Continuing safeguarding the motherland

The entire people have to bear in mind the historical background of independence struggles forever and will have to continue to safeguard the motherland for ensuring perpetuity of the nation and sovereignty.

Senior General Than Shwe
Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council
Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services
(From message sent on the occasion of 61st Anniversary Independence Day)

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Four political objectives

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

Progress of infrastructures across the nation in the time of the State Peace and Development Council

Education and Health Sector

Efforts are to be made for achieving success in building a new industrialized, modern and developed nation through mental and physical might of healthy, fit and qualified human resources

Well-versed human resources are essential for building a highly-industrialized, modern and developed new nation. Thus, the government is constantly giving first priority to development of human resources. To be able to turn out highly-qualified human resources, emphasis is being placed on upgrading education and health sectors. Today, progress of education and health sectors can be witnessed more obviously than any other sector.

In nurturing the youth, a main task is to enable all the citizens to pursue basic and higher education step by step. Likewise, health and fitness of all citizens is a high priority. As the objective saying “Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation” has adopted and is being implemented in all aspects, remarkable progress of education infrastructures has been made with a growing number of basic education schools, universities, colleges, and other universities and colleges regarding science and technology. At the same time, all parts of the Union have been provided with health infrastructures such as hospitals at station, township, district, State/Region levels and health educational institutions including universities of medicine.

As a result of upgrading education and health sectors, all the school-going children can enjoy the fruits of learning basic education, and so on.

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**Monday, 3 January, 2011**

**Say no to tobacco**

The bad habit of smoking is rampant all over the world today. Tobacco and related products cause many diseases.

Cigarette smoke contains chemical agents that cause cancer. So, cigarette smokers are subject to lung cancer, liver cancer, oral cavity cancer, cardiovascular diseases, arteriosclerosis and hypertension.

Smoking is also harmful to passive smokers. Research shows that on average, more than 600,000 people around the world die yearly due to second smoking, which is a warning for children of smoker parents and those who work or stay with smoker partners.

In Myanmar, cigarette and cheroot are popular in urban areas; and cheroot, cigar and pipe are common in rural areas.

Smoker or passive-smoker pregnant women may suffer abortion and give birth to underweight babies and mentally impaired babies. And children of smoker parents may have asthma, swollen tracheas and lung cancer.

Using any forms of tobacco-based products is detrimental to the health of smokers and passive smokers. The people will be free from tobacco-caused diseases if everyone says no to tobacco, and laws for control of tobacco products are reinforced effectively.

**UMFCCI officials meet Egyptian delegation**

**Yangon, 2 Jan**—Vice-Presidents of UMFCCI U Zaw Min Win and U Aung Lwin, General Secretary Dr Maung Maung Lay met Chief Executive Officer Mr Eng Ezz Arif and Project Manager Dr Sayed Meshref of National Company for Meat Trade of Egypt at the hall of the federation on 29 December.

At the meeting, they focused on promotion of bilateral trade and opportunity for investment in agricultural sector.—**MNA**

**Outstanding students in Kachin State honoured**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 2 Jan**—Kachin State Peace and Development Council honoured outstanding schools and students in Kachin State on 24 December.

Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of the Northern Command Brig-Gen Zeyar Aung and officials concerned presented the best award for passing rate and the best award to a school and a township and awards to six distinction winners.

The ceremony to honour outstanding schools and students were also attended by senior military officers, departmental officials, members of social organizations, teachers and students.—**MNA**

**Mayor attends opening of road and tube well in Kyauktada Tsp**

**Yangon, 2 Jan**—Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor U Aung Thein Lin attended the opening ceremonies of Seikkantha concrete road (Upper Block) and tube well held at No. 7 Ward, Kyauktada Township today. Two facilities were built by YCDC as a gesture of honouring the 63rd Anniversary Independence Day.

At the ceremony, the mayor, joint secretary U Kyaw Soe of YCDC and Chairman of Road Maintenance Committee U Maung Maung unveiled the facilities.

After that, the mayor and the joint secretary sprinkled the scented water on the stone plaque of the road. The mayor launched the well and strolled along the road.

Afterwards, the mayor opened a two-storey steel structure Dhammayon on Seikkantha Street (Upper) in Kyauktada Township and inspected it.

Next, the mayor enjoyed the football matches at gymnasium in Hline University Campus and football grounds in No.14/1-2 wards in South Okkalapa Township.—**MNA**

**Sports meets hail 63rd Anniversary Independence Day**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 2 Jan**—Hailing the 63rd Anniversary Independence Day, the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs is organizing the men’s Futsal tournament, the women’s Takraw contest with the participation of staff and family members, here, on 29 December.

The final matches will be held on 4 January, the 63rd Anniversary Independence Day. Moreover, the lucky draw programme will be held for staff and family members.—**MNA**

**Yangon Media Group marks 6th birthday**

**Yangon, 2 Jan**—Sixth anniversary of Yangon Media Group was held at Chatrium Hotel here yesterday. Chief Executive Officer of Yangon Media Group U Ko Ko (Ko Ko Sethmu Tekkatho) extended greeting at the ceremony. After that, deputy director general U Tint Swe of the Information and Public Relations Department under the Ministry of Information and General Secretary Dr Maung Maung Lay of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry spoke words of honour.

