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President U Thein Sein receives FRG Minister of Economic Cooperation and Development, EU Commissioner for Development

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Feb—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein received a delegation led by Minister of Economic Cooperation and Development Mr Dirk Niebel of the Federal Republic of Germany and a delegation led by European Union Commissioner for Development Mr Andris Piebalgs at the Credentials Hall of the President Residence, here, at 11 am today.

Also present at the call together with President U Thein Sein were Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanma Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Maung, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein and departmental heads.

The delegation led by Minister Mr Dirk Niebel and the delegation led by EU Commissioner for Development Mr Andris Piebalgs were accompanied by Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr Christian Ludwig Weber Lortsch.

At the call, they cordially discussed assistance for development process of Myanmar and exchanged views.—MNA



President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein poses with Minister of Economic Cooperation and Development Mr Dirk Niebel of Germany and EU Commissioner for Development Mr Andris Piebalgs.—MNA

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PERSPECTIVES

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Blaze of greed and anger

We always need to be aware of the danger of fire. Once started, it could cause boundless losses. All too often, fire is put out by hands. If not, it causes serious loss.

Everyone has a fear for fire. There are many other fires as dreadful as literal meaning of fire: the blaze of greed and the blaze of anger.

They share common nature—even more serious—with the fire. As fire ravages possessions, they destroy one's life and said to be more dreadful.

Irrationality and jealousy raise the temperature of one's mind, burning more and more inside. The fire anyone ignites burns himself. We need to put out these fires before it get blazed up.

There are many examples that insatiability and temper bring oneself to the tragic end. Trailing the greed, some go beyond the framework of law. Following the anger, some commit crimes.

There is no hideout for offenders. They must face legal actions. Penalties are disgraceful and dreadful. Being shameful, one may avoid breaching laws and committing crimes.

If with much greed, there will be no room for shame in mind. If with much anger, reasoning power will be lost.

We have to put out the fire of greed and of anger by satiation and patience.

Ba Htoo Road opened in Myaungmya Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Feb—The opening of Ba Htoo Road in Myaungmya Township was held on 9 February as a gesture of honouring 65th Anniversary Union Day.

Chairman of Legislation Committee of Ayeyawady Region Government U Pyone Cho, Deputy Commissioner of Myaungmya District U Min Htoo Kyaw, Township Administrator U Ko Ko Latt and officials attended the ceremony.—MNA

MMCWA Floricultural Training Course concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Feb—The concluding ceremony of Floricultural Training Course No (1/2012) of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association was held at the meeting hall of the association in Dekkhinathiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 10 February.

MMCWA Chair Dr Mon Mon Aung made a speech. Outstanding trainees were then awarded. A CEC member presented completion certificates to trainees and another, gifts and certificates of honour to instructors. The five-week course was concluded by 53 trainees.—MNA

People's General Hospital (Sagaing) handed over

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Feb—A ceremony to open People's General Hospital (Sagaing) was held at the hospital in Sagaing on 11 February, attended by Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin and wife, and Chief Minister of Sagaing Region U Tha Aye. The Union Minister formally unveiled the

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives German Minister of Economic Cooperation and Development and party



Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann receives Minister of Economic Cooperation and Development Mr Dirk Niebel of the Federal Republic of Germany at Zabuthiri Hall of Hluttaw Building.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Feb—Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann received a delegation led by Minister of Economic Cooperation and Development Mr Dirk Niebel of the Federal Republic of Germany at Zabuthiri Hall of Hluttaw Building, here, at 9.30 am today.

At the call, the Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw made a initial clarifications on actual progress of political and economic sectors in Myanmar, and necessities for development of economy in conformity with political progress. They discussed promotion of cooperation between Myanmar and EU in addition to that of Myanmar and Germany, economic cooperation and development of human

resources, arrangements of Germany to achieve more progress in agriculture and industrial sectors, and undertakings of the Hluttaw while Germany is providing assistance.

Also present at the call were chairmen and members of Pyithu Hluttaw Committees. The German Minister and party were accompanied by Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany Mr Christian Ludwig Weber Lortsch and embassy officials.

After the call, the German Minister and party viewed convening of the 10th day session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building.

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EU Commissioner for Development calls on Union Minister for Foreign Affairs



Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin receives European Union Commissioner for Development Mr Andris Piebalgs.

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NAY PYI TAW, 13 Feb—European Union Commissioner for Development Mr Andris Piebalgs called on Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin at his

office, here, at 9 am today.

They exchanged views on future cooperation between the EU and Myanmar.—MNA

Shan State Chief Minister attends opening of roads, diversion of Bilu Creek

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Feb—As a gesture of honouring the 65th Anniversary Union Day, the Ba Htoo asphalt road was inaugurated in Aungpan on 1 February morning.

After the opening ceremony, Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat and guests walked on the road.

The State Chief Minister attended the cornerstone laying ceremony for the Kyon Brokerage in Pindaya of Danu Self-Administered Zone.

He also attended the ceremony to divert water of Bilu Creek at Upper Biluchaung Hydropower Project in Intein Village-tract

in Nyaungshwe Township. The State Chief Minister, Deputy Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Myint Zaw and state ministers participated in the diversion of the creek water.

After that, he attended the opening of Aungpan-Intein and Intein-Khaungtaing Road.—MNA

Tobacco Kills

Last year Artemio admitted the Shining Path had been defeated.—INTERNET



LIMA, 13 Feb — The leader of the remnants of Peru's once-powerful Shining Path rebel group has been captured, government officials have announced. The guerrilla leader known as "Comrade Artemio" was found badly wounded after a

Peru Shining Path leader Comrade Artemio captured

trafficking. President Ollanta Humala said the capture of Artemio marked the defeat of the Shining Path in the Alto Huallaga valley - a centre of cocaine production. "In the name of the police and the army we can say to the country: mission accomplished," Mr Humala said during a visit to the units involved. Mr Humala added that he would now step up the fight against the other remaining band of Shining Path rebels in the Ene-Apurimac valley. Initial reports said Artemio — whose real name is Florindo Eleuterio Flores — was dead. But Defence

Minister Alberto Otarola said he had been found alive but badly wounded. "He has practically lost his right arm and he is being given medical attention," Mr Otarola said. Some Peruvian media reports suggested Artemio may have been betrayed or abandoned by his fellow guerrillas. He has been flown to the capital Lima for questioning and further medical treatment. Last December Artemio admitted to reporters that the Shining Path had been defeated, and said the remaining rebels were ready to negotiate with the government.

Internet



The rebel camp was in the jungle region near San Vicente.—INTERNET

Colombia seizes All cap rebels' explosives cache

BOGOTA, 13 Feb — The Colombian security forces have seized three tonnes of explosives and arms belonging to the country's biggest left-wing rebel group, the All cap. Officers found the explosives in an abandoned rebel camp in the jungle in the south of the country. They said they had been tipped off by rebels who had handed themselves in to the authorities.

The seizure comes 10 days after the Farc set off a bomb outside a police station in Tumaco, killing 11 people. Security officials said they had seized 3,200 sticks of explosives, as well as landmines and hundreds of grenades. Col Wilson Diaz said the camp on the shores of the river Yari was large enough to house around 100 rebels.

The colonel said the seizure had been one of the largest in that region for years. All cap rebels have stepped up their offensive against the security forces since their leader, Alfonso Cano, was killed in a military raid in November. Earlier on Saturday, three soldiers were killed in a rebel grenade attack in the mountains of Valle del Cauca Province.—Internet

Blast rocks Afghan southern town, kills one, wounds one

TRINKOT, 13 Feb — A bomb blast rocked Trinkot the capital of Uruzgan Province 370 km south of capital City Kabul on Monday, killing one person and injuring another, police said.

"It was a remote-controlled bomb blast took place at around 08:00 am local time in Trinkot City as a result one person namely Mohammadullah was killed and another injured," deputy to provincial police chief Gulab Khan told Xinhua.

The man killed in the blast was a contractor who supplied food items to police, he further, adding the injured man was a civilian and relative of Mohammadullah. Meantime, an eye witness who declined to give his name said three civilians were injured in the blast.

Xinhua

Bali bombing suspect Umar Patek on trial in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 13 Feb — Umar Patek, an alleged mastermind of the 2002 Bali bombing that killed 202 people, was put on trial in Indonesia. The charges against him, some carrying the death penalty, were read out in a Jakarta court on Monday. He faces six counts including premeditated murder, bomb-making and illegal firearms possession.

Patek is believed to be a key member of Jemaah Islamiyah (JI), the militant Islamist group blamed for the attacks and linked to al-

Qaeda. He was arrested in January 2011 in Abbottabad, Pakistan, where Osama bin Laden was later killed. In August he was extradited to Indonesia in a move seen at the time as a significant coup for anti-terror agencies in the country.

The trial is expected to go on for months, says the BBC's Indonesia Correspondent, Karishma Vaswani. A verdict would likely be delivered at the end of May or in early June. Security analysts believed it was no coincidence that he was

caught in the same town as where the former al-Qaeda leader was hiding, but officials could not confirm whether the two had met. Bin Laden was killed in a raid by United States forces in May 2011.—Internet



Umar Patek is accused of assembling the devices in the 2002 Bali bombing.—INTERNET

Iran's IRGC to stage new ground military drills

TEHERAN, 13 Feb — The Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) Ground Force has planned to carry out new military exercises by the end of the current Iranian calendar year (starting March 20), the local satellite Press TV reported. Commander of the IRGC Ground Forces Brigadier General Mohammad Pakpour said Sunday that the IRGC is completely prepared to strike back at any act of aggression against the Islamic Republic, said the report.

According to Pakpour, the main purpose of IRGC military drills is to improve the combat preparedness of Iranian forces for any possible military attack. The report did not specify the location

of the next IRGC military drills. Last week, IRGC Ground Forces wrapped up the "Hamiane Velayat" (supporters of Velayat) military drills in southern Iran. Pakpour said that all elements of a tactical commando raid and aerial combat were "successfully" practiced during the ground military drills.

The IRGC forces also launched air offensive and defensive operations, carried out heliborne and anti-heliborne maneuvers and ambushed the hypothetical enemies' armored and mechanized columns, and the forces exercised the aerial transportation of military equipment as well as overnight raids during the

military maneuvers, Pakpour said. The drills were intended to convey a message of peace and friendship to the countries in the Middle East, while advising Iran's enemies to observe prudence in their behavior towards the Islamic Republic, he added.

Iran has said that its exercises in the southern waters and the nearby areas are aimed at maintaining readiness to confront threats in the Persian Gulf, the Sea of Oman and the Strait of Hormuz, an important passage for oil tankers. Teheran has also threatened to close the strait if it cannot sell its oil in the face of Western sanctions against the Islamic Republic.

Xinhua

US Navy: Iran prepares suicide bomb boats in Gulf

MANAMA, 13 Feb — Iran has built up its naval forces in the Gulf and prepared boats that could be used in suicide attacks, but the US Navy can prevent it from blocking the Strait of Hormuz, the commander of US naval forces in the region said on Sunday. Iran has made a series of threats in recent weeks to disrupt shipping in the Gulf or strike US forces in retaliation if its oil trade is shut down by sanctions, or if its disputed nuclear programme comes under attack.

"They have increased the number of submarines...they increased the number of fast attack craft," Vice Admiral Mark Fox told reporters.

