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The entire people have to work hard together

The State Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has been approved with the support of the great majority of the people. The entire people have to work hard together in doing their bit in building a peaceful, modern and developed nation in conformity with the new constitution.

Senior General Than Shwe
Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council
Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services
(From the message sent on the occasion of the 62nd Anniversary Union Day)

Better Transport for Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Feb—Accompanied by Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe, Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Thaung Aye and departmental officials, Lt-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence heard reports on maintenance of Ngathainggyaung-Gwa-Thandwe-Taungup Road and future tasks presented by officials at Bayda Hall at the border of Ayeyawady Division and Rakhine State on 3 February afternoon. The commanders gave supplementary reports. Lt-Gen Ko Ko gave instructions on timely completion of the task.

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Hailing the 63rd Anniversary Union Day

Rakhine State enjoying fruit of development, peace and stability

Article & Photos: Reporter Singu Soe Win

Min Creek Bridge linking Taungup and Thandwe for ensuring better transportation of local people in Rakhine State. (See pages 6+7)
Prevent against avian influenza

Avian flu usually is a disease infected to animals with wings. The disease occurs most common among, birds, chickens and ducks. We should be aware that it can also be transmitted to human beings.

If poultry are infected with bird flu, they become lethargic, and layers can suffer a decline in laying eggs. Symptoms of severe flu include difficult breathing, tears-dropping and runny nose, inflammation of head and face, bleeding of legs and joints and rash, and death rate can increase sharply.

Receiving information about suspicious bird flu deaths in a poultry farm in Mayangon Township, Yangon, where over 2,000 broilers are bred, Livestock and Veterinary Department visited the farm and took surveillance measures. The animal disease screening lab confirmed that severe avian flu was detected in the dead chickens of the farm and sent information about it to UNFAO, World Animal Health Organization and other related organizations.

Control measures are being taken against the remaining poultry, eggs and feedstuff of the farm and those of nearby farms. Public cooperation is necessary to stop the spread of bird flu in the country.

If we fail to systematically control and prevent the flu, it can be transmitted directly to humans. Particularly, it is wise to avoid exposure to infected poultry and equipment and farms infected with the virus.

Overall, we are to try to prevent against avian flu by taking precautionary measures such as using insecticide in poultry farms for bio-security, washing hands with soap after touching chicken meat and eggs and making sure that dealers keep personal hygiene.

Three ladies to express emotion

YANGON, 9 Feb—Three female artists—May Moe Thu, Sandy and Kyu Kyu—from Yangon will express their feelings at Emotion 2010 Art Exhibition to be organized at Lawka Nat Art Gallery on Pansodan Street from 10 to 14 February. Time for the exhibition will be fixed from 9 am to 4 pm on these days.—NLM

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Hsipaw Bridge developed by Asia World

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Feb—Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut and Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint yesterday heard reports on construction of Hsipaw Bridge being undertaken by Asia World Co on Mandalay-PyinOoLwin-Lashio Road presented by the engineer-in-charge of Asia World Co.

At Pontoon Bridge, they viewed the passing of trucks with loads and maintenance of the bridge. MNA

Myanmar promotes relations with Egypt, Sudan

NAV PYI TAW, 9 Feb—Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint attended the 3rd Round of Myanmar-Egypt Bilateral Consultations on 2 and 3 February in Cairo, and the First Myanmar-Sudan Bilateral Consultations from 5 to 7 February in Khartoum, the Republic of the Sudan.

On 2 February, the deputy minister and party together with Assistant Foreign Minister for Asian Affairs Ahmed Fatahlahof Egypt attended the 3rd Round of Myanmar-Egypt Bilateral Consultations at the hall of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Egypt in Cairo.

They discussed further strengthening the existing friendly relations as well as promotion of bilateral cooperation between the two countries in trade and investment, culture, education, technical cooperation and tourism. They exchanged views on enhancing cooperation in regional and international forum including the United Nations and the Non-Aligned Movement.

On 5 February, Deputy Minister U Maung Myint met with Minister for Tourism of Egypt Mr. Mohamed Zoheir Garranah at his office and discussed possibilities of bilateral cooperation in the tourism industry.

On 4 February, the Myanmar delegation left for Khartoum of Sudan to attend the 1st Myanmar-Sudan Bilateral Consultations. MNA
Military death toll in Afghan war passes Falklands

LONDON, 9 Feb — London vowed to stand firm in Afghanistan after the death toll passed the number killed in the 1982 Falklands War amid warnings of a new surge in casualities as a new offensive is launched.

The politically symbolic figure was passed as Prime Minister Gordon Brown battles to persuade a sceptical public that the Afghan conflict is worthwhile, months ahead of an election he is tipped to lose.

Deaths of three soldiers over two days took the British toll in Afghanistan since 2001 to 256, one more than the number killed in the Falklands.

On Monday, a bomb disposal expert was killed by a blast as he cleared a path in southern Helmand Province.

“It is my sad duty to inform you that a soldier from 36 Engineer Regiment... was killed by an explosion this morning in Nad-e-Ali District,” said military spokesman Lieutenant Colonel David Wakefield. Two soldiers, from the Royal Scots Borderers, 1st Battalion The Royal Regiment of Scotland, were killed by an explosion in Sangin in Helmand Province on Sunday.

“They were on a foot patrol bringing security to local people... when the explosion caught them,” said a spokesman. The news is a new blow to Brown, who recently pledged 500 extra troops and hosted a London conference on Afghanistan, but is struggling to avoid defeat to the main opposition Conservatives in elections due by June.—INTERNET

Quake shakes southern Mexico, felt in capital

OAXACA, 9 Feb — A magnitude 5.7-earthquake shook southern Mexico near the Oaxaca coast on Monday, setting off evacuation alarms and swaying buildings as far away as Mexico City.

The quake was centered 35 miles (55 kilometres) north of the fishing and resort town of Puerto Angel, according to the US Geological Survey’s Earthquake Hazards Programme.

It struck at 6:47 pm local time and was felt 280 miles (455 kilometres) away in Mexico City.

Oaxaca state’s civil protection agency said it had received no reports of damage or injury.

“Here in Puerto Angel is was pretty quick. There wasn’t enough time to go out into the street,” said Florencia Peliconi, manager of the seaside Hotel Villa Serena Florecia.

She saw no damage to buildings. “It was more noise (than shaking). Like a truck was coming,” she said.—INTERNET

Police constable kills one colleague; explosion claims two lives in W Afghanistan

KABUL, 9 Feb — A police constable opened fire killing one of his colleagues and wounding four others in Afghanistan’s western Herat Province while explosion claimed the lives of two civilians there, officials said on Monday.

