Prime Minister sends message of felicitations to Brunei King

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Feb—On the occasion of the 26th Anniversary of the National Day of Brunei Darussalam which falls on 23 February 2010, General Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Muizzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam.—MNA

Yeywa Hydropower Station will be in service soon

PM visits Yeywa Hydropower Project

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Feb—Prime Minister General Thein Sein flew to Yeywa Hydropower Project on Myitnge River, 31 miles south-east of Mandalay, yesterday to assist in implementing the project.

During the inspection tour of the project, the Prime Minister called for completion on schedule and instructed personnel concerned to keep photo records of any particular work of the project. Accompanied by Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence, ministers, the auditor-general, deputy ministers and heads of departments, the Prime Minister inspected generating power from the turbine No. 1 on trial and installation of other generators.

The main dam, diversion tunnels Nos. 1 and 2, the spillway, the intake channel, the (See page 8)
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**Extend railroad networks for trade and transport development**

Myanmar Railways is the most widely used means of transportation in Myanmar. Its ability to transport natural resources and products of various regions to markets in a short time contributes a great deal to domestic trade.

The government has given top priority to transport infrastructure for regional development. Accordingly, it is building new motor roads and railroads, including bridges, and extending the existing ones the length and breadth of the nation. Due to the extension of networks of railroads, various regions are now enjoying trade and transport development.

The 98-mile railroad that will link Katha in Sagaing Division and Bhamo in Kachin State is being constructed section-wise and the 16-mile Katha-Moetagyi section was commissioned into service on 20 February.

The Katha-Moetagyi section is a major part of the Katha-Bhamo railroad and, when the entire project is completed, it will be possible for people to go from Mandalay to Bhamo direct by train and for goods to be transported. There will be better and smoother transport in Katha, Shwegu, Mansi and Bhamo townships that line along the new railroad.

Myanmar Railways under the Ministry of Rail and Transportation is maintaining and upgrading the existing railroad as well as building new ones. It is also producing carriages both for passengers and freight. Advanced carriages have been introduced on Mandalay-Yangon and Naypyi Taw-Mandalay lines.

For the emergence of the Union railroad network, Myanmar Railways has been extending the construction of railroads, and we believe that, new railroads will facilitate transport and boost trade between one region and another across the Union.

**Industry-1 eyes manufacturing quality products**

Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung called for production of bicycles in large quantities and stressed the need to work harder to meet the target on his arrival at Bicycle Factory (Yangon) of Myanmar General and Maintenance Industries in Setsan, Mingala Taungnyunt Township here yesterday.

While he was in the factory, the minister looked into production line of bicycle parts, electric motorcar, four wheeled and three wheeled trolley, bedstead, wheelchair and cupboard to be used in hospital, cycling gear, Maung Myanmar bicycle and bicycle for health purpose.

On his arrival at 20-ton Cardboard Factory Project (Yeni) being implemented by Myanma Paper and Chemical Industries in Yedashe Township of Bago Division this morning, the minister called for enhancement of sound quality and oversaw test running of machines.

Industries, he inspected test running of machines installed at the main building and preparation for construction of kilns, and called for timely completion of works.

**FM felicitates Brunei counterpart**

On the occasion of the 26th Anniversary of the National Day of Brunei Darussalam which falls on 23 February 2010, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitation to His Royal Highness Prince Haji Mohamed Bolkiah, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of Brunei Darussalam.—MNA

**Courts meet to seek work improvement**

Chief Justice U Aung Toe delivers a speech at work coordination meeting of judges of Supreme Court, States, Divisions and Districts.—MNA

The work coordination meeting of judges of the Supreme Court of Union of Myanmar, States, Divisions and Districts was held at the Supreme Court here this morning, with an address by Chief Justice U Aung Toe. Judges of states and divisions hold discussions about juridical matters and function of the courts.

**Prize presentation timetable changes**

The literary award, scholarship award winners for National Culture and Fine Arts University and Pakokku Library Award winners are to contact Secretary of the Pakokku U Ohn Pe Literary Award Scrutiny Committee U Maung Hlaing (Tel: 01-391448 and 0980-21703) and scholarship award winners Director U Myo Thant (Tel: 087-407272) and Deputy Director-General U Tun Hla (Tel: 01-548540) of Education Planning and Training Department soonest.—MNA

**Take Fire Preventive Measures**

**Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views**

**Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation**

**Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State**

**Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy**

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**Indoctrination for a better life**

The月下旬，內閣通過一系列改革措施，旨在提升教育質量，推進教育創新。政府投入巨額資金興建新的學校，從而滿足日益增長的學童需求。新學校採用現代化的設備和教學方法，為學生提供更好的學習環境。政府還設立了獎學金制度，鼓勵優秀學生進修深造。

**Revolutionary changes in education**

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Afghan officials says airstrike kills 19 civilians

KABUL, 22 Feb — Afghan officials say at least 19 civilians have been killed by a NATO airstrike on a convoy of vehicles in southern Afghanistan. NATO confirms that it fired on Sunday on a group of vehicles that it believed contained militants, only to discover later that women and children were in the cars. NATO did not provide a figure of how many died.

The head of the provincial council for Uruzgan Province, Amanullah Hotahi, says 19 people were killed in the strike, which hit three minibuses as they drove down a main road.

Interior Ministry spokesman Zemeri Bashary said he had reports of 27 people killed. He said there were 42 people in the vehicles, all of them civilians.

The Afghan government and NATO have launched an investigation. — Internet

Eurostar train breaks down in England

LONDON, 22 Feb — A Eurostar train broke down in southeast England with hundreds of passengers trapped on board, the train operator said.

The cross-Channel rail operator said 740 travellers on the Paris to London service were trapped around 10:45 pm (2245 GMT) on Sunday near Ashford, in Kent, when the train ground to a halt.

Passengers said they had waited more than an hour before a replacement train arrived to take them to St Pancras station in London.

They said they were plunged into darkness after the breakdown, but the operator said emergency lighting eventually came on. A passenger called Oliver told Sky News television that the train suddenly stopped and the lights went out.

“It’s getting fairly hot, but people are very calm, very relaxed,” he said.

“We don’t know exactly what happened or why at the moment,” a Eurostar spokesman said. “We are investigating what happened fully.”

