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

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

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

Taikkyi-Phaunggyi-Bago Road linking Taikkyi and Bago commissioned into service

YANGON, 8 Jan—Chairman of Yangon Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Tun Than together with Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint and region/district/township departmental officials attended the opening ceremony for Taikkyi-Phaunggyi-Bago tar road held at milepost No. 0/2 on the road today.

Undertaken by Public Works of the Ministry of Construction, the newly constructed Taikkyi-Phaunggyi-Bago Road linking Taikkyi of Yangon Region and Bago of Bago Region is 42 miles and seven furlongs long which is the first of seven roads across Yoma mountain range.

The commander and the minister made speeches. A local spoke words of thanks.

Next, the commander and the minister greeted the local people in a cordial manner.

The minister and officials concerned formally opened the road.

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9th Myanmar ICT Week kicks off

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Jan—The 9th Myanmar ICT Week kicked off today at Yatanarpon Cyber Hall in Yatanarpon Cyber City, PyinUlwin Township, Mandalay Region.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of Yatanarpon Teleport Co Ltd, personnel of ICT companies at home and abroad, departmental personnel and members of social organizations.

Speaking on the occasion, Chairman of Myanmar e-national Task Force Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Zaw said that modern exchange, national-level Yatanarpon Web Portal, and Yatanarpon Technological University were opened in Yatanarpon Cyber City in 2010; that the 9th ICT Week was held with a view to achieving progress of the nation and improvement of socio-economic life of citizens through ICT, and enabling Myanmar youths to keep up with latest technologies around the world.

Next, the commander, the minister and Mandalay Mayor formally opened the ceremony and visited booths of ICT companies at home and abroad. The 9th Myanmar ICT will be going on till 12 January during which twenty-six companies are displaying communication and electronic devices at 30 booths.

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MFF to hold 11th AGM on 15 Jan

YANGON, 8 Jan—Under the leadership of Directorate of Livestock and Fisheries, Myanmar Fisheries Federation will hold its 11th annual general meeting at the federation, West Gyogon, Insein Township here at 9 am on 15 January.

The departmental officials of the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, members of the federation, maritime entrepreneurs, experts and other responsible persons have been invited to the 11th AGM. There will be educative booths respecting responsible persons have been invited to the 11th AGM. There will be educative booths respecting responsible persons have been invited to the 11th AGM. There will be educative booths respecting responsible persons have been invited to the 11th AGM. There will be educative booths respecting the general public.

The booths will be present at 8 am on 15 January. The sales programmes will start from 9 am to 5 pm 15 to 17 January daily.

"Stories for Men" comes out


It is available at Sabepwint Publishing House, No. 74, Sabechan 3rd Street, No. 11 Ward, Hline Township with unit price of K 2,000.

EP-1 Minister visits Kunchaung Hydropower Project

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Jan—Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min, together with Deputy Director-General U Maw Tha Htwe of Hydropower Implementation Project and personnel, visited Kunchaung Hydropower Project yesterday.

The project is located at Kunchaung Creek, 9 miles to the south-west of Pya, Bago Region and is being constructed by No. 3 Construction Group. The minister inspected the progress of the project and called personnel concerned for minimizing wastages, using quality materials, and timely completion of the project and stressed the need for security and safety measures.

Upon completion, the project, as equipped with three units of 20-megawatt generator, can provide 190 million kilowatts per hour a year and the project has so far completed by 92.46 per cent.—MNA

Cintra digital scale, AD digital gold quality assessing machine at discount

YANGON, 8 Jan—Cintra brand digital scale and AD brand digital gold quality assessing machine are now on display at Living with Technology Expo-2011, Yangon at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road here from 8 to 10 January.

During the exhibiting period, customers are offered discount on Cintra brand digital scale and AD brand gold quality assessing machine.

Sales centre for those products is at No. 71, Wadan Street, Lanmadaw Township, Yangon (Ph: 01-73040730, 09-5522123, 09-5143254 and 02-9100714).
Cold weather kills more in northern India

LUCKNOW, 8 Jan—Nearly two dozen more people have died due to cold weather in northern India in recent days, despite government efforts to distribute firewood and blankets to the poor.

Ram Mohan Srivastav, a government official in worst-hit northern Uttar Pradesh state, said Saturday that at least 22 people had died there over the past three days, pushing the death toll from two weeks of near-freezing temperatures to 63. At least 10 people have died from the cold in the capital, New Delhi, while six have died in Jharkhand state.