The guests and officials presented cash awards and outstanding awards to the staff of YM. The YM brings out Flower News, Yangon Times and 8 Days a Week Journals.—**MNA**
**Suicide and roadside bombings challenges for NATO in Afghanistan**

KABUL, 2 Jan—The blatant use of simple but lethal homemade Taleban weapon — the Improvised Explosive Device (IED) used in making suicide vests and roadside bombs — has proved challenging for NATO as the military alliance has failed to contain it in the militancy-plagued Afghanistan.

Taleban activities mostly in the shape of suicide and roadside bombings had left 711 service members of the well-equipped military alliance dead in 2010 with 498 of them Americans, according to iCasualties, a website tracking NATO fatalities in war on terror, making the year the bloodiest one since the war in Afghanistan overthrowing Taleban regime in late 2001.

The militants in their latest waves of targeting NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in Afghanistan eliminated two service members, one of them in IED strike on Friday, the last day of 2010, ISAF confirmed in statements.

Militants loyal to the ousted Taleban regime since their regrouping in 2006 and staging a violent comeback have been striking the Afghan and NATO-led troops, overwhelmingly in the shape of deadly suicide attacks and roadside bombings. Xinhua

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**Denmark to withdraw combat troops from Afghanistan by 2014**

COPENHAGEN, 2 Jan—Denmark is to immediately begin a gradual withdrawal of its combat troops from Afghanistan, and instead the Danish contribution will be focused on training and support of the Afghan army, announced Danish Prime Minister Lars Loekke Rasmussen during his traditional new year’s speech Saturday.

“The gradual transition from combat to training and support will continue until 2014. In the same period we will decrease the number of deployed combat troops. After 2014, the Danish contingent will be without combat troops,” said Rasmussen.

Last year, he said Denmark would have withdrawn all troops from Afghanistan before 2015.

He also stated Saturday that the Danish government is fully aware that the changes will not be less risky for Danes in Afghanistan.

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**Four killed in 4th US drone strike in NW Pakistan**

ISLAMABAD, 2 Jan—At least four people were killed in the fourth US drone strike launched Saturday in Pakistan’s northwest tribal area of North Waziristan, reported local Urdu TV channel ARY.

According to the report, the fourth strike came at the evening time when a US drone fired two missiles at a vehicle suspected of carrying militants in the Datta Khel area of North Waziristan, a place which borders Afghanistan and is believed to be a stronghold of militants.

The latest strike is the fourth of its kind since Saturday morning and a total of 19 people were reportedly killed in the four strikes.

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**Two police officers, one soldier killed in Iraq’s violence**

BAQRABA, 2 Jan—Two police officers and one Iraqi soldier were killed in separate attacks in Iraq, police said Saturday.

Gunmen shot dead Lieutenant Colonel Ihsan Fadhil, head of the communication department of Baghdad police command, while he was driving on a highway in eastern Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

In a separate incident, gunmen shot down another police officer in Baladayt neighbourhood in southeastern the capital, the source said.

In eastern Iraq, a local official and his wife were wounded when an explosive charge planted inside their house detonated in the morning in western Baquba, the capital city of Diyala Province, some 65 km northeast of Baghdad, a provincial police source said. —Xinhua
US researchers discover how microbes cooperate

Los Angeles, 2 Jan—US researchers have discovered that “interspecies electron transfer” entails one microorganism forming a direct electrical connection to another. Scientists have known since the 1960s that microorganisms can indirectly exchange electrons through a process called hydrogen transfer, in which one microbe produces hydrogen and then another microbe consumes it. But the new discovery goes a step further — rather than a baton pass of sorts, it is two species directly plugging into each other. The study findings were published by the Los Angeles Times on Saturday.

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Nausea and vomiting are common among pregnant women. Although these symptoms often are dubbed morning sickness, they can last all day. The American Academy of Family Physicians offers these suggestions to help alleviate morning sickness:

* Prepare several small meals during the day to prevent getting too hungry or too full.
* Stick to bland and lighter foods, rather than those high in fat, grease, or spices.
* Don’t eat anything with a smell that bothers you or makes you feel nauseous.
* Choose carbohydrates such as white rice or a plain baked potato.
* Keep some saltine crackers next to your bed, used by some people to prevent sea sickness.
* Some women are bothered by iron in their prenatal vitamins. If this includes you, speak to your doctor.—Internet

A new study published this month implies that eating fruits and vegetables doesn’t help prevent cancer as much as it’s touted. Internet

**Hair of the dog** no hangover cure, say experts

NEW YORK, 2 Jan—During this season of good cheer and abundant holiday parties, hangovers are not uncommon. And while folk remedies abound, the only things that are truly helpful in curing the misery of a hangover the morning after are time and fluid replacement, experts say. “Although the cause of a hangover — drinking too much alcohol — is obvious, the reason behind alcohol’s ability to make you feel so rotten the day after isn’t as clear.”

“Alcohol clearly causes hangovers, but why it causes hangover isn’t very well understood,” said Dr Andrew Yacht, director of the division of general medicine and vice chair of medicine for education at Maimonides Medical Center in New York City.