The service’s departure from Gare du Nord in the French capital late Sunday had already been delayed after an unattended bag caused a security alert.

The operator said no disruptions to services between London and Paris were expected as a result of the breakdown.

Eurostar has recently been hit by a series of problems, the most serious being the breakdown of five trains carrying more than 2,000 passengers in the Channel Tunnel during the busy pre-Christmas period.

Two US helicopter pilots killed in landing accident in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 22 Feb — Two US helicopter pilots were killed in an accident near a US base airfield in northern Iraq on Sunday, the US military said.

“The aircraft made a hard landing inside the base,” the US force said in a statement, adding “there were no enemy forces present and no hostile fire was reported.”

The accident is under investigation, it added.

Since the war in 2003, around 4,370 US soldiers have been killed in Iraq according to the figures of the US force.

Five wounded in mortar attack on Baghdad Green Zone

BAGHDAD, 22 Feb — Two mortar rounds struck the heavily fortified Green Zone in central Baghdad on Monday, wounding five people, an Interior Ministry source said.

The attack on Monday morning also damaged several civilian cars in the Green Zone which houses the Iraqi government and some foreign embassies, including the US embassy, according to the source.

The 10-square-kilometre Green Zone is located in central Baghdad on the west side of the Tigris River that bisects the Iraqi capital.

The vast area has frequently been targeted by Iraqi militant attacks during the past years since the 2003 invasion.

Four police killed, two wounded in central Iraq attack

BAQUBA, 22 Feb — Four policemen were killed and two others wounded on Sunday when a homemade bomb engulfed their vehicle as they prepared to secure an electricity site in central Iraq, a security official said.

The blast occurred in Imam Wais, 70 kilometres (43 miles) from Baquba, the capital of Diyala province, which is one of Iraq’s disputed areas and was a hotbed of Sunni militants in the wake of the 2003 US-led invasion.

The casualties were members of Iraq’s electricity police, whose job is to guard the war-torn country’s power plants, said an official from Baquba’s operational command headquarters.

Rich oil prospects in disputed islands raise Argentina-Britain tensions

BRITISH, 22 Feb — Tensions between Argentina and Britain have been escalating over Britain’s oil drilling plan in the disputed oil-rich Malvinas (Falkland) Islands. The two countries were locked in a new round of verbal skirmishes 28 years after their bitter war over the ownership of the archipelago.

Earlier this month, the British government approved Desire Petroleum, a British oil explorer, to drill around the disputed islands, drawing strong opposition from the Argentine side.

British Foreign Secretary David Miliband said last Thursday that the exploration was “completely in accordance with international law.”

However, Argentina accused Britain of doing “an unilateral act of aggression and subduing” by deciding the hydrocarbon exploration in the South Atlantic archipelago.

The disputed islands lie in southern Atlantic, 450 km from the Argentine coast. They are called the Falklands by Britons and the Malvinas by the Argentines. The archipelago has been occupied by the British forces since 1833. — Xinhua

The Internet
**Thailand’s GDP for 2009 contracted 2.3%**

BANGKOK, 22 Feb—Thailand’s gross domestic product (GDP) for 2009 contracted 2.3 percent year on year, Thailand’s government think-tank National Economic and Social Development Board (NESDB) announced on Monday.

The GDP for quarter 4 (October-December), 2009, which posed a positive growth rate of 5.8 percent year on year for the first time in 2009, helped prevent the sharp contraction of the GDP for the whole 2009, NESDB Secretary-General Ampol Kitti-ampon, reported by the National News Bureau of Thailand (NNT) under the state-owned Public Relations Department.

**S Korea ranks 5th largest auto-manufacturer in 2009**

SEOUL, 22 Feb—South Korea has ranked fifth in global auto-production rankings for five consecutive years in 2009, an industry report showed on Monday.

According to a report by the Korea Automobile Manufacturers Association (KAMA), South Korea produced a total of 3.5 million vehicles last year, accounting for 5.7 percent of total global auto-output.

China surpassed Japan as the world’s largest auto-manufacturer last year by producing 13.7 million vehicles, which was a 48.3 percent increase from the previous year and 22.5 percent of the global market, whereas Japan’s total output was 7.9 million units in the same period, or a 31.4 percent decline from 2008, KAMA said.

**France’s Areva gets Jordan uranium mining rights**

AMMAN, 22 Feb—Energy-poor Jordan on Sunday signed an agreement with France’s nuclear giant Areva giving it exclusive uranium mining rights, during a visit by French Prime Minister Francois Fillon.

Fillon and his Jordanian counterpart Samir Rifai attended the signing of the agreement which will grant Areva the exclusive right to extract and mine uranium in the central parts of Jordan.

Jordan, which is poor in energy and water resources, is seeking to develop nuclear energy to generate power and desalinate water.

Fillon said he spoke with Rifai, about prospects of building nuclear plants by French firms in the Gulf of Aqaba on the Red Sea.

“Our goal is to create a full partnership with Jordan on training and obtaining nuclear technology... or with any other country in the region that seeks civilian nuclear technology,” he told reporters.

**Indonesian firm seeks loans to finance power plant projects**

JAKARTA, 22 Feb—A senior official at Indonesia’s state-run power firm, PT Perusahaan Listrik Negara (PLN), said on Monday that it still seeks 9 trillion rupiah (about 964.6 million US dollars) worth of debts to finance the power transmission projects in its first phase of fast-track power plant project with total capacity of 10,000 Mega Watt (MW), a local media reported.

“We have secured 1.1 million US dollars from the total funds needed to finance the transmission network in the first phase of power plant fast-track programme that requires 2 billion US dollars,” the PLN’s Financial Director Setio Anggono Dewo was quoted by the Detik.com as saying after signed some agreements with 41 domestic banks and Indonesia’s postal office.

He expected that the debts to plug the remaining funds needed to finance the transmission project would be obtained from domestic banks this year.

According to the PLN’s financial director, the state power firm has secured the whole funds needed to finance the first phase mega power plant project requires 5 billion US dollars.

The first phase of mega power plant project with total capacities of 10,000 MW was expected to be completed by 2013. The PLN also plans to seek 19 trillion of funds (about 2.03 billion US dollars) in the second half this year to finance its capital expenditure, he said.

