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Ayeyawady Bridge (Sinkham) brings amity, friendship among national brethren

11th bridge opened in time of Union Government

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Feb – Ayeyawady Bridge (Sinkham) was inaugurated to hail the 65th Anniversary Union Day at the pandal on Sinkham bank near Sinkham Village, Bhamo Township, Kachin State, yesterday morning. Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham addressed the opening ceremony of the bridge, which is the 11th of the above-180-foot-long ones built in the time of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar government.

It was attended by Union Ministers, Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint, Kachin State Chief Minister U La John Ngan Hsai, deputy ministers, the Kachin State Hluttaw Speaker, state ministers, departmental heads, departmental personnel, members of social organizations, national traditional cultural troupes, townsenders and local residents.

In his speech, the Vice-President said Ayeyawady Bridge (Sinkham) is the 11th one built across the River Ayeyawady and it is heartening that the bridge was built by the domestic technicians of Public Works under Construction Ministry.

Flowing from north to south, the Ayeyawady River has been the key water transport route of Myanmar since ancient times. It however poses a great barrier to the social and economic relations between the eastern and western parts. So with farsightedness, the government has built the bridge to break that barrier.

As the 3215-foot-long bridge is a rail-cum-road one, the local residents relying only on the water route will enjoy smooth and quick transport.

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Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham strolls along the newly opened Ayeyawady Bridge (Sinkham).—MNA



Ayeyawady Bridge (Sinkham) opened as the 11th of its kind of over 180 feet in the time of the government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to hail the 65th Anniversary Union Day for 2012.—MNA

PERSPECTIVES

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May all flowers be lovely

Colourful flowers are decorating the world while rivaling the wheel of seasons for beauty and for fragrance. Bees are natural enemies of these flowers.

Teenage girls used to dress fashionably. Some are lovely and some, gorgeous. It is no doubt that men are natural enemies of their beauty.

Today's youths have greater freedom than ever. They are mostly beyond parental control. Exploiting the freedom, the young girls should not follow wrong ways.

Once, I knew a couple who parted for various reasons. All knew they were surely to arrange a marriage. But, it was not. Human beings have a society. Mostly, girls are somewhat vulnerable to blows of this society. A leaf falling on a thorn or a thorn falling on it bears the same meaning. It is the best traditional example to mention the life of girls.

A western culture of "living together" has well penetrated the East. Living together before marriage is absolutely hostile to Myanmar

culture. Before the wedding day, girls should maintain the highest honour of virginity.

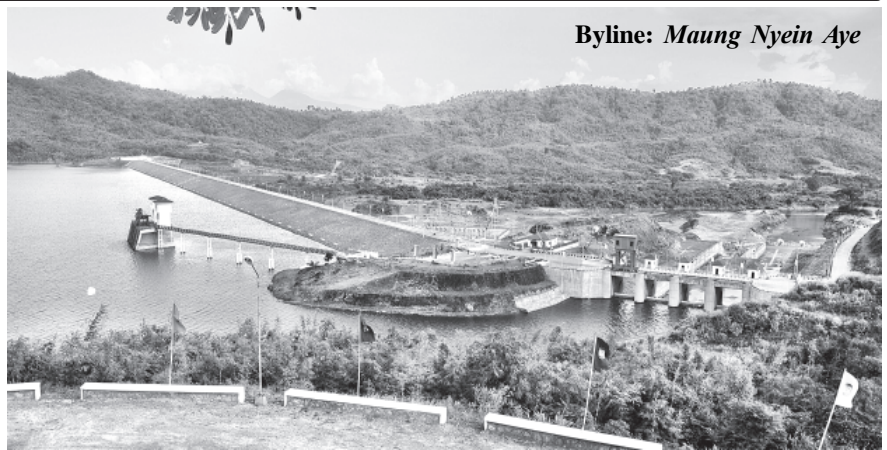
Men should also show their high morals to their intended partners for life. Especially, they should restrain themselves away from living together and mind their girls as their own sister.

Marriage is not building castles in the air, but a practical thing. Castles in the air will be blown off by the air. Girls should distance themselves away from chatty men. They are not worth confidence. Think twice.

Nature is nature. Freedom is a blessing. But, these should not derail your life. Flowers are all beautiful. Hope they do not fall into wrong hands.

Shwegyin Dam and Shwegyin Hydropower Plant emerge in the time of new government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar

- * Shwegyin Hydropower Plant lies near Kyauknaga Village, about six miles north-east of Shwegyin in Bago Region. Of hydropower plants that supply electricity to the national grid, it is the number 17 and also the first hydropower plant opened in the time of the new government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. Construction began on 2003 and the power plant was finally opened on 22 October, 2011.
- * The project came into operation in 2003; first turbine was finished on 29 December, 2010, the second on 25 March, 2011, the third on 2 June, 2011 and the fourth on 21 July, 2011, followed by finishing touches.
- * The main structures were constructed phase by phase and they are 1568 feet long, 135 feet deep and 2.5 feet thick diaphragm wall, zone-type dam that can store 1685000 acre feet of water to the maximum, 16 feet wide and 20 feet high concrete conduit, 121 feet long, 127 feet wide and 137 feet high water intake structure, 2542 feet long, 135 feet wide and 58 feet high spillway, two



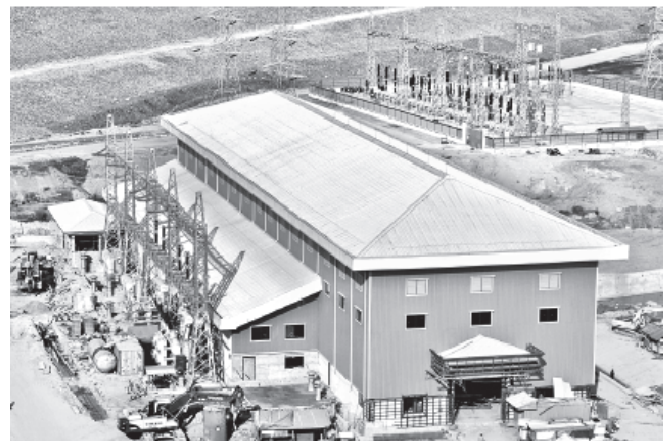
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1100 feet long steel pipelines whose diameter is 25 feet each, power plant and switch yard measuring 295 x 94 x 70 feet.

- * The turbines are of Francis-Vertical Shaft type with capacity of 18.75 megawatts each, totaling 75 megawatts. The power plant can generate 262 million kwh electricity a year.
- * 75-megawatt capacity made Shwegyin Hydropower Plant the biggest hydropower plant in Sittoung Basin. It will facilitate the productivity of factories, workshops and industries in Bago region, benefitting the entire nation.
- * The nation has seen 17 hydropower plants including Shwegyin Hydropower Plant, Tikyit coal power plant, 15 natural gas power plants, reaching to 33 with total capacity of 3360 megawatts.
- * Shwegyin Hydropower Plant somewhat satisfies the electric power demand of the nation, improving the socio-economic life of locals. In addition, it has brought opportunities to Shwegyin and Madauk dwellers to establish small and medium enterprises to manufacture value-added products using raw materials of home regions, creating jobs.

Translation: TKK



Rising Australian floodwaters spark mass evacuation

CHARLEVILLE, 5 Feb— Mass evacuations were under way in northern Australia on Sunday as record flooding that has cut off thousands of people threatened to engulf areas devastated by wild weather last year. Authorities urged residents of St George, a town of 3,800 people in the state of Queensland, to leave their homes as rising floodwaters threatened to

isolate the area, with time running out to shore up a levee.

“Whilst the extent of potential flooding in St George is still not certain, the volume of water approaching the town in the next 24 to 48 hours is significant, and the advice to evacuate is undertaken in the interest of public safety,” said state Premier Anna Bligh.

“Those who have vehicles are asked to leave as

soon as possible and go to family and friends in other towns not affected by flooding.” Buses were being arranged to an emergency refuge in nearby Dalby for those without other options, and Bligh warned that forcible evacuations were possible within 24 hours.

“A decision on this issue is expected later this afternoon,” she said. Prime Minister Julia Gillard dispatched a *Hercules C130* military transport plane to airlift patients from the town’s hospital to major medical facilities on the coast, and the local nursing home was also being emptied.

Eight defence helicopters are already assisting search, rescue and resupply operations in the flood zone, winching people to safety and dropping food, bedding, medical supplies and other essentials such as generators. St George has seen major flooding twice in the past two years, with the swollen Balonne River hitting a record 13.4 metres (44 feet) in March 2010.—*Internet*



This photo, provided by the Queensland Police Service, taken on 4 February, shows Charleville council crews working on flood prevention measures as they build up a levee, in the New South Wales town of Charleville. Mass evacuations were under way in northern Australia as record flooding that has cut off thousands of people threatened to engulf areas devastated by wild weather last year.—*INTERNET*

Rocket hits journalist home in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 5 Feb— A rocket slammed into the house of a journalist in Pakistan’s restive North Waziristan tribal region injuring two children, tribesmen said on Sunday.

Pakistani forces and suspected Taliban militants exchanged fire in the area late Saturday night and one rocket hit the home of the journalist in Miranshah, the center of North Waziristan.

Haji Pazir Gul, who works for private TV channels in Miranshah, confirmed that his two grandsons were injured. They are in stable condition, Gul said on phone from Miranshah. He said the rocket caused damage to parts of his home. Correspondents in the region said that the security forces and Taliban militants routinely trade fire at night. Militants fire rockets at the security check posts from mountains, which trigger response from the forces.

The powerful Taliban group in North Waziristan, led by Hafiz Gul Bahadar, has struck a peace deal with the government not to attack the forces.

This group is not part of the Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan or TTP, led by Hakimullah Mehsud.

Security officials say that members of TTP and

Punjabi group of Taliban are also operating in the region and they routinely launch attacks on the security forces.

The US and Afghan officials say that al-Qaeda remnants and Taliban operate from the region and plan cross-border attacks on foreign forces in Afghanistan. The CIA-run spy aircraft routinely carry out strikes in Waziristan region and US President Barack Obama last week confirmed for the first time the use of drones in Pakistan’s tribal region.

Xinhua

Avalanche kills four Afghans, wounds six

FAIZABAD, 5 Feb— Four people lost their lives and six others sustained injuries as an avalanche hit some villages in the mountainous Arghistan district, Badakhshan

Province, 315 km northeast of Kabul on Saturday, an official said on Sunday. “Four people lost their lives and six others were injured as an avalanche hit some villages in Arghistan



district yesterday,” Sanaullah Amiri, director of the Counter-Natural Disaster Department in Badakhshan province told *Xinhua*.

He also added that the height of snowfall in Arghistan and adjoining areas is more than one meter.

Due to heavy snowfall and cold weather more than 40 people had already lost their lives in Badakhshan Province mostly in Arghistan District over the past several weeks.—*Xinhua*

Afghans walk over snow after a snow storm on a hill side in Kabul, Afghanistan, on 4 Feb, 2012.—XINHUA

Romney rolls to easy win in Nevada GOP caucuses

LAS VEGAS, 5 Feb— Republican presidential front-runner Mitt Romney cruised to a decisive victory in the Nevada caucuses on Saturday night, notching a second straight triumph over a field of rivals suddenly struggling to keep pace.

In victory, the former Massachusetts governor unleashed a sharp attack on President Barack Obama, whose economic policies he said have “made these tough times last longer.”

In a state with the worst joblessness in the country, Romney added, “This week he’s been trying to take a bow for 8.3 percent unemployment. Not so fast, Mr President. This is the 36th straight month with unemployment above the red line your own administration drew.”

The former Massachusetts governor held a double-digit lead over his nearest pursuer as the totals mounted in a state where fellow Mormons accounted for roughly a quarter of all caucus-goers.



Republican presidential candidate, former Massachusetts Gov Mitt Romney greets supporters after speaking at a caucus night watch party, on 4 Feb, 2012, in Las Vegas.—*INTERNET*

Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich and Texas Rep Ron Paul vied for a distant second. Former Pennsylvania Sen Rick Santorum trailed the field. Returns from 14 of 17 counties showed Romney with 42 percent support, Gingrich with 26 percent, Paul with 18 percent and Santorum with 13 percent.

Yet to report its results was Clark County, which includes Las Vegas and often accounts for half or more of the votes in a statewide election. Officials said it could

be Sunday before those were released. In defeat, Gingrich swatted aside any talk of a withdrawal and emphatically renewed an earlier vow to campaign into the party convention in Tampa this summer. He said his goal was to “find a series of victories which by the end of Texas primary will leave us at parity” with Romney by early April.

Romney’s victory capped a week that began with his double-digit win in the Florida primary.

That contest was as intense as Nevada’s caucuses were sedate — so quiet that they produced little television advertising, no candidate debates and only a modest investment of time by the contenders.

Internet

Afghan officials say US soldier shoots Afghan guard

KABUL, 5 Feb— Afghan officials say an American soldier has shot and killed an Afghan guard at a base in the country’s north, apparently because the American thought his Afghan colleague was about to attack him.

