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- Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- National reconsolidation
- Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

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- Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

**Four social objectives**
- Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

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**Lt-Gen Tha Aye inspects progress of Myitkyina-Sumprabum-Putao Road, construction of University of Computer Studies (Bhamo)**

NAV PYT TAW, 22 Jan—Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Soe Win and departmental officials, inspected upgrading of road sections on Myitkyina-Sumprabum-Putao Road near Makhoran Village of Putao Township on 18 January.

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**Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing oversees development tasks in Mongshu and Tangyan Townships**

NAV PYT TAW, 22 Jan—Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut and departmental heads, met officials and local people at the office of Mongshu Township on 20 January. There, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing provided clothes and publications to locals.

Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing later inspected medical rooms in Mongshu Township People’s Hospital where he encouraged the patients and presented medicines.

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**Article: Tin Mar Win & Mya Kay Khine Soe; Photos: Myanma Alin**

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Make earnest efforts for development of rural regions

As the majority of the nation’s population resides in rural regions, emphasis is being placed on enhancement of the socio-economic status of rural people. In that regard, the government has been building irrigation facilities such as dams and reservoirs for supply of drinking water and water for agricultural purpose.

Meanwhile, underground water tapping and river water pumping projects were extensively implemented, and farmers have been able to grow monsoon and summer paddy, beans, and pulses, edible oil crops, and cotton, making better use of those irrigation facilities.

For better transport, roads and bridges large and small are being built along with village-to-village roads and town-to-village roads. With those infrastructures, local people can travel from one place to another with peace of mind and trade and commerce in the region is full swing.

As part of regional development tasks, the opening of self-reliant power generator and library in Indaing Village, Kyaukse Township, opening of new roads in Gangaw and the new MAKYIAN-KANHHA tarred road in Magway Division, the hand-over of rural health centres in Yekyaw Village and Twantay Tawa Village in Twantay Township and opening of new station hospital in Kyauktaung Village in Pauktaw Township, Rakhine State were held recently.

Moreover, the extended opening of new school buildings and self-reliant rural libraries in different regions has been carried out successfully. With the emergence of those facilities, local people have now been able to pursue education in their own regions and widen their scope of knowledge all the more.

At a time when efforts are being made for regional development, well-wishers are making donations and contributing their services towards the project. And such generous contributions would surely bring progress and prosperity to transport, health, education and economic sectors of rural regions.

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**Appointment of New Zealand Ambassador agreed on**

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Russia to strengthen Baltic fleet over US missile plans

MOSCOW, 21 Jan — The Russian Navy will reinforce its Baltic Fleet over US plans to place Patriot missiles in Poland, theRIA Novosti news agency reported on Thursday, citing a senior Navy official.

“Primarily, surface, underwater and air components of the Baltic Fleet will be enhanced,” the unidentified source was quoted as saying. The official said new corvette class warships with long-range, high-precision cruise missiles aboard would join the fleet.

The remarks came a day after Poland announced that a US Patriot missile battery would be deployed in Morag, a small town in northeastern Poland about 100 km from the Russian border.

Polish Defence Minister Bogdan Klich said on Wednesday the decision was neither political nor strategic, explaining that good infrastructure was the only reason to use a base near Russia’s Baltic enclave of Kaliningrad instead of one outside Warsaw. — Xinhua

Bombs, ambushes as Marines inch into Taleban bastion

MARJAH, 22 Jan — The crisp crackling of AK-47s breaks the morning silence as US Marines inch towards the outskirts of a Taleban stronghold in Afghanistan’s southern province of Helmand.

Within minutes, three squads of the Marines’ 1st Battalion, 6th Regiment’s Alpha company are pinned down in an open, dried-out poppy field by gunfire from unseen Taleban militants hiding in mud houses metres away.

“Stay down, stay down. Get me an eye on these guys,” Staff Sergeant Stephen Vallesjo barks as he directs his men into an embankment facing the gunfire.

At least two suspected Taleban militants are sighted, one of them lighting up a haystack as a signal for reinforcement. More gunfire ensues, the smell of gunpowder wafts in the cold air, and then silence.

“In the distance, women and children are in the firing line of the Marines — either forced by the Taleban to stay there as human shields or they are unperturbed by the fighting.”

“We can’t engage them because there are civilians in the direct path,” Vallesjo says, calling in the unit’s position to base and asking for exact coordinates to pin down the enemy fire.

His men positioned in the embankment let off a volley of machine gun fire, sending fragments of the mud house flying into the air. Nearby, an elderly man herds his family away to safety.

Yemeni soldier killed in gunmen attack

SANAA, 22 Jan — A Yemeni soldier was killed and three others wounded on Thursday in an ambush by a group of gunmen east of capital Sanaa, pan-Arab al-Jazeera TV reported.

Gunmen, suspected to be al-Qaeda militants, opened fire at the vehicle carrying food in Ma’rib Province, east of Sanaa.

Meanwhile, two more soldiers and a civilian sustained injuries in an attack by the fires of militants belonging to the opposing Southern Movement in the province of Shabwa, south-east of capital Sanaa. — Xinhua

F-18 fighter crashes in Finland

HELSEINNE, 22 Jan — A Finnish Air Force F-18 Super Hornet crashed in the south of the country but caused no deaths, local media said on Thursday.

The fighter crashed in Juupajokki, north of the southern city of Tampere at about 11:50 local time, media reported.

The two pilots, who were on a routine training flight, ejected safely and were uninjured and no-one on the ground was harmed.

The cause of the accident was still under investigation. — Xinhua

US Airways jet lands when religious item mistaken as bomb

PHILADELPHIA, 22 Jan — A US Airways passenger plane was diverted to Philadelphia on Thursday after a religious item worn by a Jewish passenger was mistaken as a bomb, Philadelphia police said. A passenger was alarmed by the phylacteries, religious items which observant Jews strap around their arms and heads as part of morning prayers, on the flight from New York’s La Guardia Airport heading to Louisville.

“Someone on the plane construed it as some kind of device,” said officer Christine O’Brien, a spokeswoman for the Philadelphia police department. No one was arrested or charged, O’Brien said.

