives from observations made by a network of thousands of amateur naturalists, amounting to a remarkable 1.5 million hours of fieldwork.

The study was not designed to say whether these species are suffering as a result of warming, which is one of the big questions in the climate-change saga.

However, the risk of population decline is clear, the authors say.

Species that lag behind a move to a more suitable habitat accumulate a "climatic debt."

Internet

Boreal ducks said hurt by global warming

OTTAWA, 9 Jan—Researchers are blaming global warming for the big drop in Canada's boreal duck population — scaups and scoters — since the 1970s.

The ducks' numbers have plummeted by the millions in the past few decades and Ducks Unlimited Canada researcher Stuart Slattery told the Canadian Broadcasting Corp Friday scientists think it's because climate change is affecting their food supply.

Slattery and other

scientists from the University of British Columbia, the University of Saskatchewan and Environment Canada found that over those decades, spring has started coming an average of 11 days earlier. That warming trend influences when the ducks migrate south in the fall and affects the hatching of insects they rely on when they return in the spring to nest.

With spring now arriving much earlier, the ducks are missing out on their traditional food supply.

"As this mismatch gets worse, the ducklings are impacted the most," Slattery said. "The food just simply isn't there in the amounts that it was historically."

He said other duck species, such as the mallard, have shown signs of adapting but he suspects the scaups and scoters have not.

"They just get here late, and so they don't have a chance to re-nest like some of the other earlier nesting species do," he said.

Internet



The Facebook website is displayed on a laptop computer in 2011 in San Anselmo, California. A Bangladeshi high court ordered police to prosecute a university lecturer for sedition after he wished for the death of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on Facebook, a state prosecutor said.—INTERNET

Bangladeshi faces sedition charge over Facebook post

DHAKA, 9 Jan—A Bangladeshi high court on Sunday ordered police to prosecute a university lecturer for sedition after he wished for the death of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on Facebook, a state prosecutor

said. The same court handed Jahangirnagar University teacher Ruhul Khandakar six months in jail last week for contempt of court after he failed to respond to repeated summonses to explain his Facebook posting.

"The court has directed police to file a sedition case against Khandakar immediately," deputy attorney general Altaf Hossain told AFP.

The hearing was held in absentia as Khandakar, 29, is studying in Australia.

He posted the comments after the death of Bangladeshi's most famous filmmaker Tareq Masud in a

road accident last year.

"Tareq Masud died as a result of government giving licence to unqualified drivers. Many die, why does not Sheikh Hasina die?" the posting said, according to a court official.

The comment, which Khandakar posted from Australia, has since been deleted. Lawyers said this is the first time a Bangladeshi has been jailed and is being tried for sedition for making comments on a social networking site. The case and sentence drew widespread scorn from the country's vibrant blogging community and online commentators.

Internet



A buyer takes a photo of a 3-D HDTV display by Panasonic at the International Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas. In 2010, TV makers made a big push with 3-D sets, hoping to ride the popularity of 3-D movies such as "Avatar." But sales turned out to be disappointing.—INTERNET

Lions Gate nears \$400m deal for 'Twilight' maker

LOS ANGELES, 9 Jan—Lions Gate is close to buying Summit Entertainment, the maker of the teen hit "Twilight" series for about \$400 million in cash and stock.

That's according to two people Sunday who were briefed on the matter. They were not authorized to speak publicly and requested anonymity.

Talks on a deal are in the late stages and could be finalized this week. Summit also has about \$300 million in debt linked to its movies. That debt is expected to be paid off quickly, especially after the last movie in the series. "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2," hits theaters in November. The Hollywood blog Deadline reported the news earlier. The deal would create a studio among the largest in Hollywood and bring together under one roof "Twilight" and another expected popular teen series "The Hunger Games," which Lions Gate is set to release in March.

Like the vampire series that has attracted young audiences in hordes worldwide, "The Hunger Games" is being propelled by a hugely popular series of novels, these ones written by Suzanne Collins.—Internet

Apple apps still crushing 'green robot army'—for now anyway

NEW YORK, 9 Jan—Sure, phones with the Android OS from Google, are outselling iPhones from Apple. But Apple still dominates app revenue—at least for the next few years, according to market research group Strategy Analytics. "Apple is expected to account for 53 percent of paid application download revenue in 2013," Zara McAlister reported in *Financial Post*. "Apple Inc isn't afraid of being overshadowed by a growing army of little green robots." Angela Moscaritolo reported in *PCMag.com* that Strategy Analytics projected that Apple will be No 1 in app downloads followed by Google while Amazon and Barnes & Noble are expected to fight Microsoft for third place. "Unlike paid downloads that offer one time payment, virtual goods allow developers to earn recurring revenue from heavily used apps, making the business opportunity appealing," said Josh Martin, director of apps research at Strategy Analytics.—Internet



At 30, Kate tiptoes into the royal limelight

LONDON, 9 Jan—Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge, turns 30 on Monday after nine months of low-key engagements as she makes a gentle entrance into royal life alongside her husband Prince William.

The tabloids are full of rumours that Williams's party-loving brother Prince Harry and Catherine's high-profile younger sister Pippa Middleton are preparing a lavish birthday party for the woman who could one day be queen.

But the royal family insists the occasion will be "low-key and private". The public part of the celebrations was to come on Sunday when she attends the British premiere of the movie "War Horse" with William.

As she enters her fourth decade, the former commoner Kate Middleton — most Britons still call her simply "Kate" — has already become a "global superstar," according to seasoned royal watcher Ingrid Seward.

She "hasn't put a foot wrong" and "what's more, she has made it all look so easy," Seward wrote in the Sunday Express. Catherine's wedding to the second-in-line to the throne last April was watched by an estimated two billion TV viewers.

Her face has adorned millions of magazine covers and every one of her outfits is pored over, with the clothes



Britain's Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall (L) and Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge, watch the Remembrance Sunday service in Whitehall in London. Catherine turns 30 on Monday after a near-faultless nine months of low-key royal engagements as she makes a gentle entrance into royal life alongside her husband Prince William.—INTERNET

invariably becoming instant best-sellers — as was the case for William's mother Diana.

Meanwhile, celebrity magazines scrutinise every photograph for evidence of a baby bump, but she is not pregnant yet, and the pressure will inevitably build from a hungry media as time goes on.—*Internet*

Seven passengers on Qantas A380 injured by turbulence

SYDNEY, 9 Jan—Seven passengers were treated for cuts and bruises after a Qantas Airways superjumbo hit severe turbulence en route from London to Singapore, the Australian airline said Sunday.

The injuries are the latest blot on the airline's record with the new Airbus A380. A Qantas A380 made an emergency landing in Singapore in 2010 after one of its engines disintegrated.

In the latest incident, flight QF32 carrying 450 passengers struck turbulence in Indian airspace on Saturday three hours before it arrived in

Singapore, Qantas spokeswoman Sophia Connolly said.

"The seat belt sign had come on but some passengers were still moving back to their seats," she said.

She said seven passengers suffered minor cuts and bruises. Four were treated in a Singapore hospital and the others at a medical centre. All have been discharged.

The aircraft was cleared to fly after being assessed by engineers. The flight continued to Sydney on Sunday, 24 hours behind schedule.—*Internet*

Clock ticks as London marks 200 days till Olympics

LONDON, 9 Jan—London marks 200 days to go until the opening ceremony of the 2012 Olympic Games on Monday with several setbacks in the ticketing system failing to affect the organizers' upbeat mood.

The British government will hold a special cabinet meeting in the Olympic Park in east London to mark the day, while from Tuesday the gymnastics facilities will be the latest to be tested.

As London prepares to become the first city to host

the Olympics for the third time, most of the venues are completed and tickets for all events — except the hundreds of thousands available for the football competition — are sold out.

Organizers can take pride in the remarkable transformation of a once rundown area of scrapyards and workshops into a collection of high-tech sporting venues, virtually a new city of housing and, eventually, a green park.

Yet amid the excitement,

many Britons failed to secure tickets after a lottery left the majority of applicants disappointed amid massive demand.

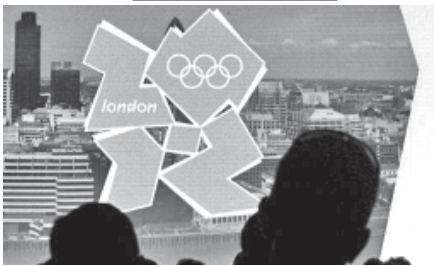
There were red faces last week when organizers LOCOG admitted they had mistakenly oversold tickets for synchronised swimming sessions and were forced to offer thousands of people tickets to other events.

Some 10,000 tickets were meant to go on offer in the second round of sales but 20,000 were mistakenly made available.

Those who missed out on synchronised swimming tickets now have the consolation of a chance of receiving tickets to the men's 100 metres final, the blue riband event of the Games which is likely to feature Usain Bolt.

Adding to the organizers' blushes, the website for recipients to resell tickets they do not want has been suspended because of technical problems.

—*Internet*



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Fatah urges Hamas to apologize for banning its delegation from entering Gaza

RAMALLAH, 9 Jan—Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah Party on Sunday said that the Islamic Hamas movement must apologize for banning its delegation from entering the Gaza Strip on Friday.

Fatah Central Committee, which convened in the West Bank City of Ramallah, asked Hamas to apologize and said that "it would reevaluate its position concerning the implementation of the Palestinian reconciliation." "Hamas should apolo-

gize to Fatah and to the Palestinian people for its humiliating and indecent behavior that followed preventing the delegation and threatening to sue one of its members," Fatah said. On Friday, four top Fatah leaders arrived from Ramallah and entered the Gaza Strip through the Israeli-controlled Erez border crossing in northern Gaza.

