### Four political objectives
- Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, 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

### Four economic objectives
- 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

---

**Yazudaing Bridge No. 2, a drive for development of Mawlamyinegyun**

**Article & Photos: Mawgyun Myint Aung**

Group No. 1 of the Ministry of Construction on 11 January evening. The local people visited the bridge by motorbike and bicycle. We saw that their happy and smiling faces as they now have a new bridge.

Yazudaing Bridge No. 2 is of one-way reinforced concrete type. The 540 feet long bridge has a 20 feet wide motorway. The bridge can withstand 60-ton loads. It is the 48th above 180-foot-long facility of its kind in Ayeyawady Division.

We had an interview with some local people. A local with a motorbike said, “I am U Aung Zaw Hlaing of Myoma Ward 1 in Mawlamyinegyun. In the past, I could not easily visit my relatives of Yaylein Village. Now, I can visit them at any time through the bridge. It is due to goodwill of the government.”

We met with students strolling along the bridge. A girl student expressed her happiness for the bridge. She said, “My name is Ma Khin Lè Lè Wai. I am pursuing education at Mawlamyinegyun Basic Education High School No. 2. Before construction of the bridge, I came back home together with my parents from the school every evening. Now, they do not need to take me back home anymore. At present, my friends and I can come back home by walking along the bridge.”

We proceeded to Yazudaing Bridge No. 1 by motorbike. On the way to the bridge, we saw thriving summer paddy plantations.

(See page 8)
Work hard together for improvement of Myanmar film industry

Films have a great deal of influence on people, especially young people’s mentality and ethics. Film production is an industry based on the delicate combination of art and technology. For development of the film industry, the government is importing necessary equipment to be used in the film industry.

It is necessary to try to produce high quality films and videos. For this, emergence of new generation technicians who are well-versed in production of films and videos is essential.

In striving for development of Myanmar film industry, it is required to expand the market at home and abroad. For Myanmar films to be able to compete with foreign films, efforts will have to be made to reach international standards in all stages of the production of films. Only then will Myanmar films improve.

In portraying our country and people, it is necessary to reflect them in such a way that dignity of the nation and the people come to be admired and respected by others.

Improvement of Myanmar film industry depends not on any individual but on unity, understanding, diligence, perseverance and cooperation of all those in the film world such as performers, directors, script writers, editors, photographers and others.

If all those in the Myanmar film world work hard together for production of good Myanmar films of international standards, Myanmar films will certainly be able to penetrate the international film market.

Air Bagan Myanmar Masters 2010 golf tourney winds up with prize presentation ceremony

YANGON, 1 Feb—The Air Bagan Myanmar Masters 2010 golf tourney continued for the final day at Punhlaing Golf Club yesterday morning. The final round ended with the prize presentation ceremony.

Air Bagan, MGF and MPGA chairman Myint presented the championship medal to Gavin Flint (Australia). Vice-President of MPGA U Min Thin presented a medal to Soe Moe Win who stood first at amateur level and Vice-President of MPGA U Zaw Min presented medals to Gabriel Ganziare (Spain), Lucas Lee (Brazil), Akhmal Tarmizee (Malaysia) and Hsu Chia Jen (China Taipei) who shared the third place.

Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presented the championship medal to Gavin Flint who stood first, Chairman of Air Bagan, MGF and MPGA U Teza presented US$ 15,000 to Gavin Flint (Australia). MNA
Female suicide bomber hits Iraq pilgrims, kills 54

Baghdad, 1 Feb — A female suicide bomber mingling among Shiite pilgrims in Baghdad detonated an explosives belt Monday, killing at least 54 people, officials said.

The bombing was the first major strike this year against pilgrims making their way to the southern city of Karbala to mark a Shiite holy day. It came as a security official warned of a possible increase in attacks by insurgents using new tactics to bypass bomb-detection methods.

The bombing raises fears of an escalation of attacks as hundreds of thousands of Shiites head by Friday to Karbala to mark the end of 40 days by Friday to Karbala to thousands of Shiites heading for the holy city.

Fears of an escalation of attacks by militants were raised last weekend when a group of pilgrims on the outskirts of Baghdad’s Shiite-dominated neighborhood of Sadr City were killed.

One of the first to be killed was a working-class youth dressed in a traditional abaya — a black cloak worn from head to toe by women — who joined a group of pilgrims on the outskirts of Baghdad’s Shiite-dominated neighborhood of Sadr City, said Maj. Gen. Qassim al-Moussawi, Baghdad’s top military spokesman.

The bomber set off the blast as she lined up to be searched by female security guards at a security checkpoint just inside a rest tent, al-Moussawi said.

A police official said 54 people, including 18 women and 12 children, were killed and 117 were wounded. A hospital official confirmed the casualties.

Two suicide bombers attack police, wound constable in S Afghanistan

Kabul, 1 Feb — Two suicide bombers infiltrated Zabul’s provincial capital Qalat in south Afghanistan on Monday morning and wounded one police constable while one attacker was killed, Deputy to Provincial Police Chief Ghulam Jilani Khan Farahi said.

“Two suicide bombers were attempting to enter police headquarters this morning but police identified and opened fire killing one and forced the other to flee,” Farahi told Xinhua.

One police constable was injured during the fire exchange, he added.

He also added that a search operation for spotting the remaining suicide bomber is continuing.

Eight fishermen missing as boat sinks in W Philippines

Manila, 1 Feb — Eight fishermen were reported missing while two of their colleagues were rescued after their fishing boat sank on Sunday off Bataan Province in western Philippines, Philippine Coast Guard said on Monday.

The boat sank off Mariveles town in Bataan, when big waves turned the fishing boat over and led to its eventual sinking, Radio dzBB quoted Coast Guard spokesman Commander Armand Balilo as saying.

Two persons, Diosdado Masungab and Gerardo Aresgado, were rescued by a passing boat. Eight others went missing. Authorities are searching for the missing fishermen.

Five dead, scores injured in Mogadishu shelling duel

Mogadishu, 1 Feb — Shelling in the Somali capital Mogadishu on Sunday left at least five people dead and more than 50 others wounded as Islamist rebels and Somali government forces backed by African Union peacekeepers pounded each other’s positions, emergency sources and residents said.

The latest flare up of fighting comes after weeks of war of words between the Somali government which vowed it will “mob up” insurgents from the Horn of Africa country during the year while the Islamist insurgents pledged to “finish off” government control from the capital.

Meanwhile, African Union peacekeeping forces in Mogadishu on Sunday presented to the media a young man who they said was captured as he fought alongside Islamist rebels of Al-Shabaab.

Mohammed Haider, 2, is held by his mother at a hospital after he was wounded in a suicide attack in Baghdad, Iraq, Monday, Feb. 1, 2010. A female suicide bomber walking among Shiite pilgrims in Baghdad detonated an explosives belt on Monday, killing at least scores and wounding more than 100, officials said.

INTERNET

Xinhua

13 killed in Mexican high school party

Mexico City, 1 Feb — Thirteen people were killed and 17 others wounded on Sunday as gunmen stormed a high school party in Ciudad Juarez, a Mexican town bordering the United States.

Chihuahua’s Prosecutor’s Office said in a statement that the attack occurred about 01:30 am local time (0730 GMT) on Sunday, inside a house in Ciudad Juarez, 1,800 km north of Mexico City.

The office also said that there were some 60 people at the party, mostly adolescent students.

Some 20 armed men entered the house and shot at them before escaping from the crime scene in seven vehicles.

The injured were taken to nearby hospitals.