**Greece aims to attract investments from Abu Dhabi**

ATHENS, 22 Feb—The Greek government has agreed to establish a bilateral working group between Athens and Abu Dhabi, the Greek Ministry of Economy, Competitiveness and Shipping announced on Sunday.

The first meeting of the group will take place in Athens in the following weeks. The two sides will explore the possibilities of economic cooperation and the possible involvement of Abu Dhabi in the Greek Development Fund, as well as the European Investment Bank and other international financial institutions.

“The aim of the Ministry is to strengthen economic cooperation between the two countries to attract investment from Abu Dhabi and the active presence of Greek businesses in the development at the emirate,” according to the announcement.
**Sudan says not to relinquish principles in dialogue with US**

**KHARTOUM, 22 Feb—**Sudan affirmed on Sunday that it would not relinquish its principles or top interests in any dialogue with the United States on the normalization of bilateral relations.

“We have affirmed more than once that we are keen on (our) principles and on Sudan’s common interests in any dialogue with the US,” Ghazi Salahuddin, Sudanese presidential adviser for the Darfur file, told reporters following a meeting with US Special Envoy to Sudan Scott Gration in Khartoum.

“At the same time we welcome any sincere effort that would help in resolving the Sudanese issues. We are looking forward to an American stance that will help find solutions to all Sudan’s issues,” he added.

Salahuddin said his talks with Gration reviewed the issues hampering the normalization of the Sudanese-American ties.

“I have briefed the US envoy on the current developments in Sudan, in particular the agreement we signed yesterday with Justice and Equality Movement,” he said. “The US envoy welcomed the developments in the Darfur issue, represented in the framework agreement together with the ongoing arrangements to organize the elections as scheduled,” he added.

The US special envoy to Sudan on Sunday commenced talks in Khartoum with a number of Sudanese Government officials. — MNA/Xinhua

**Egypt beefs up security after explosion**

**CAIRO, 22 Feb—**Egyptian police beefed up security around a Jewish synagogue in downtown Cairo on Sunday after a man threw a small home-made explosive device there.

Members of security forces questioned the staff of the hotel, from which the attacker threw the makeshift bomb at the synagogue, in a bid to draw an initial photo of the criminal.

“No one is allowed to enter the hotel nor to take photos for the synagogue,” a security official at the hotel gate told Xinhua.

“The criminal run through this narrow street in the early morning,” Ibrahim, a shop owner near the crime scene told Xinhua.

“At the same time we signed the rest of the explosions on my shop,” Ibrahim, a shop owner near the crime scene told Xinhua.

The daily quoted industry sources in Sandakan, the Philippine provincial capital, as saying two more trawlers were detained at Taganan Island, a Philippines’ island in the Tawi Province.

The island is 60 km or an hour speedboat ride from the island.

**Philippines holds two Malaysian fishing boats**

**KUALA LUMPUR, 22 Feb—**The Philippines authorities are still holding two Malaysian fishing boats after releasing eight trawlers said to have encroached into the country’s waters, according to local media on Monday.

The Star, a local daily, reported that the eight trawlers were released after their owners paid “fines” ranging from 13,000 ringgit (3,823 US dollars) to 40,000 ringgit (11,765 US dollars).

The daily quoted industry sources in Sandakan, the second largest city in Sabah State of East Malaysia, as saying that two more trawlers were detained at Taganan Island, a Philippines’ island in the Tawi Province.

The island is 60 km or an hour speedboat ride from Sandakan.

**Jordan, France ink several cooperation agreements**

**AMMAN, 22 Feb—**Jordan and France on Sunday signed several agreements to foster ties between the two countries in a variety of fields, the state-run Petra news agency reported. In the presence of visiting French Prime Minister Francois Fillon and Jordan’s Prime Minister Samir Rifi, officials from the two countries signed an agreement to create an excellent center for energy and mega projects in Jordan, in addition to another deal to explore and utilize uranium in the Arab kingdom. Jordan is abundant in uranium reserves with an estimate of some 140,000 tons. It is also home to other nuclear materials such as zirconium and the country is expected to produce annually 2,000 tons of yellowcake and about 300 tons of phosphate as of 2013.

**Colombia culture centre appreciates China’s support**

**BOGOTA, 22 Feb—**The authority of a Colombia-based culture centre expressed thanks on Sunday for China’s support and announced plans for its Chinese-language students to tour China. Diana Gomez, co-founder of the Asia Centre, hailed the support from the Chinese embassy to the South American nation.

Gomez also announced that Chinese-language students at the centre will make a series of trips to China to learn about traditional Chinese medicine and culture. The Asia Centre had also sought the support from the Colombian government in order to promote cultural exchanges between the two countries, Gomez said.

**Mexican security personnel check a vehicle in a street in Cancun of Mexico, on 20 Feb, 2010. The Summit of Latin America and the Caribbean and the annual Rio Group Summit will be held in Cancun on 22 and 23 Feb. —Xinhua**
Israel launches new unmanned aircraft

A new generation of unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) was put into use by Israel Air Force (IAF) on Sunday. “Air Force (IAF) on Sunday launched a new generation of unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) currently being used by IAF. The newly introduced unmanned aircraft, with the name of Eitan, is among the most advanced UAV of its kind in the world, said Eyal, an IAF lieutenant colonel in charge of its development. “Above and beyond,” just as the plane’s slogan says, Eitan flies higher and faster than any other UAV owned by IAF currently. The aircraft, which has a length of 13 metres and a wingspan of 26 metres, is capable of flying above the altitude of 12,000 metres and at a maximum speed of 240 km per hour. The unmanned plane is specially designed for IAF to perform versatile operations, said Captain Omer, deputy commander of a newly established squadron to operate the new drone. Equipped with a turbo jet engine, Eitan is able to carry various payloads weighing up to hundreds of kilograms, Omer told Xinhua. Xinhu

25 militants lay down arms in N Afghanistan

KUNDUZ, 22 Feb—A group of armed anti-government militants laid down their arms and resumed normal life in Kunduz Province north of Afghanistan, police spokesman in the Province Lal Mohammad Ahmadzai said on Monday. “Twenty five Taleban fighters under the command of Sayed Noorok gave up militancy and handed over their arms to authorities in Charada District on Sunday,” Ahmadzai told Xinhua. Joining these people to peace process and their reintegration to society would strengthen government control in Charada District and adjoining areas, the official further said. The Taleban fighters have not made comments. Taleban militants have suffered setback over the past two weeks as the outfit’s second-in-command Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar and his shadow governor for Kunduz, Mullah Abdul Salam have been arrested in Pakistan while a massive operation of Afghan and NATO-led troops against their bastion in Marja district of Afghanistan’s southern Helmand Province is in full swing since 13 February.—Xinhua