Fatah officials said that they were stopped at a checkpoint controlled by Hamas security forces and

were held for a long time after their identification documents were confiscated.

Hamas ministry of interior said in a Press statement that it has no intention to prevent anyone from entering Gaza, adding that "members of the delegation were impatient and refused to wait until officers check with their leaders." Accusing one of the delegation members of cursing the name of Allah, the Hamas ministry called for prosecuting him.

—*Xinhua*

ROK President starts China visit

BEIJING, 9 Jan—At the invitation of Chinese President Hu Jintao, President of the Republic of Korea (ROK) Lee Myung-bak arrived in Beijing Monday, starting his three-day state visit to China.

During his visit, Lee is scheduled to hold talks with Hu and meet with top legislator Wu Bangguo and Premier Wen Jiabao. The two sides will exchange views on China-ROK relations as well as global and regional issues of common concern, respectively.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of China-ROK diplomatic ties as well as a year of bilateral friendly exchanges.

"China attaches great



South Korean President Lee Myung-bak boards an airplane at the Seoul Military Airport in Seongnam, South Korea, 9 Jan, 2012. Lee Myung-bak will make a three-day state visit to China from Monday. XINHUA

importance to President Lee Myung-bak's visit, and hopes his visit will further strengthen political trust, exchanges and cooperation between both countries, as well as further bilateral

strategic cooperative partnership," Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesman Hong Lei said. This is Lee's second state visit to China since he took office in February 2008.—*Xinhua*

Email passwords of US, British officials posted online

LONDON, 9 Jan—Email addresses and passwords belonging to British, US and NATO officials were posted online following the hacking of a US intelligence analysis firm over Christmas, the *Guardian* daily reported Monday.

Online "hactivist" group Anonymous claimed

via Twitter on Christmas Day that it had stolen a trove of emails and credit card information from Stratfor's member subscribers.

Details of senior British intelligence officials and US defence staff were hacked, according to analysis carried out for the *Guardian* by John Bumgarner, an expert in

cyber-security at the US Cyber Consequences Unit, a research body in Washington.

In the US case, details of 173 individuals serving in Afghanistan were publicised, along with the personal details of former vice-president Dan Quayle and former secretary of state Henry Kissinger.

Some 221 British military officials and 242 NATO staff were also victims along with advisers to Britain's Joint Intelligence Organization, a body which reports sensitive information to Prime Minister David Cameron, Bumgarner found.

Around 19,000 email addresses belonging to US military personnel were also leaked.

Stratfor, which is based in Texas, specializes in foreign affairs and security issues.—*Internet*



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Best friends remember 9-year-old slain in Tucson

TUCSON, 9 Jan—Three little girls made plans for the future. They built sandcastles, they danced to pop songs, they swam, they laughed, they swore to be roommates in college.

Two of the girls, now 10, stood Sunday on a stage in Tucson and told a crowd of hundreds, many weeping, about their friend. Christina-Taylor Green, a 9-year-old born on 11 Sept, 2001, aspired to dance with Beyonce, to be the first woman in Major League Baseball and one day be elected president of the United States.

"She wasn't afraid of boys or sports or anything," Serenity Hammrich said, wearing a black dress and standing with Jamie Stone on a stage in the University of Arizona. "When she made student council, I was so happy for her. She believed it was important to help others to try to make a difference in the school and to put others first."

Christina died a year ago Sunday, one of six people killed in a deadly shooting rampage targeting US Rep. Gabrielle Giffords. Wearing sparkly tennis shoes, blue sapphire earrings, and skinny jeans, she had questions ready about pollution and the Gulf oil spill that she never got a chance to ask.

"I want everyone to understand that Christina was one in a million. She was my best friend," Serenity said.

Serenity said that she met Christina the first day of school in first grade and that she was scared. She stared at Christina on the playground because they looked just like each other, except Christina was taller.

"I was still staring at her when she walked up to me and said, 'Hi, do you want to be friends?'" Serenity said.

Jamie said she and Christina became friends when Christina walked up to her on the bus and asked to sit with her.—*Internet*



Serenity Hammrich, right, and Jamie Stone, best friends of shooting victim Christina-Taylor Green speak during a memorial ceremony remembering the victims and survivors of last year's shooting rampage targeting US Rep Gabrielle Giffords, and killing 6 other people, on 8 Jan, 2012, in Tucson, Ariz.—INTERNET

Danish warship frees 14 hostages in Somalia action

COPENHAGEN, 9 Jan—A Danish warship freed 14 Iranian and Pakistani hostages following a seaborne action against alleged pirates off Somalia's coast, the Danish Navy said late Saturday. "The operation took place as planned and without harm to the ship's crew, the hostages or the pirates," said Carsten Fjord Larsen, Captain of the warship *Absalon*, which conducted the action, in a Press statement.

The Danish Navy is now considering what further action to take with the 25 alleged pirates who were found on board, and how to send home the hostages. On Saturday morning, the *Absalon*, which is part of a NATO-led anti-piracy operation, pursued a fishing boat it had suspected of being a pirate mother ship for some time, off Somalia's coast in the Indian Ocean. "After three hours, the 25 pirates gave themselves up. Some began to throw their weapons overboard, and others followed," Larsen told *DR News*, Denmark's public broadcaster.

The *Absalon* fired warning shots and gave verbal instructions to the pirates to surrender, he added.

On inspection, the fishing vessel, which was previously hijacked by pirates, was found to contain small motor boats and fuel, allegedly used by the pirates.—*Xinhua*



Residents check washed up containers at Waihi Beach on 9 January, 2012 in Tauranga, New Zealand. INTERNET

Alaska town tries to dig out from huge snow dump



In this 7 Jan, 2012 photo provided by the Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, vehicles move down snow-covered streets in the fishing town of Cordova, Alaska.—INTERNET

ANCHORAGE, (Alaska) 9 Jan—The small Alaska fishing town of Cordova is used to dealing with excessive snow — but not like this. Residents have turned to the state to help them dig out of massive snow levels that have collapsed roofs, triggered avalanches and even covered doors, trapping some people in their homes.

"There's nowhere to go with the snow because it's piled up so high," said Wendy Rainney, who owns the Orca

Adventure Lodge.

A storage building for the lodge — which offers fishing trips, hiking, kayaking and glacier tours — partially collapsed under the weight of the snow, she said.

"This is more quantity than can be handled."

The Alaska National Guard reported more than 18 feet of snow has fallen on Cordova in the past weeks, although the National Weather Service did not immediately have a

measurement. Officials said at least three buildings have collapsed or partially collapsed and six homes are deemed severely stressed by heavy wet snow.

The city has set up a shelter at a local recreation center, but said people leaving homes in avalanche-risky areas have been staying with other residents. Cordova spokesman Allen Marquette said the town also was ready to set up a pet shelter if necessary.—*Internet*

Body on queen's estate was Latvian teenager

LONDON, 9 Jan—Police on Sunday named the young woman found dead on Queen Elizabeth II's Sandringham country estate as a 17-year-old Latvian who went missing in August.

The remains of Alisa Dmitrijeva were found on 1 January by a dog walker in woods on farmland about 1.5 kilometres (one mile) from the main gate to Sandringham House in eastern England.

Forensics experts had difficulty identifying the body. Records of the girl's palm and DNA from her femur were used, police said.

The teenager was last seen on 31 August in the nearby town of King's Lynn and was reported missing by



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a family member on 6 whereabouts.

September. Since then there have been a number of unconfirmed sightings and police had offered a reward for information on her

Detectives believe she was murdered. They have interviewed the Sandringham gamekeeper, estate manager and others who work

on the estate and have appealed for anyone with information to contact detectives. The land where her body was found is frequently used for pheasant and partridge shoots, which are often attended by members of the royal family.

Internet

Carbon monoxide leak in NY sends 38 to hospital

KINGS POINT, 9 Jan—Nassau County police say about 38 people have been taken from the US Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point to area hospitals for evaluation after carbon monoxide was found to be leaking at the facility.

Newsday says that authorities responded to reports of a "positive rating" for carbon monoxide shortly before 10 pm Sunday.

A police spokeswoman told *The Associated Press* early Monday that no one is seriously ill and that officials have wrapped up their investigation. She says the leak was in the Academy's Barry Hall. The Merchant Marine Academy prepares students for careers in the maritime industry.

Internet

Little oil seen after ship splits in New Zealand

WELLINGTON, 9 Jan—A light sheen of oil extended about two miles (three kilometres) from a wrecked cargo ship that split in two over the weekend, but so far the damage appears small compared to the environmental disaster created when the vessel ran aground in October, New Zealand authorities said Monday. About 150 cargo containers also spilled from the *Rena*, and officials were warning beachgoers to stay away from the debris that has washed ashore. Some people have been seen scavenging bags of powdered milk from the beach, but authorities warned the food may be unsafe.

Bruce Fraser, a spokesman for Maritime New Zealand, which oversees shipping, said it estimates that fewer than 100 tons of oil remain on the wreck.

The *Rena* spilled about 400 tons of fuel oil when it ran aground 5 Oct on Astrolabe Reef, 14 miles (22 kilometres) from Tauranga Harbor on North Island. That spill, considered the worst maritime environmental disaster in New Zealand history, fouled pristine beaches. Authorities found 2,000 dead seabirds from the spill and estimate 10 times as many might have perished.

Since then, salvage crews have removed about 1,100 tons of oil from the ship, along with nearly 400 20-foot and 40-foot containers. It was a slow process to remove cargo from the wreck, however, and hundreds of containers remained by the time pounding seas broke it apart.—*Internet*

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing meets President of Privy Council of Thailand

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Jan—Commander-in-Chief of Defence Service General Min Aung Hlaing paid a call on President of the Privy Council of Thailand General Prem Tinsulanonda, at his office at 11 am today.

