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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife Daw Nan Shwe Hmon attend 2010 Myanma Motion Picture Outstanding Awards (Academy Awards) Presentation Ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Feb—Myanma Motion Picture Outstanding Awards (Academy Awards) Presentation Ceremony 2010, anticipated by film fanatics, was held successfully here this evening. Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise under the Ministry of Information presented Academy awards to top movies which hit the silver screen in the year. A total of 15 films which were screened in 2010 were on the shortlist for awards.

Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise, Forever Group Co Ltd, Event Organizer Forever Blossom Co Ltd and Index Creative Village of Thailand prepared better-than-ever stage, stage lights, audio system, shows and digital mapping system for the ceremony.

Significances of this year's ceremony are thorough news coverage by media, designating positions for broadcasting and print media to take photos and enabling them to access there easily, and photo journalists could send photos to Media Centre in real time through fiber network.

Red carpet, photo sites, digital corners showing shortlisted films for 2010 Academy Awards, arches in (See page 8)



Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife Daw Nan Shwe Hmon cordially greet Academy award winners.—MNA

Myanma Motion Picture Outstanding Awards (Academy Awards) Presentation Ceremony 2010 in progress at Open Theatre of Nay Pyi Taw City Hall.—MNA



PERSPECTIVES

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Attitude change makes behavioral change

The 21st Century is said to be the age of change. We saw a lot of changes in the fields of politics, economy, social affairs, industry and

technology in every regions of the world. Among them, the rapid changes are in industry and technology fields.

The countries that could be highly adaptable to these changes become rich because of making political and economic doors open. Likewise, Myanmar is now on the right track to the political, economic and social development and marching toward the multiparty democratic country.

Polish scientist Marie Curie once said that one cannot hope to build a better world without

individuals.

Every change needs reforms that are adaptable to the changes. Change and reform always go hand in hand. Physical change and mental change always go together as well.

What the most important thing for human beings is attitude change. Only then would our behaviours change. So, every body needs mental and physical changes at a time when the country is marching towards a prosperous and developed country.

Yoetayoke-Kyauktaw railroad section, first-ever section opened in time of new government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar



- ▲ Yoetayoke-Kyauktaw railroad section of Minbu-An-Sittway railroad project was commissioned into service on 10 April, 2011, at Kyauktaw Station in Rakhine State.
- ▲ The 19.82-mile-long railroad section was completed within 11 months. On the railroad section, there are two above-180-ft bridges and 61 under-180-ft bridges. The 11.46-mile-long Kuntaung-Ponnagyun-Yoetayoke railroad section on Minbu-An-Sittway railroad which will become a significant route to Rakhine State has been opened.
- ▲ It is a piece of 257-mile-long Minbu-An-Sittway railroad which will link Rakhine State with other regions or states. The project is being implemented in parts and completed railroad sections are opened separately.



- ▲ Minbu-An-Sittway railroad, a part of national railroad network, which will directly connect Magway Region and Rakhine State will contribute towards all-round development of Rakhine State.
- ▲ Once remote areas in Rakhine State will become accessible to the whole country through a series of motor roads and railroads.

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Obama leads Romney in poll

WASHINGTON, 7 Feb—President Barack Obama is preferred by 52 percent of Americans compared with 43 percent who favour Mitt Romney, the front-runner for the Republican presidential nomination, a *Washington Post-ABC News* poll published Monday revealed.

The telephone survey, carried out 1 to 4 Feb among 1,000 adults nationwide, has a margin of error of plus/minus four percentage points.

Obama's advantage declines slightly among registered voters to 51 percent versus 45 percent for the former Massachusetts governor, who is still facing three challengers to lead the Republican Party into the November election. The *Post* noted that this is the first time in the surveys conducted since July that Obama has garnered more than 50 percent support when compared with Romney, and it is the first time that he has exceeded that threshold among registered voters.

"Boosted by improved public confidence in his economic stewardship, President Obama for the first time holds a clear edge over Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney," the *Post* wrote.

Last Saturday, Romney easily won the Nevada caucuses and after his earlier victories in the Florida and New Hampshire primaries he has consolidated his position at the head of the pack of politicians who are vying for the Republican candidacy.—*Internet*



President Barack Obama

US announces limited Myanmar sanctions lifting

WASHINGTON, 7 Feb—The United States on Monday lifted one of its many sanctions against Myanmar in recognition of recent positive movement toward political reform in the country. US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton signed a partial waiver of restrictions imposed on Myanmar, under the Trafficking Victims Protection Act, the State Department said in a statement.

The waiver will allow assessment missions and limited technical assistance in Myanmar by international

financial institutions (IFIs) such as the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, and the International Monetary Fund. The statement issued Monday noted Clinton had committed to supporting IFI assessments during her visit to Myanmar in December "in response to encouraging reforms under way in that country."

Those steps included measures to pave the way for Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and the National League for Democracy to participate in upcoming parliamentary by-elections, release of political prisoners, broader civil liberties, and preliminary cease fire talks with certain ethnic minority groups, the statement said. "The (Myanmar) government has also taken some steps to address deficiencies cited in the department's June 2011 Trafficking in Persons Report," it added.—*MNA/AFP/CNA*



US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

Is Al-Qaeda preparing British women bombers?

LONDON, 7 Feb—Al-Qaeda is trying to recruit women for carrying out suicide bombings in Britain, parliament members have warned in a report.

The terrorist group is using extremist websites to radicalise the "angels of death", the *Daily Sun* quoted MPs as stating in their report.

As per the Commons home affairs committee, it has heard evidence that the terror group is "specifically launching and targeting women for violent acts". The MPs' panel report comes days after four extremists admitted plotting to bomb the London Stock Exchange.

The report has called upon the big internet firms to do more to shut websites encouraging violent extremism. Home Secretary Theresa May has already launched a crackdown on recruiting websites used by extremists, as a purge on fanatics in mosques and colleges has resulted in the web being increasingly used to brainwash supporters.

Internet

US taxi driver pleads guilty to aiding Al-Qaeda

CHICAGO, 7 Feb—A Chicago taxi driver pleaded guilty Monday to charges linked to a scheme to funnel money to a Pakistani terror group with links to Al-Qaeda, the US Justice Department said.

Raja Lahrasib Khan pleaded guilty to one count of attempting to provide material support to a foreign terrorist organization, the department said in a statement. When Raja Lahrasib Khan, 58, was arrested in March 2010,

officials said he never posed any imminent danger to the United States and had personally sent only a few hundred dollars to an alleged terrorist leader.

But authorities said his plea indicated he wanted to provide additional funds to the same individual after learning he was working with Al-Qaeda.

He faces a maximum of 15 years in prison but under his plea agreement the sentence will be between five and eight years in jail,

and requires him to cooperate with the government. Sentencing is set for 30 May.

Raja Lahrasib Khan, who lived in the Azad Kashmir region of Pakistan before coming to the United States in the late 1970s, admitted that he met with Ilyas Kashmiri, a leader of the Kashmir independence movement.

Internet



People inspect the scene of a bomb attack on Shiite pilgrims, killing and wounding scores of people, police said, near the southern port city of Basra, Iraq's second-largest city, 550 kilometres (340 miles) southeast of Baghdad, Iraq recently.

INTERNET

Imran Khan warns Afghanistan may slide into civil war once NATO forces leave country

ISLAMABAD, 7 Feb—Pakistan cricketer-turned-politician Imran Khan has warned that Afghanistan could slide into civil war once NATO forces leave the country for good.

"My fear is that they are going to leave a far bigger mess than was left by the Soviets when they left because there could be a civil

war there now," *Sky News* quoted him, as saying.

"The army now is well armed and from the Northern Alliance. The Pashtuns with the Taliban are not armed... they are with the majority. Once they (NATO) leave, there is going to be a civil war, a power struggle there exactly like what happened after the Russians left.

Hundreds of thousands of people died," Khan added.

Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chief Khan, who is now considered a serious player in the country's politics, believes his Movement for Justice party can win enough seats in the next election to push him into power as prime minister.

Internet

KABUL, 7 Feb—A local Taliban leader was captured during a joint operation on Tuesday morning in southern Afghan Province of Helmand, said a Press release issued here by NATO-led forces.

"In Nahr-e Saraj District, Helmand Province, an Afghan and coalition security force captured a Taliban leader during an operation today,"

the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) said.

Without identifying the captured leader, the release said: "The leader moved supplies for fighters and directed an militant cell specializing in bomb attacks throughout the Province." Another suspected militant was detained during the

Man gets 24 years for Colombian journalist's killing

BOGOTA, 7 Feb—A former militiaman was sentenced to 24 years in prison for his role in the murder of journalist Alvaro Alonso Escobar, who was gunned down a decade ago in a coastal town in northern Colombia, authorities said Monday.

Edgar Ariel Cordoba Trujillo was also ordered to pay a fine equivalent to \$467,950.

The sentence and fine were handed down to Cordoba by a court in Santa Marta, the capital of Magdalena province, the Attorney General's Office said Monday.

Two unidentified individuals gunned down Escobar 23 Dec, 2001, in Fundacion, Magdalena, where he edited and published the weekly *Region*.

Escobar was the second journalist from Fundacion murdered by gunmen. Hernando Rangel Moreno was killed 11 April, 1999.

Over the past 20 years, 90 journalists have been murdered in Colombia, the Fundacion para la Libertad de Prensa said.

Cordoba, known as "Cinco Siete", was in charge of a unit from the Northern Bloc of the United Self-Defence Forces of Colombia, or AUC, militia federation.

The AUC, accused of committing numerous human rights violations, demobilized more than 31,000 of its fighters between the end of 2003 and mid-2006 as part of the peace process with former president Alvaro Uribe's administration.—*Internet*

Osama's right-hand man in Europe' gets bail despite posing 'grave threat to UK national security'

LONDON, 7 Feb—Abu Qatada, a radical Muslim cleric described as 'Osama bin Laden's right-hand man in Europe' will be released on bail within days, despite accusations that he poses a grave threat to Britain's security.

Qatada was granted bail after the European Court of Human Rights ruled last month that he could not be deported to his native Jordan.

His bail conditions mean he is likely to be confined to

his home except for two one-hour periods each day, and will probably be allowed to take one of his five children to school, *The Telegraph* reports.

Restrictions on his movement are likely to be lifted if the Home Secretary fails to show within three months that progress is

being made in negotiations with Jordan regarding his extradition.

According to the paper, the decision to release Qatada, a 51-year-old father of five, means he can return home and will be able to claim up to 1,000 pounds a month in state benefits.

Internet



Policemen stand next to road stains on a road after a car bomb in a car park outside police headquarters in the southern Afghan City of Kandahar on 5 February.

INTERNET

Local Taliban leader captured in south Afghanistan

Overuse of computers to harm fingers



Do you spend hours in front of the computer and get numbness or pain on your palms or fingers? If yes, you are suffering from Carpal Tunnel Syndrome (CTS).

