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Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council
Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services
(From the message sent on the occasion of the 63rd Anniversary Union Day)

Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing host Union Day commemorative reception and dinner

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Feb—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyang Kyang hosted the reception and dinner in commemoration of the 63rd Anniversary Union Day at the square of City Hall, here, this evening.

At 6:30 pm, Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyang Kyang arrived at the square of City Hall of Nay Pyi Taw where the Union Day commemorative reception and dinner took place. They were welcomed by Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Prime Minister General Thein Sein, Chairman of the Central Committee for Organizing the 63rd Anniversary Union Day Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thuba Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Chairman of the Management Committee Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin and officials.

Senior General Than Shwe and party cordially greeted Union Day delegates from States and Divisions, traditional cultural troupes and guests.

The Senior General and wife hosted a dinner to the guests.

Also present at the reception and dinner were Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San, Member of the SPDC General Thura Shwe Mann and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet, Prime Minister General Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, Chairman of the Central Committee for Organizing the 63rd Anniversary Union Day Secretary-1 General Thuba Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khaw Saw Hnin, SPDC Member Lt-Gen Tin Aye and wife Daw Kyi Kyi Ohn, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence and their wives, the ministers,

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**Strive for boosting production of import-substitute items**

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As for the industrial sector, factories are being built to manufacture modern machinery of international standard by using modern production techniques. No (2) Tyre and Rubber Product Factory (Bilin) of the Ministry of Industry-2 was opened on 10 February. It is situated near Mile Post No.122 on Yangon-Mawlamyine Road in Bilin Township, Mon State.

The factory can produce 300,000 tyres weighing 2608 tons (altogether 11 kinds of tyre) per year as well as other rubber products including penstock rubber pipes and gloves for hospital use.

In the factory compound are rubber plantations in addition to buildings, warehouses and various production sections. Rubber, an industrial raw material crop, is much in demand in the global market. It is also an essential raw material for industrialized countries to mass-produce cars.

At a time when the State is fulfilling all requirements for producing import-substitute items in the drive for national economic growth, factory workers are to try to run their factory at full capacity, manufacture quality products and meet the target.

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**Industry-1 to cooperate with Indian company**

**NAV PYI TAW, 12 Feb—Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung received Mr. Jayaeva Ranade and party of Ballarpur Industries Limited from India at the ministry here on 10 February. They discussed collaboration between enterprises under the ministry and the Indian company.**

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**Timber extraction operates wood-based industry**

**NAV PYI TAW, 12 Feb—Timber extraction at forest reserves is in progress along Chindwin River and in Mingin and Kalewa Townships with the use of elephants and heavy machinery.**

On his inspection tour on 7 and 8 February, Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung stressed the need for officials to systematically keep logs, take fire preventive measures, and carefully extract timbers.

Under control of Myanma Timber Enterprise, No. 1 Plywood Factory is functioning for domestic use and for exporting purpose at the wood-based industry in Monywa. No. 108 and No. 75 Sawmills are also being operated at full capacity there.

While in Monywa, the minister responded to the reports of officials on forest conservation, thriving plantations and water supply at BawditahtaungPagoda.

**Priority given to health care in Shan State (North)**

**NAV PYI TAW, 12 Feb—Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo inspected preventive measures against A/H1N1 being carried out at the border gate in Muse, Shan State (North) on 7 February.**

Next, the deputy minister stressed the need for reduction of infant mortality and maternal death rate, improvement in prenatal and postnatal care, availability of safe water in each and every village, use of fly-proof latrine in every household, educating local people to build hand washing habits, combating malaria, tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS and safety measures for patients in meeting with members of health committee, specialists, nurses and health staff at the meeting hall of Muse People’s Hospital.

The deputy minister also visited Namhkam, Kutkai and Hsenwi People’s Hospitals.

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**Talks on traffic rules given**

**YANGON, 12 Feb—Head of No.(5) Traffic Police Corps of Yangon Division Cordless and Traffic Police Force Police Captain Maung Maung Than and members gave traffic rules educative talks to teachers and students and school ferry drivers at the No. 5 Basic Education High School in Botataung Township on 11 February.**
American soldier dies in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 12 Feb — The US military says an American soldier has died in Iraq of injuries unrelated to combat.