Doctors treating the injured said 11 people were killed on the spot and two others died at hospital due to the grave condition of their wounds.

This has been the most violent attack in Ciudad Juarez since the beginning of 2010. The deaths were part of a weekend shoot-to-kill spree in which 24 people were killed in violence related to turf battles between drug cartels in the country.

INTERNET

Xinhua

A man covers blood stains on the street in Ciudad Juarez on 31 Jan, 2010. Xinhua
AU kicks off 14th summit with theme on ICT development

ADDIS ABABA, 1 Feb—The African Union (AU) kicked off its 14th summit here on Sunday in the Ethiopian capital to discuss development of the continent’s Information and Communication Technologies (ICT), among other issues of major concern.

During the three-day summit, heads of state and government from more than 50 AU member states are expected to exchange views on challenges and prospects for the development of Africa’s ICT sector, a crucial part of Africa’s infrastructure development.

The leaders will also discuss issues of major concern in the continent, including regional conflicts, Africa’s political and economic integration, climate change and Africa’s stance on UN reforms, among others.

A series of reports will be considered at the summit, including reports on the African Year of Peace and Security, unconstitutional changes of government, the New Partnership for Africa’s Development (NEPAD), as well as the implementation of previous decisions of the Executive Council and the Assembly.

The summit started with observing silence for the victims of the Ethiopian Airlines plane crash which occurred last Monday, killing at least 90 people on board.

New Zealand begins negotiations for free trade deal with India

WELLINGTON, 1 Feb—New Zealand and India have begun negotiations for a free trade agreement, New Zealand Trade Minister Tim Groser said in Switzerland.

Groser met India’s Commerce Minister Sri Anama Sharma in Switzerland for a World Trade Organization trade ministers meeting, New Zealand Herald reported on Monday.

Groser said the agreement would put New Zealand in a prime place to benefit from India’s economic growth.

Although negotiations with India have been expected for some time, India did not formally agree until last week.

Groser said a deal held “great promise” for New Zealand businesses and negotiators would target the high barriers to trade. India had a population of more than 1 billion and was expected to be the third-largest economy in the world by 2025.

He said that despite barriers, India was one of New Zealand’s fastest-growing markets and exports had tripled in the past decade. The New Zealand cabinet approved talks last March after the previous government began the process of studies to analyse the benefits of a deal. However, India’s cabinet committee only gave approval last week.

S Korea to expand investment in original tech R&D

SEOUL, 1 Feb—South Korea is expected to invest 1.6 trillion won (1.37 billion US dollars) in research and development (R&D) to beef up its original technology sector, including automobile, information technology (IT), robot, and material industries. Automobiles will get 98.14 billion won (83.9 million US dollars) in support, with industrial materials and robotics getting 84.43 billion won (72.2 million US dollars) and 56.97 billion won (48.7 million US dollars), respectively.

Of the total investment, the government will take the responsibility of 1.22 trillion won (1.04 billion US dollars), while the remaining portion will be funded by the private sector. The amount is a gain of 10.2 percent from 1.43 trillion won (1.22 billion US dollars) allocated to original technology development in 2009, the ministry said.

KATHMANDU, 1 Feb—From the tourism perspective, Chinese market has turned more important than before for Nepal, said Kashi Raj Bhandari, Director of Research, Planning and Monitoring desk at Nepal Tourism Board (NTB).

The Chinese outbound tourist arrivals are surging up in Nepal in recent years, said Bhandari in an exclusive interview with Xinhua.

“In context of China, NTB began its work from zero and the consequence is that at present China has become second largest tourist market for Nepal after India,” he said.

Russia, Venezuela step up oil cooperation

MOSCOW, 1 Feb—High-ranking officials from Russia and Venezuela on Sunday discussed oil cooperation and export of Russian cars to the Latin American country, Russian news agency reported.

Russian Deputy Premier Igor Sechin and Venezuelan Oil and Energy Minister Rafael Ramirez held talks in Moscow over the operation of the Russian National Oil Consortium in Venezuela, the reports said.

They also agreed on the delivery of Russian vehicles to Venezuela and touched upon financial cooperation.

Under an energy deal clinched during Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez’s visit to Moscow in September 2009, Venezuela’s state oil company, PDVSA, and a consortium of major Russian producers are to establish a joint venture to develop the Junin-6 field in Venezuela’s Orinoco crude belt, which has estimated reserves of 235 billion barrels of heavy oil.

Chinese market significant for Nepal’s tourist industry

KATHMANDU, 1 Feb—From the tourism perspective, Chinese market has turned more important than before for Nepal, said Kashi Raj Bhandari, Director of Research, Planning and Monitoring desk at Nepal Tourism Board (NTB).

The Chinese outbound tourist arrivals are surging up in Nepal in recent years, said Bhandari in an exclusive interview with Xinhua.

“In context of China, NTB began its work from zero and the consequence is that at present China has become second largest tourist market for Nepal after India,” he said.

Xinhua

Workers are seen in a factory manufacturing handhelds at a semi-hightech factory in Shenzhen, southern China’s Guangdong Province. The country’s manufacturing activity expanded at the fastest pace on record in January on strong conditions encouraging spending, a survey showed on Monday.
China’s publicity chief urges convenient services, open stance to reporters covering World Expo

BEIJING, 1 Feb—A senior official of the Communist Party of China (CPC) on Sunday called on organizers of the Shanghai World Expo to provide convenient services to all Chinese and foreign reporters with a more open stance, in order to let the world know better about China and the international event.

“The 2010 Expo is also a grant gathering of world media,” said Liu Yunshan, head of the Publicity Department of the CPC Central Committee.

Organizers should do well the media service job with a more open stance, welcome reporters with open arms, make considerate arrangements, provide various news resources in a timely manner and offer convenient and professional services to Chinese and foreign reporters covering the event,” Liu said when inspecting the Expo’s publicity work in Shanghai.

The 2010 World Expo will be held from 1 May to 31 Oct this year, and is expected to attract a record 70 million visitors as well as 30,000 reporters from home and abroad.

So far, close to 9,000 reporters have applied to cover the event, according to Yang Zhenwu, publicity chief of the CPC Shanghai municipal committee.

UN chief pledges full support for peace, security in Africa

ADDIS ABABA, 1 Feb—UN Secretary General Ban ki-moon pledged here on Sunday that the world body fully supports the peace and security in the African continent. Addressing the opening ceremony of the 14th summit of the African Union, Ban ki-moon said that the United Nations is proud to back the African Union as it fulfills its potential as a strategic and operational partner.

The African continent faces a number of critical elections, and of the 13 nations that have elections scheduled in the coming two years, six are in countries with UN peacekeeping or peace-building operations, the UN chief said.

Northern Sri Lanka reawakening after 30 years’ war

JAFFNA, 1 Feb—As the 30-year-long civil war between Sri Lanka’s government troops and Tamil tiger rebels ended in May 2009, the war affected northern Jaffna peninsula, the economic and cultural capital for the island’s minority Tamils is reawakening after the endless suffering.

According to Jaffna District Secretary and Government Agent K Ganesh, there are hundreds of development projects launched by the government to enhance the livelihood in the district, about 390 km north of the capital Colombo.

Agriculture is the major livelihood of the 550,000 people living in the peninsula with paddy, vegetables, fruit as its main crops.

Spanish PM calls for stepped-up efforts against piracy, terrorism

MADRID, 1 Feb—Spanish Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero on Sunday called for intensified international efforts against piracy and terrorism.

Zapatero, whose country holds the rotating presidency of the European Union, made the appeal while speaking at a summit meeting of the African Union (AU) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, as a guest of honour, Spanish media reported.