Saripul province Police Chief Sayed Jahangir said Sunday that the shooting resulted from a misunderstanding. He says the Afghan guard and the American soldier were arguing Friday at the gate of a US base. Jahangir says the guard did not raise his weapon but the American thought he was about to do so and fired.

US military spokesman Lt Col Jimmie Cummings says US forces were “aware of an incident in northern Afghanistan” and were investigating. He declined to provide further details.

Internet

A woman who survived a shipwreck rests at the Elupina Cordero Hospital after being rescued from the sea in Sabana de la Mar, Dominican Republic, on 4 Feb, 2012. INTERNET



Dominican migrant boat overturns; at least 10 dead

SANTO DOMINGO, 5 Feb— An overloaded boat carrying migrants from the Dominican Republic overturned in the pre-dawn darkness on

Saturday off the coast of the Caribbean country, killing at least 10 people and leaving dozens missing, officials said. The migrants had left

from near the town of Nagua, on the country’s northeast coast, and were apparently headed to the US island territory of Puerto Rico, a frequent destination for migrants from the Dominican Republic.

Rescue teams from the country’s Civil Defence Department and volunteers were searching by air and sea in Samana Bay for any signs of survivors.

Authorities had rescued nine people and some said there were as many as 60 people on board, according to Jeffrey Pimentel, a fire chief in Samana Province. The bodies of 4 women and six men had been recovered.

Thousands of Dominican migrants try to reach Puerto Rico as illegal immigrants in open boats that are ill-suited to the treacherous journey.

Internet

Flu cases hit 1.7 mln amid H3N2 virus outbreak in Japan

TOKYO, 5 Feb — Influenza cases expanded by 620,000 to hit an estimated 1.73 million in the past week beginning 29 January, a major Japanese newspaper reported on Sunday, citing the National Institute of Infectious Diseases.

Patient numbers



Flu cases hit 1.7 mln amid H3N2 virus outbreak in Japan.

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roared in all 47 prefectures as the nation experienced its first outbreak of H3N2, a subtype of the influenza A virus, in five years, *The Japan Times* reported.

About 90 percent of the patients were diagnosed with the strain, the paper said.

It added that some 260,000 babies and infants under 4, who were born after the previous H3N2 outbreak, had been diagnosed with the virus.

According to the institute, flu infections usually peak at this time of the year.

Xinhua

Malaria deaths hugely underestimated

LONDON, 5 Feb — Worldwide malaria deaths may be almost twice as high as previously estimated, a study reports. The research, published in the British medical journal the *Lancet*, suggests 1.24 million people died from the mosquito-borne disease in 2010. This compares to a World Health Organization (WHO) estimate for 2010 of 655,000 deaths. But both the new study and the WHO indicate global death rates are now falling. The research was funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. It used new data and new computer modelling to build a historical database for malaria between 1980 and 2010.



Mosquitoes carry the parasite which causes malaria in humans.—Internet

The conclusion was that worldwide deaths had risen from 995,000 in 1980 to a peak of 1.82 million in 2004, before falling to 1.24 million in 2010. The rise in malaria deaths up to 2004 is attributed to a growth in

populations at risk of malaria, while the decline since 2004 is attributed to "a rapid scaling up of malaria control in Africa", supported by international donors. While most deaths were among young children and

in Africa, the researchers noted a higher proportion of deaths among older children and adults than previously estimated. In total, 433,000 more deaths occurred among children over five and adults in 2010 than in the WHO estimate.

"You learn in medical school that people exposed to malaria as children develop immunity and rarely die from malaria as adults," said Dr Christopher Murray of the University of Washington in Seattle, who led the study.

"What we have found in hospital records, death records, surveys and other sources shows that just is not the case." The researchers also concluded malaria eradication was not a possibility in the short-term. "We estimated that if decreases from the peak year of 2004 continue, malaria mortality will decrease to less than 100,000 deaths only after 2020," they write.—Internet

Health Tip: Prepare for breast-feeding

Preparations for successful breast-feeding begin during pregnancy.

The womenshealth.gov website offers these suggestions for new moms who want to breast-feed their newborn:

- * See your doctor regularly for good prenatal care. Discuss with the physician your breast-feeding plans, your mental and physical health, and any medications you take.
- * Find out how the hospital is prepared to help with breast-feeding just after delivery.
- * Take a breast-feeding class, and think about meeting with a lactation consultant before delivery.
- * Talk to others who have breast-fed for advice and support, and consider joining a support group.

Internet

Annual walk staged in Houston to raise mitochondrial disease awareness

HOUSTON, 5 Feb—Houstonians on Saturday participated in the Energy for Life walk, a fund-raising event, to raise public awareness of a currently incurable disease. The fund-raising event, held by the United Mitochondrial Disease Foundation (UMDF), a non-profit organization, aims to raise public awareness of mitochondrial disease, which has been affecting numerous people.

"Every 30 minutes, a child is diagnosed with mitochondrial disease, and one out of 4,000 people are affected," said Tania Hanscom, UMDF special events coordinator. Oscar Boultinghouse, one of the event organizers, said the annual walk, the UMDF's largest fund-raising event,

attracted nearly 2,000 people in its sixth year in Houston. Doug Pohla, one of the participants, said his wife Melody Pohla and their three sons, who are suffering the disease, attended the walk for the fourth year, hoping that they can help the research and find a cure for it.

Mitochondria exist in nearly every cell of the human body, acting as tiny batteries which generate 90 percent of the energy to maintain the body's normal functioning. Mitochondrial disease occurs when mitochondria fail, with kinds of symptoms including loss of motor control, muscle weakness, poor growth and developmental delays, according to the UMDF.—Xinhua



Wall St rises on jobs; Nasdaq at 11 yr high



Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.—INTERNET

NEW YORK, 5 Feb — A surge in hiring in the world's largest economy last month drove the Nasdaq to an 11-year high as optimism grew that the labour market is on a steady path to recovery.

Based on the latest available data, the Dow Jones industrial average was up 153.49 points, or 1.21 percent, at 12,858.90. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 19.12 points, or 1.44 percent, at 1,344.66. The Nasdaq Composite Index was up 45.66 points, or 1.60 percent, at 2,905.34.—Internet

Greece's Finance Minister Evangelos Venizelos makes statements outside his office in Athens on 4 Feb, 2012. Greece has agreed with euro zone partners on how to recapitalize Greek banks after a planned bond swap, but has yet to resolve issues related to labour reform and spending cuts in talks with lenders, the country's finance minister said on Saturday.—INTERNET



Malaysia plant threatens China grip on rare earths

KUALA KLUMPUR, 5 Feb — China's chokehold on the rare earths vital for everything from iPods to missiles is widely expected to end soon, thanks in large part to a contentious new plant in Malaysia. Australian miner Lynas won a license on Wednesday to begin processing rare earths imported from Australia at the plant — which is nearly completed — despite fierce resistance over environmental and radiation concerns.

Analysts said the Lynas Advanced Materials Plant (LAMP) in eastern Pahang state will be at the vanguard of a world output surge that will break a Chinese stranglehold that has crimped supply and sent prices soaring in recent years. The plant will be able to process an initial 11,000 tonnes of rare earths per year — about a third of current world demand excluding



A general view of the under construction Lynas plant in Gebeng, some 270 km east of Kuala Lumpur.—INTERNET

China — once output begins in the middle of the year, and eventually 22,000 tonnes annually, Lynas says.—Internet

Euro zone loses patience with Greece

BRUSSELS, 5 Feb — Euro zone finance ministers told Greece on Saturday it could not go ahead with an agreed deal to restructure privately-held debt until it guaranteed it would implement reforms needed to secure a second financing package from the euro zone and the IMF.

Euro zone ministers had hoped to meet on Monday to finalize the second Greek bailout, which has to be in place by mid-March if Athens is to avoid a chaotic default.

But the meeting was postponed because of Greek reluctance to commit to reforms.

Instead, the ministers held a conference call on Saturday to take stock of progress on the second financing package, which euro zone leaders set at 130 billion euros back in October. "There was a very clear message that was conveyed from all participants of the teleconference ... to the Greeks that enough is enough," one euro zone official said. "There is a great sense of frustration that they are dragging their feet." They should get their

act together and start talking honestly, decisively and speedily with the Troika on the aspects of the programme that remain to be finalized - on fiscal and labour market reforms," the official said.

The Troika are the representatives of the European Commission, the European Central Bank and the International Monetary Fund, who have prepared a Greek debt sustainability analysis on which the second financing programme will be based. "The main issue is the lack of reform, or prior action, in Greece," a second euro zone official said.—Internet



Wind farm subsidy cut urged by MPs

LONDON, 5 Feb—More than 100 Conservatives are among MPs who have written to the prime minister calling on him to slash subsidies for onshore wind turbines. The MPs also want planning rules changed to make it easier for local people to object to their construction. The Tories and politicians from other parties expressed concerns over the level of taxpayers' money going to the sector. The government said it had commissioned a review of subsidy levels. Hundreds of millions of pounds are spent on

subsidising wind farms each year as the government strives to meet legally binding targets to reduce carbon emissions. State help for wind farms is being cut under plans set out by ministers last year, however MPs have demanded an acceleration. "In these financially straitened times, we think it is unwise to make consumers pay, through taxpayer subsidy, for inefficient and intermittent energy production that typifies onshore wind turbines," they wrote in the letter, seen by the *Sunday Telegraph*.

Internet



The government said onshore wind was valuable for a low carbon infrastructure.—INTERNET

Four telescope link-up creates world's largest mirror



The Paranal observatory is located 2,635m above sea-level.—INTERNET

First 'vampire' bat fly fossil discovered

NEW YORK, 5 Feb—A one-of-a-kind fossil shows that so-called bat flies—tiny vampire insects that survive on the blood of bats—have been parasitizing the winged mammals and spreading bat malaria for at least 20 million years, scientists report in a pair of studies Friday (Feb. 3). "Bat flies are a remarkable case of specific evolution, animals that have co-evolved with bats and are found nowhere else," George Poinar, a zoologist at Oregon State University who led the studies, said in statement.

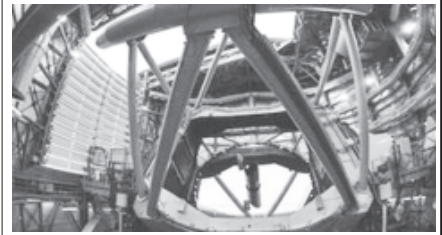
The highly specialized parasites, some of which only dine on specific bat species, spend most of their lives crawling through the animal's fur or on its wing membranes. They often have flattened, flea-like bodies with long legs, and can be winged or wingless, depending on the species. Bat flies fall into one of two families: streblidae and nycteribiidae, which are mostly found in the Eastern and Western Hemispheres, respectively. Currently, scientists have only identified nycteribiid flies as vectors, or transmitters, for bat malaria, but researchers have now learned that streblids may also be spreading the disease.—Internet

LONDON, 5 Feb—Astronomers have created the world's largest virtual optical telescope linking four telescopes in Chile, so that they operate as a single device. The telescopes of the Very Large Telescope (VLT) at the Paranal observatory form a virtual mirror of 130 metres in diameter. A previous attempt to link the telescopes last March failed.

Thursday's link-up was the system's scientific verification—the final step before scientific work starts. Linking all four units of the VLT will give scientists a much more detailed look at the universe than previous experiments using just two or three telescopes to create a virtual mirror. The process that links separate telescopes together is known as interferometry.

In this mode, the VLT becomes the biggest ground-based optical telescope on earth. Besides creating a gigantic virtual mirror, interferometry also greatly improves the telescope's spatial resolution and zooming capabilities.

Internet



The combination of four units of the Very Large Telescopes creates a virtual 130m-mirror.—INTERNET



Apple overturns Motorola's iPad and iPhone sales bans

NEW YORK, 5 Feb—Apple has been granted a temporary suspension of a sales ban imposed on some of its products in Germany. Motorola Mobility had forced Apple to remove several iPad and iPhone models from its online store earlier today after enforcing a patent infringement court ruling delivered in December. An appeals court lifted the ban after Apple made a new licence payment offer. However, Germany-based users may still face the loss of their push email iCloud service after a separate ruling. Patent consultant Florian Mueller, who attended the review, said that the suspension may only last a few days or weeks—but that Apple's revised proposal had been enough to allow it to restart sales.

"The Karlsruhe higher regional court believes that Apple's new offer needs to be evaluated before this injunction can enter into force again," he wrote on his blog. "A suspension like this is available only against a bond, but Apple is almost drowning in cash and obviously won't have had a problem with obtaining and posting a bond." He said that the bond amount was likely to have been about 120m euros (\$158m, £100m).



Apple's German online store showed that all 3G models of its iPad 2 were unavailable for purchase.—INTERNET

A statement from Apple said: "All iPad and iPhone models will be back on sale through Apple's online store in Germany shortly. "Apple appealed this ruling because Motorola repeatedly refuses to license this patent to Apple on reasonable terms, despite having declared it an industry standard patent seven years ago."