“Part of the suspected cause is dehydration and an electrolyte and hormonal imbalance. Some of the symptoms may be caused by low blood sugar. Or, it may be that the direct toxic effects of alcohol are causing the symptoms,” he explained.

Dehydration is probably one of the more important reasons for a hangover, said Dr Brandon Browne, a staff physician in the department of emergency medicine at Scott & White Healthcare in Round Rock, Tex. “Alcohol is a diuretic, which means that it helps the body get rid of fluids. When you have a severe hangover, you’re often severely dehydrated, and the body can’t get rid of the byproducts of metabolizing alcohol (metabolites). And those metabolites are irritating.”—Internet

Sleep apnea device eases fatigue in three weeks

CHICAGO, 2 Jan—People with breathing problems that disrupt their sleep were less tired after three weeks of treatment with a breathing device compared to those treated with a placebo, US researchers said on Saturday.

The findings show that regular use of treatment with continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) masks reduces fatigue caused by obstructive sleep apnea, a chronic disorder that affects 12 million Americans.

Sleep apnea raises the risk of high blood pressure, heart attack, stroke, irregular heartbeat and diabetes. It occurs when soft tissue in the back of the throat collapses during sleep, blocking the airway and causing the brain to rouse the sleeper, who gasps for air — a cycle that can occur as many as 30 times in an hour. CPAP disrupts this cycle by providing a steady stream of air through a mask that keeps the airway open during sleep.

Companies that make CPAP treatments include Graymark Healthcare and ResMed Inc. “Those results are important as they highlight that patients who comply with CPAP therapy can find relief from fatigue and experience increases in energy and vigour after a relatively short treatment period,” Lianne Tomfohr of San Diego State University and the University of California, San Diego, whose study appears in the journal Sleep, said in a statement.—Reuters

**Russia in milestone oil pipeline supply to China**

MONTREAL, 2 Jan—Nunavut Iron Ore has boosted its bid for Baffinland Iron Mines, the latest move in a battle with steel giant ArcelorMittal for the junior company’s iron ore deposit in Canada’s north.

Nunavut Iron raised its offer by five Canadian cents a share to 1.45 Canadian dollars a share, and valued the company at about 570 million dollars.

“This increase means our offer remains the clearly superior choice for Baffinland shareholders,” Bruce Walter, chairman of Nunavut Iron, said Friday. “In light of ArcelorMittal’s amendment to its offer announced earlier today, Nunavut Iron is continuing to assess its options beyond the increase of the offer price to 1.45 dollars,” Walter said.

Early Friday, Luxembourg-based ArcelorMittal hiked its offer for Baffinland to 1.40 dollars per share for the whole company, valuing it at about 550 million dollars.—Internet

**US jobs data — first Wall Street test in 2011**

NEW YORK, 2 Jan—US stocks entered 2011 at two-year highs, facing a crucial reading next week on the health of the US economy: the monthly unemployment and job creation data.

“There’s a wave of optimism which began in the markets several months ago and which now is being reinforced by macroeconomic numbers.”

Over the past week, the Dow Jones Industrial Average barely budged, slipping 0.03 percent to close Friday at 11,577.51 points.

The tech-rich NASDAQ dropped 0.48 percent to 2,652.87 points while the Standard & Poor’s 500 index, a broad measure of the market, added 0.07 percent to 1,257.64 points.

**People look for employment at a career training centre operated by the New York Department of Labour in Harlem in December 2010 in New York City.**—Internet
Progress of infrastructures across the nation....

Furthermore, they have the opportunity to pursue master’s degrees and doctoral courses in the higher education. Likewise, the national health indexes regarding health and fitness and life expectancy are rising step by step. Therefore, all-out efforts are to be made for achieving success in building the highly-industrialized, modern and developed new nation through mental and physical strengths of healthy, fit and highly-qualified human resources.

Special features to hail the 63rd Anniversary Independence Day

Progress of education sector across the nation after 1988

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Hpa-an University in Hpa-an Township, Kayin State.

Orthopaedic Specialist Hospital in Mandalay.
Progress of university of medicine and training schools from 1988 to date

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Magnificent three-storey lecture hall of Government Technological College (Ayethaya).

Construction Minister inspects Pathein-Monywa Road

NAJPYATW, 2 Jan—Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint on 31 December heard reports on placing of asphalt, and digging of drains from mile posts 179/6 to 363/0 of Pathein-Monywa Road presented by Deputy Chief Engineer U Thein Zaw at the camp of the road section (2).

The minister gave instructions on construction of the road meeting set standards and efforts to be made for timely completion of the road.

The minister looked into paving the road from mile posts 29/6 to 219/6 by Road Special Group (15).

He also inspected construction of 1100 feet long Mindon Bridge by Bridge Construction Project Special Group (4), drilling of new bored pile at Hwarchaung Bridge and construction of asphalt facility.

Together with Deputy Minister U Myint Thein, the minister met engineer in-charge and responsible persons of companies from road section-1 and section-2 and gave necessary instructions.

The minister inspected progress of building the road section from 136/2 to 146/2 constructed by Road Special Group (2). Next, he met the managing director of Shwe Thanlwin Co and attended to the needs.