Zapatero said that kidnappings, human trafficking, drug smuggling, piracy and terrorism demand a strong and preventive response, as well as the commitment of the international community. “The proper response is a strong response from the international community, led by the UN,” he said.

African Union Commission chief says continent situation in “strong contrast”

ADDIS ABABA, 1 Feb—The African Union (AU) Commission chief, Jean Ping, stressed the “strong contrast” in the political and economic situation at the opening session of the 14th AU summit on Sunday in Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia.

He hailed the political stability and economic progress in certain regions of the continent, while deploring the setbacks on democratic governance, the resurgence of military coup and the economic collapse in some countries. The AU chief said “notable advances” have been made in Kenya and Zimbabwe, where political parties have formed a government of national unity to end the political crisis.

Progress has been made in the process to seek peace in Sudan’s Darfur region, he said, adding peace efforts are gaining a new momentum in Somalia with the establishment of the government under President Sharif Ahmed. By contrast, some other countries in the continent have witnessed “timid evolution” and “impasse,” with “persistent difficulties” with the agreements concluded by parties concerned “blocking the perspectives of peace,” according to the AU chief. In Madagascar, he said, the negotiations on power sharing between the four political camps have hit an impasse over the implementation of the Maputo Accord and the Additional Act reached in Addis Ababa.
Food distribution runs more smoothly in Haiti, US to resume medical evacuation flights

PORT-AU-PRINCE, 1 Feb— Food distribution in Haiti has become more orderly as the World Food Programme (WFP) has handed out women-only coupons to ensure that women are not bypassed in the struggle for food. The WFP coupons, which entitle each family to 25 kg of rice, can be used by women at 16 locations in the capital starting on Sunday.

Aid group Catholic Relief Services said it handed out more than 3,000 bags of rice without incident from the back of trucks to women who held numbered coupons given by relief workers across sprawling camps. Both local people and aid workers welcome the new measure and the order it imposes, saying discipline is crucial for food to trickle down to everybody. Before this, food handouts often led to chaos as hungry crowds violently opposed the control of aid workers, forcing armed entre to fire warning shots and use tear gas in some cases.

While the earthquake victims may be guaranteed equal access to food, UN officials warned that the total volume of food available is still far enough to feed the about 2 million people in need. For those critically injured and waiting to be air-lifted to the United States for further treatment, there was cause for hope again over the weekend as the US government decided on Sunday to resume medical evacuation with military planes. Medical evacuation had been suspended because of five days because of a dispute over who should pay for the medical costs.

SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS DEVELOPS WORLD'S MOST ADVANCED DRAM CHIP

SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS — Samsung Electronics Co., the world’s largest maker of memory chips and flat screen TVs, announced on Monday that it has developed the world’s most advanced dynamic random access memory (DRAM) chips with 30-nanometre technology. The company said the 30-nanometre process technology, when applied to DDR3 mass production, could raise productivity by 60 percent over 40-nanometre DRAM chips, while it reduces power consumption by up to 30 percent over 50-nanometre class DRAM chips.

Yemen thwarts attempt to bomb oil pipeline

SANAA, 1 Feb—Yemeni Interior Ministry said on Monday its security agencies foiled an attempt to bomb an oil pipeline southeast of capital Sanan. According to a report released by the ministry, a police patrol exchanged fire with a 42-year-old man while he was attempting to booby-trap an oil pipeline in Jihana district, some 50 km southeast of capital Sanaa. The statement which identified the man as AS al-Maiey said his right hand was wounded during the clash with the police before managing to flee the scene.

Security authorities said they believe the suicide bomber escaped to an area called Sour al-Lakama in Jihana district, where he lives, to receive treatment, adding that “he may then headed to unknown destination, or he is likely to rush to a hospital in the capital Sanaa.”

New Zealand Bike

Monday is the beginning of the annual celebration of two-wheeled transport: Bike Wise Month, highlighting the health and environmental benefits of cycling and getting as many New Zealanders as possible onto their bikes. New Zealand Transport Agency spokesman Andy Knackstedt said people needed to stop using their cars when they could be riding bikes, New Zealand Press Association reported on

A woman collects pottery jars in Bhaktapur, Nepal, on 16 Dec, 2009. Located about 20 km east of Kathmandu Valley, Bhaktapur is known as the “City of Devotees”, the “City of Culture”, the “Living Heritage”, and “Nepal’s Cultural Gem”. Bhaktapur is filled with monuments, palaces and temples with elaborate carvings and gilded roofs, and is dotted with pagodas and religious shrines.

Red panda cubs to show at Australian zoo

Twin red panda cubs born seven weeks ago at the Melbourne Zoo spent on Monday out of captivity to receive injections from the veterinarian. Born on 10 December, the male and female, who are yet to be named, emerged from their breeding box for their first vaccinations against cat flu and feline enteritis.

An endangered species, the twins are the first offspring of mother Roshini and father Sithi who arrived at the zoo in 2009 as part of a regional breeding programmes. Carnivore keeper Meagan Thomas told the Australian Associated Press the cubs should be moving around the public enclosure soon.

“This is definitely exciting but we may need to wait until next month to six weeks they should definitely be out in the exhibit,” she said.

Sporting red coats, black tails, cheeky faces and a penchant for bamboo, Thomas said the red pandas are a major drawcard. “You see them hanging up in the top of the trees, just dangling their legs down when it’s hot, and curled up in a ball when it’s cold, so they’re very cute.

It is estimated there are only about 20,000 red pandas living in temperate forest areas in Nepal and western China, while 800 live in zoos around the world.

World Leprosy Day observed in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 1 Feb— Nepal observed the 57th World Leprosy Day throughout the country organizing various programmes on Sunday. World Leprosy Day is marked each year in Nepal to raise awareness of the disease which is estimated to affect more than two thousand people in the country.

Inaugurating the assembly organized by the Leprosy Control Division of Health Service Department in the capital Kathmandu, State Minister for Health and Population Khashi Bahadur Basyal said he is confident that the disease could be fully eradicated if people’s deep-rooted social concepts were changed, adding that the government was working for making leprosy-free society.

New Zealand Wise Month starts

Monday.

He said a third of all vehicle trips in New Zealand are under five kilometres and that is quite an easy distance to ride a bike.

“The message this month is to give it a go and who knows, you might just like it.”

Seventy percent of New Zealand families with children have one or more bicycles at home. Cycling is a fun, healthy and environmentally-friendly form of transport that people of all ages and abilities can enjoy.

Pop legend Michael Jackson is depicted on a float during a carnival parade in Viareggio, northern Italy, on 31 January, 2010.
**Over 30 New Zealanders cut off by flooding**

Wellington, 1 Feb—More than 30 people remained cut off on Sunday night by flooding northwest of Gisborne, the biggest city of New Zealand’s Eastland.

The Gisborne District Council said rising floodwaters and a log jam caused a bridge to buckle inland from Te Karaka, leaving no access in or out for some residents, Radio New Zealand reported.

Fifteen people stranded in their vehicles by flooding on State Highway 2 near Te Karaka had to be rescued by helicopter on Sunday afternoon.

**Dental school changes prescription policy**

DENVER, 1 Feb—A Colorado dental school has stopped letting unlicensed student dentists obtain sedatives and write prescriptions for narcotics, The Denver Post reported.

The University of Colorado dental school also ended a policy under which dentists without an active Colorado license were allowed to treat patients alongside students, the Post said.

An investigation by the newspaper found students had been allowed to get the medications and write prescriptions using credentials of faculty members.