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, 7 Feb—Do you spend hours in front of the computer and get numbness or pain on your palms or fingers? If yes, you are suffering from Carpal Tunnel Syndrome (CTS). It is a condition wherein the median nerve gets compressed below the carpal tunnel at the wrist. City doctors warn that with the excessive use of computers and the booming IT industry, the number of youngsters suffering from this problem

has increased. Dr Harish Chandran, consultant, orthopaedic and sports medicine, said, "In a month we get at least 10 to 15 cases whereas two years back it were hardly four to five cases

a month. Most of them come to us at a much later stage in acute conditions as the symptoms are taken casually in the beginning," he said. "Most of the cases are in the age group of 25 to 35 years."

Dr AG Sajan Gerome, consultant Orthopaedic, Jubilee Memorial Hospital, said CTS was traditionally associated with women.

The treatment starts with rest and exercises, the second step involves vitamin B12 tablets and some may need steroids. In most cases the condition improves with these treatment methods and very few require surgery.

If left untreated the condition can affect hand movements and muscles.

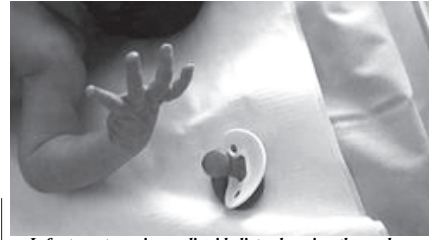
Internet

Solid 'finger food' may help babies avoid obesity

LONDON, 7 Feb—Infants outgrowing a liquid diet who give themselves finger food rather than being spoon-fed puree are likelier to eat healthily and avoid getting fat during weaning, reports a study released on Tuesday.

Researchers found that the technique, known as "baby-led weaning," led to a child expressing a clear preference for pasta, rice and other carbohydrates over sweets, thus helping to cement a foundation for eating the right foods.

Experts and parents alike have long debated over when and how to help an infant make the transition from mother's milk or the



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bottle to a solid-food regimen. Many studies have already concluded that self-feeding with finger food is fine for most infants. But what impact this approach might have on longer-term

taste preferences and a child's overall health has until now been less clear. Ellen Townsend and Nicola Pitchford of the University of Nottingham designed a study that looked at the eating habits of 155 children during weaning, a period that ranged from 20 months to six and a half years old.

Sixty percent of the kids had been allowed to feed themselves finger foods such as strips of toast and pieces of fruit, while the remaining 40 percent had been spoon-fed pureed foods throughout the weaning process. The research, published in the *British Medical Journal (BMJ)*, was based on a questionnaire answered by parents in the region.

Internet

Soy supplements may not protect against breast cancer

WASHINGTON, 7 Feb—Soy isoflavone supplements have failed to decrease breast cancer cell proliferation in a randomized clinical trial, according to a study.

Lead researcher Seema A Khan, MD, professor of surgery at the Robert H Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Centre of Northwestern University, said the results of this study were consistent with the findings of previous studies that were designed to test cancer prevention



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benefits of dietary supplements. "Simply put, supplements are not food. Although soy-based foods appear to have a protective effect, we are not seeing the same effect with supplementation using isolated components of soy, so the continued testing of soy supplements is likely not worthwhile," said Khan.

Khan said that beta-carotene and selenium supplementation have also been shown to lack benefit

in lung cancer prevention studies. "Foods are very complex and there are likely traveling companions that we haven't identified that are protecting against cancer," said Khan.

For the current study, Khan and colleagues randomly assigned 98 women to receive a mixed soy isoflavones supplement or placebo. Isoflavones are components of soy foods that were expected to have anti-estrogen activity.—Internet



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Amazon's flash-sale site going luxe with discount designers.—INTERNET

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NEW YORK, 7 Feb—Amazon's members-only flash-sale site MyHabit is launching its first designer tab, with the likes of Thakoon, Valentino and Balmain going on offer at up to 60 percent.

Adding to its women's, men's, children's and home categories, the site is teaming up with top fashion houses including Bibhu Mohapatra, Costume National and Alejandro Ingelmo for the high-end category.

Discounts will be in keeping with other MyHabit sales, with the sale to commence 12 PM EST on 6 February.

Offering shipping across the globe, the US-based site has been primarily focused on contemporary brands since its launch, although the company told WWD its new offering will provide a high-end selection "all in one dedicated place, allowing for a faster, more tailored shopping experience for customers seeking designer labels."

Designer events are set to run on Mondays and Wednesdays, lasting five days or until items are sold out.

Internet

Taipei's HTC expects 30 percent sales plunge in 1Q

TAIPEI, (China), 7 Feb—Taipei's leading smartphone maker HTC forecast on Monday that its revenue in the three months to March may plunge 30 percent from a year ago, as competitors Apple and Samsung take their grip on the market.

But the company said the anticipated poor performance, extended from the fourth quarter,

should bottom off following the release of new products. In a statement released at the quarterly investor conference, the company said its first quarter revenue will likely fall 33 percent-38 percent to Tw\$65 billion-Tw\$70 billion, down from Tw\$104.16 billion (\$3.43 billion) a year ago.

Its first quarter gross



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MGM secures \$500 m loan to expand film, TV slate



MGM headquarters are shown on 13 March, 1996 in Santa Monica.

INTERNET

LOS ANGELES, 7 Feb—Metro-Goldwyn Mayer said its lenders agreed to loan the studio \$500 million to retire debt it took on when it emerged from bankruptcy about a year ago and to expand its film and TV production. The revolving credit facility replaces a term loan and smaller revolving facility the studio received as part of a pre-packaged bankruptcy in which its lenders exchanged \$4 billion in outstanding debt for equity valued at about \$2 billion.

The studio also hired Gary Barber and Roger Birnbaum, who ran the production company, Spyglass Entertainment, to operate the company.—Reuters

profit margin is expected to drop to 25 percent from 29.3 percent the previous year, while its operating profit margin would likely plunge to 7.5 percent from 15.8 percent a year earlier. Despite the worse-than-expected forecast figures, the company insisted the performance would not last long.

"These margins are a temporary phenomenon and will normalize when product cycle transition is over," the company said in the statement. The company's net profit in the three months to December dived to Tw\$10.94 billion, down from Tw\$18.6 billion in the previous quarter.—Internet



Jurassic chirp: Scientists recreate ancient cricket song

LONDON, 7 Feb—The call of a Jurassic-era cricket was simple, pure and capable of traveling long distances in the night, said scientists who reconstructed the creature's love song from a 165 million year old fossil.

British scientists based their work out Monday on an extremely well preserved fossil of a katydid, or bush cricket, from China named Archaboilus musicus. The cricket lived in an era when dinosaurs roamed the earth.

The detailed wings, measuring about 72 centimetres (three-quarters of an inch) long, allowed scientists to recreate for the first time the features that would have produced sound when rubbed together.

The result is "possibly the most ancient known musical song documented to date," said the study which appears in the US journal the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

The ancient katydid's

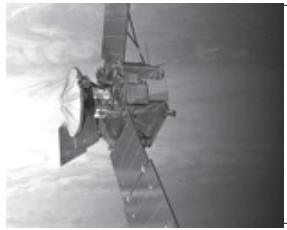
call should be imagined against a busy backdrop of waterfalls, wind, the sound of water coursing through streams and other amphibians and insects serenading would-be mates, the study authors said.

"This Jurassic bush cricket... helps us learn a little more about the ambiance of a world long gone," said co-author Fernando Montea-legre-Zapata of the University of Bristol.—*Internet*



A brown cricket sits on a leaf in Kathmandu in 2011. The call of a Jurassic-era cricket was simple, pure and capable of traveling long distances in the night, said scientists who reconstructed the creature's love song from a 165 million year old fossil.—*INTERNET*

Jupiter spacecraft adjusts its course



The Juno spacecraft will make the five-year, 400-million-mile voyage to Jupiter and orbit the planet, collecting data for more than one Earth year.

INTERNET

PASADENA, 7 Feb—US space officials say the Juno probe's five-year mission to Jupiter is on course following a firing of rocket thrusters to better aim at the giant planet.

The spacecraft performed the course adjustment on 1 Feb, the first of as many as 12 planned actions to stay on target during its 1.7 billion-mile flight to Jupiter, NASA

mission managers said.

Launched in August 2011, Juno has traveled about 279 million miles since liftoff and is expected to arrive at Jupiter in August 2016, a release from NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif, said.

"We had a maneuver planned soon after launch but our Atlas 5 rocket gave us such a good ride we didn't need to make any trajectory changes," Juno project manager Rick Nybakken at JPL said.—*Internet*

Evidence suggests ancient Mars ocean

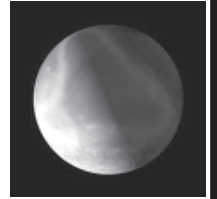
PARIS, 7 Feb—The European Space Agency says its Mars Express orbiter has discovered strong evidence for a large ocean once covering part of the Red Planet. Using radar, it has detected sediments suggestive of an ocean floor within the boundaries of previously identified ancient shorelines on Mars, an ESA release said on Monday.

"We interpret these as sedimentary deposits, maybe ice-rich," Jeremie Mouginot, of the Institut de Planetologie et d'Astrophysique de Grenoble said. "It is a strong new indication that there was once an ocean here."

Scientists have theorized oceans could have formed at two points in the planet's history: 4 billion years ago, when warmer conditions prevailed, or 3 billion years ago when subsurface ice melted following a large

impact. This later ocean would have been temporary, researchers said, since in a million years or less the water would have either frozen back in place and gone underground or turned into vapor and lifted gradually into the atmosphere.

"I don't think it could have stayed as an ocean long enough for life to form," Mouginit said.—*Internet*



An artist's conception of an ocean that may have covered the northern plains of Mars billions of years ago.—*INTERNET*



After Megaupload closure, BTJunkie shuts down



BTJunkie, a popular file-sharing indexing site, said Monday it was voluntarily shutting down, less than three weeks after the US closure of Megaupload in a crackdown on piracy of music, films and other materials.—*INTERNET*

WASHINGTON, 7 Feb—BTJunkie, a popular file-sharing indexing site, said on Monday it was voluntarily shutting down, less than three weeks after the US closure of Megaupload in a crackdown on piracy of music, films and other materials. "This is the end of the line my friends," BTJunkie said in a brief message posted on the home page of the site along with the dates of its existence: "2005-2012."

"The decision does not come easy, but we've decided to voluntarily shut down," Britain-based BTJunkie said. "We've been fighting for years for your right to communicate, but it's time to move on. "It's been an experience of a lifetime, we wish you all the best!" it said.

BTJunkie provided a search engine for Bit Torrent files and was one of the top five torrent sites with "dozens of millions of users a month," according to TorrentFreak, a website which covers file-sharing news.

