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Buddhological Archery Session Drama, Padetha Yein dances entertained

YANGON, 4 March—Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan and Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe enjoyed theatrical performance of gold medalist actors Nyan Win and Than Soe and actress Myint Myint Kyi of Fine Arts Department under the Ministry of Culture in the drama entitled “Buddhological Archery Session” created by Alinka Kyawswa Shwemann U Tin Maung and Myanmar songs of Academy Dira Mor, Soe Sanda Tun and Po Thauk Kya at the National Theatre on Myoma

Kyaung Road, here, yesterday evening.

Also present on the occasion together Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan and Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe were Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win, Deputy Minister for Culture Daw Sanda Khin, Yangon Region Minister for Finance and Revenue Daw San San Nwe, departmental heads of the Ministry of Information and Ministry of Culture, officials, guests and enthusiasts.—MNA

True patriotism

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



Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan and Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe enjoy entertainments in Buddhological Archery Session Drama and Padetha Yein dances.—MNA

Maha Pathana recitation concludes at Nay Pyi Taw Uppatasanti Pagoda

NAY PYI TAW, 4 March—The 25th Maha Pathana recitation of the 4th Buddha Pujaniya of Nay Pyi Taw Uppatasanti Pagoda concluded in the cave of the pagoda this morning.

Ovadaçariya of the Pagoda Board of Trustees Presiding Nayaka of Maha Withutayama Zaygon Monastery of Pyinmana State Ovadaçariya Abhidhaja Maha Rathna Guru Bhaddanta Kavisara and members of the Sangha administered the Five

Precepts. Members of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Myint Shwe and U Myo Nyunt donated alms to members of the Sangha and shared merits gained.

On 6 March, Ovada will be sought from Ovadaçariya Sayadaws of the pagoda at Sasana Maha Beikman. On 7 March, a total of 186 members of the Sangha led by he Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee will consecrate the Buddha image and offer robes to the pagoda.—MNA

MBPCF honours victorious body-builders

YANGON, 4 March—A ceremony to honour those who gave assistance to the 11th Southeast Asian Body-Building Championship and victorious body-builders took place at Hotel Yangon here yesterday evening.

Myanmar Body-building and Physical Culture Federation U Hla Myint Swe gave an honorary speech and presented cash awards to Zaw Wan who won championship in 55-kilo event; Tun Min

who won championship in 60-kilo event; Aung Swe Naing who won championship in 90-kilo event; Than Win who stood second in 55-kilo event; Soe Moe Aung who stood second in 65-kilo event; Khin Maung Kyaw who stood third in 70-kilo event; and Khaing Lin who stood third in 90-kilo event. Then, the federation hosted a dinner in honour of those who rendered help to the body-building championship and the victorious body-builders.—MNA

Enlightening infrastructures to be found in Kachin State for national race youths to become technical experts



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Just 30 minutes

People do not need to spare so much time for doing exercise to obtain maximum benefits. Generally, an adult may need just about 30 minutes of moderate exercise no less than five days a week as physical activity will make him feel better, gain extra energy and enjoy longevity.

To be healthy, a person needs regular exercise because physical activity can help him maintain a healthy weight an important factor for today's desk-bound people. According to medical surveys, exercise can prevent dreadful diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, some cancers and heart problems. What's more, people who are leading an active life live longer and happier.

The main point here is that a person needs to find the most suitable exercise for him. Normally, brisk walking, hiking or even stair-climbing are kind of exercises he can do without any difficulty. He can also choose dancing, swimming or gardening and there are other options such as jogging, running, bicycling and rowing. He can also join with his friends in team sports like soccer, volleyball and sepak takraw or go to a fitness centre.

If a person wants to lose more weight or has a definite objective, he may need to do exercise more. But the amount of physical activity he needs to do every day is fixed by his own age. He can also take some advice from his family doctor or other physician to choose the best exercise for him and the amount of time and activity he needs.

Another bonanza is exercise and physical activity can provide an opportunity to relax, enjoy the open-air and natural scenery or spend an enjoyable time.

A day has 1,440 minutes and a person needs only 30 of them to enjoy all the benefits of physical activity.

Shwe Phone Pwint Pagoda to be renovated for sixth time

YANGON, 4 March—Wellwishers donated cash to the fund for the sixth all-round renovation of Shwe Phone Pwint Pagoda in Pazundaung Township in Yangon Region today.

A total of 68 donors contributed K13,631,000 for the first time to the sixth renovation.

On behalf of Union Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan, Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win and Yangon Region Minister for Finance and Revenue Daw San Nwe, Yangon Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Myint Thein and officials of the Ministry of Information accepted the donation and presented certificates of honour to them.

At the ceremony to donate cash to the sixth all-round renovation sub-committee chairman U Aung Myo Myint of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise and Professor Dr Nyan Myint Kyaw of Yangon Technological University reported on the fund and conservation of the pagoda.—MNA

Take Fire

Preventive

Measures

Academy award winners for 2010 honoured



Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan and Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe cordially greet academy award winner film artistes and technicians.

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YANGON, 4 March—Winners of the Academy Awards for 2010 were honoured by Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon here yesterday.

During the ceremony to honour the winners at the asiayon here, Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan and Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe presented awards in cash to the winners.

The ceremony was also attended by Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win, region ministers, departmental heads, patrons and chairmen and members of the executive committees of the Myanmar Writers and

Journalists Association, MMPA, Myanmar Music Asiayon, Myanmar Thabin Asiayon and Myanmar Traditional Artstees and Artisans Asiayon.

Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan presented awards in cash to best actor Pyay Ti Oo and best actress Thet Mon Myint, "Adam, Eva and Dassa", Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe to best director and best manuscript writer Khin Maung Oo and Soe Thein Htut, "Pin-le-htet-ka-nay-won-ni", Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win to best supporting actor Wai Lu Kyaw, "Pin-le-htet-ka-nay-won-ni", Yangon Region Minister for Finance

and Revenue Daw San San Nwe to best supporting actress Wah Wah Aung, "Ah-may-kyay-zu-hset-bu-chin-tae", Yangon Region Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Tin Win to best musician Myanmarpyi Kyauk Sein, "A h-n-g-o-m-y-e-t-l-o-n-a-p-y-o-n-e-m-y-e-t-h-n-a-r", and to best movie editor U Myint Khaing, Yangon Region Minister for Electric and Industry U Nyan Tun Oo to best movie producer Daw Khin Sandar Myint of "Heart & Soul" Movie Production, for "Adam, Eva and Dassa", and Chairman of Myanmar Movie Asiayon U Myint Thein Pe to best movie photographer Paji Soe Moe

"Pin-le-htet-ka-nay-won-ni".

Afterwards, U Myint Thein Pe presented a certificate of honour to those who sponsored the academy awards presentation ceremony and on behalf of Sky Net and Shwe FM, Patron of Shwethanwin Co Ltd Daw Ni Ni accepted the certificate of honour.

MMPA hosted a dinner to honour the winners and dignitaries.

Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan and Chief Minister U Myint Swe cordially greeted the actors, actresses and artistes.

The winners were awarded K1m each at the ceremony.—MNA

Specialists give free medical treatment to people in Paingkyon

NAY PYI TAW, 4 March—A specialists team led by Head of Kayin State Health Department Dr Khin Maung Lin and Medical Superintendent Dr Aye Aye Mu of Kayin State General Hospital provided free health care services to people of Paingkyon Station and its surrounding areas on 29 February.

Kayin State Chief Minister U Zaw Min, state ministers and departmental officials wore optical glasses donated by State, District and Township Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committees to the eye patients.

The wife of the state chief minister and officials presented ferrous sulphate, textile and iodized salt to expectant mothers.

The state chief minister and party inspected installation

of solar panels at Paingkyon Station Hospital, operation theatre and medical store.

Ten medical teams gave treatment to 291 patients at the station hospital and wore 50 pairs of optical glasses to the eye patients.

Kayin State Health Department makes field trips to grassroots level monthly.—MNA

Myanmar Rice Industry Association Chairman meets Chinese Ambassador

YANGON, 4 March—Chairman of Myanmar Rice Industry Association U Chit Khaing, Vice-Chairman U Aung Than Oo, General Secretary U Ye Min Aung and executive members met Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Myanmar Mr Li Junhua at the office of MRIA on Min Ye Kyaw Swa Street in Lanmadaw Township, here yesterday morning.

At the call, they discussed importation of farm equipment, growing of high-yield hybrid seeds and extension of rice exports.

MNA



Ward administrator, together with platoon commander and members of auxiliary fire brigade, inspected fire preventive measures in Pyigy Yanlon Ward of Aungmyethazan Township of Mandalay on 7 January.—NLM

US Republican presidential candidate Romney wins Washington state caucuses

WASHINGTON, 4 March— Former Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney will win Saturday's Republican caucuses in Washington state, gaining momentum as GOP candidates gear up towards next week's Super Tuesday contest.

US broadcaster CNN made the projections as Washington state's Republican party is still counting the straw poll cast earlier in the day. Romney holds double digit lead over Ron Paul, the Texas Congressman, after more than 50 percent of the votes were counted on Saturday night.

Rick Santorum, the former Pennsylvania senator who has established himself as the main challenger to Romney, almost tied with Paul. Newt Gingrich, the former House speaker, was at the bottom.

At stake in the contest are 40 delegates, as well as a sure shot of momentum heading into Super Tuesday, the biggest day on the GOP primary calendar when 10 states are holding their primary contests.



US Republican presidential candidate Romney.—INTERNET

Although all four major GOP presidential candidates campaigned in Washington state, they didn't put in much television ads, and that made the contest there somewhat quiet.

However, according to state GOP chairman Kirby Wilbur, Washington Republicans turned out in droves for the caucuses.

Xinhua

An election committee officials adjust a polling station in Moscow while preparing for the upcoming voting. Russia on 4 March votes in presidential elections expected to send Vladimir Putin back to the Kremlin after his four year stint as PM.
INTERNET



22 anti-gov't militants give up fighting in N Afghanistan

PUL-E-KHUMRI, 4 March—Twenty two anti-government militants gave up militancy and handed over their weapons to authorities in Baghlan Province 160 km north of capital Kabul on Sunday.

"With joining these people to the peace process and handing over their weapons to government the security situation will be further improved in Baghlan," provincial governor Munshi Majid told the audience in a ceremony to welcome the former insurgents.

"There people were active in Baghlan-e-Markazi district and with joining them to the peace process the government control will be further strengthen," the governor added.

He also called upon other anti-government fighters to

follow the step and give up fighting.

"My demand from the government is to ensure my security and the security of my men and their families," the group commander Mohammad Yasin told newsmen.

He also said that he had fought in the rank of Hizb-e-Islami party, the second largest group after Taleban outfit fighting Afghan government.

The Hizb-e-Islami or Islamic party, led by Gulbudin Hekmatyar has not to make comment yet.—Xinhua



India's Congress Party General Secretary Rahul Gandhi interacts with supporters during a Congress election campaign rally in Sitapur. Rahul Gandhi has spearheaded campaigning for the secular left-leaning Congress party in politically crucial Uttar Pradesh.
INTERNET

50 people killed in road accident in southeastern Guinea

CONAKRY, 4 March—As many as 50 people were killed and 20 others injured in a road accident in southeastern Guinea on Saturday, sources told Xinhua.

The accident took place at Moribadou in prefecture Beyla in Forest Guinea region when a truck reversed on the Moribadou-Beyla road after the failure of its braking system.

The passengers on the truck were going to a weekly Beyla market held on Saturday.

The Guinean government has presented its condolences to the bereaved families through the minister of territorial administration and decentralization, Alhassane Conde, reported the national radio in its evening edition.
Xinhua

Death toll in S Philippines bomb explosion rises to four

COTABATO, 4 March—The death toll in the bomb explosion blamed on militants on Saturday night in a commercial area in the southern Philippine province of Sulu rose to four, authorities said on Sunday.

Randolph Cabangbang, spokesman of the military's Western Mindanao Command, said two more wounded had died at the hospital after an improvised

explosive device blast along Serantes Street in Jolo town at around 6:55 pm Saturday, which killed two people instantly.