**Indonesia submits emission reduction target to UN**

JAKARTA, 1 Feb—Indonesia officially submitted its emission reduction target to the United Nations on Sunday amid doubts over the possibility of countries to reach an ambitious deal this year, a paper said here on Monday.

The Southeast Asia’s largest economy has pledged to cut its emission by 26 percent in 2020, despite it plans to boost economic growth.

President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono said last month that the country could extend the target to 41 percent in the next 10 years should any foreign assistance involve.

"Everything we promised in the report will be carried out," head of the National Council on Climate Change, Rachmat Witoelar was quoted by the Jakarta Post as saying.

**NASA’s moon mission to fade with President Obama’s budget**

BEIJING, 1 Feb—NASA’s grand plan to return to the moon is about to vanish with hardly a whimper with the release on Monday of President Obama’s budget request.

The budget numbers will show that the administration effectively plans to kill the Constellation programme that called for a return to the moon by 2020. The budget is also a death knell for the Ares 1 rocket, NASA’s planned successor to the space shuttle. The agency has spent billions developing the rocket, which is still years from its first scheduled crew flight.

Obama’s budget, according to a background briefing by an administration official on Sunday, will call for spending 6 billion dollars over five years to develop a commercial spacecraft that could taxi astronauts low earth orbit.

"Going commercial with a human crew would represent a dramatic change in the way NASA does business. Instead of NASA owning the spacecraft and overseeing every nut and bolt of its design and construction, a private company would design and build the spacecraft with NASA looking over its shoulder."

The administration believes the new funding for the commercial programme would create up to 1,700 jobs, which could help offset the expected loss of 7,000 jobs in Florida when the space shuttle is retired next year.

**Tykerb approved for use with Femara**

SILVER SPRINGS, 1 Feb—GlaxoSmithKline’s breast cancer drug Tykerb can now be used in combination with the Novartis cancer drug Femara, the US Food and Drug Administration says.

The FDA on Friday broadened approval of Tykerb, generally known as lapatinib, in combination with Femara, or letrozole, to treat hormone positive and HER2-positive advanced breast cancer in postmenopausal women. HER2, a protein involved in normal cell growth, is found on some types of cancer cells, including breast cancer cells.

In hormone positive breast cancer, the presence of certain hormones contributes to breast cancer growth, the FDA said in a release.

**Citizens choose lanterns in Tianjin, municipality of north China, on 31 Jan, 2010, for the upcoming Spring Festival which falls on 14 Feb this year, the year of tiger.—Xinhua**

**Photo taken on 31 Jan, 2010 shows a car vitally squeezed by two coaches at the accident site on a section of the expressway from Chengdu to Leshan in southwest China’s Sichuan Provience. —Xinhua**

**NASA’s moon mission to fade with President Obama’s budget**

**An Indian workers carries a flower basket at the Horticulture Expo in Hyderabad on 27 Jan.**

In a release.

"Xinhuas"
Energy Minister inspects Mottama Offshore Oilfield

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Feb—Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, accompanied by officials, CEO Mr Anon Sirisaengtaksin of PTTEP Company of Thailand and party, inspected the test running of Zawtika (9) assessing oil well of M-9 block of Mottama Offshore Oilfield this morning.

On arrival at Actinia drilling machine, Drilling Superintendent Mr Pasook Eagark of PTTEP company and officials reported the minister on the progress in trial production of Zawtika (9) assessing well, situation of M-9 block and future programme. The minister called for doing geographical research, completing trial process on schedule and starting marketable production in the dry season of 2010.

The minister presented a basket of fruits to foreign technicians and service personnel of Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise and tested the natural gas production of Zawtika (9) assessing well by burning the gas at production valve.

Zawtika project of M-9 block is implemented cooperatively with PTTEP Company of Thailand. A total of 18 exploring and assessing wells have been drilled from 2005 till now. According to the drilled structure, the average covering amount of natural gas is 5.4 TCF. It is estimated to have at least 1.7 to 10.7 TCF of natural gas by the experts. Zawtika (9) may become next commercial project of Mottama Offshore Oilfield.—MNA

Religious titles to be conferred

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Feb—A meeting took place at the Ministry of Religious Affairs here this afternoon to organize the conferring of religious titles and offering of alms to members of the Sangha.

Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung made an opening address. Officials from the subcommittees reported on the arrangements.

The minister responded to the reports and gave concluding remarks.—MNA

Yazudaing Bridge No. 2, a drive for...

(from page 1)

On arrival at the construction site of Yazudaing Bridge No. 1 at Kyauhtatauk Village of Mawlamyinegyun Township, we saw a large number of people for visiting the bridge project. The bridge will link Kyaunghtauk and Kanyinkihe Villages. On completion, the bridge will facilitate the region with better transport.

In the near future, the local people will be able to visit various parts of the country by land crossing Yazudaing Bridges No. 1 and No 2 and transport local products to many other regions of the Union.

We firmly believe that the two Yazudaing bridges will be a driving force for enhancement of socio-economic status of the local people and development of the region.

Translation: TTA

Kyemon: 28-1-2010

Ma Khin Lè Lè Wai, (Student), BEHS
No. 2, Mawlamyinegyun.
YANGON, 1 Feb—An excursion tour group comprising Dean of the Military Attachés to the Union of Myanmar Col Manoj Mukund Naravane and wife of India, military attachés and their family members led by Daw Myat Ngwe, wife of Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, senior military officers and their wives, left Yangon International Airport on 29 January morning and arrived at Kawthoung at 10.15 am.

They viewed development of Kawthoung from the 555 hill viewpoint in Padauk Shwewa Ward and took photos of natural beauties of sea.

Next, they paid homage to Pyidaw-aye Pagoda of Kawthoung. At Myinzuthaka Hall, the chairman of Kawthoung District Peace and Development Council extended greetings and explained facts about Kawthoung.

In the afternoon, they visited Bayintnaung Cape, Salon Island and Pulonetonetone Beach. In the evening, they were hosted dinner at Andaman Club Resort Hotel.

On 30 January, the excursion team visited Myoma Market and Shwepyisoe Ward in Kawthoung and Namkhon oyster handicraft industry at 7th-mile. On arrival at Myeik Airport by special flight, they were welcomed by Chairman of Taninthayi Division PDC Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo, the deputy commander, officials and national races.

At Pale Yadana Hall, the secretary of the Division PDC extended greetings. In the afternoon, the group visited Seiknge Market and Laygyun Hsimee Pagoda. In the evening, the commander and wife hosted a dinner to the excursion group members.

Yesterday morning, they visited 400-ton cold storage of Ahsaungkaung Co Ltd and Daungkumaw soft crab breeding farm of Kaung Kaung Livestock Breeding Co Ltd at Pahtet Hill, opposite to Myeik, 1000-ton cold storage of Pyae Phyo Tun International Co Ltd on Pahtet Island and the natural birds’ house on the strand road.

In the afternoon, the excursion group left Myeik. They were seen off at the airport by the commander, wife and officials. They arrived back at Yangon International Airport in the evening.—MNA

Waingmaw on track for greater development

Byline: Tin Htwe (MNA); Photos: Maung Pyone Myint (Balu)

Waingmaw on track for greater development

In the north; Momauk Township in the south; and Myitkyina Township and the Ayeyawady River in the west. Two-thirds of the area of Waingmaw Township are covered by mountain ranges, and the plains are in Riverside areas. Waingmaw Town-ship has an area of 1883.17 square miles, and is formed with 10 wards, 39 village-tracts and 171 vil-lages with a population of more than 123,700. It is home to various national races including Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Bamar, Rakhine and Shan. It has tropical climate pattern. It utilizes 895,946 acres with a sown acreage of 98,562; 275 acres of gardens, and 276,793 acres of protected public forests. Mostly, it grows monsoon and summer paddy, sunflower, sesame, groundnut, beans and pulses, seasonal crops and rubber, and raises chicken, duck, pig, cattle, fish and prawn.