At the call, they discussed mutual relations, peace and stability of border regions and cooperation between the two countries and exchanged gifts.

Also present at the call together with General Min Aung Hlaing were Lt-Gen Hla Htay Win of Commander-in-Chief's Office, Lt-Gen Thet Naing Win of the office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army), Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe and Myanmar Military Attaché to Thailand Col Win Maung. General Prem Tinsulanonda was accompanied by Deputy Commanding General of Royal Thai Army General Dapong and senior military officers.—MNA

General Min Aung Hlaing meets President of the Privy Council of Thailand General Prem Tinsulanonda.
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Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko receives US Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Myanmar Ambassador Mr Derek Mitchell and Ambassador-at-large at the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons of United States Mr CdeBaca.—MNA



Home Affairs Minister receives US guests

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Jan—Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko received a delegation led by US Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Myanmar Ambassador Mr Derek Mitchell and Ambassador-at-large at the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons of United States Mr CdeBaca at the ministry here this evening.

They frankly discussed matters related to improving mutual ties between Myanmar and US and mutual cooperation.

Also present at the call were Chief of Myanmar Police Force Maj-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun, directors-general, officials, Chargé d'affaires ai Mr Michael E Thurston and delegation members.—MNA

Upgrade of Commercial City Yangon

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Yangon, being a commercial city, is being upgraded to have city characteristics. As part of its programme, works are being extended by forming subcommittee under Yangon City Beautifying and Upgrading Committee.

In doing so, special emphasis is placed on smooth transportation, drainage system and supply of drinking water, especially road and bridge sector.

The Committee has spent much money on road and bridge department. As much K20 billion as will be used for construction of roads in the wards, repairing of major roads, upgrading during this financial year. Yangon City Development Committee upgraded major roads and low roads to the concrete ones along with construction of pavements and beautifying.



Cement needed for upgrading and construction of Yangon is imported. And Yangon City Cement Plant of Yangon City Development Committee, located Pyinyaung village, Thazi Township, Mandalay Region, also fulfills domestic demand. The

plant was built in 2007 under the leadership of the Yangon City Mayor and put into service at the end of April 2010. The plant is now supplying cement to Nay Pyi Taw construction sites and Yangon City upgrading works.

In addition to the

aforsaid works, city areas development special projects, high-rise building projects, market projects and Yangon City development project are under implementation.

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Union Energy Minister on inspection tour of Minbu Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Jan—Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay, accompanied by Deputy Minister U Soe Aung and Managing Director of Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise U Sein Win, visited Petroleum Liquefied Gas Factory in Minbu Township in Magway Region on 7 January.

The Union Minister heard reports submitted by officials and viewed around the factory.

The Union Minister and party attended coordination meeting for increasing petroleum production in 2011-2012 fiscal year at the meeting hall of Mann Oilfield of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise in Minbu. He heard reports submitted by general managers of oilfields. The Union Minister and the deputy minister urged them to cut costs that are not directly conducive to the increase in production as all the enterprises under the ministry will have to turn a profit in this tax year.

The Union Minister and party visited new oil well No (1) of MPRL Company exploring in joint venture with Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise and heard reports submitted by officials.

The Union Minister and the deputy minister showed their support for exploring new oil wells.—MNA

Stationery, cash donated to orphanage

TOUNGOO, 9 Jan—Myint Myat Store donated K500,000, exercise books and stationery, school uniforms and sweaters worth K1.5 million to 78 students of Zeyathiri Orphanage (Women) Care School in Ward 18 of Toungoo on 8 January.

Moreover, the wellwisher donated breakfast to the students.—Myanma Alin

Points to be followed in submitting candidature lists for vacant constituencies

As candidature lists for vacant constituencies of the respective Hluttaws can be submitted from 16-1-2012 to 31-1-2012, a notice has been issued that the points mentioned under are to be followed in accord with the law in submitting the candidature lists.

- (a) Citizens, regardless of gender and religion, who are qualified by the respective Hluttaw Election Law Section 8 are eligible to stand for election.
- (b) Those who are disqualified by the respective Hluttaw Election Law Section 10 shall not be eligible to stand for election.
- (c) Hluttaw candidates are to enlist at Nay Pyi Taw (or) District concerned (or) Self-administered Region / Self-administered Area Sub-commission which are in the areas of the constituencies they wish to compete in. [Rule 18 (a)]
- (d) Election admission registration fees are to be paid to Myanma Economic Bank (Branch) where election sub-commission concerned is seated. Account number is that of sub-commission concerned. [Rule 18 (c)]
- (e) The following documents are to be included in submitting name lists of Hluttaw candidates.
 - (1) Two originals of Hluttaw candidate name list form (6) (Endorsement showing that the signature made before the judge is correct included)
 - (2) Two CVs written in accord with the instructions of the commission
 - (3) The original receipt showing that election admission registration fees have been paid
 - (4) Evidence showing that the applicant is a national citizen, and
 - (5) Two sets of Form (7) or Form (7-A) saying that a person himself or another has been appointed as an election representative

Remark: A Hluttaw candidate shall not be permitted to enlist in more than one constituency at the same time. [Rule 18(c)]

Union Election Commission

Union Electric Power No. 2 Minister inspects power plants

YANGON, 9 Jan—Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe visited Ahlon natural gas power plant in Ahlon Township here on 7 January.

While visiting Thakayta natural gas power plant yesterday, the Union Minister

heard reports on construction of thermal power station in the compound of the power plant and stressed the needs. He inspected the chosen site for construction of thermal power station and maintenance of Turbine No. 3 of the power plant.—MNA



Professors Okada and Ujike donate defibrillator to Health Department. MNA

Defibrillator donated to Health Dept

YANGON, 9 Jan—The donation ceremony of Defibrillator to Health Department of the Ministry of Health was held at the hall of Medical Research Department (Lower Myanmar) here this morning.

Donors Professors Okada and Ujike of

Okayama University of Japan presented the defibrillator to Director-General Dr Tun Naing Oo of the Health Department.

Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin and departmental heads attended the ceremony.—MNA

DISTRICT NEWS

Monsoon paddy harvested on model plot

MANDALAY, 9 Jan—A model plot of Manaw Thukha monsoon paddy strain was harvested in field No. 1223 of Legwetgyi Village-tract in Taungtha Township on 28 December.

District and township level officials of Myanma Agriculture Service and Irrigation Department supervised the harvesting of paddy. Officials disseminated use of micro-biological fertilizers to the local farmers.

Township/MAS

Education GEC meets in Yamethin

YAMETHIN, 9 Jan—Yamethin Township Education Government Employee Cooperative Ltd held the annual general meeting at the township education office in Yamethin on 31 December morning.

Chairman of Education GEC Ltd U Tin Ko Ko explained the tasks of the society and future tasks.

Auditor of the township Cooperative Department U Myat Tun read the financial report of the association for 2010-2011 fiscal year, and those present adopted the future tasks and sought approval.—Myanma Alin

For eligible voters to be able to include ballot lists

As by-elections for 48 constituencies with vacancies for representatives in respective Hluttaws will be held on 1-4-2012 (Sunday), respective ward and village-tract sub-commissions are making correct, up-to-date ballot lists, based on the previous ballot lists.

Citizens who have attained 18 years of age on the election day and who are not disqualified by law, guest citizens, naturalized citizens or those holding temporary identity cards and those who are included in the ballot lists of the constituency concerned shall have the right to vote.

As those who are qualified by law have the right to include in the ballot lists of the constituency concerned, a public notice has been issued for the people to contact the ward or village-tract sub-commissions concerned so that their names can be included in the ballot lists.

Parties on their part are to cooperate in ensuring that the names of voters they have canvassed are included in their respective ballot lists.

Union Election Commission

Indian delegation concludes visit to Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Jan—Delegation led by Chief of the Army Staff of the Indian Army General Vijay Kumar Singh, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, ADC and wife visited National Defence College on 6 January and Command and General Staff College in Kalaw on the following day.

The delegation also visited famous pagodas in Monywa yesterday morning. They arrived in Yangon by special flight in

the afternoon and visited Shwedagon Pagoda.

They paid floral tribute at the Martyrs' Mausoleum this morning and left Yangon by special flight this evening.

They were seen off by Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hsan Oo, Indian Military Attaché Colonel Rajesh Kumar and officials at Yangon International Airport.

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Dy Foreign Affairs Minister receives Danish Development Cooperation Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Jan—Mr Christian Friis Bach, Danish Minister for Development Co-operation paid a courtesy call on U Maung Myint, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs

of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, at ministry here at 9 am today. They discussed and exchanged views on bilateral relations and development matters.—MNA

Mon State Chief Judge explained instructions of the Attorney-General of the Union to law officers at his office in Mawlamyine on 29 December, 2011—MNA



High yield paddy cultivation through GAP

PYAPON, 9 Jan—Cultivation of high yield hybrid Paletwe paddy strain was held through good agriculture pattern in Kyonta Shankwin Village in Pyapon Township.

Township Manager of Myanma Agriculture Service U Maung Maung Thwin explained cultivation of high yield paddy

through GAP.

The demonstration on cultivation of paddy was attended by departmental officials and local farmers of Kyonta Shankwin, Thaleikgyi and Chaungdwin villages.

District IPRD



Russian fishing boat makes safety in New Zealand after Antarctic ordeal

WELLINGTON, 9 Jan— A Russian-flagged fishing boat that was holed in the icy waters of the Antarctic with 32 crew aboard last month arrived at the New Zealand port of Nelson Monday, Radio New Zealand reported.

The *Sparta* set sail from the Ross Sea after makeshift repairs with an icebreaker escort on 26 Dec.