The temperature dipped below 37 degrees Fahrenheit (3 degrees Celsius) in parts of Uttar Pradesh this week, with welfare department workers distributing blankets and medicines to the poor and homeless.—Internet

Militancy on surge in Afghanistan

KARUL, 8 Jan—Taliban-link militancy and conflicts have got new impetus in war-battered Afghanistan as some 20 people including three NATO soldiers killed in a single day Friday. Taliban birthplace Kandahar province, some 450 km south of Afghan capital Kabul, experienced a bloody Friday, as a powerful suicide bombing claimed the lives of 18 people, and injured 23 others.

Withdrawn from the fighting targeting Afghan border police forces, blew himself up in a public bathroom in Spinboldak District of Kandahar Province, killing 17 people including a local police commander and 16 civilians. The enemies of peace and stability once again committed a horrible and inhuman act by targeting and killing one of our determined border police commander Ramazan and 16 other civilians, a statement issued by provincial administration office said on Friday.

Condemning the attack, the statement also confirmed 23 people including two border policemen were injured in the blast.

On the other hand, Taliban militants have claimed responsibility for Friday’s suicide bombing in Kandahar.—Internet

US drone attack kills four in NW Pakistan

PESHAWAR, 8 Jan—At least four people were killed and some others were injured Friday when a US drone fired missiles into northwest Pakistan’s North Waziristan tribal region, local sources said.

Four missiles were fired from the pilotless aircraft at a house and a vehicle suspected of carrying militants in Datta Khel area of North Waziristan, a place bordering Afghanistan and believed to be a stronghold of militants, the sources said.

The latest strike is the fifth of its kind since the start of the new year. On 1 Jan, a string of four drone attacks in North Waziristan killed 19 people.

Since 2010, the United States has apparently stepped up drone strikes in North Waziristan, a Pakistan tribal region because the US considers a launching pad for attacks on the foreign troops across the border into Afghanistan.—INTERNET

Gunmen kill five in their Iraq home

BAGHDAD, 8 Jan—Gunmen shot dead five people, including the sister of an Iraqi policeman, in their beds in a house northeast of Baghdad early on Friday, a police official said.

The policemen killed the policeman’s sister, her husband’s mother and father, their daughter and a child in their house in Husseinia northeast of the capital, the official said.

The policeman had called his sister, who did not answer the phone.

He then went to the house and discovered she and the others had been killed, the official said.

The gunmen are suspected of having used silenced weapons because no one heard the shots.

It was unclear why the five were targeted, with the official saying an investigation had been launched into whether it was a criminal or terrorist act.

Also on Friday, two people were killed when a car bomb demolished part of a house in the Sikak neighbourhood west of Nasiriyah, which is 305 kilometres (190 miles) south of Baghdad.

The circumstances of the explosion were unclear.

According to Iraq Body Count, an independent Britain-based group, 4,021 civilians were killed in violence in Iraq from 1 January to 30 December last year, a figure down from 4,680 in 2009.

Internet

US post office on alert as third package ignites

WASHINGTON, 8 Jan—An envelope ignited at a post office in the US capital Friday, a day after suspect packages burst into flames in state government buildings in neighbouring Maryland, police said.

But Washington police chief Cathy Lanier would not confirm reports that Friday’s letter was addressed to Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano.

“As with yesterday, we’re taking every possible precaution. Right now we don’t have any other packages, but we’re not taking anything for granted,” she told a hastily-convened Press conference.

She said the package received at the post office in northeast Washington had “been described as popping, smoking and with a brief flash of fire, and then it went out, extinguished itself.”

The post office was evacuated and no one was injured, but the case has been linked to similar incidents on Thursday when packages were sent to two Maryland government offices.

The Federal Bureau Investigation has already been brought in to probe the booby-trapped packages.—Internet

Taliban explosive device leader captured in S Afghanistan by NATO

KABUL, 8 Jan—Afghan and coalition forces detained a Taliban leader during a security operation in Zabul Province in southern Afghanistan on Thursday, according to a NATO news release here on Friday. The Taliban leader is an improvised explosive Device employer operating in Qalat district.

He is responsible for employing explosive devices specifically targeting coalition-force vehicles in the district, NATO says.

Recent reporting indicates he wanted a video tape of suicide bombings in order to plan future suicide attacks against coalition forces.