In Waingmaw Township are two basic education high schools, three affiliated high schools, two middle schools, three affiliated middle schools, 71 pri-mary schools, 19 post-primary schools, and four branch primary schools.

As regards the health sector, the township has a 25-bed general hospital, a station hospital, a maternal and child health care centre, 23 rural health branches, four ru-ral health care centres, and five border area dispensaries.

Thanks to Bala Min Htin Bridge, the region has enjoyed smooth transport, thereby improving the quality of life of local people and fur-ther cementing the friendly relations of lo-cal people of the two townships.

Translation: MS

Myanma Alin: 29-1-2010

In the triangle-shaped traffic island is a statue depicting “unity is strength”.

Two female workers carrying cabbages.
Caffeine slows brain cancer growth

SEUL, 1 Feb—Caffeine found in coffee and green tea could effectively slow the growth of brain cancer tumors, a group of scientists at the (South) Korea Institute of Science and Technology (KIST) said on Monday.

According to the neuro science research department at KIST, led by Lee Chang-joon, animal test results showed regular caffeine found in coffee and green tea to have strongly reppressed the growth of inositol trisphosphate receptor (IP3R) closely associated with glioblastoma, which is the most common and aggressive type of primary brain tumor found in human.

The research institute said calcium plays a primary role in spreading glioblastoma tumor cells in humans, and that IP3R directly contributes to the amount of calcium re leased. The KIST added that they discovered a sub-type of IP3R, or IP3R3, to be very active among brain cancer patients and that caffeine stymies the spread of such cancer cells, resulting in less tumor growth in the brain and blocks cancer cells from spreading to other parts of the body.

“This is the first type of discovery showing ca feine to have an inhibitive effect on the growth of glioblastoma, and thus, we expect it to have a monumental impact on related studies,” said Lee, who led the research team.—Xinhua

Diet changes improve older adults' cholesterol too

NEW YORK, 1 Feb—Older adults can cut their cholesterol levels by re-vamping their dietary fat intake — even if they are already on cholesterol-lowering statins, a new study finds. Conventional wisdom holds that people should follow a healthy diet and get regular exercise to help control their cholesterol and triglycerides, another type of harmful blood fat. But there has actually been little research into how well older adults’ cholesterol and triglyceride levels respond to diet changes.

In the new study, researchers looked at the effects of dietary-fat changes among 900 Australian adults age 49 and older who were followed for 10 years. At the outset, 5 percent were taking a cholesterol-lowering medication, usually a statin; a decade later, one-quarter were using drugs to control their cholesterol. Overall, the study found, people who managed to cut down on butter, and saturated fats in general, showed subsequent dips in their total cholesterol levels — regardless of whether they were on a statin.

At the same time, “good” HDL cholesterol levels inched upward when study participants started eating more fish and omega-3 fatty acids — healthy, unsatur ated fats found mainly in oily fish like salmon and mackerel.—Internet

Study weighs benefits of transplants for leukemia

LONDON, 1 Feb—Leukemia patients who have blood stem cell transplants survive just as long on average as those who undergo the more invasive procedure of having a bone marrow transplant, scientists said on Monday.

But patients with acute forms the blood cancer appear to do better if they have bone marrow as opposed to blood stem cell transplants, the scientists said, suggesting that for some the benefit of the complex treatment is greater in the long run.

Bone marrow transplants involve the collection of stem cells from the bone marrow — a complicated procedure in which the patient must have a general anesthetic and surgery. In peripheral blood stem cell transplantation (PBSCT), stem cells are collected from blood, avoiding some of the complications of bone marrow collection.

Who's a candidate for gastric bypass surgery?

WASHINGTON, 1 Feb—Gastric bypass surgery, sometimes recommended for obese people, involves rerouting the path that food takes, including shrinking the size of the stomach. But the procedure has a number of risks, including the possibility of post-surgical infection, blood clots or developing gallstones. The US National Library of Medicine says the following people may be candidates for gastric bypass surgery:

* People who are obese and are unable to lose enough weight by dieting and exercising.
* People who are committed to a diet and exercise regimen.
* People who are not mentally ill.
* People who do not have drug or alcohol dependency problems.
* People who have a body mass index (BMI) of 40 or higher; generally at least 100 pounds overweight.
* People who have a BMI of 35 or greater, in addition to a serious health problem that could get better with weight loss — for instance, heart disease or type 2 diabetes.—Internet

Children enjoy the high speed Internet access at the world's biggest on-line electronic entertainment event called 'Campus Party', in Sao Paulo, Brazil, on 27 January. —INTERNET

Girl's odyssey shows challenge of fighting obesity

CHICAGO, 1 Feb—Paris Woods is hardly a poster child for the obesity epidemic. Lining up dripping wet with kids on her swim team, she’s a blend of girlish chunkiness and womanly curves. In street clothes — roomy pajamas or skimpy tank tops revealing broad, brown swimmers’ shoulders — the teen blends in with her friends, a fresh-faced, robust-looking All-American girl. That’s the problem.

Like nearly one-third of American teens, Paris Woods is overweight. Her doctor worries her weight will creep up into the obesity range. One out of four black girls her age is obese. The more than 11 million US teens who are overweight or obese face an increased risk for diseases once confined to adults, like diabetes, artery damage and liver trouble. Those problems along with high blood pressure and high cholesterol are showing up increasingly in kids.

Paris’ pediatrician urged her to take part in an intensive exercise. The goal? To see if a yearlong program of weekly sessions with a nutritionist, exercise trainer and doctor, all preaching major lifestyle changes, could keep the 14-year-old from becoming obese. It’s the kind of intensive help that the influential US Preventive Services Task Force said last month can work for teens.

Through successes, setbacks and even a bout with swine flu, Paris tried sticking with it. Skipped sessions stretched the program from 12 months into 20, but she didn’t quit.—Internet

**An H-450 Hermes UAV is assembled by the Singapore Armed Forces on 1 Feb, 2010, in Singapore, a day before the start of the Singapore Airshow 2010, Asia's largest aerospace and defense exhibition.—INTERNET**
US warships step up patrols amid fears of Iranian attack

WASHINGTON, 1 Feb — America is rushing to bolster the defences of Iran’s Arab neighbours amid fears of the possibility of a missile strike by Tehran. The United States was reported last night to have increased patrols by its warships in the Gulf and to be rapidly escalating the deployment of Patriot anti-missile batteries in Gulf states that fear an attack from Iran.

There is particular concern over the threat to oil installations. Iran has hinted at its capacity to disrupt the passage of tankers in the Gulf, a threat with the potential to disrupt the world oil market. News of the initiatives, which include an increase in the number of “special” naval patrol vessels off Iran’s coast, comes as Washington and its Western allies have virtually given up on President Barack Obama’s efforts to persuade Iran to pursue meaningful negotiations over its nuclear programme.