The plane landed without incident and the passengers and crew were taken off the plane, a spokesman for US Airways said. Phylacteries, called tefillin in Hebrew, are two small black boxes with black straps attached to them. Observant Jewish men are required to place one box on their head and tie the other one on their arm each weekday morning. — Internet

File photo shows an Emirati man looking at laptops on display at a technology fair in Dubai. The global agency overseeing Internet domain names on Thursday said Egypt, Russia, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates can begin creating online addresses in their native languages. — Internet

An Aeromexico aircraft is seen at the end of the runway at Tijuana's Airport, Mexico, on 21 Jan, 2010. According to authorities, the plane with 36 passengers on board, slide out of the runway after landing due to weather conditions but nobody was injured. — Internet
Tiger Airways makes debut on Singapore stock exchange

SINGAPORE, 22 Jan—Tiger Airways made its debut on Friday on the Singapore Exchange, becoming the first Asian carrier to be listed in five years.—Internet

Shares in the budget carrier opened at its initial public offering price (IPO) of 1.50 Singapore dollars (1.07 US dollars). They rose to 1.58 dollars before dropping back.

Singapore-based Tiger Airways said funds raised from the IPO would go mainly towards financing the carrier’s expansion plans in Asia, which is expected to become the world’s biggest travel market by 2020.

Tiger Airways raised 247.7 million dollars in gross proceeds from the IPO and planned to set aside 166 million dollars to buy new jets.

The carrier wants to expand its current fleet of 17 Airbus A320s to 68 by December 2015 as it moves to increase the number of destinations it serves.

It is also looking to establish new operating bases and airlines when the opportunities arise, as well as repay short-term loans.—Internet

Oil tumbles to 76 dollars along with stocks

NEW YORK, 22 Jan—Oil prices tumbled more than two percent on Thursday as a government report showed weak demand of energy consumption and heavy sell-off in equity market weighs on commodities.

The US Energy Department’s Energy Information Administration reported on Thursday that crude stockpiles fell by 471,000 barrels, but the decrease was due to decline in supply rather than consumption. Meanwhile, the report shows US fuel consumption in the past four weeks fell 1.8 percent from one year earlier.

President Barack Obama on Thursday proposed to impose new limits on the size of the nation’s biggest banks and restrict their risk-taking abilities. Investors in commodities market were concerned as major banks like Goldman Sachs have been heavy-weight players in the oil market.

China to receive much more cruise ship visits this year

SHANGHAI, 22 Jan—China’s cruise economy kept growing as liner departures from and visits to Chinese harbours increased steadily in 2009, industry insider said on Friday.

China Cruise and Yacht Industry Association told Xinhua on Friday that China’s cruise ship market will grow rapidly this year with liner visits expected to rise by a big margin. But it declined to reveal detailed predictions, only estimating that all-year cruise ship visits to Shanghai alone will reach 120 for 2010.

According to the association, cruise ship departures from China’s coastal cities numbered 80 in 2009, a growth of 38 percent over the 2008 level; and cruise ship visits at such cities numbered 76. But the industry organization did not reveal the year-on-year change figure for the visits.

The association took Shanghai as an example. Last year the city recorded a 17 percent year-on-year growth in number of international cruise ship visits and a 83 percent growth in number of human exits and entries by liners.—Xinhua

India’s Bharti quarterly profit rises two percent

NEW DELHI, 22 Jan—Top Indian mobile phone firm Bharti Airtel squeezed out a two-percent rise in quarterly profit on Friday as a fierce price war cut into revenues in the world’s fastest-growing mobile market.

Net profit totalled 22.10 billion rupees (478.4 million dollars) under US accounting norms in the fiscal third quarter to December as revenues rose one percent to 97.72 billion rupees.

Bharti achieved the profit “despite the hyper competition” in the Indian market, company chairman Sunil Bharti Mittal said in a statement.—Internet

Toyota recalling over two mln vehicles with pedal problems

LOS ANGELES, 22 Jan—About 2.3 million Toyota vehicles are being recalled in the US market due to pedal problems, Toyota Motor Sales USA announced on Thursday. “In recent months, Toyota has investigated isolated reports of sticking accelerator pedal mechanisms in certain vehicles without the presence of floor mats,” said Irv Miller of Toyota.

“Our investigation indicates that there is a possibility that certain accelerator pedal mechanisms may, in rare instances, mechanically stick in a partially depressed position or return slowly to the idle position, “ he said. “Consistent with our commitment to the safety of our cars and our customers, we have initiated this voluntary recall action.”

The action is separate from the ongoing recall involving about 4.2 million Toyota and Lexus vehicles to reduce the risk of pedal entrapment by incorrect or out-of-place accessory floor mats, according to the automaker.

The condition is rare, but can occur when the pedal mechanism becomes worn and, in certain conditions, the accelerator pedal may become harder to depress, slower to return or, in the worst case, stuck in a partially depressed position, according to the company based in Torrance, Los Angeles.—Xinhua

Google’s quarterly sales increase 17%

SAN FRANCISCO, 22 Jan—Google Inc on Thursday posted a double-digit increase of sales in the most recent quarter, which however was not as strong as some analysts had expected.

Google reported revenues of 6.67 billion US dollars for the last three months of 2009, up 17 percent compared to the same period a year earlier and also representing an increase of 12 percent over the previous quarter.

Net income was 1.97 billion dollars, compared to 382 million dollars in the year-ago quarter when the company took charges of 1.09 billion dollars related to its investments. —Xinhua

South African soldiers secure the area on the hills overlooking the Green Point Stadium of Cape Town. S Africa has tried to stamp out concerns about crime during the World Cup, despite the nation’s staggering incidence of violence, with an average 50 people killed every day.—Internet

A woman cooks spaghetti on the Place St Pierre, where around one thousand people have been living since the 12 Jan earthquake, in Port-au-Prince’s Petion-ville suburb. The stench at Place Saint-Pierre, perceptible from 100 metres away, overpowers the senses inside the makeshift camp where thousands of Haitians subsist in appalling conditions.—internet

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S Korea to send 250 troops to Haiti in March

SEOUL, 22 Jan—South Korea has decided to send 250 troops in early March to earthquake-ravaged Haiti as part of the United Nations peacekeeping operation, local media reported on Friday citing high-ranking government sources.

The government plans to send a team of 10 South Korean officials from the Ministry of Defence, the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the South Korean Army next week to assess situations there, according to Yonhap News Agency in Seoul.

Based on the inspection results, the government will submit a bill on planned troop dispatch to Parliament in February, so that the forces can be deployed by March, according to Yonhap.

As security situations deteriorate in the small Caribbean nation, which was struck by the magnitude-7.0 earthquake earlier January, the UN is asking member countries to send more peacekeepers, local media have said.

The South Korean government earlier this week decided to boost its aid to 10 million US dollars from the initial 1 million for short-term emergency relief and long-term efforts to help rebuild the country, while South Korean relief workers dispatched shortly after the earthquake are already operating in the devastated country.

Russian cosmonaut moves spaceship to new docking port

MOSCOW, 22 Jan—A Russian cosmonaut moved on Thursday a manned spacecraft from one docking port to another at the International Space Station (ISS), the Mission Control Centre outside Moscow said.