"Some of the small boats have been outfitted with a large warhead that could be used as a suicide explosive device. The Iranians have a large mine inventory." "We have watched with interest their development of long range rockets and short, medium and long range ballistic missiles and of course... the development of their nuclear programme," Fox, who heads the US Fifth Fleet, said at a briefing on the fleet's base in the Gulf state of Bahrain. Iran now has 10 small submarines, he said.

Military experts say the US Navy's Fifth Fleet patrolling the Gulf, which always has at least one giant supercarrier accompanied by

scores of jets and a fleet of frigates and destroyers, is overwhelmingly more powerful than Iran's navy. But ever since al-Qaeda suicide bombers in a small boat killed 17 sailors on board the destroyer USS Cole in a port in Yemen in 1996, Washington has been wary of the vulnerability of its huge battleships to bomb attacks by small enemy craft. Asked whether the US Navy was prepared for an attack or other trouble in the Gulf, Fox said: "We are very vigilant, we have built a wide range of options to give the president and we are ready... What if it happened tonight? We are ready today." — Reuters

Turkey 'bombs Iraq hideouts of Kurdish rebels PKK'

ISTANBUL, 13 Feb — Turkish warplanes have bombed suspected Kurdish rebel targets in northern Iraq, Turkey's military says. The jets hit caves and hideouts in the regions of Zap and Hakurk late on Saturday before

returning to base, the military said in a statement. No further details were given.

The rebel Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) has been fighting for autonomy in Turkey's largely Kurdish south-east since 1984 in a

conflict that has claimed tens of thousands of lives. Northern Iraq has long been used as a base by the PKK for attacks inside Turkey. Fighting between Turkish forces and the PKK has escalated in recent months.—Internet



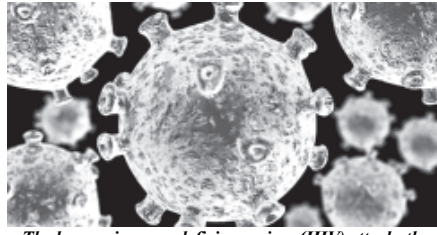
Photo shows China's J-20 fighter.—XINHUA

Immune cells use 'starvation tactics' on HIV

LONDON, 13 Feb — Scientists have shown how some cells in the body can repel attacks from HIV by starving the virus of the building blocks of life. Viruses cannot replicate on their own; they must hijack other cells and turn them into virus production factories. A study, published in *Nature Immunology*, showed how some parts of the immune system destroy their own raw materials, stopping HIV.

It is uncertain whether this could be used in therapy, experts caution. HIV attacks the immune system and can weaken the body's defences to the point that everyday infections become fatal. However, not all parts of the immune system become subverted to the virus' cause. Macrophages and dendritic cells, which have important roles in orchestrating the immune response, seem to be more resistant.

Last year researchers identified the protein SAMHD1 as being a critical part of this resistance. Now scientists believe they know how it works. They have shown that SAMHD1 breaks down the building blocks of DNA. So if a cell needs to make a copy of itself it will have a pool of these building blocks - deoxynucleoside triphosphates or



The human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) attacks the immune system.—INTERNET

dNTPs — which make the new copies of the DNA. However, they can also be used by viruses.

The study, by an international team of researchers, showed that SAMHD1 lowered the levels of dNTPs below that needed to build viral DNA and prevented infection. When they removed SAMHD1 then those cells had higher levels of dNTPs and were infected by HIV. The report said: "By depleting the pool of available dNTPs, SAMHD1 effectively starves the virus of a building block that is central to its replication strategy." It is possible for macrophages and dendritic cells to produce SAMHD1 as they are "mature cells" which do not go on to produce new cells.—*Internet*

Overeating may double risk of memory loss

WASHINGTON, 13 Feb — Older people who eat too much are at risk for memory impairment, a new study contends. People 70 and older who eat between 2,100 and 6,000 calories a day may be at double the risk of these deficits in memory, which can be an early sign of Alzheimer's disease, the study authors said.

"Excessive daily caloric consumption may not be brain-health friendly," said lead researcher Dr Yonas Geda, an associate professor of neurology and psychiatry at the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale, Ariz.

"It may sound like a cliché, but we need to be mindful of our daily caloric consumption," he said. "The bottom line is that eating in moderation, not in excess amount, may be good for your brain."

The results of the study are due to be presented in April at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Neurology, in New Orleans. The data and conclusions should be viewed as preliminary until published in a peer-reviewed journal.

For the study, investigators collected data on more than 1,200 people, aged 70 to 89, living in

Olmsted County, Minn. Among these people, 163 had been diagnosed with the memory deficits known as "mild cognitive impairment." Each person told the researchers how much they ate. One-third ate between 600 and 1,525 calories a day, one-third between 1,526 and 2,142 calories a day, and one-third ate between 2,143 and 6,000 calories a day.

Among those who ate the most, the odds of being diagnosed with the impaired-memory disorder was more than twice that of those who ate the least, the researchers found. There was no significant increase in risk for memory problems among those in the middle group, the researchers added.

These findings remained the same after taking into account a history of stroke, diabetes, education and other risk factors for memory loss.

Internet



A saleswoman takes cans of Red Bull beverage off shelves in a large supermarket in Shanghai, east China, on 11 Feb, 2012. XINHUA

Red Bull off shelf over additive fears

SHANGHAI, 13 Feb — Supermarkets in major Chinese cities have taken Red Bull products off their shelves over fears that the energy drink may contain banned additives. The scare

was triggered by recent media reports in Harbin that stated that some of the beverage's ingredients are not registered with the State Food and Drug Administration (SFDA) and are not approved for vitamin functional beverages. The ingredients include sodium benzoate, a preservative that, when combined with caffeine, may produce a substance considered an A-class drug for psychiatric treatment.

An overdose of the substance could cause headaches, stress, anxiety,

tinnitus and addiction, said Dr Zhang Jing from the First Hospital affiliated with the Harbin University of Medical Science. Other additives found in Red Bull products, including sodium citrate, citric acid, carmine pigment and tartrazine, are also not registered with the SFDA, according to a list of Red Bull ingredients posted on the SFDA's website. The SFDA and its provincial bureaus have launched an investigation, but have not ordered removal of the drinks as of Saturday.—*Xinhua*



Boeing says it's frustrated with Dreamliner glitch

SINGAPORE, 13 Feb — Boeing Co, the world's second-largest plane maker, is frustrated with the latest 787 Dreamliner production glitch, but it shouldn't delay output goals, a top executive said on Sunday. Boeing has fixed a shimming problem discovered earlier this month on some 787 fuselages and plans to inspect other planes for the error, Boeing vice president of 787 development Mark Jenks said. Shims are used to close tiny gaps in joints.

"It's a pretty straightforward issue," Jenks told reporters in Singapore. "It shouldn't have any significant impact on our production ramp-up." Boeing still plans to boost production from a current two to three 787s per month to 10 of the planes per month by the end of next year, Jenks said. Boeing delivered its first Dreamliners last year to All Nippon Airways after a parts shortage, a labor strike and a fire on a test flight triggered several delays and pushed back delivery by three years.—*Internet*



Press members and Boeing officials tour the interior of a Boeing 787 Dreamliner during a press preview in Singapore, on 12 Feb, 2012. The company's newest jetliner is here for the Singapore Airshow 2012 as part of their 'Dream Tour 2011-2012.—INTERNET

Airlines seek United Nations deal on EU carbon scheme

WASHINGTON, 13 Feb — The International Air Transport Association (IATA) has called for the United Nations to broker a deal between airlines and the European Union (EU) on the EU Emissions Trading Scheme. It comes days after China banned its airlines from joining the scheme, which levies a charge on flights in EU airspace based on carbon emissions.

Other nations such as the US and Canada have also



Airlines have said the emissions scheme will put more pressure on their costs.—INTERNET

opposed the plan. IATA said if not resolved quickly, the issue could hurt all parties involved. "I very much hope of course that we are not

seeing the beginning of a trade war on this issue and eventually wiser counsels will prevail," said Tony Tyler, Director General of IATA.

The United States tried to block the introduction of emissions charges late last year, in a case heard by the European Court of Justice. However, the court ruled that they were legal. Since then the US has called for the issue to be dealt with by an international aviation body. It, along with Canada, says the charges levied under the scheme violate climate change and aviation pacts.—*Internet*

Greek parliament approves crucial austerity bill

ATHENS, 13 Feb — Greece's parliament has approved an austerity and debt-relief bill, crucial for the country to avoid bankruptcy and remain in the eurozone.

Lawmakers voted on early Monday in favor of the bill that imposes harsh new austerity measures in return for a euro130 billion (\$171 billion) new bailout agreement and related deal with private creditors to shave euro100 billion (\$132 billion) off the country's national debt.

The vote occurred after extensive rioting and looting swept through the Greek Capital.

Internet



Greece's Finance Minister Evangelos Venizelos, bottom left and Foreign deputy Minister Dimitris Donis applaud Prime Minister Lucas Papademos prior to his speech to the lawmakers during a debate at the Parliament on 12 Feb, 2012.

INTERNET



Lab study raises questions over nano-particle impact



Tests involving chickens have raised questions about the impact on health from engineered nano-particles, the ultra-fine grains commonly used in drugs and processed foods, scientists said. Chickens exposed to high oral doses of polystyrene particles 50 nanometres (50 billionths of a metre) across absorbed less iron in their diet, according to their study. — INTERNET

NEW YORK, 13 Feb — Tests involving chickens that were chronically exposed to these doses had a “remodelling” of their intestinal villi, the microscopic finger-like projections that play an important role in absorbing nutrients. The changes meant that the villi increased the surface area available for taking in iron. Intestinal uptake of calcium, copper, zinc and vitamins A, D, E and K may also be affected by

high exposure to nanoparticles, although further research is needed to investigate this, say the authors. The team, led by Michael Shuler of Cornell University in New York, tested the particles on chickens as a substitute for the human intestine and also used lab-dish cells from the lining of the human gut.

INTERNET

How to observe Gemini, the heavenly twin constellation

NEW YORK, 13 Feb — If you head outside around 10:30 pm local time this week and look straight up, you’ll be looking directly at Gemini, the Twin Brothers. The heads of the Gemini twins are the bright stars Pollux (yellowish) and Castor (white; a bit dimmer than Pollux). According to Greek mythology, the twins were the sons of Zeus and Leda and brothers of Helen of Troy. Ancient mariners regarded Pollux and Castor as the patrons of seafarers, and in Elizabethan times they were also considered the protectors of all at sea. The expression “by Jiminy!” — an exclamation of surprise or awe — has been said to be a popular corruption of ancient swears by these patrons (“by Gemini!”). In addition, the twins were often billed as adventurers, warriors and famous navigators.

Most of the other stars that compose the constellation figures’ arms and bodies are noticeably fainter than those in their heads and feet. A second-magnitude star known as Alhena marks one of Pollux’s feet (on the astronomers’ brightness scale of magnitudes, the lower the number, the brighter the star). — INTERNET

Japan’s Fukushima reactor may be reheating



The crippled Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power station is seen through a bus window in Okuma in 2011. Temperature readings at one of the crippled Fukushima nuclear reactors have risen above Japan’s stringent new safety standard but there was no immediate danger, its operator said on Sunday. — INTERNET

gradual heating this month and reached 82 degrees Celsius (179.6 degrees Fahrenheit) Sunday. The temperature was above the 80-degree safety standard newly employed by Japan’s nuclear safety authority, prompting the utility to publicise the reading and notify public agencies.