Seven District Public Works, four special groups and six companies are building the Pathein-Monywa Road Section-1 (Kangale-Thongwa-Yekyi-Ngaithaingyaung-Bette-Okshtipin) section with might and main for timely completion of it.—MNA

Equestrian Contest hails 63rd Anniversary Independence Day

YANGON, 2 Jan—The Equestrian Contest in commemoration of the 63rd Anniversary Independence Day 2011, organized by Myanmar Equestrian Federation, was held at National Sports Complex, Pyidaungsu Road, North Dagon Township, this morning. In the first day competition, Show Jumping (Team) final match was held, and trials for junior and senior galloping events followed. The contest will continue till 4 January.—MNA

Physics graduates of YASU pay respects to faculty members

YANGON, 2 Jan—Graduates of Physics major from Yangon Arts and Science University for 1974-78 academic year held the second respect-paying ceremony at Universities’ Dhammayon in Kamayut Township this morning.

Old students paid respects to faculty members.

On behalf of the old faculty members, Dr Tin Aung gave words of advice. Daw San San, on behalf of old students, spoke words of thanks.—MNA

Slight earthquake hits Yunnan Province

NAJPYATW, 2 Jan—The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology issued an announcement today that a slight earthquake of magnitude 4.9 Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (Yunnan Province) about 200 miles northeast of Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at 6 hrs 4 min 10 sec MST on 2nd January 2011.—MNA
People are by nature flippant about political freedom. Supposing independence is lost, the people of a nation lose everything; their all hopes are blown away; and they go through the hell of untold miseries.

Many countries used to be colonies due to their negligence or great gap of arm power. In those days, they lost self-determination to colonialists. It does not take long for a nation to lose political control. But to regain independence may take centuries, and cost a countless number of lives. A colonial power never grants independence to their colonies willingly. That is reflected by the history of Myanmar’s independence struggles. Myanmar people have first-hand experience of the yoke of colonial rule.

Myanmar fell under subjugation of British colonialists for more than 100 years. In the colonial period, it had to sacrifices massive numbers of lives of its people to regain independence. Only on the 4th of January 1948, was it granted independence. Myanmar’s independence struggles formed a very long history and cost heavily. The 63rd Anniversary of Independence Day falls tomorrow.

The 63rd Anniversary Independence Day coincides more blessings than that in previous anniversaries. Multiparty democracy general elections have been held successfully. Before long, respective parliaments will be formed with representatives-elect. Myanmar will soon open a new chapter of the governing body that will take over duties to build a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation.

So, the people have to hail Independence Day by implementing its objectives. It is national brethren who risked life and limb to regain independence as well as who have safeguarded it for 63 years. Without any doubt, those who will continue to safeguard Myanmar’s independence for its perpetuation cannot be any others, except Myanmar people.

The onus is on the entire people to remain harmonious for perpetuation of the State’s independence and sovereignty. And the entire people have to put in the fore non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty.

National brethren are by nature devout and nationalistic and stand on their own feet. They have preserved a fine tradition of regaining independence and sovereignty through consolidated unity. Learning lessons from the incidents faced by the nation in the post-independence period, the people are well convinced that Our Three Main National Causes namely Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of national solidarity, and Perpetuation of sovereignty is a bounden duty on their shoulders. Therefore, the government, the people and the Tatmadaw have been working together, adhering to Our Three Main National Causes to make the nation an emerging democracy with flourishing discipline.

Since its assumption of State duties, the ruling government has given the top priority to national reconsolidation. Stability, peace and national unity are fundamental requirements for development of a nation. With this object in view, the government has made reforms in a different way from previous governments for national reconsolidation. As a result, so far, 17 major national race armed groups and over 20 small groups have returned to the legal fold.

From 1988 onwards, stability and peace have been restored throughout the nation. The government gave green light for projects for progress of border areas and national races and the 24-special Region Development Project for all-round development of all the regions that have seen stability and peace. Now, the progress of far-flung (See page 9)
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**Woman missing in Australian floodwaters**

Flooding in an area larger than France and Germany combined. While the rain has stopped, rivers are still surging to new heights and overflowing into low-lying towns as the water makes its way toward the ocean.

On Saturday night, two cars trying to cross a flooded causeway were swept into a river in Burketown, in western Queensland, police said. A 41-year-old woman travelling in the second car disappeared in the rushing water, and police were searching the river and its banks for her on Sunday.

Officials say half of Queensland’s 715,305 square miles (1.8 million square kilometres) has been affected by the flooding. Queensland Premier Anna Bligh said the school system was safe and delivering what they promise. The schools are also the essential part of daily life for around 200,000 people affected by floodwaters.

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**20 missing after ship sinks off Marshall islands**

**MAJURO, 2 Jan** — Twenty people are missing after a supply ship sank about 80 miles (130 kilometres) from the Marshall Islands capital Majuro early Saturday, officials said.

The 90-foot Jeljelet Ae was eight hours into a 200-mile open ocean journey to outlying Likiep Atoll when the crew radioed “they were in trouble,” said Marshall Islands Shipping Corporation chairman Alson Kelen.