However, Motorola signalled that it would try to

restore the ban. "We are pleased that the Mannheim court has recognized the importance of our intellectual property and granted an enforceable injunction in Germany against Apple Sales International," a statement said. "Although the enforcement of the injunction has been temporarily suspended, Motorola Mobility will continue to pursue its claims against Apple."

Internet

Study: Is Facebook more addictive than alcohol or cigarettes?

CHICAGO, 5 Feb—According to a new study out of the University of Chicago Booth School of Business, the desire to check a social network like Twitter or Facebook is stronger than the need to smoke a cigarette or have an alcoholic beverage. As reported by The Guardian, test subjects between the ages of 18 to 85 were armed with BlackBerry smartphones and asked to send messages seven times a day related to recent desires. Splitting the messages up over 14 hours a day covering an entire week, respondents were asked to list any desire felt in the last 30 minutes and describe the level of strength of that desire. The 205 participants were also asked to describe how it interfered with other desires and if the desire was resisted.

After collecting over 10,000 responses from the group, approximately three fourths were related to some type of desire. Sexual activity and sleep ranked at the top of the desire list, but checking social networks and attempting to avoid work were very close behind. However, respondents were able to resist the majority of sexual and spending impulses. In addition, addictive vices such as caffeine, tobacco and alcohol were much lower on the overall list of desires. Researchers also discovered that the ability to resist certain desires is much stronger at the start of the day and participants were more likely to give into a desire if they continually attempted to resist it throughout the day.—Internet

For Facebook 'Hacker Way' is way of life

NEW YORK, 5 Feb—Facebook's billionaire CEO Mark Zuckerberg calls himself a "hacker". For most people, that word means something malicious—shady criminals who listen in on private voicemails, or anonymous villains who cripple websites and break into email accounts. For Facebook, though, "hacker" means something different. It's an ideal that permeates the company's culture. It explains the push to try new ideas (even if they fail), and to promote new products quickly (even if they're imperfect). The hacker approach has made Facebook one of the world's most valuable Internet companies.

Hackers "believe that something can always be better, and that nothing is ever complete," Zuckerberg

explains. "They just have to go fix it—often in the face of people who say it's impossible or are content with the status quo." Zuckerberg penned those words in a 479-word essay called "The Hacker Way", which he included in the document the company filed with government regulators about its plans for an initial public offering. The company is seeking \$5 billion from investors in a deal that could value Facebook at as much as \$100 billion.

The 27-year-old, who has a \$28.4 billion stake in the stock deal, uses the H-word 12 times in the essay; "shareholder" appears just once. Should Zuckerberg have left those references out of his IPO manifesto, knowing

full-well it could scare off potential investors? He could easily have described Facebook as "nimble" or "agile" instead. "Symbolically, it doesn't bode well to Facebook and to potential investors," says Robert D'Ovidio, an associate professor of criminal justice at Drexel University in Philadelphia who studies computer crime. "I think it shows maybe an immaturity on his part. He should definitely know better."

By using the word, Zuckerberg is also trying to reclaim it. To him, Steve Jobs and the founders of many of the world's biggest technology companies were hackers.

Internet



File photo, shows of worker inside Facebook headquarters in Menlo Park, Calif. Facebook, the social network that changed "friend" from a noun to a verb, is expected to file as early as Wednesday to sell stock on the open market. Its debut is likely to be the most talked-about initial public offering since Google in 2004.—INTERNET



Chavez and allies back Argentina on Falklands

CARACAS, 5 Feb—Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez and other leaders in the left-leaning ALBA bloc backed Argentina on Saturday in its long-running dispute with Britain over the Falkland Islands.

Argentine Foreign Minister Hector Timerman thanked Chavez and other presidents for their support at the meeting in Caracas. "The issue of the Malvinas Islands is an issue that concerns us, especially with the strong language that has emerged from the British government, accusing Argentina of being colonialist," Chavez said, calling it "the world in reverse."

The dispute heated up recently when Prince William, a Royal Air Force helicopter pilot, was assigned to the islands on an upcoming military tour along with a warship in the run-up to the 30th anniversary of Argentina's April 1982 invasion, which sparked a 10-week war.

Argentina, which claims Britain stole the archipelago from it 180 years ago, calls them the Malvinas Islands and has protested the British deployment.

The eight member countries of the Bolivarian Alliance



Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez, left, and Cuba's President Raul Castro shake hands during the welcome ceremony for a summit by the eight-nation Bolivarian Alliance bloc, or ALBA, at Miraflores presidential palace in Caracas, Venezuela, on 4 Feb, 2012.—INTERNET

bloc, or ALBA, approved an agreement barring any boats flying Falkland Islands flags from docking in their ports.

"I'm speaking only for Venezuela, but if it occurs to the British empire to attack Argentina, Argentina won't be alone this time," Chavez said. Ecuadorean President Rafael Correa suggested the countries take stronger measures. "We have to talk about sanctions," Correa said. Argentina hopes diplomatic and economic measures will pressure Britain to comply with United Nations resolutions encouraging both countries to negotiate the islands' sovereignty. British leaders have refused to do that.

Turning to economic matters, Chavez told the group of presidents that their countries should work together to strengthen their economies to withstand global troubles. He called for "a more ambitious project" in economic cooperation.

"The economic issue is first on the agenda. You all see how the world is. There's a terrible crisis," Chavez told the presidents, including Cuba's Raul Castro and Bolivia's Evo Morales, among others. Chavez said countries within the ALBA group should expand their use of a virtual currency known as the Sucre for trade. Chavez has promoted the Sucre since 2010 as an accounting unit to replace the dollar for some trade. Venezuela has used the system to pay for some of its food imports from Bolivia and Ecuador.—INTERNET

Two pilots injured in trainer plane crash in Taipei

TAIPEI, 4 Feb—Two pilots were injured after an AT-3 trainer plane of Taipei's air force collided in mid-air Friday with another in southern Pingtung County, which could have been caused by human error, investigators said Saturday after examining the scene.

The two pilots parachuted to safety and suffered from fracture and other minor injuries, and the other two flew their plane safely back to the air base.

Investigators said the fuselage of the plane was smashed and burned out, with debris spreading in an extensive area. There were no casualties on the ground.

According to the island's air force sources, the aging AT-3 trainer planes have caused seven pilot deaths and nine injuries over the past three decades, and the planes were grounded for inspection.—Xinhua

11 injured in massive crowd for band LMFAO

INDIANAPOLIS, 5 Feb—Overwhelming "human gridlock" in Indianapolis' Super Bowl Village was causing police to rethink crowd control Saturday on the eve of the big game.

Eleven people were injured on Friday night as an estimated 50,000 people flooded downtown streets for a free outdoor concert by the band LMFAO. Two other people were injured Friday separate from the concert-going group. Indianapolis Public Safety Director Frank Straub said none of the injuries were serious, most involving shortness of breath or scraped knees.

Officials were still tweaking their downtown plan on Saturday as they prepared for more concerts and activities before kickoff, and they seemed to be pleased with the early results.

"The crowd, everything is great," Indianapolis Department of Public Safety Capt Kevin Givens said Saturday night. "We've not having any problems with overcrowding."

The less-favourable weather conditions on Saturday might have had something to do with that as mist changed to drizzling rain, with temperatures in the 30s. There was bumper-to-bumper traffic on some streets heading into downtown, but as of 10 pm, police had not reported any injuries or arrests.

Police made a total of 22 arrests on Friday night, mostly for public intoxication. One police car was damaged after concert-goers climbed on top of it to get a better view of the stage.

To make more room for people downtown, police closed



People crowd the streets through Super Bowl Village on 3 Feb, 2012, in Indianapolis. The New England Patriots are scheduled to face the New York Giants in NFL football's Super Bowl XLVI on 5 Feb.—INTERNET

down some streets completely and others just to inbound traffic. Additional officers were stationed near Super Bowl Village. Rumors of stampedes, stage collapses and gunshots abounded on social-networking site Twitter as crowds grew Friday, and Straub said Indianapolis Metropolitan Police officers investigated them all and found no problems. He said reports of officers using pepper spray, Tasers or force of any kind to control the crowd were all false. Super Bowl Host Committee spokeswoman Dianna Boyce said despite its overwhelming size, the crowd was good-natured and caused few problems.

"It looked like a lot of people having a good time," Boyce said. "When you have 200,000 people, you have to continue to keep everyone safe."—INTERNET

US to move 4,700 Marines from Japan to Guam

WASHINGTON, 5 Feb—Tokyo and Washington have agreed to move 4,700 Marines from the Japanese island of Okinawa to Guam in a bid to revive a stalled plan for the realignment of US forces in Japan, according to reports.

The two countries in 2006 agreed to the transfer of around 8,000 Marines from Okinawa to the US territory of Guam and the relocation of an air base on Okinawa but the move has been delayed as Tokyo struggles to convince Okinawans to accept the deal.

The US Defence Department is now considering shifting the remaining 3,300 Marines to elsewhere in the Pacific, such as Hawaii, Australia and the Philippines. *Kyodo News* reported on Sunday, citing unnamed diplomatic sources.

Senior Japanese and US foreign and defence officials will meet in Washington on Monday, with the two governments expected to announce details of the transfer on 13 February,



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Kyodo and the *Asahi Shinbun* daily said.

Tokyo has struggled to convince Okinawans to accept the plan to relocate the Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, part of the realignment package.

Many Okinawans, angry at having for decades shouldered the burden of hosting more than half of the 50,000 US troops stationed in Japan, oppose the plan which would relocate the US base to another part of the island.

They say another part of Japan should take the base, instead of Henoko on the east coast of Okinawa, where Tokyo and Washington have agreed to build a giant runway-on-stilts in the sea.

The move to transfer Marines to Guam may compromise Tokyo's position because Japanese government officials had used it as leverage to convince Okinawa to accept the base relocation, the *Asahi* said.—INTERNET

Philippine extremist planning attacks when killed

MANILA, 5 Feb—Two Philippine security officials say a key Abu Sayyaf commander killed in a US-backed airstrike was planning terror attacks when he was slain. Abu Sayyaf commander Umbra Jumdalil was killed Thursday in a jungle hideout on southern Jolo island. The officials say his death is a major blow to his al-Qaeda-linked group because he harbored Southeast Asian terrorist figures, who provide funds and bomb-making training.

Military spokesman Col Arnulfo Marcelo Burgos reported on Sunday that top Southeast Asian terror suspect Zulkifli bin Hir from Malaysia and Singaporean militant Abdullah Ali were killed along with Jumdalil and 12 other gunmen. The two security officials, however, say the two are still alive and not in the area that was bombed.—INTERNET



A file picture of rescue operations after a mine blast in Shizong county, Yunan Province, last year. A gas explosion in a southwest China coal mine on Friday has killed 13 workers and injured six others, according to the latest count.—INTERNET

Death toll rises to 13 in China coal mine blast

BEIJING, 5 Feb—The death toll from a gas explosion in a southwest China coal mine rose to 13, *Xinhua* news agency said on Saturday, in the latest accident to hit the nation's dangerous mining industry.

Eight other workers were injured, four in a critical condition and one person remained missing, after the explosion that ripped through the Diaoyutai coal mine in Sichuan Province on Friday afternoon.

Rescue operations continued on Saturday, *Xinhua* reported, quoting local authorities.

The cause of the accident was under investigation. In 2010, 2,433 people died in coal mining accidents in China, according to official statistics—a rate of more than six workers per day—but labour rights groups say the true figure may be much higher as mine companies cover up accidents to avoid fines and costly mine closures.—INTERNET

Daw Nan Shwe Hmon attends work coord of Mandalay Region MCWSC

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Feb—Daw Nan Shwe Hmon, wife of Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham, attended the work coordination meeting at the office of Mandalay Region Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee yesterday morning.

The meeting was also attended by the wife of the Mandalay Region Chief Minister, Patron Daw Myat Ngwe of Region Women's Affairs Organization and Region MCWA, members,

chairperson, and members of region, district and township MCWA and WAO members.

Following Daw Nan Shwe Hmon's greetings, Patron Daw Myat Ngwe elaborated on social affairs, education, health, tasks for higher family income, and healthcare for the elderly.

The Vice-President's wife praised the members for their successful undertakings.

She presented K 2 million to Mandalay Region MCWA and MCWSC, U Kyaw Kyaw

Win-Daw May Yin and family K 1 million, and U Aik Maung-Daw Nan Aye Tin and family K 500,000.

Daw Nan Shwe Hmon and party viewed photos of social works by region MCWA and feeding foods to children, and cordially greeted officials, and children and their mothers.

On arrival at delivery room of MCWA in Aungmyethazan Township, she provided clothing and foods to mothers, and viewed development of newborn babies.

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Daw Nan Shwe Hmon, wife of Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, encourages a mother at delivery room of Maternal and Child Welfare Association.—MNA

Magway Region Chief Minister tours Minbu, Pwintbyu

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Feb—Magway Region Chief Minister U Phone Maw Shwe inspected upgrading of Kyauksan-Manzhou inter-village road into gravel one and collective cultivation of summer paddy in Minmyay Village of Minbu Township yesterday.

He then inspected the all-round renovation of Sandanaku Nantha Kyaungdaway Pagoda in Pwintbyu Township and addressed the 30th anniversary of Pwintbyu Agricultural Science.