Nepal’s shortest man in quest for world record

A man who is only 22 inches (56 centimetres) tall left his home country of Nepal on Sunday in a quest to be recognized as the world’s shortest man. Khagendra Thapa Magar is traveling to Europe to campaign for the Guinness World Record title. He applied to London-based group for a place in the record book in October, soon after turning 18, but said he has not received any response. Magar’s family initially filed a claim when he was 14, but it was rejected because he was not an adult and there was a chance he might grow. They say doctors in Nepal have not been able to explain why Magar is so small. “We are going to Italy to try to record his name in the Guinness Book of World Records,” his father, Rup Bahadur Thapa Magar, told reporters in Kathmandu. They plan to appear on an Italian television show to talk about his bid for the title. Once in Italy, Magar, his father and a supporter will decide on their next destination. They said supporters will help him from the Nepalese capital on Sunday, offering flowers and garlands.

Most ‘test tube’ kids are healthy

More than 30 years after the world greeted its first “test-tube” baby with a mixture of awe, elation and concern, researchers say they are finding only a few medical differences between these children and kids conceived in the traditional way. More than 3 million children have been born worldwide as a result of what is called assisted reproductive technology, and injecting sperm into the egg inside the human body now accounts for about 4 percent of live births, researchers reported Sunday at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. The majority of assisted reproduction children are healthy and normal, according to researchers who have studied them. Some of these children do face an increased risk of birth defects, such as neural tube defects, and of low birth weight, which is associated with obesity, hypertension and Type 2 diabetes later in life, the researchers said.
Global warming is worsening hurricanes;

WASHINGTON, 22 Feb—Top researchers now agree that the world is likely to get stronger but fewer hurricanes in the future because of global warming, seeming to settle a scientific debate on the subject.—Internet

Although many of these diseases are little known, they can lead to disability and are often fatal during childhood. Now more women are being tested as part of routine prenatal care, and many end pregnancies when diseases are found.

Scientists report on way to derail spread of AIDS

SAN DIEGO, 22 Feb—A successful AIDS vaccine remains elusive, but researchers say aggressive, early anti-viral therapy might provide a way to derail the spread of disease.

The goal is to catch new AIDS cases early and administer therapy to reduce the amount of virus in the patient’s system. Anti-retroviral therapy has increased in the past five years. But it’s been given too late in the course of infection. By the time people start therapy they have infected most of those that they would have infected anyway. That’s according to Brian Williams of the South African Centre for Epidemiological Modelling and Analysis.—Internet

Cat food latest weapon against Australia’s cane toads

SYDNEY, 22 Feb—A tin of cat food may be the solution to reducing the number of toxic cane toads in Australia, one of the country’s major pests which environmentalists have tried for years to stop from killing off the native wildlife.

Scientists from the University of Sydney said that putting cat food close to ponds inhabited by baby cane toads attracts carnivorous ants that are also immune to the toads’ poisonous skin. The ants then attack the baby toads and eat them. “In one spot we tested, 98 percent of the baby toads were attacked within the first two minutes,” researcher Rick Shine told Reuters. “It was a bit like a massacre.”

Scientist have spent years—and a significant amount of money—trying to find ways to get rid of the toxic toad that has plagued Australia’s flora and fauna for decades and which is considered one of the country’s worse environmental mistakes. The toads, introduced from Hawaii in 1935 in a bid to control native cane beetles, have led to dramatic declines in populations of native snakes, goanna lizards and quolls, a cat-sized marsupial. Internet

Genetic test reduces babies with inherited diseases

BEIJING, 22 Feb—Are you afraid of having a baby because of inherited diseases? There is good news that using genetic testing can decide whether to have children. The Associated Press found births of babies with cystic fibrosis, Tay-Sachs and other less familiar disorders seem to have dropped since the genetic testing came into wider use.

Although many of these diseases are little known, they can lead to disability and are often fatal during childhood. Now more women are being tested as part of routine prenatal care, and many end pregnancies when diseases are found.

Media reports said one study in California found that genetic testing reduced by half the number of babies born with the severest form of cystic fibrosis. Moreover, more couples with no family history of inherited diseases are getting tested before starting families to see if they carry mutations that put a baby at risk.

Train kills three teen girls crossing Florida bridge

MELBOURNE, 22 Feb—After goofing around downtown, four teenagers marched past a “no trespassing” sign and braved a railroad trestle that spans 200 feet over a creek. As they joked around and took pictures at the bridge’s halfway point, an oncoming train barreled down the tracks, its whistle howling alarm.

Onlookers yelled for the teens to run or jump into the slow-moving water 20 feet below, but only a young boy could sprint to safety. The three others, all girls, were killed Saturday as the sun set over Crane Creek, police and witnesses said.—Internet

File photo shows a man stands inside a house destroyed by category 4 Hurricane Katrina hit Louisiana and Mississippi in 2005. Dueling scientific papers have clashed about whether global warming is worsening hurricanes and will do so in the future. The new study seems to split the difference. A special World Meteorological Organization panel of 10 experts in both hurricanes and climate change—including leading scientists from both sides—came up with a consensus, which is published online Sunday in the journal Nature Geoscience. “We’ve really come a long way in the last two years about our knowledge of the hurricane and climate issue,” said study co-author Chris Landsea, a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration top hurricane researcher. The technical term for these storms are tropical cyclones; in the Atlantic they get called hurricanes, elsewhere typhoons.

The study offers projections for tropical cyclones worldwide by the end of this century, and some experts said the bad news outweighs the good. Overall, the models show that measured in wind speed would rise by 2 to 11 percent, but there would be between 6 and 34 percent fewer storms in number. Essentially, there would be fewer weak and moderate storms and more of the big damaging ones, which also are projected to be stronger due to warming.—Internet

A police officer inspects the tracks on the bridge where three teenagers were walking when hit and killed by a train in Melbourne, Fla, on 21 Feb, 2010.—Internet

Graeme Sawyer, founder of the Northern Territory group known as Frog Watch, holds a cane toad after he removed it from his trap at a billabong located 120 km (75 miles) south of Darwin on 11 May, 2005. — Internet
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switch yard and Power Supply Station of the project have been completed, Minister for Electric Power No. 1 said in his report to the Prime Minister.