In the first incident, according to police spokesman in west Afghanistan Abdul Rauf Ahmadzai, a police constable opened fire on his colleagues on Sunday night killing one police constable and injuring four others.

Ahmadzai also added that the culprit after opening fire and killing a police constable run away but on the way his car rammed into a tree and badly injured.

In another incident, an explosion rocked a bazaar in Shindand District on Sunday and wounding two brothers, governor of Shindand District Lal Mohammad Omarzai told Xinhua.—Xinhua

International express train derails near Sofia

SOFIA, 9 Feb — Three carriages of the international express train “Bulgaria Express” from Moscow to Sofia derailed at the Kourilo station, some 12 kilometres north of Sofia, on Monday morning, the Bulgarian State Railways (BSR) said.

Nobody was hurt in the incident and all passengers have been transferred to another train, the BSR said. It remains unclear what caused the train cars to go off the tracks. Investigation is underway.

The train had eight passenger carriages: four Bulgarian carriages with 30 passengers and four Russian with 19 passengers.—Xinhua

Initial design for China’s first three inland nuclear power stations completed

BEIJING, 9 Feb — China’s State Nuclear Power Technology Corp (SNPTC) had completed the initial design for the country’s first three inland nuclear power stations, the China Daily reported on Tuesday. Responsible for the development of third-generation nuclear power technology in China, SNPTC said it has finished its preliminary safety analysis report on the Taohuajiang plant, one of the three projects.

The three projects, namely Taohuajiang in Hunan Province, Xianning in Hubei province and Pengze in Jiangxi province, will use AP1000, a third-generation technology developed by US-based Westinghouse. Future inland nuclear projects in China would also use the technology, said the newspaper.—Xinhua

Two soft drinks per week raises pancreatic cancer risk

BEIJING, 9 Feb — US researchers have found people who drink two or more sweetened soft drinks a week have a much higher risk of pancreatic cancer, media reports said on Tuesday quoting findings in Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers & Prevention.

Researchers tracked 60,524 participants in the Singapore Chinese Health Study over 14 years. Over that time, 140 of the volunteers developed pancreatic cancer. Those who drank two or more soft drinks a week had an increased risk — or nearly twice the risk — of pancreatic cancer compared to individuals consuming little or no sugar-sweetened beverages.

To be exact, the risk is 87 percent higher, even after accounting for factors like age, obesity, diabetes and cigarette smoking.

Xinhua
China, Costa Rica hold 6th round of FTA talks

SAN JOSE, 9 Feb—China and Costa Rica held their sixth round of talks on the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) here on Monday.

During the three-day meeting, the two sides will mainly discuss issues such as market access, the rule of origin, and intellectual property rights.

“We have agreed in more than 90 percent of issues we talked in last five round of negotiations. I think it is a substantial progress,” said Costa Rican External Commerce Minister Marco Vinicio Ruiz at the beginning of the talks.

Chinese Vice Commerce Minister Yi Xiaohun said at the negotiations that the two economies are complementary and have great potential for further economic and trade cooperation. According to him, bilateral trade between the two nations reached 2.89 billion US dollars and 3.18 billion dollars in 2008 and 2009, respectively.

Bilateral trade has been growing fast since the two nations established diplomatic relations in June 2007. Costa Rica is now one of China’s important trade partners in Central America while China is the second largest trade partner of Costa Rica. —Xinhua

US aircraft carrier visits Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 9 Feb—The nuclear-powered USS Nimitz aircraft carrier has arrived in Malaysia for a four-day visit.

The United States aircraft carrier is paying a regular visit to the country for bilateral exchanges, an American official said here on Monday.

The aircraft carrier arrived in Port Klang last Sunday and will leave on Thursday. Local newspapers said that the Nimitz came to Malaysia for military exchanges with the Malaysian air and Navy forces.—Xinhua

Supply trucks wait in line after a road closure due to rain and snow in Chaman, located in Pakistan’s Balochistan province along the Afghanistan border on 8 February, 2010. —INTERNET

Nigeria plans new hydroelectric dam

KADUNA, 9 Feb—The government of Nigeria announced plans to move forward with a hydroelectric dam project in the central state of Kaduna, local officials said.

Nnamdi Sambo, the governor of Kaduna, said the federal government approved a plan to build a major hydroelectric project in his state, Nigeria’s Next newspaper reported.

He added the project was intended originally as a water-supply facility, but plans for electricity generation were added later to the project.

The plans emerged as militant activity and underfunding drag on oil and gas productivity in Nigeria. Samusi Barksino, the managing director of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corp, said the government was to blame for the declines because of budget shortfalls.

In January Odein Ajumogobia, the Nigerian Minister of State for Petroleum resources, said in a rare showing of culpability that there was a national shortage of petroleum products.

French primary energy consumption falls by 5 percent in 2009

PARIS, 9 Feb—The French consumption of primary energy decreased 5 percent in 2009, mainly due to economic recession, the General Commission for Sustainable Development said on Monday in an economic report. The report said France has consumed 251 million tons of oil equivalent (Mtoe) last year, which compared to 2008, standing at 114 Mtoe.

Economic recovery sharply brought down the industrial consumption, but increased household consumption of electricity and fuels partially offset the trend, the commission pointed out in its report.

Google’s Gmail to challenge Facebook, Twitter

BEIJING, 9 Feb—Google plans to make Gmail more social by allowing users to exchange status updates with friends and share Web content links, features that move its popular e-mail service into more direct competition with Facebook and Twitter, media reports said on Tuesday.

Gmail users will gain a module that displays status updates from selected Google contacts, a form of interaction popularized by Facebook and MySpace and also embraced by Yahoo.

These status updates will eventually include content shared by one’s Google contacts through other Google properties, such as YouTube and Picasa.

Google is also expected to create strong ties between Gmail and its YouTube video site and Picasa photo gallery service.

It plans to unveil the changes to Gmail this week.

This simple tweak to Gmail will let Google mimic the updates that have driven much of Facebook and Twitter’s success, as people return to the services again and again to check out what their friends and co-workers are doing.

Facebook’s walled-off form of social computing is seen as one of the few forces that threatens Google’s online advertising empire.

In response to that threat, Google has spent the past few years adding social features to encourage social interaction among users of its services. After Google Search, Gmail is one of Google’s most popular products.—Xinhua

A Palestinian pottery worker shapes clay to make an earthenware pots at his traditional mill in Jaba village, southern the West Bank city of Jenin on 7 Feb, 2010. —Xinhua

Six female members of the Chinese medical team pose for a group photo before leaving at the international airport in Port-au-Prince, capital of Haiti, on 8 Feb, 2010. The Chinese medical team Monday left Port-au-Prince for home after winding up a two-week emergency aid and epidemic control mission in the quake-stricken Caribbean country. —INTERNET

OECD jobless remains at 8.8% in December 2009

PARIS, 9 Feb—The unemployment rate for the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) area remained at 8.8 percent in December 2009, the same with last month, but 1.8 percentage points higher from a year earlier, OECD said on Monday.