The vessel, carrying heavy equipment and construction materials, is expected to cost billions of dollars.

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Three killed, over 40 injured in Russian plane explosion

Moscow, 2 Jan—At least three people were killed and more than 40 others injured when a Russian Tu-154 passenger jet exploded and caught fire at a Siberian airport on Saturday. One woman died at the scene in the Western Siberian oil town of Surgut, said a Health Ministry spokesperson. Emergency services spokesman Vadim Grebennikov said the fire, which began in one of the engines as the plane taxied for takeoff, caused a powerful blast that destroyed the aircraft and spread flames across an area of 100 square meters.

Somali pirates seize Mozambican fishing boat

NAIROBI, 2 Jan—Somali pirates seized a Mozambican fishing boat with 14 crew members on board in a sign of intensified attacks in the Indian Ocean in the past week, the East African Seafarers Board in Kenya said on Sunday.

The Mozambican-flagged Vega 5 was spotted 200 nautical miles southwest of Comoros and near Mozambique.

The piracy was the second reported this week, after the FV Shiuh Fu No 1 was captured on 25 Dec, 2010. The Mozambican fishing boat with 14 crew members on board was seized near the northern coast of Madagascar, Mozambique.

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Train crashes into barrier in southern Sweden

MALMO, 2 Jan—Rescue officials say the central train station in Malmo, southern Sweden, has been evacuated after a train without passengers crashed into a cement barrier.

Rescue services spokesman Torbjorn Krokstrom says the driver was taken to a hospital with light injuries.

He says the empty train was being brought into the train station when it hit the barrier Saturday. Krokstrom said the second carriage was pushed up on top of the engine and hit electric wires, prompting the evacuation of the station.

The cause of the accident wasn’t immediately clear.

Swedish Transport Administration spokesman Peter Behrmann said parts of the station remained closed Saturday afternoon, causing cancellations and delays to trains to and from Malmo.

Fire fighting vehicles park near a Tupolev-T154 passenger plane that caught fire and blew up in Surgut Airport in Western Siberia in this still image taken from video on 1 January, 2011.

Photo taken on 31 Dec, 2010 shows the fire at a Siberian airport on Saturday.

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Four children, one man killed in Seattle suburb fire

REDMOND, 2 Jan—A mother could only watch in agony as her four young children and a man were killed by an intense apartment fire that broke out a few hours into the new year, her neighbours in the apartment complex said Saturday.

Neighbour Jared Wilson said the 30-year-old woman was able to escape the two-bedroom groundfloor apartment and stood outside as heavy smoke and flames engulfed her home. All four children were 10 or younger, fire officials said.

“She couldn’t speak—she was just hysterically screaming,” said Wilson, 27, who lives on the building’s third floor.

A 32-year-old man in the same apartment also died, said police spokesman Officer Matt Peringer. The woman was taken to a hospital where she was reported in stable condition, said Fire Battalion Chief Ed Carolan. The names of the victims and the relationship between the man and woman were not immediately available.

No other injuries were reported and the residents of all 12 apartments in the three-storey wooden building were evacuated and found temporary housing

A trial train of Chongqing Subway Line No.3 runs on elevated rail in southwest China’s Chongqing Municipality, on 28 Dec, 2010. The subway line, with the highest speed of 75km per hour, started its trial run on Tuesday. It will be formally put into operation in June of next year.

Vietnam opens new international airport

HANOI, 2 Jan—Vietnam has opened a new international airport in the southern Mekong Delta, state media said on Sunday.

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Three killed, over 40 injured in Russian plane explosion

Fire fighting vehicles park near a Tupolev-T154 passenger plane that caught fire and blew up in Surgut Airport in Western Siberia in this still image taken from video on 1 January, 2011.
Hackers crack open mobile network

LONDON, 2 Jan —
Mobile calls and texts made on any GSM net-work can be eaves-dropped upon using four cheap phones and open source software, say security researchers.

Karsten Nohl and Sylvain Munaut demon-strated their eaves-dropping toolkit at the Chaos Computer Club Congress (CCC) in Berlin. The work builds on earlier research that has found holes in many parts of the most widely used mobile technology.

The pair spent a year putting together the parts of the eavesdropping toolkit.

“Now there’s a path from your telephone number to me finding you and listening to your calls,” Mr. Nohl told BBC News. “The whole way.” He said many of the pieces in the eavesdropping toolkit already existed thanks to work by other security researchers but there was one part the pair had to create themselves. “The one piece that completed the chain was the ability to record data off the air,” he said.

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Now only Kodachrome’s images endure as original colour film is made obsolete

EDINBURGH, 2 Jan — It captured some of the most iconic images of the 20th century, showing us the world in the brightest hues technology could provide. However, Kodachrome, the first commercially suc-cessful colour film, has become history after it was made on any GSM.net.

The shop’s machine was shut down for the last time, but only after fans of the film had travelled there from across the world to get theirs developed. Artist Alexisson Carter, 42, travelled from London, while a railway worker from Ar-kanzas spent US$15,798 (£10,198) developing 1,580 rolls of film of pic-ures of trains.