But it remains below the 100 degree level that the government says is needed to maintain the safe state of

“cold shutdown”. The utility said it will check the accuracy of the thermometer in question, as two others on the same reactor have been measuring its temperature at around 35 degrees. Gas samples from the reactor did not indicate any new critical reaction, and other monitors and data do not suggest heating and increased steam, TEPCO said.

INTERNET



Video game sales fall ahead of PlayStation Vita launch

LONDON, 13 Feb — Video game sales slumped in the US — their biggest market — in January. NPD group said stores sold \$1.14bn (£720m) worth of games over the month, down 34% on the previous year. It added that hardware sales were down 38%. The consumer data provider linked the drop to a lack of major new releases.

Other analysts also pointed to worries about the economy and said this might have an impact on the upcoming launch of Sony’s PlayStation Vita console. NPD said that Activision Blizzard’s Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 3 was the month’s best-selling title. It was followed by Just Dance 3, Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim and NBA 2K12.

Microsoft’s Xbox 360 held onto its title as the top selling hardware platform for the sixth month running. “While the lack of new launches was a major reason for software declines, games which launched in the last three months of 2011 also performed poorly in January 2012,



NBA 2K12 was the best selling sports title in January.

INTERNET

down 31% in units compared to fourth quarter launches in January 2011,” NPD analyst Liam Callahan added.

“As shoppers were not drawn to stores due to new launch activity, this potentially impacted additional software purchases made on impulse.” The video games news website, IGN, said it had noted a similar drop-off in activity in the UK market. It said sales should pick up when Mass Effect 3 goes on sale in March, but noted that shoppers were worried. — INTERNET

Apple launches new legal attack on Samsung phones

NEW YORK, 13 Feb — Apple Inc has asked a federal court in California to block Samsung Electronics Co Ltd from selling its new Galaxy Nexus smartphones, alleging patent violations. In a suit filed last week in San Jose, Apple said the Galaxy Nexus infringes on patents underlying features customers expect from its products. Those include the ability to unlock phones by sliding an image and to search for information by voice. Samsung spokespersons did not immediately return requests for comment.

With the new suit, Apple is opening up another legal assault on the Korea-based company after taking Samsung to the same court in April of last year. In the earlier case, Apple alleges that Samsung illegally copied

iPhone and iPad design features and the look of its screen icons. [N18125665] That case is still going on, though in December Apple lost a bid for a preliminary bar against Samsung for selling Galaxy phones and tablets.

Apple acknowledged the setback in the new action and said now it is suing over new products and different patents. In addition to the California cases, Apple and Samsung are waging more than 20 legal fights in at least 10 countries in their war for global leadership of smartphone and tablet markets. The new case in US District Court, Northern District of California, is Apple Inc v Samsung Electronics Co Ltd, et al 12-00630. — Reuters



The company’s logo is seen on the Apple store in Washington.

INTERNET

RUU leak and sources confirm quad-core HTC Endeavor to run Ice Cream Sandwich



NEW YORK, 13 Feb — The rate at which mobile is catching up to laptops and desktops is astounding. While most details surrounding the renamed HTC Endeavor (once known as the HTC Edge) were revealed in November, MoDaCo’s sources and a leaked ROM Update Utility for the Endeavor have

confirmed our suspicions. Until now, two pieces to the puzzle remained out of place: Will the Endeavor would run on Honeycomb or Ice Cream Sandwich? And will it run Sense 4.0? MoDaCo’s sources have revealed that the device will run on Android Ice Cream Sandwich 4.0.3, and will be one of the first devices include HTC’s latest user interface, Sense 4.0. But while expectant fans are waiting for the official reveal at this year’s Mobile World Conference, the latest Apple injunction to ban the sales of

Samsung’s Galaxy Nexus may be a cause for concern. The lawsuit filed against Samsung was revealed to be a direct attack on Google’s latest OS, Ice Cream Sandwich. If HTC does run ICE on the Endeavor, Apple could, if felt threatened, decide to file a preliminary injunction against the Taiwanese smartphone maker to block sales of the device. If the courts favor Apple in their patent suit against Samsung, it is likely that they will turn their attention to HTC, who filed a patent suit against Apple

back in September. In the meantime, as the anticipation builds, you can download the unreleased test ROM Update Utility for the HTC Endeavor, leaked onto xda developers here: HTC Endeavor RUU. To date, the following are the specs you should be expecting on the HTC Endeavor: Android 4.0.3 Ice Cream Sandwich Sense 4.01.5GHz quad-core Tegra 3 processor 1GB of RAM 32GB internal storage 4.7-inch 720p display 8MP rear-facing camera / 1.3MP front-facing camera WiFi 802.11 a/b/g/n Bluetooth 4.0 Quad-band HSPA+ radio.

INTERNET



Premier Wen urges economic reforms

BEIJING, 13 Feb—Premier Wen Jiabao has pledged to use further reforms to solve problems with China's economic structure, unfair income distribution and corruption. The government should better handle issues related to people's livelihood and address public concerns on price levels, the affordability of housing, and incomes, Wen said.

The Premier made the remarks in five separate meetings over the past week to solicit opinions from representatives of different

sectors of society on the draft of a government work report to be delivered at the annual session of the National People's Congress, China's top legislature, early next month. After hearing entrepreneurs' reports on the country's industries ranging from energy to automobiles to finance, Wen said the government is paying close attention to the economic situation in January and the first quarter of this year. "We have to make a proper judgement as early as possible when things happen and take

quick action," Wen said, adding fine-tuning of macro policies should begin in the first quarter.

He said according to the macro prudent requirement, the government will maintain the continuity and flexibility of policies. Zhang Yuliang, chairman of Shanghai-based developer Greenland Group, suggested the government stabilize macro control over the housing market with improved policies concerning affordable housing and commercial real estate.

Xinhua



Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao (C) presides over a meeting with experts and scholars at Zhongnanhai, the central government compound in Beijing, capital of China, on 6 Feb, 2012.—XINHUA

Brazil's Lula declared cancer-free after medical exam

RIO DE JANEIRO, 13 Feb—Brazil's former President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva has no sign of the throat cancer he was treated for, doctors on Sunday. Lula was admitted to the Syrian-Lebanese Hospital in Sao Paulo on Saturday after complaining of fatigue and loss of appetite, but after extensive medical exams doctors said there was no sign of the cancerous tumour he was diagnosed with late last year.

"We took advantage of the exams to evaluate the tumour, and from a tomographical point of view, the tumour can no longer be seen," one of Lula's doctors, oncologist Artur Katz, told local paper *Folha de Sao Paulo*. However, doctors will still have to conduct an endoscopy at the end of the current round of chemotherapy in about four to six weeks to determine whether the tumour is completely gone, he added. Lula was diagnosed with throat cancer in October and immediately underwent rigorous treatment.—Xinhua



3D painting of love.—XINHUA

Singapore Airshow rides on Asia-Pacific travel demand growth

SINGAPORE, 13 Feb—The biennial Singapore Airshow continued to grow this year, thanks to a strong growth in travel in the Asia-Pacific region, organizers said on Sunday.

The show, now in its third edition and one of the world's largest aerospace and defence exhibitions, will be held at the Changi Exhibition Centre from 14 Feb to 19 Feb.

Speaking at a press briefing ahead of the show, Jimmy Lau, managing director of the organizer Experia Events, said the response has been very positive, with the exhibition area growing despite uncertainties in the global economy. "This year the air show is occupying over 50,000 square metres of covered exhibition area. This is an increase from the last show in 2010 by at least 6.5 percent," he said.

There will be more than 900 exhibitors from 50 countries and regions and 266 delegations from some 80 countries. About 60 of the world's top 100 aerospace companies will be at the show, including Boeing, which has brought its "dreamliner" Boeing 787 as part of its third segment of its Dream Tour.

Over 65 of the latest

military aircraft, passenger airliners and luxury business jets will be featured at the outdoor static display on a space of over 100,000 square metres.

There will also be 22 national and group pavilions, including Japan and Ukraine pavilions for the first time. Lau said the Asia-Pacific region continued to attract the attention of the industry thanks to its resilient growth.

Xinhua

S Korea to implement procedures for free trade deal with Vietnam

SEOUL, 13 Feb—South Korea planned to implement domestic procedures necessary for free trade deal with Vietnam as part of efforts to strengthen economic ties with the South East Asian country, the finance ministry said on Monday.

"Based on a joint study completed in October 2011, we will take domestic procedures necessary to launch a negotiation on the ROK-Vietnam free trade agreement (FTA)," the Ministry of Strategy and Finance said in a statement.

The ministry noted that the bilateral free trade talks will include goods, services and investment as well as intellectual property rights and other issues, saying that the economic cooperation between the two

countries will expand into the energy and mineral resources sector.

Vietnam has recently emerged as a major export destination for South Korea due to the South East Asian economy's fast growth rate of over 6 percent, according to the ministry. Vietnam is the South Korea's eight-largest export destination, of which export volume surged to 13.6 billion US dollars in 2011 from 1.7 billion dollars a decade ago.

The ministry said that it will work out an export strategy tailored for Vietnam in the defence industry, adding that as for nuclear power plant export, South Korea will access the South East Asian nation from a long-term perspective.

Xinhua

Capriles wins right to challenge Venezuela's Hugo Chavez

CARACAS, 13 Feb—Venezuela's opposition has chosen Henrique Capriles Radonski to stand against President Hugo Chavez in October's election, say officials. The election of the Miranda State governor came after the opposition held its first ever primary. Voting was extended for a hour after what organizers said was a higher-than-expected turn-out.

President Chavez has said he is confident of winning reelection no matter who he ran against. The left-wing leader has governed Venezuela since 1999, winning repeated election victories. He had surgery for cancer last year but says he has recovered and is ready to campaign for another six-year term in office.

The primary, organized by the opposition Democratic Unity (MUD) coalition, was open to all Venezuelans of voting age, regardless of their political affiliation. "We are going to surpass all expectations of participation," Mr



Henrique Capriles said the real contest would start once the opposition candidate was selected.—INTERNET

Capriles said as he cast his vote in Caracas. "Today is a day for the future of Venezuela," he added.—Internet



Locals walk in snow in Zoucheng, east China's Shandong Province, on 12 Feb, 2012. Parts of Shandong Province witnessed a snowfall on Sunday.—XINHUA

Iran to fully launch Fordo nuclear enrichment facility "soon"

TEHRAN, 13 Feb—Informed sources in Iran's capital Tehran said that Fordo nuclear enrichment facility will become fully operational over the next few days, the local *Mehr* news agency reported on Sunday. Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said on Saturday that Iran will announce new "big" nuclear achievements in days.

"In the following days, the world will witness the inauguration of several big achievements in nuclear fields," he said addressing a large crowd of people gathered at Tehran's Azadi Square on the occasion of the 33rd anniversary of the Islamic revolution.

Early January, Iran's permanent representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Ali-Asghar Soltanieh said at the IAEA headquarters in Vienna that Iran had begun uranium enrichment at an underground bunker of the Fordo nuclear facility.