TorrentFreak quoted the unidentified founder of BTJunkie as saying that BTJunkie's decision to close down stemmed partly from recent legal actions against Megaupload and The Pirate Bay, which faces legal action in Europe. Megaupload was shut down by the US authorities on 19 January and seven people were charged in connection with what the Justice Department and FBI described as "among the largest criminal copyright cases ever brought by the United States."—*Internet*



HP launches new pavilion and mini laptops

TEXAS, 7 Feb—HP recently announced the launch of its Pavilion dm4 notebook and the Mini 210 netbook. The dm4 utilises an Intel® Core™ i5-2450M processor, and HP claims it'll last up to seven hours on the move. This of course will vary, depending on the usage. The laptop's got a 14" LED-backlit display and will either use Intel's integrated HD 3000 graphics or a 1GB AMD Radeon™ HD 7470M GPU.

This isn't a gaming laptop by any means, because at the resolution that the dm4 uses (1366x768), the 7470M is a touch weak.

For all your storage needs, there's a 640GB HDD. They've also decided to include an option to use Intel's Smart Response Technology (SRT).

With a minimum thickness of an inch and weighing in at 2 kg, the dm4 has two subwoofers, a

webcam, a DVD burner, and a fingerprint reader. HP has also released a Beats edition of the dm4. This edition has the same specs as the regular model, except a redesign of the exterior that fits the theme of the Beats Audio™ brand (red and black). It's apparently got a discrete amplifier and a dedicated audio island to minimise electronic noise interference and boost the audio experience.

The HP Mini 210 is an Intel® Atom™ CPU-based netbook, weighing 1.4 kg and measuring less than an inch in thickness. It's got a 10.1" display and the battery is capable of around 9.5 hrs of use. It's "packed" with 1GB of RAM and a 180GB HDD. I, however, dislike the fact that the Atom processor in question is not of the current generation, and that it comes with the severely limited Windows® 7 Starter edition.—*Internet*

Nokia Lumia 800 to come in white

ESPOO, 7 Feb—Europeans, the Lumia 800 will be available in white starting later this month, according to Nokia. If you don't know much about the Lumia 800, that's understandable because you can't really buy it in the US. Nokia claims it will release an unlocked model intended for US carriers soon. The only way you can get it is through Nokia's Web site or other online means.

The Lumia 800 was first unveiled back in October. Along with the Lumia 710, it marks Nokia's first foray into Windows Phone. The company is putting its weight behind Microsoft's smartphone operating system, shunning Google's Android, which is the preferred multiplatform OS for most smartphone manufacturers like

Samsung, Motorola, and HTC.

There haven't been any actual announcements, but we hope that the Lumia 900 will come in white as well. The phone is basically a larger Lumia 800, but it will be launched on AT&T in March. We played around with the Lumia 900 at CES and liked what we saw.—*Internet*



Nokia Lumia 800 to come in white. INTERNET

Apple iPad users 'more satisfied' than Kindle Fire owners

LONDON, 7 Feb—People who own Amazon Kindle Fire are less satisfied than those who own an Apple iPad, a survey has revealed. The survey conducted by US research firm, Changewave revealed that out of 200 tablet-owning Americans 74 percent who own an iPad said that there were "very satisfied" with the device. While just 54 percent people who own Amazon tablet felt "satisfied" with the device, *The Telegraph* reports.

Kindle Fire owners were most pleased about the cost of the device, its colour screen and ease of use. But they were not happy about the fact that the tablet does not have a volume adjustor button, no camera and a smaller screen size than the iPad, the report said.

People were also very unhappy about the device's battery life being too short and the number of apps, which are available through the Amazon app store.

The survey also found that Kindle Fire owners were unhappy about the location of the on/off button.—*Internet*

Romney wins Nevada with 50% of vote

LAS VEGAS, 7 Feb—Republican Mitt Romney won the Nevada presidential caucus with 50 percent of the vote, more than twice his nearest rival Newt Gingrich on 21.1 percent, full results showed on Monday.

Texas Representative Ron Paul was a couple of points behind Gingrich on 18.7 percent, followed by religious conservative Rick Santorum, a former US senator from Pennsylvania, with 9.9 percent.

"The Nevada Republican Party congratulates Governor Mitt Romney on his victory as well as the entire field for their participation in the caucuses," said the state's acting party chairman James Smack.

"Republicans in Nevada are moving in the right



Republican presidential hopeful Mitt Romney greets supporters during a campaign rally in Grand Junction, Colorado.—INTERNET

direction, we continue to register more voters than the Democratic Party, and we are

enthusiastic to move forward after our caucuses to beat Barack Obama and build on

our GOP victories in 2010," he added in a statement on the state party's Twitter feed.

The win—with slightly less than the 51.1 percent he earned in 2008—was widely expected due to a combination of his well-oiled campaign machine in the western battleground state, and the large Mormon community sharing his faith.

Four years ago, Paul won 13.7 percent in the state, while John McCain—who went on to become the Republican presidential nominee, but lost to Barack Obama—came third with 12.7 percent. The four remaining candidates have been campaigning for the last few days ahead of Tuesday's polls in Colorado, Minnesota and Missouri.—*Internet*

Radioactive Iodine-131 detected in Austria, no source

VIENNA, 7 Feb—Higher than normal levels of radiation Iodine 131 was measured in the air in Austria but without danger to the public health, said the Austrian Agency for Health and Food Safety (AGES) on Monday, ruling out a source in Austria. Traces of isotope were detected by the air-collecting station in Vienna from 30 Jan to 2 Feb. The Iodine-131 concentration was at an extremely low level of six microbecquerel per cubic meter of air, which could be detected only using highly sensitive analytical methods.

According to media reports, in the past two weeks, comparable size of radioactive Iodine-131 were also detected in atmosphere in other European countries, including Sweden, Finland, Germany and Poland.

The AGES believed that the results of the measurements and dispersion calculation would indicate that the source may locate in Eastern Europe because there had been a similar incident happened in November, 2011. A defect in the filtration system of a Hungarian radioisotope institute has caused the release of radioactive Iodine-137 into the air.

Xinhua

Suspect kills officer, steals police car before he is fatally shot

NEW YORK, 7 Feb—An Alabama robbery suspect fatally stabbed a police officer in jail, escaped in a stolen patrol car and wounded another officer before he was killed, authorities said Friday.

The chain of events, which left Mobile, Alabama, mourning the loss of an officer, started early on Friday when Lawrence Wallace Jr was in a store.

Wallace, who was carrying a lighter and lighter fluid, stormed the front counter of the store and demanded money, said Ashley Rains, a spokeswoman for the Mobile police.

As the cashier frantically tried to open the register, Wallace jumped on the counter and began spraying lighter fluid on the floor, triggering a blaze. An off-duty police officer happened to be shopping at the store and tackled Wallace, Rains said.

He was taken to Mobile's metro jail, where he was somehow able to stab and kill Officer Steven Green and escape in a patrol car, police said. At some point during the manhunt for Wallace, he abandoned the police car and hid under a home. The suspect shot another officer in the arm as police tried to apprehend him. That officer was treated and released from a hospital, police said. After a standoff, Wallace, 24, was shot and killed, police said.—*Internet*



Mobile, Alabama, police officer Steven Green, 36, was fatally stabbed on Friday while transporting a robbery suspect.—INTERNET

Overflowing dam floods Bulgarian village

SOFIA, 7 Feb—The village of Biser in southeast Bulgaria, near the border with Greece and Turkey, was flooded on Monday morning after the wall of a nearby dam was broken, officials said. The village was hit by two waves with a height of three and five metres respectively, witnesses told reporters.

In some places, the water depth is over 2.5 meters, but the tidal wave in the village eased, Commissioner Nikolay Nikolov, head of the General Directorate "Fire Safety and Protection of Population Service," told the Bulgarian National Radio. The first teams of rescue workers and firefighters were already working in the most affected parts of the village, he added.

Head of the village Zlatka Valkova told the Bulgarian National Television that almost the whole village was flooded and some houses were torn down, but no casualties were reported so far.—*Xinhua*



Indian Medical staff members of Basavarakam Indo-American Cancer Hospital and Research Institute participate in a cancer awareness walk in Hyderabad during World Cancer Day.—INTERNET

Chinese workers kidnapped in Sudan 'to be released'

NEW YORK, 7 Feb—A group of Chinese construction workers abducted in Sudan were expected to be released within 48 hours, almost two weeks after they were taken hostage in a remote area of Sudan's volatile South Kordofan state, Sudanese media reported on Tuesday.

Khartoum's *Al-Ahdath* daily said the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) had successfully mediated for the release of the workers who were kidnapped in a raid on a site run by China's Power Construction Corp on 28 January.

The Sudanese military said the Sudan People's Liberation Movement-North, a rebel force in the border region with neighbouring South Sudan, was responsible for the attack and kidnapping.

"The mediation led by the ICRC between Khartoum and Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) leaders has made important progress and expected to bear fruit within 48 hours," Sudanese media was quoted as saying by China's state-run *Xinhua* news agency.

The rebels abducted 29 of the total 47 Chinese workers in the camp, while the other 18 workers fled to neighbouring areas. The Sudanese army found 17 Chinese workers later and transported them to a safe place, but

one worker is still missing.

South Sudan became the world's newest nation last year after decades of conflict with the north. Nevertheless, violence in South Kordofan and the nearby Blue Nile states has forced hundreds of thousands to flee their homes. While the region is in Sudanese territory, it straddles Sudan and South Sudan's ethnic and political lines.

China is Sudan's largest trading partner, while Sudan is China's third-largest trading partner in Africa. According to the Chinese foreign ministry, trade between the two countries reached \$8.63 billion in 2010, an increase of 35.1% compared with the previous year.—*Internet*



The Sudanese military said rebels in the border region with neighbouring South Sudan are responsible for the kidnapping.—INTERNET

Japanese gov't intervenes 5 times in foreign exchange market in Q4

TOKYO, 7 Feb—The Japanese government carried out five rounds of interventions into the foreign exchange market in the last three months of 2011, spending about 9.09 trillion yen (about 118.7 billion US dollars), the data from Finance Ministry revealed on Tuesday.

The moves were aimed to keep in check the sharp appreciation of the Japanese currency against the US dollar which had been eroding the profits of the exporters in the country. The US dollar bought 75.32 yen on 31 Oct last year, marking a postwar peak.

The Japanese government stepped into the market with a record 8.07 trillion yen intervention on that day.

The step was followed by a total of 1.02 trillion yen interventions in early November by unannounced operations.

However, the effect of these attempts had been questioned as the yen tended to gradually resume its strength after the movements.

Eisuke Sakakibara, known as "Mr Yen," warned at a recent press conference in Tokyo's foreign correspondents' club that the interventions would not be effective if the government did not seek coordination from the US government.

Xinhua

General Min Aung Hlaing receives Chief of Defence Forces of Malaysian Armed Forces

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Feb—Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing received Chief of Defence Forces of the Malaysian Armed Forces General Tan Sri Dato' Sri Zulkifeli bin Mohd Zin at Zeyathiri Beikman, here, this morning.