The decision by US officials to provide details of links with Arab allies in briefings to the ‘New York Times’ and ‘Washington Post’ indicated that the administration was set to embark on a serious effort to win another round of United Nations sanctions against Tehran. Those measures are likely to focus on travel bans, over-seas banking and the Revolutionary Guards force that controls Iran’s secretive weapons programme.— Internet

Pakistan Taleban deny leader Hakimullah killed

PESHAWAR, 1 Feb — Pakistan’s Taleban denied a report on Sunday that their leader Hakimullah Mehsud had been killed in a US drone aircraft strike. “It is a total lie,” a spokesman for the group told Reuters by telephone from northwest Pakistan, referring to a report on Pakistani state television. Pakistan’s military said earlier it was investigating the report that Hakimullah died from wounds sustained in a drone attack and had been buried in the Orakzai tribal region in the north-west of the country.

“We’re inquiring further but so far there’s no confirmation,” said army spokesman Major General Athar Abbas. Hakimullah’s death would likely create disarray in Pakistan’s al Qaeda-linked Taleban, analysts say, but it would not deal a major long-term blow to the group, which is fighting the pro-American government. State television did not give dates for the drone attack.

Pakistan intelligence officials said they had received unconfirmed reports that Hakimullah, the number one enemy of the Pakistani state, may have died of wounds after a drone strike on two vehicles carrying militants in North Waziristan on 17 January, days after surviving a similar attack.— Internet

Egypt arrests 26 suspected of plotting terrorism

CAIRO, 1 Feb — Egypt has arrested 26 suspects who the prosecutor said belonged to a cell of militant group and were plotting “terrorist acts” against tourists and state installations, the official news agency MENA reported on Sunday. The suspects, arrested in the provinces of Matrouh and Dakahlia on the Nile Delta, had firearms, ammunition and explosives, the agency said.

“The public prosecutor ordered them placed in precautionary detention for 15 days pending investigations,” MENA wrote, adding that the prosecutor had sent the arms and explosives for forensic investigations.

Egyptian Islamic Jihad (EIJ) emerged in the 1970s and carried out the 1981 assassination of President Anwar Sadat. Security experts say it has been largely absorbed into al Qaeda, in which former EIJ leader Ayman al-Zawahri is deputy to Osama bin Laden.

Egypt is concerned about the possibility that al Qaeda-inspired militants could infiltrate the country after being forced out of the neighbouring Palestinian enclave of Guza by Hamas, analysts told a conference last week.

British hostages say we’re being badly treated

MOGADISHU, 1 Feb — A British couple kidnapped by Somali pirates in the Indian Ocean have issued another des- perate plea, saying they are being badly treated and need urgent help. Paul and Rachael Chandler, from Kent in southern England, were taken by pirates from their yacht, the Lynn Rival, on 23 October, just days after setting sail from the Seychelles Islands for Tanzania. The couple was brought ashore and are being held in separate lo- cations in central Somalia. Their captors initially de-manded a ransom of $7 million, but the British government — in line with longstanding policy — has refused to pay. In a video filmed on Thursday in Somalia by the French news agency AFP, Rachel Chandler begged the Brit-ish government to help secure the couple’s re-lease. “Please help us, these people are not treating us well,” she said. “I’m old. I’m 56 and my husband is 60 years old. We need to be together because we have not much time left.”

A doctor was shown ex- amining Paul Chandler, 60, who appeared to be in a better state than his wife. The medic found Rachel Chandler in poor mental health, calling out for her husband, AFP reported.— Internet

Last US veteran of World War I turns 109

WASHINGTON, 1 Feb — The last surviving US veteran of World War I, former Cpl Frank Buckles, turns 109 on Monday and is still hoping for a national memorial in Washington for his comrades. Buckles is expected to deliver remarks during a quiet celebration Monday af-ternoon at his home in Charles Town, West Virginia.

But the old “Doughboy” — as World War I Amer-ican infantry troops were called — has already been out-spoken in recent years, urging congressional lawmak-ers to give federal recognition and a face-lift to a run-down District of Columbia memorial in an overgrown, wooded area along the National Mall.— Internet

Singapore air show offers scant sales hopes

SINGAPORE, 1 Feb — Military aircraft makers are set to dominate Asia’s largest air show in Singa-pore this week. Few, if any, sales of planes to commercial airlines are expected during the event. But the Asia Pa-cific region is experienc-ing a return to growth that should prove lucrative going forward.

So aircraft and equip-ment makers such as Boeing, EADS, Airbus, as well as Honeywell, Rolls-Royce and Lockheed Martin, are exhibiting at the show. Attendance and deal-making at the Singa-pore air show, which is hosted in the east of the city state near Changi air-port, will indicate the state of the aerospace industry.

“We’re slowly turning things around,” Jimmy Lau, managing director of the Singapore Air Show, told a news confer-ence. “Any news is good news this week, as far as I’m concerned.” The or-ganisers expect 130,000 people, including buyers and the general public, to visit the trade show.— Internet

Workers walk past the African pavilion at the World Expo 2010 site in Shanghai.— Internet

A hybrid laptop powered in part by a Qualcomm processor. The US mobile phone chipmaking giant Qualcomm has said it would set up a research and development centre in South Korea to develop new technologies.— Internet
Claims Day Notice

MV DIBENA WIN VOY NO (155)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV DIBENA WIN VOY NO (155) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 2.2.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W.4 where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damage cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

Shipping Agency Department
Myanmar Port Authority
Agent for: MS Phulsawat Shipping Co., Ltd.
Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

Claims Day Notice

MV AN YUE JIANG VOY NO (155)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV AN YUE JIANG VOY NO (155) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 1.2.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damage cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

Shipping Agency Department
Myanmar Port Authority
Agent for: MS Cosco Shipping Co., Ltd.
Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

List of winners at Grammy Awards ceremony

Los Angeles, 1 Jan—Following is a list of winners at Sunday night’s Grammy Awards ceremony in Los Angeles:

- Record Of The Year
  - “Use Somebody,” Kings Of Leon
  - Album Of The Year
  - Fearless,” Taylor Swift
  - Song Of The Year
  - “Single Ladies (Put A Ring On It),” Thaddis Harrell, Beyonce Knowles, Terius Nash & Christopher Stewart, songwriters (Beyonce)
  - Best New Artist

- Best Male Pop Vocal Performance
  - “Halo,” Beyonce

- Best Female Pop Vocal Performance
  - “Halo,” Beyonce

- Best Rock Album
  - “21st Century Breakdown,” Green Day

- Best Rap/Sung Collaboration
  - “Run This Town,” Jay-Z, Rihanna & Kanye West

- Best Country Album
  - “Fearless,” Taylor Swift

- Best Comedy Album
  - “A Colbert Christmas: The Great Gift Of All!,” Stephen Colbert

Xinhua

Internet

Killer rips out woman’s organs in US

New York, 1 Feb— A neighbour with a festering re- jection complex was arrested for brutally butchering — and stealing organs from — a New York woman who owned an employment agency and declined to find him a job. Police said the killing was the culmination of a campaign of harassment and assault that maniac Huang Chen, 47, waged against victim Qian Wu since 2006. She took out nine orders of protection during that time in the torso before fleeing.

Chen allegedly followed Wu, 46, into her apartment in Queens for a gash on his right hand and leg. He claimed to have sustained the wounds while fighting off a robber during a home invasion, police said.

Man, acquitted in murder, charged again

Brockton, 1 Feb— A Boston man whose acquittal in one slaying sparked controversy has been arrested in connection with another, Massachusetts officials say.

Kyle Bryant, 28, was acquitted of murder charges in the 1990 slaying of girl found to be buried alive, despite admitting he was at the scene, The Boston Globe reported.

Now, the newspaper said, Bryant has been charged with murder in the 5 Jan shooting death of Darnell Harrison, 25, outside a family pizza restaurant in the Lithuanian Village section of Brockton, Mass. Authori- ties said a second victim, Shawn Cox, 32, also of Brockton, was shot in the leg and survived. Bryant is also charged in his shooting.