A military statement says the soldier from United States Forces-Iraq died on Wednesday.

The name of the soldier is being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

Thursday’s statement also says the incident is under investigation. It provided no further details.

The death raises to at least 4,376 the number of US military personnel who have died in Iraq since the war began in March 2003.

Several ISAF service members from the United States were injured. There were no reported fatalities to ISAF or ANSF personnel, it said.

A military statement on Thursday was one of the bloodiest days in Rio since October, when a drug gang war saw police kill scores of suspects during two weeks of operations. That violence was ignited when a police helicopter was shot down by suspected traffickers, and 2,000 officers began raiding slums to look for those responsible.

Spacewalking astronauts add space to station

CAPE CANAVERAL, 12 Feb — The International Space Station has a new room and observation deck.

Astronauts hitched the room, named Tranquility, to the space station early Friday. A pair of spacewalking astronauts watched as the 23-foot-long chamber was moved into place by a giant robotic arm.

Spacewalkers Robert Behnken and Nicholas Patrick are expected to hook up power and data cables later Friday and will tackle the plumbing during a second spacewalk Saturday night. The job of installing Tranquility is so big and complicated it will require three spacewalks.

Tranquility sports a big bay window. The domed lookout has seven windows, including the largest ever sent into space.

Space shuttle Endeavour delivered the new compartments this week.

Heavy rains flood 20,000 houses in northern Peru

LIMA, 12 Feb — At least 20,000 houses were flooded and 150 others collapsed on Thursday as torrential rains lashed northern Peru, according to local media.

The heavy rains affected Peru’s northern city of Trujillo, where three hospitals have been flooded, and some building bases cracked by the water.

In the face of floods, La Esperanza, El Porvenir and Salaverry are the most vulnerable towns in Trujillo in La Libertad Province.

According to the regional government, some 60,000 houses are in danger in the province since rocks began to slide down from hills.

The regional administration of health has issued an alert on the breakout of dengue and other diarrheal diseases resulting from the rain.

Soldier dies in Afghan base blast

WASHINGTON, 12 Feb — An explosion rocked a joint Afghan-US combat post in eastern Afghanistan on Thursday, injuring “several” US troops, the Pentagon said, but it was not immediately clear if it was an attack.

“An explosion occurred at a joint ANSF/ISAF combat outpost in Paktiya province, eastern Afghanistan this evening,” the US military said in a statement.

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Americans and other international troops have been working closely with Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) as they try and stand up an effective military and police to protect civilians and defeat the Taliban and Al-Qaeda.

There are about 110,000 international troops as part of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) battling the Taliban and Al-Qaeda-linked fighters.

ISAF wants to expand the Afghan army to 134,000 troops in October 2010 and 171,600 by October 2011, while the police numbers would expand from some 80,000 now, to 109,000 in October, and 134,000 the following October.

Last month, a suicide bomber killed eight people including seven CIA agents at a forward operating base in eastern Afghanistan’s Khost Province.

6.6 magnitude quake strikes Bali, Indonesia

JAKARTA, 12 Feb — A shallow quake with magnitude of 6.6 struck waters off Bali Island, a center of Indonesia’s tourist industry, on Friday morning, the US Geological Survey first recorded the quake was at 5.9 magnitude and then revised it down at 5.7 magnitude.

The quake jolted at 1:43 a.m. Jakarta time on Friday (1843 GMT Thursday) with epicenter at 210 km southwest Nusadua of Bali at the depth at 10 km under sea bed, an official of the agency Farid Nuraah told Xinhua over phone.

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Mongolian trade increases, exports drop in January

ULAN BATOR, 12 Feb—Mongolia’s trade increased 1.9 percent to 295.5 million US dollars in the first month of this year, yet exports dropped 4 percent compared to the same month last year, the National Statistical Committee said on Thursday. According to a committee report, the country traded with 70 countries in January, with trade turnover reaching 295.5 million dollars, including 163.5 million dollars of exports and 132 million in imports.

Trade volume increased 5.6 million dollars, or 1.9 percent compared to last January, with imports increasing 10.4 percent and exports shrinking 4 percent compared to the same period last year.