He inspected the repair of irrigation systems of Mezali Diversion Weir in Pwintbyu Township of Minbu District which is currently irrigating 71676 acres of monsoon and summer paddy farms. Upon completion of the repair works, it can provide irrigation water to 86476 acres of farmland, contributing to rural poverty reduction.—MNA

Natalin Township Association (Yangon) meets

YANGON, 5 Feb—The 56th ceremony to pay respect to older persons and to award outstanding students of Natalin Township Association (Yangon) was held at Dhamayon of Yangon City Development Committee this morning, alongside with its annual general meeting.

Those presented paid respect to 71 older persons, aged above 75 years. The association honoured Brig-Gen Abel (Retd), Minister U Ohn Kyaw (Retd), Deputy Minister U Myint Thein (Retd), U Pyae Sone and Director U Ohn Myint (Retd) who had received titles and awards presented by the

UN human rights envoy concludes visit

YANGON, 5 Feb—United Nations special rapporteur on human rights in Myanmar Mr. Tomas Ojea Quintana met with ambassadors and diplomats in Yangon at the office of the UN Resident Representative here today.

Afterwards, Mr. Tomas Ojea Quintana held a press conference at Yangon International Airport this evening before he left here.—MNA

Special Rapporteur listens to voices of Kayin locals

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Feb—Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar Mr Tomas Ojea Quintana and party paid a call on Kayin State Chief Minister U Zaw Min at the state government office yesterday.

They discussed peace measures and developments in Kayin State, sending Myanmar citizens who are in refugee camps at Myanmar-Thai borders for various reasons back to Myanmar and programmes for their livelihood.

Mr Tomas Ojea Quintana and party met 20 delegates of Kayin, Mon., Pa-O, Shan and Bamar national races at the state government meeting hall for half and hour during which they listened to anticipations of locals concerning the peace measures in Kayin State and wishes of respective national races.—MNA

State and organizations. Outstanding students were awarded and executive committee was elected.

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Respect-paying ceremony of Natalin Township Association (Yangon) in progress. NLM

School building handed over in KhinU Township

KHINU, 5 Feb—A ceremony to hand over the school building was held at Basic Education Primary

School in Indainggyl Village in KhinU Township on 28 January. Sagaing Region

Minister for Forestry, Mining and Energy U Than Htaik, Region Hluttaw representative U Aung Myo Nyein and departmental officials formally opened the building.—Kyemon

MMU holds sixth graduation ceremony

YANGON, 29 Jan—Myanmar Maritime University held its sixth graduation ceremony at the graduation hall of the university on 28 January.

The deputy minister of transport delivered an address and presented gifts to visiting teachers and awarded outstanding graduates including those who won a gold medal of the Royal Institute of Naval Architecture (England) and Hutchison Port Holding (Hong Kong).

The degrees conferred by the university are Diploma in Shipping Management, Diploma in Port Mangement, Naval Architecture and Ocean Engineering, Marine Engineering, Port and Harbour Engineering, River and Coastal Engineering, Marine Electrical System and Electronic and Nautical Science.

A total of 351 graduates were conferred with respective degrees by the rector of the university.

Those who passed the matriculation examination with high marks have opted for enrolling for the university as graduates of the university have got chances to find international job opportunities.—NLM001



Myanmar Maritime University holds its 6th graduation ceremony. NLM001

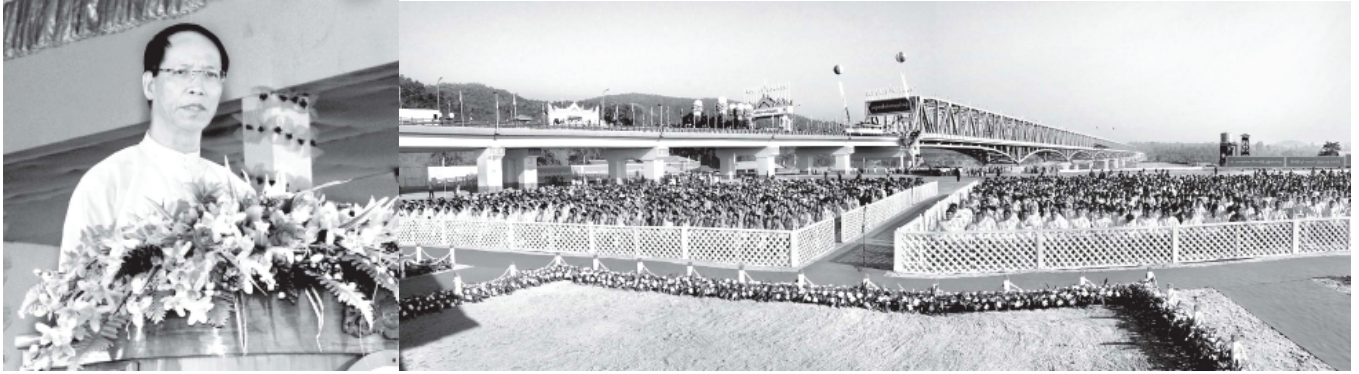
Prize-presentation of Myanmar Open Chess Tournament

YANGON, 5 Feb—The prize-presentation of Myanmar Open Chess Tournament organized by Myanmar Chess Federation

was held at the gym in Aungsan Stadium here this evening.

President of Myanmar Chess Federation U Maung

Lwin Lwin awarded first-prize winner Htay Min Lwin and Vice-President U Win Aung and executives other prize winners. Those who stood tenth to first in the tournament are qualified to participate in National Chess Tournament to be held on 1st March.—MNA



Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham addresses the opening of Ayeyawady Bridge (Sinkham).—MNA

Ayeyawady Bridge (Sinkham) brings amity, friendship among ...

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The Vice-President continued that the bridge is built at the convergence of Kachin State, Shan State, Sagaing Region and Mandalay Region to be able to transport passengers and commodities from all corners of the country as well as from Bahmo District quickly and cost-effectively. Moreover, as the bridge lies closely on the border with the eastern neighbouring country, commodities flow and trade activities with that country will be smooth and rapid.

He added that development of a nation depends on its firm infrastructures such as modern land, water and air transport, modern ICT, active monetary system, enough electricity, incorrupt government mechanism, internal and international political situation, peace and stability and a strong workforce of intellectuals and intelligent-

sia. As the newly-opened bridge is one of important facilities required for the nation, it will contribute to future national development. The advent of the bridge will strengthen amity and friendship

between the national brethren who were distant from each other due to difficult transport, contributing to peace and stability and national unity in a certain way.

The new government is giving priority to State peace and stability, people's socio-economic progress and human resource development. So, the Head of State has been taking step-by-step steady measures such as dialogues with personalities at home and abroad, easing restrictions that are incompatible with the times, sidelining differences and seeking common ground, relaxing economic restrictions, opening special economic zones and industrial zones, implementing rural development and poverty alleviation tasks and opening more schools, colleges and universities and employing more people for development of human resources, added the Vice-President.

The opening of the bridge as a drive to facilitate socio-economy will not only improve the living standard of the local residents but also reduce the development gap between the hilly regions and

plains. It will also help develop the social, economic, health and education sectors. The local people are therefore to try to maintain the bridge for its durability repaying the goodwill of the State.

In conclusion, the Vice-President wished the entire national people more socio-economic development and lasting peace and beauty.

477.5 miles and to Yangon to 707.5 miles by train. If Myitkyina-Bhamo-Lashio railroad under construction swings into action, the railroad will link railway network far and wide the nation, apart from Shan State.

The construction of 93-mile-and-five-furlong-long Katha-Bhamo railroad is underway. On completion, it will enable to travel from

Bhamo District in Kachin State and of Katha District in Sagaing Region. Local products could not be transported so that the region was less developed.

The construction project started on 15-6-2009 and finished within two years and seven months. The bridge is 12th bridge crossing Ayeyawady River and 11th above-180-ft bridge the

country. It is to take pride in our own efforts that the whole bridge was built with local products.

In Kachin State, a total of 22 above-180-ft bridges have been constructed to date since 1988. The bridges at that length under construction are 570-ft Mularshidee bridge, 540-ft Rabbot bridge and 220-ft Taseik bridge. 840-ft Tawum



Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham unveils the stone inscription of the Ayeyawady Bridge (Sinkham).—MNA

In elaborating on construction of the bridge, Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint said: as the bridge is railcum-road bridge, it shortens the trip from Bhamo of Kachin State to Katha-Sagaing-Mandalay to 322 miles, to Nay Pyi Taw to

Katha to Bhamo or vice versa by train. Now, the trains are running 16-mile-and-four-furlong-long trip from Katha to Motargyi. Motargyi-Kyaukyi railroad section will soon be opened.

Ayeyawady River once formed a barrier between national people of

government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar opened.

Talking point of the bridge is that steel trusses installed at the bridge were not imported but produced by Myanmar technicians of Myanmar Economic Corporation-owned factory inside

bridge, 720-ft Machanbaw bridge and 220-ft Moesik bridge will be built.

Kachin State Chief Minister U La John Ngan Hsai said in his address: transportation plays a key role in regional development as Kachin's topography is full with forests, ravines, valleys and lowlands.

Northernmost regions of the country were isolated and remote for long with no direct link with major transportation routes. Constructing roads and railroads in the regions was once far more impossible. The bridge will make the history as the government built the bridge at a huge cost surmounting various difficulties.

To enjoy fruits of the bridge by local people, the most important requisite is stability and amicable relationship among the national brethren.

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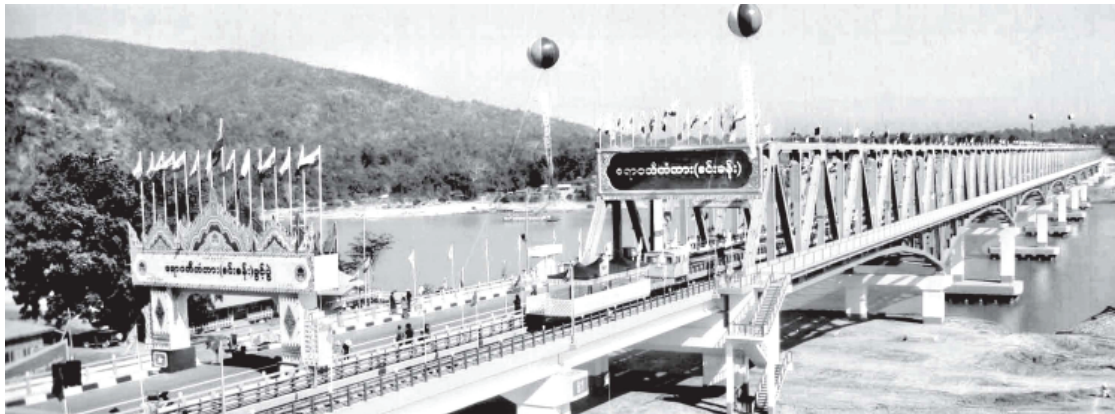


Photo shows the newly-opened Ayeyawady Bridge (Sinkham).—MNA

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In response to the goodwill of the Union government, the state government and local people are to maintain the bridge and cooperate in unison in ensuring peace and stability.

U Tun Wai of Sinkham village-tract in Bhamo Township of Kachin State, on behalf of all the local people, spoke words of thanks.

Dr Sai Mauk Kham and party then cordially greeted the local people at the ceremony.

Union Minister U Khin Maung Myint, Union Minister Lt-Gen Thein Htay, State Chief Minister U La John Ngan Hsai and State Hluttaw Speaker U Rawum Jon formally opened the bridge.

Dr Sai Mauk Kham and party posed for documentary photo with local people.

He then unveiled the stone inscription and sprinkled it with scented water.

The Union ministers and party sprinkled scented water on the stone inscription.

The Vice-President and party strolled along the bridge until the arch on Katha bank.

Union Minister U Khin Maung Myint, Union Minister Dr Mya Aye, Union Minister U Aye Myint and State Chief Minister U La John Ngan Hsai formally opened the bridge.

The Vice-President and party and local people had documentary photo taken.

The Vice-President unveiled stone inscription on



Shwe Thanlwin Co Ltd donates 16 sets of Sky Net receivers to engineers and staff of Special Project Group-2 of Public Works, who built Ayeyawady Bridge (Sinkham).—MNA

Katha bank. He sprinkled scented water on it, so did the Union ministers and party.

The Vice-President inspected approach roads to the bridge from view deck.

Shwe Thanlwin Co Ltd donated 16 sets of Sky Net receivers to engineers and staff of Special Project Group (2) of Public Works which constructed the RC bridge.

The main bridge has the length of 3215 feet, with 1415-foot-long approach motor road. The bridge on motor

road is 4630 ft long in total. The approach railroad is 2295 ft long and the bridge on railroad is 5510 ft long in total. The bridge has 28-foot-wide two-lane motorway, 14-foot-wide railroad and three-ft-wide sidewalks. It can withstand 60 tons of loads. Its clearance area is 320 ft long and 47 ft high.

Thanks to the bridge, travels and commodity flow in Katha District of Sagaing Region and Bhamo District of Kachin State will become smooth and swift, strengthening friendship ties among the national brethren.—MNA

New government is implementing...