At the call, the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services said that Myanmar and Malaysia have been strengthening friendly ties for many years and both countries are members of the ASEAN. He said that Defence Services Personnel representatives are attending two Hluttaws and Region/State Hluttaws in accord with the constitution of the nation. He explained that the Tatmadaw is systematically participating in the endeavours for establishment of a discipline-flourishing, modern and developed democratic nation which is the primary goal of the nation, and various countries recognize the participation of the Tatmadaw. He said that sports teams of both side armed forces will be exchanged for promoting bilateral relations between the two armed forces. In conclusion, he said that Myanmar is maintaining cordial relations with neighbouring countries and global countries including ASEAN member countries.

The Chief of Defence Forces of the Malaysian Armed Forces expressed his thanks for warm welcome to himself and his entourage. He said his amazement in viewing progress of Nay Pyi Taw on his arrival at Nay Pyi Taw Airport. He showed off his believe that Myanmar will host the XXVII SEA Games in 2013 successfully and will take out the Chairmanship of ASEAN in 2014. He said that this visit is aimed at raising friendly relations between the two



Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing receives Chief of Defence Forces of the Malaysian Armed Forces General Tan Sri Dato' Sri Zulkifeli bin Mohd Zin at Zeyathiri Beikman.
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armed forces and the two countries. He said that he is delighted with undertaking of various tasks in unity in Myanmar.

Next, the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services hosted a luncheon in honour of the Chief of Defence Forces of the Malaysian Armed Forces.

During the luncheon, servicemen and servicewomen of No. 1 Defence Services TV Broadcasting Unit (Myawady

TV) under control of Directorate of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare of the office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) entertained songs and dances.

After the luncheon, the Chief of Defence Forces of the Malaysian Armed Forces presented a flower basket to the servicemen and servicewomen for their entertainments and posed for documentary photos.

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FM receives foreign guests



NAY PYI TAW, 7 Feb—Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin received Chairman of FEC ASEAN-Japan Cultural and Economic Exchange Committee of International Friendship Exchange Council (FEC) Mr Norio

Yamaguchi and party here today.

They discussed and exchanged views on future cooperation between Myanmar and International Friendship Exchange Council (FEC).

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Union H&T and Sports Minister receives Japanese guests

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Feb—Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism and for Sports U Tint Hsan received a delegation led by Chairman Mr Norio Yamaguchi of ASEAN-Japan Culture and Economic Exchange Committee of International Friendship Exchange Council (FEC) of Japan at the ministry, here, at 2 pm today.

They discussed tasks of FEC, levels, ranks, duties and aims of participants, technological assistance of Japan to development of hotels and tourism industry of Myanmar, cooperation matters, investments in hotels and tourism industry of Myanmar and cooperation in sports matters.—MNA

Union Commerce Minister receives Japanese guests

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Feb—Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint received a 12-member delegation led by Chairman Mr Norio Yamaguchi of ASEAN-Japan Culture and Economic Exchange Committee of International Friendship Exchange Council (FEC) of Japan at the ministry this afternoon.

Their discussions focused on trade,

investment, development of human resources and their prospects between Myanmar and Japan.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Dr Pwint Hsan, the director-general of Directorate of Trade, the director-general of Border Trade Department and officials.

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Union Energy Minister receives Russian, Belarus ambassadors

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Feb — To seek opportunities for win-win cooperation in the energy sector in Myanmar, Mr Mikhail Mgeladze, Ambassador of the Russian Federation, and a delegation of Geo Pro Mining Company called on Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay here today.

During the meeting, Geo Pro Mining Company expressed their willingness in

cooperation in the energy sector and the Union Minister discussed cooperation with international petrol companies in the energy sector and further opportunities for the cooperation.

Similarly, Ambassador of Belarus to Myanmar Mr Valcry Sadokho also called on the Union Minister and discussed bilateral cooperation in the energy sector.—MNA

Private banks to provide account transfer service as from 9 Feb

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Feb—Private banks will provide account transfer service to the foreign currency A/C holders as from 9 February.

Exporters, importers, companies, organizations, hotels, travels and tours companies, airlines, individual may deal their balance of foreign currencies purchasing, selling by accounts transferring with those 11 private banks which have been permitted the Authorized Dealer Licenses by the Central Bank of Myanmar on 25, November, 2011.

They are Myawaddy Bank Ltd, Co-

operative Bank Lt (Public), Myanmar Oriental Bank Ltd, Kanbawza Bank Ltd, Myanmar Industrial Development Bank Ltd, Innwa Bank Ltd, Tun Foundation Bank Ltd, Asia Green Development Bank Ltd, Myanmar Apex Bank Ltd, United Amara Bank Ltd and Ayeyawaddy Bank Ltd and the banks are allowed to deal with foreign currencies.

The banks are now carrying out establishing correspondent banks, installing SWIFT system, contributing required paid up capital, and training staffs.

More information are available at the banks.—MNA



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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife Daw Nan Shwe Hmon attend...

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cultural design arranged by the Ministry of Culture, fences and security systems pleased those present at the ceremony.

Starting at 5 pm, traditional orchestra of the Ministry of Culture, singers of Myanmar Radio and Television in accompaniment with Spectrum Music Band, singers of Forever Blossom Co Ltd and artistes of Myanmar Motion Picture Association entertained those present at Nos (1) and (2) stages.

Digital Mapping System applied in the ceremony used international-standard projectors alongside with sophisticated technologies.

Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife Daw Nan Shwe Hmon attended the



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife Daw Nan Shwe Hmon attend Academy awarding ceremony where Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan delivers an address.—MNA

ment Scrutinizing Committee, members of Film Censor Board and Video Censor Board, members of Myanmar Motion Picture Association, members of Myanmar Music

in his address expressed thanks and pleasure for attendance of dignitaries of the State and those from the film world.

He said that the ceremony is to present academy awards to artistes and technicians for their outstanding performances from the Myanmar movies produced and shown in 2010. Focusing on development of Myanmar motion picture world, he said that the State has been giving academy awards to the winners in successive governments. At present, eleven kinds of academy awards are presented to outstanding film artistes. Up to now, a total of 328 academy awards have been given to the winners, he said.

In looking back the Myanmar motion picture history, those of motion picture world are actively taking part in their respective sectors for serving interests of the motion picture world, the State and the people during the pre-World War period, the era of pre-independence struggles, the period of independence struggles in fighting against colonialists and Fascists, during the period of safeguarding the independence and today's nation-building period, he said. Therefore, he said that outstanding artistes and film technicians from the motion picture world have been awarded in consecutive eras. **On the 64th Anniversary Independence Day 2012, he added that the President has conferred Sithu titles on many artistes who dutifully took out the nation-building tasks with their film performances focusing on the interests of the State, the people and the national cause. Moreover, he said that this year's academy awarding ceremony is decorated with newest designs and styles**

applying the information technology.

He continued to say that the **Union government elected by the people is emphasizing the reforms in ensuring stability and prevalence of law and order of the State that the people aspire, national reconsolidation, flourishing of democracy, emergence of good governance and clean government, enjoying fundamental rights of the citizens in accord with the provisions from the constitution, enhancement of education and health standards, economic reforms, development of future social-economic life of the State and the people, environmental conservation and international relations as much as possible. He noted that unprecedented progress can be seen in all aspects including political, economic, democracy and social sectors during the 10-month governance period of the new government.**

In raising the process of reforms, legislative, executive and judicial pillars are being operated separately in line with the democracy, and check-and-balance system is being realized among them, he said. Likewise, he said that the media sector defined as the fourth estate to steer the above-mentioned three pillars is being built up through freedom and accountability, freedom and rationality, and at the same time, efforts are being made for equipping the fourth estate with its characteristics.

With regard to the motion picture and video industry that is undertaking to educate, inform and entertain the people who are involved in the fourth estate, the government has eased four of ten points in motion picture and video censor disciplines that were practised in the past to be able to create

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Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan formally opens Myanmar Motion Picture Outstanding Award (Academy) presentation ceremony 2010.—MNA

ceremony held at Open Air Theatre near Nay Pyi Taw City Hall.

Also present at the ceremony were Union ministers and their wives, Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw representatives, deputy ministers, departmental heads, members of Myanmar Film Standard Improve-

Association, members of Myanmar Thabin Artistes Association, members of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, and members and officials of social organizations, Myanmar film stars, movie producers and film lovers.

Artistes of the Ministry of Culture performed dance of nine golden stars.

Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan launched the ceremony.

The Union minister



Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan presents Best Film Script Award to Khin Maung Oo-Soe Thein Htut.—MNA

Photo shows Academy award winners for 2010 at Nay Pyi Taw City Hall.

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Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan presents Best Actor Award to Pyae Ti Oo.—MNA



Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan presents Best Supporting Actor Award to Wai Lu Kyaw.—MNA



Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan presents Best Actress Award to Thet Mon Myint.—MNA



Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan presents Best Cinematographic Award to Pagyi Soe Moe. MNA



Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan presents Best Film Award to Heart N Soul Film Production. MNA



Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan presents Best Supporting Actress Award to Wah Wah Aung.—MNA

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife Daw Nan Shwe Hmon attend...

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the fine arts on a wider scale, he said. Therefore, he stressed the need for film and video artistes and technicians to practise freedom and accountability, freedom and rationality in their innovations and creations. He noted that only when freedom and accountability, freedom and rationality gain the better process, will more and more relaxations be carried out in the remaining censor disciplines. It is aimed at freely preserving and uplifting the fine traditions of the motion picture world in serving the interests of the film industry, the State and the people in line with the new era and system.

To resurrect the glorious days of Myanmar motion picture, it needs to have a certain objective in consistence with the modern times. He said that he had repeatedly

explained five objectives that Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise and those from film circle have to realize whenever opportune and mentioned them on the occasion again—

- (1) To focus on development and unity of Myanmar motion picture and video industry for improvement in socio-economic life of artists,
- (2) To strive for technical development of Myanmar motion picture and video production,
- (3) To endeavour for improvement in standard and quality of Myanmar films and videos,
- (4) To make efforts to penetrate international film and video market,
- (5) To accomplish the national duties of the State in tandem with the government.

He then again mentioned the five points that artists should prioritize under the aegis of the Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise for development of film industry—

- (1) To build modern studios either alone or in group in accordance with State's policy,
- (2) To widely cooperate with foreign countries in film

shooting, editing and domestic and foreign showing,

- (3) To try to make a shift from analogue to digital filming,
- (4) To upgrade audio and video systems of private-owned and government-lent cinemas,
- (5) To take simultaneous actions to build international standard cinema complexes and digital cinemas.

He then said that it was distinct that those points were aimed for the interests of Myanmar motion picture sphere and artists urged them to gear up the current efforts with every possible mean by taking those points as top priorities.