Xinhua

South Korea’s Kia Motors introduces eco-friendly, plug-in hybrid concept car

SEOUL, 12 Feb—South Korean automaker Kia Motors Corp unveiled its first ever plug-in hybrid concept car on Thursday that is rechargeable and capable of running on both a gasoline engine and an electric motor, the company said in a statement.

The hybrid vehicle named “Ray” is still in its rudimentary stages but is being designed to reach a driving distance of more than 50 miles (80.46 km) per single battery charge using its electric motor, Kia said.

“Being green doesn’t have to be an obvious statement anymore and Kia Ray exemplifies a viable blend of modern, eco-minded features for today’s environmentally conscious consumers,” said Peter Schreyer, chief design officer of Kia, through a Press release.

The Ray’s interior is surrounded by eco-friendly recycled materials that are built to reflect the heat and sun, keeping the temperature relatively low and diminishing the need for air conditioning, the release added.

Five is enough, but Gillette upgrades razor, again

CINCINNATI, 12 Feb—A redesign of Gillette’s Fusion razor, the nation’s best seller, is coming and — before you ask — it doesn’t have any extra blades.

The company plans to have the Fusion ProGlide on store shelves in June. It’s the first new shaver Gillette has developed since Procter & Gamble Co took it over in 2005, and it benefits from research expertise at the company reframe its plans for US market

CHICAGO, 12 Feb—Japanese carmaker Suzuki said on Thursday it remains committed to the US market despite steep declines in sales, and expressed confidence that a new vehicle launch will help it regain traction.

“We are here to stay,” Gene Brown, vice president for automotive marketing and public relations for American Suzuki Corp., said at the Chicago Auto Show, when asked about speculation the company may halt US car sales. Brown said Suzuki will soon launch a new advertising campaign to show off the newly sized Kizashi, which will help elevate the brand’s profile in the US.

Suzuki has been battling speculation in the US and Japan about its demise in the US market amid a sharp slump in sales. In January, it sold just 2,040 cars and light trucks in the US, for a market share of 0.3 percent, according to research firm Autodata.

In 2009, its sales amounted to 38,695, or 0.4 percent of the market and a drop of 54 percent from a year earlier. Autodata figures showed.

Jeff Holland, director of communication for America Suzuki, said of the rumors: “I know there is a lot speculation but it’s not based on facts.”

Speculation intensified after a senior Suzuki executive was quoted by the trade publication Automotive News as saying it was “difficult” to retail cars in the United States.

Suggestions that Suzuki was thinking of pulling out of the US also escalated after General Motors bought out Suzuki’s stake in the CAMMI joint venture in Ingersoll, Canada.

France power company EDF posts 3.9 billion euros in 2009 net

PARIS, 12 Feb.—French state-owned power company Electricite de France (EDF) posted on Thursday a positive net profit of 3.9 billion euros (5.35 billion US dollars), 12 percent higher year-on-year.

The net income from EDF’s ordinary operations dropped 10.7 percent to 3.92 billion euros in 2009 from 4.39 billion euros a year earlier.

“After an overall solid year for the group despite an exceptionally difficult year in France, EDF will aim at improving its operating performance in 2010,” Chief Executive Officer Henri Proglio said.

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Yangon observes ceremony to mark 63rd Anniversary Union Day

More patients with A/H1N1 found
Collaborative efforts for control of virus in progress

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Feb — According to the information that there were some flu cases in Kyaukme in Shan State (North) on 9 February, a field study team led by the head of Shan State Health Department found out that 11 people were with flu-like symptoms. Five people out of them were found with the virus of New Influenza A (H1N1) after approving their laboratory results yesterday. The patients are undergoing treatment at Kyaukme People’s Hospital and those who came into contact with the patients are kept in quarantine at their homes.

A release on 9 February mentioned that the virus of New Influenza A (H1N1) was found in four people in Mingaladon Township of Yangon. On 11 February, one more patient was found with the virus. Surveillance measures are being taken to family members of neighbouring houses, and they are kept in quarantine separately.