Plymouth District Attorney Timothy Cruz and Brockton Police Chief William Conlon described the 5 Jan shootings as “egregious” and “heinous.” “The shooter in this case is a very dangerous person.” I’m glad he’s off the street,” Cruz told the Globe. “Brockton is safer without him on the street.”

Los Angeles, 1 Jan— Zac Brown Band

Best Female Pop Vocal Performance

“Halo,” Beyonce

Best Rock Album

“21st Century Breakdown,” Green Day

Best Rap/Sung Collaboration

“Run This Town,” Jay-Z, Rihanna & Kanye West

Best Country Album

“Fearless,” Taylor Swift

Best Comedy Album

“A Colbert Christmas: The Great Gift Of All!,” Stephen Colbert

Internet
Pilots say safety device training critical

BUFFALO, 1 Feb — Pi- lot training in using a safety device that might have prevented a plane crash that killed 50 peo- ple near Buffalo last year is still not mandatory, pi- lots say.

The pilot of the Con- tinental Connection Flight 3407 crash on 12 Feb had not been trained to use the device, called a stick pusher, The Buffalo News reported on Sunday.

It causes a plane mov- ing too slowly to head downward to pick up speed, which can be star- ting to a pilot who is un- familiar with device. The Flight 3407 pilot reflex- ively overrode the device, and had he not done so, the flight may have been saved, federal investiga- tors said.

Investigators said the stick pusher was probably not the only problem. The crew, which may have been fatigued, let the plane get too slow and mishandled the position- ing of the plane’s flaps, the investigators said.

Capt Rory Kay, execu- tive safety chairman for the Air Line Pilots Asso- ciation, said pilots need training in using the stick pusher.

Blind applicant allowed bar test help

SAN FRANCISCO, 1 Feb— A federal judge says a blind student can use computer-assisted reading devices in Cali- fornia’s bar exam, in a rul- ing that rejected examin- ers’ arguments.

US District Judge Charles Breyer ordered the National Conference of Bar Examiners to ac- commodate Stephanie Enyart when she takes the February test, the San Francisco Chronicle re- ported on Sunday.

Enyart, 32, a UCLA Law School graduate, took tests at the school on her laptop, which magni- fied the text of questions and read them aloud into earbuds.

The examiners had ar- gued such assistance would give too much of an edge to Enyart and that putting the questions on computer disks could lead to theft.

A/H1N1 flu death toll reaches 258 in Egypt

CAIRO, 1 Feb — Egypt on Sunday registered one more death case of influ- enza A/H1N1, bringing the nationwide death toll to 258, said the Health Ministry in a statement.

The death case is a 53- year-old man from Assuit governorate, according to the statement, which gave no more details.

Up till now, Egypt has reported more than 15,800 cases of the novel flu, according to the Health Ministry.

Egypt confirmed its first influenza A/H1N1 death case on 19 July last year.

The victim was a 28- year-old Egyptian woman coming back from Saudi Arabia after making Umrah (pilgrimage to Mecca at any time of the year).

Workers are seen at a construction site downtown Beijing, on 1 Feb, 2010.

A/H1N1 flu death toll reaches 258 in Egypt

CAIRO, 1 Feb — Egypt on Sunday registered one more death case of influ- enza A/H1N1, bringing the nationwide death toll to 258, said the Health Ministry in a statement.

The death case is a 53- year-old man from Assuit governorate, according to the statement, which gave no more details.

Up till now, Egypt has reported more than 15,800 cases of the novel flu, according to the Health Ministry.

Egypt confirmed its first influenza A/H1N1 death case on 19 July last year.

The victim was a 28- year-old Egyptian woman coming back from Saudi Arabia after making Umrah (pilgrimage to Mecca at any time of the year).

Man charged with abusing Haitian boys faces more counts

PORT-AU-PRINCE, 1 Feb — An American accused of sexually abusing boys he was supposed to help in Haiti now faces addi- tional charges, federal court records show. Doug- las Perlitz, 39, was ar- rested in September after a federal grand jury in- dicted him on 10 counts related to the abuse of nine boys over a period of 10 years.

Last week, a su- perceding indictment brought an additional nine counts against Perlitz, and alleges he abused a total of 18 boys.

Perlitz founded and operated a home and school for needy children in Haiti, known as Project Pierre Toussaint, which has since closed. He is ac- cused of entrusting the boys with promises of food and shelter and with gifts such as cell phones and cash, in exchange for sexual acts.

According to the new indictment in federal dis- trict court in Connecticut, Perlitz provided money and told one of the boys that he would not be kicked out of the school even if he failed his classes.

He allegedly offered another boy and his fam- ily money and other ben- efits, and in another case, gave a television, shoes, clothes and meals to an- other boy, all in exchange for sexual acts and their silence.

Those who did not co- operate with Perlitz were denied benefits, the in- dictment states.
**Sports**

**Federer maintains reign with commanding win**

Melbourne, 1 Feb—Roger Federer showed he has no intention of relinquishing his iron grip at the top of men’s tennis, winning his fourth Australian Open, 16th Grand Slam and securing the top ranking for a 268th week.

The Swiss all-time great was the man for the occasion, repulsing Andy Murray’s bid for British tennis history in a commanding 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (11/11) triumph over the Scottish fifth seed in the final.

His victory ensures that the 28-year-old kids off the new season firmly ensconced at the top after winning Wimbledon and the French Open last year. “I’m on an incredible trip and I’ll see where it ends,” said Federer.

“arums shooting final-round 70 to win at Torrey Pines

San Diego, 1 Feb—Ben Crane is back in the news for all the right reasons.

Crane’s quiet off season took a strange turn in December when a gossip magazine quoted him as saying that Tiger Woods was a “phony and fake,” even though Crane had never spoken to Life & Style.

Fake,” even though Crane had never spoken to Life & Style.

Federer has said he produced one of his finest performances to repulse the challenge of Andy Murray and win his fourth Australian Open and 16th Grand Slam title. Federer won the championship 6-3, 6-4, 7-6.—**Internet**

**Crane shoots final-round 70 to win at Torrey Pines**

San Diego, 1 Feb—Ben Crane is back in the news for all the right reasons.

Crane’s quiet off season took a strange turn in December when a gossip magazine quoted him as saying that Tiger Woods was a “phony and fake,” even though Crane had never spoken to Life & Style.

Federer has said he produced one of his finest performances to repulse the challenge of Andy Murray and win his fourth Australian Open and 16th Grand Slam title. Federer won the championship 6-3, 6-4, 7-6.—**Internet**

**Ferry hopes for a favour from Arsenal**

London, 1 Feb—Sir Alex Ferguson has delivered a hammer blow to Arsenal’s title hopes but the Manchester United manager believes Arsene Wenger’s side can do his team a favour at Chelsea next weekend. Ferguson was rewarded for an inspired team selection as England forward Wayne Rooney and Portugal winger Nani took advantage of the United manager’s tactics to inspire a 3-1 win at the Emirates Stadium on Sunday.

The champions’ impressive victory moved them to within one point of Premier League leaders Chelsea, although Carlo Ancelotti’s men can re-establish a four-point advantage on Tuesday if they win their game in hand at Hull. Ferguson is confident United have the experience and desire to overhaul the Blues, but he has no qualms about admitting he would love to see Arsenal win at Stamford Bridge on Sunday.—**Internet**

**Mancini pleased as grief-stricken Adebayor scores**

Manchester, 1 Feb—Manchester City manager Roberto Mancini was pleased with his side’s 2-0 win over Portsmouth at Eastlands on Sunday but admitted his side had been distinctly under-par in what was a poor encounter.