Yeywa Hydropower Project is erected with four intake structures and one spillway, and is equipped with four turbine generators each with a capacity of 197.5 megawatts. Upon completion, the project will generate 790 megawatts.

Of the four turbines, the first one is on trial run and the other three are under installation. Electricity generated from turbine No. 1 will be transmitted to the national power grid.

The Prime Minister and party then looked round the construction site in a motorcade.

The Prime Minister and party went to Mandalay and visited the site chosen to open a 550-bed Mandalay Children’s Hospital between 27th Street and 28th Street and between 66th Street and 67th Street in Chanayethazan Township. During the visit, the Prime Minister heard reports presented by Minister for Health Dr. Kyaw Myint and fulfilled the requirements for renovation of buildings for the hospital.

—MNA

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects control room in Yeywa Hydropower Project.—MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects buildings in which Children’s Hospital will be opened in Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay.—MNA

Photo shows Yeywa Hydropower Project being implemented by Construction No. 2 of Hydropower Planning Department under Ministry of Electric Power No. 1.—MNA
NAY PYI TAW, 22 Feb—Mobile eye specialists team formed with eye specialists from People’s Hospital of Yangon, Thaton, Mawlamyine and Bago rendered free treatment to patients with eye complaints in Mon State.

Secretary of National Health Committee Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo on 18 February went to Thaton District to encourage the eye specialist and to fulfill the needs. Mon State Peace and Development Council Chairman South-East Command Commander Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win and the deputy minister provided the patients who had undergone surgery with sunglasses and cash.

The field eye care programme in Thaton enabled 3,309 patients had their vision tested, 475 with cataract to restore normal sight and 1,525 got free spectacles.

Free eye care going on well in Thaton of Mon State

Kungyangon natives praise elders

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Feb—Kungyangon natives in Yangon paid respect to the aged and presented prizes to outstanding students at annual general meeting of the association Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi extended greetings at the meetings and Chairman U Kyaw Khine expressed gratitude.

MNA

32nd coordination meeting of Attorney-General’s Office held

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Feb—Attorney-General U Aye Maung discussed matters at the 32nd coordination meeting of Attorney-General’s Office and District level law officers at of Attorney-General’s Office here today. Also present at the meeting were Deputy Attorneys-General Dr Tun Shin, U Myint Naing and U Tun Tun Oo, Director-General (Duty) Daw Kyin San, Deputy Directors-General, directors, officers from States and Division, district directors and district-level officers. Officers from States and Division presented reports. In 32nd preliminary coordination meeting, Deputy Attorneys-General Dr Tun Shin and U Myint Naing left necessary instructions. The meeting will go on tomorrow. —MNA

UMFCCI sees greater involvement in GMS

YANGON, 22 Feb—Vice-President U Zaw Min Win of the Union of UMFCCI Vice-President U Zaw Min Win receives Consultant, Program Coordination and Communications Mrs Joy Ogan of Mekong Institute and party.

Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI), Secretary General Dr Maung Maung Lay, Joint Secretary General Dr Pwint Hsan, CEC members and executives received a delegation led by Consultant, Program Coordination and Communications Mrs Joy Ogan of Mekong Institute and party of Khon Kaen of Thailand at UMFCCI office on 16 February. The two sides discussed matters relating to courses on human resources development in Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS), discussions and workshop on trading and investment and development of tourism industry. —MNA

Winners of 5th Thuta Sweson Literary Award announced

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Feb—Under the patronage of the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, the award scrutinizing and selection board of Sweson Media Group declared the winners of the fifth Thuta Sweson Literary Award today.

Those who won the awards are Tekkatho Sein Tin for arts genre, Ko Ko (Sethmu Tekkatho) for belles-lettres genre, Dr. Chit for socio-economics genre, Kyi Min for translation genre, Kyaw Win for reference genre, Professor Dr. Tin Soe for youth literature genre, Ye Htut for international affairs genre and Dr. Soe Lwin for applied science genre. Writer Saya Chit San Win won Thuta Sweson Life-time Achievement Award.

Winners will be presented K 300,000 each and the life-time achievement award winner, K 500,000.

The prize-presentation ceremony will be held at 1 p.m. at Traders Hotel in Yangon on 1 March. Winners are to contact MWJA Secretary Dr Tin Tun Oo (Ph: 252417, 374400 and 385293).
**Waterway closed for installation of power grid across Chindwin River**

**Yangon, 22 Feb**—The Power Supply Project of Myanma Electric Power Enterprise under the Ministry of Electric Power No. 2 is carrying out installation of Chindwin River crossing 230-kV Ohndaw-Nyaungbingyi power grid near Nathuhteikpan Ward of Monywa on the east bank of Chindwin River and Palaung Village of Salin-gyi Township on the west bank.

While the power grid is being installed from 6 am to 6 pm daily from 20 February to 2 March, the waterway will be closed. Vessels of the supervisory group will close the waterways upstream and downstream. Ensuring smooth flow of commodities, the watercrafts will be allowed to run along the waterway during the worksate safety period. Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems reminded the vessels to follow the instructions of the supervisory group. MNA

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**Roads upgraded in three townships**

**Yangon, 22 Feb**—Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin assisted in upgrading roads and bridges in three townships in Yangon Division today.

He went to Dalla Township in Yangon South District yesterday and inspected works on upgrading the 5-mile long road, a bridge across Kanaung Creek and Bayintaung Road in Dalla Township and works for improvement of drainage system in the township.

He also inspected upgrading of roads in Dagon Myothit (North) Township and North Okkalapa Township. MNA

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**Border youths receive engineering, financial skills**

**Yangon, 22 Feb**—To uplift the livelihoods of the national people from border regions, vocational training courses have been conducted for the local youths of the remote areas.

Yesterday morning, Deputy Director-General Dr Soe Thein of Education and Training Department addressed the occasion of opening the Advanced Engineering Course No. 4, the Financial Rules Special Course.