Besides the four casualties, there are six others injured in the terror attack. "We have four fatalities, only two died soon after the explosion," he said.

Felicesimo Khu, chief of the Directorate for

Integrated Police Operations in Western Mindanao, said investigation by the police indicated that the bomb was planted at the generator of the store in the area.

No one group has claimed responsibility for the attack, but government security forces said they are looking into possible involvement of the Abu Sayyaf terror group.

Xinhua



An injured man receives medical treatment at a hospital in northwest Pakistan's Peshawar on 3 March, 2012. At least one policeman was killed and eight other people including two cops injured in a suicide bomb attack that hit Pakistan's northwestern city of Charsadda, which near Peshawar on Saturday afternoon, according to local police and officials.
XINHUA

Around 200 dead in Congo Republic blasts

KINSHASA, 4 March— Around 200 people have been killed and many more injured in a series of explosions in Brazzaville, the capital of Congo Republic, according to a senior official in the presidency, citing hospital sources.

"According to sources at the central hospital we're talking of around 200 dead and many injured," Betu Bangana, head of protocol in the president's office in Brazzaville, told Reuters by telephone.

Congolese official earlier said the blasts occurred after a fire started in an arms depot in a military bade in the riverside capitals.

MNA/Reuters

Foreign ambassadors and diplomats audit the Fifth Session of the 11th National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, on 3 March, 2012.—XINHUA

New York man gets 27 years for attempting to join al-Qaeda

NEW YORK, 4 March—A federal court in Brooklyn has sentenced a New York resident to 27 years in prison for attempting to join al-Qaeda to avenge Muslim abuse. According to a news24.com report, Betim Kaziu was sentenced on Friday after he was declared guilty of conspiracy to provide material support to a terrorist organization. He also was convicted of conspiracy to commit murder and other charges. Prosecutors, however, had sought a life sentence for Kaziu. They claimed that he had tried, but failed to join al-Qaeda groups in Iraq, Afghanistan and the Balkans. He eventually made his way to Kosovo, where he recorded what the government claimed was a farewell martyrdom video. He also bought a plane ticket to Pakistan but was captured before making the trip.—Xinhua

Collaboration shields AIDS patients from TB: UN

GENEVA, 4 March — Some 910,000 lives have been saved so far under a six-year-old policy of cooperation between AIDS and tuberculosis health services, the World Health Organization estimated on Friday. The stepped-up collaboration has brought about better protection of AIDS patients against TB, a leading killer of people living with HIV, the Geneva-based UN agency said in a statement.

The number of HIV-positive patients tested for TB grew nearly 12-fold between 2005 and 2010, from 200,000 to more than 2.3 million. In the other direction, the number of TB patients screened for HIV grew five-fold, from 470,000 to 2.2 million over the same period. Since HIV weakens the immune system, HIV-positive people are more likely to be infected with TB, and vice versa. "We must address TB as we manage HIV," said

Gottfried Hirsenschall, who heads WHO's HIV/AIDS department.

The three-pronged approach involves routine HIV screening for TB patients, those with TB symptoms and their partners or family members; making available co-trimoxazole, a drug that prevents lung infections; and beginning retroviral treatment for both HIV and TB patients as soon as possible. —Internet



A young woman recently diagnosed with HIV and TB collects her medication from a clinic in Swaziland. Some 910,000 lives have been saved so far under a six-year-old policy of cooperation between AIDS and tuberculosis health services, the World Health Organization estimated on Friday. —INTERNET

Sleep quality 'improves with age'

NEW YORK, 4 March — The belief that older people tend to suffer worse sleep may be false — in fact the reverse may be true, according to US researchers. A telephone survey of more than 150,000 adults suggested that, apart from a blip in your 40s, sleep quality

gets better with age. Those in their 80s reported the best sleep, says the study in *Sleep* journal. A UK sleep researcher said while poor health could affect sleep, it was a "myth" that age alone was a factor.

While universities have equipment which can

measure sleep duration and disturbance in study volunteers, this does not always match the volunteer's own opinion on their night's rest. The research, conducted by the Centre for Sleep and Circadian Neurobiology at the University of Pennsylvania, instead focused on asking large numbers of randomly selected people about their sleep. They were also asked about their race, income, education, mood and general health.

While being depressed or having health problems was linked to poor sleep quality, once the researchers had adjusted the results to compensate for this, a distinct pattern emerged. —Internet



The study involved more than 150,000 people. — INTERNET



Health reforms in China make gains, but many out of pocket

BEIJING, 4 March — Efforts in China to widen access to medical care and improve health insurance have made impressive headway, but 173 million Chinese still face "catastrophic" health expenses, researchers reported on Friday. The reforms were initiated in 2003 after liberalization led to the introduction of medical fees and opened up disparities between city and countryside, leaving many with spiralling health costs and worsening care.

Publishing in *The Lancet*, Chinese statisticians led by Sarah Barber in the World Health Organization's Beijing office looked at data from government-led surveys of hundreds of thousands of people in 2003, 2008 and 2011. Over this period, insurance coverage increased from 29.7 to 95.7 percent of respondents, which meant about 1.28 billion people were covered in 2011, they found. Physical access to health services was achieved to 83.3 percent of the population, a trend seen across geographical zones.

The average share of in-patient medical costs reimbursed from insurance also increased rapidly, from 14.4 percent in 2003 to 46.9 percent in 2011, although this meant that last year patients still had to pick up half of the tab. —Internet



A man gets a prescription at the International Medical Centre in Beijing on 29 Feb, 2012. Efforts in China to widen access to medical care and improve health insurance have made impressive headway, but 173 million Chinese still face "catastrophic" health expenses, researchers reported on Friday. —INTERNET

Barclays borrows 8.2bn euros from ECB

LONDON, 4 March — Barclays has confirmed that it borrowed 8.2bn euros (£6.7bn) from the European Central Bank's (ECB's) latest long-term refinancing operation (LTRO). It is the fourth British bank to reveal that it accessed the low-

interest three-year loans. Its said it would use the money to manage the risk associated with funding gaps in Spain and Portugal. Barclays did not take any cash from the ECB's previous offer of such loans in December.

The BBC's business

editor, Robert Peston, says that given the cheap interest rate at which the money is offered these loans are arguably a subsidy by eurozone taxpayers for UK financial institutions. On Wednesday the ECB said that 800 banks across the European Union had accessed 530bn euros through its LTRO.

In December, more than 500 banks borrowed 489bn euros. Of the other big four British banks, Lloyds borrowed 13.6bn euros in the latest auction, HSBC borrowed 5.6bn euros, most of it in the first auction, and RBS borrowed 10bn euros across both auctions. — Internet



Barclays has earmarked 6.2bn euros for Spain and 2bn euros for Portugal. —INTERNET

BP reaches \$7.8 billion deal over Gulf of Mexico spill

NEW YORK, 4 March — BP PLC has reached an estimated \$7.8 billion agreement with plaintiffs suing over the massive 2010 Gulf of Mexico oil spill, the company said on Friday, but it still faces claims by the US government and drilling partners. US District Judge Carl Barbier, who is overseeing the litigation, said in a court order that the proposed terms of the class settlement would be submitted to the court for approval.

He also adjourned the first phase of the trial over the spill, which had been

scheduled to begin on March 5. Barbier had previously delayed the start of the trial to allow a group called the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee, or PSC, to continue to negotiate a settlement with BP. The committee represents the interests of fisherman and businesses who say their livelihoods were damaged by the April 20, 2010, explosion of the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig and subsequent spill from the Macondo well.

BP said the cost of the proposed settlement would be around \$7.8 billion, including a BP commitment of \$2.3 billion to help resolve loss claims related to the Gulf seafood industry. It said the proposed settlement was not an admission of liability by the company, and that BP would assign to the PSC some of its claims against Transocean and Halliburton. —Internet



Fire boat response crews battle the blazing remnants of the offshore oil rig Deepwater Horizon, off Louisiana, in this 21 April, 2010 file handout image. —INTERNET

Fed's Bullard: US economic outlook is brighter

VANCOUVER, 4 March — St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank President James Bullard said on Friday the US economic outlook is brighter and household confidence has improved, suggesting he sees no need for further steps to ease financial conditions. "I think the data is coming stronger on the US economy. I think it's a good time to wait and see

and gather more data, get a better read on what's going on in Europe, and see what is going to happen next," he told reporters after a speech at Simon Fraser University.

Bond buying would be a potent tool, and it would have important effects on the economy, Bullard said. "But we already have a lot of things on the table," he said. However, Bullard said he would have reservations

about any further Fed bond buying because it could accelerate an already sharp recent climb in energy prices. Some Fed officials believe high unemployment and sluggish growth demand another round of quantitative easing to kick the recovery into higher gear, while others, including Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke, have suggested renewed bond buying remains an option should the

recovery lose steam.

"I would be concerned that we not undertake a policy move like QE that would possibly feed into a global increase in oil prices," he told reporters after a speech at Simon Fraser University. After the Fed announced its second round of quantitative easing in November 2010, commodity prices around the world rose, in part because as the dollar's value fell, other assets rose in price. — Internet



Australia's Barrier Reef to get Google treatment

TOWNSVILLE, 4 March — Australian scientists mapping the Great Barrier Reef will broadcast their findings in partnership with Google, emulating its "Street View" to spotlight the impact of climate change. The University of Queensland's Seaview

Survey will use custom-designed cameras and diving robots to plumb never-before-seen depths of the reef off Australia's northeast coast. It is a scientific expedition with an everyman twist, according to chief scientist for the project, Ove Hoegh-

Guldberg.

A special four-lensed camera, which can be held by a scuba diver swimming through and over the corals, will capture a "rapid visual census" of life forms at 20 sites along the entire 2,300-kilometre (1,400-mile) length of the reef. An estimated 50,000 panoramas, shot in 360-degree high-definition, will then be uploaded to Google's Panoramio site for use on Google Maps and Google Earth.

The result will be a kind of undersea version of its "Street View" function, which allows web users to access street scenes around the world. "By using some really nifty digital technology to create 360-degree imagery we're essentially able to allow people to slip into the Great Barrier Reef and go for a dive as if they were coming with us," Hoegh-Guldberg told AFP.

The expedition, which will officially depart in September, will also have a dedicated YouTube channel documenting its progress in real-time.

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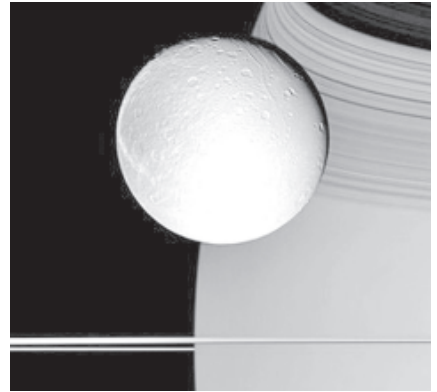
A shark passes Australian scientists mapping the iconic Great Barrier Reef with a custom-built underwater camera, in a photo released on 1 March by the Catlin Seaview Survey. An estimated 50,000 panoramas, shot in 360-degree high-definition detail, will be uploaded to Google's Panoramio photo site for use on Google Maps and Google Earth in a kind of "Street View" under the ocean.—INTERNET



Oxygen envelops Saturn's icy moon

LONDON, 4 March — A NASA spacecraft has detected oxygen around one of Saturn's icy moons, Dione. The discovery supports a theory that suggests all of the moons near Saturn and Jupiter might have oxygen around them. Researchers say that their finding increases the likelihood of finding the ingredients for life on one of the moons orbiting gas giants. The study has been published in *Geophysical Research Letters*.

According to co-author Andrew Coates of University College London, Dione has no liquid water and so does not have the conditions to support life. But it is possible that other moons of Jupiter and Saturn do. "Some of the other moons have liquid oceans and so it is worth looking more closely at them for signs of life," Prof Coates said. The discovery was made using the Cassini spacecraft, which flew by Dione nearly two years ago. Instruments on board the unmanned probe detected a thin layer of oxygen around the moon, so thin that scientists prefer to call it an "exosphere" rather than an atmosphere.