Security forces followed leads to a targeted location in the district, where Afghan forces called for all occupants to exit out of the buildings peacefully before a search was conducted. The security team detained the targeted Taliban leader based on initial questioning at the scene.—Xinhua

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Space shuttle Discovery’s mission delayed again

WASHINGTON, 8 Jan—The space shuttle Discovery’s mission delayed again.

Discovery’s external fuel tank.

Following a failed launch attempt in early November, cracks were found in metal struts of the massive tank. More cracks were discovered last week, after the shuttle was returned to its hangar. NASA is considering reinforcing all 108 struts on the central part of the tank for extra safety, NASA spokesman Allard Beuvel said Friday.

The initial cracks were so big that the insulating foam on top of the damaged struts, or so-called stringers, split open. That’s NASA’s main concern: Cracking could cause foam to break away during liftoff and slam into Discovery. Columbia ended up being destroyed in 2003 after a slab of foam gouged a wing.—Internet

Mass bird, fish deaths occur regularly

WASHINGTON, 8 Jan—First, the blackbirds fell out of the sky on New Year’s Eve in Arkansas. In recent days, wildlife have mysteriously died in big numbers: 2 million fish died in the Chesapeake Bay, 150 tons of red tilapia in Vietnam, 40,000 crabs in Britain and other places across the world. Blogs connected the deadly dots, joking about the “apocalypse” while others saw real signs of something sinister, either biblical or environmental.

The reality, say biologists, is that these mass die-offs happen all the time and usually are unrelated.

Federal records show they happen on average every other day somewhere in North America. Usually, we don’t notice them and don’t try to link them to each other. “They generally fly under the radar,” said ornithologist John Wiens, chief scientist at the California research institution PRBO Conservation Science.

Since the 1970s, the US Geological Survey’s National Wildlife Health Centre in Wisconsin has tracked mass deaths among birds, fish and other critters, says wildlife disease specialist LeAnn White. At times the sky and the streams just turn deadly. Sometimes it’s disease, sometimes pollution. Other times it’s just a mystery.

First clothing put at 170,000 years ago

GAINESVILLE, 8 Jan.—A US researcher says his study of the evolution of lice shows modern humans started wearing clothing about 170,000 years ago.

David Reed, associate curator of mammals at the Florida Museum of Natural History on the University of Florida campus, used DNA sequencing to calculate when clothing lice first began to diverge genetically from human head lice. Science Daily reported Friday.

“We wanted to find another method for pinpointing when humans might have first started wearing clothing,” Reed said. “Because they are so well adapted to clothing, we know that body lice or clothing lice almost certainly didn’t exist until clothing came about in humans.”—Internet

New Dolby system looks to improve laptop sound

WASHINGTON, 8 Jan—Dolby’s new PC Entertainment Experience 4, or PPEv4, pushes the capacity of one of the weakest sound players on the planet: the laptop. Built into the new line of Acer Aspire Ethos computers, PPEv4 sounded great and didn’t disappoint at CES this week.

The PPEv4 has two levels, the mid-range Dolby Advanced Audio and the high-end Dolby Home Theater. The Home Theater is the one to watch, as it has several new tech abilities to make the sound better on built-in computer speakers. First, the Dialog Enhancer makes speech clearer while removing excess white noise and avoiding distortion. The Intelligent Equalizer puts the emphasis on balancing sound without requiring too much work—so you can tell the system to give, say, heavier bass without fiddling with the exact measurements as you would in a traditional equalizer. And both the Surround Virtualizer and the Dolby Digital Output help create quality surround sound, even with audio that wasn’t made for it. The PPEv4 is featured in the new Acer Aspire Ethos line, including the 8950G, which was test-driven at the show.—Internet

Fujitsu talking robot teddy bear: hands-on with video

LAS VEGAS, 8 Jan—Fujitsu, better-known for building PCs, felt it was time to get into the talking teddy bear business. At CES 2011, it showed off a robotic teddy bear that can talk and react to touch, thanks to 13 sensors placed all over its body and a “noscam” that recognizes your facial expressions. It’s very realistic, not to mention super cute, and according to Fujitsu, it’s ideal for lonely people who are allergic to animals. Check out our hands-on, with video at the bottom of the page.

The Fujitsu Emotion Bear is about the size of my torso, not exactly a mystery.

Amazon cloud can help hack WiFi networks

BOSTON, 8 Jan—A security researcher says he has figured out a quick and inexpensive way to break a commonly used form of password protection for wireless networks using powerful computers that anybody can lease from Amazoncom Inc over the Web.