Astronaut Maxim Surayev manually piloted the Soyuz TMA-16 spaceship from its usual docking port to the new Poisk research module, said Mission Control spokesman Valery Lyndin.

Surayev was assisted by US astronaut Jeff Williams who was also aboard the Soyuz spacecraft during the 25-minute operation.

4.9-degrees aftershock shakes Haiti

PORT AU PRINCE, 22 Jan—An earthquake measuring 4.9 degrees on Richter Scale shook Haiti on Thursday, producing panic among the inhabitants and the suspension of the rescue works.

The US Geology Institute said that the replica of the 7.3-degree earthquake that shook the country on 12 Jan had its epicentre located 65 kilometres southwest to Port au Prince, Haiti’s capital, with a depth of 10 kilometres.

The earthquake occurred on Thursday at 11:45 am local time (1645 GMT), the US Geology Institute said.

Eight dead, one missing in rainstorms

in Brazil’s Sao Paulo

RIO DE JANEIRO, 22 Jan—Eight people died in rainstorms which hit Brazil’s Sao Paulo metro area on Thursday, local authorities said.

Rescue teams have found the bodies of the victims, who were killed by mudslides in the town of Santo Andre and other locations. One person remains missing in Rio de Janeiro’s Piore Pires. According to the Sao Paulo authorities, the number of deaths caused by heavy rainstorms in the state since last December has reached 58.

Thursday’s storm caused severe damage in several parts of Sao Paulo. A total of 59 areas were flooded, including several highways across the city.

The Sao Paulo General Warehousing and Centres Company (Ceagesp), the largest food distribution centre in Brazil, was flooded for the second time in two months.

Majority hopes for “healthy Expo”

BEIJING, 22 Jan—More than 90 percent of residents interviewed for a poll are hoping for the first-ever smoke-free World Expo in the history of the 150-year-old mega event, which kicks off in Shanghai on 1 May.

The Fudan Media and Public Opinion Research Centre interviewed 509 people, of which 93.5 percent said they hoped smoking, tobacco commercials and promotions would be strictly prohibited at all Shanghai Expo 2010 pavilions.

They also felt smoking should not be allowed in restaurants or shopping centres near the Expo area.

Zhao Baohua, a professor at Fudan University who headed the survey, said that the results are in line with their earlier estimation.

“We could tell the trend, as we have been keeping an eye on this topic for several years. This was the third time we carried out such a survey. And we can see that most people would like to see smoking banned in public places, especially indoors,” he said.

Venezuela, Qatar sign cooperation accord

CARACAS, 22 Jan—Venezuela and Qatar on Thursday signed an agreement on boosting cooperation between companies of the two countries.

The agreement was signed by Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez and visiting Qatari Emir Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa al-Thani.

Cooperation deals signed between Venezuelan and Qatari companies include a framework agreement to set up a joint venture on natural gas transportation and liquefaction.

Claiming to hold the world’s largest hydrocarbon reserves, Venezuela also has proven gas reserves of 150 trillion cubic feet.

The two leaders also discussed issues concerning Latin America, the Arab world and the Middle East.

Chavez conferred on Emir al-Thani a Libertador (Liberator) Order for his “brave role” in defending the peace and sovereignty of Arab countries and the cause of Palestine.

Four boys, one 11, charged in Wash state robbery

BELLEVUE, 22 Jan.—Four boys, including one just 11 years old, have been charged with holding up a gas station in Washington state. Bellevue police spokes-
woman Carla Lafrate (eye-
uh-FRAY’-tee) says the 11-year-old distracted the clerk while his 15-year-
old brother got behind the clerk and held a pellet gun to his neck.

She alleges the boys got away with about $200 on Sunday night.

Police say the other two, also 15, waited across the street and acted as lookouts.

Officers say they recognized the brothers from surveillance video and arrested them on Monday along with the two friends.

All four were charged with first-degree robbery on Thursday in King County Juvenile Court.

Britons embrace doggie long-jump

Organizers of canine long jump competitions in Britain say the events are gaining popularity, with contests across the country drawing hundreds of participants.

Anton Wittwer, organizer of several “Dash ‘n’ Splash” events across England, said six of the contests were held last year, drawing up to 700 participating pooches at a time, The Daily Mail reported.

Wittwer said the competitions typically involve dog owners throwing objects over a large body of water, causing the dogs to scale a 30-foot ramp and leap to catch the toy.

Kevin Day and his dog Brown Sugar prepare to hit the frigid Mississippi River water in 20 degree temperatures during the annual New Year’s Day Water Skiing event on the Mississippi River in St Louis on 1 January, 2010. The event held every New Year’s Day for decades, raises money for the Missouri Disabled Water Ski Association.

State of emergency in Calif storm areas

LOS ANGELES, 22 Jan.—Acting Gov Jerry Brown on Thursday declared a state of emergency in several California counties hit by a series of Pacific storms this week.

The declaration covers Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Francisco and Siskiyou counties. Brown is acting governor while Gov Arnold Schwarzenegger is in Washington.

California was hit on Thursday by the fourth, and possibly worst, storm in a series of storms rolling in from the Pacific Ocean since last weekend. The National Weather Service measured more than 4 inches of rain in several inland locations since Sunday and reported waves of 15-20 feet along the Pacific coast.

People living in areas subject to mudslides were ordered to evacuate, but some chose to stay, prompting officials to have them sign waivers releasing authorities from responsibility for their safety, The Los Angeles Times said.

“I’m not going to roll the dice. There’s no reason to do that,” Barry Powell of Glendale, Calif, told the Times about his decision to leave. “You’ve got lives involved.”

Weight-loss drug to stiffen heart warnings

WASHINGTON, 22 Jan.—US government officials said on Thursday the manufacturer of the weight-loss drug sibutramine, or Meridia, will issue a tougher warning about the drug.

Officials at the Food and Drug Administration said Abbott Laboratories agreed to add new information to the existing warning, to the effect that sibutramine may increase the risk of heart attack and stroke, MedPage reported.

Specifically, the warning is to include patients with a history of:

— Coronary artery disease.
— Stroke or transient ischemic attack.
— Arrhythmia.
— Congestive heart failure.

The Pacific ocean pounds the coast line fronting million dollar homes in Del Mar, Calif on 21 Jan, 2010 as storms continue to bring heavy rain, high surf, and high winds.

Eighty percent of Darfur conflict deaths due to disease

LONDON, 22 Jan.—Nearly 80 percent of the 300,000 conflict-related deaths in Darfur were due to diseases like diarrhoea, not violence, Belgian scientists said on Friday.