The South Korean icebreaker had transferred fuel from the *Sparta* so it could be raised in the water and plates could be welded over the 10-cm by 40-cm hole.

The Nelson marine pilot told Radio New Zealand the vessel arrived Monday morning.

The agent for the vessel was reported as saying the

Sparta would likely be at Port Nelson for a week or more, but no further repairs would be done there.

The 48-metre vessel was stranded in the Ross Sea when ice pierced its hull 1.5 metres below the water line on 16 Dec.

The New Zealand air force was twice asked to drop pumps and other equipment to the *Sparta*, which had been taking on water and listing 13 degrees.

At one stage some of the crew took to the liferafts.

Other vessels in the area were unable to reach the vessel because of the ice, so the icebreaker *Araon* was commissioned to reach the *Sparta*, which had 32 crew aboard 15 Russians, 16 Indonesians and one Ukrainian.—Xinhua



Members of a railway policewoman security squad head for a high-speed train at Wuhan Railway Station in Wuhan, capital of central China's Hubei Province, on 8 Jan, 2012. Made up of eight policewomen at an average age of 26, the squad is the first of its kind to undertake on-the-train security duties along the Wuhan-Guangzhou High-Speed Railway. Starting from Sunday, China's transport system, including its high-speed railway, entered a 40-day period of intensive passenger flow around the time of the Spring Festival. Every member of the policewoman squad will go through a 60,000-kilometer railway journey during the Spring Festival travel rush. —XINHUA

Police say Colo bomb that hurt two was in paper bag

LAFAYETTE, 9 Jan— A bomb that seriously injured a Colorado couple was left beside their car in a paper bag with their names written on it, and the woman's ex-husband is a person of interest in the case, police said Sunday.

Allyson Stone, 44, and her current husband, 59-year-old Christopher Stone, were hospitalized with burns after the explosion Saturday in Lafayette.

The couple found the bag as they were preparing to drive to Boulder, and they put it in the car with them, police said. Christopher Stone told investigators it exploded as his wife began to open it when they had driven about a block.

About 20 homes were evacuated as police investigated. Residents were allowed to return about eight hours later when no other explosives were found.

Lafayette Police Cmdr Gene McCausey said Sunday that Allyson Stone's former

husband, 55-year-old Michael Anthony Brittain, is considered a person of interest in the case.

McCausey said police and FBI agents searched Brittain's home in the Denver suburb of Thornton on Saturday night. However, Brittain is not in custody and has not been charged. A phone listing for Brittain could not immediately be found.

Neighbours told KMGH-TV that Brittain is a nice person and they couldn't imagine him being involved in the attack.

Brittain and Allyson Stone have had friction in the past, the station reported.

Court records show Brittain was charged in a domestic violence case involving his wife and children in August 2003. However, the Boulder County district attorney dismissed three of the charges in February 2004, and Brittain was found not guilty on a remaining assault charge in January 2004, according to a state court summary.—Internet

Rescuers work on the scene of the accident which claimed at least four lives in Dafang County, Guizhou Province, on 8 Jan, 2011. Four people, including a child, were killed Sunday morning when a coach veered off a road into the 8-metre-deep roadside ditch in the county, police authorities said. The accident occurred at about 8:40 am (0040GMT) when the coach was en route from southern Guangdong Province to Guizhou's neighbouring Sichuan Province. Thirty-eight injured passengers, including five in serious condition, have been sent to a local hospital. XINHUA

Search for Vietnam's sunken ship missing sailors stopped in vain

HANOI, 9 Jan— All operations to search for missing sailors of Vietnam's sunken ship *Vinalines Queen* by planes and ships would be stopped from Sunday, reported local VNExpress quoting Nguyen Anh Vu, general director of Vietnam Maritime Rescue Centre (MRC) as saying.

According to MRC, after the searching flight of Japan Coast Guard on Saturday that brought in no result and was seen as the final effort to look for the missing sailors, the search and rescue forces of Japan, China, China's Taiwan and the Philippines issued announcement that they would stop all searching drives by specialized means. What they could do now was to inform boats and ships operating in the location of the missing sailors. If they receive any news, they would forward them to the Vietnamese side.

Since *Vinalines Queen* cargo vessel reported missing 14 days ago, Vietnam had launched all efforts and means to look for the ship and its sailors. The scale of the searching campaign was said to be only second to those for the missing sailors by the *Chanchu Storm*, said MRC general director.

Last Thursday, the Vietnamese Embassy in the Philippines sent a diplomatic note to the Philippine Foreign Ministry and armed forces to ask for informing MRC's news of the missing sailors to the local fishermen and residents living near the Luzon Island, as well its rewards to any news about the sailors, whether they are dead or alive.—Xinhua



A poster in support of Argentine President Cristina Fernandez is seen in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on 7 Jan, 2012. Medical tests on the thyroid gland removed from Argentine President Cristina Fernandez found that she did not have cancer as initially believed, her spokesman Alfredo Soccimarro said on Saturday. —XINHUA

Solomons hit by 6.6 quake; no tsunami threat

SANTA CRUZ ISLAND, 9 Jan—Santa Cruz Island in the South Pacific has rocked by a magnitude-6.6 earthquake, but there have been no reports of injuries and authorities say there is no threat of a tsunami.

The United States Geological Survey reported that the temblor struck Monday afternoon about 219 miles (353 kilometres) east of the town of Kira Kira in the Solomon Islands. Santa Cruz and surrounding islands are remote and sparsely populated. The Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre said in a statement there was no threat of a regional tsunami.

Internet

Court upholds charges in 'co-sleeping' baby death

SALT LAKE CITY, 9 Jan— The Utah Court of Appeals has refused to dismiss charges against a couple accused of killing their baby in 2006 by sleeping with him — their second child to die in bed with them.

The appeals judges sided with a lower court in a pair of opinions released Friday concerning the death of 3-month-old Kayson Merrill.

The infant died while in bed between his father, Trevor Merrill, and mother, Echo Nielsen, both 28, of South Jordan. The judges said that while a state medical examiner listed the official cause of death as "undetermined," there was enough evidence that "co-sleeping" caused the baby to suffocate to put the parents on trial, the *Salt Lake Tribune* reported (<http://bit.ly/>

ApQlaq).

The parents, whose first child also died while sleeping with them in 2003, have been charged with child-abuse homicide and reckless endangerment. They have pleaded not guilty. Defence attorneys argued there wasn't enough certainty to go to trial after the medical examiner also cited illness and low birth weight in his report.—Internet



Photo taken on 18 Dec, 2011 shows Pakistani businessmen selecting New Year decorations at the China Commodities City in Yiwu, a city internationally well-known for its small commodity trade in east China's Zhejiang Province. The Commodities City's market turnover, which tops the specialized markets across the country for 21 years, reached 51.51 billion yuan (8.16 billion US dollars) in 2011, up 12.95 percent year-on-year, according to the latest statistics. —XINHUA

One climber dead during cold spell across Greece

ATHENS, 9 Jan— The cold weather in Greece caused the death of one climber and some material damage, as the country was gripped by a cold front this weekend, local authorities and media said on Sunday.

Rescue teams retrieved the body of a young Greek mountaineer who went missing when the group of alpinists climbing the northern mainland mountain Beles was caught in a snow storm.

His death was attributed to hypothermia as temperatures plunged to near zero degree

Celsius. A large part of northern Greece has been hit over the past few hours by heavy snow fall that has affected travellers in national highways, while authorities are on alert over possible floods at the country's border with Bulgaria due to torrential rains.

Strong winds registering up to nine on the Beaufort scale blowing in the Aegean Sea and the Ionian Sea partially disrupted sea travel and caused material damage to dozens of sailing ships and cars parked at certain ports.—Xinhua

An Yanshi, dressed in a panda outfit, shows off panda faeces stored in a glass jar at his studio in China's Chengdu. An says he will harvest the first batch of tea leaves this spring and it will be the "world's most expensive tea" at almost 220,000 yuan for 500 grammes.—INTERNET



World's 'most expensive' tea grown in Chinese panda poo

CHENGDU, 9 Jan—Chinese entrepreneur An Yanshi is convinced he has found the key ingredient to produce the world's most expensive tea — panda poo. The former calligraphy teacher has purchased 11

tonnes of excrement from a panda breeding centre to fertilise a tea crop in the mountains of Sichuan Province in southwestern China, home to the black and white bears.

An says he will harvest the first batch of tea leaves this spring and it will be the "world's most expensive tea" at almost 220,000 yuan (\$35,000) for 500 grammes (18 ounces).

Chinese tea drinkers regard the first batch of tea to be harvested in the early spring as the best and successive batches, regarded as inferior, will sell for around

20,000 yuan.

The 41-year-old, who is so passionate about his new project he dressed in a panda suit for his interview with AFP, has been ridiculed by some in China for his extravagant claims of the potential health benefits of the tea.

But he insists he is deadly serious, saying he quit his job at Sichuan University to throw himself "heart and soul" into his company, Panda Tea, whose logo features a smiling panda wearing a bow tie and holding a steaming glass of green tea.

Internet

Hollywood high-rise plan has some up in arms

LOS ANGELES, 9 Jan—Hollywood, that mythic land where movie drama was invented, suddenly finds itself caught up in its own real-life drama, one involving high-priced real estate and people taking on City Hall.

In this storyline, the issue is whether it is time for a famously spread-out, freeway-centric city's best known tourist destination to begin looking a little more like New York City by adding a towering skyline and pedestrian-friendly sidewalks.

The city Planning Commission recently gave its unanimous blessing to a new Hollywood Community Plan that would allow buildings of 50 stories or more in some areas. The skyscrapers, which planners see someday dotting what they call the Hollywood Corridor, would be linked by a section of subway that runs right underneath the fabled Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Planning Commissioner Michael Woo says the proposal is likely to come before the City Council in February or March for the first of several public hearings before a vote is taken.