The Cassini spacecraft flew by Dione nearly two years ago.—INTERNET

But the discovery is important because it suggests there is a process at work around the solar system's gas giants, Saturn and Jupiter, in which oxygen is released from their icy satellites. It seems that highly charged particles from the planets' powerful radiation belts split the water in the ice into hydrogen and oxygen. Dione's sister moon, Enceladus is thought to harbour a liquid ocean below its icy surface. The same is thought to be true of Europa, Callisto and Ganymede which

orbit Jupiter.

Prof Coates is among a group of scientists lobbying the European Space Agency to send an orbiter to explore Jupiter's icy moons — known as the Juice mission. "These are fascinating places to look for signs of life," he said. As is Titan, Saturn's largest satellite. Its nitrogen and methane atmosphere is reminiscent of the early Earth, according to Prof Coates.

Internet

Hacked school board election names drunken robot the winner in Washington DC

WASHINGTON, 4 March — Traditional voting systems are typically expensive and require a great deal of manpower to implement.

Because of this, technology firms have begun proposing electronic alternatives (e-voting) that could one day be implemented in national races — however, security experts remain hesitant. When Washington DC recently flipped the switch on a new e-voting option that it planned to use to tally absentee ballots for local elections, the experts' point was proven: a fictional, beer-guzzling robot was elected as the head of the DC school

board.

Before using the new online voting program for a real race, the DC election board posed a world-wide challenge to anyone who thought they could crack the system. A team of computer experts from the University of Michigan quickly pried the digital gates

wide open and began to snoop around. This was aided by the fact that the engineers who set up the supposedly bullet-proof used the word "admin" as both the username and password of the servers holding the election information.

While the tricksters from

Michigan were working their magic, other hackers from as far off as China were doing their best to push their way in as well. The team was prepared for this, and managed to block all others from accessing the data that they were working hard to alter. In addition to scavenging the authentication data for every registered DC voter on a simple PDF file (the most worrisome of all the discoveries), the team was also able to erase the data on every single legitimate vote and replace it with fictional characters. Bender, an alcoholic robot from the TV series *Futurama*, was subsequently named head of the DC school board.



Electronic voting systems aren't nearly as secure as they should be.—INTERNET

Internet

Hackers had 'full functional control' of NASA computers

LONDON, 4 March — Hackers gained "full functional control" of key NASA computers in 2011, the agency's inspector general has told US lawmakers. Paul K Martin said hackers took over Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) computers and "compromised the accounts of the most privileged JPL users". He said the attack, involving Chinese IP addresses, was under investigation. In a

statement, NASA said it had "made significant progress to protect the agency's IT systems". Mr Martin's testimony on NASA's cybersecurity was submitted to the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology's Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight.

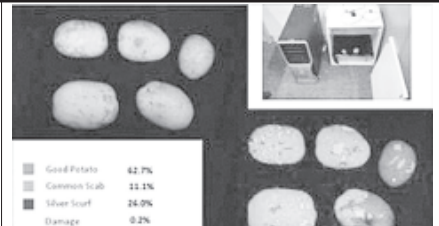
In the document, he outlined how investigators believed the attack had involved "Chinese-based

internet protocol [IP] addresses". He said that the attackers had "full system access" and would have been able to "modify, copy, or delete sensitive files" or "upload hacking tools to steal user credentials and compromise other NASA systems". Mr Martin outlined how the agency suffered "5,408 computer security incidents" between 2010 and 2011.

Internet



NASA said the loss of data did not affect the operations of the International Space Station.—INTERNET



The system is taught by a human expert to spot damaged and diseased potatoes.—INTERNET

New potato-spotting AI built with off-the-shelf tech

LONDON, 4 March — A "learning" computer system that sorts potatoes has been built using off-the-shelf technology by researchers at the University of Lincoln's Robotics Lab. The robot blemish spotter can reliably identify diseases such as silver scurf and common scab, researchers said. The test system uses computer kit not dissimilar from systems many gamers will have in their homes. The UK potato industry is worth about £3.5bn, but much of the sorting of produce is still done by hand. TADD — or the Trainable Anomaly Detection and Diagnosis system — is able to "detect, identify and quantify many of the common blemishes affecting potatoes", Dr Tom

Duckett of the University of Lincoln told the BBC. The key innovation, in Mr Duckett's view, is the learning software which is trained by a human expert to identify diseased or damaged produce. "Existing computer vision systems have to be programmed and calibrated. Our system is different: it learns from some samples provided from a human expert," he said. TADD is only a vision system at present, but just spotting an off-colour spud is harder than it sounds.

"When potatoes get too much light they tend to go green, but in red potato varieties greening looks more black," said Mr Duckett. But because TADD uses artificial intelligence (AI) systems, it can be trained to deal with different varieties.

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Photo taken on 3 March, 2012 shows village committee election site in Wukan Village of Donghai Township in Lufeng City, south China's Guangdong Province. Thousands of people in south China's village of Wukan went to polls Saturday to elect a new village committee, several months after staging massive protests over illegal land sales and other issues. The villagers cast their ballots at a voting center set up on a village school campus from 9 am through 3 pm Saturday. The results are due late Saturday night. Twenty-two candidates delivered public speeches on Wednesday to woo votes. The village committee includes at most seven members, including a chief and two deputy chiefs. A 50-percent turnout is required to validate the election results, and winning candidates are required to take at least half of the votes. An additional election would be held Sunday if fewer than three people obtain the required number of votes. Saturday's voting marked the last phase of a three-phase election that has resulted in the selection of an 11-member election committee and 109 village representatives thus far. Voters are required to show identification and obtain written authorization before they can cast their votes. The voter turnout was 81.4 percent Saturday, sustaining the high levels seen during the last two elections and indicating the villagers' enthusiasm for more open and transparent direct elections.—XINHUA

China develops bullet train for use in extreme cold

BEIJING, 4 March—Chinese engineers have developed a new type of bullet train that can withstand temperatures as low as minus 40 degrees Celsius, a researcher familiar with the train's development said on Sunday.

Li Heping, a research fellow with the China Academy of Railway Sciences (CARS), told *Xinhua* on the sidelines of the annual session of the 11th Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC)

National Committee, which opened on Saturday.

The prototype of the new bullet train was developed by China CNR Corporation Limited, the country's second largest train maker, said Li, who is also a member of the CPPCC National Committee.

Currently, the new bullet train is under safety evaluation and tests by the CARS, Li said. "We demand bullet trains running in severe cold areas withstand the test of temperature as low as minus

40 degrees Celsius and such requirements are very stringent," he said.

According to Li, component parts, material and the control system equipped with the bullet train must pass all necessary tests under an ultra-low temperature environment before putting into operation.

If the new bullet train passes all tests, it is expected to debut in the Harbin-Dalian rail line, in northeast China, at the end of this year, Li said.

XINHUA

A woman looks at the coloured hair on a child's hair during a charity activity for cancer patients in Pretoria, on 3 March, 2012. The Cancer Association of South Africa held the 2012 Shavathon from 1 March through 4, encouraging companies and individuals to shave or spray their hair to support cancer survivors.

XINHUA

Britain's tallest horse set to perform at Queen's Diamond Jubilee parade

LONDON, 4 March—Britain's tallest horse is being trained to be a Drum Horse so that he can participate in the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations in June.

The giant Clydesdale is receiving the training from the Household Cavalry in Hyde Park Barracks.

The 145-stone Digger With his head held up, measures close to 9ft. The eight-year-old male eats up to four stones of food per day and guzzles 25 gallons of water.

Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment officer Alex Owen said Digger is progressing well.

"He is very docile and well behaved," the *Daily Telegraph* quoted Owen as saying.

"It is hoped he will be able to take part in the Jubilee celebrations, however, he needs to put on more weight to be able to carry the silver drums," he said. It takes 18 months to train a Drum Horse and once they pass out they will be given the name of a Greek God.—Internet



Robert De Niro as a homeless man for shelter

LONDON, 4 March—Robert De Niro disguised himself as a homeless man to spend a day at a homeless shelter in Boston, Massachusetts as he researched his new role in *BEING FLYNN*.

The Actor's make under was so successful that he had complete chat with regular at the shelter about himself.

"We did spend time at Pine Street Inn homeless shelter, where Nick Flynn, who wrote the memoir, had worked. It was interesting to see him kind of blend into the woodwork, which he did very well," *Daily express* quoted director Paul Weitz as telling WENN.

"He had a cap pulled over his eyes and he pretended to have a cold so he could cover up his face," he added.

De Nero likes to play real characters so he tried to get sense of reality by observing people staying there.

The body language of the people staying there was not oppressed at all; rather they had straight posture so as no one could rob or beat them. And he is supposed to appear same in the movie.

The movie star also visited New York's Financial District to get the real sense of being homeless person in the busy Big Apple.

"We chose different places where we hoped people would ignore a huge movie star. So we went down to the Financial District when everyone is arriving at work so they don't give a damn; they'd pretty much run anyone over to get to work," Weitz said.

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Albert Einstein exhibition opens in Central China

NEW DELHI, 4 March—An exhibition on Albert Einstein was opened in Wuhan, capital city of central China's Hubei Province, on Friday.

The exhibition for the German-born scientist will last till 17 June, and residents and tourists can visit for free.

Einstein, who received the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1921, was regarded as the father of modern physics and one of the most prolific intellects in human history.

More than 200 displays of Einstein, including videos and replicas, will be featured during the three months.

According to curator of the Historisches Museum Bern, Jakob Messerli, the first such exhibition was held in Bern, Switzerland in 2005 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the theory of general relativity developed by the theoretical physicist, *China Daily* reported. Messerli said that to mark the 60th anniversary of diplomatic relations between China and Switzerland, an Einstein exhibition was held in Beijing in May, 2010.—Internet



Girls dance as they celebrate the New Year of Tibetan Calendar in Danxung County of southwest China's Tibet Autonomous Region, on 2 March, 2012. Friday is the 9th day of Tibetan's Water Dragon year. According to the traditions, a series of celebrations will be held in the first fifteen days of the new year.—XINHUA

Man aged 98 sets world record by marrying 95-year-old woman

NEW YORK, 4 March—A 98-year-old US man and his 95-year-old girlfriend have set a new record as the oldest couple to marry.

Neither Allan Marks nor Lillian Hartley dressed up to tie the knot at a California county clerk's office, but both were beaming when they sealed their vows with a kiss.

"I love you," Marks told his bride as they embraced.

Hartley could be heard responding in kind, but it's not clear if her new husband could because he has difficulty with hearing.

After the two-minute ceremony and a quick wedding lunch at a nearby International House of Pancakes, the newlyweds returned to their Palm Springs

condo where the new bride helped her groom adjust his hearing aid, the *New York Daily News* reported.

"I don't know what will happen," Hartley told *The Desert Sun* newspaper in Palm Springs. "I want to be together for all eternity, and I'm not taking any chances. We're the Romeo and Juliet of senior citizens," she said.

When asked about honeymoon, Hartley laughed.

"We celebrate every day. "I might go to Swiss Donut and have one of the nice donuts," she said.

Although it still needs to be verified, their marriage seems to have broken the Guinness World Record for oldest combined age of a couple on their wedding day,

the paper reported.

The Marks have lived a combined 193 years, eight months and five days. That would break a record previously held by French couple, who were 96 and 94 when they married in 2002.

A Boston widow, Hartley said she fell for the smooth-talking widower 18 years ago when he complimented her dress after a Yom Kippur service at a Palm Springs synagogue.

Hartley said she told him it was "just an old rag." But she also knew then that "he got me." "I'm not deeply religious, but I just think it was meant to be. "I didn't want a relationship. I enjoyed my freedom," she said.

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Wintertweets come out in Nanjing, capital of east China's Jiangsu Province, on 3 March, 2012.—XINHUA

Vegetable dryer, Technical Palace Show opened in Shan State

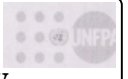
NAY PYI TAW, 4 March – Myanmar Belle Vegetable Dryer was launched in Wayonbin Village, Heho, Shan State, yesterday morning. State Minister for Electricity and Industry U Sai Tun Yin, State

Minister for Agriculture and Livestock Breeding U Sai Hsa Lu and Chairman of Myanmar Belle Co U Ye Myint Maung formally launched the dryer and Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat formally unveiled the

signboard.