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level project and will have to seek ways and means to render medical service to rural villages included in the project.

To achieve that aim, it is advisable to train local youths who have a willing heart for health care services, only then systematic basic health care services can be provided to villages. Furthermore, when they have certain experiences in basic health care services, they are to be given higher training courses both theoretical and practical by specialists. In this way, they can be made reliable health staff to the villages. Doing so would enhance the capacity of understaffed health care machinery in short time, taking preventive measures

automatically.

Moreover, such works can be projected directly by region and state level health care machinery and local trainees will have fewer difficulties as courses will be opened at district hospitals. This measure is the practicable way for the moment even though it is not the best way to provide health care services down to villages. But, it calls for systematic procedures and genuine goodwill.

Regarding the prevention, specialists of respective subjects are to effectively organize educative talks on seasonal communicable diseases, and root causes of non-pandemic diseases such as high blood pressure, heart attack, diabetes caused by the life-

style of the country in addition to anti-malaria, TB and HIV campaigns.

It needs to notice that the relationship between doctors and patients has changed adversely due to weakness and ethical problems of some health staff. Thus, health staff are to try to be dutiful, sticking to ethics, rules and regulations they have to follow.

Next, wellwishers donated K 30 million to the hospital—K 10 million to buy ultrasound, K 17.5 million to the medical fund of the hospital and K 2.5 million to buy operation equipment and Shwe Thanlwin two sets of Sky Net receivers.

The Vice-President then cordially greeted the doctors.

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Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham observes the learning of students at Katha BEHS No 1.—MNA

Prizes awarded for Zaygaba Myanmar Open 2012

YANGON, 5 Feb—Organized by Myanmar PGA and Asia Tour, the prize-presentation ceremony of Zaygaba Myanmar Open 2012 was held at Royal Mingaladon Golf & Country Club this afternoon.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, ministers, Amyotha Hluttaw representative Dr Khin Shwe, Director-General U Thaung Htaik of Sports and Physical Education Department,

responsible persons of Zaygaba Co and guests.

Asia Tour Chairman U Kyi Hla Han expressed thanks to the companies for providing assistance for the success of the golf tournament and presented gifts. Yangon Region Minister for Development Affairs U Hla Myint presented the best player award to Thein Zaw Myint and medal and cash award to Adam Blyth (Australia) who stood second. Then, the chief minister presented

medal and cash award to Kieran Pratt (Australia) who stood first.

The tourney in which

144 golfers from 20 nations participated was held from 2 to 5 February.

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Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe presents first prize to Australian golfer Kieran Pratt in Zaygaba Myanmar Open 2012.—MNA

Cash donated to fund of hospital

THAYETCHAUNG, 5 Feb—The cash donation was held for the first time at Thayetchaung Township People's Hospital on 19 January.

Chairperson of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association Dr Khaing Mi Mi Zin donated K 100,000 to the fund of the hospital.

Kyemon



A general view shows Jeddah Islamic Seaport in the Red Sea. Iranian naval ships docked on Saturday in the Saudi port city of Jeddah on a mission to project the Islamic republic's "power on the open seas," the Fars news agency reported.—INTERNET

Iranian warships dock at Saudi port

JEDDAH, 5 Feb—Iranian naval ships docked on Saturday in the Saudi port city of Jeddah on a mission to project the Islamic republic's "power on the open seas," the Fars news agency reported. The supply ship *Kharg* and *Shaid Qandi*, a destroyer, docked in the Red Sea port in line with orders from Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, it quoted navy commander Admiral Habibollah Sayari as saying. "This mission aims to show the power of the Islamic republic of Iran on the open seas and to confront Iranophobia," he said, adding that the mission started several days ago and would last 70 to 80 days.

The commander did not give other destinations. Iran's navy has been boosting its presence in international waters since last year, deploying vessels in the Indian Ocean and Gulf of Aden on missions to protect Iranian ships from Somali pirates. Teheran also sent two ships into the Mediterranean for the first time in February 2011 through the Suez Canal. Ties between Iran and Saudi Arabia, which have long been strained, deteriorated in late 2011 following US allegations that a foiled plot to assassinate the Saudi ambassador to Washington had been hatched in Teheran.—*Internet*

US tourist dies while diving in Cayman Islands

GEORGE TOWN, 5 Feb—Police in the Cayman Islands say a 47-year-old US tourist has died while scuba diving off popular North West Point in Grand Cayman.

Police said in a statement that the woman lost consciousness while ascending following a dive at Little Tunnels reef on Friday. They said employees with the Red Sails Sports diving company tried to resuscitate her as they brought her to shore.

The woman was taken to Cayman Islands Hospital in George Town where she was declared dead. The investigation is ongoing. Police did not identify the woman nor release her hometown. Authorities did not return calls for comment on Saturday.

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Mexican soldiers stand guard at a marijuana field, in Los Algodones community, Culiacan, Sinaloa State, on 30 January. INTERNET



Mexico nabs reputed cartel assassin wanted in US

MEXICO CITY, 5 Feb—Mexican police arrested the reputed head of a Sinaloa drug cartel assassination ring who is accused of plotting a massacre at a drug rehabilitation center.

Federal police arrested Jose Antonio Torres Marrufo, identified as leader of the criminal organization known as "New People," the armed wing of the Sinaloa cartel led by Joaquin Guzman Loera, Mexico's Public Security Secretariat said in a statement on Saturday.

Torres, 33, was wanted by the Mexican authorities, which offered a \$150,000 reward for his capture, and the US justice system, which accuses him of drug trafficking. Torres allegedly masterminded the murder of 18 people at a drug rehabilitation center in Ciudad Juarez on September 2, 2009 in what appeared to be a turf battle among drug gangs.

Juarez, which is considered the most violent city in Mexico, is a short walk across the border from El Paso,

Texas. Torres allegedly coordinated activities of murderers hired by gangs that called themselves the "Murder Artists" and the "Mexicles," according to Mexican police.

The Mexicles are rivals of the Barrio Azteca and the Aztecs gangs linked to the Juarez drug cartel, Mexican police said. The Juarez cartel sometimes had disputes with the much larger and powerful Sinaloa cartel for control of drug routes into the United States.—*Internet*

A handout picture taken at Mount Pleasant Complex, Falkland Islands, shows flight Lieutenant William Wales (L), officially known as Prince William, preparing for the first sortie of their six week deployment to the Falkland Islands. The 29-year-old has been sent to the South Atlantic archipelago as a routine part of his duties as an Royal Air Force Sea King helicopter pilot.—INTERNET



Eight Calif.-based sailors discharged for hazing

SAN DIEGO, 5 Feb—Eight sailors have been discharged from the Navy after a hazing incident aboard a San Diego-based amphibious assault ship that was captured on video and included the choking of a fellow sailor, a Navy spokesman said on Saturday.

The eight received general discharges following allegations they assaulted and choked the sailor aboard the ship, the Bonhomme Richard, as part of a rite to initiate the sailor into a new department, said Lt Commander David McKinney.

McKinney said the assault, which took place 17 January in the ship's berthing area, was videotaped, and the victim treated for injuries.

"He was choked out, evidently blacked out and had bruising," said McKinney.

The injuries were not serious, but the sailor sought treatment and reported the incident to his superiors, leading to the discharges, McKinney said.

The sailors, all from the junior ranks, made statements to investigators that amounted to confessions, McKinney said. They called the incident just

roughhousing but the Navy considered it hazing, he said.

"When an incident like this happens, it's got to be taken care of," McKinney said. "It goes contrary to our core values."

One of the sailors seen in the video, Charlie Davis, 20, of Dallas, told ABC 10 News that the attack was just "play wrestling" and "boys being boys," and he and others had been through the same thing earlier in the day.

"A couple of the guys wrestled me down and had fun with me and then shook my hand and welcomed me aboard," he said.—*Internet*

Prince William starts Falklands tour of duty

LONDON, 5 Feb—Britain's Prince William has begun his duties as a search and rescue pilot in the Falkland Islands, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) said on Saturday, a deployment which has infuriated Argentina.

The 29-year-old, who is second in line to the throne, has been sent to the South Atlantic archipelago as a routine part of his duties as an Royal Air Force (RAF) Sea King helicopter pilot.

But his six-week stint on the barren islands has enraged Buenos Aires, which says the Falklands are occupied Argentine territory. It has condemned the prince's tour as a "provocation".

William, the eldest son of the heir to the throne Prince Charles, the Prince of Wales, arrived in the British overseas territory on Thursday.

His first day on duty

involved briefings on his role, which could include rescuing stranded fishermen, whisking patients to hospital or dropping off supplies to remote areas, said the ministry.

"Flight Lieutenant Wales has commenced his duties as an RAF search and rescue (SAR) helicopter pilot in the Falkland Islands providing SAR cover for both the civilian and military population," the MoD said in a statement. The timing of the deployment has added to

tensions ahead of the 30th anniversary of the war between Britain and Argentina over the Falklands.

The windswept islands, home to about 3,000 people staunchly loyal to Britain, have been held by Britain since 1833.

On 2 April, 1982, the then-ruling junta in Argentina invaded the Falklands, sparking a 74-day war with Britain which cost the lives of 649 Argentine and 255 British troops.

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In this 4 Jan, 2005 file photo, the USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6) steams off the coast of Sumatra, Indonesia while conducting humanitarian assistance. Eight sailors have been discharged from the Navy after video surfaced of a hazing incident aboard, the USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6), a San Diego-based amphibious assault ship that included the choking of a fellow sailor, a Navy spokesman said on 4 Feb, 2012.—INTERNET



Auto dealer, wife killed in AZ plane crash; two hurt

PHOENIX, 5 Feb—A small plane crashed and burst into flames shortly after takeoff Saturday in an eastern Arizona mountain community, killing a well-known rural Arizona auto dealer and his wife and seriously injuring the couple's son and daughter-in-law.

The son was pulled from the burning plane by firefighters, while the daughter-in-law was found near the wreckage. Both were flown to Phoenix-area hospitals in critical condition.

The single-engine *Cessna 206* crashed just before dawn and caught fire moments after taking off from the Show Low airport en route to Las Vegas.

The four onboard were affiliated with a series of

automobile dealerships in eastern Arizona mountain towns, Show Low police Sgt Shawn Roby said.

The dead were identified as Gerald Hatch and his wife, Ruth Hatch, of Snowflake-Taylor. Both were 66.

Gerald's 38-year-old son, Gunther "Rob" Hatch, was pulled from the flaming airplane by firefighters, Police Chief Jeffrey Smythe said. His 36-year-old wife, Mikelle "Kelly" Hatch, was outside the plane when firefighters arrived. She was badly burned and had a broken femur.

Gerald Hatch was the primary owner of dealerships in Show Low, Winslow and Snowflake, Smythe said. They included two Ford dealerships.—*Internet*

A farmer is seen following her flock of sheep near a fenced-off canal that is part of China's hugely ambitious South-North Water Diversion Project, in Yixian, in 2009, in northern China's Hebei Province.—INTERNET

China water project to 'begin operating in 2013'

BEIJING, 5 Feb—A massive project to divert water from China's south to its drought-prone north — which has seen hundreds of thousands of people relocated — will become

partly operational next year, state media reported.

The South-North Water Diversion Project is one of the country's largest infrastructure projects since the building of the Three Gorges Dam, which involved the relocation of more than one million people.

Sun Yifu, deputy water resources chief in the eastern province of Shandong—who is also involved in the programme — said his province's part of the project would be completed at the end of the year, the *Xinhua* news agency said.

He added that "the entire

project" would become operational in the first half of 2013, and start supplying water to arid parts of the north, the report said late Saturday.

China's South-North Water Diversion project consists of three routes — the eastern, middle and western routes — and Sun was referring to the eastern portion of the project, or a 1,890-kilometre (1,170-mile) canal. Construction on the 1,430-kilometre central route began in 2003 and will only be operational in 2014. The western section, meanwhile, has yet to see the light of day.

Xinhua



Olympic memorabilia featuring the 2012 Olympic mascots 'Wenlock' (Orange) and 'Mandeville' (Blue) are pictured at the Toy Fair in London.—INTERNET

Firms warned of Olympics Internet gaps

LONDON, 5 Feb—Businesses are being warned of possible Internet breakdowns, data caps and "unavoidable" mobile phone problems during the London 2012 Olympics, in official advice from the Games organizers.

In a document on the Games website entitled "Preparing your business for the Games", the document warns that Internet connections could be lost due to surges in the numbers of people logging on at peak times. "It is possible that Internet services may be slower during the Games or, in very severe cases, there may be drop-outs due to an increased number of people accessing the Internet," it

warns. "In addition, Internet service providers may introduce data caps during peak times to try and spread the loading and give a more equal service to their entire customer base.

"However, this has not yet been confirmed by these ISPs and we hope to have more information nearer to Games time."

Mobile phone coverage could also be disrupted, the document warns. "Additional capacity and coverage for mobile phone networks is being put in around Games venues. This will overlay the existing coverage provision and existing customers can expect a 'normal' service during Games-time," it says.