All the courses will last 6 weeks. —MNA

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**Aung Thabye Modern Cinema: a new relaxation facility...**

(from page 16) Installation of machines and sound equipment are in progress as 80 per cent of construction works have been completed so far. It is planned to name the cinema, “Aung Thabye Cinema”. Upon completion, the cinema will have a seating capacity of 300. Three times a day will be shown at the cinema with air-conditioned and 24-hour electricity facilities.

Audiences can enjoy the 2D films and also the 3D with the use of 3D goggles. The 3D film can make the audiences feel as if they too are in the play, he added.

He said that construction of three-storey building is underway together with the cinema. The building will comprise the cinema hall with a seating capacity of 200, the 3D, 4D cinema hall with a seating capacity of 100, sales centers, hair salons and Internet cafes, he added.

Regarding the cinema, he said that it is situated in front of the Water Fountain Garden where it is crowded with Nay Pyi Taw dwellers at the weekend. With the aim of offering another leisure facility for holiday-makers, the construction of the cinema has begun under the supervision of the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs.

He continued that G-4 group of companies continues to implement the construction works of Nay Pyi Taw development after Mount Pleasant Hotel was opened in the not too distant future.

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**Objectives of 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day**

1. To uphold Our Three Main National Causes at risk to life as the national policy
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U Tha Htay Member of the board of directors, G-4 group of companies, inaugurated on 19 December, 2009. He explained to us that the purpose of building the cinema is for better public recreation and relaxation.

As part of the drive for development of Nay Pyi Taw in all sectors by the government, Aung Thabye modern cinema featuring modern design that will offer international standard 2D, 3D films to the Nay Pyi Taw dwellers will be opened in the not too distant future.

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**Advanced sound system installed at Aung Thabye modern cinema.**

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Mexico-Caricom summit pledges fight against crime, climate change

PLAYA DEL CARMEN, 22 Feb—The inaugural summit between Mexico and the Caribbean Community (Caricom) concluded on Sunday with participants pledging further efforts to fight organized crime and redress climate change.

Participants also agreed to have their next summit in two years in Barbados.

“We have agreed to implement a mechanism that shows what all the nations in the region are doing to fight organized crime,” Mexican President Felipe Calderon told the closing session. Participants have also agreed to work more closely to fight climate change, the president added.

“We are aware of the need to revert the negative effects of climate change and the need to join forces to do so,” Calderon said.

Dominican Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerrit demanded that the international community make good its promise to help poorer countries cope with effects of climate change.

“At the Conference of the Parties (COP) we want to see a fund that can make the remedial measures needed concrete,” Skerrit said.

Mexico will host the 16th COP in November and the country is a key promoter of a 10-billion-US-dollar fund to facilitate remedial measures in less developed countries.

The Dominican Prime Minister also expressed the region’s solidarity with Haiti.—Xinhua

Briton dead in Madeira floods

LONDON, 22 Feb—A Briton has died after flash floods on the Portuguese tourist island of Madeira, the Foreign Office said on Sunday, the first confirmed death of a foreign national in the disaster.

“We can confirm that one British national has died in Madeira,” said a Foreign Office statement on Sunday. Next of kin had been informed, said the statement, adding no further details would be released at the present time.

British newspapers reported on Monday the victim was a female tourist, 50-year-old Pamela Gaines. She had been travelling between hotels with her husband and another British couple when their taxi was swept away by water from a swollen river, said the Daily Telegraph and the Times.

Her husband and the other couple escaped but Pamela Gaines and the taxi driver were swept away, said the Telegraph.—Internet

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Samsung Electronics voted as favourite place to work

SEOUL, 22 Feb—Samsung Electronics Co, the world’s top memory chip maker, was picked as the most preferred place to work for by local college students for the seventh straight year, a survey showed on Monday.

In a survey conducted by South Korea’s online job portal Incruit, 14.5 percent of the total 1,059 respondents picked Samsung Electronics as their favourite place to work for post-graduation, as 31 percent of those who selected Samsung cited reasons based on the company’s sufficient salary and fair reward system.

The second choice was Kookmin Bank, South Korea’s top lender, garnering 6.1 percent of the total votes, followed by CJ Cheil Jaedang Corp, a local food distributor, and the country’s top Internet portal, NHN Corp, with 6 percent and 4.2 percent respectively, according to the survey.—Xinhua

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**Supermarkets in Japan see sales drop in January**

**Tokyo, 22 Feb—Japan’s supermarkets saw sales fall both compared to the same month in the previous year and to December, according to statistics released on Monday. The data, released by the Japan Chain Stores Association, showed that sales adjusted for location were down by 4.9 percent compared to the previous month. Supermarkets sold 1.1 trillion yen (12 billion dollars) worth of goods in January. The number of supermarkets also fell compared to January in the previous year by eight, with 570 remaining through Japan.**—Xinhua

**Vietnam bear cub dies, mother freed at bile farm**

Ho Chi Minh City, 22 Feb—A bear cub died at the weekend after its unexpected birth to a mother rescued from 18 others from an illegal bile farm in Vietnam, according to an animal welfare group.

The week-old moon bear cub, named “Tiger” for the new Lunar Year, died on Sunday morning despite attempts to treat it at the Moon Bear Rescue Center near Hanoi, said Hong Kong-based Animals Asia Foundation, which runs the facility.

Tiger’s mother is one of 19 bears rescued in January from 40-foot (12-meter) cargo containers in Binh Duong Province near southern Ho Chi Minh City.

“Our veterinary team was taken by surprise by the birth, as Vietnamese farms don’t breed,” an Animals Asia statement said.

The birth suggested that Tiger’s mother was probably taken from the wild, against Vietnamese law, the group said.—Internet

**Developing countries face health problem caused by e-waste**

Bali, 22 Feb—Developing countries face health problem caused by electronic waste (e-waste) dumped by rich ones, a UN official said here on Monday. “Developing countries will also face rising environmental damage and health problems if e-waste recycling is left to vagaries of informal sector,” Achim Steiner, the United Nations’ Under Secretary and the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Program told a press conference in Nusa Dua of Indonesia’s Bali Province.

He added that boosting developing country e-waste recycling rates can have the potential to generate decent employment, cut greenhouse gas emissions and recover a wide range of valuable metals, including silver, gold, palladium, copper and indium. “By acting now and planning forward, many countries can turn an e-challenge into an e-opportunity,” said Steiner.