In the euro area, the jobless rate rose to 10.0 percent in the last month of 2009, 1.8 percentage points higher than last year. In Japan, the rate declined to 5.1 percent, 0.1 percentage point less from November 2009, but 0.8 percentage higher than last year. —Xinhua

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China and Japan to boost bilateral relations

BEIJING, 9 Feb—China says the country’s growth is an opportunity for the development of the world and provides room for deepening Sino-Japanese relations.

Brainstorming future ties of east Asia’s super powerhouses. Delegates from the China-Japan Friendship 21st Century Committee are gathering in Beijing for a three-day discussion on how to further bilateral ties.

Tang Jiaxuan, Chief Delegate of Chinese Delegation, said, “Both sides should seize the current opportunity to enlarge positive factors in developing bilateral ties while offsetting negative ones. Enhancing a mutually-beneficiary strategic relations and pushing for more achievements in bilateral ties are the common goal for both of the two countries.”

During Monday’s talks, Japanese Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama China explains China’s peaceful development. China spoke highly of Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama’s government in their efforts to develop bilateral relations. Both sides agree that the directions of policies concerning bilateral ties that the two countries are adopting are basically the same. Delegates from the two countries say this is conducive to improving political trust and pushing toward an all-round development of bilateral ties.

All Items from Xinhua News Agency

Iran unveils home-built flight simulator for Boeing 737

TEHERAN, 9 Feb—Iran’s President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad on Monday unveiled the flight simulator for Boeing 737 which has been produced by Iranian experts for the first time in the country, the official IRNA news agency reported. Ahmadinejad attended the 2nd National Festival on Innovations and Prosperity of the Islamic Revolution which is aimed at publicly introducing one thousand new and innovative projects designed and developed by Iranian experts and scientists.

Referring to the country’s scientific achievements, he said that “The enemy doesn’t want Iran to be equipped with science... (but) the enemy is not able to break Iran’s progress,” he was quoted as saying by the satellite Press TV without further elaboration. The festival was held to mark the anniversary of the Islamic Revolution victory in Iran in 1979. To mark the occasion, Iran has launched a number of civil and military projects and inaugurated some others. On Monday, Iran’s first home-built twin-engine single-person Faez (Victor) aircraft was unveiled in the presence of Defence Minister Brigadier General Ahmad Vahidi, IRNA said.

China delivers 25 tons of medical aid to Haiti

PORT- AU-PRINCE, 9 Feb—The government of the People’s Republic of China on Monday delivered 25 tons of medical aid to quake-stricken Haiti, which included multiple types of epidemic prevention medicines.

Wang Shuping, head of the China Trade Development Office in Haiti capital Port-au-Prince, formally delivered the aid to Haitian authorities, which thanked China for showing solidarity with the 1.1 million Haitian people left homeless by the 12 Jan earthquake. The magnitude-7.3 tremor has killed more than 200,000 people, according to Haitian government statistics.

Wang said that this was the third shipment of medical aid from China to Haiti, with the previous two arriving on 17 Jan 26 and, respectively. To date the Chinese government has delivered aid worth a total of 4.4 million dollars.

Monday’s shipment included medicine needed to fight infectious diseases, as well tablets, rehydration liquids, gauze and medical alcohol. The shipment consists of 1,790 boxes with a total volume of some 120 cubic metres.

Russia extends loan to Sri Lanka for arms purchases

MOSCOW, 9 Feb—Russia and Sri Lanka have signed a loan to buy Russian military equipment, RIA Novosti news agency cited the Russian Deputy Finance Minister as saying on Monday.

The 300-million-US-dollar loan has a term of ten years, Deputy Finance Minister Dmitry Pankin told the news agency. The finance deal came as Russian President Dmitry Medvedev held talks with his Sri Lankan counterpart Mahinda Rajapaksa at the Kremlin.

The deal will cover not only purchases but also extensive repairs of Russian arms previously supplied to Sri Lanka, RIA Novosti reported.

24 killed as tractor trolley falls into ditch in India

NEW DELHI, 9 Feb—Twenty-four people died in an accident on Monday in the northern Indian state of Uttar Pradesh when a tractor-trolley skidded off a road and fell into a deep, water-filled ditch, said the Indo-Asian News Service on Tuesday.

The dead were 15 children and nine women who died at Pissawan town in Sitapur District, around 80 km from state capital Lucknow, said the report quoting police sources.

Eight others, including the driver of the tractor-trolley, were seriously injured in the accident and were being treated in hospital, said the report.

The riders on the tractor trolley were relatives who were returning from a family function.

Euro 2012 on track, insist co-hosts

BEIJING, 9 Feb—Joint Euro 2012 hosts Poland and Ukraine on Sunday brushed aside concerns about their readiness for Europe’s top football tournament, as the qualifying draw marked their first real-time test.

“IT’s three years since UEFA awarded the hosting of the 2012 European football championships to Poland and Ukraine,” Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk said. “These three years have been a period of hard work by both countries,” Tusk told an audience of top officials from the continent’s football governing body and its 53 national associations assembled for the draw.

“Euro 2012 infrastructure is being constructed, including stadia, airports, motorways and hotels,” the ardent football fan and Sunday league player insisted.
As a significant characteristic, Union national races such as the Bamar, Mon, Rakhine, Shan and minorities have been living in amity and unity in the Union of Myanmar. They have lived in the Union through thick and thin since time immemorial.

In consequence of the Divide-and-Rule policy practiced by the colonialists, doubts occurred among the national races and the consolidated national unity disintegrated. Therefore, some regions of the nation were lacked peace and stability. Due to misunderstanding among the national brethren, unity and amity weakened.

Due to natural barriers such as rivers, creeks and seas, relationship among the national races was cold. As emphasis could not be placed on undertaking of development tasks in the absence of peace and stability, the border regions had lagged behind in development.

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In this regard, many roads and bridges were built as a network for ensuring better transportation across the nation. It is known to all that infrastructures such as economic, education, health and social sectors are being built to fulfill the requirements of the local people.

Nowadays, the dreams of the people have come true that river crossing bridges, Union Highways, new airports and new ports are under construction with a view to enabling the national people to have easy access to other regions.