The Fordo nuclear plant has been built near the Iranian central Shi'ite holy city of Qom, which was used for producing up to 20 percent enriched uranium. The start of the nuke work at the Fordo site has increased international fear as the West suspects that Iran's uranium enrichment may be meant for moving closer to the ability to make nuclear weapons.

But Iran insists that its nuclear programme is only for the purpose of peaceful use.—Xinhua

Bo Myat Tun Bridge constructed by Myanmar engineers



* Bo Myat Tun Bridge is of vital importance for Ayeyawady and Yangon Regions and Rakhine State.
 * It links Nyaungdon Village in Nyaungdon Township on the east bank of Ayeyawady Region and Kyeinpinse Village in Nyaungdon Township on the west bank of Ayeyawady Region.

* The emergence of the bridge brought about swift and secure transport in the region and ceased daily troubles of local people waiting ferry at Nyaungdon Jetty and Sekkok Jetty.
 * The facility also contributes to smooth commodity flow, social, education, economic and health sectors as those from Ayeyawady Region can travel to Yangon Region in a short period of time.
Translation: TLA



Facts about Bo Myat Tun Bridge

1. The length of main bridge is 6164 feet.
2. The total length of the bridge is 8544 feet with the approach structure to Kyeinpinse is 1380 feet long and the approach structure to Thaugtan is 1000 feet long.
3. The bridge is of steel truss type and its lower part is reinforced concrete piers.
4. It is complete with 28 feet wide motorway flanked by two six feet wide pedestrian lanes. Its water clearance is 360 feet high and 57 feet long, and it can withstand 60 tons of loads.
5. The construction of the bridge started on 15-6-1996, and completed on 30-10-1999.

Archive: Maung Nyein Aye



UEC receives application for forming political party

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Feb — Union Election Commission received an application for establishing Pathi National Congress Party by 21 people including U Myint Wai today.

Regarding the application, the Union Election Commission has been coordinating with related ministries to check them whether they are agreed with provisions of the Section 4 and 6 of the Political Parties Registration Law.

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School building in Taungnyo Village opened to mark 65th Anniversary Union Day

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Feb — A two-storey school building was opened in Taungnyo Village, Ottarathiri Township as a gesture of hailing 65th Anniversary Union Day on 11 February.

The bronze plaque of the building for the village's basic education high school was unveiled by U Thein Nyunt, Union Minister at the President Office and Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council.

At the opening ceremony, the Union Minister urged local people and teachers to work together to produce intelligence and intelligentsias as the requirements of the school had been provided by the Nay Pyi Taw Council.

The council has been carrying out tasks for development of education, health and transportation sectors in the township, he said.

The construction of the building was funded by Ministry of Education, Nay Pyi Taw Council, construction companies and the people.

Work on construction of the building started in December, 2011.

After the ceremony, the Union Minister visited the Village of Hpayataung in the township where a specialist team was providing health care services to local people.

Ten specialist teams have been providing health care services to local people in eight townships in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area and around 1000 villagers from nine villages received medical care on 11 February.— *MNA*

Tenth Day session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw continues discussions on bills, clarification of a bill, submitting a new proposal carried out

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Feb—Tenth Day session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw took place at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here at 10 am today, attended by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 563 Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives.

Today session included continued discussions on bills, clarification of a bill and submitting a new proposal. At bills discussion session, discussion on respective sectors regarding farming, fishery, industry, electricity, communication, monetary, social and management, culture, education and transport that includes in National Planning Bills were held by U Ohn Tin of Rakhine State Constituency No.10, U Zone Teint of Chipwe Constituency, U Sai Ngaung Hsaing Hein of Maukmai Constituency, U Htay Yal of Kayah State Constituency No. 7, U Thein Nyunt of Thingangyun Constituency, U Sai Kyauk of Mongphyat Constituency, U Khin Maung Yee of Ayeyawady Region Constituency No.6, Dr Aye Maung of Rakhine State Constituency No.1, Defence Services Personnel Representatives Col Htay Naing and Col Tint Hsan, U Khaing Maung Yi (a) Khin Maung Yi of Ahlon Constituency and Dr Banyar Aung Moe of Mon State Constituency No.7.

After that, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker read out President's comments on



Tenth Day session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in progress.—MNA

“Ward or Village-Tract Administration Bill” sent by the President according to State Constitution Section 106, Subsection (a).

Regarding that bill, Chairman U Mya Nyein of Bill Joint Committee explained Bill Joint Committee's observation, remarks and comments.

The Hluttaw announced that those wishing to discuss the President's comments may nominate their names along with brief content with signature by 14 February

evening.

At proposal submitting session, U Sai Thiha Kyaw of Mongyal Constituency submitted a proposal on adopting National Transport Network Policy that can cover the whole country, drafting of new projects after carrying out detailed examinations—whether or not new projects are economical, whether or not it can actually benefit people and whether or not it can meet the expectations, and urged the Union

Government to publicize the allocation of money for respective projects for transparency.

Discussions on that proposal will be held at tomorrow session. Those representatives who want to discuss that proposal are to register their names there after the 10th Day session ended. The meeting ended at 4:05 pm and will go on at 10 am tomorrow.

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Chairman of Union Election Commission receives Special Adviser to UNSG and Under-Secretary-General and party



UEC Chairman U Tin Aye receives Special Adviser to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and Under-Secretary-General Mr. Vijay Nambiar. MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Feb—Special Adviser to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and Under-Secretary-General Mr. Vijay Nambiar and party paid a

call on Chairman of the Union Election Commission U Tin Aye at his office, here, at 2 pm today.

They held a discussion on holding of free and fair by-

elections and arrangements for free canvassing of the political parties.

It was also presented by members of the Union Election Commission.—MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee Chairman receives Belgium Permanent Secretary

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Feb—Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee U Hla Myint Oo received Permanent Secretary Mr Dirk Achten for Foreign Affairs, External Trade and European Affairs and party of Belgium at No 1 Committee Hall of Hluttaw Building, here, at 2 pm today.

They discussed further relations between the Hluttaws of two countries, legislative matters, human resources development and investment matters.

Also present at the call were Secretary of the Committee U Ko Ko Tun and members U Mya Thein and U Sai Kyauk.—MNA



Union Health Minister receives Director of VNAH

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Feb—Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin received Director Mr Hoang Van Cue of Vietnam Assistance for the Handicapped (VNAH) Da Nang Orthopedics and Rehabilitation Hospital and party at the ministry here today.

They discussed matters relating to health care services, further rehabilitation tasks, conducting courses on caring and therapy, import of artificial limb and brace and wheelchair.

Also present at the call were Director-General Dr Tun Naing Oo of Health Department, Director-General Dr Than Zaw Myint of Medical Science Department and officials. MNA

Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin meets Director Mr Hoang Van Cue of Vietnam Assistance for the Handicapped (VNAH) Da Nang Orthopedics and Rehabilitation Hospital.—MNA

By developing human resources through promoting education and health...

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As far as the Education Sector is concerned, at the first regular session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw which convened on March 30, 2011, President U Thein Sein gave guidance of 10 point education policy. Based on this new policy, a number of significant activities such as, initiation of free and compulsory primary education, promulgation of private school registration law, and preparation for provision of scholarships and stipends in the coming academic years.

By focusing on the basic education sector, 30 years, Long-Term Basic Education Development Plan, starting from (2011 to 2031), and Education for all National Action Plan from (2003 to 2015), they are ongoing national plans. In accord with the frame work of the rural development and poverty reduction, 13 education activities have been implemented in receptive regions and states.

In the basic education sector, the achievement can be seen by the following indicators, they are

- the intake rate of grade 1 of age 5 and over is 98.37%,
- the Primary Level Net Enrolment Rate, is 84.61 % and
- the Primary Level Completion Rate, is 82.20% respectively.

These indicators, show that retention in primary level is one of the major challenges in basic education, and retention in secondary level is also a high priority to emphasize. Moreover, other necessary tasks, such as improving teachers education quality, improving their socio-economic status, fulfilling necessary requirements for quality learning environment, establishment of quality control system, and making the national qualification framework to be in line with regional qualification framework too.

For the higher education sector, more students are offered for more opportunities for learning, by opening more new universities and degree colleges and other educational programmes are also expanded to promote greater diversity. In 1998, the National Centre for Human Resource Development (NCHRD) was established so that knowledge can be disseminated to the populace residing in the vicinity of universities and colleges by means of non-formal education, offering academic and skill upgrading

courses for people willing to study, or willing to acquire an additional skill.

Various courses have been opened for learners, as diverse as those who have had studies interrupted, or for those willing to acquire additional skills. It has been possible to develop the knowledge and skills for learners, from students who have passed the matriculation examination to postgraduates at universities. But, the productively should be in line with the demand in the existing labour market, not only in quantity but also in quality. Therefore, expansion of accessibility as well as quality enhancement are necessary to strengthen, both in basic and higher education.

Regarding the technical and vocational sector, it is the main responsibility of Ministry of Science and Technology. Technical and vocational trainings are importance to keep abreast with the state of the art technology which is the deciding factor to increase the productivity. This education not only provides the qualifications needed in the business society, but also help young people to the practices of cooperation, coordination and collaboration. So that it is necessary to upgrade this technical and vocational education to keep their ready for the industrial labour force, especially in developing Special Economic Zones and in the process of future industrialization.

Moreover, Information and Communication Technology can provide rapid and low cost access to information to almost all areas of human activity, and the Internet is breaking barriers of geography, making markets more efficient, creating more opportunities for income generation and enabling everyone to adept modern technology. So that, it is necessary to strengthen ICT education for further development of knowledge which is another important factor in the growth of the economy.

The role of R&D development, which can create innovative and capable society is also increasingly important now a days. If there is a critical gap between research findings and outputs, and their development into commercial propositions, R&D will not be sustainable. By establishing Technology and Innovation Centres, it enables industry to exploit new and emerging technical know-how and close the gap through the provision of a business-focused capability.

For the health sector, emphasis has been placed, and a lot of inputs invested, for improving health care system since National Health Plan is an integral part of the national development plan. The Ministry of Health has laid down two objectives, to enable every citizen to attain full life expectancy while enjoying longevity and to ensure that every citizen is free from diseases.

To achieve these objective, many

health activities have been implemented under three strategies, which are widespread dissemination of health information and health education to reach the rural areas, improving disease prevention activities, and providing effective treatment of prevailing diseases. Although most of the health related indicators show significant improvements in the past years, there are many areas still needed to be tackled energetically.

New health challenges are looming since climatic and environmental conditions are changing with some negative conse-



UN Assistant Secretary-General & Chair of UN Development Group (UNDG), Asia Pacific Dr Ajay Chhibber delivers an address.

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quences. To face these new health challenges, existing partnership needs to be strengthened further. We will have to try to overcome these challenges by increasing our involvement in the collective efforts with the international community.

Health and education spending could be combined estimated 7.5 percent of government spending, up from 5.4 in FY 2011-12, for education at 4.7 and health at 2.8. As we all are aware that more investment in education and health sector will head to more development of the nation. At present, the national budget on education and health sector is lower than that of the other countries.

Now many nations have changed the way they manage their economy from natural resource to human resource based. National resource will be exhausted with the passing time, the human resources are said to be non-exhaustible and it also has multiplier effect in stimulating the economy. Based on human resources alone, we have seen many countries achieving higher development without natural resources. That is one of the



Special Advisor to UNSG Mr Vijay Nambiar delivers an address.—MNA

reasons, the countries with poor human resources are unable to ride out the current rapidly changing global waves.