An analysis of deaths dating from 2003, when rebels took up arms against the government of Sudan, showed that after an initial peak of violent deaths in the still-ongoing conflict, diseases associated with diarrhoea became the major killers.

The researchers said their results showed that any reduction in humanitarian aid can cause death rates to increase sharply, raising “serious concerns” about the consequences of last year’s expulsion of aid workers from Sudan by the country’s President. “We should fear the worst,” they wrote in a study in The Lancet medical journal.

Since the armed rebellion started in early 2003, the United Nations estimates 300,000 people have died and more than 2 million have been driven from their homes after a counter-insurgency campaign by Khartoum.

Meteorite hits doctor’s office

A Virginia doctor said a meteorite crashed through the roof of his office building andashed a room only 10 feet from where he was filling out paperwork.

Frank Ciampi said he was in his office at Williamsburg Square Family Practice in Lorton, where he has worked for 18 years, just after 5:30 pm on Monday when he heard a sound “almost like a small explosion” from elsewhere in the building, The Washington Post reported on Thursday.

A marabou stork feeds on the carcass of a cow in a paddock near the Kenya Meat Commission (KMC) factory in Athi River, 50km (31 miles) east of the capital Nairobi, on 16 September, 2009.

Speed camera tickets parked car

British police apologized to a man whose parked car was twice photographed by a camera near his home and issued speeding fines.

Jeff Buck, 55, said he recently received two speeding fines alleging he was violating the speed limit while his car was actually parked in front of his Nuthall, England, home, the Nottingham Evening Post reported.

Buck said he successfully contested the fines and police apologized, saying the camera must have been triggered by speeding vehicles passing near his parked car.

“I assumed the first time it happened that the police would put something in place to prevent it from happening again,” Buck said.

“I am amused by it, but also angry that I have to go to the trouble of contacting the police.”

Buck said he has to park his car on the street because his home does not have a garage or driveway.

“It’s amazing that whatever system is in place cannot tell the difference between a car that is motionless and one travelling at 37 mph,” he said.
Culture Minister hosts dinner to CLMV officials

NAV Pyi Taw, 22 Jan—Ministers of Culture and Arts, and senior officers from Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam, who have attended the culture-related roundtable meeting of Ministers of Culture and Arts of Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam (CLMV), led by Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint, proceeded to Innwa ancient city. They made observations about Maenu monastery, Bagaya monastery and Innwa ancient city. In the evening, they met with officials at Dowphnyon Township General Administration Department.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye inspects progress of Myitkyina—*

He also inspected Masumuzap Bridge and Phon-in Bridge and development of Masumuzap Village.

In the afternoon, they met with township level officials, members of social organizations and local national races at the hall of Sumprabum. After visiting the township hospital, they donated cash to the medical funds.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye looked into progress of Myitkyina-Sumprabum-Putoa Road and met with local national races in Kagarin Village of Sumprabum Township.

On 19 January, Lt-Gen Tha Aye and the commander viewed thriving rubber plantation in Mawphaung Village of Myitkyina Township and thriving perennial crop plantations in Waingnaw Township.

They inspected maintenance of road near Khalayan Village of Mogaung Township and in the afternoon, they met with officials at Dowphnyon Township General Administration Department.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye visited the Women’s Vocational Training School and presented cash to the funds of the school.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye and party viewed Konhnaw-Makhe inter-village road and attended to the needs of the local people. Next, he looked into thriving summer paddy plantations near Myothit Village.

In the evening, Lt-Gen Tha Aye heard reports on progress in construction of buildings at University of Computer Studies (Bhamo) presented by officials and visited the construction site.

Yadana Theinga Hotel opened in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY Pyi Taw, 22 Jan—Yadana Theinga Hotel constructed by Shwenagamin Company was opened yesterday morning. Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin unveiled the signboard of the hotel. Yadana Theinga Hotel (Nay Pyi Taw) project was undertaken by Shwenagamin Company and is on Yazathingaha Road in Nay Pyi Taw Zabuthiri and covers an area of 37.4 acres. The construction project was put into commission on 26 November, 2008. The project is of three phases, of which the first phase of the project was completed and opened yesterday.

Minister Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint hosted dinner to them at Thingaha Hotel here. The dinner was also attended by Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu.

F&R Minister receives guests

NAY Pyi Taw, 22 Jan—Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun receives Advisor to World Customs Organization Mr. Leonardo Correia Lima Macedo and party at his office here yesterday. Matters related to mutual cooperation were discussed. Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Col Hla Thein Swe and officials.

Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun receives Advisor to World Customs Organization Mr. Leonardo Correia Lima Macedo.

Mayor inspects upgrading Laydauntkan Road in Thingangyun Tsp

YANGON, 22 Jan—Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, accompanied by officials, inspected upgrading of Laydauntkan Road near Zawana junction and near Shwe-kain-nayi housing in Thingangyun Township.

Upgrading of Laydauntkan Road between Zawana junction and U San Pe street are being made. And the rest between U San Pe street and Thanthuma Road are also being upgraded.

Tobacco Kills

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All this needs to be known

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Fighter crashes

YANGON, 22 Jan—A F-7 fighter of Mingaladon Airbase of Yangon crashed in landing at Mingaladon Airport at 10:15 am today during the training session. The pilot of the fighter lost his life in the accident.

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Kadaik Dam bringing development to Mon State

Article: Tin Mar Win & Mya Kay Khine Soe; Photos: Myanma Alin

Agricultural business in rural regions is booming as the government is planning and implementing projects for ensuring sufficient buffer stock, boosting national interest, preventing flood and supplying drinking water in various regions of every state and division.

Thanks to Kadaik Dam, the agricultural production is increasing as the farmers in the region enable to grow their farms in all seasons with their utmost effort.

Translation: HKA (Myanma Alin; 22-1-2010)

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The Tatmadaw is a national force born together with the history of our independence struggle. Since its birth, the Tatmadaw has the tradition of brilliantly standing by our nation and people. It is the people’s Tatmadaw, born of the people and serving the interest of the people.

Our nation regained independence and became a sovereign state again due to the Tatmadaw’s historic independence struggle. Moreover, our people were freed from subjugation and have become proud citizens with self-determination. The Tatmadaw has been constantly safeguarding the lives and property of the national races. Whenever the nation is on the edge of losing her sovereignty and the public security and stability in danger, the Tatmadaw is always in the forefront safeguarding the nation and the people to be free from every danger. We must acknowledge this endeavour.