Then, the state chief minister attended the opening of Technical Palace Show of Myanmar Engineering Society (Taunggyi).

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International Women’s Day

8th March, 2012

“Connecting Girls, Inspiring Futures”

Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, Nay Pyi Taw

Enlightening infrastructures to be found in Kachin State for national race youths to become technical experts

Archive:
Maung Nyein Aye



Kachin State is proud of having Technological University (Myitkyina), a milestone of technological development in the state.

Myitkyina University is a place where national race youths can easily pursue higher education in Myitkyina.



Located in Myitkyina Township, Kachin State, University of Computer Studies (Myitkyina) where national race youths can pursue modern technology to serve the state and the country as technical experts.



Bhamo University has emerged in Bhamo Township as a facility for Kachin youths to snatch their learning higher education.

Government Technological College (Mohnyin) is situated in Mohnyin Township in Kachin State so as for national race youths to pursue their education.



Thai military delegation warps up visit



Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Air Force Air Chief Marshal Itthaporn Subbhawong and party being seen off at NyaungU Airport by officials.
MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 4 March — Thai military delegation led by Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Air Force Air Chief Marshal Itthaporn Subbhawong visited National Landmark here on 2 March.

The delegation visited Bagan in the afternoon and Mt. Popa and U Ba Nyein

lacquaware on yesterday. They left there for Thailand in the afternoon and they were seen off at the NyaungU Airport by Commander of the Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Aung, the Commander of Magway Airbase and senior military officers.

MNA

Central level meeting on implementation of Myanmar-Thai substitution development project held

NAY PYI TAW, 4 March — A Myanmar delegation led by Secretary of the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control Chief of Myanmar Police Force Police Maj-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun arrived at Doi Tung Development Project in Chiang Rai District, Thailand, via Tachilek on 2 March. The delegation was welcomed there by the Thai delegation led by Secretary General of Mae Fah Luong Foundation Mr Disnadda Diskul. At the briefing hall, project officials explained implementation of Doi Tung development project tasks.

The MPF chief and his entourage viewed poppy-substitute development tasks

such as macadamia plantations, coffee factory, pulp industry, weaving industry, ceramic industry in the project compound.

The Myanmar delegation, Thai drug control team and Mae Fah Luong foundation group held a central level meeting on implementation of Myanmar-Thai substitution development project at Regina Hotel in Tachilek yesterday morning. At the meeting, the representatives of the two countries cordially discussed matters related to the implementation of poppy-substitute development project in Tachilek and Monghsat districts.

MNA

Villages of Zabuthiri Township facilitated with self-reliant electricity supply

NAY PYI TAW, 4 March — Supply of electricity on a self-reliant basis was launched in Alynilo and Aungchantha villages in Zabuthiri Township today.

Village Administrator U Myint Than, U Mya Maung of Village Electricity Committee and village elder U Win Htay formally opened the power supply work in Alynilo Village. Likewise, Village Administrator U Thein Naing, U Win Aung of Village Electricity Supply Committee and village elder U Win Htay cut the ribbon to open the power supply work.

Union Minister at the President Office Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Thein Nyunt switched on supply of electricity and

inspected electricity consumption at residences.

Member of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Myo Nyunt donated K 20 million donated by Nay Pyi Taw Council to the fund for Alynilo Village power supply and K 8 million to that of Aungchantha Village.

With the assistance of Nay Pyi Taw Council and organizing of Union Solidarity and Development Party, Alynilo Village of Zabuthiri Township has facilitated with two 160-kva transformers for supply of electricity to 245 houses, Aungchantha Village, one 315-kva transformer to 241 houses.

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Central level meeting on implementation of Myanmar-Thai substitution development project at Regina Hotel in Tachilek in progress.—MNA

Public companies allowed registering

NAY PYI TAW, 4 March — To cope with progressing market economy of the country, formations of Public Companies have been allowed to register with a view to shaping capital market where the public can invest their savings and capitals in each business sectors and to enabling extension of enterprises for all-round development of the country's economy.

Registration can be applied at Directorate of Investment and Companies at Office No (32) here. Applicants are required to have at least seven initial shareholders, to sell unlimited shares to the public, to be an economically sustainable business, to employ skilled labour and to

submit the name list to the institutions concerned.

Start-up capital, business priorities, share portfolio, membership in first Board of Directors and qualifications, share transfers and dealings, profit sharing, audit and electing Board of Directors must be advertised in dailies and other media.

The seed capital for public companies is set to be at least 500 million and monetary issues and securities must be dealt under existing laws. Monetary information compiled to international standards are to be publicized in dailies, journals and internet web sites for public notice.—MNA

Myawaddy needs reforms to handle quick goods flow



A vehicle capsizes off Myawaddy-Thingannyinaung motor road on Dawna Mountain Range.

Out of the three border check-points at Myanmar-Thai Border, Myawaddy is one the border town and located on the shortest route from Myanmar's commercial city Yangon. The town can be reached at low expense. Myawaddy border check-point was reopened on 5 December, 2011, after the 17-month closure.

The reopening of the border gate has boosted trade volume between the countries, speeding up the goods flow on the Myanmar-Thai Friendship Bridge and at Myawaddy Trade Zone in Myanmar.

Myanmar has exported marine products while

Thailand has exported commodities, household goods and agricultural machinery to Myanmar.

"Myawaddy Trade Zone is running temporarily as it has not yet officially opened. Now, we will complete the garages in the zone to open the zone officially as the border gate has been reopened," a trader in Myawaddy said.

"Thailand has also a plan to establish a trade zone in the country."

To transport passengers and goods, van, supercustom, Hilux vehicles are running on the Myawaddy-Hpaan route and busses are also running from Myawaddy to Yangon for traders who do trading in a manageable level.

For smooth transportation, up-day and down-day are designated alternately for vehicles along the motor road on Dawna Mountain Range. However, some has broken the traffic rules, blocking the road frequently.

Damages of the road, turning over of over-loaded vehicles on the road and unsystematic checks at check points are most of the causes which block the road.

"I think that authorities are planning to construct a new road linking Myawaddy and Thingannyinaung. The new road would shorten the travel time. This road on the Dawna Mountain Range should be repaired as it would

become the Asia Road. Today, most areas in Kayin State would be developed thanks to the peace in the state," a trader in Hpa-an said.

An industrial zone in Myawaddy is in prospect. When industrial zones have been established, investment from foreign countries would flow into the zones. Development of trade zones, investment boom in industrial zones in Myawaddy and good transportation would boost the country's economy and the border town will attract tourists to benefit the country. (Translation:AMS)

Passenger bus and truck in parallel on the road on Dawna Mountain Range.



Bago Region Chief Minister attends donation ceremony of spectacles

YANGON, 4 March—Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win attended free-of-charge eye examination and spectacles donation ceremony of Optical Vision Co Ltd under aegis of Bago Region government at Home for the Aged in Zeegon of Thayawady District yesterday morning.

A total of 942 glasses were donated at the ceremony. The Chief Minister met ward/village administrators, townsenders and

members of social organizations in Zeegon Township at Myole Dhammayon of Myatheinyan Pagoda in Zeegon.—MNA

Myanmar Ambassador presents Credentials to Vietnamese President

NAY PYI TAW, 5 March—U Thet Oo, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, presented his Credentials to His Excellency Mr Truong Tan Sang, President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, on 21 February 2012 in Hanoi.—MNA

Development tasks inspected in Mon State

NAY PYI TAW, 4 March—Mon State Chief Minister U Ohn Myint gave instructions on public health care services to medical staff at Ye Township People's Hospital on 28 February.

He inspected progress in tarmacking the Myakantha lake ringroad, township electric-

ity supply committee office and public sports ground.

On 29 February, he looked into progress of new passage to Kyaikkhami Yayle Pagoda in Thanbyuzayat Township, and met departmental personnel at the office of Thanbyuzayat Township Administrator's Office.—MNA

Ayeyawady ICT & Mobile Exhibition held

NAY PYI TAW, 4 March—Chief Minister of Ayeyawady Region U Thein Aung on 2 March attended the opening of Ayeyawady ICT & Mobile Exhibition

2012 in Patheingyi.

Region Minister for Social Affairs U San Maung, Chairman of Myanmar Computer Entrepreneurs Association (Ayeyawady Region) U

Maung Maung Oo and Chairman of Myanmar Computer Professionals Association (Ayeyawady Region) Daw Myat Myat Moe formally opened the exhibition.—MNA

DISTRICT NEWS

Alinyaung Library opened in Nyaunglebin Township

NYAUNGLEBIN, 4 March—The opening ceremony of Alinyaung Library was held in Kyaban Village of Nyaunglebin Township, Bago Region, on 11 February morning.

Bago Region Hluttaw representative U Soe Paing, Township Administrator U Thi Han Soe, Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Ni Ni Win and Village Administrator U Kyaw Nyein formally opened the new building.

Bago Region Hluttaw representative U Soe Paing donated 100 books, the head of Township IPRD 100 books and K 5000, U Htay Win and family K 15,000 to the village administrator and members of the Library Committee.

The library was built at a cost of K 600,000 from the rural region development fund and K 2 million by local people.

Township IPRD

Urban Rescue Course for Auxiliary Fire Brigade members concludes



SHWEDO, 4 March—Shwedo Township Fire Services Department concluded the Urban Rescue Course No. 1/2012 for

Auxiliary Fire Brigade members of Ward 5 at Yangyiaung Sports Ground in Shwedo on 2 March afternoon.

Township Administrator U Thet Lwin Tun and officials, Head of Township Fire Services Department U San Oo and members, townsenders and enthusiasts attended the concluding of the training course.

Trainees demonstrated their skills on use of fire extinguishers, rescue of victims from high-rise buildings and first-aid for the patients systematically.

Officials concerned awarded the outstanding trainees.

Kyemon

Basic fire fighting course concludes at Furniture Factory

YANGON, 4 March—The basic fire fighting course No. 1/2012 concluded at furniture factories No. 6, 7 and 9 of Wood-based Industries Department of Myanmar Timber Enterprise in Shwepyitha Township of Yangon Region on 29 February.

The concluding ceremony was held at No. 9 Furniture Factory in Wataya.

Deputy General Manager (Work) U Win Naing of Wood-based

Industries Section made a speech.

Head of Yangon North District Fire Services Department U Zaw Win gave a concluding speech.

Region Engineer U Win Aung and IP Win Aung of Township Police Force awarded three outstanding trainees. The head of Yangon North District Fire Services Department presented completion certificates to the trainees. After the ceremony, trainers and trainees

participated in the fire drill.

Myanma Alin

PHYSICAL CULTURE CONTEST HELD: *The physical culture contest of Inter-Township in Yangon North District was held at the hall in Insein Township on 10 February. Chairperson of District Women's Affairs Organization Daw Sein Sein Soe presents medal and cash award to first winner Ma Yadana Tun Naing of Danyingon Ward of Insein Township.* TOWNSHIP IPRD



CSC ISSUED: In implementing Moe Pwint-2 Plan, citizenship scrutiny cards were issued in Mehan Village-tract of Lashio Township. On 3 February, Head of Township Immigration and National Registration Department U Hla Htay and staff issue the cards to eligible people individually.—MYANMA ALIN

CSC, household registration issued



citizenship scrutiny cards. Head of Township INRD U Sai Han Shwe and

staff issued the CSCs and household registrations to the local people.—Pe Tun Zaw

Basic badminton course to start on 5 March

YANGON, 4 March—Old Myoma students association will conduct the basic badminton course No. 11 on tomorrow.

The course hours are set from 9am to 12noon between Monday and Friday daily.

The training course will be conducted at No. 68 on

Sagawa Road in Dagon Township of Yangon. Those wishing to attend the course may enlist at course coordinator U Soe Myint (Hngat Khah) of the home for the old Myoma students, Tel: 250123 and 730-11707.

Kyemon



DISTRICT NEWS

Htantabin Township gets new library building

Htantabin, 4 March—The new building of Doh Tet Lan library was opened at the library in Yakhaingyogyi Village of Htantabin Township in Yangon Region on 21 February morning.