First-half goals from Emmanuel Adebayor and Vincent Kompany secured the three points for City but there was precious little else to cheer about in a match that never really got off the ground.

Adebayor had not started for his club since returning home early from the African Cup of Nations last month following the terrifying gun assault on the Togo team bus in Cabinda that left two backroom staff dead.—**Internet**

**Leverkusen blitz Freiburg to reclaim league lead**

Berlin, 1 Feb—Leverkusen on Sunday took over from Bayern Munich as Bundesliga leaders for the second week running after blitzing Freiburg with three goals in four minutes on their way to a 3-1 win.

Leverkusen remain the only side unbeaten in the Bundesliga this season and stunned Freiburg with first-half goals from German striker Stefan Kiessling, Swiss forward Eren Derdiyok and ex-Liverpool defender Sami Hyypiä.—**Internet**

**Negredo doubles keeps Sevilla on European path**

Madrid, 1 Feb—Sevilla breathed new life into their Champions League ambitions with a 2-1 victory over fellow European hopefuls Valencia on Sunday with Alvaro Negredo grabbing both goals. It was a key game for Sevilla who had suffered a worrying slump since Christmas, losing three of their last four games, but they rose to the occasion against third-placed Valencia.

From a 22nd-minute corner Sevilla went ahead as Julian Escude flicked the ball for Negredo to slot home. Midway through the second half Negredo finished off a well-worked move for Sevilla’s second, and his seventh of the season.—**Internet**

**Egypt beats Ghana 1-0 to earn African Cup title**

Luanda, 1 Feb—Egypt won the African Cup of Nations for the third straight time Sunday after substitute Mohamed Gado scored in the 85th minute for a 1-0 victory over Ghana.

Gado curled in a shot from the area to give Egypt its record seventh title. No other team has won the biennial tournament three consecutive times.

“From the first day we arrived we said we were here to win the tournament,” Egypt assistant coach Shawki Garib said. “And we did it, even if it was harder than in 2006 and 2008.”

Egypt, which hasn’t played in a World Cup since 1990, will again miss the showcase tournament this summer. Unbeaten in 19 matches in the African Cup, the team lost to Algeria last November in the playoffs for a World Cup place in South Africa.

“We play better during big tournaments than during our qualifying campaign,” Club said. “Over three weeks, it’s easier to develop team cohesion.”—**Internet**

**Nigeria’s Adebayor (left) has scored his return to the Manchester City starting line-up with the opening goal as City defeated crisis club Portsmouth 2-0 at Eastlands. Internet**

**Lyon grab lifeline to beat 10-man PSG**

Paris, 1 Feb—Lyon fought back from a goal down to beat 10-man Paris-Saint Germain 2-1 at the Stade Gerland on Sunday and move up to fourth in the table, breathing new life into their flagging campaign.

The seven-time champions were looking for a positive response after being knocked out of both domestic cup competitions earlier in the week but they fell behind to an early goal from Mevlut Erding. The hosts struggled to establish any kind of foothold in the match but in the 60th minute the game changed when PSG centre-back Mamadou Sakho was shown a straight red card for a last-man foul on Bafetimbi Gomis.

Gomis brought Lyon level by lashing home a rebound following a corner in the 77th minute and three minutes later, Nabil Fekir rose above the Paris defence to send a looping header over Apoula Edel that completed the turnaround.

Lyon climb above Monaco and Auxerre to fourth, a point behind third-place Lille and nine behind leaders Bordeaux, while PSG remain 14th after their third straight league defeat.—**Internet**

**Ecuador move for second half of Nagy finished off a well-worked**

**Sevilla’s midfielder Alvaro Negredo celebrates after scoring against Valencia during a Spanish league football match at Sanchez Pizjuan stadium in Seville.**—**Internet**

**Negredo doubles keeps Sevilla on European path**

MADRID, 1 Feb—Sevilla breathed new life into their Champions League ambitions with a 2-1 victory over fellow European hopefuls Valencia on Sunday with Alvaro Negredo grabbing both goals. It was a key game for Sevilla who had suffered a worrying slump since Christmas, losing three of their last four games, but they rose to the occasion against third-placed Valencia.

From a 22nd-minute corner Sevilla went ahead as Julian Escude flicked the ball for Negredo to slot home. Midway through the second half Negredo finished off a well-worked move for Sevilla’s second, and his seventh of the season.—**Internet**
Scientists use light beams to prick mystery of acupuncture

SHANGHAI, 1 Feb — Chinese scientists are using the country’s most expensive ever science project, a light-emitting synchrotron, to solve the mystery of acupuncture points.

The Shanghai-based synchrotron, which uses super-powerful X-rays to resolve the structure of matter down to the level of atoms, has detected evidence that acupuncture points differ from other parts of the body. Zhang Xinyi, deputy director with the synchrotron radiation research center at Fudan University, said, “We are trying to figure out the three-dimensional structure of the acupuncture points with the light resources.”

Many foreigners thought the acu-therapy effective, but doubted whether acupuncture points did exist, he said. X-ray beams emitted by the Shanghai Synchrotron Radiation Facility (SSRF) are 100 million times more intense than the beam produced by a standard X-ray machine, said Xiao Tiqiao, head of SSRF’s beamlines. — Internet

WEATHER

Monday, 1st February, 2010

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

Maximum temperature on 31-1-2010 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 1-2-2010 was 60°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 1-2-2010 was 62%.

Total sun shine hours on 31-1-2010 was (9.7) hours approx.

Rainfall on 1-2-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Northeast at (12:30) hours MST on 31-1-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 2nd February 2010: Weather will be generally fair in the whole country.

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 2-2-2010: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 2-2-2010: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 2-2-2010: Fair weather.
Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
Riots beget riots, not democracy
Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People’s Desire
- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
Do not allow ourselves to be swayed
By broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Waingmaw on track for greater development
Byline: Tin Htwe (MNA); Photos: Maung Pyone Myint (Balu)

Once, the Ayeyawady River formed natural barrier between Myitkyina and Waingmaw. However, the two townships are now easily accessible from each other, just a 30-minute drive.

In an interview with local authorities and departmental officials, Chairman U Zaw Min Oo of Waingmaw Township Peace and Development Council briefed us on the target of putting 10,028 acres under summer paddy for 2010 to become the fourth granary of Kachin State; Township Myanma Agriculture Service Manager U Ti Lu Kyan, on success in growing vegetables by the river bank, plans to grow summer paddy with the water from Washaung Dam, process of making natural fertilizers, and sericulture; and Executive Office U Htay Lwin Soe of Township Development Affairs Committee, on road and bridge projects and water supply in urban and rural areas.

We noticed that the quality of the inter-village tarred road linking Mokhlwe and Sanka through Khatcho, Makhanni, and Nawnghi villages built in 2007-2008 by the committee was on a par with that of a rural road.

Now, 89 local farmers run a 132-acre farmland of greens in Waingmaw. Due to fertile soil, farming vegetables in the township is very successful. Kachin State has designated the year 2010 as its docheckin year. In order to meet the target, officials concerned are now supervising the tasks and demonstrating the process of making the organic fertilizers, which do not harm the environment.

The Township Development Affairs Committee has built many roads and bridges in rural and urban areas across the township. It has a plan to construct a river pumping station in 2010-2011 fiscal year.

The township in Myitkyina District is bounded by Ingyanyan and Chiwe townships

(See page 9)