Today, the Tatmadaw is the main national force of our country and people serving as the vanguard paving the correct national path towards the new democratic state. It has laid down and is implementing the seven-step Road Map in marching with greater momentum to democracy goal in accord with the wish of the people. In addition, it is strengthening peace and stability and boosting progress. We can see that it is building infrastructures in the political, economic, social, educational, health, transport and other sectors essential for national development.

That is why our people have trust in and reliance on the Tatmadaw government. Our people are fully supporting the Tatmadaw as they are satisfied with the institution’s endeavours to ensure peace, stability and progress in the interest of the public socio-economy. The people are truly anxious about the recurrence of the past armed conflicts and violence. They disfavour any delay in or termination or destruction of the prevailing peace, stability, progress and social opportunities.

So they with understanding totally accept the fact that the role of the Tatmadaw is of vital importance in further boosting the present developments and ensuring a peaceful and stable democracy transition. We are in no doubt that the country and the people will have a brighter future and the country will be powerful in the future only if the Tatmadaw is strong. So, we love the Tatmadaw and have trust in and reliance on it. We have a true wish to see a powerful and strong Tatmadaw. We totally believe that the nation will be strong only if the Tatmadaw is powerful.

Although we want the Tatmadaw to be strong and firm, we have noticed that there are still some wicked, narrow-minded people who want to see it become weak and break up. They are a handful of traitorous axe-handles bent on grabbing power without considering others. They are resorting to various ways to see the Tatmadaw become weak and collapse and divert from the national political way so that they can seize power and serve their own interest.

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Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing oversees ...

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Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing also looked into township sports ground, development of the town and Myoma market.

At Mongkong station hall, he presented clothes and publications to officers and other ranks and their families. He then comforted the patients undergoing medical care at Mongkong rural clinical centre.

In meeting with departmental heads, members of social organizations, townelders and locals at Mongkong Village hall, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing presented clothes to them.

On arrival at No. 2 Ward of Tangyan, he cordially greeted locals and presented gifts to them.

A & I Minister receives country directors of WHH/GAA

NAV PAY TAW, 22 Jan—Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo received country directors Ms Regina Feindt and Mr Lothar Kinzelmann of Welthungerhilfe Myanmar of Welthungerhilfe/ German Agro Action (WHH/GAA), a Germany-based international non-governmental organization at the ministry here this morning.

They held discussion about cooperation in agricultural sector projects.

Also present at the call were managing directors and directors general of departments and enterprises under the ministry.—MNA

We never accept any scheme to break up the Tatmadaw (1)

Maung Hmat

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livelhood of the service personnel in the Tatmadaw led to the mutiny.

In fact, the story put in the Internet including the broadcasting of BBC is a complete fabrication. At the respective regiments and battalions, there was no mutiny, resignation and discontentment. In reality, according to the investigation into the story, it is found that let alone shootings, there was no brawl among soldiers. It is crystal clear that skyful liers made their fabricated news and stories as they are instructed by their stooges inside the country to break up the unity of the Tatmadaw and divide it.

As far as I know, the event of Light Infantry Regiment No. 80, No. 68 and No. 75 broadcast by correspondent U Than and BBC is fabricated news. Actually, there are no Light Infantry Regiments No. 80, No. 68 and No. 75 under No. 66 Light Infantry Division. Even if the broadcasting stations are desirous to make skulky of lies, they should authenticate the news sources on actual locations of military units and stations in the incidents. Therefore, it was shameful for skulky of lies of such broadcasting media because they created the fabricated news without studying the correct names and numbers of the regiments.

As the news related to Light Infantry Regiments No. 80, No. 68 and No. 75 was wrong, I thoroughly studied whether these military units were Infantry Regiments. In my studies, Infantry Regiment No. 75 is not stationed in Innma and it is not under No. 66 LID. Moreover, Infantry Regiment LIR-68 is not stationed in Okpo, Innma and Pyay regions. Therefore, it is obvious that correspondent U Than and BBC were not able to air lies but inserted the invented news from the unconfirmed sources.

In addition, as far as I know, the so-called exchange of fire occurred at Light Infantry Regiment LIR. 80 of No. 66 LID happened on 10-1-2010 (Sunday night). On that day, the Innma Shwekyanggyi Pagoda Pujiyan, which is the most famous festival apart from Pyay Swedaw (Sacred Tooth Relic) and Paungde Swedaw ( Sacred Tooth Relic), was being held on a grand scale in the region from 4-1-2010 to 11-1-2010. The local people from surrounding villages and servicemen from the regiments from Innma region joyfully visited the festival and tasted the delicious meals at the shops. At that time, the Pujiyan of the pagoda was packed with the visitors. I have learned that even a brawl did not happen there. I would like to present the correct situation that there was no incident of shootings, deaths and injures and putting up of barricades, and so not only servicemen but also family members happily enjoyed the festivities of the Pagoda Pujiyan.

(To be continued)

Translation: ST+AMS+TTA
Lt-Gen Khin Zaw of Ministry…  
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production of algae and site for construction of building, jetty and arrivals and departures of vessels in Myeik Myothit.  
At the briefing hall of leading committee for reclamation of Myeik Myothit, he met departmental officials, officials of the committee and entrepreneurs, and left necessary instructions. He inspected buildings in Myothit and construction of jetties in a motorcade.  
Lt-Gen Khin Zaw attended ceremony to present a certificate of honour for successful completion of eye operations and made a speech. He presented gifts and certificates to doctors, donors and officials. Lt-Gen Khin Zaw, the commander and officials helped eye patients put on eye glasses and presented gifts to them.  
Lt-Gen Khin Zaw looked into beautifying of No.2 jetty and its environments in Myeik. On arrival at Pearl Island in Bokpyin Township, he left necessary instructions after hearing the reports presented by officials about pearl production. After that, the commander presented foodstuff to staff.  
Lt-Gen Khin Zaw inspected pearl production.  
At the local battalion hall, he met officers and other ranks and their families, and presented foodstuff and gifts.  
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Pulonetonetone, a pleasant seaside resort on southernmost tip of Myanmar  
Byline & Photos: Laymyethna Than Oo (MNA), Photos: Bagyi Pyae Soe Tun (Kawthoung)  

Chairman U Myo Ko Ko Aung of Pulonetonetone Village PDC telling media crew of Kyemon daily about Zardekgyi island.

The stunning view of Pulonetonetone beach.

Bungalows on Pulonetonetone beach.
Dominican Republic to send blood donation to Haiti

Santo Domingo, 22 Jan— The Red Cross of the Dominican Republic (CRD) will send 3,000 units of blood (0.47 litres each) to Haiti to help those seriously injured in the magnitude-7.3 earthquake that hit the island country on Jan 12. It was announced on Thursday.