All the national races are enjoying fruits of peace and stability. At the same time, the people of Danyawady Rakhine State, located along the west coast of the nation, are also enjoying fruit of peace, stability and development.

Rakhine State shares border with China, the Bay of Bengal in the south, the Bay of Bengal in the west and Bangladesh in the northwestern part.

In the time of Tatmadaw Government, all-round progress can be seen in Rakhine State. As a result of giving priority to development undertakings with peace and stability, better transportation reflects smooth traveling of the people and speedy flow of commodities in a short period.

Rakhine State has over 200 inches of rainfall annually. In the agriculture sector, Rakhine State has 16,86,267 acres of forest reserves and protected public forests, 3,532.299 acres of wild forests and 2,300,041 acres of uncultivable lands with abundant hills, rivers and creeks. At present, the state extended arable lands for development of agricultural task.

The State Peace and Development Council has built bridges in 56,633 acres of Wunthaikang, mangrove forest, forest reserves and swamp areas.

In accord with the motto: “To meet national brethren, let us build roads and bridges”, 36 bridges of over 180 feet long have been constructed in the state by spending K 280,309.43 million and US$ 7.27 million. Moreover, reconstitutions and maintenance tasks were carried out for some bridges built before 1988.

The Ministry of Transport started placing of four-inch thick asphalt concrete on the runway, the taxiway and the apron of Sittway Airport on 11 December 2008 and the new runway was opened on 20 May 2009.

F-27 (Fokker), F-28 (Jet), ATR-42 and ATR 72 of Myanmar Airways and sometimes chartered flights safely land at and take off from Sittway Airport. It is an airport where y-8 aircraft can land and take off.

In the Second World War, Sittway Airport was built for the military purpose. In 1960, the 6000 feet long and 150 feet wide asphalt concrete runway was constructed at the airport.
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Article & Photos: Reporter Singu Soe Win

Along the Sittway-Kyauktauk section, it is necessary to build six over-180-foot-long bridges namely 300-foot Nayikn Creek Bridge, 452-foot Kyauktan Creek Bridge, 2003-foot Min Creek Bridge, 440-foot Kin Creek Bridge, 420-foot Yoe Creek Bridge and 360-foot Pikauk Creek Bridge. Moreover, the plans are under way to construct six 40-160 feet long bridges and 174 under-40-foot-long bridges. The State built roads and bridges as a network in the hilly, forest riverside areas of Rakhine State.

Thanks to construction of 13 block stations and 11 halt stations, the local people can easily travel to Minbu. In a short period, the people can visit the regions on the east and the west banks of Ayeyawady River by train at fair fare.

Nowadays, the Government is striving for all-round development of the nation by upholding the national policy: Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of national solidarity and Perpetuation of sovereignty.

In line with the State’s seven-step Road Map, all-out efforts are being made for building a modern and developed democratic nation that all the people long for.

It is important to maintain peace and stability, unity and development in all States and Divisions of the Union. Thus, the entire national people are to harmoniously safeguard the nation for perpetual existence of unity and development by forging the Union Spirit.

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5. | Electric Power | near Kyaukpyu Township | 22.72-mile Kwantaung-Yoetayok railroad section

Projects to be implemented for development of Rakhine State

Salin Bridge in Salin Township of Minbu District linking southern and northern Myanmar and Rakhine State.

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In 2001-2002-2003, the runway of the airport was tarmacked, and the 120 feet by 60 feet airport building was extended to the 200 feet by 60 feet facility.

Beginning 1 December 2006, asphalt concrete was placed on the 6000 feet by 150 feet runway, the 525 feet by 75 feet taxiway and the 575 feet by 300 feet apron. Moreover, the five inches by five inches concrete posts were erected for fencing the 18,300 feet long barbed wires at the airport.

As Sittway Airport has been renovated in all aspects, the local people can rely on aviation all the year round.

No one expected the emergence of railroads considering the large number of natural barriers located in the state. Now, their dreams have come true one after another.

For gaining development momentum in the Union to ensure equitable development of all the regions, the State Peace and Development Council built railroads. On 19 May 2003, an 11.466 miles long railroad from Sittway (Pyidawtha) station to Yegyanbyn station (Technological University) was put into service.

The train runs four times a day from 7.30 am to 5 pm by stopping over at Pyidawtha Station, Sittway Station, Zawpuija Station, Yegyanbyn Station, Sittway University halts, Daluping halts and Metzalal halt stations. The fare for the passenger is K 100 per head for the whole trip. At present, the 11.46-mile Sittway-Yegyanbyn section on Sittway-Minbu railroad has been completed.

To inaugurate the 22.72-mile railroad from Kwantauang Station of Ponaganuy Township beyond Min Creek Bridge to Yoetayok, the Sittway-Yegyanbyn section was completed.

In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, 257-mile Minbu-Sittway railroad with 28-mile Minbu-Padan section, 54-mile Padan-An section, 76-mile An-Minbya section, 16-mile Minbya-MraukU section, 23-mile MraukU-Kyauktaw section, 34-mile Kyauktaw-Ponaganuy section and 26-mile Ponaganuy-Sittway section, is being constructed. Among them, the plan is under construction of 99-mile Sittway-Minbu section, 76-mile Minbya-An section and 82-mile An-Minbya railroad section to complete on schedule. At present, the 11.46-mile Sittway-Yegyanbyn section on Sittway-Minbu railroad has been completed.

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(a) Ongoing projects

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Projects to be implemented for development of Rakhine State
Express stronger sense of patriotism, Union Spirit

La Wun Ein (Institute of Economics)

The Union of Myanmar is a state where various national races make their home together through thick and thin with nationalist spirit (Union Spirit).

With an area of 261,229 square miles, Myanmar stretches for more than 1300 miles from north to south, and for more than 600 miles from east to west. Over 100 national races inclusive of Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Bamar, Mon, Rakhine and Shan live in the Union. They live in different regions in highlands and plains the length and breadth of the nation, but they share the strong sense of Union Spirit.

In the course of the history of Myanmar, national brethren have upheld consolidated national unity which is certainly the national prestige to be proud of for them. Only after building consolidated national unity could King Anawrahta unify the whole country into the First Myanmar Empire (Bagan Dynasty), King Bayinnaung, the Second Myanmar Empire (Toungoo Dynasty), and King Alaungphaya, the Third Myanmar Empire (Konbaung Dynasty). Consolidated national unity is the driving force behind why Myanmar had stood tall as a sovereign independent Union of Myanmar for consolidated unity between highlands and plains to build the sovereign independent Union of Myanmar after throwing off the yoke of colonialism. So, they could reach the Panglong Agreement or the resolution for national unity. The consolidated national unity and Union Spirit conceived the Union Day on 12 February 1947.