A total of 47 comprising patients with the virus and suspected persons from Dagon Myothit (North) Township in Yangon Division who are given health care at the hospital are all in good condition, and no one died in this incident. The specialists of Health Department, Central Infectious Disease Control Department and Yangon Division Health Department are taking preventive measures against the epidemic in cooperation with local authorities. Collaborative efforts are being made with added momentum to control the spread of the virus. The Ministry of Health urged the people to strictly follow the warnings on preventive measures against the virus in order to avoid the spread of virus among the public and to take part in the campaign on prevention against the pandemic disease.
Honouring the 63rd Anniversary Union Day

Inseparable national races and the future of the Union

Si Thu Aung

As to the geo-strategic position, except Laos with which Myanmar shares border for a number of miles in the east, the population of each of all the neighbours is larger than Myanmar’s. Two of them stand first and second in terms of population in the world, and Myanmar shares border them for thousands of miles. One of them is small, but with population explosion.

One of the neighbouring countries has its natural resources exhausted due to excessive business, and is casting covetous eyes on the natural resources of its neighbours.

Myanmar is rich in natural resources, with vast areas of fallow lands for housing, thus attracting attention from many countries whose eyes are far bigger than their stomachs.

Therefore, any of the parts of the Union of Myanmar cannot stand separately. If they break away from the Union, they will come under alien threats shortly thereafter.

All national races should be well convinced of the fact that the country will remain completely harmonious, helping and relying on one another.

In the course of the history of Myanmar, national brethren always managed to repulse alien intrusions from the four directions, and safeguard the country because of the consolidated unity of all national races from all highlands and plains.

As regards the geo-strategic position, the nation has several semi-circular shape Yoma mountain ranges, which form natural barriers to alien troops. Supposing, the national races on the mountain ranges did not get involved in encountering alien attacks, it would not be possible to guard the motherland against such outside threats.

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Does a region belong to a single national race? In fact, the whole Myanmar is the land belonging to all national races. Every citizen can travel freely to any other region throughout the Union, with the freedom of business and trade and the right to settle and reside in any place within the nation. Those rights have been enumerated in the constitutions of successive periods since the independence. They are aimed at getting rid of cold relations and mutual doubts among national races due to the Divide-and-Rule Policy exercised in the colonial days, and cementing the amicable relations among them. Therefore, the government has been constructing roads and bridges the length and breadth of the nation including far-flung regions, home to national races, where the colonialists did not construct any transport facilities because they would not get any economic gains.

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So, there should not be any conflicts among national races. National brethren have to join hands firmly with renewed vigour in shaping the nation into a new modern, developed nation.

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Honouring the 63rd Anniversary Union Day

Developing Shan State in the Union with songs of peace in the air

Article: Maung Maung Myint Swe; Photos: Lay Nwe (Mingaladon)

During the mid-January, I made a journey to Shan State characterized by the misty Shan mountain ranges. Shan State is blossoming with development facilities. Songs of peace are in the air. Peace and stability have been restored on the Shan hilly region.

Onboard the express bus, I conversed with Project Engineer U Sai bus, I conversed with region.

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I proceeded to Lashio and Lashio General Hospital have been upgraded. You can see extended runway, airport building and passenger lounge at this airport. Afterwards, I visited downtown Kengtung and surrounding area. While in Kengtung Township, I saw modern housing and progress of Kengtung, the 200-bed Kengtung Hospital, the 200-bed Kengtung Hospital, the 226 miles long Mongnai-Kengtung railroad is under construction for Kengtung Township. I proceeded to Lashio for studying development of Shan State (North), Lashio was designated as special development region. One Technological University, University of Shan State (North) had 14 bridges of over 180 feet long in 1988. Now, the region has been facilitated with 21 bridges, including Dokhtawady (Nawnghkio), Thanlwin River crossing Tarkaw-et suspension bridge and Thanlwin River crossing Tarpa Bridge. The length of motor road was 1679 miles long in 1988, but the region has Development of Shan State

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Developing Shan State in the Union with songs of peace in the air

Article: Maung Maung Myint Swe; Photos: Lay Nwe (Mingaladon)

Dokhtawady Bridge ( Nawngkhio in Shan State (North)).

(from page 9) extended 4938 miles long motor road. So, the region has 3259 miles long motor road more than 1988. Now, you can witness the local people can travel to their destinations onboard the express bus installed with TV along the tarred road at any time.