In a statement, the CRD’s blood bank director, Sonia Pichardo Terrero, said that thousands of people from the Dominican Republic, Mexico, Colombia and Central America had donated the blood.

“The blood will be used for the surgeries on the Haitian victims” in the devastating earthquake, said Pichardo.

According to Pichardo, the blood bank works 24 hours a day, and some 50 bio-analysts joined the blood-collecting efforts.

Pichardo added that the Dominican Republic’s Medical College (CMD) is also gathering blood donations.

Nearly 100,000 people were feared dead in the earthquake, while some 250,000 were reportedly injured in the calamity. —Xinhua

Cuban university students donate blood for Haiti’s quake victims

Havana, 22 Jan— Cuban university students and professors donated blood on Thursday for the Haitian victims in the magnitude-7.3 quake that shook the Caribbean country on 12 Jan.

At a mobile blood bank in the University of Havana, students told local TV channel television de Cuba they were ready to aid the injured by donating blood.

Haiti’s Civil Defence Department said on Tuesday the quake had killed 75,000 people, injured 250,000 others and left a million homeless.

Officials estimate the final death toll may reach between 100,000 and 200,000.

After the devastating quake, Cuba immediately sent medical aid including doctors, nurses and health technicians to Haiti. —Xinhua

Man arrested after shooting at Texas Capitol

Houston, 22 Jan— A man was arrested on Thursday after firing several shots on the Texas Capitol, and there were no reports of injuries, the Texas Department of Public Safety said.

A 24-year-old man from the Houston area fired several shots on the Texas Capitol’s south steps early Thursday afternoon, and was immediately taken into custody by state troopers who quickly appeared at the scene.

No injuries were reported but the Capitol was on lockdown after the shooting.

“We are very fortunate that nobody was injured in this incident,” said Tele Mange, spokeswoman for the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Mange did not confirm the identity of the shooter but said he was taken into custody and could face third-degree felony deadly conduct charges. —Xinhua

NASA research finds last decade was warmest on record

Washington, 22 Jan— A new analysis of global surface temperatures by NASA scientists finds that January 2000 to December 2009 was the warmest decade on record and the past year was tied for the second warmest since 1880, the US National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) said on Thursday in a Press release.

Although 2008 was the coolest year of the decade because of a strong La Nina that cooled the tropical Pacific Ocean, 2009 saw a return to a near-record global temperatures as the La Nina diminished, according to the new analysis by NASA’s Goddard Institute for Space Studies (GISS) in New York. The past year was a small fraction of a degree cooler than 2005, the warmest on record, putting 2009 in a virtual tie with a cluster of other years —1998, 2002, 2003, 2006, and 2007 — for the second warmest on record.

Looking back to 1880, when modern scientific instrumentation became available to monitor temperatures precisely, a clear warming trend is present, although there was a levelling off between the 1940s and 1970s, scientists find. —Xinhua

The chimney behind the Copenhagen Odeum is seen in Copenhagen, capital of Denmark, on 19 December 2009. —Xinhua

Tijuana floods leave 10 missing; at least one dead

Tijuana, 22 Jan— Rains have unleashed heavy flooding in parts of the Mexican border city of Tijuana, killing a 5-year-old girl and leaving at least 10 other people missing, officials said on Thursday.

Storms also caused a plane to skid off the runway on Thursday in the Tijuana International Airport. Nobody was hurt.

Four days of storms have swelled the Rio Tijuana, which reaches the United States, sending torrents of water into some neighbourhoods of the city across the border from San Diego.

A flash flood swept away a car with a pregnant woman and her three children inside in the hillside in the La Cano de los Laureles neighborhood on Wednesday night, the Baja California state prosecutors’ office said in a statement. Police later found the car with the woman, unharmed, and her 5-year-old daughter dead. The two other children, 7 and 2, are missing.

Tijuana fire chief Rafael Carroll said the children are among 10 people missing and feared swept away by floods.

At the airport, an Aeromexico flight originating in the northeastern city of Monterrey struggled to land and then skidded off the runway, its left wing ending up buried in the mud, said Baja California State Gov. Jose Guadalupe Osuna.

One passenger, Clara Martinez Gutierrez, said the plane circled the airport several times before trying to land. She said the plane jumped upon landing and passengers were told to get into emergency positions. —Internet

Singapore launches catastrophe risk management research institute

SINGAPORE, 22 Jan— Singapore’s Nanyang Technological University launched a Institute of Catastrophe Risk Management (ICRM) on Thursday.

The institute aims to help the international community better understand the characteristics of risks related to natural disasters such as earthquakes, tsunamis, typhoons, volcanic eruptions, floods, droughts, as well as non-traditional risks including infectious diseases and terrorism.

The ICRM, supported by the finance, insurance and reinsurance industry, will develop models and tools to allow governments and the industry to analyze potential losses and develop risk-management strategies. Decision-makers worldwide and Asia in particular will be able to use such tools to identify vulnerabilities, prepare for a range of possibilities and allocate resources.

Heng Swee Keat, Managing Director of the Monetary Authority of Singapore said, “Managing catastrophe risks will become more challenging and more important in the coming years for the Asian region.”

“The ICRM can be a depository of data and knowledge on catastrophe risk management in Asia and be a focal point for regional collaboration and public-private partnerships,” he added. —Xinhua

THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR Saturday, 23 January, 2010
Health clubs get flexible to help hard-hit members

BEIJING, 22 Jan—When some of its affluent Silicon Valley clientele lost their jobs, Fitness 101 quietly paid their monthly fees.

“It’s the right thing to do,” said Gordon Bliss, president and part owner of the independent health club in Menlo Park, California. “In these times you have to do the right thing.” Bliss has been waiving the 64 US dollar-per-month individual membership fee for up to three months for a small pool of customers struggling to make ends meet.

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Sully Sullenberger deftly landed on the Hudson River a year ago after a flock of geese disabled its engines is being auctioned off.

Even as the nation reflects on the unbridled destruction of the countless historic landmarks to make room for the erection of monstrosities of commercial and residential buildings, such callous disregard of our environment was never put to the test. In the 19th century, Hong Kong was widely seen as a city of migrants. At that time many people were either first or second generation immigrants from the Chinese Mainland, mainly Guangdong Province. They regarded themselves as transients who would, one day, either return to their ancestral homes or move to seek permanent residence in foreign lands. This transient mentality was passed on from generation to generation of Hong Kong people, who were known for their single-minded pursuit of personal gain.

Although most of the crops used in feedstock for fuels are grown specifically for the purpose, analysts said acreage under food crops was falling internationally as entrepreneurs and governments allocated vast tracts of land to feedstock. Brazil has announced extensive programs for producing biofuels from soy, sunflower and other oil seeds, including diesel for export that can withstand extremely cold weather.