Internet

Namaste, travellers! SFO opens airport yoga room

SAN FRANCISCO, 5 Feb—Stressed out by flying? Travelers in Northern California can now find their inner calm in the Yoga Room at San Francisco International Airport.

The quiet, dimly lit studio officially opened last week in a former storage room just past the security checkpoint at SFO's Terminal 2.

Airport officials believe the 150-square-foot (14-square-meter) room with mirrored walls is the world's first airport yoga studio, said spokesman Mike McCarron.

The room, open to all ticketed passengers, contains

a few chairs and yoga mats but no instructors or televisions. No shoes, food, drinks or cell phones are allowed.

"Silence is appreciated," says a sign spelling out "Yoga Room Etiquette."

A prominent blue-and-white sign with a Buddha-like pictogram beckons visitors: "Come check out our Yoga Room." Frequent flyer Maria Poole accepted the invitation, practicing a downward dog asana and other yoga poses before boarding her flight.

"It's perfect," said Poole, 47, of Lafayette. "I think it should be in every airport,

especially the terminals that I fly through. This would be such a great way for me to get my exercise in, get a little peace and quiet — a little Zen moment."—*Internet*



In this 27 Jan, 2012 photo, travellers Maria Poole, right, and Lindsey Shepard, practice yoga at San Francisco International Airport's new Yoga Room, in San Francisco.—INTERNET

Cambodian FM heads to China to boost bilateral, ASEAN-China ties

PHNOM PENH, 5 Feb—Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Hor Namhong left Cambodia on Sunday morning for a 3-day visit to China.

The visit aimed at cementing Cambodia-China ties and ASEAN-China relations, said a Press release of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. At the Phnom Penh International Airport, the minister was seen off by Chinese Ambassador to Cambodia Pan Guangxue and senior officials of the ministry.

"Cambodia and China have had very close and special relations and cooperation since the past to the present. The visit is to deepen the friendship relations," Hor Namhong told reporters before his departure. During the stay in China, he said that he will hold talks with Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi on bilateral, regional and international issues; then, he will pay courtesy calls on China's top leaders.

In addition, the minister will deliver a speech on the ASEAN-China relations at the ASEAN-China Centre and visit a Cultural Centre.

Cambodia is the chair of ASEAN in 2012. With the chairmanship, the country pledged to strengthen closer ties and cooperation between the ASEAN and China. The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) groups Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.—*Xinhua*

NJ museum finds recording of Otto von Bismarck

WEST ORANGE, 5 Feb—For the first time, 21st-century audiences are able to hear the voice of Otto von Bismarck, one of the 19th century's most important figures.

The National Park Service announced this week that the German chancellor's voice has been identified among those found on a dozen recorded wax cylinders, each more than 120 years old, that were once stored near Thomas Edison's cot in his West Orange, NJ, lab. They include music and dignitaries, including the voice of the only person born in the 18th century believed to be available on a recording.

The trove includes

Bismarck's voice reciting songs and imploring his son to live morally and eat and drink in moderation.

"In the 18th century, the human voice was described as one of the most noble capacities of human beings," Stephan Paille, the German researcher who identified Bismarck's voice, said in an email. "Bismarck is no longer mute. I think his voice allows a new access to him.

"Sound is three-dimensional. Heretofore we only knew Bismarck from pictures and drawings. Now we know him a little better."

The people who study and collect early recordings knew they had been made,

but did not know they still existed.

"Most early recordings I have read about had not survived," said Patrick Feaster, an Indiana University scholar who also helped crack the mystery of what was on the cylinders.

The recordings were made in 1889 and 1890 by Theo Wangemann, whom Edison sent to supervise the use of the Edison Phonograph Works machines on display at the Paris World's Fair in 1889 before travelling to his native Germany. Feaster describes Wangemann as

"the first serious professional recording engineer." While in Paris, he recorded orchestras, pianists, a comedian and others. He even recorded on the then-new Eiffel Tower.

While sound recordings were made as early as 1859, the ones on Edison's wax phonographs were in the first generation of intended for playback.

The trip yielded one of the best known early recordings, of Johannes Brahms playing the piano. But, Feaster said, that cylinder has given early recordings a bad name.

Internet

Italy calls for harmony in tackling debt crisis

MUNICH, 5 Feb—Italian Prime Minister Mario Monti on Saturday called for harmony among European Union member states in their efforts to tackle the debt crisis.

Speaking at the ongoing 48th Munich Security conference, Monti said the debt crisis has "brought back into the European picture misconceptions, prejudices

— the north, the south, the large, the small countries."

He called for effective actions to stifle such a resentment from spreading further.

Monti called the situation as "extremely dangerous, much more in the longer term perspective than the euro zone crisis itself."

Europe was "in a process

of growing political resentment among each other, but in fact we are in a process of growing political integration," he said.

"We have to find not only a solution, but also a harmonious one," Monti said. "We must do it in ways that are able to give a reasonable promise of a brighter future."

Xinhua



Stuart Miller carefully places an 1880's phonograph into a display case in the Laboratory Complex at Thomas Edison National Historical Park in West Orange, NJ, on 4 Feb, 2012.—INTERNET

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Three Ore mushroom pickers rescued after 6 days lost

PORTLAND, 5 Feb—A family of three huddled on the edge of an old-growth Oregon forest for six days, lost and cold, unable to signal search helicopters flying low and slow overhead. Without food, water or even warm clothing, Belinda and Daniel Conne, along with their 25-year-old son, Michael, survived by drinking water from streams and taking shelter in a hollowed-out tree. On Saturday, they managed to crawl to a clearing, where a search helicopter spotted them several miles outside the community of Gold Beach, roughly 330 miles south-southwest of Portland. "It's a miracle, really," Curry County Sheriff John Bishop said.

The three were airlifted to a Gold Beach hospital, where Bishop spoke with them at an emergency room. He said the Connes told him they could see search helicopters just a few hundred feet above them while they were lost but had nothing to signal them with through the thick, coastal forest vegetation.

Bishop said Daniel Conne suffered a back injury, Belinda Conne had hypothermia, and their son had a sprained foot and minor frostbite. All three also were dehydrated and hungry. "They just got turned around," Bishop said. "They sought some shelter in a hollowed-out tree and basically they stayed in the same place. But it was heavy vegetation where they were."

Bishop said the three were "remarkably in pretty good shape," given the amount of time they spent outside. He said they likely could have survived for two or three more days in the area, where fresh water is plentiful but food is scarce. The weather was mostly clear, with temperatures in the 40s and 50s. Bishop said the family was spotted by Jackson County Commissioner John Raschor, who was searching for them in his own helicopter with Curry County Sheriff's Lt John Ward.—Internet



This undated photo provided by Karanda Williams shows Daniel and Belinda Conne. The couple and their adult son were found injured but alive on 4 Feb, 2012 after they got lost while picking mushrooms and survived six days deep in the Oregon coastal forest, taking shelter part of the time in a hollowed-out tree. Belinda and Daniel Conne, both 47, and their 25-year-old son, Michael, were spotted by a helicopter pilot and later flown to a hospital. Curry County Sheriff John Bishop said Daniel Conne suffered a back injury, Belinda Conne had hypothermia, and their son Michael had a sprained foot. All three also were dehydrated and hungry.—INTERNET

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A car is stuck in a heavy snowfall in Algiers, Algeria, on 4 Feb, 2012. The snowfall, a rare phenomenon that the capital has not registered since February 2005, caused disruptions to the traffic in the capital with a thickness reaching 15 to 20 centimeters.—XINHUA

Nearly 20,000 pounds of chocolate lost in Pa fire

CANONSBURG, 5 Feb—An official says a fire at a candy factory in southwestern Pennsylvania destroyed nearly 20,000 pounds of chocolate. The blaze broke out early Friday morning at a second-floor packaging area at Sarris Candies in Canonsburg in Washington County.

Plant manager Dennis Sroka tells *The (Washington) Observer-Reporter* that a health inspection determined that Sarris must destroy the candy, which either melted or had smoke damage.

Canonsburg Mayor David Rhome says officials will inspect the damage on Monday. He says the fire does not appear to be suspicious.

Sroka says the inspection will also determine whether an additional 5,000 pounds of chocolate packaged for sale in the store will have to be destroyed.

But he says most of the company's stock survived because it is stored in an off-site warehouse.—Internet

Virus outbreak reported on 2 cruise ships

FORT LAUDERDALE, 5 Feb—Outbreaks of a gastrointestinal virus have been reported on two Princess Cruises ships operating out of Port Everglades, Fla, officials said.

A total of 240 people became ill with Norovirus on the *Crown Princess* and *Ruby Princess*, *The Palm Beach Post* reported. The *Crown Princess* docked on Saturday morning, and the *Ruby Princess* was scheduled to

arrive on Sunday. Embarkation for both ships was to be delayed by a few hours to give crews time to do a thorough cleaning.

Norovirus causes a range of symptoms, including upset stomach and vomiting. The infection usually runs its course in three days or less without treatment and without doing any long-term damage.

The virus is highly contagious. The Centres for

Disease Control reports about 12 percent of the population is infected every year, while the equivalent figure for cruise ship passengers is 0.028 percent.

On the *Crown Princess*, about 4 percent of the passengers or 140 people were infected along with 18 members of the crew. On the *Ruby Princess*, 81 passengers, about 2 percent of the total, and nine crew members became ill.—Internet

China's economy to expand 8.1% this year

BEIJING, 5 Feb—China's economic growth will decelerate to around 8.1 percent this year and edge up to 8.7 percent in 2013, Stephen Green, economist with Standard Chartered Bank (China), said on Saturday.

He said in an interview with *Xinhua* that China's manufacturing activity is far from optimistic despite the country's Purchasing Managers Index (PMI) for the manufacturing sector rose slightly in January. The China Federation of Logistics and Purchasing said Wednesday in a statement on its website that China's PMI rose to 50.5 percent in January, the highest level since October. The PMI stood at 50.3 percent in December, and 49 percent in November.—MNA/Xinhua



Peking opera artists Yu Kuizhi (R) and Li Shengsu perform during a show by China's "Cultures of China, Festival of Spring" art group in Seattle, the United States, on 3 Feb, 2012.—XINHUA

More bird flu traces found in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 5 Feb—More traces of bird flu or the H5N1 virus has been found in Eastern Nepal. Around 8,000 chickens have died of the virus in the past few days in Sunsari District, east of Nepal. Although it has been confirmed that the virus caused the deaths of the chickens, the samples have been sent to the United Kingdom for further investigation.

The district has been set on high alert to prevent further aggravation from the virus. A team of experts have already been mobilized in the district, sources said.—Xinhua

Car hits bed while residents sleep

Police in British Columbia said a man and a woman were not injured when a car crashed into their home and struck their bed while they were sleeping.

Investigators said the couple were sleeping in their basement suite in Saanick when a red Jaguar clipped a fence and a parked car before smashing into their home and hitting the bed, the Canadian Broadcasting Corp reported Friday. Police said no one inside the home was injured.

The 51-year-old driver attempted to flee on foot but was arrested and taken to a hospital to receive treatment for head injuries. Investigators said the man may have been drinking and a criminal investigation has been opened.

Police recover statue stolen in 1982

A 16th century statue of St Augustine stolen in 1982 from a Catholic church was found in Sicily, Italian officials said. Police said a lengthy investigation resulted in the statue being recovered from a private home near Palermo, ANSA reported Friday.

The statue was taken in 1982 from the the San Francesco Saverio di Mondovi sanctuary near Cuneo in the Piedmont region. The statue has been returned to the church. Police said one person was arrested on a charge of receiving stolen goods.

Strange-looking animals worldwide



Doberman gets international support

A Doberman facing a possible death sentence in Michigan has been getting international support, with dog lovers signing an online petition.

Royal Oak officials have also been getting scores of phone calls and hundreds of e-mails, the *Detroit Free Press* reported. But officials in Royal Oak say they are not as hard-hearted as the villains depicted on saveheidi.com.

City Attorney David Gillam said the Doberman bit a man so hard in mid-October the man's nose was

broken. Heidi's owner has been given three alternatives, Gillam said. She can move elsewhere, have the dog put down or keep it on a leash and muzzled when it is out in public.

"Somehow it has been portrayed that we want to destroy this dog, have it drawn and quartered, for a dog that just gave a man a head butt. That could not be further from the truth," Gillam said. The owner's version is that the man bent down over Heidi just as the dog lifted its head up.

Police: Robber wore an Obama mask

Police in Florida said they are working to identify a man who wore a mask modeled after the face of President Barack Obama while robbing a McDonald's.

Riviera Beach Police said the man wore the Obama mask when he entered the McDonald's on Broadway at 6:21 am Saturday and displayed a silver, semiautomatic handgun, *The Palm Beach Post* reported Friday. The man ordered

workers into a back room and forced the manager to open the safe and place the cash into a cloth bag.

Police said the man, described as 6 feet tall and approximately 170 pounds, fled in a northeast direction with about \$1,000 cash.