He then again called the Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise to play a leading role in realizing 12-point film industry development plan, urging all those engaged in film industry to make commitment to achieve that goal. But, there may be loads of difficulties and conflicts in joint-stride towards the destination, said the Union Minister who added that there was no reason to fail if only collaborative efforts are made out of the shared aim for the development film and

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Union Election Commission
Nay Pyi Taw

Announcement No. 10/2012
Fullmoon Day of Tabodwe, 1373 ME
(7 February, 2012)

Abolition of political parties

The Union Election Commission abolished two political parties hereunder which failed to run for at least three vacant seats in by-elections to be held on 1 April, 2012, in accordance with Section 12 (b) of Political Parties Registration Law.

- (1) Democratic Alliance Party
- (2) 88-Forces of People's Party

By order,
Win Ko
Secretary
Union Election Commission

**Vice-President
Dr Sai Mauk Kham and
wife Daw Nan Shwe
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movie industry, balanced consideration of self and others interests, persistence, diligence, industry and effort, unity, cooperation, patience and forgiveness. He added that his ministry was assisting as much as it could and would do so in the future.

He continued to say that the government was encouraging, monitoring, and setting fair objectives and adopting plans for the development of Myanmar motion picture industry and at the same time it would take steps to reform the executive board of the Myanmar Motion Picture Organization on which the artists rely with trustworthy personalities in line with the aspirations of those engaged in film industry. It also aimed to improve the future academy award presentation through coordination. He said that the Ministry of Information would also arrange for representatives of film and movie sphere to be able to join the organizations formed by the ministry for the interests of those engaged in film industry in line with rules and regulations.

These days, world's film production techniques have changed and the global film standard has improved further and further due to the advent of modern equipment. Moreover, the advancement in video presentation system compatible with production standard has made it possible for enjoyment of excellent visual and audio experiences.

Taking a look at the Myanmar Movie World, there still exist the weakness and the needs in almost all layers such as plots, acting, costume, studio, show, cinema service, foreign markets penetration, technology and producers. It is heartening to see efforts for penetration into foreign markets.

The standard of movie production

becomes high. At the same time, the cinemas' standards need to be high. Then, harmonious development would be seen. So, suggestions have been given to movie show entrepreneurs across the country for promoting standards of cinemas. In addition, encouragements have been given for construction of international-standard cinemas. So, there are three modern cinemas, including one with 3D system in Nay Pyi Taw. Plans are under way to open international-standard cinemas including cinemas with 3D system in Yangon and Mandalay in the coming months. World films production and shows system have transformed to digital system. So, efforts are to be made for transformation of films production and show to digital system.

He said that since 2007, Ministry of Information had been making step-by-step coordination with the People's Republic of China for joint-production of a TV series based on World War II. Now, it has reached preliminary agreement to sign and will be done step by step. Likewise, Ministry of Information would extend a helping hand to privates and organizations for films production and shows.

Seminars and workshops with ASEAN countries, partner countries making cooperation with ASEAN countries are being held in order that artists and technicians can get knowledge and make cooperation. And plans are underway to continue holding these seminars and workshops.

He said that nowadays, the world's countries did their acts based only on their national interests. Likewise, political parties, politicians and people have different opinions and political creeds in Myanmar's multiparty democracy system. All Myanmar people are to make coordination based on same things regardless of different ones. By doing so, it can serve the country and public interest through democracy system. It is importance of all media which is fourth estate, to try to be good media men capable of serving the national interest, he urged.

He said, in doing so, media men were

Shan State on 4 February.

At the meeting with the chicken farmers, Shan State Minister for Agriculture and Livestock Breeding U Sai Sar Lu called for boosting the production of meat and fish and Head of Shan State Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department Dr Win Myint and officials concerned explained biosecurity measures.

Afterwards, the state minister and officials inspected the biosecurity measures at chicken farms.— MNA

**Defence Services Personnel Pyithu
Hluttaw Representative substituted**

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Union Election Commission
Nay Pyi Taw

Notification No. 11/2012
Fullmoon Day of Tabodwe, 1373 ME
(7 February, 2012)

**Defence Services Personnel Pyithu Hluttaw
Representative substituted**

According to the request made in accord with Section 33 of the Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law to substitute a Defence Services Personnel Pyithu Hluttaw representative nominated by the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services in first multiparty democracy general election held on 7 November 2010, the Union Election Commission scrutinized and substituted the Defence Services Personnel Pyithu Hluttaw representative stated hereunder in Notification No. 1/2011 of the commission dated 20-1-2011 with personnel shown against him.

BC27500
Major Nyo Maung

(Substitution) BC25273
Major Nyi Nyi Zaw

By order
(Win Ko)
Secretary
Union Election Commission

urged to obey the following factors:-

- to ensure fourth estate for genuine democracy
- to do anything based on national interest to try to have Unity in Democracy in the film and video world
- to obey discipline and law and to practise freedom and accountability along with freedom and rationality and
- to avoid acts that can jeopardize people's interest.

He said that outstanding awards for 2010 were going to be presented soon. Every steps of Myanmar Motion Picture Outstanding Award Scrutiny Board comprising almost half of artistes and technicians from movie, music and literary field has chosen outstanding awards based on seven basic principles that include in movie law. Only those who deserve outstanding awards from 15 movies in 2010 were chosen. He urged those who won awards this year and the rest to continue to try to get awards in the years to come.

He noted that artistes and technicians from film world actively played a part in struggle for independence, safeguarding and defending of independence, stability and development activities in a harmonious way throughout the history of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. Today, they are also committed to development of the country. He urged that upholding the Union spirit and duties and responsibilities prescribed in the Constitution, all from the film world as fourth pillar are to glue their efforts to building a new democratic nation in the interest of the people.

In conclusion, he urged them to uphold five objectives and 12 basic principles looking forward to development of film crew; make concerted efforts to have required machines and studios, joint-venture movie shooting and production and to possess advanced display system and international standard cinemas so as to produce quality Myanmar films; preserve cultural heritage and national characteristics using film technology; and join hands with

the government and the people for emergence of a peaceful, developed and democratic nation.

Names of winners of 2010 Myanmar Motion Picture Awards (Academy Awards) were announced.

Best film script award went to Khin Maung Oo, Soe Thein Htut in Pinle-htet-ka-nay-wunni (red sun over the sea); best film music award to Myanmar Pyi Kyauk Sein in Angomyet-lone-apyone-myet-hnar (crying eyes on smiling face); best film editing award to U Myint Khaing in Pinle-htet-ka-nay-wunni (red sun over the sea); best supporting actress award to Wah Wah Aung in Amae-kyaw-zu-hset-phoo-chin-tel (wanna pay a debt of maternal gratitude); best supporting actor award to Wai Lu Kyaw in Pinle-htet-ka-nay-wunni (red sun over the sea); best actress award to Thet Mon Myint in Adam-yal-eval-yal-detha-yal (Adam, Eve and Dettha); best cinematographic award to Bagyi Soe Moe in Pinle-htet-ka-nay-wunni (red sun over the sea); best actor award to Pyay Ti Oo in Adam-yal-eve-yal-detha-yal (Adam, Eve and Dettha); best film director award to Khin Maung Oo, Soe Thein Htut in Pinle-htet-ka-nay-wunni (red sun over the sea); and best film award to Heart N Soul film production company in Adam-yal-eve-yal-detha-yal (Adam, Eve and Dettha).

With clarification for each award, award-winning scenes were screened.

The scenes were shown by LED digital system and stage lights came from up-to-date LED lighting system.

Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan awarded each winner.

Academy award winners expressed thanks and shared their thrill.

They then paid respects to the Vice-President and wife.

The Vice-President and wife and party cordially greeted the winners.

The ceremony was aired live by MRTV, MRTV-4 (Free to Air), Myanmar International Channel and SkyNet Up to Date Channel.

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**Farmers in Shan State
urged to take
Biosecurity measures**

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Feb — As part of efforts for prevention of the avian influenza outbreak in Shan State, Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department of the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries educated farmers to carry out biosecurity at chicken farms in

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and fish prices in market and at shops are high. Reviewing the root cause, it is due to high transport charges and other unnecessary transaction costs.

So, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw needs to urge organizations concerned to adopt new projects that can help reduce high commodity prices and other transaction costs, the Speaker noted.

In adopting national plans and projects, it is necessary to gather and calculate correct data like in Gross Domestic Product-GDP. Only then will correct and appropriate national plans and projects emerge.

Out of the bills submitted to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the ones of some departments are found to have a big difference in terms of Myanmar's population. So, taking of census must be carried out projects on an early basis.

Some businesses should not only pay attention to make profit and they should also carry out Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), Social Impact Assessment (SIA) and Health Impact Assessment (HIA). It is the duty of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives to

decide investments as the investments include money of the people and decision should be made after the short-term and long-term advantages were accessed.

In conclusion, he called on the Speaker and representatives of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw for making decisions to increase the pay and salaries of workers and employees at the start of the upcoming fiscal year so that they can enjoy high living standards and the clean government and good governance can be formed, to allow laws which can help projects that can benefit the country and people and to reject, suspend and limit the projects which cannot benefit the country and the people, to urge the body concerned to invest in the national development project or human resource development project as the project can benefit the country and the people in short and long term, to understand and cooperate with those who work within the law, to oppose any personnel and group at home and abroad who put hindrances to bringing benefits to the country and the people and to urge every citizen to obey the existing rules and laws.

U Saw Hla Tun, a representative from Chaung U Township, seconded a proposal urging Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to use the above discussion as guidelines in drawing the national development plan by the government.

The proposal was approved by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

Appointment of Thai Ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Feb—The government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Mr Pisanu Suvanajata as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Thailand to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in succession to Mr Apirath Vienravi.

Mr Pisanu Suvanajata was born on 7 December, 1961, in the Kingdom of Thailand. He obtained Master of International Relations and Diplomacy from Thammasat University in Thailand and Master of Political Science from

Northern Illinois University in USA.

He joined the Prime Minister's Office as Press Officer III in 1984 and transferred to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as attache in 1986. He served at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand up to the Deputy Director-General rank and in various capacities at the Royal Thai Embassies in the Kingdom of Cambodia and Australia. He is currently serving as Consul-General at the Royal Thai Consulate-General in Guangzhou, People's Republic of China since 2009.

Mr Pisanu Suvanajata is married
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U Aung Thant of Patheingyi Constituency, U Thein Yi of Htantabin Constituency, U Thein Tun of Kyaunggon Constituency, U Mann Maung Maung Nyan of Pantanaw Constituency, U Myint Shwe of Waw Constituency and Dr Mya Oo of Ngazun Constituency discussed matters related to the national planning bills.

As an important proposal, Daw Nann Say Owa of Hpa-an Constituency submitted a proposal urging Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to carry the discussion of Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann about the matters related to the national planning bill live on television and the proposal was

seconded by Daw Zar Talam of Thantlang Constituency.

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approved the proposal.

Dr Mya Oo of Bago Region Constituency No. 9, Dr Nay Lin of Seikkan Township Constituency, U Phone Myint Aung of Yangon Region Constituency No. 3, Dr Khin Maung Swe of Kyauktaga Constituency, Dr Aung Than of Hlwebo Constituency and U Nyan Win of Hlinethaya Constituency took part in discussions.