And so, we will like to call upon all stakeholders, government officials, private organizations, civil societies, international organizations, local NGOs and INGOs to help promote human resource of this nation. It is always mention that, all helps are welcome, anytime, anywhere, in promoting these resources, for they are now accepted as important deciding factors in the nation-building.

I am confident that, this Conference will effectively help to develop the nation's National Human Resource Development Plan to gain national policy inputs.

In conclusion, I would like to express my sincere thanks to all distinguished guests, participants and all the stakeholders for their contributions.

Special Adviser to the UNSG Mr Vijay Nambiar, Union Minister for Industry U Soe Thein, UN Assistant Secretary-General & Chair of UN Development Group (UNDG) Asia-Pacific Dr Ajay Chhibber and UN Resident & Humanitarian Coordinator, Myanmar Dr Ashok Nigam delivered addresses on development policy options on education and health sectors.

After the ceremony, the Vice-President posed for documentary photo with those present.

Economic Adviser to the President U Myint acted as Moderator at the Conference, and scholars participated in the discussions on policies on development of human resources.

The conference will last up to 15 February, and the scholars will continue discussions on adoption on policies on development of education and health sectors.

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Township Administrator U Aung Ko reads out message sent by President of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein at 65th Anniversary Union Day ceremony held at Basic Education High School of Hlegu on 12 February. TOWNSHIP IPRD



Union A&I Minister receives Vietnamese Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Feb— Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing received Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Chu Cong Phung at the ministry, here, at 8.30 am today.

They discussed mutual cooperation in development

of agriculture sector between the two countries and investment matters.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister U Khin Zaw, managing directors and directors-general of enterprises and departments under the ministry.

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Brazil jet makes forced stop after pilot attack

SAO PAULO, 13 Feb—A Brazilian airliner safely made a forced landing after a passenger had a “psychotic attack,” entered the cockpit and assaulted a pilot, crew members and passengers who tried to subdue him, witnesses said. The TAM Airlines jet was en route from Montevideo, Uruguay, to Sao Paulo when a man who some passengers said was wearing a TAM identification badge got into the cockpit because the door was open. Shortly after, the plane dove to the right, causing passengers to scream and the pilot to yell for help over the speaker system.

“All of a sudden shouts were heard from inside the cabin, and two stewardesses came out asking for help and

grabbing a young man by his feet,” one unidentified passenger told Uruguay’s *El Pais* newspaper. “The people quickly jumped on top of him, the guy fought back furiously, biting and hurting a half dozen people. “In a kind of collective action they were able to immobilize him, tying him to a seat.” Uruguay’s Industry Minister Roberto Kreimerman was on board the Saturday afternoon flight, leading a trade delegation that was on its way to China. He told Uruguayan newspaper *El Observador* that when the plane veered sharply, passengers started screaming and fearing for their lives.

The jet safely landed at the Porto Alegre airport in southern Brazil about 20

minutes after the incident with the man subdued in the rear of the plane, a police spokesman said on Sunday. The suspect was arrested by federal police and taken to a mental care facility. TAM confirmed the incident in a brief emailed statement, but offered few details.

Flight 8047 “landed at the Porto Alegre airport because of an uproar on board. ... The incident is being investigated by authorities, with the collaboration of the company,” the statement read. An airline spokeswoman in Sao Paulo would not confirm if the cockpit was breached nor if the attacker was a TAM employee, as passengers told newspapers in Brazil and Uruguay.—*Internet*

A woman shows apples with Chinese character “I Love You” on the surface for Valentine’s Day sale in Ganyu City, east China’s Jiangsu Province, on 11 Feb, 2012.
XINHUA



Man in underwear crawls over frozen river to rescue dog

ESSEX, 13 Feb—A man who stripped down to his underwear and crawled across a frozen river to rescue his trapped dog has been condemned by firefighters. According to an eyewitness, the man fell into the River Stour, in Dedham, Essex, at

about 10:00 GMT on Sunday but managed to climb out with the animal.

Fellow dog walker Paul Wenborne, who witnessed the incident, described it as a “foolish act of bravery”. An Essex Fire Service spokesman said: “This was extremely dangerous.” Fish porter Mr Wenborne, 52, of Rayleigh, Essex, said he was amazed at the man’s actions.

“I was with two friends and we couldn’t believe what we were seeing,” he said. “He stripped down to his pants and started

crawling across the ice”. “About a yard or so from the dog, he fell in but managed to get hold of the dog and put it on the ice”. “He then had to swim two or three yards and then crawl back on the ice to dry land”.

“He put his clothes back on and carried on. It was a foolish act of bravery.” Essex Fire Service confirmed it was not called to the incident. Last week, Essex assistant divisional officer Stuart McMillan issued a warning about icy lakes and ponds.

Internet



The man fell through the ice while crawling across the frozen River Stour, eyewitness Paul Wenborne said.

INTERNET

Indonesia city to require tree planting before marriage



It is unclear how the proposed initiative of planting trees in Sumatra before marriage will be policed.—*INTERNET*

JAKARTA, 13 Feb—Couples in the western Indonesian city of Medan will have to plant two trees before they are granted a marriage permit, officials say. The “environmentally-friendly” initiative was announced by the religious affairs office in the Sumatran Capital on Wednesday. The policy will be rolled out in the city from March.

One official estimated that Medan will get at least 2,000 new trees each month as a result of the plan. Iwan Zulhami told the *BBC* that the couples will get two seedlings upon registration. “The policy has a noble purpose, and it is necessary to support the government’s tree-planting programme,” he said, explaining that the trees were to be planted at the couples’ home.

Aside from Medan, a number of districts on Sulawesi island will also be implementing the policy. It is unclear how the new initiative will be policed. In Indonesia, Muslim couples intending to marry must register with the Office of Religious Affairs. Non-Muslims register with their places of worship and the Civil Registry Office. A government tree-planting programme was launched last year.

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UK Secretary of State to visit Indonesia

JAKARTA, 13 Feb—The United Kingdom Secretary of State of the Department for International Development (DFID) Andrew Mitchell will visit Indonesia on 13 to 16 Feb to enhance partnership between Indonesia and the UK on forestry and climate change, a Press statement from the UK Embassy in Indonesia said on Monday.

Mitchell will meet with several Indonesian ministers, businesses, experts and civil society organizations.

He is also scheduled to visit East Kalimantan

Province to understand the threats of deforestation in Indonesia.

He will visit one of the first timber producers to have its timber production certified as legal under a programme supported by the United Kingdom.

Mitchell will also meet with local stakeholders to exchange views and underline the commitment of the UK government to working with its Indonesian partners in tackling climate change and deforestation.

Xinhua



Pretty examinees for entrance exam of Beijing Film Academy.—*XINHUA*

Qantas says latest “A380” delay unrelated to wing cracks

SINGAPORE, 13 Feb—Qantas Airways played down a steering issue that forced an Airbus A380 to twice abandon departure before taking off from London’s Heathrow airport on Saturday, saying it was unrelated to wing cracks that have led Europe’s air safety officials to order global checks on the superjumbo. Qantas said the plane,

due to fly from London to Singapore, was travelling at a very slow speed when the decision was made to return to bay. “It was due to the steering issue. It has no relation to the cracks in the wing ribs at all,” Qantas spokeswoman Courtney Treak said. “Our engineers were able to fix the issue, so we don’t have any further concerns.”

A spokesman for manufacturer Airbus declined to comment, saying that only the airline could comment on operational matters. Dr Faye Smith, business development director at the Royal Aeronautical Society, said the A380 aircraft was on the runway when it twice abandoned take-off. “Technical issues with the nose gear meant the pilot had

to abort take off and have us towed off the runway for repairs twice,” Smith told *Reuters* by email.

“On both failed occasions we were on the runway, started to build up speed for take-off and then suddenly felt deceleration and we stopped on the runway,” she added.

The five-hour delay for repairs meant Heathrow had to lift a curfew banning night flights at the airport which has tough noise restrictions.

MNA/Reuters

Montenegro requests NATO assistance to deal with snow storm

BELGRADE, 13 Feb—Montenegro, which has been paralyzed by inclement winter weather, is seeking assistance from NATO in dealing with traffic and electrical supply problems, reported the Serbian news agency *Tanjug* on Sunday.

Prime Minister Igor Luksic said a letter would be sent to NATO headquarters in Brussels outlining specified items and equipment.

He said some NATO member states had already contacted Montenegro to inquire how they could help. Montenegro is a part of NATO’s Membership Action Plan (MAP) and is working toward full membership of the military alliance.

“I expect that in the next few days there will be a positive response for our request for assistance,” said Luksic. Accumulated snow

levels have exceeded 230cm on Montenegro’s ski resort of Zabljak. Most urban centres in the country are struggling with one metre of snow, which are threatening many house roofs.

Part of the roof of the Clinic for Dermatology Clinical Centre in Podgorica collapsed under the weight of snow. No one was reported injured, although nine patients were evacuated from the clinic after the incident.

Most roads through the mountainous interior of the country remain closed, while transport in the capital of Podgorica has come to a stand-still.

Some of its suburbs are without electricity. On Sunday, a passenger died on a train, which had been stranded in the mountainous terrain near Kolasin due to a number of avalanches.

Xinhua

China to loan two pandas to Canada

CHONGQING, 13 Feb — China on Saturday agreed to loan two of the country's precious giant pandas to Canadian zoos for a 10-year research programme. The Chinese Association of Zoological Gardens (CAZG) Saturday signed the deal with two Canadian zoos in Chongqing, a municipality in southwest China. The panda pair, both around five

years old, will stay in the Toronto and Calgary zoos for five years each after they arrive in Canada early next year, according to the agreement.

The male panda, named "Er Shun," is from a zoo in Chongqing and the female - "Ji Li" lives in the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding, home of over 100 pandas in the neighbouring

Sichuan Province. Giant pandas are the world's most endangered species. About 300 of the animals have been bred in captivity and 1,596 others live in the wild, mostly in Sichuan. Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper witnessed Saturday's signing ceremony during his visit to Chongqing.

"They will be the first pair of pandas to visit Canada since the 1980s," said Harper. In his second visit to China, Harper came to Beijing on Tuesday for a five-day trip as a guest of Premier Wen Jiabao. The Canadian prime minister met and held talks with top Chinese leaders and witnessed the signing of several bilateral agreements regarding cooperation in trade, technology, education, forestry, energy and agriculture. Harper also visited China's southern economic hub of Guangdong province before heading to Chongqing. — *Xinhua*



Visiting Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper looks on while his wife Laureen holds a panda at a zoo in Chongqing, southwest China, on 11 Feb, 2012. — *Xinhua*

Photo taken on 11 Feb, 2012 shows a copper statue during the exhibition of copper statues at Henan Museum in Zhengzhou, capital of central China's Henan Province. The exhibition has displayed 148 copper statues by 45 artists. *XINHUA*



Argentina accepts UN mediation over Malvinas islands dispute

BUENOS AIRES, 13 Feb — Argentina has accepted a UN offer to mediate with Britain over the long-disputed Malvinas Islands (Britain calls them the Falkland Islands), the foreign ministry has said.

According to a statement from the foreign ministry, Foreign Minister Hector Timerman on Friday briefed UN General Assembly President Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser on the recent escalation of the dispute over the disputed islands.