Radcliffe admits being drunk during 'Harry Potter' scenes

LOS ANGELES, 5 Feb—Daniel Radcliffe admitted he was drunk while filming some scenes for the "Harry Potter" movies during a period in his life where he was drinking "nightly," the young star said in an interview.

"I have a very addictive personality. It was a problem. People with problems like that are very adept at hiding it. It was bad. I don't want to go into details, but I drank a lot and it was daily - I mean nightly," Radcliffe said to British celebrity news magazine *Heat* earlier this week.

"I can honestly say I never drank at work on 'Harry Potter.' I went into work still drunk, but I never drank at work. I can point to many scenes where I'm just gone. Dead behind the eyes," the 22-year-old actor said.

The young British star, who was propelled to fame at 11-years-old after being cast to play boy wizard Harry Potter in the



Cast member Daniel Radcliffe poses at a special screening of "The Woman in Black" in Los Angeles, California on 2 February, 2012.—INTERNET

movies based on JK Rowling's best-selling novels, discussed his "very busy personality" and also talked about his production-assistant girlfriend, who he said was "a wonderful, wonderful girl, who's far too good for me."—Internet

'Twilight' star Kellan Lutz defends Gisele

INDIANAPOLIS, 5 Feb—'Twilight' star Kellan Lutz sympathizes with Gisele Bündchen.

Earlier in the week, some criticized the supermodel and wife of New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady after an email she reportedly sent to friends and family encouraging them to pray for her husband's success in the Super Bowl game against the New York Giants was leaked.

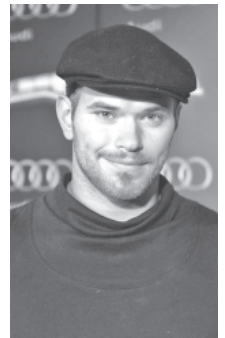
"I found that very endearing," Lutz said about the email. "Very sweet to have a wife do that for her husband and give that positive energy. I think we all need that in the world. To listen to the news broadcasters ... be negative

towards that, I think it is really (bad)."

The die-hard football fan, who just attended the Pro Bowl, kicked off Super Bowl weekend by attending a Friday night party hosted by Audi. Lutz, who has been to Super Bowl weekend before, said he wants the Patriots to win Sunday.

"They have a great team. Solid team," he said. "I fell in love with Tom Brady. Met him once. Really great guy and they have a really solid team. Even if Tom isn't playing, their team is solid."

The actor may be known for his rock solid body, but says it dwarfs in comparison to the NFL players.—Internet



Twilight star Kellan Lutz attends Audi party for Super Bowl XLVI in Indianapolis on Friday, on 3 Feb, 2012. INTERNET



Tom Cruise arrives for the "Mission: Impossible Ghost Protocol" premiere at the Ziegfeld Theatre in New York on 19 December, 2011.—INTERNET

'Ghost Protocol' top Cruise moneymaker

HOLLYWOOD, 5 Feb—The latest "Mission: Impossible" installment has become US actor Tom Cruise's biggest hit, the latest worldwide box-office numbers indicate.

The *Hollywood Reporter* said "Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol" had reaped \$603.5 million worldwide, topping the \$592 million taken in by Cruise's blockbuster "War of the Worlds." The newspaper said Saturday "Ghost Protocol" was turning into a big hit in China, where it took in \$36 million in less than a week.—Internet

Celebs suit up for DirecTV Beach Bowl

INDIANAPOLIS, 5 Feb—Deion Sanders said he wasn't worried. Joe Montana went in with his game face on and Jordin Sparks just hoped sand did not end up in her eyes.

Athletes and celebrities had different strategies as they prepared to play in the sixth annual DirecTV Celebrity Beach Bowl. The event teams up stars with former and current professional athletes for a flag football game on the sand. Assistant coach Neil Patrick Harris admitted he didn't know much about the game, so he was going to rely on his teammates to make the calls.

"I really am not competitive at all. I quite frankly don't know what is going to happen or what we are playing," the actor said with a smile. "I know it is football of some sort, but it might be flag football, touch, two-handed touch. I don't know." Lucky for him, legend Joe Montana was on his team. "I hate to lose," Montana said ahead of the game. "I am not very good at losing. You try to go into this as it's going to be a fun game, but as soon as you get involved ... if they score, you go, 'OK.' You have got to at least keep it competitive. I can't just go through the motions. I want to win." Sparks, arrived with her dad, Phillip Sparks, a former New York Giants football player. The former "American Idol" champion says she wasn't expecting intense action. "I



Former "American Idol" champion Jordin Sparks arrives at DIRECTV's Sixth Annual Celebrity Beach Bowl on Saturday, on 4 Feb, 2012 at Victory Field in Indianapolis. INTERNET

know it is not tackle. They are just grabbing the flag, but who knows, we could get tripped up and stuff, so I am glad there is sand," she said. "I am nervous about it getting in my eyes if I fall but other than that, it is going to be a lot of fun. I am excited."—Internet

'Iron Lady' film draws sympathy for Thatcher in Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, 5 Feb—Long reviled in Argentina for leading Britain to war over the Falkland Islands, Margaret Thatcher's portrayal as a vulnerable, elderly woman suffering from dementia in new film "The Iron Lady" has won her newfound sympathy with Argentine moviegoers.

The Oscar-nominated film shows Thatcher, the 86-year-old former British prime minister, as a confused and lonely old woman remembering flashbacks of her divisive political career, and its release comes as diplomatic tensions over the Falklands are flaring anew. "The image of the old woman makes me sad, it's an image of the tremendous solitude that comes with power," Alicia Fischer, a retired chemical industry worker said after seeing the film featuring Meryl Streep when it opened in Buenos



Former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher waves from her front doorstep as she returns home after leaving hospital, in London on 1 November, 2010.—INTERNET

Aires this weekend. Argentina's invasion of the British territory on 2 April, 1982, is seen by most people here as a terrible mistake by the discredited military dictatorship in power at the time, but they also believe that the islands are rightfully part of Argentina. Fischer said she will always see Britain as the enemy, but her perception of Thatcher changed after the film.—Internet

Japan beat Slovenia in Fed Cup tennis



Japanese number one Ayumi Morita, beat Polona Hercog on Sunday to give Japan an unbeatable 3-0 lead over Slovenia in the Fed Cup tennis World Group II first-round tie.—INTERNET

WORCESTER, 5 Feb — Japanese number one Ayumi Morita beat Polona Hercog on Sunday to give Japan an

unbeatable 3-0 lead over Slovenia in the Fed Cup tennis World Group II first-round tie. The 21-year-old ace, who received the Fed Cup Heart Award last year, overwhelmed Slovenia's top player in the deciding set for a 3-6, 7-6 (8/6), 6-1 victory.

On Saturday, former world number four Kimiko Date-Krumm defeated Hercog 2-6, 6-4, 6-2 to put Japan one up, and Morita made it 2-0 by beating Nastja Kolar 2-6, 6-4, 6-3. Japan will go on to face the country that loses the first round of the World Group, which has not yet been completed.—*Internet*



Serena Williams returns a ball to Olga Govortsova, of Belarus, during a first round Fed Cup tennis match in Worcester, Mass., on 4 Feb, 2012. INTERNET

Serena Williams puts US up 2-0 over Belarus

WORCESTER, 5 Feb — Serena Williams returned to Fed Cup play on Saturday, giving the United States a strong lineup for its Fed Cup match against Belarus. That lineup became more imposing when world No 1 Victoria Azarenka was sidelined by a lower back injury. The Americans capitalized with straight-set victories by Christina McHale and

Williams for a 2-0 lead in the best-of-five series, which concludes Sunday with two more singles matches and one in doubles.

McHale beat Anastasiya Yakimova 6-0, 6-4 before Williams overpowered Olga Govortsova 7-5, 6-0, leaving the US team just one victory away from advancing in the World Group II series. Williams was inconsistent in the first set, winning the first three games before sputtering midway through as Govortsova tied it by winning three straight games. Williams and Govortsova were tied at 5 before the American star won the last eight games of the match.—*Internet*



won the title five times between 1991 and 1998. The series winner will play Belgium or Serbia in the semifinals on 21-22 April. Kuznetsova won four consecutive games before Suarez Navarro narrowed the gap to 4-3 in the first set. But the two-time major winner won five more games in a row to take a 3-0 lead in the second set. She converted her second match point with a service winner.—*Internet*

Russia's Maria Sharapova returns the ball to Spain's Silvia Soler-Espinosa during their Fed Cup World group tennis match in Moscow, Russia, on 4 Feb, 2012.—INTERNET

Fed Cup: Russia leads Spain 2-0 after 1st day

Moscow, 5 Feb — Maria Sharapova and Svetlana Kuznetsova won opening singles matches Saturday to give Russia a 2-0 lead over Spain in the first round of the Fed Cup. Sharapova routed Silvia Soler-Espinosa 6-2, 6-1. Kuznetsova then downed Carla Suarez Navarro 6-3, 6-1. After an early exchange of breaks, Sharapova won four consecutive games in the first set and four more in the second. She closed the match on her first match point with a forehand that Fed Cup rookie Soler-Espinosa failed to return.

"I was a bit nervous before the beginning of the

match as I failed to show my best tennis in my previous Fed Cup appearance in Moscow," Sharapova said. Sharapova is playing for Russia for the third time. The three-time Grand Slam champion won both her singles matches against Israel in 2008. She lost in opening singles against France last year. "It was very important to stay concentrated, to believe and prove that my tennis is better and to win the match," she said. "Luckily, I managed to do all that and now I'm really satisfied with my performance."

Russia has won the Fed Cup title four times since 2004 and is 5-1 against Spain, which

Manchester United suffer Lindegaard blow

LONDON, 5 Feb — Manchester United will have to make do without goalkeeper Anders Lindegaard for at least a month as he has an ankle injury. Lindegaard, 27, suffered ankle ligament damage in a training ground accident last week, another in a long list of injuries for the Barclays Premier League champions this season. Manager Sir Alex Ferguson told the club's official website: "It looks like Lindegaard will be out for at least four weeks, maybe five to six, with ankle ligament damage."



Man Utd's Anders Lindegaard punches the ball away from Man City's Joleon Lescott.—INTERNET

"We don't know what his recovery from injuries is like, so we'll have to wait and see, but I would have thought at least four weeks." Danish international Lindegaard joined United from Aalesund in January 2011 and has made eight Barclays Premier League appearances this season. However, United are set to welcome back Spanish goalkeeper David de Gea for their trip to Old Trafford on Sunday, after he missed the midweek victory over Stoke.

And Ferguson could also be able to call upon Wayne Rooney, Nani, Tom Cleverley and Ashley Young with the quartet all on their way back from injury lay-offs. "We're a bit better off in terms of injuries," added Ferguson, who has led United to second in the League table this season, level on points with neighbours Manchester City.—*Internet*

Marseille, Lyon set for League Cup final rehearsal

MARSEILLE, 5 Feb — Having both booked their places in the French League Cup final in mid-week, Marseille and Lyon meet on Sunday for a dress rehearsal that could have significant bearing on the battle for Champions League qualification. Marseille, who beat neighbours Nice 2-1 on Wednesday, are France's form team with eight consecutive victories in all competitions behind them.

They are now up to fifth in the Ligue 1 table, just two points below the Champions League places, and a win over fourth-placed Lyon at Stade

Velodrome would lift them above Remi Garde's side in the standings. Victory over Nice came at a cost, however, with Mathieu Valbuena sent off after being shown a harsh second yellow card for taking a free-kick before the official had blown his whistle.

Valbuena, who tops the league's assists chart with 11 decisive passes, has been a key figure in OM's winter revival and team-mate Alou Diarra was left to rue the suspension that has ruled the diminutive midfielder out of Sunday's game. "It's the first time I've seen a red card like that," said Diarra.—*Internet*



Marseille's Brandao (C) celebrates after scoring during their French League Cup semi-final match vs Nice, on 1 February, at the Velodrome stadium in Marseille, southern France.—INTERNET

Spencer Levin opens 6-stroke lead in Phoenix Open



Tournament leader Spencer Levin tees off on the first hole during the third round of the Phoenix Open golf tournament, on 4 Feb, 2012, in Scottsdale, Ariz.—INTERNET

SCOTTSDALE, 5 Feb — Spencer Levin passed on Phoenix Open title sponsor Waste Management's green-out, wearing a simple black-and-white outfit. He didn't exactly soften his carbon footprint, either, leaving a trail of cigarette smoke and butts in his wake as he increased his big lead at TPC Scottsdale.

"You mean guys in the crowd?" he asked when questioned about fans giving him grief for smoking on the course. "Oh, yeah, (they get on me) every time, but I enjoy it (smoking)," Levin said. "They were asking to bum them from me, too." He has lit up the Stadium Course so far, too, stringing together rounds of 65, 63 and 68 to open a six-stroke lead in pursuit of a breakthrough PGA Tour victory.

He wasn't quite as sharp with his belly putter as he was the first two days, but remained firmly in control in front of the largest crowd in tournament history, a noisy gathering of 173,210 in perfect conditions. "It was fun for sure, but I was trying to focus, too," Levin said about the huge crowd and party atmosphere. "You don't get that too often, all those people cheering."