In relation to national reconsolidation, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe in his address to the Golden Jubilee Armed Forces Day Parade said:—

“We will have great difficulty in ensuring stability, community peace and development of the nation if the political forces of our country are divided. Due to divinity among the political forces, our country lagged far behind other countries in development. We have known well that if such conflicts persist, the conditions of our country will go from bad to worse. Therefore, the Tatmadaw is under a duty to build national reconsolidation.”

The Tatmadaw was confident that it was needed to draw an enduring constitution that could guarantee perpetuation of the Union in the democratization process in compliance with the aspiration of the people, and in the process, only with national reconsolidation, would it be possible to formulate an enduring constitution. As a result of the combined efforts made by the Tatmadaw and the people, the State Constitution (2008) of the Union of Myanmar has now been approved to achieve the national goal of building a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

Practising the policy “Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of national solidarity, and Perpetuation of sovereignty”, the government has built trust with national race armed groups, thus achieving remarkable success in restoring stability, peace and the rule of law and boosting development in border areas. In addition, the government is taking measures systematically to transform the national race peace groups into legally-armed border guard forces to improve State stability and peace.

With the aim of scaling up the progress of border areas that lagged behind other regions in development because of lack of stability and peace for over 40 years, the Tatmadaw government has been pursuing the following objectives:—

1. To ensure progress of the national races in border areas who have stood stresses and strains of the internal armed strife that came into being following independence,

2. To carry out tasks with the policy “Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of national solidarity, and Perpetuation of sovereignty” for progress of the national races in border areas that lagged behind other regions in development,

3. To eradicate poppy production in the regions that used to grow poppy in the time of Burma Communist Party (BCP) by encouraging local farmers to grow alternative crops in place of poppy.

In order to expedite the tasks for progress of border areas and national races, the government formed the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races on 24 September 1992. Then, it was reconstituted into the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs on 30 January 1994. Then, the state promulgated many laws for progress of border areas and national races, and has been implementing the following objectives.

1. To improve the economic, social, and transport sectors of the national races in border areas in (See page 9)

Poem

Union Spirit

* Unity in times of emergency
  Blood thicker than water
  Ever with amity the national races
  United ever, divided never

* Showing the strong Myanmar spirit
  Strength reinvigorated in Panglong
  So noble is the Union Spirit

* Sacrificing lots of blood, sweat, lives
  Restoring independence and sovereignty
  They in unity
  Winning victory ever

* Brethren of Myanmar family
  In harmony they enhance strength
  So noble is the Union Spirit

* Unity in entire Myanmar
  Ensuring peace and tranquility
  Progress for all regions
  Mines, agriculture, education and health

* Development in trade and social sectors
  States, divisions, and even border areas enjoy
  Beautiful like a variety of flowers
  So noble is the Union Spirit

* Anywhere in Union they are living
  People born in the Union
  In mind they must keep
  With firm trust and belief
  Strong and noble will of nationalities
  And the consolidated strength
  So noble is the Union Spirit

(Hailing the 63rd Anniversary Union Day)

Phoe Yan Naing (Kyaukkyi)
drugs. As a result, there has been a significant fall in organizations for border areas to be free from narcotic elimination plan in cooperation with UN agencies, simultaneously, it is pursuing the 15-year drug nation will be free from narcotic drugs by 2014. In order that not only border areas but also the whole government has been implementing the eradication of narcotic farming for over 100 years as the evil legacy left by the colonialists. In that regard, the government has been implementing the project since 1999-2000 fiscal year to generate alternative ways for former local poppy farmers to earn money. Now, the international community has recognized the drastic fall in poppy farming and production in border areas.

Furthermore, the government has been applying the three tactics namely supply elimination, law enforcement, and demand elimination in combination in order that not only border areas but also the whole nation will be free from narcotic drugs by 2014. Simultaneously, it is pursuing the 15-year drug elimination plan in cooperation with UN agencies, international organizations, and non-governmental organizations for border areas to be free from narcotic drugs. As a result, there has been a significant fall in poppy farming and drug production, and some of the regions have been declared poppy-free zones.

Such fruitful results are largely due to the active participation of the people with Union Spirit in the tasks the government is carrying out for elimination of narcotic drugs. So, it can be deduced from the past events and objective conditions of the nation that Union Spirit is necessary for ensuring our three main national causes and national development. In fact, Union Spirit covers the spirit of doing correct acts of courage with national outlook, no jealousy, the sense of cherishing and safeguarding motherland, own race, religion, literature, culture, customs and traditions, family spirit among national races, the fervour of mutual help and national unity, remaining united in times of emergency, and opposing decadent alien culture.

With respect to Union Spirit, in his address to the meeting with officials from the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, the Civil Service Selection and Training Board, and the Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) in Pyin Oo Lwin on 16 December 2006, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe said that the spirit he meant was Union Spirit that inspired the people to have great love of own race and Union; that every citizen had to not only love their country and race but also safeguard the Union; that in addition, the people had to equip themselves with the spirit of making sacrifices apart from patriotism and Union Spirit; that with Union Spirit, a citizen was ready to sacrifice his life and property in the interest of the nation; and that patriotism could be kept alive only if combined with sacrificing spirit.

Regarding the important role of Union Spirit, Chairman of the SPDC Comannder-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance at the meeting with the trainees of B.Ed Course No (37) of the University for Development of National Races, saying that the trainees were to further rekindle the sense of Union Spirit of the people; and that only with strong sense of Union Spirit of the people would it be possible for the Union to last perpetually. And in his message to mark the 59th Anniversary Union Day, the Senior General gave guidance that stability, peace, prosperity, development and perpetuity of the Union of Myanmar completely rested on national unity and national people’s dynamism of patriotic spirit.

Today, certain powers are driving a wedge among national races to break up national unity and revive armed conflicts with the intention of boosting their political domination over the Union of Myanmar. They are also imposing economic sanctions against the nation and interfering in the internal affairs in the political area to disrupt the economic growth rate of the nation. Accordingly, the people should be well aware of such evil acts. All the people armed with patriotic spirit have to do their bit with Union Spirit and the spirit of national unity in the drive for building a new, modern and developed nation.

Besides, the entire people have to maintain the unprecedented national solidarity, adhering to Union Spirit in order that the Union of Myanmar will be able to stand tall in the global family. The government, the people and the Tatmadaw are to work hard in harmony with consolidated national unity for accomplishment of the projects the nation has been implementing to keep abreast of other countries. In conclusion, I would like to exhort the entire people to see to the objectives of the 63rd Anniversary Union Day regarding them as Panglong resolution to shape the nation into a modern, developed land, while arming themselves with a stronger sense of patriotism and Union Spirit.