In this 6 Jan, 2012 photo, a man walks near the two-story Yucca Manor apartment building that stands in the shadow of the 20-story Renaissance Hotel at the Hollywood & Highland complex, in the Hollywood District of Los Angeles.—INTERNET

But in the canyons and along the hillsides that make up much of Hollywood's more quiet residential areas, the plan is already getting a raucous public hearing from people who live in homes that run the gamut from sprawling mansions to century-old crackerbox apartments.

Several neighbourhood associations are banding together, vowing to fight it.

The plan's opponents worry that bringing skyscrapers to a section of the city that already has seen traffic proliferate with the arrival in recent years of trendy hotels like the W and hot-spot nightclubs like the SkyBar will destroy the ambience of their neighbourhoods as well as compromise safety.

They will become prisoners in their homes, they say, their narrow, winding streets blocked day and night by the cars of outsiders while emergency vehicles are unable to reach them. "I love living in Hollywood. I love the craziness," said Patti Negri, president of the Hollywood Dell Civic Association. "I don't care when they close Hollywood and Highland for a premiere or when they close the streets for a show at the Hollywood Bowl. That's why I live here and I'll take the little inconvenience that goes with it. That's part of the deal. But this is not part of the deal."—Internet



In this photo taken on 5 Jan, 2012, workers direct gravel into a trench at a Little Rock, Ark, construction site. A burst of hiring in December pushed the unemployment rate to its lowest level in nearly three years, giving the economy a boost at the end of 2011. INTERNET

Sri Lankan tourists arrivals hit historic high in 2011

COLOMBO, 9 Jan—Final data for 2011 shows that Sri Lanka attracted 855,975 tourists, which is over 100,000 extra arrivals than targeted and likely to push this year's arrivals over the one million mark, an official said here on Monday.

Sri Lankan Tourism Chairman Dr Nalaka Godahewa told media that the sector is extremely upbeat regarding the historic landmark that was achieved in 2011. Sri Lanka's tourism industry has been booming since a three decade wared ended in 2009.

The tourism industry has since boomed attracting 850 million US dollar investment in 2011. The government hopes to expand this to one million US dollars in 2012 making tourism one of the top foreign exchange earners.

In 2011, the key market contributing to the rising arrivals was India, which brought in 171,374 tourists to the country. India was followed by the United Kingdom with 106,082 tourists and 55,882 from Germany.

The 95,517 visitors in December also broke the single month record of 90,889 achieved in November but the industry suffered a hiccup when a British tourist was murdered, allegedly by a provincial level politician, in the southern part of the country on Christmas eve.

"However we are confident that tourists' numbers will reach the one million mark in 2012. We want to target more up market travelers from India and increase arrivals from China," said Godahewa.

Xinhua

Singapore to need 11,000 elder care workers by 2020

SINGAPORE, 9 Jan—Singapore now has about 4,000 workers in the elder care sector, but it will need another 11,000 workers by 2020, Minister of State for Health Amy Khor has said.

The Straits Times said in a report on Monday that this means recruiting the workers such as doctors, nurses, therapists and healthcare attendants in the next eight years, describing it as an "unenviable task."

The 5.08 million population of Singapore is aging rapidly and the need

for caregivers will shoot up, it said. But the problem is that the jobs in the sector is seen as being of low status and usually are not well paid.

Khor chairs two of the five subcommittees set up last year under the Ministerial Committee on Ageing. Besides making sure that housing estates and public facilities are elderly friendly, she is also tasked with managing the manpower needs for the elder care sector.

The committee has proposed that Singapore will go in the direction of keeping

the elderly at home and in the community for as long as possible instead of institutionalizing them in nursing or old folk's homes.

Many more workers will be needed to provide services to the elderly, be it running day-care centres or providing food for those who are too frail to do their own cooking. But it is difficult to attract enough people to work in a sector where salaries are about 20 percent to 30 percent below those of healthcare institutions.

Internet



Visitors to The London Boat Show at The ExCel Centre walk past a line of yachts on 6 January, 2012 in London, England. The 58th Boat Show opens today with 500 exhibitors and 1000 boats on display from a 2.5 meter dinghy to a Sunseeker 40M worth £17.5 million. The show closes on 15 January, 2012.—INTERNET

Qatar Airways to fly Doha-Kigali route from next March

KIGALI, 9 Jan—The Qatar Airways will from March 2012 launch the Doha-Kigali flight route.

In a statement issued in Kigali, the Rwandan Capital, the company said the flights would be run on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays with one stop over in Entebbe, Uganda.

Currently, Brussels Airlines, Ethiopian Airlines, Kenya Airways and the Dutch company KLM serve the Kigali route.

It is said that the proposed schedule would allow maximum connectivity over Kigali for flights from East and Central Africa, the news release added.

Rwanda's minister of Infrastructure, Albert Nsengiyumva, has confirmed that negotiations with Qatar Airways were complete and that all being well with paper work a new route between Doha and Kigali will open this coming March.—Xinhua

Russian child in stroller swept into sewage system

MOSCOW, 9 Jan—Police in a provincial Russian city say an 18-month-old child was swept into the underground municipal sewage system when a sidewalk collapsed because of a ruptured pipe.

The mother, a 26-year-old policeman's wife, was pushing the child in a stroller in the city of Bryansk when the ground caved in underneath them.

Police say the woman was rescued, but the child was swept away by the current into a collecting tank for the sewage system and was presumed dead.

Investigators say they are working to determine the cause of Sunday's accident, but suspect faulty construction of the system may be to blame.

Underground pipes carrying hot water occasionally burst in Russia, causing the ground above them to suddenly collapse to the peril of those walking above.

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Eurotunnel to back workers' rescue plan for SeaFrance

PARIS, 9 Jan—Eurotunnel's chief executive said Monday the operator of the Channel tunnel will support the worker cooperative's last-ditch bid to rescue ferry company Sea France. Eurotunnel is "a candidate for a majority stake, somewhere between 51 and 100 percent, in a transport firm which would take over the SeaFrance ferries and then provide them to SCOP (as the cooperative is known), which would be the operator of the company," CEO Jacques Gouyon said in an interview with the *Liberation* newspaper.

Eurotunnel's bid comes as the Paris commercial court is set to decide Monday on the CFDT union-backed takeover bid after rejecting other offers in November.

The cooperative's offer is the only one remaining to save the last French business plying the formerly lucrative Dover-Calais route.—*Internet*

Mexico suffered drought, freeze, floods in 2011

MEXICO CITY, 9 Jan—Mexico's social development secretary says an estimated 600,000 households suffered property damage or crop losses due to an unusual combination of floods, drought and freezing weather in 2011. Heriberto Felix Guerra says the drought has been so bad that about 2.6 million people in about 1,650 villages and towns in northern Mexico do not even have drinking water.

Felix Guerra's agency has helped truck in water to those communities.

He said that hundreds of other communities in the country's southeast had suffered persistent flooding.

He said in a statement Sunday that the extreme weather appeared to be caused by climate change, and predicted that such natural disasters will become worse in coming years.—*Internet*

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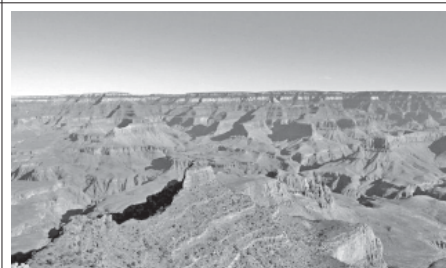
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This Monday photo shows O'Neill Butte as seen from South Kaibab Trail in Grand Canyon National Park, Ariz. The Interior Department is moving forward with a plan to ban new mining claims on 1 million acres near the Grand Canyon.—INTERNET

Taxi maker Manganese Bronze warns of 2011 loss

LONDON, 9 Jan—Manganese Bronze, the maker of London's traditional black cabs, said it had failed to make a profit in 2011 and could miss market expectations for 2012, blaming deteriorating economic conditions and the delay of an Azerbaijan order.

The company said trading had continued to be impacted by the weakening UK economy while the unresolved euro zone sovereign debt crisis and its potential impact on banks had undermined confidence within the global banking community and made it more difficult to secure finance for international trade.

Manganese Bronze said an order of 500 vehicles from Azerbaijan which was originally due to be shipped in October had been delayed until 30 January.

"The overall impact of lower UK sales and the delayed fulfilment of the Azerbaijan order will prevent the group from achieving a profitable result for the year ended 31 December," the company said in a statement Monday.

"Whilst a proportion of this shortfall should be recovered when the delayed Azerbaijan sales are recorded in 2012, any continued softening of global economic conditions would mean the group is likely to fall short of meeting expectations for the current year."

Reuters

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Hawking turns 70 with "a brief history of mine"

CAMBRIDGE, 9 Jan—The world's best known living scientist, Stephen Hawking, was too ill to attend his 70th birthday celebrations Sunday but in a recorded speech urged people to "look up at the stars" and be curious about the universe.

Hawking, the author of the international bestseller "A Brief History of Time," was diagnosed with motor neuron disease in 1963 and told he had barely two years to live. He has since been hailed as one of the most brilliant theoretical physicists since Einstein.

In the speech played out at a symposium in his honour at Cambridge University, he said his excitement and enthusiasm for his subject drove him on, and urged others to seek out the same inspiration.

"Remember to look up at the stars, not down at your feet. Try to make sense of what you see and wonder about what makes the universe exist. Be curious," Hawking said in the speech he had been due to give in person.