The ethanol-fueled power plant in the state of Minas Gerais uses a flex-fuel turbine that was converted from running solely on natural gas to ethanol. The plant began its test operations on 31 Dec and currently is going through various stages of optimization, officials said. Petrobras, the state-managed oil company, said the ethanol-fueled power plant was a key element in the company’s plan to move towards the use of alternative, ecologically friendly sources of power generation. Greater use of biofuels has been spurred in low-income regions, such as the Caribbean and West Africa, by cash constraints in countries that are finding high bids for crude oil and gas a major block to new development.

Brazil’s ethanol-fueled plant on stream

RIO DE JANEIRO, 22 Jan—Brazil has inaugurated its first commercial ethanol-fueled power plant amid questions being asked about the global impact of increased feedstock production on food agriculture.

Significant levels of the power structure in business, finance and the government, don’t seem to be able to relate effectively to their de facto successors. Indeed, the generation gap that exists between the old and the young in Hong Kong has been widened and distorted by the return of sovereignty to China in 1997. Before that, Hong Kong was widely seen as a city of migrants. At that time many people were either first or second generation immigrants from the Chinese Mainland, mainly Guangdong Province. They regarded themselves as transients who would, one day, either return to their ancestral homes or move to seek permanent residence in foreign lands. This transient mentality was passed on from generation to generation of Hong Kong people, who were known for their single-minded pursuit of personal gain.

HK must learn how to deal with its youth

BEIJING, 22 Jan—The post-80s generation of young men and women of Hong Kong are mostly bright, well-educated and inquisitive. Unlike their immigrant forebears, they strongly identify themselves with Hong Kong, which they are not embarrassed to call home. All these are good, except that their elders, those in their 40s and 50s, who are deeply entrenched in the various levels of the power structure in business, finance and the government, don’t seem to be able to relate effectively to their de facto successors. Indeed, the generation gap that exists between the old and the young in Hong Kong has been widened and distorted by the return of sovereignty to China in 1997. Before that, Hong Kong was widely seen as a city of migrants. At that time many people were either first or second generation immigrants from the Chinese Mainland, mainly Guangdong Province. They regarded themselves as transients who would, one day, either return to their ancestral homes or move to seek permanent residence in foreign lands. This transient mentality was passed on from generation to generation of Hong Kong people, who were known for their single-minded pursuit of personal gain.

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Hudson River splashdown plane to be auctioned off

New York, 22 Jan—For sale: One severely water-damaged jet, hero not included.

The banged-up US Airways plane that Capt Chesley “Sully” Sullenberger deftly landed on the Hudson River a year ago after a flock of geese disabled its engines is being auctioned off.

Insurance firm Charteris, which is holding the online auction, describes the Airbus A320, minus its two engines, as having severe water damage throughout the airframe and impact damage to its underside.

Bidding on the plane, being held on a lot in Kearny, NJ, continues until 27 March.

Internet
Fish oil rich in omega-3 could hold secret of longer life

LOS ANGELES, 22 Jan — Fish oil may be the true “elixir of youth”, according to new evidence of its effect on biological ageing. Omega-3 fatty acids from fish oil extend the genetic “fuse” that determines the lifespan of cells, say scientists. The discovery, made in heart disease patients, may explain many of the claimed health benefits of omega-3.

Taking fish oil supplements is said to protect against heart disease, improve survival after a heart attack, reduce mental decline in old age, and help prevent age-related changes in the eye that can lead to blindness. Research has also shown that rodents live one-third longer when given a diet enriched with fish-derived omega-3. Although omega-3 fatty acids have powerful anti-inflammatory properties and lower levels of some blood fats, the mechanisms behind these effects are poorly understood. — Internet

S Korea to build 83 renewable energy power plants by 2016

SEOUL, 22 Jan — South Korea will have an additional 83 renewable energy power plants by 2016, boosting the country’s efforts to cut back on fossil fuel imports, the (South) Korea Rural Community Corp said on Thursday.

Under the new plan, 57 small hydroelectric power stations, 20 wind power, and six solar energy plants will be constructed in the following six years, as the combined annual output is expected to reach 2.22 million megawatt hours of electricity, or save 286.5 billion won (251.4 million US dollars) worth of crude oil imports.

Boy clear after black magic ‘voodoo’ needles removed

BRASILIA, 22 Jan — A two-year-old Brazilian boy who had 32 sewing needles inserted into his body by his former stepfather during “black magic” rituals will leave hospital after a month of operations and recovery.

The boy, who was identified only by his initials MAS because of his young age, was admitted to the Ana Neri Hospital in Brazil’s north-eastern city of Salvador on 17 December, after doctors in his home town of Barreiras determined his life was in danger.

He underwent three complicated operations to remove needles that were close to his heart, lungs and liver.

About five of the needles still remain in his body and are to be removed later in simpler outpatient surgery.

The boy’s former stepfather, 30-year-old bricklayer Roberto Carlos Magalhaes, confessed to driving the needles into the boy one by one, over a month, as part of a black magic ritual aimed at getting back at his ex-wife, the boy’s mother.

The north-eastern region where the boy lives is heavily populated by the descendants of African slaves, many of whom observe rites similar to voodoo practiced in Haiti and West Africa.

Switzerland's Bertrand Piccard pictured unveiling the Solar Impulse airplane during a ceremony in June last year, in Duebendorf, near Zurich. 51-year-old Piccard plans to fly his Solar Impulse around the world over 20 to 25 days, travelling at an average of 70 kilometres (43 miles) an hour. — Internet

Study finds video game success may be in the mind

WASHINGTON, 22 Jan — If you find video games a struggle, it could be to do with the size of certain parts of your brain, a study suggests.

US researchers found they could predict how well an amateur player might perform on a game by measuring the volume of key sections of the brain. Writing in the journal Cerebral Cortex, they suggest their findings could have wider implications for understanding the differences in learning rates.

There is broad acceptance of a link between brain size and intelligence. However it remains a complicated picture. Within the animal kingdom some smaller brains appear superior to many larger ones: the monkey’s compared with the horse, for instance, or the human and the elephant.

Indonesia allows to keep Sumatran tiger as pet

JAKARTA, 22 Jan — Indonesian government unveiled a plan to allow public to acquire Sumatran tigers as pets in an effort to prevent the critically endangered species from extinction, the Jakarta Post quoted an official as saying on Thursday. The Director General for Forest Protection and Nature Conservation at the Forestry Ministry Darori said that under the plan, people could purchase a pair of tigers by paying one billion rupiah (about 100 million US dollars) deposit and annual tax to the government.