The meeting ended at 3.10 pm and it will continue tomorrow.—MNA

Kayin State peace-making group, KNU/KNLA Peace Council sign initial peace agreement

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Kayin State peace-making group and KNU/KNLA Peace Council exchange notes after signing seven-point agreement.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Feb—Under the supervision of Leader of the Union level peace-making group Taungtha Township Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Aung Thaug, Deputy Leader Myitkyina Township Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Thein Zaw and party, the Kayin State peace-making group and the peace-making group led by Chairman of KNU/KNLA Peace Council U Saw Htay Maung (a) U Htein Maung cordially held a peace talk, here, at 9 am today.

Present at the talk were Leader of the Union level peace-making group U Aung Thaug, Deputy Leader U Thein Zaw, members Union Minister U Ohn Myint, Kayan Township Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Maung Maung Thein, Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Zaw Win, Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo, Kayin State Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Aung Lwin, Lt-Col Zaw Naing Oo of the Commander-in-Chief's Office, Director-General U Htay Aung of Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry and member of the peace negotiators U Saw Khin Soe, Chairman of KNU/KNLA Peace Council U Saw Htay Maung (a) U Htein Maung was

accompanied by Central Committee members Dr Timathi, U Saw Yin Nu, Dr Naw Kapaw Htoo, U Saw El Kaw Htoo, U Saw Joseph, Rev Dr Saw Aung Than Hnit and Naw Kharin Nar.

After holding cordial talks, the both sides signed the seven-point agreement and exchanged notes. The seven-point agreement is as follows:-

- (1) It is agreed to maintain current peace process between the Tatmadaw and KNU/KNLA Peace Council.
- (2) It is agreed to settle KNU/KNLA Peace Council members in (Mela and Htohkawko).
- (3) Liaison offices will be established with the persons agreed by both sides at both side-agreed places for holding bilateral talks. Economic and liaison offices of the company will be opened in Hpa-an, Myawady, Phayathonzu, Kawkareik, Mawtaung and Kawthoung.
- (4) Both sides will hold coordination not to transgress the regions without arms apart from the mutually

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services...

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Assistant Chief of Staff J3 Joint Force Headquarters of Malaysian Armed Forces Rear Admiral Dato' Nasaruddin bin Othman, Malaysian Military Attaché in Myanmar Colonel Gan Seng Lock and officials.

General Min Aung Hlaing cordially welcomed the Malaysian general on latter's arrival at Zeyathiri Beikman.

They took positions on dais and took salute of Guard of Honour.

The State Band played national anthems of the two nations.

The two generals inspected the Guard of Honour and introduced their entourages to each others.—MNA

agreed regions.

- (5) The Union level peace-making group and the advanced peace-making group of the KNU/KNLA Peace Council will meet at the mutually agreed place and time to continuously hold talks on peace and stability of the region, development, settlements of troops and eternal peace.
- (6) After reaching the initial agreement, the State will allow and render assistance for self-reliant undertakings for quickly fulfilling the basic needs, education, health, transport, water and electricity supply in the area for resettlement of national races who are residing in other country and render assistance for self-reliant.
- (7) Both sides will agree definitions of the peace submitted by the KNU/KNLA Peace Council in principle and will strive for realization of the peace process.

Afterwards, Col Aung Lwin of Kayin State peace-making group, General Staff Officer (Grade-I) (People's Militia) of South-East Command, the Advocate-General of Kayin State and officials, Central Committee members of KNU/KNLA Peace Council U Saw Yin Nu, Dr Naw Kapaw Htoo, U Saw El Kaw Htoo and U Saw Joseph signed the agreement.

After the peace talk, Leader of the Union level peace-making group U Aung Thaug, Deputy Leader U Thein Zaw and members handed over 500 bags of rice, 20 sets of Sky Net receivers and gifts presented by the President to Chairman of KNU/KNLA Peace Council U Saw Htay Maung and members.

Later, members of the both side peace-making group posed for documentary photo.—MNA

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5. Tender should be submitted to the above address not later than 16:30 hours on 14th March, 2012.
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Invitation for open tender of
Printing and Publishing Enterprise
to purchase Duplex Board (Local)

1. Duplex Board (Local) will be purchased for Printing and Publishing Enterprise under the Ministry of Information-
(a) Duplex (32"x40") 180 Gsm - 2000 packets
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3. The open tenders are to be submitted to Office No.7, Ministry of Information, Nay Pyi Taw, in the presence of the members of the tender committee from 13:00 hr to 14:00hr on (15-2-2012). The tenders, later than the designated date, will not be considered.
4. For the application forms of open tender and detailed information, may contact the following address.

Procurement Committee
Ministry of Information
Office No. (7), Nay Pyi Taw
Tel: 412327, 412323

Europe: Cold wave kills 300

ROME, 7Feb—More than 300 people have died as a severe cold wave continued to paralyze life in large section of Europe.

The cold weather has claimed lives in Ukraine, Poland, France and Italy.

The thick blanket of snow cover has reached as far as North Africa.

In several countries transport system has been badly hit by the thick snow cover.

Ukraine has been badly affected by the cold weather with around 131 people reportedly dead in the cold snap, media reports said.

Several people who were frozen to death were homeless, reports said.

Bad weather has affected lives in Italy also where the capital Rome witnessed heaviest snowfall in 27 years.

Internet

Toledo hot dog chain made famous on 'M*A*S*H' sold

A troubled Ohio hot dog restaurant chain made famous in the TV series "M*A*S*H" has been sold after months of legal wrangling, allowing descendants of the eponymous Tony Packo's to keep running Cpl Klinger's favorite frankfurter place. Ohio-based TP Foods LLC assumed control of Tony Packo's on Saturday when a bank restored previously agreed financing terms that it had rescinded, TP Foods President Bob Bennett said. Tony Packo Jr and Tony Packo III have joined TP Foods and will run the restaurants for Bennett. Bennett met with employees of the five-restaurant chain on Monday morning and said he was



Actor Jamie Farr, best known for his role as 'Corporal Klinger' in the television series "M*A*S*H", arrives for '60 Years A Retrospective of the Television and The Television Academy' at the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences in Los Angeles on 12 Oct, 2006.

encouraged about the chain's future. "I'm really pleased," Bennett said. "The employees are happy. We're going to go ahead and run the restaurants the way we have in the past." Tony Packo's, in its 80th year, rose to fame on the hit TV show in the 1970s when Toledo native Jamie Farr played Korean War soldier Cpl Klinger, a character also from Toledo who frequently talked about home and his favorite hot dog. Packo's has been under duress since August 2010, when the company's co-owner, Robin Horvath, alleged misappropriation of corporate funds in a lawsuit against his cousin, Tony Packo III, Packo's executive vice president. Packo's then

defaulted on a Fifth Third Bank loan and Horvath sued to gain control of the company from co-owner Tony Packo Jr, Tony III's father. On 19 December, Lucas County Common Pleas Court Judge Gene Zmuda approved the sale of Packo's to TP Foods for \$5.5 million. The deal fell apart in January when Fifth Third changed the terms of a loan, but was resurrected after Fifth Third agreed to return to the original terms, Bennett said. Ohio's Sixth District Court of Appeals could still rule in Horvath's favor, but Bennett said he's not concerned. Tom Matuzsak, Horvath's attorney, could not be reached for comment.

New scented jeans smell like raspberries when scratched



If you don't mind shelling out \$150 for a pair of raspberry-scented jeans, you can at least save some of that hard-earned cash by skipping regular trips to the laundry mat. The *Mirror* reports that Naked and Famous Denim is now selling a line of "scratch-n-sniff" men's jeans that can mask the odor of repeated wearings. As the company's website states: "Yes, these jeans actually smell like

raspberry candy when scratched. The effect is created by coating the denim fabric with a special coating that contains mini microcapsules." Naked and Famous Denim spokesman Bahzad Trinos tells the *Mirror*, "Hardcore denim lovers don't wash them for months to get an individual look. I wear them every day and, when they get too dirty or my girlfriend -complains, I get them washed." Still, how many guys are going to pick raspberry as their go-to scent? To that end, Naked and Famous says they will soon be offering the scented jeans in additional fragrances, including apple, banana, eucalyptus, grapefruit and mint. Back in December, the *Sideshow* wrote about a Chinese company that is developing a line of self-cleaning t-shirts. It would seem we're only a piece or two of clothing away from a truly no hassle wardrobe.

Robber had shorts on his head

Police in Florida said a man accused of attempted bank robbery wore a pair of shorts on his head during the crime, but they didn't cover his face. The Monroe County Sheriff's Office said Eli Escalera, 43, was wearing the shorts like a hat on Friday when he walked into the First State Bank on Stock Island near Key West at 12:30 pm and handed a note to a teller reading, "Give me what are 20s and 50s." KeysNet.com reported on Monday.

The confused teller asked Escalera what he wanted and he responded by saying "nevermind" and leaving the bank, investigators said. The bank manager called authorities and Deputy Matt Dowling spotted Escalera on a nearby street. The suspect attempted to flee on a bicycle, but was quickly apprehended, authorities said. The sheriff's office said investigators do not know why Escalera was wearing shorts on his head.



Eli Escalera, wearing a pair of shorts on his head, hands a bank teller a note.

News Album



Bollywood actress Mallika

Mallika shapes up to play Jat sprinter

NEW DELHI, 7 Feb—There's something about Mallika. The only Bollywood actor to get honorary citizenship from the Los Angeles City Council in 2009, she was also recently awarded a special citation in her name. Present at the event was a former Japanese Prime Minister, who was so wowed by Jackie Chan's co-star in *The Myth* (2005) that he, along with the rest of his delegation, took her to the media room for a photo op, inviting her to their country for a special visit. Sherawat says that she would love to visit Japan, but for now, her focus is on India, rather, her home state of Haryana. In one of her forthcoming movies, *Lucky Unlucky*, Mallika plays a Jat sprinter and admits that she has already started shaping up for the role. "I have a trainer in LA, working out with me. I've always been pro-fitness and a vegan with a healthy lifestyle, but for this movie, that's not enough. I need to get myself an athlete's body with the grace of a sprinter," she points out.—*Internet*

Eli Manning books 'Late Show' visit

NEW YORK, 7 Feb—New York Giants quarterback Eli Manning has been booked to appear on "Late Show with David Letterman" a day after his team won the Super Bowl, CBS said. Manning was declared Super Bowl XLVI MVP after the Giants beat the New England Patriots Sunday night. He is to appear on Monday's edition of "Late Show" in New York. This will mark the eighth consecutive year a Super Bowl-winning quarterback has appeared on the show after clinching the championship, CBS said Monday.—*Internet*



New York Giants quarterback and Super Bowl XLVI MVP Eli Manning celebrates on the podium at Super Bowl XLVI at Lucas Oil Stadium on 5 Feb, 2012 in Indianapolis.—INTERNET

Tony Danza to bring 'Vegas' to B'way



Television actor Tony Danza is to star in a Broadway musical based on the 1992 film "Honeymoon in Vegas" in spring 2013, the show's producers said on Monday.