Hawking's plans to

speaking Sunday at Cambridge, where as a PhD student he first became fascinated with cosmology and the state of the universe, were scrapped after his doctor advised him he was too ill to attend the event, officials said.

Hawking had recently been in hospital and was discharged on 6 January, Cambridge's Vice-Chancellor Leszek Borysiewicz said.

"Unfortunately ... his recovery has not been fast enough for him to be with us today," Borysiewicz told a disappointed audience of scientists, students and celebrities at the event.

Reuters



Theoretical physicist Stephen Hawking speaks at his official welcoming ceremony at Perimeter Institute For Theoretical Physics in Kitchener on 20 June, 2010.—INTERNET

Marine biologist could get 20 years in prison for feeding whales



Nancy Black tracks two killer whales in Monterey Bay.

A California marine biologist is facing up to 20 years in prison and half a million dollars in fines for allegedly feeding a group of killer whales and then altering footage of the incident and lying to authorities.

In addition to her carrying out maritime research, Nancy Black operates the popular Monterey Bay Whale Watch tours and has been featured on PBS, National Geographic and Animal Planet. But on Wednesday, Black was charged with four violations of the Marine Mammal Protection Act. Black's attorneys say she was only doing scientific research.

If she's convicted, Black could face up to 20 years in prison and half a million dollars

in fines. She could also be fined up to \$100,000 for each whale feeding charge, which also carries a year in prison sentencing term.

Black is accused of feeding killer whales during a 2005 research trip, which was investigated by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the US Department of Justice. She had previously worked with federal agencies to help study whales, including the National Marine Mammal Laboratory, which is part of NOAA.

Police: Holdups were for girlfriend's rent

A 49-year-old Florida man admitted he robbed two banks to pay his girlfriend's rent, police say.

Pinellas County Sheriff's Office investigators say they identified Raymond A Schaefer of St Petersburg by lifting fingerprints from a demand note used to rob Cornerstone Community Bank in Seminole Wednesday, the *Tampa Bay Times* reported. He implied

he had a gun and fled with an undisclosed amount of cash, police said.

After witnesses saw the suspect fleeing, detectives found in a trash bin an orange jacket and baseball cap the robber had been wearing, and found the demand note in a pocket of the jacket.

Authorities tracked down Schaefer at a substance abuse treatment facility in St Petersburg, and he was

arrested.

Detectives noticed he matched the description of the suspect in a 6 Dec robbery of Achieva Federal Credit Union in Largo.

Police allege he admitted committing that robbery, as well, saying he needed money to pay his girlfriend's rent, WTSP-TV, Tampa, reported.

News Album

Missing Dallas teen accidentally deported to Colombia

A Dallas teen missing for more than a year has been found living in Colombia.

Lorene Turner tells WFAA that her granddaughter Jakadrien Turner ran away from home in the fall of 2010 when she was just 14. Jakadrien made her way to Houston, where she was arrested by police.

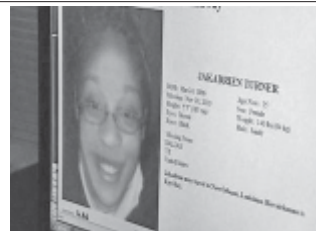
That's when things took a turn toward the Kafka-esque. Jakadrien gave the police a false name and her new alias just happened to match up with the name of a 22-year-old Colombian citizen who had been in the United States illegally. And to compound Turner's

plight further, the Colombian national had a warrant out for her arrest.

The US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) then deported Jakadrien in April 2011.

"They didn't do their work," Lorene Turner said. "How do you deport a teenager and send her to Colombia without a passport, without anything?"

Turner said she'd been looking on her computer every night for clues to her granddaughter's location, and has been cooperating with Dallas police as she carries



Missing teen Jakadrien Turner has turned up in Colombia.

out her search. It turns out that after Jakadrien was deported, she was given a work card in Colombia and released onto the streets.

Faith versus science, in 'How the World Began'

NEW YORK, 9 Jan—A thoughtless remark by a pregnant science teacher transplanted from New York infuriates a doggedly religious teenage student in a shattered rural community, and their arguments about faith and evolution escalate in tune with their passionately held but incompatible viewpoints. This is the premise of Catherine Trieschmann's intelligent new play, "How the World Began," presented off-Broadway by Women's Project Theater at the Peter Jay Sharp Theater. The increasingly tense, 90-minute drama is set in the fictional town of Plainview, Kan, flattened a few months earlier by a massive tornado that killed 17 residents. Many others have since moved away from the ruined town, and everyone remaining is grieving and on edge.

Sixteen-year-old Micah (capably portrayed by newcomer Justin Kruger), is an earnest, orphaned "young Earth creationist" who carries a Bible in his backpack. He persists in nagging at his liberal biology teacher Susan (Heidi Schreck) to apologize for using the word "gobbledygook" to describe non-scientific ideas about the origin of life on Earth.

Schreck makes the glib, atheistic Susan appealing through sheer personality and charm. Susan's stubborn refusal to understand why the townspeople would cling to their religion for support following such a disaster leads to the escalation of unease and friction.

Internet



In this theater image released by Bruce Cohen Group, Heidi Schreck, left, and Justin Kruger are shown in a scene from "How the World Began," a Women's Project Theater production performing off-Broadway at the Peter Jay Sharp Theater in New York.—INTERNET

Tom Hanks' Web series to stream on Yahoo

NEW YORK, 9 Jan—Tom Hanks' long gestating Web series is coming to Yahoo.

"Electric City," an animated futuristic series Hanks has been developing for years, will premiere on Yahoo this spring. The series includes 20 episodes, each three- or four-minutes long.

Yahoo, along with Hanks and production partners Playtone and Reliance Entertainment, are set to formally announce plans for the series Tuesday at the International Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas.

For Hanks, the release of "Electric City" caps the actor's efforts to find the right avenue for the project. He first tried to make the series using puppets. He earlier announced it would be released in early 2011.

The series is set in a seemingly peaceful city situated in a post-apocalyptic world. Many of its themes are socially conscious topics relevant to today, including energy consumption.

"It was always our intent to have this project live and breathe online, and we felt

New York City Opera announces musician lockout



In this 27 Oct, 1980 file photo, Beverly Sills takes her bows on the stage of the City Opera at New York's Lincoln Centre after her final performance in "Die Fledermaus".—INTERNET

NEW YORK, 9 Jan—A bitter contract dispute has led to a lockout of musicians at the New York City Opera, a possible "death knell" for a company that's nurtured such singers as Renee Fleming, Placido Domingo and Beverly Sills.

On Sunday, hours after talks broke down, the cash-strapped company canceled on Monday rehearsals for a 12 February opening

production of Verdi's "La Traviata" in Brooklyn.

"This is a very sad day for what once was a spectacular cultural icon and for the people who performed its music," said Alan Gordon, national executive director of the American Guild of Musical Artists representing the chorus, stage directors and principal singers.

Local 802 of the American Federation of Musicians represents the orchestra. Both unions have been without a contract since the spring.

Gail Kruvand, chairwoman of the orchestra union's negotiating committee and its assistant principal bass player, said union members "made a good-faith effort to say that, yes, we are willing to sacrifice for the sake of ensuring that the grand tradition of the City Opera lives on."

But she said the company's rejection of union proposals could be "the death knell for one of New York's cultural treasures."

City Opera is now operating on a shoestring, offering orchestra and chorus members minimum fees for an already abbreviated season.—Internet

'Forrest Gump' actor Sinise to raise money for vet

TEMECULA, 9 Jan—Gary Sinise, known for playing a soldier who loses his legs in the film "Forrest Gump," wants to stage a benefit concert to raise money to build a home in Temecula, California, for a Marine who lost his limbs in Afghanistan. The *Los Angeles Times* reports that Sinise, now



starring in TV's "CSI New York," is expected to ask the Temecula City Council on Tuesday if he can hold a concert tentatively on 1 March.

Sinise's Lt Dan Band, named for his movie character, would perform and raise money for Marine Lance Cpl Juan Dominguez, who lost his legs and right arm in 2010.

The Gary Sinise Foundation and the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation have built several such homes for wounded veterans.



In this 15 Dec, 2011 file photo, actor Tom Hanks attends the premiere of "Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close" at the Ziegfeld Theatre in New York.—INTERNET

Yahoo would be the perfect home," said Gary Goetzman, co-founder of Playtone, Hanks' production company.

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Football star Cannavaro says size doesn't matter



Italian World Cup winning captain Fabio Cannavaro.—INTERNET

ROME, 9 Jan—Italian World Cup winning captain Fabio Cannavaro on Monday reassured Cambodia's diminutive players that size was no barrier to success.

"Size has never been a problem for me," Cannavaro, 38, told reporters in the capital Phnom Penh during a visit to boost the profile of the beautiful game in the Southeast Asian country, currently ranked 170th in the world

by FIFA. Asked his advice for Cambodian footballers who are often shorter than their rivals, Cannavaro, who at 1.76 metres (5 foot 9) is small for a defender, said it was a question of mentality rather than height. "I was strong inside my head," the 2006 World Player of the Year said.

"Big or short, for me what was important was to win the game with my team. The dream when you start playing football is to win something special and we won something special."

Cannavaro retired last July following a nagging knee injury, but remains on the management staff with current club Al-Ahli in Dubai. His four-day stay in Cambodia, which ends on Wednesday, will see him host coaching sessions with young local players and visit a charity to hand out football kits to street children. Cannavaro started his career in 1992 with home club Naples, before moving to Parma, Inter Milan, Juventus, Real Madrid, and then back to Juve for one season before joining Al-Ahli.—*Internet*

Lugano rescues PSG against minnows Locmine

PARIS, 9 Jan—Diego Lugano's 93rd-minute header gave Paris Saint-Germain a 2-1 victory over fifth-tier Saint-Colomban Locmine in the French Cup on Sunday and spared Carlo Ancelotti from humiliation in his first game as PSG coach. The game at Lorient's Stade du Moustoir was heading to extra time when Uruguay captain Lugano converted Nene's cross at the back post to send PSG into the last 32 and end Locmine's brave resistance.