“We are discussing the regulation,” he said at Sumatran tiger conservation workshop. He said that the ministry required owners to possess at least 5,000 square-metres of land. Darori said that tigers would be taken from a breeding centre in Lampung which has two pairs of tigers.

Darori admitted that activists protested the plan, fearing it would lead to Sumatra tiger’s extinction. “But we need to take action to cut the illegal trade of tigers,” said Darori. — Internet

Los Angeles to expand smoking ban

LOS ANGELES, 22 Jan — The Los Angeles City Council decided on Wednesday to expand a smoking ban in outdoor dining areas. The ordinance, approved unanimously by the council, will go into effect 30 days after Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa signs it, beginning a one-year educational grace period before going into full force, likely in February of 2011.

The ban makes it illegal to puff on a cigarette within a 10-foot radius of a dining establishment.

The measure also bans smoking within a 40-foot radius of a mobile food truck, food cart or food kiosk. Bars and nightclubs that require patrons to be 18 or older would be exempt. The city currently bans smoking at its beaches and parks, as well as within 25 feet of playgrounds, bleachers, sports fields and picnic areas.

The council gave restaurant owners one-year grace period to educate patrons about the new rules. Once that expires, restaurant operators will have to enforce the smoking ban themselves.

Councilman Greig Smith said he authored the ordinance in part because he has a severe allergic reaction to cigarette smoke, and because his son had asthma as a child.

“That’s what kind of brought it home to me that this was necessary,” he said. Although the maximum fine is 250 dollars, city councilmembers discussed how the law will be more self-regulating than anything else.

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Top seed Federer eases into third round

MELBOURNE, 22 Jan — Top seed Roger Federer sent out an ominous warning to his rivals with the most comfortable of Australian Open second-round victories over Victor Hanescu on Thursday. The Swiss maestro needed only an hour and 39 minutes to overcome the 47th-ranked Romanian 6-2 6-3 6-2 under the Rod Laver Arena lights.

It was a convincing performance at the end of a day on which just one seed fell out of the draw — with 2006 finalist Marcos Baghdatis coming from two sets down to beat 17th seed David Ferrer 4-6 3-6 7-6 6-3 6-1. — Internet

Roddick grinds out four set win over Lopez

MELBOURNE, 22 Jan — Andy Roddick grinds out a four-set win over tenacious Spaniard Feliciano Lopez to reach the fourth round of the Australian Open on Friday. The American seventh seed, a four-time semi-finalist here, was on court for three-and-a-half hours before winning, 6-7(4)/7, 6-4, 6-7(5)/7(3) on Rod Laver Arena.

Roddick, who is now 8-0 for the new season after his lead-up Brisbane tournament victory, will now play Chilean 11th seed Fernando Gonzalez, a former finalist here, “I feel fine,” Roddick said. “I had a longer match today and I’m relieved to get through to the next round.”

In a tight match, the American earned three service breaks and left-handed Lopez just one as both players probed for openings with patient long rallies. But it was Roddick’s greater groundstroke consistency that probed for openings with patient long rallies. But it was Roddick’s greater groundstroke consistency that

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Hull launch legal action against ex-chairman

LONDON, 22 Jan — Premier League side Hull City have launched legal proceedings against former chairman Paul Duffen, the club said on Thursday. “Hull City Football Club has now issued legal proceedings against Paul Duffen in the High Court,” said the statement. “This action has been taken to protect the commercial interests of the football club against the actions undertaken by Paul Duffen while in office at Hull City.”

Duffen, whom Duffen had replaced in June 2007, took over again as Hull chairman after Duffen quit in October. Duffen stood down after press

Draw lifts comeback kings

LUANDA, 22 Jan — Cameroon came from behind twice to draw 2-2 with Tunisia on Thursday and reach the Africa Cup of Nations quarter-finals. Sharing the points after a Group D thriller at Tundavala Stadium was enough for the four-time champions to advance alongside Zambia, who beat overnight leaders Gabon 2-1 in Benguela.

A match that began so promisingly for the north Africans as they took a 57-second lead ended disas- trously with defender Ammar Jemal sent off just before full-time for a second caution. Tunisia were seek- ing a first Nations Cup victory over Cameroon after a draw and two losses, including an extra-time defeat in a quarter-final thriller two years ago in Ghana.

Zambia, Cameroon complete Angola last eight line-up

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STOCKHOLM, Jan 22— Mobile phone maker Sony Ericsson on Friday said its loss in the fourth quarter narrowed 9 percent from a year ago to euro167 million ($235 million), as improved margins and lower costs offset a slump in sales.

The figure compared with a euro187 million loss last year, but sales fell 40 percent as the joint venture between LM Ericsson and Sony Corp. was caught unprepared by consumers’ rapid shift to touch screen phones.

Bert Nordberg, Sony Ericsson’s new president, said that although he expects 2010 to be a challenging year, he is confident the group’s cost-cutting measures and move toward more mid- and high-end products has put his company “on the right track.”—Internet

Dangerous act: Ukrainian lion tamer Vladimir Goncharov puts his head into the mouth of a lion in Budapest Capital Circus during a rehearsal of the upcoming five-day long 8th International Circus Festival.—Internet

WEATHER

Saturday, 23 January

View on today

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8:45 am 2. To Be Healthy Exercise
9:00 am 3. Morning News
9:40 am 4. Aung San Suu Kyi
6:55 am 5. Nice & Sweet Song
8:05 am 6. Aung San Suu Kyi
2:30 pm 10. Musical Programme

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Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Shan, Rakhine and Mon States, Yangon and Taninhtayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining States Divisions. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below January average temperatures in upper Sagaing and Magway Divisions, (5°C) below January average temperatures in Kachin and Chin States, (3°C) to (4°C) above January average temperatures in Kayah and Rakhine States, Mandalay and Ayeyawady Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) above January average temperatures in Mon State, Bago and Taninhtayi Divisions and about January average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Haka (-1°C), Putao and Loikaw (2°C) each and Lashio (5°C).

Maximum temperature on 21-1-2010 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 22-1-2010 was 62°F. Relative humidity at (90:00) hours M.S.T. on 22-1-2010 was 65%. Total sun shine hours on 21-1-2010 was (9:4) hours approx. Rainfall on 22-1-2010 was (Nil) at Mingalardon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (Tr) at Mingalardon, Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Northeast at (14:30) hours M.S.T. on 21-1-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 23rd January 2010: Light rain are likely to be isolated in Taninhtayi Division, weather will be partly cloudy in Shan, Kayin and Mon States, Bago and Yangon Divisions and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of slight decrease of nigh temperatures in the upper Myanmar areas.

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