NEW YORK, 7 Feb—Television actor Tony Danza is to star in a Broadway musical based on the 1992 film "Honeymoon in Vegas" in spring 2013, the show's producers said on Monday. James Caan, Nicolas Cage and Sarah Jessica Parker starred in the big-screen comedy. The musical version is scheduled to open in New York following a run this November in Toronto. The show will feature music and lyrics by Tony Award-winner Jason Robert Brown and a book by Andrew Bergman, the director and screenwriter of the film about Jack Singer, a regular guy with an extreme fear of marriage. Gary Griffin is to direct the stage version. "When his girlfriend Betsy puts the pressure on, Jack finally pops the question and they head to Sin City for a whirlwind wedding weekend," a synopsis said.—*Internet*

Demi Moore checks into Utah rehab

SALT LAKE CITY, 7 Feb—Troubled actress Demi Moore is a patient at the Cirque Lodge addiction treatment center in Sundance, Utah, a source told E! News. The insider said Moore, 49, checked into the facility after she was hospitalized 23 Jan for seizure-like symptoms she suffered during a party at her home in the Benedict Canyon area of Los Angeles. Some media reports alleged she fell ill after getting high off of nitrous-oxide inhalers called whip-its. The star of "Margin Call," "Ghost," "About Last Night" and "St Elmo's Fire" is the mother of three grown daughters with her ex-husband, film star Bruce Willis. Her marriage to actor Ashton Kutcher recently ended.—*Internet*



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Randy Travis arrested for public drunkenness

DALLAS, 7 Feb—Country music star Randy Travis was arrested for public intoxication outside a Dallas church on Monday morning, police said.



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The Sanger Police Department told TMZ Travis, 52, was arrested after police responding to a complaint found him allegedly inebriated, near a Baptist church, with an open bottle of wine. The celebrity news Web site said he was booked and cited for the violation, then released from police custody. No other details were immediately available. *Internet*

Premier League Trophy Tour set for Thailand

Interactive experience for fans will take place in Bangkok this weekend

LONDON, 7 Feb — The Barclays Premier League Trophy Tour will visit Thailand for the first time next weekend, giving fans the chance to get up close and personal with the world's most popular football league. The Trophy Tour is visiting numerous venues around the world, with Central World in Bangkok the latest stop on 11 to 12 February. Fans are now able to book their priority place for this unique event at the Barclays Premier League Trophy Tour website.

The free interactive event gives fans that may never get the opportunity to visit a Barclays Premier League match the chance to discover more about the League, the players and the clubs through various behind-the-scenes



Fans will be able to view the Barclays Premier League Trophy in Bangkok next weekend.—INTERNET

experiences. Fans will be able to sense what it feels like to sit in a Barclays Premier League ground, view the Premier League Trophy and learn about its history, as well as the chance to get a picture of themselves lifting the famous trophy with the help of green screen technology.

There are also numerous interactive exhibits in the 20 club pods, including giving supporters the chance to find out if they run faster than Theo Walcott, punch a corner flag like Tim Cahill and hear the noise of the loudest fans in the League. Premier League Chief Executive Richard Scudamore, said: "We are excited about joining Barclays in bringing the Trophy Tour to Thailand for the first time.

"With the Trophy Tour we want to show football fans in Thailand even more of what is at the heart of our competition: the Trophy itself, as that is what every player and manager competes to get their hands on; the fantastic football as played by our 20 clubs, because that is what excites hundreds of millions week-in-week-out; and the history and tradition of English football, as that is what helps create the huge interest in the competition."—Internet

Sharapova sets sights on London Olympics

PARIS, 7 Feb — Maria Sharapova is making the London Olympics one of her top priorities this year after missing the Beijing Games with an injury. The third-ranked Russian has won three Grand Slam titles but has never competed at the Olympics.

"Representing my country there will be a huge honor for me," Sharapova said. "I'm really looking forward to the grass season.



Maria Sharapova

Wimbledon is a big goal every single year. And obviously, two weeks later coming into the Olympics, which I've never been a part of in my career—something that I've wanted to do and be a part of since I was a young kid. In Russia, as an athlete, that was the biggest dream, the biggest goal." Sharapova missed the 2008 Beijing Olympics because of a shoulder injury.

Despite losing 6-3, 6-0 to Victoria Azarenka last month in a lopsided Grand Slam final, Sharapova hopes her Australian Open campaign can still be a springboard for winning another major title this year. "I didn't play competitively for a few months, and coming in with

an injury in the ankle, to have that result in Australia was personally quite big," Sharapova said. Sharapova hurt her left ankle in September at the Pan Pacific Championships in Tokyo. The injury forced her to withdraw from the China Open and later the WTA Championships in Istanbul after two losses.

"Getting to the final is a step forward toward where I want to get," Sharapova said. "Obviously, you want to be the one holding the trophy, but it doesn't always work out that way. A little luck at times and eventually belief, and it happens. It doesn't come at once, it takes a lot of time and development. As far as this year, I still have many opportunities to hopefully achieve that." She is competing in the Open GDF Suez for the first time this week.—Internet

Rendall Munroe overcomes Jose Saez in 170 seconds

LEICESTER, 7 Feb — Leicester's Rendall Munroe took just one round to beat Argentina's Jose Saez in a non-title super bantamweight fight on Saturday.

The 32-year-old former European champion claimed victory in 170 seconds at Bolton's Reebok Stadium. Munroe told BBC Radio Leicester: "The opponent was a good opponent and I've proved my calibre again.



"I wanted to go out and make a statement and show people that I am still hungry." He continued: "My last couple of fights I've shown I can box as well as fight and now I've switched it around showing I can fight and I'm a

Sir Alex Ferguson criticises assistant ref after Man Utd draw

LONDON, 7 Feb — Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson criticised assistant referee Darren Cann after the 3-3 draw with Chelsea. Ferguson claimed Cann missed a foul by Chelsea debutant Gary Cahill on Danny Welbeck and is happy to award penalties against United but not for them. "They should have had a man sent off in the first half," said Ferguson. "That linesman [gave] a penalty against us from 40 yards away last year against Liverpool—and he can't see that?"

Ferguson accepted that Cahill's challenge on Welbeck in the 10th minute was outside the penalty area, but thought the Blues centre-back should have been dismissed for denying his striker a goalscoring opportunity. He said: "I don't



Emmanuel Frimpong started five matches while on loan at Wolves.—INTERNET

LONDON, 7 Feb — On-loan Wolves midfielder Emmanuel Frimpong has been ruled out for the rest of the season after being told that he ruptured the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee against QPR on Saturday. The 20-year-old came off in the 24th minute of the 2-1 victory at Loftus Road and was informed of the diagnosis on Monday after a scan. Frimpong, who was due to be on loan at Wolves until the end of the season, will now return to parent club Arsenal to continue his

treatment.

"Having had a similar injury to his left knee in 2010, Emmanuel will see specialists in London over the next few days before having surgery and starting a programme of rehabilitation," read an Arsenal statement. "Emmanuel is expected to be out for a number of months and will therefore miss the remainder of this season. "Everyone at Arsenal and Wolverhampton Wanderers wish Emmanuel a swift recovery."

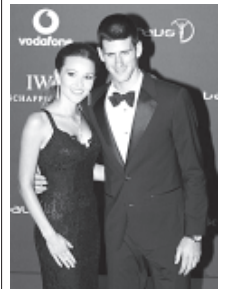
Frimpong made 14

appearances for Arsenal this campaign before being loaned to Wolves at the end of December. He impressed in his five-match spell at Molineux and was set to have been a key part of the club's attempt to avoid relegation from the Barclays Premier League. On his official Twitter account, Frimpong said: "I want to thank all the Wolves fans for their support since I've been here and really hope Wolves stay up this season."—Internet

Djokovic, Barcelona win at 2012 Laureus awards

LONDON, 7 Feb — Novak Djokovic won the top individual honour at the 2012 Laureus Sports Awards on Monday, and Barcelona captured the team prize. The top-ranked Djokovic won sportsman of the year at the ceremony in London, one week after the Serbian triumphed at the Australian Open to become the fifth man in the Open era to win three Grand Slam titles in a row. Barcelona was recognized as the best team after a stellar 2011 in which Pep Guardiola's players won the Spanish league and Champions League.

Kenyan distance runner Vivian Cheruiyot, winner of the 5,000- and 10,000-meter titles at the world championships last year, took the sportswoman's award. Darren Clarke was honored with the comeback of the year award. The 43-year-old Northern Irishman won his first golf major by capturing the British Open at Royal St George's last year. Compatriot Rory McIlroy won the breakthrough of the year award for the 22-year-old's eight-shot win at the US Open at Congressional, becoming the second-youngest player to win a major since 1934.—Internet



Serbian tennis player Novak Djokovic arrives with his girlfriend Jelena Ristic for the Laureus World Sports Awards in London, on 6 Feb, 2012.—INTERNET

Tour Report: Chopra bags two aces in Pebble practice

PEBBLE BEACH, 7 Feb — Daniel Chopra made not one but two aces Monday in a practice round at Pebble Beach for the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.

Chopra first aced the par-3 seventh hole, which played to 103 yards Monday. Chopra holed out with a PING Tour-S Rustique 50-degree wedge. Ten holes later, at the 17th, Chopra made an ace from 176 yards out with a PING S56 7-iron. The aces were Chopra's 14th and 15th in his career. The Swede has made seven previous starts at the AT&T with a high finish of T5 in 2006.—Internet



Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson.

blame [referee] Howard Webb. He needed help in that situation and he didn't get it. "That assistant referee, who's all too happy to flag at Old Trafford for penalty kicks, didn't give them." United fought back from 3-0 down with 35 minutes left to pick up a point at Stamford Bridge.

Striker Wayne Rooney twice scored from the spot before Javier Hernandez's headed equaliser, although Ferguson felt his side were unlucky not to have two more penalties. "We had two penalties in the second half

which were justified," insisted the Scot. "But I think we could have had four. "Welbeck's clear through and he was brought down. OK, it's outside the box [but there was] nothing, no decision."—Internet

18 endangered dolphins spotted off Borneo: WWF

JAKARTA, 7 Feb— Conservation group WWF said it spotted 18 critically endangered Irrawaddy dolphins in Indonesian waters off Borneo island Tuesday and called for greater protection of the species' habitat.

There is little data on the Irrawaddy dolphin — which resembles the common bottlenose dolphin but has no beak and a snub dorsal fin — and no comprehensive survey has been conducted to measure

its global population. "In the past, locals and fishermen reported seeing the dolphins, but we have never recorded them until now," WWF conservation biologist Albertus Tjiu told AFP. Over five days a research team surveyed 260 kilometres (160 miles) along the coast of West Kalimantan, on Indonesia's half of Borneo island, and spotted the species travelling in small groups.