It meant Ancelotti escaped unscathed from his first official game at the PSG helm, but the players and fans of Locmine—85 places below PSG in the French football pyramid—are unlikely to forget their moment in the spotlight.

"It's cruel to lose like that, but what pride I have in my team," said Locmine coach Didier Noblet. "It's magic. It's the magic of the cup."

Locmine had threatened a stunning upset in the game's early stages, with Abou Maiga prodding the ball against the crossbar in the fifth minute, while Jordan Auger delighted the



Locmine's forward Abou Maiga Gariga (L) vies with PSG's defender Diego Lugano during the French Cup football match Locmine.—INTERNET

crowd by embarrassing Lugano with a deft back-heel. PSG carried the greater goal threat, however, and eight minutes into the second half Javier Pastore gave the away side the lead when he slid the ball home from a narrow angle after Locmine goalkeeper Erwann Flegeu had parried his initial attempt.—*Internet*

Maradona attacks "traitor" Leonardo

PARIS, 9 Jan—Argentinian football legend Maradona has unleashed an astonishing attack on Paris Saint Germain sporting director Leonardo, questioning the Brazilian's motives at the Qatari-backed French club. "I don't really understand Leonardo. I didn't understand him when he moved from AC Milan to Inter, and I understand even less what he's doing at PSG, whether he's a player, a manager, an agent or an oil tycoon. I don't understand."

Maradona, now manager with United Arab Emirates side Al Wasl, added in the interview with Canal+: "He is proof that in football

nowadays it pays to know how to lobby.

"I don't like people who stoop to flatter to get along - I don't like one bit Leonardo's position.

"Up to now we haven't seen his approach in the game. You don't do this type of thing, to move from AC Milan to Inter, it's like going from Boca (Juniors) to River (Plate)- it's traitorous.

"But traitors survive, and sign contracts with people who have lots of money like those who have bought PSG. "So in this case I'm the one who is wrong and Leonardo is right."—*Internet*

Serve not up to scratch for China's Li



Li Na of China seves to Ekaterina Makarova of Russia during their match at the Sydney International tennis tournament, Australia. INTERNET

SYDNEY, 9 Jan—China's Li Na made short work of Ekaterina Makarova in the Sydney International first round on Monday but she will have to increase the power and penetration of her serve if she is to be a contender at the Australian Open.

Li carried her strong Hopman Cup form into her opening match in Sydney and dispatched Russian Makarova 6-0 6-3 in another mostly confident stride towards the year's first grand slam at Melbourne Park next week. Li's groundstrokes, especially the main weapon of her forehand, were grooved but her serve was inaccurate and occasionally ineffective in the second set.

The world number five conceded her delivery needs mass improvement between now and her arrival at Melbourne Park. "I should improve a lot for my serve, otherwise it is not going to be easy to win my service games," she said. "I have to work a lot more on my serve. In the second set, it did not work. Right now I'm still in Sydney, so I'm not thinking about Melbourne because I have to focus on this tournament first.—*Reuters*

Nadal unsure of form for Australian Open

SYDNEY, 9 Jan—Spain's former tennis world number one Rafael Nadal, who has struggled with a sore left shoulder since the end of last season, said on Sunday he is not sure he will be playing at his peak at the Australian Open later this month.



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"I know I am working well, with a much more positive attitude than I had during the second half of last season, especially in the final stretch," he said in an interview published on Sunday in Catalan sports daily Sport. "I see myself capable of having a good tournament but you never know. I am happy with the level of my game, of how I am doing things and I think I am sowing seeds that will bear fruit. But maybe not in Australia."

The Australian Open, the season's first Grand Slam tournament, gets underway on 16 January. Nadal, the world number two, slumped to a 6-3, 6-4 loss to France's Gael Monfils, the world number 16, in the Qatar Open semi-finals on Friday.



Australia's Samantha Stosur during the match against Francesca Schiavone on 9 January. Stosur said she failed to cope with the centre court crowd's expectations.—INTERNET

Schiavone beats out-of-sorts tennis star Stosur

MELBOURNE, 9 Jan—Francesca Schiavone upset US Open champion Samantha Stosur's preparations for next week's Australian Open with a straight sets opening round win at the Sydney International on Monday. The Italian matched home favourite Stosur's power with aggression to secure a 6-2, 6-4 win in 90 minutes in the feature match on Ken Rosewall Arena.

The loss followed Stosur's second-round exit from the Brisbane International last week and has left the world number six short of match practice heading into the season's first grand slam starting in Melbourne on Monday. Schiavone, ranked 11, has been a tricky opponent for Stosur, beating her in the 2010 French Open final and in last year's Fed Cup tie in Australia. "I think I was really aggressive, and she couldn't play her game at the best," said Schiavone, who next plays Daniela Hantuchova.—*Internet*

Barca five shy of Real after draw at Espanyol

BARCELONA, 9 Jan—Barcelona slipped five points behind La Liga leaders Real Madrid when Alvaro Vazquez netted a shock late equaliser to snatch a 1-1 draw for Espanyol in the Catalan derby on Sunday.

The champions were

strong rival ahead of us but there are still a lot of very tough stadiums to visit," he added. "All we can do is look at ourselves. Continue doing the things we are doing well and improve those we are not."

Guardiola deployed the team that won 3-1 at Real last



Barcelona's Sergio Busquets (behind) fights for the ball against Espanyol's Joaquim Verdú during their Spanish First division soccer match at Cornellà-El Prat stadium in Spain on 8 January, 2012.—INTERNET

looking to improve their patchy away form at their local rivals and stay hard on the heels of Real, who thrashed Granada 5-1 on Saturday.

A gritty Espanyol had prepared a different script and the result leaves Barca on 38 points from 17 matches, with Real on 43. Valencia are third on 34 after they came from two goals down to draw with struggling Villarreal earlier on Sunday.

"The league is not over and I don't think we let a significant part of it slip away tonight," Barca coach Pep Guardiola, whose side are chasing a fourth straight La Liga title, told a news conference. "We have a very

month and they looked to be cruising to victory when Cesc Fàbregas nodded them in front in the 16th minute at a chilly Cornellà-El Prat stadium to take his league tally for the season to nine.

Espanyol battled hard and did well to restrict the Spanish and European champions to one goal before substitute Vazquez struck with a header four minutes from time.

The equaliser stunned Barçainto life and centre back Gerard Piqué smashed a shot against the crossbar late on before Pedro had a shot cleared off the line, but they were unable to find a winner.—*Reuters*

International Sports

Cambodia beefs up security ahead of ASEAN FM meeting

PHNOM PENH, 9 Jan—Some 1,450 security forces have been deploying in Siem Reap Province ahead of the ASEAN foreign ministers' retreat meeting which will be held on 10-12 Jan, the provincial police chief Sath Nady said Monday.

"We have been deploying the forces from 8-12 Jan in order to ensure security and safety for the ASEAN delegates," he told *Xinhua* over telephone. "The security has been tightened from the airport to the meeting venues and around the provincial town." The ASEAN foreign ministers' retreat meeting will be chaired by Cambodia's Deputy Prime Minister Hor Namhong, who is also the country's minister of foreign affairs and international cooperation.

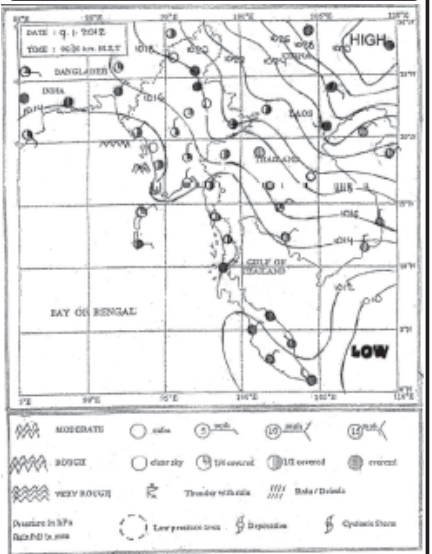
It would be the first foreign ministers' meeting in a form of retreat in Cambodia. During the meeting, the ministers will discuss regional and international issues the ASEAN has interest in. Also, they will also discuss progress in the context of ASEAN Community building.—*Xinhua*



Children walk along the mountain road on their way to school at Minxin Village of Mashan County in southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, 6 Jan, 2012. Every day, they have to leave home very early in the morning and climb over hills for hours to go to school.

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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 10th January, 2012

Sl. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (C/F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	26/9	13/5	Likelihood of isolated light rain	(60%)
2	Kayah	29/8	10/0	Partly cloudy	
3	Kayah	34/9	17/3	Partly cloudy	
4	Chin	19/6	08/1	Likelihood of isolated light rain	(60%)
5	Upper Sagaing	25/7	14/7	Likelihood of isolated light rain	(60%)
6	Lower Sagaing	30/8	14/7	Likelihood of isolated light rain	(60%)
7	Taininhsay	35/8	18/4	Likelihood of isolated light rain	(60%)
8	Bago	32/0	15/9	Partly cloudy	
9	Magway	31/8	17/3	Partly cloudy	
10	Mandalay	30/8	15/9	Partly cloudy	
11	Mon	35/8	18/4	Partly cloudy	
12	Yangon	34/9	17/3	Partly cloudy	
13	Rakhine	31/8	14/3/7	Partly cloudy	
14	Southern Shan	24/7	10/0	Likelihood of isolated light rain	(60%)
15	Northern Shan	25/7	07/4	Likelihood of isolated light rain	(60%)
16	Eastern Shan	26/9	09/4	Likelihood of isolated light rain	(60%)
17	Ayeyawady	33/1	17/3	Partly cloudy	
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	32/0	13/5	Generally fair	
19	Neighbouring Yangon	34/9	17/3	Partly cloudy	
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	30/8	15/9	Partly cloudy	

During the past (24) hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Upper Sagaing and Taininhsay Regions, Kachin and Rakhine States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Night temperatures were (6°C) above January average temperatures in Magway Region, (3°C) to (4°C) above January averages temperatures in Upper Sagaing and Mandalay Regions, Kachin, Southern Shan and Chin States and about January average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant night temperature were Pinalang and Hoho (5°C) each, Putao, Namsum and Hahka (6°C) each.