Playboy Hefner (84)

New York, 2 Jan — Proving it is never too late to find love, Hugh Hefner, the founder of Playboy magazine and the most famous wearer of dressing gowns in America has become engaged again at the adv-anced age of 84, making what he says is “the happiest Christmas week-end in memory”. The octo-generian lothario pop-ped the question to his current “number one girl-friend”, Crystal Harris (23) at the Playboy Man-sion on Christmas Eve, meaning that the British-American glamour mod-el, singer and actress will soon become the third Mrs Hefner.— INTERNET

Nintendo issues warning on 3DS games for children

LONDON, 2 Jan — The eyesight of children under six could be harmed by 3D games played on Nintendo’s forthcoming handheld console, the company has warned. The games giant posted the health warning on the website devoted to the 3DS handheld. It said spe-cialists had warned of pos-sible damage that could be caused by 3D games which present different im-ages to the right and left eye.

Younger children should only play 2D ver-sions of 3DS games, said Nintendo. The 3DS, the successor to the hugely popular DS handheld, goes on sale in late Febru-ary in Japan and in Europe and the US in March. The new handheld has two screens like older versions of the console with the top screen being able to show 3D images without the need for special glasses. Parents should turn off this function if the

A bus in Copenhagen shows special red covered love-seats, or special seats for people ready for flirting. The seats with the special red cover with the Danish word, Kaerlighedssede, love-seat, is a new offer from the bus company Arriva, to its younger passengers or any passenger with heart set for romance.— INTERNET

A man jogs amid the mist in Toronto, Canada, on 1 Jan, 2011. Temperature reached 12 degrees Celsius in Toronto on 1 Jan, 2011. Xinhua

Woman charged after giving teenagers rum

NEW YORK, 2 Jan — A woman in New York has been accused of a crimi-nal offence after giving rum to two teenagers who helped her shovel snow.

Silvia Deleon, 41, was charged with two counts of unlawfully dealing with a minor after the pair, aged 17 and 18, were discovered in a “highly intoxicated state” and their parents called the police.

David Chong, the public safety police com-missioner in White Plains, New York, said the teenagers were passing and saw Ms Deleon struggling to clear the snow left by the blizzard earlier this week. They offered to shovel her driveway and dig her car out “as a good deed,” according to a police report on the incident.— INTERNET

Rare monk seal colony found in the Mediterranean

ATHENS, 2 Jan — Scientists have found a colony of rare Mediterranean monk seals at an undis-covered location in Greece. The species is the world’s most endangered seal, and one of the most endan-gered marine mammals fewer than 600 individuals remain. Researchers are keeping the location of the colony secret to avoid hav-ing the seals disturbed by human visitors.

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Emerging versions of the DS have proved hugely popular with children.— INTERNET

A handheld is going to be used by a child under six years of age, said Nintendo. It said it had received advice from experts also applied to other 3D content that younger children might be exposed to. In issuing the warning, Nintendo joins Sony and Toshiba in alerting people to the ill ef-fects that can attend watching 3D movies or playing 3D games.— INTERNET

Video captures serial killer’s chilling defiance

LONDON, 2 Jan — Closed-circuit television footage that led British police to identify Stephen Griffiths as a serial killer has shown a self-proclaimed “Crossbow Cannibal” carrying the weapon in the hallway outside his apartment shortly after he killed one of his victims, then raising his middle finger to the camera.

Griffiths, 40, was ar-rested on 25 May after his building’s caretaker saw the video showing Griffiths assaulting a woman, then alerted au-thorities, according to the West Yorkshire Police in northern England. London’s Daily Mirror has posted the video of Griffiths in his apartment building on its website. The video was recorded minutes after he killed Suzanne Blamires, one of three prostitutes Griffiths confessed to killing, police said.— INTERNET
Jamestown unearths 400-year-old pipes for patrons

Archeologists at Jamestown have unearthed a trove of tobacco pipes personified for a who’s who of early 17th century colonial and British elites, underscoring the importance of tobacco to North America’s first permanent English settlement.

The white clay pipes—actually castoffs likely rejected during manufacturing—were crafted between 1608 and 1610 and bear the names of English politicians, social leaders, explorers, officers of the Virginia Company that financed the settlement and governors of the Virginia colony.

Archeologists also found equipment used to make the pipes. Researchers believe the pipes recovered from a well in James Fort were made to impress investors and the political elite with the financial viability of the settlement. They are likely the rejects that failed to survive the ceramic firing process in a kiln.

“Social Network” spells Hammer time for actor Armie

LOS ANGELES, 2 Jan—They look so much alike in Oscar-hopeful film “The Social Network,” they could be one man, and in fact, they are. But what the Winklevoss twins share with the actor who plays them has less to do with looks and more with their privileged background.

The actor, 24-year-old Armie Hammer, is the great grandson of oil tycoon and philanthropist Armand Hammer. He was blessed with good looks and a prominent family tree, like the Winklevoss. But the similarities seem to stop there.