Internet

Boxer Donaire steps up to super bantam with win

SAN ANTONIO, 5 Feb — Nonito Donaire knocked down Wilfredo Vazquez jr in the ninth round en route to a split decision over the former



champ in a super bantamweight title bout in San Antonio, Texas. Donaire, a former International Boxing Federation flyweight and World Boxing Council bantamweight title holder, claimed the World Boxing Organization belt in his first foray at super bantamweight.

The 12-round bout was on the undercard of the World Boxing Council middleweight title fight between unbeaten champion Julio Cesar Chavez jr and Marco Antonio Rubio

at the Alamodome. Donaire, of the Philippines, brought plenty of his power with him into the heavier weight class, dropping Vazquez in the ninth

Nonito Donaire, knocked down Wilfredo Vazquez, jr in the ninth round en route to a split decision over the former champ in a super bantamweight title bout in San Antonio, Texas.—INTERNET

with a left uppercut followed by a left hook. Donaire had rocked Vazquez in the third round and appeared in control until the Puerto Rican began to assert himself in the fifth and sixth rounds.

Despite the tenacity of Vazquez, Donaire said he was surprised that judge Ruben Garcia scored the bout 115-112 for the Puerto Rican. Judges Levi Martinez and Don Trella both saw it 117-110 for Donaire, who said he hurt his left hand early in the bout and displayed what appeared to be a bloodied hand wrap when he removed his gloves after the fight.—*Internet*



Referees' chief clarifies tackling Law

LONDON, 5 Feb—Referees' chief Mike Riley has moved to clarify the Law on tackling following recent incidents in the Barclays Premier League. Clubs have been informed that there is absolutely no change in the advice given to referees on the interpretation of tackles in applying Law 12 correctly. What players and managers are being reminded of however is: If a player commits a tackle at speed, with intensity and with both feet off the ground they run the risk of the challenge being punished with a red card.

Following a spate of high-profile challenges, Professional Game Match Officials Limited (PGMOL) general manager Riley brought together leading stakeholders in the game to agree on guidance for referees, players and managers. Last week PGMOL met with the Professional Footballers' Association, the League Managers' Association, Premier League Match Delegates and the Select Group officials to discuss tackling and seek to provide guidance for the players, managers and clubs.

There was an exhaustive review of DVD evidence from

In the Barclays Premier League this season, 95% of tackles have not warranted a card.



all angles and in slow motion. The clubs have now received written guidance and next week they will also receive a new DVD to play to players and managers. The DVD shows the difference between careless tackles, reckless tackles and tackles using excessive force. "We wanted to get a collective game view rather than just a referee view as to where to draw the line," said Riley.

Internet

Newcastle 2-1 Aston Villa

Papiss Cisse scores winner on dream debut to move hosts back above Arsenal



LONDON, 5 Feb—Fantastic strike from Senegalese striker helps to push Toon Army up the table, but it's not all good news for Taylor and Leon Best are subbed with injuries.

Newcastle leapfrogged Arsenal in the Premier League with a 2-1 victory over Aston Villa thanks to goals from its Senegalese strike duo Demba Ba and Papiss Cisse either side of a Robbie Keane equalizer.

Ba opened the scoring in the 30th minute from close range before Keane's equalizer just before halftime. Cisse, however, found the winner in the 72nd minute with an absolutely stunning half-volley from the edge of the area to propel the Toon Army into fifth position in the league.



After an initially quiet opening, the first real action came when Leon Best strode towards goal with the ball. His shot was well blocked by Stephen Warnock, but in the process Best jarred his knee joint and was unable to continue.

While the hosts were down to 10 men, Tim Krul was forced into his first action of the game when Keane expertly found Darren Bent inside the box. The in-form striker took a touch and shot, but his effort was well blocked by Krul.

Villa failed to clear Danny Guthrie's cross and after Taylor's effort was charged down by Warnock, the ball fell to Demba Ba six yards out, who kept his cool and slotted the ball past Given with Dunne on the line.

Villa was really threatening in the closing stages, with substitute Gary Gardner coming close, but his header was straight at Krul. The goalkeeper parried the effort into the air, but it dropped straight into his welcoming arms with Emile Heskey close to getting a touch on the ball.

Internet

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Son of (U Sarada Brewer) and (Daw Kathalar Brewer) lived at No. 59, Plot-2, Ward-3, PyinOoLwin, beloved husband of (Daw S M Brewer), father of (U S.C Brewer)-Daw Myint Myint Shwe, (U S.B Brewer)-Daw Pamela Brewer, U Ye Kyaw-Daw Sorithy Brewer, U Maung Kyi-Daw Susan Brewer, U Min Naing-Daw Hla Hla Win, U Htay Hlaing-Daw Swe Swe, U Aung Lwin-Daw Mi Mi Brewer, Daw Mu Mu, U Moe Kyaw-Daw Moe Moe and U Lin Naing-Daw Maw Li, grandfather of 30 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren, U B.B Brewer passed away at 6.45 am on Sunday, 5, February, 2012, and the funeral service was held at the 8-mile cemetery in PyinOoLwin at 3.00 pm.

Bereaved Family

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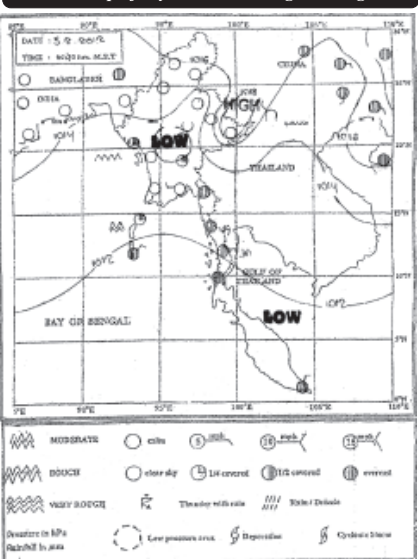
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- 8:25 am 6. 65th Anniversary Union Day Programme
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- 7:40 pm 11. Documentary
- 8:00 pm 12. News
- 13. World's Stars
- 14. TV Drama Series
- 15. India Drama Series

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 6th February, 2012

Sr No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	28.82	11.52	Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers	(60%)
2	Kayah	30.86	11.52	Generally fair weather	
3	Kayah	36.97	21.70	Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers	(60%)
4	Chin	22.72	16.50	Generally fair weather	
5	Upper Sagaing	30.86	13.55	Partly Cloudy	
6	Lower Sagaing	13.91	15.59	Generally fair weather	
7	Tainthary	15.95	23.73	Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers	(60%)
8	Bago	34.93	21.70	Partly Cloudy	
9	Magway	34.93	15.59	Generally fair weather	
10	Mandalay	13.91	15.59	Generally fair weather	
11	Mon	36.97	24.75	Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers	(60%)
12	Yangon	15.95	19.66	Partly Cloudy	
13	Rakhine	30.86	13.55	Generally fair weather	
14	Southern Shan	28.82	16.50	Generally fair weather	
15	Northern Shan	29.84	06.43	Generally fair weather	
16	Eastern Shan	29.84	10.50	Generally fair weather	
17	Ayeyawady	34.93	22.72	Partly Cloudy	
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	15.95	16.61	Generally fair weather	
19	Neighbouring Yangon	15.95	19.66	Partly Cloudy	
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	13.91	15.59	Generally fair weather	

During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Tainthary Region, weather have been partly cloudy in Upper Sagaing, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Kachin, Kayah and Mon States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below February average temperatures in Upper Sagaing Region and Rakhine State, (7°C) to (4°C) above February average temperatures in Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Tainthary Regions, Chin and Mon States and about February average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant night temperatures were Namhsan and Poinsang (2°C) each and Hsiao (5°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Myek (1.16) inches and Dawei (0.94) inch.

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

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of slight increase of night temperatures in the Upper Myanmar areas.

Post Primary School gets new building

SHWEGU, 5 Feb—A ceremony to hand over a two-storey building was held at Basic Education Post-Primary School in Zinbon Village of Shwegu Township on 28 January.

Departmental officials cut the ribbon to open the new building. The village administrator handed over documents related to the building to the township education officer.

The new building is 100 feet long, 30 feet wide and 23 feet high.

Township IPRD

Silt dredged at Thazinadi Lake

NYAUNGSHWE, 5 Feb—Thazinadi Lake in Nyaung-shwe Township was dug 100 years ago. At present, silt is being dredged from the lake to be able to store more volume of water for irriga-ting about 600 acres of farmlands sufficiently. Moreover, the proper storage of water at the lake will contribute to long-term existence of Inlay Lake.

Irrigation Department supervises dredging of silt from Thazinadi Lake. On 20 January, Shan State Minister for Agriculture and Livestock Breeding U Sai Hsu Lu and State Minister for Shan National Race Affairs U Win Myint inspected progress of dredging works.



DISTRICT NEWS

Myanma Alin

New government is implementing 8-point rural development and poverty alleviation scheme and will have to seek ways and means to render medical service to rural villages covered in the project

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Feb—Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, after attending the inauguration of Ayeyawady Bridge (Sinkham) yesterday morning, visited Katha in Katha District of Sagaing Region.

The Vice-President, accompanied by Union ministers, the Mandalay Region chief minister, Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye and personnel went to No. 1 Basic Education High School Katha where they viewed computer room, computer aided instruction room, audio visual room, physics lab and classrooms and spoke words of encouragement to the students.

The Vice-President signed the visitors' book and called teachers for higher educational qualification of students. Next, IGE Company Chairman U Nay Aung, U Kyaw Kyaw Win of New Star Light Co, U Aung Zaw Naing of Shwetaung Co, U Aung Min Thein of Shwe Thanlin Co, U Myat Cho Win of Asia World Co, U Nay Win Kyaw of Thawdar Win Co and U Soe Naing of Aye Aye Khaing Co contributed K 100 million each to No. 1 and No. 2 BEHSs and Shwe Thanlin presented one Sky Net receiver each to the two schools.

The Vice-President, while visiting 100-bed Katha People's Hospital, viewed provision of medical treatment to patients and comforted them. He then heard reports on workforce of the hospital, outbreak rate of diseases and capacity of the hospital presented by the medical superintendent of the hospital.

The Vice-President then gave instructions on medical treatment, prevention and medical ethics. He said that the workload of the hospital is massive as the ratio of patients to doctors in the district is 6844:1. If the four necessities for curing—building, staff, medicine, and medical equipment such as diagnostic lab and X-ray room are available, curing can be carried out to some extent in



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham visits Katha People's Hospital.—MNA

public health care service.

Health care service is still needed for rural villages that are not in a position to meet those requirements. Currently, there are over 26,000 doctors and only two third of them are actually engaging in health care field, which means the doctor-patient ratio is 1:3000.

Likewise, there have only been about 25,000 nurses

and over 150,000 midwives and the number of doctors, nurses, midwives and health assistant is still low, far from ASEAN standard. It needs to take time to train and nurture a large number of specialized experts.

The new government is implementing 8-point rural development and poverty alleviation scheme as national (See page 9)

Manchester United climbed off the canvas to snatch a point at Chelsea as Javier Hernandez's header crowned a superb comeback from 3-0 adrift

LONDON, 5 Feb—The champions slipped behind as Daniel Sturridge's shot rebounded into their net off defender Jonny Evans.

Juan Mata's volley and David Luiz's header seemed to ensure a Chelsea win.

But United rallied as Wayne Rooney scored two penalties after fouls by Sturridge and Branislav Ivanovic, before Hernandez nodded past Petr Cech.

Despite their

thrilling recovery, United's failure to secure a first Premier League win at Stamford Bridge since 2002 means they only reduce the gap between them and leaders Manchester City



to two points.

Meanwhile Chelsea's inability to hold on to a three-goal advantage with 35 minutes to go and striker Fernando

Torres's continuing trouble in front of goal will be of concern to manager Andre Villas-Boas.

The Portuguese may also feel aggrieved at referee Howard Webb's decision to award a second penalty against his side as Ivanovic slid in on Danny Welbeck.

The England

striker appeared to move his leg across the defender to earn the spot-kick from which Rooney put United within striking range.—*Internet*

Academy award presentation live on 7 Feb

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Feb—Nay Pyi Taw will see academy award presentation for 2010 at 6.30 pm on 7 February. Organized by Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise under the Information Ministry, the award presentation will be broadcast live from 5 pm that evening through MRTV, Nay Pyi Taw Myanma Radio, MRTV-4 Channel, Myanma International Channel and SkyNet Up to Date channel.

In addition, movie fans can enjoy the ceremony again on MRTV channel at 4.30 pm on 8 January.—*MNA*

Volunteers beautify Magway

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Feb—As part of efforts for beautifying Magway, volunteers carried out sanitation tasks along the road to Education College in Mangway today.

Magway Region Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Arnt Zaw visited the road while over 750 volunteers were carrying out sanitation tasks along the 3280-ft long road. The volunteers include college students, members of the Myanmar Police Force, auxiliary fire brigade, maternal and child welfare association, employees of Magway Development Affairs Department and red cross members.

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Shwegyin Dam and Shwegyin Hydropower Plant emerge in the time of new government



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