Hailing the 63rd Anniversary Union Day

Express stronger sense of patriotism, Union Spirit

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63rd Anniversary Union Day Objectives

* For all national races to uphold the national policy—non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity, and perpetuation of sovereignty
* To boost the sense of Union Spirit of the national people
* To defend and safeguard the Union with consolidated unity of all national races against dangers posed to disrupt State stability and development by internal and external subversives
* For all national races to work harder to build a modern, developed, discipline-flourishing democratic nation in line with the State Constitution approved with the great majority of the ballot
* For all national races to make concerted efforts for successful accomplishment of the seven-step Road Map

Travelling in the same boat

Each and everybody must row in unison whether he is at the bow or at the stern so that all will arrive at the destination safe and sound.

Trouble awaits if there are persons on board who would like to bore holes in the hull just because they are not given the place of the helmsman.

And we will get nowhere so long as all are rowing to different directions.

Aung Kyaw Phyo

Translation: MS
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On his tour, Lt-Gen Ko Ko viewed the site for construction of the approach road to the jetty of Gwa and maintenance works. At Kyientali Bridge, an official reported on extension of the approach road to Kyientali Bridge.

After meeting with local people at the office of Kyientali General Administration Department, he cordially conversed with servicemen and family members at the hall of the local station.

EP-1 Minister receives Vice-President of CPIC

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Feb—Minister for Electric Power No. 1 Col Zaw Min received Vice-President Mdm Zhang Xiaolu and party of China Power Investment Corporation (CPIC) of the People’s Republic of China at the ministry yesterday evening. Also present at the call were departmental heads and officials.

Champion Construction wins most beautiful showroom award at Housing & Building-2010

YANGON, 9 Feb—Champion Construction Materials Co Ltd, (Member of Naing Group), wins the most beautiful showroom award at the Housing & Building-2010 at the Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road, here, from 5 to 8 February.

Managing Director U Thet Lwin Shwe of IEMS presented the prize of honour to Deputy General Manager Daw Mu Mu Hsan for securing most beautiful showroom award at the Housing & Building-2010.

Gifts for MWJA

YANGON, 9 Feb—Officials of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association accepted 300,000 donated by Publisher U Zaw Min Aye (Moe-hsama-pa) of Messenger Journal and 400,000 donated by Publisher Kai Zar (a) U Nyi Nyi Win (Thida-daewi Services Co. Ltd) of Princess Magazine on 4 and 8 February.

Negligence remains root cause of fire outbreaks

YANGON, 9 Feb—Myanmar faced 89 fires in January 2010: 65 due to careless use, one natural fire, 11 due to wire shock, 11 arsons, and one forest fire, having 130 buildings and houses burnt down. Yangon Division encountered fires most, followed by Ayeyawady Division and Mandalay Division. Surveys show that many of the households still fail to follow strictly the rules and regulations on fire prevention, thus causing fires incidentally owing to careless use.

Take Fire Preventive Measures

Better Transport for Rakhine...

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Champion Construction of Naing Group created the booth of Champion. Champion Construction Materials Co Ltd introduced new champion products to the visitors and sold Malaysia-made White Horse tiles, Singapore-made toilet & basin, tap ware, steel security doors & stainless steel doors elevator, Thai-made steel tank, ABS & PVC doors at 17-36 percent discount.

Champion products are available at Showroom-1, No. 2 Sagawa Housing, Mogaung Road, Mogaung Road, Tel: 400563, 400564 and 400565, Showroom-2, No. 408, Theinbyu Road, Tel: 200290, Mandalay Branch, No. 33 on 78th street between 34th and 35th streets in Chanayetazhan Township, Tel: 02-33488 and 095042583 and Nay Pyi Taw Branch at 1/68, Bo Tauk Htein Road, Mingala Ward, Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana, Tel: 067-21454.—MNA

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Good heart health would lead to big savings for Canada

OTTAWA, 9 Feb—Canada could save 7.4 billion Canadian dollars (about 71.46 billion US dollars) between 2005 and 2020, an average of about 5 billion Canadian dollars a year in health savings, if some of the targets set out in the Canadian Heart Health Strategy and Action Plan (CHHS-AP) are met, according to a Conference Board of Canada report released on Monday at a Press conference in Ottawa.

The report, The Canadian Heart Health Strategy and Action Plan: An Economic Analysis of the Cost Implications, says all genetic tests can reveal life-changing information, both positive and negative. However, the most important first step is to understand what can or cannot be learned from a test, Kearney says in a statement. “DTC genetic tests can deliver powerful information. A trained genetic counsellor can help prepare you for what you might learn and be there for you to interpret results. They can also help you decide if having a genetic test is a good choice.”

Genetic testing should involve counsellors

Beijing aims at 6 bln USD materialized foreign investment in 2010

BEIJING, 9 Feb—Beijing would strive to secure 6 billion US dollars of actually utilized foreign investment this year, an official said on Monday.

La Yan, head of the Beijing Municipal Commission of Commerce, said foreign investment actually utilized by the capital city rose 0.6 percent in 2009 to 6.12 billion US dollars despite the global financial crisis.

He also set 5 billion US dollars as the minimum target for the city’s actually utilized foreign investment in 2010.

China attracted 90.03 billion US dollars in FDI in 2009 amid the global downturn, down 2.6 percent from that in 2008, according to the Ministry of Commerce in January—Xinhua.

Invasive lionfish a menace in Florida Keys

The red lionfish has invaded the waters in and around the Florida Keys, wreaking havoc on the island cluster’s native fish populations, experts say.

Marine life collector Pete Kehoe said the primary issue regarding the appearance of the lionfish species in the Florida Keys is the creature’s voracious appetite, The Miami Herald said on Monday.

“I think a lot of people underestimated what the problem can be,” Kehoe said. “I’m amazed. They are like the wolf in the woods because of the diversity of fish,” he told the Herald.

Online programmes boost produce consumption

An apple a day online — or at least an Internet programme that provides tips for eating more produce — may keep the doctor away, US researchers found.

Senior author Christine Cole Johnson of Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit found that when given access to an online programme about fruits and vegetables, participants increased their daily fruit and vegetable intake by more than two servings.

“People already know the health benefits of fruits and vegetables, but they often don’t know how to incorporate them into their diet,” Johnson said in a statement.

Fewer than 25 percent of US adults eat five servings of fruit and vegetables per day, even though doing so reduces the risk of chronic disease and cancer, the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention said.

The 12-month study recruited members of Health Alliance Plan and four other HMOs in Seattle, Denver, Minneapolis and Atlanta, ages 21-65.