First, Township Administrator U Ngwe Doe, Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw

Khin Nyein Nyein and village administrator U Win Nyunt opened the building.

After that, the township administrator made a speech. The head of Township IPRD explained the durability of the library. The Township administrator presented K 1 million donated by Yangon Region government to the fund of the library through

Chairman of the library U Win Nyunt. The head of Township IPRD donated 100 copies of books and publications to Librarian U Myat Min Oo. Chairperson of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Pauk Pauk presented various sorts of journals to Secretary of the library U Hsan Lwin.

Township IPRD



Natural Disaster Management Course commences



Kengtung, 4 March—The Shan State (East) Natural Disaster Management Course No. 2/2012 was opened at the hall of Kengtung Township Development Affairs Committee in Kengtung on 20 February morning.

Chairman of the Leading Committee for Kengtung District Natural Disaster Management Deputy Commissioner U Khin

Win of Kengtung District delivered an address.

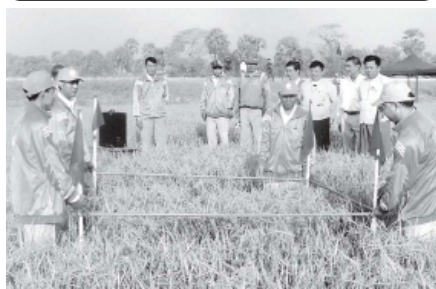
Director U Aung Khaing of Relief and Resettlement Department explained the matters related to the training.

Altogether 50 trainees from townships in Shan State (East) attended the one-week course.—District IPRD

Pathein, 4 March—A ceremony to harvest summer Hsinthukha-3 paddy on 3.78 acres of farmland of farmer U Aung Kyi was held in Kyaukchaunggyi Village tract in Pathein Township on 16 February.

Under the supervision of Head of Ayeyawady Region Department of Settlement and Land Record U Kyaw Htin, Ayeyawady Region Manager U Myint Thein of Myanma Agriculture Service, Head of Pathein District DSLR U Aung Zaw Myint, Township Manager U Sein Maung Myint of MAS, Head of Township DSLR U Hla Wai, staff members and local

Model summer paddy plot harvested in Pathein



farmers actively participated in the paddy harvesting work and counted the production rate.

paddy Hsinthukha paddy strain (good) on the model plot produced 95.65 baskets of paddy per acre.

Township DSLR

After harvesting the

Literary talks given in Monghsat

Monghsat, 4 March—Bookworms in Monghsat Township of Shan State organized the literary talks at the township gymnasium in Monghsat at 7 pm on 17 February.

Writers Chit Naing (Psychology), Ko Yoe Kunk and Akyidaw gave literary talks.

On 18 March morning, they also gave lectures on literary affairs to students at Basic Education High School in Monghsat.

District IPRD

CSC issued in Kaungkha Village of Kutkai Tsp

Muse, 4 March—Citizenship scrutiny cards were issued at Basic Education Middle School in Kaungkha Village of Kutkai Township, Muse District, Shan State (North), on 17 February.

Head of District Immigration and National

Registration Department Assistant Director U Nwe Win made a speech. Head of Township INRD U Win Naing Soe presented the cards to 69 eligible people.

A junior assistant teacher accepted the cards on behalf of the students.

District IPRD

AID PROVIDED: Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Nyan Win and party provided rice and medicines to fire victims at the relief camp in Ale Village of Hlinethaya Township on 18 March. Photo shows the representative giving words of encouragement to the fire victims.

Township IPRD



Refresher course for GPs on 25 March-24 June

Yangon, 4 March—The Continuous Medical Education unit of Myanmar Medical Association will conduct the Public Health, Family Medicine and Research course 2012 for general practitioners from 12 noon to 3 pm on Saturdays and Sundays from 25 March to 24 June.

The companies wishing to render sponsorship for the training course are to come to the auditorium B of MMA

at 1 pm on 6 March. Members of the MMA wishing to attend the training course may enlist at MMA in person with three licence sized photos from 10 am to 2 pm on 14 and 15 March.

MMA

Beware of Fire

Reserve rice purchased in Bogale Township

Bogale, 4 March—Bogale Township Reserve Rice Work Committee of Ayeyawady Region purchases 25-mark rice from farmers at 100 baskets per K 330,000.

On 20 February morning, the paddy purchase centre at Aung Theikdi Rice Mill in Myoma Ward 6 of Bogale, members of the State Reserve Rice Work Committee U Thaug Win, Chairman of the Bogale Township Reserve Rice Work Committee U

Thein Aung and members rendered necessary assistance for farmers in selling paddy at the centre.

Five paddy purchase centres are being kept open in Bogale Township as of 13 February so as to purchase paddy for reserve rice of the State. Up to 20 February, the centres have purchased 4700 baskets of paddy.

Myanma Alin

Fire drill demonstrated in Madaya Myoma Market

Madaya, 4 March—A demonstration on fire drill was held at Myoma Market with the use of four small fire engines and two water tankers of fire brigade and

one fire engine from Township Fire Services Department in Madaya Township on 15 February.

The fire drill was supervised by Township

Administrator U Aung Swe Myint, Executive Officer U Myint Aung of Township Myint Development Affairs Committee, Head of Township Fire Services Department U Htay Win and members of the Market Board of Trustees.

Myanma Alin



Yangon, 4 March—The prize presentation ceremony of the Inter-Subject Men's and Women's Football Tournament 2011-2012 academic year of Dagon University was held at the football ground of the university on 29 February.

Rector Dr Hla Htay of Dagon University, Pro-Rector Dr Aye Aye Tun, Head of Yangon Region Sports and Physical Education Department U Aung Moe, faculty members, officials of the Sports and Physical Education Department and students watched the final match.

Later, Rector Dr Hla Htay presented the first prize to Geology Department team. Officials awarded other winners.

Myanma Alin

Two Russians taken hostage by Nigerian pirates

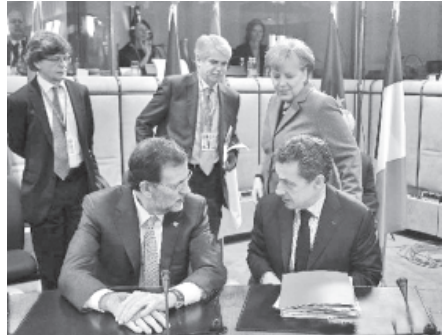
LAGOS, 4 March—Two Russian nationals — the captain and an engineer of a cargo ship — have been taken hostage by pirates in Nigeria, *Xinhua* reported on Thursday. The pirates had attacked the Dutch vessel a few kilometres from Nigeria's

Port Harcourt, an official said. The Russians have not been identified. The International Maritime Bureau has confirmed that pirates attacked and robbed a cargo vessel at a Nigerian port. Eight pirates armed with machine guns fired at a Curacao-flagged

vessel anchored at Port Harcourt before boarding the ship Tuesday night. The chief engineer and the ship-master were taken hostage, an official said. The vessel had 14 crew members. One crew member was injured and another was reported missing.—*Internet*



A woman visits the exhibition during a Press preview of the 2012 Whitney Biennial at the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York, the United States, on 27 Feb, 2012. The contemporary art exhibition includes sculpture, photography, painting, installations, dance, theater, film and music and runs from 1 March to 27 May.—*XINHUA*



French President Nicolas Sarkozy (R, front) talks with Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy (L, front) as German Chancellor Angela Merkel (R, rear) stands behind during the signing ceremony of the Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance in the Economic and Monetary Union during the EU Summit in Brussels, capital of Belgium, on 2 March, 2012.—*XINHUA*

Feds monitored Wash terror suspect

SEATTLE, 4 March—US authorities were intercepting phone calls linked to a plot to kill Defence Department employees weeks before the alleged plotter's arrest, records show.

Seattlepi.com reported court filings in the case against Abu Khalid Abdul-Latif — a suburban Seattle man accused of plotting to kill dozens of Defence Department employees at a Seattle military-processing centre — show federal agents with a secret warrant had been conducting electronic surveillance of Abdul-Latif weeks or months before his

June arrest. Abdul-Latif, who faces a possible life sentence if convicted of terrorism-related charges, allegedly planned to storm the Military Entrance Processing Station with two other men with automatic weapons and grenades. One of his alleged co-conspirators was a government informant praised by authorities after the arrest of Abdul-Latif and Los Angeles resident Wallie Mujahedin, who has pleaded guilty and awaits sentencing.

Seattlepi.com said court documents now reveal Abdul-Latif had been under investigation months before

the informant had come forward in May.

The online newspaper said Abdul-Latif appears to have been the target of a wiretap warrant obtained through a secret federal court order operating under the Federal Intelligence Surveillance Act.

Prosecutors said in court records they plan to use "information obtained and derived from electronic surveillance" but Seattlepi.com said evidence that led to the warrant being issued remains classified and likely will not be provided to Abdul-Latif's defence attorneys or the public.—*Internet*

This spider eats the snake

LONDON, 4 March—Some spiders in South Africa can tangle up a snake by trapping it in the sticky mesh and then spinning a fine web around its coils.

Eventually, the whole snake is forced into a scaly ball by the spider's strong web. A shocked office receptionist stumbled upon the insect's mammoth feat at her workplace in South Africa, *The Sun* reported on Thursday.

Tania Robertson was arriving at the electrical firm when she spotted the brown button spider tucking into possibly its biggest meal ever—a 14-cm long Aurora house snake.

The spider, which is actually quite rare in South Africa, is not as deadly as a black widow but still did damage to the snake.

Internet

Stone Age hunters discovered America

LONDON, 4 March—America was first discovered by Stone Age people from Europe 10,000 years before the Siberia-originating ancestors of the American Indians set foot in the New World, *The Independent* reported on Thursday citing a study.

A remarkable series of several dozen European-style stone tools, dating back between 19,000 and 26,000 years, have been discovered at six locations along the US east coast.

The new discoveries are among the most important archaeological breakthroughs for several decades - and are set to add substantially to our understanding of humanity's spread around the globe, the newspaper said. Dennis Stanford, of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington DC, and Bruce Bradley of the University of Exeter, the two leading archaeologists who have analysed the evidence, are proposing that Stone Age people from Western Europe migrated to North America at the height of the Ice Age.

They are presenting their detailed evidence in a new book - *Across Atlantic Ice* - published this month.

Internet

Russia to fight faking of its weapons abroad

MOSCOW, 4 March—The Russian government is planning to undertake serious measures to fight counterfeit production of Russian weaponry in foreign countries, especially the Kalashnikov (AK) assault rifles.

According to Kalashnikov producer Izhmash, Russia accounts for only 10-12 percent of the million Kalashnikov rifles sold

globally every year, with the rest being unlicensed copies.

"Unfortunately, many countries, including those that consider themselves civilized, do not respect the patents of Russian manufacturers," Deputy Prime Minister Dmitry Rogozin said during a Cabinet meeting on Monday.

"We must make the recognition of our property rights a priority in military-

technical cooperation," Rogozin said.

According to experts, exports of illegally produced Russian arms cost the country up to \$6 billion a year and also damage Russia's image.

The most notorious example is the illegal production of the famed Kalashnikov assault rifles in at least 15 countries, especially in eastern Europe, experts say.—*Internet*



Well Known Ak-47 Kalashnikov Assault Rifles Collection. Stock Photo.—*INTERNET*



Residents push a car on a flooded avenue in Sao Paulo, Brazil, on 2 March, 2012. A heavy rain hit the city of Sao Paulo flooding several streets this Friday.

XINHUA

Nine killed in fight between Colombian army, rebels

BOGOTA, 4 March—At least five suspected members of the rebel Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) group and four Colombian army soldiers were killed after a confrontation in the southwestern department of Putumayo, the Colombian Army said on Monday.

The fight broke out on Sunday in a rural area of the Puerto Guzman municipality, but details of the incident were not confirmed until Monday, the army said in a statement, adding that the suspected FARC members had used an indigenous reservation as a

shield of protection.