Q : May I know progress of agriculture sector and irrigation facilities in Shan State (North).
A: Although Shan State (North) is teeming with hills and mountain ranges, the local farmers strove for extending the arable lands. You can see thriving paddy, tea and jute plantations. The state has now 1,504,239 acres of farmlands by extending 429,924 acres of farmlands, up from 1,074,315 acres of farmlands in 1988. In the agriculture sector, although there were 349 dams in 1988, the state has now 460 dams.

To develop Shan State (North), the plans are underway to implement Namhmyin Diversion Weir to irrigate 2500 acres of farmlands in Hsenwi Township, and Kyatthin Dyke to benefit 500 acres of lands and Pawei Diversion Weir to supply water to 120 acres of lands in Laukkai Township. On completion, the sown acreage would be extended to boost agricultural production. That is why the local people can enjoy fruits of economic development. Moreover, arrangements are being made to install 750 CDMA telephones each in Kutkai, Khaungkha.

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Nay Pyi Taw observes 63rd Anniversary Union Day

Also present on the occasion were senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, the Chairman of the Management Committee for Organizing the 63rd Anniversary Union Day Ceremony, the Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, ministers, the Auditor-General, the Nay Pyi Taw Mayor, deputy ministers, senior military officers, members of the central committee and the management committee, departmental heads, heads of offices of ministries, local authorities, Union Day delegates, members of cultural troupes, service personnel, families of the station, representatives of Nay Pyi Taw District and Township USDA, township war Veterans organizations, Red Cross and Auxiliary Fire Brigades, totalling over 2,600.

First, departmental personnel, social organizations and the people took positions at the square beginning 5:00 am.

At 5:30 am, the State Flag was hoisted. Next, the Guard of Honour of Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) took the position at the square.

The Secretary-1 took the salute of the Guard of Honour from the dais.

Then, the Secretary-1 and those present saluted the State Flag. Meanwhile, the National Anthem was played.

The Secretary-1 read the message to mark the 63rd Anniversary Union Day sent by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe, and the ceremony came to a close.

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Information Minister receives Vice-Chairman and party of THAICOM Public Company Limited

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Feb—Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan received Vice-Chairman Mr. Makin Petplai and party of THAICOM Public Company Limited of Thailand at the Ministry, here, this afternoon.

Present on the occasion together with Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan were Director-General U Khin Maung Htay of Myanma Radio and Television, Director-General U Ye Htut of Information and Public Relations Department, Managing Director U Aung Nyein of Printing and Publishing Enterprise, Managing Director U Soe Win of News and Periodicals Enterprise, Managing Director U Aung Myo Myint of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise and Head of Office U Myint Htwe.

First Seminar on GI Tract & Liver Disease on 27-28 Feb

YANGON, 12 Feb—A press conference on the First Seminar on Gastro-intestinal Tract and Liver Disease to be organized by the Myanmar Medical Association took place at the Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road here this afternoon.

Chairman of the committee for organizing the seminar Professor Dr Khin Maung Win presented the purpose of the seminar.

The seminar is due to be held at the hotel from 8 am to 6 pm on 27 and 28 February. Interested doctors many sign up, and contact 30th Street Clinic for more information.—MNA

Want to buy vehicle tracking devices?

YANGON, 12 Feb—The Real Time Vehicle Tracking System (RTTS) was introduced for security of vehicles, at the Traders Hotel, here, this afternoon.

Responsible persons demonstrated use of RTTS and replied to the queries raised by those present.

The devices of vehicle tracking system are imported by Million Commercial Co Ltd.

RTTS is available at No. 355 of Million Commercial Co Ltd on Theinbyu Street in Mingala Taungnyunt Township. Tel: 098614945 and 908022025 and website. —MNA

Diploma Courses on Marketing, Management, Accounting and Administration on 3 March

YANGON, 12 Feb — Noble Nine Education will open the Level-3 Diploma Courses on Marketing, Management, Accounting and Administration on 3 March.

Not only any person but also those attending the basic education high school and university/college may submit applications to attend the diploma courses. Ten trainees each will be admitted for respective courses. Training courses will be conducted from Monday to Friday weekly.