Bay Inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman sea and Bay of Bengal.

State of the Sea: Strong easterly winds with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Deltaic, Gulf of Montama, off and along Mon-Taininhsay Coasts. Surface wind speed in strong wind may reach (35) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Night temperatures are likely slight decrease in the Eastern Myanmar areas.

DISTRICT NEWS



Tarred town ringroad inaugurated

KUTKAI, 9 Jan—In honour of the 64th Anniversary Independence Day, the town ringroad was opened in Ward 2 of Kutkai on 31 December.

Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Bill Committee U T Khun Myat, Kutkai Township Administrator U Myat Thein Tun and Township DAC Executive Officer U Nan Zein Hla Aung formally opened the road.

The 2200x12 feet facility was built at a cost of K 1,528,800.

Township DAC



Seeding of high yield paddy strain demonstrated

KANGYIDAUNT, 9 Jan—A demonstration on seeding of high yield hybrid Palethwe paddy strain on 10 acres of farmland was held in Apin Hnawse Village of Kangyidaunt Township on 1 January.

Township Manager of Myanma Agriculture Service U Kyi Thein explained cultivation and production of hybrid Palethwe paddy strain. The seeding demonstration was attended by departmental personnel and local farmers.

Township IPRD

Focus Myanmar TV Programme

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL (10-1-12 09:30 am ~ 11-1-12 09:30 am) MST

Oversea Transmission

- * News
- * Shweku Backdrop; One of Myanmar Prestige
- * Final Day of Mid-year 2011 Myanmar Gems Emporium
- * News
- * Secret Places for Yummy Food (Episode-13)
- * News
- * Annual Memento Art Exhibition of Royal Hantha Art Gallery
- * Music Gallery
- * Thriving Hybrid Paddy Strains from "Shwe Taung" Plantation
- * Youths' Vista on Music
- * National Races from Shan State "Gon Shan and Li Shan"
- * Record Album
- * "Myanmar's Traditions and Culture" Tea
- * Today's Nay Pyi Taw (The Capital City of Myanmar) (Part-I)
- * Myanmar Movies "Our Folk"

MYANMAR TV (10-1-2012) (Tuesday)

- 4:00 pm 1. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm 2. Musical Programme
- 4:25 pm 3. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 4:40 pm 4. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -First Year (Geography)
- 5:00 pm 5. Songs for Upholding National Spirit
- 5:05 pm 6. The Mirror Images of The Musical Oldies
- 5:15 pm 7. Teleplay (Traffic)
- 5:45 pm 8. Sweet Melody
- 6:20 pm 9. Kyae Peint Myaye Yin Khone Than
- 7:00 pm 10. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm 11. News
- 12. Bakery World
- 13. TV Drama Series
- 14. India Drama Series

U Kyaw Khin (Danuphyu) (96 Year)

Donor of pagoda, Buddhist ordination hall and monetary

U Kyaw Khin (Danuphyu), son of (U Tha San and Daw Lon Ma Lay), husband of Daw Khin Yi (Myo Nyunt Yatana Jewellery Shop, Bogyoke Market), brother of U Soe Hla-(Daw Thin Htwe), Daw Hla Thein, Daw Nyunt Tin (U Hla Yi), father of U Soe Win (Myanma Railways)-Dr Khin Myo Myint, U Ye Myint-Daw Nwe Nwe Han, U Zaw Win- Daw Khin Myo Win, Daw Khin San Aye, Daw Khin Myo Thwe, Daw Khin Nan Nwe, Daw Thei Maw Htwe, grandfather of Dr Phyu Pya Soe, Dr Mu Ya Soe, Kyaw Lin Soe-Chaw Chaw Su, Dr Thanda Soe, Thuya Kyaw- Barani, Ngu War Kyaw, Captain Myo Thi Ha Zaw, Dr Su Yi Myo Zaw, Dr Su Yi Hpyo Zaw, Dr Su Yi Moe Zaw, grand-grandfather of May Myat Noe Kyaw, passed away at the house of No. 16, Panchan Street, Sanchaung Township, Yangon on 8 January, 2012 and funeral ceremony was held at 4 pm, on 9 January, 2012.

Bereaved family

Sri Lanka to establish embassy in Ukraine

COLOMBO, 9 Jan—Sri Lanka is to establish a Resident Diplomatic Mission in Ukraine, the government said in its official website here Monday.

This decision was made following the approval of a proposal made by Minister of External Affairs GL Peiris to the Cabinet, and was duly approved at the last meeting.

The government of Ukraine, on a reciprocal basis, will establish a Resident Mission in Colombo.—*Xinhua*



General Motors North American Vice President Mark Reuss speaks at the 2013 Cadillac ATS debut prior to the North American International Auto Show in Detroit, on 8 Jan, 2012.—INTERNET

Deputy Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa meets Japanese and Danish guests separately

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Jan—Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa received a Japanese delegation led by Member of House of Councillors Mr Hirohiko Nakamura at the No (1) Hall of Pyithu Hluttaw Committee Building of Hluttaw Complex here at 10.30 am today.

Also present at the call together with the deputy speaker were chairmen, secretaries and members of committees and together with the Japanese delegation were officials of Japanese mission in Myanmar.

Amicable cooperation between parliaments of the two countries and political developments in Myanmar were discussed at the meeting.

The deputy speaker also met a delegation led by Danish Minister for Development Cooperation Mr Christian Friis Bach at 11.30 am.

They exchanged views on cooperation between Myanmar and EU in development sectors.



Deputy Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa receives Member of House of Councillors Mr Hirohiko Nakamura and party of Japan.—MNA

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Microfinance service plays an important role in reducing poverty of rural people

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Jan—"Microfinance service plays an important role in reducing poverty of rural people and establishment credit unions would contribute to socio-economic status of the poor in rural areas as well as basic strata in urban areas", said Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun at the meeting No. 1/2012 of Micro-finance Service Supervisory Committee at the ministry here this morning.

The Union Minister added that currently banks, cooperative societies, private companies, local and transnational non-governmental organizations, and social organizations were running microfinance service in some regions for peoples living on low income; that such organizations were running with their own rules and regulations and procedures as there was still no officially adopted system for the whole microfinance service industry;

that the private micro-credit union development support committee therefore had implemented four-phase plan to systematically supervise the micro-finance service.

Next, committee member Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein elaborated on functions of the committee and committee secretary Managing Director of Myanma Small Loans Supervisory Enterprise U Htein Lin on works in progress, followed by suggestions of the attendees.

Next, chairpersons of region/State and Nay Pyi Taw Council Area microfinance service supervisory committees reported on ongoing works, future plans and needs.

The Committee Chairman Union Minister in his concluding remarks called for collaborative efforts for systematic establishment of monetary services contributing to fighting poverty and enhancing socio-economy of ordinary people.

MNA

Workers collectively donate blood

MYITNGE, 9 Jan—In honour of the 64th Anniversary Independence Day, workers and staff of the various workshops from Coach and Wagon Shed (Myitnge) of Myanma Railways of Amarapura Township donated blood at the fire brigade (private) of MR on 3 January.

General Manager U Nyi Htut of MR donated 123 bags of blood to in-charge of the blood bank Dr Daw Khin Sein Win who gave certificate of honour.

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Fergie defends Rooney reaction Man Utd striker backed by manager in Kompany red card row



MANCHESTER, 9 Jan—Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson has insisted he has no concerns over Wayne Rooney's 'natural reaction' to Vincent Kompany's tackle on Nani.

Kompany was sent off for the challenge in Sunday's FA Cup tie and the ten men of Manchester City went on

to lose 3-2 despite a rousing second-half comeback.

City boss Roberto Mancini later claimed that Rooney influenced referee Chris Foy's decision to show Kompany a red card, an accusation which the United striker has rejected.

Ferguson has now backed Rooney in the row over

what happened, highlighting his view that such appeals are now part of the game and that it was a bad tackle.

"I have no concerns about the behaviour in that respect because to my mind it was a reckless challenge and Nani is a very lucky boy because he didn't get a bad injury," said Ferguson.

"I have no complaints about Wayne. I don't think it was unacceptable what he did. I think it was a natural reaction to a bad challenge from an opponent.

"But I can understand where Roberto's coming from because that's what happens with players today, they all appeal for penalties or players

to be sent off, it's an unfortunate part of our game."

Ferguson also said he was relishing a fight to the end of the season with City for Premier League honours.

He added: "We have a big challenge from Manchester City but that's not a problem for Manchester United, we have faced these challenges for many years. It doesn't matter where it comes from, Chelsea, Arsenal, Liverpool or Tottenham, and Manchester City are a very good team.

"We know it's going to be a big, big fight towards the end of the season." Guardiola praise

Ferguson was speaking at the FIFA Ballon d'Or gala in Zurich, where he has been shortlisted for the Coach of the Year award along with Barcelona's Pep Guardiola and Jose Mourinho of Real Madrid. —Internet