Based on the initial intelligence reports, five "narcotic-terrorists" were killed in the operation, said the report, which also said that one of the dead is believed to be leader of the FARC Front 32, but the identity of that man could not immediately be confirmed.

In a separate incident, the FARC's Front 6 launched an attack early Monday on the town of Caldone in the southern province of Cauca. Last week, the rebel group killed one police officer and two soldiers in the same place.

Just before the violent

events in Cauca last week, Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos held an extraordinary security council session in the provincial capital of Popayan where he analyzed the anti-violence measures in the region with relevant military and police leaders.

"Cauca is going through a difficult time in matters of security. We are perfectly conscious about what is happening and we are going to see how we can strengthen security to protect people from the military confrontation," he told reporters after the meeting.—*Xinhua*

Tiny, shiny lizard discovered in Asian forest

PHNOM PENH, 4 March—A new lizard species has been uncovered in Cambodia, a remarkable creature with a long, snakelike body, tiny legs and scales that shimmer with a rainbow-hued iridescence. The disco-ready lizard is tiny, about 3 inches (7 centimeters) long from snout to tail, and researchers found only a single specimen. In early 2010, a small search team discovered the adult male near a stream, during a daytime trek through an evergreen forest in the remote northeast region of the country, near the Laotian border.

Scientists typically wait to reveal such finds until an animal is officially described as a new species — a time-consuming process — thus the two-year lag between the discovery and announcement. Researchers dubbed the

newfound reptile *Lygosoma veunsaiensis*, in honour of the place it was discovered, Cambodia's Veun Sai-Siem Pang Conservation Area. *L. veunsaiensis* is a type of skink, lizards famed for their long, narrow bodies, stubby legs, and the awkward gait that often results.

Finding the lizard was a rare piece of luck, researchers say. Members of the *Lygosoma* genus are notoriously secretive. "These creatures are difficult to find because they spend so much of their life hidden underground," said Flora and Fauna International's Neang Thy, an author on a paper documenting the discovery published in the journal *Zootaxa*.

"Some similar species are known from only a few individuals. We were very lucky to find this one," Thy said in a statement.—*Internet*



**The Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Union Civil Service Board
Vacancy Announcement
Announcement No. 3 / 2012
6th Waxing of Taboung 1373 ME
(27 February 2012)**

1. The Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development under the Ministry of Construction has issued an announcement of vacancies for the following position-

Position	Vacancy	Educational Qualification
Staff Officer (Male)	2	B.Arch
(Female)	2	

- The applicants -
 - must be citizens of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.
 - must not be over 35 years of age (40 years if service personnel) on 23 March 2012.
 - must be in good health, must be physically fit and possess well intact limbs.
- Applications must be sent to Office No. (17) of the Union Civil Service Board, Nay Pyi Taw in person, or by expedited Mail Service, or by registered letter not later than 23 March 2012.
- With regards to filling in the application form, documents to be attached, mode of payment of Ks.500/ for examination fee, subjects to be studied for written examinations and personal interview, candidates applying for the vacant positions will have to follow the instructions manifested in the Guide Booklet published under Letter No. 1/ Selection (Main)/ 2012, dated 2 January 2012.
- For service personnel, his or her original application altogether with the recommendation of the ministry concerned and a passport photo of the applicant must be sent to Office No. (17) of the Union Civil Service Board in Nay Pyi Taw through the Head of Department by 23 March 2012. An extra copy of the application together with photo must also be attached.
- Written examinations will be held in Nay Pyi Taw. Candidates will be examined in Myanmar and General Knowledge examination papers on 28 April 2012 (Saturday) and English examination Paper on 29 April 2012 (Sunday).
- Identity cards for candidates sitting for the examination will be issued at Office No. (17) of the Union Civil Service Board in Nay Pyi Taw commencing 26 April 2012.
- For more information, applicants may contact Office No. (17) of the Union Civil Service Board in person or by phone (067 - 409052, 067 - 409430).
- This announcement and the guide booklet for applicants may be browsed on Websites: ucsb.imis.com.mm and www.ucsb.gov.mm.

Bird strike forces plane to ground



ST LOUIS, 4 March—A Denver-bound Frontier Airlines flight collided with a bird on takeoff, forcing a return to Lambert-St Louis International Airport, officials said.
No one was injured

during the incident on Sunday, the *St Louis (Mo) Post-Dispatch* reported. Frontier Flight 297 departed St Louis on time just after 6 am and was in the air for just a few minutes before the bird strike, airport

spokesman Jeff Lea said. Lea said he did not know the extent of the damage, but the 58 passengers continued their trip on another Frontier flight.
Sunday's incident was the fourth bird strike reported at Lambert this year, the Federal Aviation Administration's "wildlife strike" database states.
Most collisions with birds and other wildlife pose little danger to planes or passengers, the FAA said, but 23 deaths and 209 injuries nationwide due to wildlife strikes have been reported since 1990.
Internet

China issues rainstorm alert for southern regions

BEIJING, 4 March—China's weather department issued a rainstorm alert on Sunday and said widespread rainstorms are expected to sweep many southern provinces in the following two days.
Heavy rains or rainstorms will hit many

regions in the Provinces of Guizhou, Hunan, Jiangxi, Hubei, Anhui, Jiangsu, Zhejiang, Guangdong, and the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, the National Meteorological Center (NMC) forecast.
Strong downpours and torrential weather are

expected to pound some regions in Guangxi, Hunan, Jiangxi and Anhui from Sunday to Monday, the NMC said.
It urged local authorities to get prepared for possible flooding and geological disasters such as landslides mudslides.—*Xinhua*

Jetliner makes emergency stop in Newark



United Shuttle Air Express flight made emergency landing at Newark Airport.—INTERNET

NEWARK, 4 March—A United Shuttle Air Express jetliner made a safe emergency landing in Newark, NJ, Monday evening without its front wheels deployed, authorities said.
No injuries were reported

among the 71 people on board following the plane's landing at Newark Liberty International Airport about 6:22 pm EST, fire officials and Port Authority officials told *The (Newark) Star-Ledger*.
The plane had been en

route from Atlanta to Newark when hydraulic problems with its front landing gear were detected, the newspaper said. Authorities shut down the entire airport during the incident, port authority officials said.
Television footage showed the plane came to a stop with the underside of its nose resting on the tarmac. Numerous emergency vehicles, including at least two ambulances, a crash truck and several police cars were at the scene. The passengers were evacuated and taken by bus to a nearby terminal.
Internet

In this photo distributed by Astrakhan branch of the Ministry for Emergency Situations, Emergency Situations Ministry rescuers inspect debris of an apartment building after an explosion on Monday morning, on 27 Feb, 2012, in Astrakhan, Russia. Such gas explosions are frequent in Russia.
INTERNET



Two sought after 13 shot at rap concert in US

LOS ANGELES, 4 March—Law enforcement authorities in Tempe, Arizona State of the United States are gathering information regarding two suspects who were involved in the shooting and injuring of 13 people at a rap concert late Friday night, *Azcentral.com* reported on Saturday.
The shooting occurred at about 11:30 pm local time

(0630 GMT) at the Clubhouse Music Venue on Broadway Road between Rural Road and McClintock Drive in Tempe, a city located in the East Valley section of state capital Phoenix, Tempe police spokesman Steve Carbajal said.
Thirteen victims were identified and two of them were sent to an area hospital

in grave conditions, he said. Investigators are seeking to identify two young men in black clothing whom witnesses claimed are involved in the shooting.
The incident took place during a rap concert given by Los Angeles artist Nipsey Hussle who rose to fame in 2009.
Internet

Five killed, three missing after Chilean plane crash

SANTIAGO, 4 March—Five people were confirmed dead while the rest three onboard were still missing after a light plane crashed on Thursday in Chile, authorities said on Friday.
Defence Minister Andres Allamand had previously confirmed three deaths but authorities said later that rescuers have found

five bodies.
"I don't have any information about the rest of the passengers, but we have specialized personnel working where the bodies of the airplane were found," he said.
Allamand added that the Air Force and Navy had found the aircraft's fuselage in Piedra Blanca sector, near Quellon, a port located in Chiloe Island.
The one-motor Piper aircraft crashed soon after taking off from Melinka, 1,370 km south of Santiago. Some witness said they saw it aircraft plunged into a river.
Local press reports said the passengers on the plane were members of a family that was traveling from Melinka to Quellon.
Xinhua

The Costa Allegra cruise liner is seen in Rhodes, Greece in 2011. An Italian cruise ship from the same fleet as the tragedy-struck Costa Concordia was adrift on Monday in choppy seas off the Seychelles with no power after a fire and 1,049 people on board.—INTERNET



'Hitman' Web site creator in US prison

The Las Vegas man who created HitmanForHire.net, a Web site promising professional killers "at a moment's notice," is now in a federal prison in Mississippi.

Essam Ahmed Eid, 56, who was convicted in both Ireland and the United States of crimes related to his online business, is eligible for release as early as November 2013 after he was sentenced in Los Angeles to a 33-month jail sentence on a conspiracy relating to extortion charge, the *Los Angeles Times* reported on Tuesday.

Authorities said Eid, who was born in Egypt, approached a woman in Los Angeles in 2006 and told her someone had offered him \$37,000 to have her killed. However, he said he only received a \$17,000 deposit and would spare the woman's life if she paid the outstanding balance on the contract.

The woman sought assistance from the FBI, but investigators said Eid left the country for Ireland during their investigation.

Authorities in Ireland arrested Eid after he approached a man and said he had been offered \$174,876 to kill him, his brother and their father. He offered to spare their lives for \$134,520.

Eid was convicted of extortion and burglary in Dublin and sentenced to six years in prison. He was extradited to Los Angeles to face trial last year.



Challenger the Bald Eagle lands after his flight during pre-game festivities of the Fiesta Bowl between Stanford and Oklahoma State at University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, Arizona, on 2 Jan, 2012.

Bald eagles land on NH road

New Hampshire State Police said a lane of traffic on 101 in Bedford was closed when a pair of bald eagles landed on the road.

Police said a trooper noticed the eagles in an eastbound lane of the road around 6:45 am Sunday and traffic was diverted away from the birds, WMUR-TV, Manchester, reported on Tuesday. The eagles flew off after about an hour on the road and did not appear to be injured, state police said.

Sub shop makes 1,470-calorie sandwich

A Wisconsin sandwich chain said its new Big Daddy sandwich includes salami, bologna, pepperoni, two types of ham and three types of cheese.

Cousins Subs of Menomonee Falls said the sandwich has 1,470 calories, the equivalent of three McDonald's Quarter Pounders with Cheese or more than six Johnsonville Stadium Brats, the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* reported on Tuesday.

"What we've been hearing from our guests for a couple of years is that they're really looking for hearty sandwiches and premium quality and the best ingredients, and that's what we set out to do with the menu as a whole," marketing director Justin McCoy said. "The Big Daddy happened to be a part of that."

Jim White, a registered dietician and a spokesman for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, said it would take about five hours to walk off the calories from a Big Daddy.

"This could set someone back days if not even a week," he said.

News Album



Demi Moore arrives at the Samsung Hope for Children Gala at Cipriani on Wall Street in New York City on 7 June, 2011.
INTERNET

Demi Moore checks out of rehab

LOS ANGELES, 4 March—Demi Moore has checked out of the Cirque Lodge treatment facility in Utah, a source close to the film actress told E! News.

The "Margin Call" and "Ghost" star went to the rehab center after a brief hospitalization following a seizure-like episode she suffered at a party 23 Jan.

E! News said Moore sought treatment for drug addiction and an eating disorder but has since left the facility and is now on vacation at an undisclosed location.

"She's in no rush to get back to LA," the insider said. "She's on total lock-down and only talking to a small group of people."

The 49-year-old "About Last Night" and "St Elmo's Fire" actress is the mother of three grown daughters with her ex-husband, film star Bruce Willis. Her marriage to actor Ashton Kutcher recently ended.—*Internet*

Bristol Palin to star in reality show

NEW YORK, 4 March—US cable network Lifetime says it plans to air a series following Bristol Palin's life as a single mom raising a toddler in her native Alaska.