Al-Nassar expressed hope that the two governments would use peaceful means under the framework of international law to resolve the issue and offered to mediate.

Argentina and Britain both have long claimed sovereignty over the disputed islands, some 460 km off of the Argentine coast. The spat led to a war in 1982, which ended with Argentina failing to occupy the islands but refusing to acknowledge British rule of the territory.

Argentina recently appealed to the United Nations to protest against an increased British military presence near the disputed islands as the 30-year anniversary of the war that killed more than 900 people approaches. Britain claimed that the warships it has sent to the region were part of a routine deployment. — *Xinhua*

Five employees of The Sun held in Britain

LONDON, 13 Feb — Five employees of British newspaper *The Sun*, a police officer, an employee of the defence ministry and a member of the armed forces were arrested on Saturday as part of an inquiry into illegal payments to police and officials, CNN reported.

The Metropolitan Police said offices of the News International group in east London as well as the homes of those arrested were searched. News International, which owns *The Sun*, is the British unit of media mogul Rupert Murdoch's News Corp.

The arrests were part of "Operation Elveden", a probe running parallel with a police inquiry into alleged phone hacking by News International employees. News Corp's management and standards committee said it

provided the information to the investigation which led to Saturday's operation.

Five men aged between 45 and 68 were arrested in London, Kent and Essex on suspicion of corruption, aiding and abetting misconduct in a public office, and conspiracy in relation to both offences.

News Corp said it "remains committed to ensuring that unacceptable news gathering practices by individuals in the past will not be repeated". News Corp

established its management and standards committee following the 2011 scandal over alleged hacking of voicemail that led to the closure of the *News of the World* tabloid.

The revelation that a murdered 13-year-old girl's phone was hacked by journalists in search of stories, and that many other crime and terror victims, politicians and celebrities had also been targeted, prompted widespread outrage in Britain.

Internet



A girl beats a drum at the Great Buddhist Temple in Jishan County, north China's Shanxi Province, on 11 Feb, 2012. During the "Mountain Climbing Festival", which falls on the 20th day of the first month in Chinese lunar calendar, local people will worship buddha, beat drums, and toll bells in the Great Buddhist Temple to pray for good fortune. This local festival has lasted for more than 800 years. — *Xinhua*

Britain's oldest married couple to give advice on Twitter

LONDON, 13 Feb — A British couple who have been married for 76 years — the longest in the country — have now joined Twitter to speak about the secret of their remarkable romance. Lionel and Ellen Buxton from Dover, Kent, have invited users of the networking website to tweet them with their problems.

The couple said they have not spent more than one night apart in the past eight decades, the *Daily Mail* reported. Ellen, 100, said: "We have never been apart really and have never wanted anyone else. We have been married happily because we have been good friends as well as husband and wife. We have always made sure we have had nice evenings out together. Whether it is going for a romantic meal or out to play bingo." Lionel turns 100 in March.

The couple, who met in March 1930, grew up in London's East End and met while working at the Henley Cable factory in north Woolwich. Ellen would often ask for technical help from apprentice engineer Lionel.

"She was lovely. I always looked forward to when she needed help from me. We got on so well, went on a few dates together and became a couple. We ended up getting married. We would have done it sooner but could not afford it," Lionel said.

Internet

Mexico mob kills three suspected kidnappers

MEXICO CITY, 13 Feb — Security officials in Mexico say three men have been killed by a mob for allegedly trying to kidnap a group of youths. Local residents in Chalco, near Mexico City, beat the men, doused them with petrol and set them alight. Police managed to save one of the three men from the mob, but he died later in hospital. Kidnappings are common in Mexico, where criminal gangs make money by abducting people for ransom.

Police described how locals came across the suspects as they allegedly tried to abduct a group of school children. According to State Prosecutor Alfredo Castillo, a group of six women incited the violence by shouting: "Justice, justice, they're kidnappers!"

The prosecutor described how residents rang the church bells and around 600 people gathered in the town's

main square. A group armed with bars, clubs and bottles surrounded the three suspects and dragged them to the square, where they set fire to them. State officials said 23 people had been detained in connection with the lynching.

In a travel warning issued on Wednesday, the US State Department warned of the rising number of kidnappings and disappearances in Mexico. Analysts say accurate figures for the number of kidnappings are hard to come by, as many abductions only last for hours or a few days, until the ransom is paid. — *Internet*

Wisconsin fishermen on ice as sturgeon spear season opens

WINNECONNE, 13 Feb — Dan Loftus, on a mission to spear a sturgeon from the ice-choked waters of Wisconsin's Lake Winnebago, dropped a rubber chicken into the frigid emerald abyss and waited.

The 48-year-old chiropractor from Germantown sat on a lawn chair in the dark and leaned over, staring into the murky water through a hole carved into 10-inch-thick ice as his two buddies gregariously told stories and drank beer behind him. "It's the most boring thing ever."

It's really boring, just watching a hole," Loftus said of his quest. "But it's relaxing."

The trio, huddled in their shanty, were some of the thousands of fishermen to take part in the opening day on Saturday of Wisconsin's brief sturgeon spear season for a hunt that is part outdoor sport and part tradition.

When and if a sturgeon swam into their hole, one of the men was to drop a five-tined spear onto the prehistoric-looking fish. Once the sturgeon is speared, fishermen pull the fish - which could weigh 200 pounds - out of the hole in the ice.

Reuters



Dominic Mohan, editor of *The Sun* newspaper, arrives to give evidence at to the Leveson Inquiry into media ethics at the Royal Courts of Justice in London on 7 February. *INTERNET*

A wish card is seen among plum blossoms in Donghu Park in Wuhan, capital of central China's Hubei Province, 11 Feb, 2012. With the rise of temperature, spring is drawing near in Wuhan. *XINHUA*



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Anti-terrorist hotline launched by Metropolitan Police

LONDON, 13 Feb — The Metropolitan Police has launched a counter-terror campaign urging people to report suspicious behaviour by calling a dedicated hotline. The four-week campaign, It's Probably Nothing, But..., consists of adverts in local and ethnic minority Press. There is also a radio advert and leaflets are being delivered to 1.4 million homes in London. Deputy Assistant Commissioner Stuart Osborne said: "The terrorist threat to London and the UK... remains real."

He added: "We at the Metropolitan Police Service have a key role in countering this threat, whether it is from al Qaeda inspired groups or individuals, or Irish dissident republican groups—but we can only do this with the support of all our communities. "Terrorists live among us. We want you to tell us about anyone or anything you see which is out of place in your normal day-to-day lives."

"We know you may have concerns about speaking to the police, possibly because your friends or family may find out. But you may well have information which could save lives."

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Chinese students wear Han dynasty costumes as they undergo a "kaibi" (Chinese for start to write) ceremony to pay respects to Confucius on the first day of a new school term in Beijing.
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Fears over Leicestershire double deaths and ketamine link

LONDON, 13 Feb — The deaths of two people in Leicestershire may have been due to the drug ketamine purchased on the Internet, police have revealed. A 59-year-old woman was found at an address in Leicester on Saturday and a man of 32 in Melton Mowbray on Sunday. Detectives say the deaths are not suspicious, but have confirmed one line of inquiry is the use of ketamine. Anyone who has purchased the drug on the Internet is being urged not to take it.

Det Insp Rob Widdowson, of Leicestershire Police, said: "We are investigating the circumstances leading to the deaths of these two people in order to prepare files for the coroner. "One of our lines of inquiry is that prior to their deaths both people may have taken a form of the drug ketamine, known medically as methoxetamine, which may have been purchased over the Internet." — *Internet*

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Whitney Houston mourned at Grammys Awards

LOS ANGELES, 13 Feb—The music world is remembering the life and career of singer Whitney Houston at the Grammy Awards in Los Angeles. The



Jennifer Hudson performs "I Will Always Love You" in memory of the late Whitney Houston, at the Staples Centre during the 54th Grammy Awards in Los Angeles, California.
INTERNET

star was found dead in her Los Angeles hotel room on Saturday, a day before the prestigious ceremony. Host LL Cool J opened the ceremony with a prayer for the singer. Meanwhile, after a post mortem examination, the Los Angeles coroner said there were no visible signs of trauma on Houston's body and that foul play was "not suspected at this time".

The coroner confirmed that Houston, 48, was found in the bath. LL Cool J said: "There is no way around this. We've had a death in our family. "The only thing that feels right is to begin with a prayer for a woman who we loved - for our fallen sister, Whitney Houston." The



Whitney Houston won six Grammy Awards during her career.—INTERNET

audience then gave a standing ovation after watching a clip of her hit I Will Always Love You.

Singers Jennifer Hudson

and Chaka Khan will perform a special tribute to Houston, who won six Grammys during her career. Melanie Fiona, who won best traditional R&B vocal performance and best R&B song, said: "Whitney Houston, I would not be standing up here if it were not for you, thank you so much." Dave Koz, a co-host of the preliminary part of the ceremony, acknowledged the "great legacy of Miss Whitney Houston", adding: "She's in our hearts and our minds."

Jimmy Jam, a friend and producer of Houston's, said it was "a bittersweet occasion tonight with the passing of Whitney". "Anytime someone passes away, the thing you do is you gather your family together, tell stories," he said.—*Internet*



Jackie Chan jet lands at 2012 Singapore Airshow

SINGAPORE, 13 Feb—He's into Kung Fu, philanthropy, food, sport and now jets!

But the closest you'll get to Jackie Chan at the 2012 Singapore Airshow is his Embraer Legacy 650 executive jet.

It's hard to miss with distinctive red and yellow dragon livery, and if that's not obvious enough, there's the name on the tail-wing.

The Kung Fu actor who has added on the role of brand ambassador for Embraer took delivery of China's first Legacy 650 in early February.

"We are exceptionally excited Jackie Chan will become the newest member of our Legacy 650 family, and proud he holds full confidence in our jet to satisfy his demand for productivity,

comfort and privacy," said Ernest Edwards, President, Embraer Executive Jets.

Chan's "ebullient personality, spirit of relentless innovation and commitment to society" reflect Embraer's values, added Edwards who went on to describe the actor as "an ideal brand ambassador for Embraer Executive Jets".

Last seen in Hollywood's remake of the "Karate Kid", the producer and coproducer of the Chinese epic "1911", will assist Embraer in promoting its entire line of executive aircraft, not only in the rapidly growing greater China market, but globally.

"I chose the Legacy 650 because its large three zone cabin, offering incredibly quiet performance and luxury," said the Hong Kong-born actor.

"I believe that Embraer is poised to become a major player in the Chinese executive jet market and thrilled to fulfill my role as brand ambassador for this great Company."

In addition to Jackie Chan's jet, Embraer received orders for 13 Legacy 650s from China's Minsheng Financial Leasing Co, Ltd, one of the country's leading executive jet leasing companies.

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Yes there's pain, Big B tweets from hospital bed

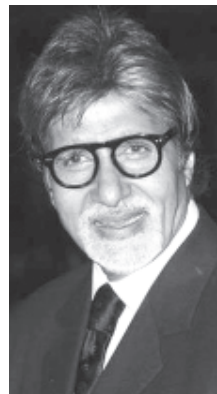
MUMBAI, 13 Feb—Megastar Amitabh Bachchan, who underwent two abdominal surgeries on Saturday, tweeted fans about his condition as soon as he could from the hospital bed and thanked them for their wishes, which he feels never fails. Big B's scheduled abdominal surgery went off smoothly Saturday morning at the Seven Hills Hospital here. His abdominal pain was due to an injury he suffered during shooting of "Coolie" in 1982.