For further information, contact No. 7, Wutkyaung Street in Pazundaung Township, Tel: 01-396915, 01-73002966 and 01-73013201.—MNA

Thingangyun Market engulfed in flames

YANGON, 12 Feb—A fire broke out at Thingangyun Market on Laydauntkan Road in Thingangyun Township, here, at about 7:37 pm today.

The disaster was under control at about 9:30 pm due to the combined work of 49 fire engines. The fire was put out at about 9:50 pm.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation.—MNA

Traffic rules put in place in Mon State

YANGON, 12 Feb—Mon State Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee held a work coordination meeting at the office of the commander of Mon State Police Force on 5 February.

Police Col Win Kyi, commander of Mon State Police Force, commanders of Mawlamyine and Thaton District Police Force and officials of the committee decided to gear up tasks of traffic rules enforcement and preventive measures against road accidents and to organize more traffic rules educative talks at the meeting. —MNA

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
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Consignees of cargo carried on MV XIANG XIU VOY NO (1016) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 13.2.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expense and subject to the bylaws 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 Claim Day.

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Beer may help prevent osteoporosis

DAVIS, 12 Feb—Researchers at the University of California, Davis, said beer may help prevent osteoporosis — the loss of bone density that can result in fractures.

Lead author Charles Bamforth says the study suggests that beer is a significant source of dietary silicon, a key ingredient for increasing bone mineral density. Bamforth and colleagues studied commercial beer production to determine the relationship between beer production methods and the resulting silicon content.

Silicon is present in beer in the soluble form of orthosilicic acid, which yields 50 percent bioavailability, making beer a major contributor to silicon intake in the Western diet.

Third-hand smoke also bad for you

WASHINGTON, 12 Feb

— You know smoking is bad for you. You know inhaling someone else’s smoke is bad for you.

Now a US study says third-hand smoke — tobacco residue clinging to indoor surfaces such as walls, carpeting, drapes and furniture, where it can linger for months, said the study, which was published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS).

“Our study shows that when this residual nicotine reacts with ambient nitrous acid it forms carcinogenic tobacco-specific nitrosamines, or TSNAS,” said Hugo Destaillats, a corresponding author of the study.

TSNAS are among the most broadly acting and potent carcinogens present in unburned tobacco and tobacco smoke,” he said.

The most likely human exposure to TSNAS is through either inhalation of dust or the contact of skin with carpet or clothes — making third-hand smoke particularly dangerous to infants and toddlers.

Openings a window or turning on a fan to air out a room while a cigarette burns does not eliminate the hazard of third-hand smoke.

Smoking outdoors doesn’t help much either.

Relatives in eastern Cuba say woman has turned 125

In this on 4 Feb, 2010 photo, Juana Bautista de la Candelaria Rodriguez sits in her home near the village of Campecheuela, where she was born in the Granma region of eastern Cuba.

Bautista, who is also known as Candulia, was born in 1885 according to the civil registry and celebrated her 125th birthday on 2 Feb, making her possibly the oldest person in the world.

She said she was happy but hungry and looked forward to healthy but hungry and looking forward to many great years.

Message in bottle yields response

A group of California fishermen who sent a message in a bottle two years ago when they were delighted when someone found the bottle and even sent a reply.

The fishermen, from the San Francisco and Monterey Bay areas, said they tossed the bottle into the water just south of San Diego in August 2007 with a message about Bob Dubich, a friend of theirs who died from a rare form of cancer.

The men said they enclosed $20 with the note to increase the chances of someone coming forward after finding it, which they said felt like sending their friend out to sea for a last voyage.

“I (We said) if anyone found the bottle, send it back and we’ll send you $100,” John Saunders said.

Saunders said he and his friends were shocked by how far the bottle had travelled — to the Philippines.

“To send him on a trip for 10,000 miles was bigger and better than anything we’d ever expected,” Saunders said.

The fishermen said the man who found the bottle in the Philippines and sent it back to them has more than $100 coming.

“If he ever comes to America, he’s going fishing with us. We’re taking him, period,” Saunders said.

Man survives four days in snow-trapped car

An Indiana man lost for four days after his car became lodged in deep snow said he survived on Mountain Dew and mountain snow.