Palin, 21, is the daughter of 2008 Republican vice presidential nominee and former Alaska Gov Sarah Palin. She is an author and a former contestant on "Dancing with the Stars," and

is also the mother of a 3-year-old son named Tripp.

The *New York Post* said "Bristol Palin: Life's a Tripp" will offer a "never-before-granted" look at Palin's life as a young mom.

Lifetime ordered 10 half-hour episodes of the show, which is to premiere this year, the *Post* said.

"From the first moment she was thrust into the public

eye, Bristol and her son have been the subjects of a huge amount of curiosity and misunderstanding," Rob Sharenow, Lifetime's executive vice president of programming, said in a statement. "This show will reveal the real Bristol Palin and her journey as a daughter, a mother and a young woman making her way in the world."

Internet



Bristol Palin

Sandra Bullock files lawsuit against watch brand

WASHINGTON, 4 March—Sandra Bullock is suing ToyWatch USA for using her name to promote a diamond-encrusted white-band watch.

The 47-year-old actress claimed that her publicity rights had been infringed as the watch company advertised their watch as the same gadget she wore in her Oscar-winning role in 2009 movie "The Blind Side".

According to The Hollywood Reporter, she is asking a California judge for financial compensation, as well as an injunction, Contactmusic reported.

The brunette beauty's law suit states that she will not voluntarily appear in print or other media for a company or product unless she carefully selects and believes in the company and product, and unless the compensation she receives is commensurate with the value of the exploitation of her name, image, identity, and persona.

Internet



Sandra Bullock



Arnold Schwarzenegger and wife Maria Shriver.
INTERNET

Shriver, Schwarzenegger not reconciling

LOS ANGELES, 4 March—Broadcast journalist Maria Shriver and film star Arnold Schwarzenegger have no plans to reconcile, a source close to the former couple told UsMagazine.com. The pair "are not reconciling and not in counseling," an insider told the celebrity news Web site Thursday, shooting down media reports stating the former governor and first lady of California are giving their marriage another shot.

"They will continue to be seen together because of their family, but they are not reconciling," the unidentified source said, referring to their four children. Shriver filed for divorce last summer after 25 years of marriage, following Schwarzenegger's admission he fathered a child during an extramarital affair with a member of the family's household staff more than a decade ago.—*Internet*

Lady Gaga unveils Born This Way Foundation at Harvard

CAMBRIDGE, 4 March—Lady Gaga introduced her Born This Way Foundation, the non-profit she created to empower youth and inspire creativity, at Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass.

"The culture of love is not going to change overnight but youth are the answer to creating a braver, kinder world," the singer told a crowd of policy makers, non-profit organizations, foundation leaders, students and youth at the Harvard Graduate School of Education's Askwith Forum. "This might be one of the best days of my life." Among those who participated in Wednesday's event were media mogul Oprah Winfrey, author Deepak Chopra and US Secretary of Health and Human



Lady Gaga

Services Kathleen Sebelius.

The John D & Catherine T MacArthur Foundation, The California Endowment and Harvard's Berkman Center for Internet & Society said in a news release they are partnering with BTWF "to explore the best ways to reach youth and create a new culture of kindness, bravery, acceptance and empowerment."

Internet

Dujardin calls his success 'happy accident'



French actor Jean Dujardin.

LOS ANGELES, 4 March—French actor Jean Dujardin, who won best actor Oscar for "The Artist", said he never planned his career and thinks that the success is simply a happy accident. The actor admits he never considered working in movies after a career as a stand-up comedian.

"I didn't think about cinema. It could've ended at the cabaret stage. But I crossed over, and happy accidents kept happening. I never stopped working. But it was never a career plan," he told *Marie Claire* magazine.

The 39-year-old star is keen to stick to his French roots because he thinks asking for more success would be "indecent".—*Internet*

Arsenal determined to keep Van Persie, Wenger says



Arsenal's Robin van Persie jumps for the ball during their English Premier League match against Liverpool at Anfield. Van Persie struck an injury-time winner as Arsenal dealt Liverpool's hopes of Champions League qualification a shattering blow with a 2-1 victory.

INTERNET

LONDON, 4 March — Arsene Wenger promised to do "everything possible" to keep Robin van Persie at Arsenal after the Netherlands striker struck a double blow to Liverpool's Champions League hopes. Van Persie

scored twice — including a brilliant stoppage-time winner — as Arsenal came from behind for the third successive league game to defeat Liverpool 2-1 at Anfield.

The Gunners captain now has 31 goals in all

competitions but speculation continues about his future with the London club. Van Persie has just over a year left on his contract but has so far delayed talks about extending his stay. But Wenger insists Arsenal will do what they can to ensure their lethal marksman stays. "We will do everything possible to keep him," said Wenger after the Dutchman inspired Arsenal's fourth-straight league win.

"I can't say much more than that. He's up there with the best players in the world. I'm very proud of him. He was very timid when he first arrived at the club and to see how far he has come is very pleasing." Arsenal face mission impossible on Tuesday when they attempt to overturn a 4-0 first leg deficit against AC Milan in the last 16 of the Champions League. But Wenger will think anything is possible with Van Persie in the team. — *Internet*

Ibrahimovic hat-trick boosts Milan as Juve held

PALERMO, 4 March — Zlatan Ibrahimovic marked his return from a three-match ban with a first-half hat-trick as champions AC Milan routed Palermo 4-0 on Saturday, while Juventus suffered a setback when they were held 1-1 by Chievo. The win allowed Milan to open a three-point lead over undefeated Juventus, who still have a game in hand but are handicapped by a vastly inferior goal difference. "I'll get the whole team to sign the ball and then take it home with me," said Ibrahimovic, whose last hat-trick was as a Juve player in 2005.

"We played an important game very well and must now keep going like this." Palermo had not lost to Milan at home since 2006 but Ibrahimovic soon put that record to bed by giving his side a 3-0 lead by the 35th minute. He broke the deadlock in the 21st minute when Sulley Muntari set up Robinho, who found the big Swede in space

to find the target with a left-footed curler. Ten minutes later it was 2-0, when Ibrahimovic poked a low drive past goalkeeper Emiliano Viviano.

He completed his hat-trick after 35 minutes when he guided a shot inside the right-hand post from a few yards outside the area. Milan's rout was confirmed just before the

hour mark when Thiago Silva headed in a cross from Stephan El Shaarawy. Juventus, who had drawn 1-1 in a bad-tempered clash with Milan last weekend, went ahead against mid-table Chievo after 18 minutes thanks to Paolo De Ceglie, despite the left-back appearing to be in an offside position. — *Internet*



Palermo's Croatian forward Igor Budan (L) vies with AC Milan's Brazilian defender Thiago Silva (R) during the Italian Serie A football match at Barbera Stadium in Palermo. AC Milan won 4-0. — *INTERNET*



Roger Federer of Switzerland holds the winning trophy after defeating Andy Murray of Britain, rear centre, in the men's singles final at the Emirates Dubai ATP Tennis Championships in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, on 3 March, 2012. — *INTERNET*

Federer edges Murray to win Dubai Championships

DUBAI, 4 March — Roger Federer edged Andy Murray 7-5, 6-4 on Saturday to win his fifth Dubai Championships title. The second-seeded Federer didn't drop a set all week and kept Murray off balance much of the match. The win was Federer's fifth title in seven tournaments and his 72nd overall. "This is perfect. This is great. Any title is a good one, I'll tell you that," Federer said. "I have a losing record against Murray."

The 16-time Grand Slam champion improved to 7-8 against Murray, outplaying the 24-year-old from Scotland with a mix of powerful groundstrokes, drop shots and the occasional serve-and-volley. Murray, who was coming off a semifinal win against top-ranked Novak Djokovic, struggled with his backhand and serve. He won 85 percent of his first service points against Djokovic, but only 48 percent against Federer. — *Internet*

Isner loses to Anderson at Delray Beach

DELRAY BEACH, 4 March — Top-seeded John Isner was bounced from the Delray Beach International on Saturday, losing to South African Kevin Anderson 7-5, 7-6 (4) in the semifinals. The seventh-seeded Anderson will play qualifier Marinko Matosevic of Australia for the title.

Isner lost his serve in the

11th game of the first set. He then double-faulted away the first point of the second-set tiebreaker against the 36th-ranked Anderson. Isner, ranked 11th in the world, entered with a 9-1 record in tiebreakers this season. The 173rd-ranked Matosevic beat Dudi Sela of Israel 5-7, 6-4, 7-6 (7) in the other semifinal.

Internet



Leyva, Wieber win gymnastics' American Cup

NEW YORK, 4 March — Jordyn Wieber knew the world title she won in Tokyo last fall came with more than a flashy gold medal, it also came with a target. Gabrielle Douglas found the bullseye. Wieber kicked off her Olympic year with a victory at the American Cup at Madison Square Garden on Saturday,

Danell Leyva, left, and Jordyn Wieber pose after winning the American Cup gymnastics competition at Madison Square Garden in New York, on 3 March, 2012.

INTERNET

though her third win in the event will come with a sizable asterisk after Douglas — who competed as an alternate and wasn't eligible for the all-around title — stunned her

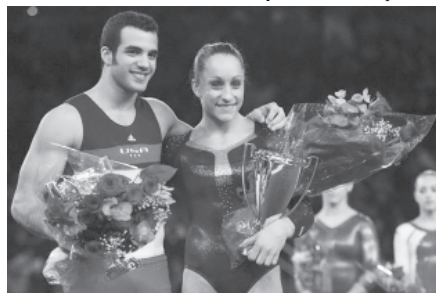
more heralded teammate with a score more than two-tenths of a point higher.

"I wanted to put my name out there and show everyone what I'm capable of

doing," Douglas said. Message received.

Though Wieber stood atop the podium with a bouquet of roses in her hands at the end of the day, she gave herself a "B" while calling Douglas "amazing." Dubbed "the Flying Squirrel" by women's national team coordinator Martha Karolyi because of her gravity-defying routines, the 16-year-old from Virginia Beach, Va., sent a clear message the country's gold medal hopes in London go beyond Wieber and Aly Raisman, who finished second.

Internet



McIlroy closes in on No 1 in the world

PALM BEACH GARDENS, 4 March — Rory McIlroy made two big par saves on a windy back nine and finished with a birdie from the bunker for a 4-under 66 and a two-shot lead over Harris English and Tom Gillis in the Honda Classic on Saturday. The 22-year-old from Northern Ireland is one round away from becoming the second-youngest player



Rory McIlroy, of Northern Ireland, hits an approach shot to the third green during the third round of the Honda Classic golf tournament in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., on 3 March, 2012. — *INTERNET*

behind Tiger Woods to reach No. 1 in the world. He would have to win the tournament on Sunday to replace Luke Donald atop the rankings. "I definitely feel like I need to put it out of my mind tomorrow," McIlroy said. "I need to focus on just trying to win this golf tournament. It might be a little difficult."

McIlroy was in a similar spot last week when he reached the final of the Match Play Championship, knowing a win would make him No. 1. He lost to Hunter Mahan, 2 and 1.

This time, there is more than one player to contend with in the final round. Seven players were within five shots of the lead, a group that includes PGA champion Keegan Bradley and Masters champion Charl Schwartzel. — *Internet*

Klitschko retains WBA-IBF heavyweight titles

DUESSELDORF, 4 March — Wladimir Klitschko stopped French challenger Jean-Marc Mormeck in the fourth round of a one-sided fight to retain the WBA and IBF heavyweight titles on Saturday night. The Ukrainian put down Mormeck with a left-right combination, followed by a short left. Mormeck beat the count but looked wobbly and referee Luis Pabon stopped the fight. "His strategy was to make me tired, but I dominated," Klitschko said.

Klitschko was credited with the 50th KO of his career, but Mormeck said he could have fought on. "I was frustrated, I could have continued," Mormeck said. Klitschko floored Mormeck in the second and completely dominated the much smaller challenger. Mormeck never

connected with a clean punch, although Klitschko said he had been hit with one jab. "My eye is still stinging," Klitschko said. Klitschko improved to 57-3, while Mormeck dropped to 36-5. Klitschko also held on to the minor IBO and WBO belts.