"Took long because 2 surgeries had to be done on either side.. yes there is pain, but nothing good in life ever achieved without it!" Big B tweeted. "Back...!! Thank you for your prayers.. your love and wishes never fail.. indebted for life, one that I shall never be able to pay back," the 69-year-old wrote.

When son Abhishek saw his father's tweet, he reprimanded him and called him Auro, the character that

Big B played in the film "Paa" where the father-son was in a role reversal. "It's past your bedtime Auro!! Stop tweeting and back to bed. :-)," tweeted Abhishek. On that Big replied good-humouredly, "OK...Paa!! Am already in bed.. been on it the whole day."

Internet



Megastar Amitabh Bachchan.



Actress Meryl Streep (R) poses with her 'Best Actress' award for her role in 'The Iron Lady' presented by actor Colin Firth backstage at the BAFTA Film Awards 2012, at The Royal Opera House in London.—INTERNET

George Clooney to babysit Jolie-Pitt kids if Pitt wins Oscar

WASHINGTON, 13 Feb—George Clooney has offered to babysit Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie's six children for a night if Pitt wins the Oscar for Best Actor.

According to the National Enquirer, 'The Descendants' star, who has famously said he doesn't want kids, is up against Pitt for the prestigious accolade and the pair have made a bet with each other on the outcome. Contactmusic reported.

If Pitt takes home the prize for his role in 'Moneyball', Clooney will have to take care of all the kids for the night so the 'Fight Club' actor and Jolie can go out.

But if Clooney wins, Pitt will have to work a full day as a deckhand on his yacht in Italy's Lake Como. The two actors also face competition from Gary Oldman, Jean Dujardin and Demian Bichir for the coveted award.—*Internet*



George Clooney



Phil Mickelson, left, walks in front of Tiger Woods after both hit from the second tee at Pebble Beach Golf Links during the final round of the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am golf tournament in Pebble Beach, Calif, Sunday, on 12 Feb, 2012.—INTERNET

Mickelson crushes Tiger and wins Pebble Beach

PEBBLE BEACH, 13 Feb—Phil Mickelson rallied from six shots behind to win for the fourth time at Pebble Beach, a final round made even more memorable by the guy in a red shirt who was among the first to congratulate him Sunday on the 18th green.

Turns out that Tiger Woods was just along for the ride. Mickelson closed with an 8-under 64, beating Woods by 11 shots in a one-sided showdown at the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.

"I just feel very inspired when I play with him," said Mickelson, who has posted the better score the past five times he has played alongside Woods in the final round.

"I love playing with him,

and he brings out some of my best golf. I hope that he continues to play better, and better, and I hope that he and I have a chance to play together more in the final rounds." Woods, one shot out of the lead on the sixth hole after 54-hole leader Charlie Wi fell apart early, followed his first birdie of the final round with three straight bogeys, starting with a three-putt from 18 feet on the par-3 seventh.

It never got much better from there. He finished a miserable day with another three-putt on the 18th for a 75, the only consolation coming from belief that he's closer than ever to putting it all together.—*Internet*

Canada, China duos win figure skating titles

COLORADO, 13 Feb—Reigning Olympic ice dance champions Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir and two-time world junior pairs champions Sui Wenjing and Han Cong of China took titles at the Four Continents Championships.

Canadians Virtue and Moir, who won Olympic gold



Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir of Canada during the free dance competition at the Four Continents Championships on 12 February.—INTERNET

on home ice in Vancouver in 2010, edged Americans Meryl Davis and Charlie White — reigning world champions and 2010 Olympic runners-up—in the free dance to claim the overall title.

Virtue and Moir won the free dance 111.24-107.25 over the US duo, defending Four Continents champions and winners of Saturday's short dance, to claim the overall title by 182.84-179.40 in the high-altitude mountain venue.

"It was a great performance," Moir said. "We felt really strong. It was kind of a test for us up here with the altitude, and we were definitely feeling it."

Americans Davis and White were pleased with their effort if not their result.

Internet

Swim champ Magnussen plans Olympic trials 'message'

SYDNEY, 13 Feb—Australia's world champion James Magnussen says he wants to send a strong message



Australia's world champion James Magnussen, pictured here in July 2011, says he wants to send a strong message to his rivals ahead of the London Games with a sizzling 100m freestyle time at next month's Olympic trials.—INTERNET

to his rivals ahead of the London Games with a sizzling 100m freestyle time at next month's Olympic trials.

Magnussen, dubbed 'The Missile', became a top favourite for the Olympic gold medal after he came from fifth at the turn to win the 100m sprint crown in 47.63 seconds at last year's Shanghai world championships. He became the first Australian man to win the title since the world championships were established in 1973 and broke the nation's 43-year drought over the distance following Mike Wenden's win at the 1968 Olympics.

While Magnussen won

the 100m at the New South Wales Championships in Sydney last Friday in 49.02secs, he plans to be making waves in five weeks at the national Olympic trials in Adelaide. "It's really frustrating, swimming all right but not being able to reach my full potential," Magnussen told *The Sydney Morning Herald*. "All I want to do is get down in those low 47secs and just throw a cat amongst the pigeons, worldwide."

"A really quick swim at trials would turn heads a little and just keep me on the front foot and constantly keeping people guessing, so that's where I want to be."—*Internet*

International Sports

Zambia hold nerve to beat Ivory Coast, take title

LIBREVILLE, 13 Feb—Zambia conjured up a shock when they toppled star-studded Ivory Coast 8-7 in a penalty shoot-out to claim their first ever Africa Cup of Nations title on Sunday.

With the sides goalless after extra time Zambia's Stoppila Sunzu converted the magic spot kick after Arsenal striker Gervinho missed for the Elephants.

The result meant misery for hot favourites Ivory Coast, who failed to claim the title despite not conceding a goal throughout the entire competition until Sunday's shootout.

It also revived unhappy memories for Didier Drogba, who missed a penalty in the second half of normal time, and company of their 2006 penalty shoot out final defeat to Egypt in Cairo.

Zambia, motivated by the memory of the 1993 national team wiped out in a plane crash off the Libreville coast, went into the 2012 climax as outsiders.—*Internet*



Zambia national football team players celebrate their victory with their trophy at the end of the African Cup of Nations final football match between Zambia and Ivory Coast at the Stade de l'Amitie in Libreville.—INTERNET



Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo (R) during the Spanish League match against Levante on 12 February.—INTERNET

Ronaldo hat-trick as Real Madrid go 10 points clear

MADRID, 13 Feb—Cristiano Ronaldo hit his sixth hat-trick of the season as Real Madrid took a huge step towards winning La Liga, coming from behind to beat Levante 4-2 and open a 10-point lead over Barcelona.

After Gustavo Cabral gave Levante a surprise early lead, Ronaldo got his first from the penalty spot following a handball by Vicente Iborra, who was also dismissed for his second yellow card.

Ronaldo headed home a Gonzalo Higuain cross after 49 minutes and then completed his hat-trick with a wonderful 30-yard strike which flew into the roof of the net.

An Arouna Kone header briefly gave a glimmer of hope for Levante but Karim Benzema slotted in a fourth for Real after 65 minutes. While Barcelona, beaten 3-2 by Osasuna on Saturday, have stuttered on their travels, Real have been in ominous form winning 19 of 22 games and scoring 75 goals which has put them on course for their first league title since 2008.

Internet



Serbian Janko Tipsarevic during the Davis Cup World Group first round tie match against Sweden's Michael Ryderstedt on 12 February.—INTERNET

No Djokovic, no problem as Serbia eye Spain's Davis Cup title

PARIS, 13 Feb—Serbia shrugged off the absence of Novak Djokovic to reach the Davis Cup last eight with the 2010 champions confidently setting their sights on dethroning Spain in November's final.

Janko Tipsarevic secured an unassailable 3-1 lead over Sweden in the World Group first round tie in Nis with a 6-2, 7-6 (7/5), 7-5 win over Michael Ryderstedt.

Victory gave Serbia a quarter-final tie in April against the Czech Republic, but captain Bogdan Obradovic believes that with world number one Djokovic back in the side for that clash, his country can start dreaming of a second title.

"It's never easy to play matches in which you are the odds-on favourite but the players dealt with the pressure really well against Sweden," Obradovic told www.daviscup.com.

"With a bit of luck, we will reach this year's final and hopefully take on Spain because we are confident that we can beat them on home soil."

Tipsarevic had beaten Filip Prpic in straight sets in Friday's opening rubber and had then played doubles on Saturday when Sweden had clawed their way back into the tie.

But despite those efforts, he had no problem in disposing of Ryderstedt.

Internet

PSG held up by Nice after Obraniak stuns Lille

PARIS, 13 Feb—Paris Saint-Germain inched a point clear in Ligue 1 on Sunday following a 0-0 draw at Nice, after Ludovic Obraniak had netted a 93rd-minute winner for Bordeaux in an extraordinary 5-4 win at his former club Lille.

PSG had been bidding to reclaim top spot from Montpellier and they did so despite a lacklustre performance at the home of the league's third-bottom side.



Nice's goalkeeper David Ospina (L) vies with Paris Saint-Germain's forward Jeremy Menez (R) during their French L1 football match Nice vs Paris Saint-Germain at the Ray stadium in Nice.—INTERNET

Laboured in attack, PSG twice had recourse to thank goalkeeper Salvatore Sirigu, who produced smart saves to deny Anthony Mounier and Fabrice Abriel in each half.

The visitors' clearest sight of goal fell to Nene in the 88th minute but he turned into a cul-de-sac after bursting into the Nice box and the opportunity was lost.

"It's still a good result—you can't win every match," said PSG coach Carlo Ancelotti.—*Internet*

Leverkusen's Ballack out of Barcelona clash

BERLIN, 13 Feb—Ex-Germany captain Michael Ballack is out of Tuesday's Champions League clash with holders Barcelona as the former Chelsea star suffered a calf injury on Sunday and sits out the Round of 16 tie.

The 35-year-old pulled up in training with a torn calf and is definitely out of the first-leg match in Leverkusen.

It completed a miserable weekend for Ballack, who won

the last of his 98 caps for Germany in March 2010, after he was left on the bench for the third match running as Leverkusen lost 1-0 to German league leaders Borussia Dortmund on Saturday.

Ballack's contract expires in June and is almost certain to leave Leverkusen at season's end after a volatile few weeks which saw the German league club threaten to ban Ballack's agent



Ex-Germany captain Michael Ballack, pictured on 4 February, is out of Tuesday's Champions League clash with holders Barcelona as the former Chelsea star suffered a calf injury on Sunday and sits out the Round of 16 tie.—INTERNET

Michael Becker from their stadium.

Internet

Three killed in China shipyard blast

BEIJING, 13 Feb—At least three people were killed and 12 injured in a shipyard blast in east China's Jiangsu Province Sunday, the authorities said.

The accident occurred in the afternoon on a ship that was under construction at the Wujiazui shipyard in Nanjing, the capital of Jiangsu, *Xinhua* reported.

The explosion was triggered by sparks in a space with combustible gas during the construction, the work safety watchdog said following an initial investigation.

The injured workers were shifted to local hospitals, sources said.