A hunting eagle attacks a chained wolf during the Kyrgyz traditional Hunters’ Festival Salburun, near the town of Cholpon-Ata, some 250 km (155 miles) east from the capital Bishkek on 7 February, 2010.

Class ring found after nearly 20 years

A Florida graduate who lost his 1989 class ring when it fell from a cruise ship 21 years ago said an Ohio woman called to say she found the ring.

Tom Whitney of Orlando, who accidently dropped the 1989 West Orange High ring in a Port Canaveral-based cruise ship the year his graduation, said he received an e-mail last Monday from a woman who said she believed the ring had been found. The Orlando (Fla) Sentinel reported on Monday.

“It was just this Monday, and I got a message from a woman who said she has my ring,” Whitney said. The message said the ring was found by the woman’s metal detector-wielding father along Florida’s Daytona Beach.

12 feared dead in Yangtze River shipwreck

SUZHOU, 9 Feb—Twelve people were feared dead after their ship sank in the Yangtze River, China’s longest estuary, on Monday evening, local maritime authorities in the eastern Jiangsu Province said.

“Pengxiang 9” registered in the northern port city of Tianjin, sank in the Zhangjiagang section of the Yangtze River at 7:25 pm, after a collision with motor vessel “Jintai 618”, a spokesman with the maritime rescue centre of Zhangjiagang City confirmed.

Fourteen people were on board “Pengxiang 9”, of whom only two were rescued on Monday night.

Maritime authorities imposed a traffic ban in the section and searched for the missing through the night.

But none of the missing people had been found as of 9 am on Tuesday. The cause of the accident is under investigation.

The Red Lionfish (Pterois volitans) is venomous coral reef fish from the Indian and western Pacific oceans.

NEWS ALBUM

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Indian forest workers watch as a rescued tiger leaps into the river Sundarikati on being released from a cage at Sunderbans, some 150 kms south of Kolkata. WWF-India has been working since 1973 to protect tigers, leading to the creation of special reserves and protected areas in national parks and wildlife sanctuaries.
Romanian schools, highways closed over blizzards

Bucharest, 9 Feb—Heavy snow and blizzards have forced the closure of schools and highways and delayed trains in Romania, police said on Monday.

Heavy snowfall has struck since on Saturday evening southern and eastern Romania, including the capital city of Bucharest. As many as 16 national roads and the country’s only two highways are still closed due to snow and blizzards, according to the Police Info-traffic Centre.

National Railway Company CFR SA on Monday announced train delays of up to 60 minutes, although there are no closed lines yet because of heavy snowfalls and blizzards. As many as 37 car collisions have been recorded over the past 24 hours in the capital, said Bucharest Police spokesperson Christian Costan, adding that Road Brigade teams have the honor of announcing the marriage of

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

My Friendly Sea Voy No (35)

Consignees of cargo carried on MY FRIENDLY SEA VOY NO (35) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 10.2.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged 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: Eastern-Car Liner (Singapore) Pte Ltd

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Australian traveller arrested in New Zealand over bomb joke

Wellington, 9 Feb—A traveller from Sydney was arrested in New Zealand on Tuesday after telling security staff at Hamilton International Airport his bag contained a bomb.

The man's bags were collected by airport staff after they were found unattended following a trans-Tasman flight early on Tuesday morning, Radio Newstalk-ZB reported.

When staff cautioned the man, he told them one of his bags contained a bomb and asked could they “not hear it ticking?”

Despite admitting he was joking, police were called in and the man was charged with breaching Aviation Act offenses. A search of his bags was conducted and no bomb was found, however a Swiss Army knife was recovered.

Intel, IBM roll out new computer network chips

San Francisco, 9 Feb—US technology titans IBM and Intel have rolled out powerful new computer chips designed for businesses continually demanding more from networks and data centres.

Intel introduced an Itanium processor 9300 series developed under the code name “Tuwkila” that it touts as delivering twice the performance of prior generation chips.

The 9300 series features two billion transistors per chip and four “cores,” mini-brains that process data.

Internet

"With the Gather Group predicting a 650 percent growth in IT data over the next five years, businesses need increasingly powerful and scalable enterprise servers," Intel said in a release.

Intel also said the chips are built to improve the ability of computing systems to recover from otherwise fatal errors.

IBM launched new Power7 servers built to manage intensely demanding computing environments such as smart electrical grids or real-time financial markets analysis.
Artificial pancreas for type one diabetes patients

Researchers at the University of Cambridge have developed an artificial pancreas device that can improve overnight blood sugar control, which brings new hope for type 1 diabetes patients, media reported on Monday.

One problem facing type 1 diabetics is hypoglycemia; a condition in which blood sugar drops quickly, potentially leading to hypoglycemia.

The artificial pancreas is a matchbox-sized monitor and a similar sized pump with a tube to deliver the insulin to the body. The device can calculate the appropriate amount of insulin to deliver based on real time blood sugar readings.

Researchers said the study patients, aged 5 to 18, spent twice as much time during the night at targeted glucose levels when they used the device, compared to the manual approach.

Dr. Hovorka said “Our results show that commercially-available devices, when coupled with the algorithm we developed, can improve glucose control in children and significantly reduce the risk of hypoglycemia overnight.”—Xinhua

Compromised family better than institution

Researchers said that the care and relationship between children and caregivers play a key role in development for HIV-infected children, Dutch researchers say.

The researchers at Leiden University looked at 58 Ukrainian 4-year-old children, with and without human immunodeficiency virus. Some lived in institutions shortly after birth while others lived with their biological families.

The study, published in Child Development, found the quality of the relationships between the children and their caregivers had a bigger impact on children’s physical growth and cognitive performance than the presence of the HIV infection or the quality of the physical environment. In addition, the study found for both children with and without HIV, even compromised family care was better for the children than institutional care.

Enzyme may protect from inflammation

Scientists at the Gladstone Institute of Cardiovascular Disease in San Francisco found overeating can cause cells to fill up with dietary fats and begin to die.

When macrophages—“eater” white blood cells—come into clear away the dead cells, exposure to large amounts of dietary protein can exacerbate this inflammatory response. When macrophages secrete cytokines, proteins that encourage insulin resistance and heart disease.

Diarrhea deaths lead to hygiene campaign in Cambodia

The Ministry of Health has launched a nationwide sanitation and hygiene awareness campaign following a series of deaths across the country caused by diarrhea, local media reported on Monday.

Ly Sovann, deputy director of the ministry’s Communicable Diseases Control Department, said that as part of the campaign, which began on Saturday, officials had been stationed on the ground in every province to treat cases of diarrhea.