Jason Pede, 31, said he was on his way from Dulce, NM, to Aspen, Colo, on a rescue dog delivery when his Lincoln Navigator became lodged in deep snow on a small country road off Highway 114 near Saguache, Colo, KMGH-TV, Denver, reported on Monday. Pede said he stayed in the car, surviving on a diet of Mountain Dew and snow, and found his electronic communication devices were not functioning in the weather. He said he burned small items to keep warm but eventually decided to brave the cold to search for existence.

Pede was found on Sunday morning walking into Amarillo, Texas. He said he felt healthy but hungry and looked forward to reuniting with his family.

The dog, an Australian Shepherd, was found in Pede’s car and taken to an Aspen vet for treatment.

Israeli fire kills Gaza militant

Gaza City, 12 Feb—A Palestinian militant was killed and two young girls wounded by Israeli fire in the Gaza Strip in two separate incidents on Thursday, medics said.

The fighter was killed and another wounded when a tank fired on a group of militants near the border east of Gaza City, according to Muawiya Hassanein, the head of Gaza emergency services.

Hours earlier, two Palestinian girls aged five and nine were wounded when an Israeli tank shell exploded near their home further south, close to the Bureij refugee camp.

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A giant tattoo ice cube is seen at Potters Fields, close to the Tower Bridge, in London, on 9 Feb, 2010. The ice cube was made by London’s famous tattoo artist Henry, who used Japanese Samurai chisels to carve the unique tattoo design into it. A stylist car called “cube” is frozen at the centre of the ice cube and will be shown to the public as the ice melts in the following three days.
**SPORTS**

**Hammer blow for United as Giggs ruled out for month**

**Manchester 12 Feb**—Ryan Giggs has broken his right arm and will be out of action for at least four weeks in a serious blow to Manchester United’s prospects of claiming silverware this season.

The Welsh winger was injured in a collision with Steve Sidwell during the second half of United’s 1-1 draw at Aston Villa on Wednesday and an x-ray has confirmed a fracture that will mean he misses the League Cup final against Villa on February 28.

Giggs, 36, will also be absent for both legs of Champions League last-16 clash with AC Milan and Premier League games against Everton, West Ham and Wolves.

In the twilight of his career, Giggs has become more important to United than ever and his absence will be felt even more by assistant for his first job in management and will be named manager Sir Alex Ferguson said.—Internet

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**Pressley steps into Falkirk hot seat**

**London, 12 Feb**—Former Scotland defender Steven Pressley was appointed as the new manager of struggling Scottish Premier League (SPL) club Falkirk following the departure of Eddie May.

Pressley, 36, steps up from his role as May’s assistant for his first job in management and will be aided by veteran former Aberdeen and St Miren boss Alex Smith, who had been director of football under May.

May left by mutual agreement after less than eight months in charge. He had been promoted from manager following five years on the coaching staff at the club.

His reign concluded with Wednesday’s 1-0 defeat by Kilmarnock which left Falkirk, known as the Bairns, three points adrift at the bottom of the 12-team SPL.

Pressley has been appointed until the end of the season and said he believed he could keep Falkirk in the top flight.

“There are still 15 games remaining with a potential of 45 points to be won and, make no mistake, all 15 of these games are potentially winnable,” he said.

“I feel I have a good relationship with the players and I would not have taken on this job if I did not believe that I can manage them and bring the club a degree of success.”

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**Eriksson quits Notts County as new owner arrives**

**London, 12 Feb**—Former England and Manchester City manager Sven-Goran Eriksson has resigned as director of football of English League Two side Notts County.

Eriksson’s resignation comes as ownership of the club, which plays in England’s fourth tier division, changed hands for the third time this season.

Former Lincoln City chairman Ray Trew has snapped up the club which has debts of over 1.5 million pounds for just one pound.

Trew said in a statement: “Our vision is not for the short term but for the long term.”

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**Roddick books San Jose quarter-final berth**

**San Jose, 12 Feb**—Top-seeded American Andy Roddick reached the quarter-finals of the SAP Open with a 6-3, 6-2 victory over Argentina’s Leonardo Mayer.