Steiner said that the aim of the report titled “Recycling from E-Waste to Resources” was not to prevent people to buy electronic equipment any more. “That’s not our goal. We just want to say that this report gives new urgency to establishing ambitious, formal and regulated processes for collecting and managing e-waste via setting up of large, efficient facilities,” said Steiner.

The report cites a variety of sources to illustrate the e-waste problem, adding that global e-waste generation is growing by about 40 million tons a year.

**S Korea’s STX Group announces not to bid for Daewoo E&C**

Seoul, 22 Feb—South Korea’s STX Group said on Monday that it decided not to bid for Daewoo Engineering & Construction (E&C) Co, a construction unit of cash-strapped Kumho Asiana Group.

According to media reports, the move reflected varying levels of sleep and that the amount of rest a person got affected their mental abilities. **INTERNET**
US scientists warn of fraud of stem cell ‘banks’

SAN DIEGO, 22 Feb—Clinics that offer to “bank” stem cells from the umbilical cords of newborns for use later in life when illness strikes are fraudsters, a top US scientist said here Saturday.

Clinics in many countries allow parents to deposit stem cells from their neonate’s umbilical cord with a view to using the cells to cure major illnesses that could occur later in life.

In Thailand, for example, parents pay in the region of 3,600 dollars to make a deposit in a stem cell bank, thinking they are taking out a sort of health insurance for their child. But Irving Weissman, director of the Institute of Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine at Stanford University in California, said the well-meaning parents were being fleeced by the stem cell bankers.

“Umbilical cords contain blood-forming stem cells at a level that would maintain the blood-forming capacity of a very young child,” Weissman told reporters at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).

“They could also have derived mesenchymal cells — fiberglass-like cells that have a very limited capacity to make scar, bone, fat — but they don’t make brain, they don’t make blood, they don’t make heart, they don’t make skeletal muscle, despite what various people claim,” he said.—Internet

Diabetes drug linked to heart attacks

WASHINGTON, 22 Feb—The US Senate Finance Committee released a 334-page report on Saturday showing a link between the Type 2 diabetes drug Avandia and thousands of heart attacks. The committee’s report, which reviewed more than 250,000 pages of documents provided by drug maker GlaxoSmithKline, the US Food and Drug Administration and research institutes, also criticized the FDA for ignoring safety concerns about Avandia (rosiglitazone) brought up by its staff, CNN reported.

The Wall Street Journal said confidential studies showed FDA officials recommended Avandia be removed from the market because of a risk of heart attacks and heart failure.

The FDA is the federal agency charged with regulating food, tobacco and medications.

“Americans have a right to know there are serious health risks associated with Avandia, and GlaxoSmithKline had a responsibility to tell them,” committee chairman Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., said. “Patients trust drug companies with their health and their lives, and GlaxoSmithKline abused that trust.”—Internet

Water replaces fat in chocolate bar

BIRMINGHAM, 22 Feb—British scientists say a new generation of low-fat foods includes a chocolate bar that is nearly two-thirds water yet has the taste, smell and texture of regular chocolate, lead researcher Philip Cox said.

Cox and his team also are working on a new “super porridge” that would help dieters feel full because it remains in the stomach for up to six hours when liquid changes into a gel after coming into contact with stomach acid.—Internet

Couple enjoys wedding with Apple theme

NEW YORK, 22 Feb—A New York man said he and his new wife chose to get married in an Apple store after initially getting to know each other while shopping for an iPhone.

Josh Li said his wife, Ting, was the first to suggest the couple embrace his love of Apple by holding their wedding in a store dedicated to the computer company’s products, The Daily Telegraph reported on Saturday.

“I used to joke that the Apple Store is my church because I am not religious, and I loved everything Apple,” Li said.

The couple’s unauthorized Valentine’s Day wedding was attended by nearly 30 guests, as well as a priest dressed as Apple Chief Executive Officer Steve Jobs.—Internet

Where dust comes from

TUCSON, 22 Feb—Most indoor household dust that collects on furniture and floors actually comes from outdoors, University of Arizona researchers found.

David Layton and Paloma Beamer said that household dust consists of a potpourri that includes dead skin shed by people, fibers from carpets and upholstered furniture and tracked-in soil and airborne particles blown in from outdoors.

The dust also includes lead, arsenic and other potentially hazardous substances that migrate indoors from outside air and soil. Those substances can be a special concern for children, who put dust-contaminated toys and other objects into their mouths.

The scientists used a computer model that tracked distribution of contaminated soil and airborne particulates into residences from outdoors.—Internet

Chardonnay vines are seen at a vineyard in New South Wales, Australia. Australian drinks giant Foster’s Sunday warned one quarter of the nation’s grape vines needed to be pulled up to reverse a damaging wine glut forcing growers to let their fruit wither on the vine.—INTERNET

People crowd the Dachengdian Square at the Confucius Temple area in Nanjing, capital of east China’s Jiangsu Province, on 19 Feb, 2010. China’s retail sales hit 340 billion yuan (49.8 billion US dollars) during the “golden week” of Spring Festival, up 17.2 percent over the same period of last year. And the country recorded more visits during the holiday, up 23.1 percent in expenditure over the previous period.—XINHUA
Higuain double hands Pellegrini win over old team

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** REAL MADRID’S ARGENTINIAN forward Gonzalo Higuain celebrates after scoring a goal against Villarreal during their Spanish League football match at Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid.** — Internet

** LEVERKUSEN pip Bayern to top spot

** BERLIN, 22 Feb — Bayer Leverkusen equalled a Bundesliga record of 23 straight games unbeaten on Sunday as they overhauled Bayern Munich on goal difference at the top of the table with a 2-2 draw away to Werder Bremen. Following a disappointing 1-1 draw away to lowly local rivals Nuremberg, Bayern are one goal behind Leverkusen, who were left to rue a lack of concentration that allowed Bremen to score an agonising last-minute equaliser.**

** Despite drawing two games the in-form leaders have nevertheless stretched their lead over third-placed Schalke to four points after they slipped up 2-1 to last season’s champions Wolfsburg. But Leverkusen coach Jupp Heynckes dis- missed what he described as premature talk of lifting the Bundesliga crown. — Internet