He said that diarrhea is of particular concern during the dry season because people are driven to drink unsanitary water.

We are concerned about diarrhea this month, and for this campaign we have scattered expert officers to all 24 provinces in Cambodia,“ he was quoted by the Phon Pehn Post as saying.

A 11-year-old boy in Ratanakkiri province died after a bout of diarrhea last Thursday, and another person died of diarrhea the following day, said Pon Pun, the chief of Lonk Khon commune in Borkeo district, where the deaths occurred.

A series of reports of diarrhea and suspected cholera cases have recently sprung up in Prey Veng, Takeo and Kandal provinces, the newspaper reported.

2,000 hit by Papua cholera outbreak

Papua New Guinea’s cholera outbreak has spread to 2,000 people, a World Health Organization official said on Monday as he warned that poor water sanitation was making the disease hard to contain.

The country’s first cholera outbreak in 50 years emerged in northern Morobe province last July and within months had spread along the north coast to Madang and East Sepik, WHO representative Eigel Sorensen said. “We have seen the ongoing transmission in all these three provinces at the moment so it is gradually spreading,” Sorensen told AFP.

“We have now more than 2,000 confirmed cases of cholera.”—Xinhua
Edman homeward bound after leaving Wigan

WIGAN, 9 Feb—Wigan confirmed on Monday that they had reached an agreement with Erik Edman to cancel his contract with the club, where he is second-choice left back behind Danny Whitaker, who plays for Stoke City in the English Premier League. Edman, who had been under contract until the end of the season, had been under contract until the end of the season but had little future at the club, where he is second-choice left back behind the highly-rated Maynor Figueroa.

The 31-year-old suffered a serious knee injury soon after his arrival at the club and has played just four times this season, making only two Premier League starts. In one of those, he was run ragged by Aaron Lennon as Tottenham thrashed Wigan 9-1 in November. “We found an agreement to allow Erik to go back home as I believe that is what he wanted to do,” Wigan manager Roberto Martinez said.

Cahill could miss World Cup after blood clot

BOLTON, 9 Feb—Bolton defender Gary Cahill’s chances of going to the World Cup with England have been destroyed by a blood clot in his arm which is likely to mean he misses the rest of the season. Cahill, 24, missed his club’s goalless draw with Fulham on Saturday after his arm swelled up on the morning of the match. “There was no way he could play so we took him straight off to hospital,” Bolton manager Owen Coyle reported. “It turns out he had a blood clot in his arm, so he is going to be out for a number of months.” Cahill was due to be released from hospital on Monday but the treatment for his condition will prevent him playing for the foreseeable future. “It is a severe blow for the boy but our main concern is his welfare,” Coyle added. “We have to make sure Gary is fit and well.”

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Ballack hits back at Wenger sniping

LONDON, 9 Feb—Michael Ballack has hit back at Arsene Wenger’s sniping at Chelsea’s perceived lack of flair by accusing the Arsenal manager of sour grapes over his side’s faltering Premier League title challenge. Arsenal enjoyed plenty of possession when the two clubs met at Stamford Bridge but it was Chelsea who ran out 2-0 winners with Wenger complaining post-match that “we didn’t get a demonstration of football”.

Ballack’s response was to point out that Arsenal’s pretty football was not achieving the results they would like. “We knew the way Arsenal play,” the Germany captain said. “It is always the same style. If you play tactics like we did, you can beat them. ‘This season and the season before they showed they weren’t able to win the league.”

Sunderland’s Ghanaian defender John Mensah (right) confronts Stoke City’s Jamaican striker Ricardo Fuller, on 1 February. Internet

Two Premier League stars in trouble with police

LONDON, 9 Feb—Ricardo Fuller, the Jamaica striker who plays for Stoke City in the English Premier League, has been arrested on suspicion of assaulting a man in a nightclub at the weekend, police said on Monday. Staffordshire Police said a 21-year-old man had suffered minor facial injuries that did not require hospital treatment following an incident in a nightclub in the Stoke area at around 0100GMT on Sunday. Fuller, 30, has not been charged with any offences and was bailed until next month pending the outcome of enquiries by the police, who have appealed for witnesses.

Newcastle striker Andy Carroll, meanwhile, was charged on Monday with assault over an incident in which he allegedly attacked another man in a nightclub in the city in December.

Sampras loses exhibition game to Verdasco at SAP Open

WASHINGTON, 9 Feb—Former world number one Pete Sampras demonstrated that he still has some playing knacks in the game against a top player 12 years his junior in the second set of his 6-3, 7-6(2) exhibition loss to Spain’s Fernando Verdasco on Monday at the SAP Open.

Sampras received a standing ovation when he took over from Mark Hughes in December. He waved and hit three balls into the crowd before telling everybody he “felt a little old” out there.

Swedish ace Soderling too good for Serra

ROTTERDAM, 9 Feb—Robin Soderling shrugged off a slow start, firing 26 aces as he lifted his game to earn a 4-6, 6-4, 6-1 win over Frenchman Florent Serra on Monday and reach the second round of the Rotterdam Open.

The Swede showed no signs of the elbow complaint which knocked him out of the Australian Open first round. But the third seed admitted that he could have used a quicker start. “The first match of the week is always the most difficult for me,” said the 2009 Roland Garros finalist. “I could have had a better start.”

Vieira set for home debut as City aim to revive campaign

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Autism risks detailed in children of older mothers

ASSOCIATED PRESS, 9 Feb—A woman’s chance of having a child with autism increase substantially as she ages, but the risk may be less for older dads than previously suggested, a new study analyzing more than 5 million births found.

“Although fathers’ age can contribute risk, the risk is overwhelmed by maternal age,” said University of California at Davis researcher Janie Shelton, the study’s lead author.

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WEATHER

Tuesday, 9th 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 Tanintharyi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below February average temperatures in upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Bago Divisions, (5°C) below February average temperatures in Chin and Rakhine States, (4°C) above February average temperatures in Mon State, (5°C) above February average temperatures in Tanintharyi Division and above February average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Loilem (-2°C), Namhsan (-1°C), Haka and An (1°C) each and Pinlaung (2°C).

Maximum temperature on 8 -2-2010 was 97°F. Minimum temperature on 9 -2-2010 was 62°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 9-2-2010 was 54%. Total sun shine hours on 8-2-2010 was (9.6) hours approx.

Rainfall on 9-2-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (9.6) hours approx.

Wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from West at (15:30) hours MST on 8-2-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 10thFebruary 2010: Weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin, Rakhine and Mon States and Tanintharyi Division and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions.

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 10-2-2010: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 10-2-2010: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 10-2-2010: Generally fair weather.
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