While the Winklevoss twins, as portrayed in the movie, stuck to family traditions, attended Harvard University and became Olympic rowers. Hammer quit school, said hello to Hollywood and angered University and became Olympic rowers. Hammer time for actor Armie

Actors Arnie Hammer (L) and Max Minghella are shown in a scene from the film “The Social Network,” in this undated publicity photograph. 24-year-old Arnie Hammer, the great grandson of oil tycoon and philanthropist Armand Hammer, portrays both Cameron Winklevoss and Tyler Howard Winklevoss in the film.—INTERNET

Actor hurt in B’way ‘Spider-Man’ is leaving rehab

NEW YORK, 2 Jan—A stunt actor who fell 30 feet while playing Spider-Man on Broadway is scheduled to leave a rehabilitation facility within days.

Christopher Tierney suffered a skull fracture and cracked vertebrae in the 20 Dec fall at “Spider-Man: Turn Off the Dark” despite having a safety harness. He underwent back surgery.

Show spokesman Rick Miramontez said Saturday that Tierney will be released from a rehab facility on Wednesday.

Tierney’s family has said he’ll be continuing treatment in New York. Tierney has relatives in Plaistow and Portsmouth, NH.

The $65 million show is the most expensive ever on Broadway. It canceled two preview performances after the stunt actor’s fall. It reopened with new safety and security measures. It’s scheduled to open officially on 7 Feb.

UK bookies weigh in on Abba reunion

LONDON, 2 Jan—British bookies still consider an Abba reunion to be a long shot despite some recent tantalizing tips from one of the Swedish pop group’s founders.

Agnetha Faltskog recently said an interview that she might go along with a one-night performance with the group.

The Guardian said Saturday Faltskog wasn’t interested in a reunion tour, but the idea of a single public performance sometime in 2011 was enough for some bookies to post 66-to-1 odds that the show would go on.

Talk show queen Oprah gets royal help on own channel

CHICAGO, 2 Jan—Talk show diva Oprah Winfrey launched her OWN cable network Saturday, unveiling a packed programme line-up featuring celebrity hosts such as British duchess Sarah Ferguson and country singer Shania Twain.

“Happy New Year everybody and welcome to OWN,” Oprah said as she officially launched her high-stakes, 24-hour seven-day-a-week television venture at midday (1700 GMT). “This is a very exciting day for me kicking off the next chapter of my life with all of you. Yes, the Oprah Winfrey Network is finally on the air.”

Canadian man trying for world dance record

A Canadian man trying to set the world record for longest dance session said he is extending his attempt by 15 hours after learning of a recent record.

Suresh Joachim, 41, of Mississauga, said he was four days into his attempt Thursday in Brampton when he discovered finishing his dance at the close of New Year’s Eve celebrations, which would put him at 110 hours, would fall short of the 123 hours and 15 minutes danced by Kalamandalam Hemaaditha in India in September, the Toronto Star reported Friday.

Joachim, who said he was initially trying to beat a 108-hour record set in 2008, said he will now stop dancing at 1:20 pm on New Year’s Day.

A winning camel is seen at a camel beauty contest in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), on 30 Dec, 2010. About 28,000 camels attended a traditional “beauty contest” during Macayna Dhafra Camel Festival on Saturday.

Words “viral” and “epic” consigned to college trash

This story might be epic, and could even go viral, but not if Lake Superior State University has anything to do with it. Just sayin’.

The small college in Sault Ste Marie, Michigan, released on Friday its annual list of “banished words” — terms so overused, misused and hackneyed they deserve to be sent to a permanent linguistic trash can in the year ahead.

“Viral,” often used to describe the rapid spreading of videos or other content over the Internet, leads the list for 2011. “This linguistic disease of a term must be quarantined,” Kuahmel Allah of Los Angeles said in making a nomination.

Runners-up included “epic” and “fail,” often twinned to describe a blunder of monumental proportions.

A woman dries handmade noodles in Majian Township of Zhaji City, east China’s Zhejiang Province, on 30 Dec, 2010. A handmade noodle making contest was held here on Thursday. The handmade noodles of Majian Township are famous for the length. Long noodles symbolize longevity in Chinese tradition.
Arsenal maintain title charge against Birmingham

BIRMINGHAM, 2 Jan—Arsenal succeeded where Manchester United failed days earlier to become only the second team to win at St Andrew’s in 30 games with a 3-0 victory over Birmingham City here on Saturday. Their success saw Arsenal stay within two points of both Premier League leaders Manchester United, top on goal difference, and Manchester City. It was the perfect response to the disappointment of throwing away points in a midweek draw against Wigan on Wednesday and the taunts of Sir Alex Ferguson, who had provocatively claimed following United’s 1-1 draw that no team gets an easy game against Alex McLeish’s combative Birmingham side. In stark contrast to United’s troubles, this was as facile a victory as Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger could have wished for as Cesc Fabregas and Samir Nasri’s telepathic understanding was elevated to new heights against opponents who seem to have relished causing the Gunners discomfort and embarrassment in recent meetings.

Hoffenheim split with coach Rangnick

BERLIN, 2 Jan—Bundesliga club Hoffenheim have reached agreement to part company with coach Ralf Rangnick, according to the weekly Bild am Sonntag newspaper. However, Hoffenheim spokesman Markus Sieger insisted Saturday: “We can’t and won’t comment for the moment.” The 52-year-old’s contract runs until June 30, 2012 after extending last May. Rangnick took over in June 2006 and under his guidance the small outfit from southern Germany reached third in the Bundesliga.