Internet

US Airways plane makes emergency landing

CHARLOTTE, (NC) 13 Feb—A loud noise prompted the pilot of an US Airways jetliner to return to the Charlotte, NC, airport Sunday afternoon, officials said.

The flight, with 44 passengers and three crew members aboard, made the emergency landing safely with no injuries about 3:32 pm, a little more than an hour after it had taken off from Charlotte, WSOC-TV, Charlotte, reported.

A US Airways spokeswoman said the plane's crew heard a

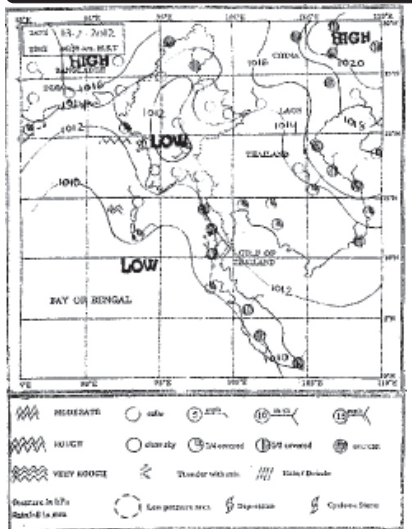
"loud and unsettling noise," and turned the aircraft around as a precaution, *The Charlotte Observer* reported.

The newspaper said the plane had been bound for Charleston, WV, while the TV station said its destination was Atlanta.

The airline's mechanics were inspecting the plane to determine what may have caused the noise and the passengers were placed on difference flights to continue their journeys.

Internet

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 14th February, 2012

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	28.82	13.55	Likelihood of isolated light rain	(60%)
2	Kayah	30.86	09.48	Generally fair weather	
3	Kayin	37.99	18.64	Generally fair weather	
4	Chin	19.66	04.39	Generally fair weather	
5	Upper Sagaing	30.86	09.48	Partly Cloudy	
6	Lower Sagaing	33.91	14.57	Partly Cloudy	
7	Tanintharyi	35.95	23.73	Likelihood of isolated light rain	(60%)
8	Bago	36.97	18.64	Partly Cloudy	
9	Magway	36.97	15.59	Generally fair weather	
10	Mandalay	35.95	16.61	Partly Cloudy	
11	Mon	37.99	22.72	Generally fair weather	
12	Yangon	37.99	20.68	Partly Cloudy	
13	Rakhine	30.86	13.55	Partly Cloudy	
14	Southern Shan	26.79	11.52	Generally fair weather	
15	Northern Shan	27.81	05.41	Generally fair weather	
16	Eastern Shan	30.86	10.50	Generally fair weather	
17	Ayeyawady	34.93	21.70	Generally fair weather	
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	36.97	16.61	Generally fair weather	
19	Neighbouring Yangon	37.99	20.68	Partly Cloudy	
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	35.95	16.61	Partly Cloudy	

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today

During the past (24) hours, light rain has been isolated in Tanintharyi Region, weather have been partly cloudy in Kachin, Rakhine and Mon States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below February average temperature in Upper Sagaing and Bago Regions, (3°C) above February average temperature in Kachin and Shan States and about February average temperature in the remaining Regions and States. The significant night temperatures were Namsan, Pindlang and Lolein (5°C) each.

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

Inference: Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters.

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



Bouquets of flowers are seen at a store in Kunming, capital of southwest China's Yunnan Province, 12 Feb, 2012. Flowers sell well recently as the Valentine's Day draws near. XINHUA

Focus Myanmar TV Programme

- MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL**
(14-2-12 09:30 am ~ 15-2-12 09:30 am) MST
- Oversea Transmission**
- * News
 - * Preparatory Measures for the 2600 Anniversary of the Founding of Shwedagon Pagoda Ceremony
 - * News
 - * Song On Screen "Maung"
 - * Nay Pyi Taw Hot Spring
 - * News
 - * Kid's Talent (No.4 Pre School Bahan)
 - * News Tid-Bits (Mr. Quintana & President U Thein Sein visit to Singapore)
 - * Topic on Journal "Fascinating Myanmar Tapestry"
 - * Computer Human
 - * Living Myanmar Glazed Ceramics
 - * The Night of Heartthrob Pho Chit
 - * News
 - * Myanmar Alternative Medicine (Aloe vera)
 - * Myanmar Movies "Life is Struggling"
- MYANMAR TV**
(14-2-2012) (Tuesday)
- 7:00 am
 1. Paritta by Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw - Uppatathandi Paritta
 - 7:25 am
 2. To Be Healthy Exercise
 - 7:50 am
 3. Nice & Sweet Song
 - 8:00 am
 4. Health programme
 - 8:10 am
 5. Songs of Yester Years
 - 8:20 am
 6. Song Of National Races
 - 8:25 am
 7. Teleplay (Health)
 - 4:15 pm
 8. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
 - 4:30 pm
 9. 2012 University Entrance Examination (Physics)
 - 5:00 pm
 10. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
 - 5:05 pm
 11. The Mirror Images Of The Musical Oldies
 - 5:35 pm
 12. Song Programme
 - 6:20 pm
 13. Kyae Pwint Myaye Yin Khone Than
 - 8:00 pm
 14. News
 15. Bakery World
 16. India Drama Series

Cold spell hits central, east China

BEIJING, 13 Feb—The National Meteorological Centre (NMC) said Monday that a cold front will reduce temperatures in central and eastern China over the next three days, with temps expected to drop by as much as 8 degrees Celsius. Northeast China, as well as some southern regions, will also see temperature readings drop by up to 10 degrees, the center said.

The NMC said the cold spell is expected to last through the week. On Tuesday, most areas in northeast China and parts of northern China will see moderate snow, while showers will hit southwest China, according to the NMC forecast.—*Xinhua*

81 Mexicans die of swine flu

MEXICO CITY, 13 Feb—Eighty-one people have so far died of swine flu in Mexico this year, while at least 3,522 have been infected with the virus, health officials said.

From 1 Jan till 9 Feb, there have been 3,882 confirmed flu cases, the health secretariat said in a statement. Three seasonal viruses are currently active in Mexico—AH1N1, AH3N2 and influenza B. The AH1N1—or swine flu—has been the predominant one, with 91 percent of the infections.

The AH1N1 virus broke out in Mexico in March-April 2009. By June 2010, around 1,300 deaths had occurred and more than 70,000 people had contracted the disease.—*Internet*

Amsterdam's Schiphol airport evacuated after bomb threat

THE HAGUE, 13 Feb—A part of Amsterdam Schiphol airport is evacuated on Monday morning because of a bomb threat, the press department of the Marechaussee, the Dutch military police confirmed.



The partly-frozen Maas River is seen at the Port of Rotterdam, the Netherlands, 12 Feb, 2012. Heavy snow hit some part of the Netherlands.—XINHUA

DISTRICT NEWS

Loans for small-scale industries handed over

YANGON, 13 Feb—Yangon Region Government organized the ceremony to disburse loans for development rural small-scale industries in Ngahsutaung Village of Hlegu Township on 8 February.

The Yangon Region Ministers explained the purpose of disbursing the loans and handed over K 15 million for rural small-scale industries in the village to Township Administrator U Aung Ko.

Township IPRD

Maternity Ward handed over

PAUKKHAUNG, 13 Feb—A ceremony to hand over the maternity ward was held at Paukkhaung Township Hospital on 31 January morning.

Wellwisher U Htay Maung handed documents related to the ward to the Head of Township Health Department.

The ward was built with K 11.2 million contribution of wellwisher U Htay Maung-Daw Myo Myo Swe and family of Ward 1 in Paukkhaung Township Hospital



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Conference on Development Policy Options with Special Reference to Education and Health in Myanmar commences

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NAY PYI TAW, 13 Feb—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham delivered an opening address at the Conference on Development Policy Options with Special Reference to Education and Health in Myanmar at Myanmar International Convention Centre, here, at 9 am today.

Also present on the occasion were Union ministers, deputy ministers, region and state ministers for Social Affairs, departmental heads of ministries, resident representatives of UN agencies, officials of NGOs and INGOs, ambassadors of foreign missions and officials, representatives of private sector and guests.

The Vice-President delivered an address. He said:

First of all, I would like to extend my warmest welcome to the Conference on Development Policy Options in Myanmar, with Special Reference to Education and Health.

The objective of this Conference is to promote the policies towards human resources development area, espe-

cially in education and health sectors. I hope this Conference will produce good out-comes from the best practices of some countries, including Asian countries to be able to have policy inputs for the formulation and implementation of the development policies.

The national seminar on poverty reduction and rural development was conducted last year with the participation of all stakeholders. It is well aware that about 70% of the population is residing in rural areas, improving livelihood for rural populace is one of our main priorities. The Central Committee and Subcommittees on Rural Development and Poverty Reduction are set up and eight major tasks are being implemented in all states and regions, targeting to reduce the poverty rate from 26% at present to 16% by 2015. By developing human resources through promoting education and health sectors, we hope to realize our vision, which is "building modern, developed and democratic nation".

The concept of development can be conceived of in a multidimensional process. Since the challenge is to improve

the quality of life, the needs must be fulfilled. It is necessary to focus on quality growth which can share the fruits of development among the people equitably. In his context, one of the economic policies is to achieve balanced and proportionate growth and to be inclusive as well.

It is observed that Human Development Index (HDI) of this country is low compared to other ASEAN countries, and it will be necessary to double the living status if we are to achieve the Millennium Development Goals by 2015.

To develop disciplined democracy in Myanmar, it is also necessary to nurture the people to be thoroughly acquainted with knowledge, rational thinking and behaviors. For instance, decentralization processes can be successful only when the capacity and capability are there, at the basic level. Good intelligence and knowledge are also needed to take responsibility, accountability and proper management. We believe that only in this way, the democratic principles which we value so much can be accomplished.

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Cash donated for self-reliant electricity supply

YANGON, 13 Feb—To supply electricity on a self-reliant basis to Khamonseik village in Letpadan Township in Thayawady District, a ceremony to donate a transformer was held at Myitmakha Hall at No. 1 BEHS yesterday.

Member of Union Civil Services Board Dr Win Myint and wife Daw Tin Ma Ma Tun handed over documents related to the transformer to the chairman of the village electricity

supply committee.

Well-wisher U Win Maung donated a generator to the headmaster of Nyaungwaing BEHS (branch) and Sitagu Daw San Nwe K 105,000, U Kyaw Nyein-Daw Tin Tin Swe under the aegis of U San Myint-Daw Daung K 201,000, and Deputy Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Aung Thein (Retd) K 201,000 for concrete lamp-posts.—MNA

Sports, Defence, Industry and Home Affairs cruise to semifinals in Inter-Ministry Women's Volleyball Tourney

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Feb—First stage play-offs of Fifth Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Women's Volleyball Tournament were played at Zabuthiri Gymnasium today.

Sports swept Agriculture and Irrigation while Defence outplayed

Electric Power No (2) in all three sets. Industry won over Construction 3-1 and Home Affairs beat Hotels and Tourism 3-nil.

Sports faces Defence and Industry plays Home Affairs in semifinals tomorrow.—MNA



Bo Myat Tun Bridge constructed by Myanmar engineers

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Ronaldo hat-trick as Real Madrid go 10 points clear

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No Djokovic, no problem as Serbia eye Spain's Davis Cup title

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