** Querrey rallies to beat Isner for Memphis title

** MEMPHIS, 22 Feb — Sam Querrey rallied for a 6-7 (3/7), 7-6 (7/5), 6-3 triumph over fellow American John Isner Sunday in the final of the ATP Tour’s Memphis tournament. Isner, the sixth seed, overpowered his doubles partner and newly named Davis Cup teammate in the first set, but faltered after taking a 5-2 lead in the second-set tiebreaker. Eighth-seeded Querrey, who upset top-seeded Andy Roddick in the quarter-finals, battled back to claim the third ti- tle of his career and first of 2010. Querrey would have been broken in the match, won two straight points on Isner’s serve to take a 6-5 lead in the sec- ond-set tiebreaker and rolled from there.**

** He broke Isner for a 2- 1 lead in the third, and broke again to seal the match. Isner had been in firm control, taking a 5-2 lead in the second-set tiebreaker when Querrey miss-hit a return. — Internet

** ROMA and Milan close in on leaders Inter

** ROME, 22 Feb — AS Roma closed the gap to leaders Inter Milan at the top of Serie A to just five points with a narrow 1-0 win over Catania at the Stadio Olimpico in the capital on Sunday. And AC Milan stayed in the hunt as well, bouncing back from Tuesday’s 3-2 Champions League defeat at home to Manchester United with a 2-0 success at Bari. Montenegrin forward Mirko Vucinic scored the only goal of the game as Roma took their unbeaten run in the league to 15 matches with their seventh Serie A win in a row.**

** Inter’s lead in the second three matches with the champions having drawn three in a row, including Saturday’s 0-0 stalemate at home to Sampdoria, in Rome.** — Internet

** AS Roma’s midfielder captain Daniele De Rossi jubilates at the end of the match after defeating Catania 1-0 in their Serie A football match AS Roma vs Catania at Olimpico Stadium in Rome.** — Internet

** Miyazato wins season-opening LPGA Thailand

** BANGKOK, 22 Feb — Japanese star Ai Miyazato rallied to win the season-opening Honda PTT LPGA Thailand on Sunday, holing a 30-foot birdie chip on the final hole for a 9-under 63 and a one-stroke victory over Norway’s Suzann Pettersen. Miyazato, six strokes behind Pettersen after the third round, was 6 under in a six-hole stretch midway through the round, then birdied three of the next six holes to match the tournament record of 21 under set by Pettersen in October 2007.**

** I didn’t think of win- ning. I was just focused on my game and tried to do my best in the final round.” Miyazato said. “It was my lucky day as no matter what I did was right. This victory is a good start of the season for me,” Pettersen finished with a 70 Siam Country Club’s Old Course. She signed for a chance to force a playoff on the par-5 18th, but missed a 23-foot eagle try.** — Internet

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** Ferguson then turned to striker Wayne Rooney, whose red-hot form has helped com- pensate for the departure of Cristiano Ronaldo to Real Madrid last sum- mer. “What we’re seeing now is a terror of a player,” said the Scot.** — Internet

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Blast kills six in Pakistan’s Swat

MINGORA, 22 Feb.—At least six people were killed and several others were injured Monday in an explosion in northwest Pakistan’s Swat, police said.

The blast at Nishat chowk in Mingora, the main town of Swat, also damaged six shops and destroyed at least eight vehicles. Swat police and hospital sources said at least six people were killed, including two security officials and four civilians.—Xinhua.

**WEATHER**

**Monday, 22nd February, 2010**

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin, Rakhine, Mon States, Upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below February average temperatures in Kachin, Shan, Rakhine, Kayah and Kayin States, Mandalay and Bago Divisions, (7°C) below February average temperatures in Chin State, (4°C) above February average temperatures in Taninthayi Division and about February average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant night temperatures were Haka and Loilem (0°C) each, Pinlaung (3°C), Lashio and An (4°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 21-2-2010 was 94°F. Minimum temperature on 22-2-2010 was 63°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 22-2-2010 was 71%. Total sun shine hours on 21-2-2010 was (8.8) hours approx. Rainfall on 22-2-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from West at (19:30) hours MST on 21-2-2010.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 23rd February 2010: Light rain are likely to be isolated in Kachin and Rakhine States, Taninthayi Division, weather will be partly cloudy in Southern Shan and Kayah States, Magway and Mandalay Divisions and fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Generally fair weather in the whole county.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 23-2-2010: Parity cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 23-2-2010: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 23-2-2010: Parity cloudy.
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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

Htantabin gets more infrastructures

Yangon 22 Feb—Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence together with Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint today visited Gyogong river water pumping station in Htantabin Township and inspected supply of irrigation water. Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party then attended the stake-driven ceremony for construction of a 16-bed station hospital in Bawle village-tract of the township. Lt-Gen Myint Swe presented cash to basic education schools of the village-tract for renovation.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party visited farm of Dagon Group and Ngwepinle Farming Enterprise. He also viewed cultivation of summer paddy in Shwekyawpyat region and construction of concrete bridge on Yedwingon-Myochaung-Tawlati Road.

Aung Thabye Modern Cinema: a new relaxation facility for Nay Pyi Taw dwellers

Article: Win Kyaw; Photos: Khin Maung Win (Kyemon)

Every body has to work and it is necessary to do something for relaxation after work. People try to relax for pleasure and relieving stress. When we, Myanma Alin news crew, heard the news about an advanced cinema is under construction and efforts are being made to open it in the not too distant future as a recreation facility for the people around Nay Pyi Taw, we went to the construction site of the cinema near Thabyegon Roundabout, in front of Water Fountain Garden, on Zabu Thabye Road in Nay Pyi Taw Zabuthiri for a byline. We had an interview with U Tha Htay, member of board of directors of G-4 group of companies. He explained to us that the cinema which is under construction is a 2D, 3D cinema. Work on construction of the cinema began on August, 2009, and it will be opened during March of this year.

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Three hospital exam centres for matriculation students

Yangon, 22 Feb—According to the coordination between the Department of Health and the Myanmar Board of Examinations, arrangements have been made to open three hospital examination centres at Yangon General Hospital, Central Women’s Hospital and Waibagi Specialist Hospital for the students who will sit for the matriculation examination to be held from 10 to 19 March.

The students (in-patient) may contact the medical public relation officers assigned at those hospitals.—MNA