Internet



Heavyweight world boxing champion Wladimir Klitschko of Ukraine, right, knocks out Jean-Marc Mormeck of France in the fourth round of the WBA, IBF, WBO and IBO title bout in Duesseldorf, Germany, on 3 March, 2012. — *INTERNET*

Newcastle 1-1 Sunderland

Ameobi rescues point for Magpies with injury time equaliser

LONDON, 4 March—Derby specialist Shola Ameobi was Newcastle's hero once again as he spared Demba Ba's blushes with an injury-time equaliser against 10-man Sunderland.

The substitute levelled at the death after Ba had seen an 83rd-minute penalty saved by Simon Mignolet.

Nicklas Bendtner had given the visitors a 24th-minute lead by converting a controversial penalty, but the visitors managed to hang on until the dying seconds despite having Stephane Sessegnon sent off, while Black Cats captain Lee Cattermole was also dismissed after the final whistle for arguing with referee Mike Dean.

The temperature rose within 40 seconds when Black Cats skipper Lee Cattermole left his mark on Cheick Tiote.

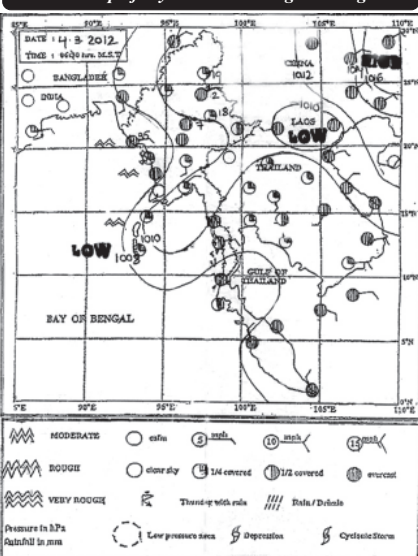
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Head to head: James McLean and Danny Simpson clash in a bad-tempered match



Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 5th March, 2012

Sr No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F)		For Tomorrow	
		Minimum	Maximum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	26/79	32/54	Likelihood of isolated rain or thunderstorms	60%
2	Kayah	22/90	27/83	Partly cloudy	
3	Kayah	26/100	18/64	Partly cloudy	
4	Chin	17/65	09/48	Likelihood of isolated rain or thunderstorms	60%
5	Upper Sgawng	20/82	14/57	Likelihood of isolated rain or thunderstorms	60%
6	Lower Sgawng	24/75	17/63	Partly cloudy	
7	Tanintharyi	35/77	22/72	Likelihood of isolated rain or thunderstorms	60%
8	Bago	35/95	19/66	Partly cloudy	
9	Magway	35/95	21/70	Partly cloudy	
10	Mandalay	26/79	19/66	Likelihood of isolated rain or thunderstorms	60%
11	Meiktila	17/59	22/72	Partly cloudy	
12	Yangon	35/95	20/68	Partly cloudy	
13	Bhamo	31/88	19/66	Likelihood of isolated rain or thunderstorms	60%
14	Southern Shan	27/81	14/57	Likelihood of isolated rain or thunderstorms	60%
15	Northern Shan	19/66	09/48	Likelihood of isolated rain or thunderstorms	60%
16	Eastern Shan	32/90	12/54	Likelihood of isolated rain or thunderstorms	60%
17	Ayeyarwady	35/95	20/68	Partly cloudy	
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	37/99	18/64	Likelihood of isolated rain or thunderstorms	60%
19	Neighbouring Yangon	35/95	20/68	Partly cloudy	
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	26/79	19/66	Likelihood of isolated rain or thunderstorms	60%

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today: During the past 24 hours, rain or thunderstorms have been widespread in Upper Sgawng Region and Chin State, fairly widespread in Upper Sgawng, Mandalay and Magway Regions and Shan State, scattered in Kayah and Rakhine States, isolated in Tanintharyi Region with isolated heavy fall in Rakhine State. weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States. Day temperatures were (4°C) below March average temperatures in Upper Sgawng, Mandalay and Northern Shan State and about March average temperatures in Lower Sgawng, Tanintharyi Region and Southern Shan State. The significant day temperature was Meiktila (19°C). The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Kyaikaw (1.50) inches, Patheingyi (1.97) inches, Aungmye (1.57) inches, Meiktila (1.26) inches and Pyaw Oo (1.69) inches.

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

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

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

Iditarod has ceremonial start in Anchorage



Aly Zirkle, of Two Rivers, Ak, drives her dogs during the ceremonial start of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, on 3 March, 2012 in Anchorage, Alaska.—INTERNET

ANCHORAGE, 4 March—It was all laughs, smiles and barks during the ceremonial start of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race in Anchorage on Saturday morning. The fan-fest annually precedes the real start of the race, scheduled for Sunday 50 miles north of Anchorage in Willow. "I think it's great," said Susan Chan of Little Rock, Ark. She was in Anchorage for a Rotary conference which ended just before Saturday's event.

"Of course, the dogs are the main attraction, but really the mushers, of course, they're in charge of the whole thing. Without them, we wouldn't be having a race," said Chan, who was bundled up in a parka as light snow fell in the city. For the ceremonial start, streets are closed in downtown Anchorage to allow fans to watch the mushers prepare their dog teams. There is a staggered start with a musher and a person riding in his or her sled—called an IditaRider—who won an auction for the ride.—Internet

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AVB's gone! Chelsea sack Andre Villas-Boas after defeat at West Brom

LONDON, 4 March—

Andre Villas-Boas has been sacked by Chelsea after less than a year in charge at Stamford Bridge.

Chelsea's decision comes on the back of Saturday's 1-0 defeat by West Bromwich Albion and a run of just three Premier League wins in their last 12 games.

The 34-year-old Portuguese only took over as manager in June 2011.

Former Chelsea midfielder Roberto di Matteo has been put in charge as first-team coach on an interim basis until the end of the season.

A statement on the club's website read: "Unfortunately the results and performances of



the team have not been good enough and were showing no signs of improving at a key time in the season.

"The club is still competing in the latter stages of the UEFA Champions League and the FA Cup, as well as challenging for a top-four spot in the Premier League, and we aim to remain as competitive as possible on all fronts.

"With that in mind, we felt our only option was to make a change at this time."

Chelsea are facing two tough games in the FA Cup and Champions League over the next 10 days.

They visit Championship side Birmingham for an FA Cup fifth-round replay on Tuesday and the following week they must overturn a 3-1 deficit against Italian side Napoli at Stamford Bridge to avoid exiting the Champions League at the last 16 stage.

Villas-Boas won the Portuguese League and Cup double plus the Europa League whilst in charge at Porto but appeared to have a difficult working relationship with senior players at Chelsea.

Nicolas Anelka and Alex left the club early

in his reign and after Frank Lampard was left out of the team he said playing under Villas-Boas had "not been ideal."

Villas-Boas admitted in December that the Blues could no longer win the Premier League after they were left 11 points adrift of the leaders following a 1-1 draw with Fulham on Boxing Day.—Internet

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Union A&I Minister views thriving Paletwe hybrid paddy plantations in Dagon Myothit

NAY PYI TAW, 4 March—The 500-acre paddy farm of Green Asia Co is located in 10000-acre model mechanized farm in Dagon Myothit of Yangon Region.

Yesterday afternoon, Managing Director U Maung Kyay of Green Asia Co conducted Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing accompanied by Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Junhua and agriculturists from Yunnan Province round the 500-acre paddy farm and explained production of Paletwe hybrid G-1 paddy strains on 100 acres of farmlands and cultivation of Paletwe hybrid paddy F-1 on remaining 400-acre farmlands. The Chinese ambassador and Yunnan agriculturists

discussed comprehensive cooperation for uplifting living standards of the farmers and increasing their incomes.

They viewed paddy strain sorting machine that can operate 50 baskets of paddy per acre of Green Asia Co, paddy dryer, silo and thriving 100-acre paddy plantations.

At 500-acre paddy farm of Sun Moon Star Co, Myanmar agriculturist Dr Ye Tint Tun reported on production of quality paddy strain.

The Union minister and party viewed thriving 300-acre paddy farm and 200-acre paddy farm.

After visiting the paddy plantations, the Union minister gave necessary instructions.—MNA

New school building of Post-Primary School handed over to Ministry of Education

YANGON, 4 March—A ceremony to hand over new school building of Basic Education Post-Primary School in Pyawbwey Village, Twantay Township, Yagon Region, to the Ministry of Education was held at the school today.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, Yangon Mayor Region Minister for Development Affairs U Hla Myint, officials and wellwisher Daw Khin Mar Yi, wife of (Duyinthee) U Soe Myint formally opened the new school building.

The wellwisher spent K 69.785 million on construction of 140x30 feet RC facility and then donated K 700,000 to the funds for Dhammayon in Pyawbwey Village.—MNA

Tottenham 1-3 Manchester United

LONDON, 5 March—Ashley Young scored twice as Manchester United closed the gap on leaders Manchester City to two points with a 3-1 victory away at Tottenham Hotspur this afternoon.

Visiting United were second best for large parts of the opening 45 minutes as Spurs enjoyed large spells in possession.

The home side fought they had broken the deadlock in the 34th minute when Emmanuel Adebayor flicked the ball into an unguarded net from close range. However, the Togo striker was penalised by referee Martin Atkinson for controlling the ball with his hand prior to converting his chance.

Just as the two teams

Ashley Young scored two splendid goals to give United a smash-and-grab 3-1 victory at White Hart Lane.



Wayne Rooney celebrates his opener

looked to be heading into the break level, United opened the scoring with virtually their first effort on target.

Wayne Rooney evaded his marker Kyle Walkerton to nod a corner from Ashley Young past Brad Friedel in the home goal.

Spurs continued to dominate the early exchanges after the restart as Jake Livermore's deflected effort forced

David de Gea into a low save in the 50th minute.

Benoit Assou-Ekotto then grazed the crossbar with a curling effort from 25 yards out, but it was United who grabbed the second goal of the encounter.

Walker failed to clear Nani's cross from the byline and Young was on hand to send a half-volley past a wrong footed Friedel on the hour mark.

The England inter-



national added his second and United's third nine minutes later, curling an effort into the top corner of the net from 20 yards out.

Substitute Jermain Defoe pulled one back for Spurs three minutes from time when he collected a poor pass

from Ryan Giggs and shot past an unsuspected De Gea from the edge of the area.

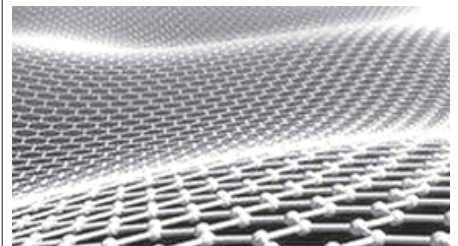
However, Defoe's late intervention failed to produce a late comeback as United held out for all three points.

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Modric Challenges Nani

Graphene 'could pose health risk' to workers



Graphene has been heralded as a revolutionary material and is used in touch screen technology.—INTERNET

EDINBURGH, 4 March—People involved in making a material used to enhance computer and phone touch screens could be at risk of lung damage, according to new research. Scientists at the University of Edinburgh have been studying the behaviour of the so-called miracle material, graphene. They say, when produced in a certain form, the ultra-thin carbon contains tiny particles known as nanoplatelets. These can lodge in the lungs and may cause health problems, the study found.

Graphene, first identified in 2004, has been hailed a revolutionary material and heralded for its superconductive properties. The flexibility of these disc-shaped particles, known as nanoplatelets, allows them to be readily incorporated into plastic and rubber, giving them new and useful properties. They can also be used to enhance the electronic properties of touch screens.

The Edinburgh scientists found that the nanoplatelets, which are invisible to the naked eye, behave like tiny frisbees and stay airborne. But the researchers said their aerodynamic properties also mean that when inhaled, they can find their way deeper into the lungs compared with other forms of graphene. The scientists said the particles could accumulate in the lungs and cause damage.

This could potentially affect the health of people involved in manufacturing and handling graphene-based nanoplatelets. Prof Ken Donaldson, chair of respiratory toxicology at the university, said.—Internet

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