Roddick lined up a quarter-final clash with fifth-seeded Czech Tomas Berdych.

Roddick, who was bothered by a pinched nerve in his shoulder in his five-set loss to Marin Cilic in the quarter-finals of the Australian Open last month, has also had his practice time limited by a sore knee.

But he said his second round match here, in his first event since the Australian Open, showed progress.

“Tonight was just coming off a bit firmer and I was able to move the ball around a bit more - that comes from getting a match in,” Roddick said.

Roddick broke Mayer for a 5-3 lead in the first set, and as the American took control Mayer was clearly frustrated.

“This was a good match for me,” Roddick said. “I felt like he had big swings and I thought that forced him to play a bit more aggressively on the first ball of a point which in turn creates a little bit of a more hit-or-miss deal for him, which I thought caught up with him tonight.”

Ricardas Berankis, ranked 255th in the world, made a bit of ATP history when he became the first Lithuanian-born player to reach a tour-level quarter-final. He upset Germany’s Bjorn Phau, ranked 126th in the world, 7-6 (7/5), 6-3.

Berankis will play second-seeded Spaniard Fernando Verdasco, a 7-6 (7/2) winner over Germany’s Benjamin Becker.

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Bernd Bieger  
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Representative, Fritz Werner Industrie- 
Ausruestungen, Yangon Branch Office Beloved 
Husband of Diyah Bieger and loving father of 
Sally Bieger, passed away suddenly at 9 pm on 
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Air China orders 20 Airbus A320s for $1.63b

BEIJING, 12 Feb—Air China, one of the three 
major civil aviation companies in the country, said 
that it has ordered 20 Airbus A320 planes to 
 promote its fleet capacity on growing demand. 
In a statement to the Shanghai Stock Exchange, 
Air China said that the plans of the 1.63-billion US 
dollars deal would be delivered in stages from 
2011 to 2014.—Xinhua

THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR Saturday, 13 February, 2010

WEATHER

Friday, 12th February, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. 
M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly 
cloudy in Kachin, Shan and Rakhine States, upper 
Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in 
the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (3°C) to 
(4°C) below February average temperatures in Kachin 
State, upper Sagaing and Bago Divisions, (5°C) below 
February average temperatures in Chin State, (3°C) to (4°C) 
above February average temperatures in Mon State and 
Taninthayi Division and about February average 
temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant 
night 
temperatures were Loleim (0°C), Hakka and (1°C), Namsam 
(2°C), Putao, Lashio and Heho (4°C). 
Maximum temperature on 11-2-2010 was 100°F. 
Minimum temperature on 12-2-2010 was 67°F. Relative 
humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 12-2-2010 was 50%. 
Total sun shine hours on 11-2-2010 was (10.0) hours 
approx.
Rainfall on 12-2-2010 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 (4) mph from Northwest at (16:30) hours MST on 10-2-2010.
Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the South Bay and partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal. 
Forecast valid until evening of 13th February 2010: 
Weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin, Chin and Rakhine 
States, Taninthayi Division and generally fair in the 
remaining States and Divisions.
State of the sea: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar 
waters.
Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of light rain in the extreme Northern Myanmar areas.
Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 13-2-2010: Fair weather.
Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 13-2-2010: Fair weather.
Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 13-2-2010: Fair weather.
Weather outlook for second weekend of February 2010: During the coming weekend, weather will be fair in 
Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay Divisions.
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 killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Nay Pyi Taw observes 63rd Anniversary Union Day

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Feb — The State Flag hoisting and Flag saluting ceremony to mark the 63rd Anniversary Union Day 2010 took place at the square in front of the City Hall here this morning. Chairman of the Central Committee for Organizing the 63rd Anniversary Union Day Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiba Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo attended the ceremony and read out the message sent by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe. (See page 11)

SPECIAL FEATURES TO HONOUR 63RD ANNIVERSARY UNION DAY

Any of the parts of the Union of Myanmar cannot stand separately. If they break away from the Union, they will come under alien threats shortly thereafter.

Poem

Garden of the Union
Born in the Union the national brethren
Of the same race they are
Sincerity and amity they have
With same vision and goal
Ever united and never divided
Bearing hands in this land
Always united they are

Si Thu Aung