Henin wins but Australia take tie at Hopman Cup

PERTH, 2 Jan—Former world number one Justine Henin made a winning start in her latest comeback on Saturday but the Belgian could not prevent her team losing to Australia at the mixed-ties Hopman Cup. In her first match since suffering a serious elbow injury when losing to compatriot Kim Clijsters at Wimbledon last June, the world number 12 was too good for the 129th-ranked Alicia Molik, winning their women’s singles match 6-4, 6-4. The result gave Belgium a 1-0 lead in the tournament’s opening Group A tie, but local favourite Lleyton Hewitt, in his first match since September, levelled the clash with a 6-4, 6-3 win over the 178th-ranked Ruben Bemelmans. The Australians then clinched the tie in a match tiebreak in the mixed doubles, winning 1-6, 6-3, 7-6 (10-8).

Johnson strike keeps City level with United

MANCHESTER, 2 Jan—Adam Johnson strike was enough for Manchester City to record a 1-0 win over Blackpool here on Saturday that kept them level on points with Premier League leaders Manchester United. Johnson scored the only goal of the game — his third in the league this season — in the 34th minute at Etihad. Carlos Tevez then missed a penalty and a host of other chances to set up a nervy finish as Blackpool proved to be an equaliser. But Roberto Mancini’s side held on for a third successive victory that saw them maintain a strong position ahead of their trip to English title rivals Arsenal on Wednesday.

Redknapp says Beckham wants Spurs move

LONDON, 2 Jan—Tottenham manager Harry Redknapp says that David Beckham wants to move to White Hart Lane, as he prepares to step up his bid for the former Manchester United star. Redknapp had confirmed his interest in Beckham on Friday and, speaking after Saturday’s 1-0 win over Fulham, he said the Los Angeles Galaxy midfielder is ready to return to the Premier League on loan until the Major League Soccer season resumes in March. Beckham, 35, had previously insisted United were the only English team he would play for but, with a return to Old Trafford unlikely, the former England captain is willing to join another club as he tries to prove his fitness to England coach Fabio Capello.

Sunderland bounce back to blitz Blackburn

SUNDERLAND, 2 Jan—Sunderland bounced back from consecutive losses to inflict a 3-0 defeat on Blackburn Rovers here on Saturday that lifted them to sixth place in the Premier League table. Steve Bruce’s side had fallen to Manchester United and Blackpool in their previous two outings, but the one-sided victory moved them to within four points of fifth-placed champions Chelsea, who have two games in hand. Darren Bent ended a mini-goal drought with Sunderland’s second goal, after Danny Welbeck had broken the deadlock, and such was the hosts’ command of the game that the former Tottenhams man could have had at least a hat-trick.

Stoke keep Toffees stuck near drop zone

STOKE-ON-TRENT, 2 Jan—Stoke kept Everton dangerously close to the relegation zone as Tony Pulis’s side secured a 2-0 win at the Britannia Stadium on Saturday. Kenwyne Jones opened the scoring with a first-half header and Phil Jagielka scored an unlucky own goal after the break to leave Everton just three points above the bottom three.

Dakar Rally kicks off from famed Obelisk

BUENOS AIRES, 2 Jan—The Dakar Rally kicked off Saturday with a parade of hundreds of vehicles heading out from Buenos Aires’ famous Obelisk, the start of a 16-day journey that will take drivers 5,903 miles across northern Argentina, through the Andes, the Atacama desert of Chile and back to the Argentine capital. The first leg is ceremonial, a 230-mile route northwest to Victoria, where competitors will prepare for Sunday’s first full race day. Defending champions Carlos Sainz in the cars category and motorcycle rider Cyril Despres return to defend their titles. Officials listed a record 430 official starters, up from the 362 who were enrolled last year.
Chelsea 3-3 Aston Villa

CHELSEA, 2 Jan—A stoppage-time equaliser for Aston Villa saw Chelsea’s Barclays Premier League title hopes suffer another blow.

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VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
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Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Radio, books donated to village libraries in Dalla Tsp

Yangon, 2 Jan—A ceremony to donate books and radios to libraries in Dalla Township was held at the hall of Township Peace and Development Council on 21 December.

Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department accepted 17 radios donated by wellwishers including books and journals worth K 100,000 donated by Township PDC, K 232,500 by Township Writers and Journalists Association, copies of journals worth K 250,000 by U Hmat Gyi and family, various sorts of journals worth K 124,000 by Popular Journal, books worth K 55,200 by Arntgyi Dockyard, books worth K 45,000 by Township Police Station, journals and two radios K 41,000 by Alinthit Café, three radios by District Education Officer U Than Soe.

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HAILING 63rd ANNIVERSARY INDEPENDENCE DAY

Nay Pyi Taw, 2 Jan—The Myanma Radio and Television will telecast live coverage of State Flag Hoisting and State Flag Saluting Ceremony, on the 63rd Anniversary Independence Day which falls on 4 January 2011, from the square of Nay Pyi Taw City Hall at 6.45 am on 4 January.

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