The sightings show that the dolphins' habitat is still



The tail of a critically endangered Irrawaddy dolphin spotted on the coast of West Kalimantan on Indonesia's half of Borneo island by a team from the conservation group WWF, in an undated photo released by WWF-Indonesia on 7 February.—INTERNET

intact, despite degradation by hundreds of pulp and charcoal plantations by the

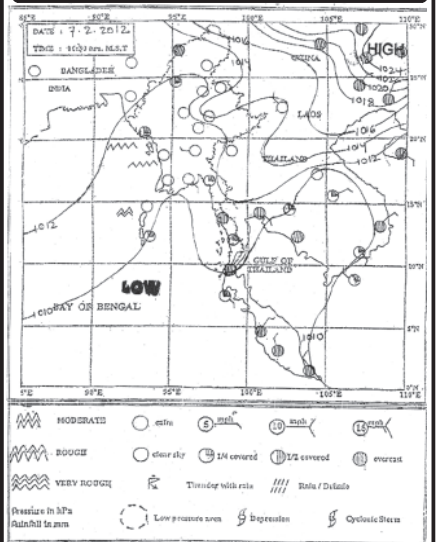
coast, Tjiu said. The team also encountered three Indo-Pacific humpback dolphins that live in the same type of ecosystem.

The two dolphin species live in biodiverse mangroves—estuaries of densetropical trees or shrubs that grow along coastal sediment, resembling muddy swampland. Mangroves have a distinct vegetation that, like peatland forests, can take thousands of years to fully form.

"We call on all businesses operating in the area to act sustainably to conserve the mangroves.

Internet

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 8th February, 2012

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (C/F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	29/84	14/57	Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers	(60%)
2	Kayah	32/90	10/50	Generally fair weather	
3	Kaym	38/100	16/61	Generally fair weather	
4	Chin	20/68	09/48	Generally fair weather	
5	Upper Sagaing	28/82	13/55	Generally fair weather	
6	Lower Sagaing	33/91	14/57	Generally fair weather	
7	Tanintharyi	34/93	20/68	Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers	(60%)
8	Bago	35/95	16/61	Generally fair weather	
9	Maganay	35/95	16/61	Generally fair weather	
10	Mandalay	34/93	15/59	Generally fair weather	
11	Mon	36/97	20/68	Generally fair weather	
12	Yangon	36/97	18/64	Generally fair weather	
13	Rakhine	31/88	15/59	Generally fair weather	
14	Southern Shan	27/81	08/46	Generally fair weather	
15	Northern Shan	29/84	04/39	Generally fair weather	
16	Eastern Shan	30/86	08/46	Generally fair weather	
17	Ayeyawady	35/95	20/68	Generally fair weather	
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	36/97	14/57	Generally fair weather	
19	Neighbouring Yangon	36/97	18/64	Generally fair weather	
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	34/93	15/59	Generally fair weather	

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today

During the past (24) hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Tanintharyi Region and Kachin State and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Night temperatures were (1-3°C) below February average temperatures in Bago Region and Kayin State, (3°C) above February average temperatures in Chin State and about February average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant night temperatures were Nantshon and Hebo (3°C) each, Lashio, Pindling and Lolita (4°C) each.

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

State of the Sea: Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar areas.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Rain or thundershowers in the Northern Myanmar areas.

Death toll in Philippines earthquake rises to 22



Residents rush to higher grounds following tsunami rumours due to a magnitude 6.9 earth-quake which hit the island province of Cebu and other central Philippine provinces Monday, 6 Feb, 2012.—INTERNET

MANILA, 7 Feb—Dozens of people were still missing Tuesday following a strong earthquake that triggered landslides and damaged buildings and roads on a central Philippine island. The death toll reached 22, but officials said it was likely to rise further as rescuers struggle to reach remote areas.

Monday's magnitude-6.9 quake also collapsed bridges on Negros Island, forcing soldiers and firefighters to hike mountains to reach remote villages. Most of the confirmed deaths were in Planas village, a part of Guihulngan town where some 30 houses were buried under concrete debris.

Benito Ramos, head of the Office of Civil Defence, said by telephone that the number of dead from the earthquake had risen to 22. Most of the new deaths were injured victims who died in the hospital, he said. But Adrian Sedillo, a disaster council officer in Negros Oriental province, said the death toll was likely to rise. There were reports of at least 14 more deaths, but the number will be added to the official count only after authorities verify that the bodies have been recovered, he said.

One of the dead not yet included in the count was a young woman whose body was dug out of a landslide in the mountain village of Solongon in La Libertad town. An unknown number of people were trapped there when a part of the mountain collapsed on about 100 houses.

Manila's ABS-CBN television showed footage of the woman's parents wailing at the landslide site after her body was retrieved late Tuesday by soldiers using shovels. The report said the woman had managed to send a text message to her relatives hours earlier telling them she was still alive and pleading for rescuers to hurry.

Guihulngan Mayor Ernesto Reyes said crews were using backhoes to try to rescue people, but he added that at the rate deaths were being reported, the town may run out of coffins.

The damage may be worse than officials realized because the quake cut off communications to some villages, Reyes said. "We have no water and power because electric posts were toppled," he told *The Associated Press* by phone. "Many of our roads were damaged, including bridges, and stores are closed. We're isolated." President Benigno Aquino III will fly to Dumaguete city on Negros Island on Wednesday to inspect areas damaged from the quake and meet with victims of the temblor, his spokesman Edwin Lacierda said.—Internet

Focus Myanmar TV Programme

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL

(8-2-12 09:30 am - 9-2-12 09:30 am) MST

Oversea Transmission

- * News
- * Memorable Trip of Delegates from GMS Tourism Meeting (Part-I)
- * News
- * The Land of Justice, Freedom and Equality
- * News
- * Let's have delicacy!
- * News
- * Workshop on Designation of Gulf of Mottama as a Ramsar Site
- * News
- * Exceptional Paintings in Trish Gallery
- * Sakura Car Sale Centre
- * News
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * A Trip to the City of Rakkhita, Rakhine
- * News
- * Elegant Myanmar Dance (Part I)
- * Myanmar Movies
- "Dutiful But Thoughtless Son"

MYANMAR TV

(8-2-2012) (Wednesday)

- 7:00 am
- 1. Paritta by Venerable Mingun Sayadaw
- 7:30 am
- 2. Morning News
- 7:50 am
- 3. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:00 am
- 4. Health programme
- 8:05 am
- 5. Cultural Dances
- 8:30 am
- 6. 65th Anniversary Union Day Programme
- 4:00 pm
- 7. Martial Song
- 4:15 pm
- 8. Musical Programme
- 4:20 pm
- 9. 65th Anniversary Union Day Programme
- 4:30 pm
- 10. 2010 Myanma Motion Picture Outstanding Awards (Academy Awards) (Delay)
- 06:00 pm
- 11. Evening News
- 8:00 pm
- 12. News
- 13. Weather Report
- 14. 2010 Myanma Motion Picture Outstanding Awards (Academy Awards) (Delay)

DISTRICT NEWS

Red Cross branch opened

LABUTTA, 7 Feb—The new building of Labutta Township Red Cross Society branch, with the assistance of International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, was opened in 3rd-Mile Myothit of Labutta Township on 26 January.

President of Myanmar Red Cross Society Prof Dr Tha Hla Shwe, Deputy Commissioner U Aye Maung Kyi and Resident Representative Mr Brand Schell (IFRC) formally opened the 30 feet long and 30 feet wide two-storey RC building. It cost K 40 million.—District IPRD



Rising of pass rate in matriculation examination talked



TAIKKYI, 7 Feb—Talks on increase of pass rate in matriculation examination were held at Bantbwekwin Basic Education High School and Phalon BEHS in Taikkyi Township 30 January.

Pro-Rector Dr Daw Khin Aye Aye of Yangon University of Distance Education talked about mathematics at two BEHSs and presented teaching aids to 150 students. Chairperson of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Khin Thet Wai and party fed the students with refreshment.—Township IPRD

Sixth day session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw continues



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann of Zeyathiri Constituency holds discussion.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Feb—The sixth day session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw continued today at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building, attended by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 563 Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives. At the session, Secretary of Joint Bill Committee Pyithu Hluttaw Representative of Sagaing Region ChaungU Township Constituency U Saw Hla Tun read out the observations and remarks regarding the

national planning bills.

Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein tabled a motion to discuss the national planning bills in Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and it was seconded by a Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representative. Then, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approved the proposal.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann of Zeyathiri Constituency said that the task of approving the bills submitted by the Union Government is to be decided by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw comprising public representatives. The paper submitted by a government representative still needs to include national development plans that serve the best interests of the nation. At the same time, **a human resource development project that is the best and the most reliable should be implemented with adequate investment.**

To ensure high morale, good discipline and improved education, the motto 'Morale, Discipline and Education' of the education ministry is to be taught in basic education schools, institutes, colleges and universities across the country. In this context, it is necessary to open agricultural and livestock breeding high schools, technical high schools and institutes and other vocational high schools and institutes in a harmonious manner. Courses on training for trainers, vocational training, job training

and occupational training in respective subjects need to be conducted at respective schools for capacity enhancement of students who have graduated, said the Speaker.

Awarding pay, salaries and allowance to personnel at different levels, conducting training and educative programs and adopting carrot and stick approach that can lead to promoting morale and discipline have the potential to ensure clean government and good governance as underscored by the President.

It is also necessary to award enough salaries and allowance for teachers, police forces, military servicemen, departmental personnel and low-level administrative bodies. For those performing defence duties, especially Tatmadawmen who are serving by risking their lives, ration money, uniforms and other expenses should be provided at least as the same amount of those provided in 1959-1960.

The Speaker continued that there are unavoidable high commodity prices and low prices of paddy and other crops that today's farmers and livestock breeders have to experience. The losses that producers are facing can have a great impact on farmers, workers and service personnel.

However, prices of paddy in fields and prices of fish in breeding ponds are far lower than production costs whilst paddy (See page 11)

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing extends warm welcome to Malaysian Chief of Defence Force



Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing and Chief of Defence Force of Malaysian Armed Forces General Tan Sri Dato' Sri Zulkifeli bin Mohd Zin take salute of Guard of Honour.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Feb—Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing extended a warm welcome to Chief of Defence Force of Malaysian Armed Forces General Tan Sri Dato' Sri Zulkifeli bin Mohd Zin who is on a goodwill visit to Myanmar at Zeyathiri

Beikman here this morning.

Also present at the ceremony were Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Lt-Gen Soe Win, Lt-Gen Hla Htay Win of Office of Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services,

Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, senior military officers from Office of Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, (See page 11)

Kayin State peace-making group, KNU/KNLA Peace Council sign initial peace agreement

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Yoetayoke-Kyauktaw railroad section, first-ever section opened in time of new government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar



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Premier League Trophy Tour set for Thailand

Interactive experience for fans will take place in Bangkok this weekend

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