Thomas Roth, a computer security consultant based in Cologne, Germany, says he hacked into protected networks using specialized software that he has written that runs on Amazon’s cloud-based computers. It tests 400,000 potential passwords per second using Amazon’s high-speed computers.

That leaves businesses as well as home networks prone to attack if they use relatively simple passwords to secure their networks. Amazon leases time on computers to developers and companies that don’t have the money to buy their own equipment, or don’t use it frequently enough to justify doing so. Customers include individual programmers and corporate users.—Reuters

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**Newer antipsychotics overused, US study suggests**

**CHICAGO, 8 Jan—Although first approved to treat schizophrenia, new antipsychotic medications are increasingly being prescribed for a host of other uses, even when there is little evidence they work, US researchers said on Friday.

The drugs, known as “atypical antipsychotics,” have quickly eclipsed older-generation or “typical” antipsychotics and are increasingly used to treat conditions like bipolar disorder, depression and even autism.

“What we see is wide adoption for the use of these medications far beyond the evidence base to support it,” said Dr Caleb Alexander of the University of Chicago and a consultant for IMS Health, a company that collects data on prescription drugs. He said more than half of all typical antipsychotic prescriptions written in 2008 were based on flimsy evidence.

“We’re talking millions of prescriptions a year for antipsychotics in settings where there is uncertain evidence to support them,” said Alexander, whose study appears in the journal *Pharmacoeconomics and Drug Safety.*

The drugs are not harmless, Alexander said in a telephone interview. “They are increasingly being prescribed for a host of other uses, even when there is little evidence they work, US researchers said on Friday.”

**INTERNET**

**Breast cancer outcome: your doctor matters**

**NEW YORK, 8 Jan—How doctors choose to treat their breast cancer patients and whether those treatment choices follow established recommendations — may play a larger role in whether a cancer returns than experts have believed.

In a new analysis looking at 994 women with ductal carcinoma in situ, the most common type of noninvasive breast cancer, researchers found treatment variations from surgeon to surgeon were significant, and may account for up to 30 percent of recurrences.

“Treatment variation is a troubling but well-known phenomenon in health care,” said study author Andrew W. Dick, a researcher at RAND Corp. in Pittsburgh. “The reason it is surprising in this case is that the variation is quite large, and related to factors that are very important in health outcomes,” Dick said.

Those factors include having “negative margins” meaning that cancer cells are more than 2 millimeters away from the removed tissue’s edge and getting radiation therapy after breast-conserving surgery.

**INTERNET**

**Volkswagen says China sales hit record in 2010**

**SHANGHAI, 8 Jan—German automaker Volkswagen said its sales in China, the world’s biggest vehicle market, soared 37 percent year-on-year in 2010 to an annual record of more than 1.9 million cars.

In a statement on Friday Volkswagen Group China said it would invest 10.6 billion euros ($13.7 billion) from 2011 to 2015 to maintain and reinforce its position in the country.

“In 2010, growth in the Chinese automobile market has exceeded everyone’s expectations”, Karl-Thomas Neumann, president and chief executive of Volkswagen Group China said.

“Although the growth of the car market might cool down in 2011, we still expect a good performance in the next years,” he added.

Europe’s largest car maker said the new investment to expand plants and develop new products marked its biggest cash injection yet in China.

**INTERNET**

**European stocks close lower after US jobs data**

**BRUSSELS, 8 Jan—Eurozone’s economy grew by 0.3 percent in the third quarter last year compared with the previous quarter, the European Union’s (EU) statistical bureau Eurostat said on Friday. The figure was revised down from the previous 0.4 percent in the first estimate made by Eurostat. In the third quarter of 2010, export continued to be the main driver of eurozone’s economy, rising by 1.9 percent compared with the previous quarter. But household spending rose only 0.1 percent.

The EU’s gross domestic product (GDP) remained unchanged from the previous estimate, up by 0.5 percent in the third quarter. Among the member states, Greece’s economy contracted 1.3 percent, while Ireland’s economy grew 0.5 percent. According to Eurostat’s statistics, GDP increased by 0.6 percent in the United States in the third quarter of last year and by 1.1 percent in Japan.

**INTERNET**

**A board displays Germany’s share index DAX. European stock markets fell, with London’s FTSE 100 index of leading shares closing down 0.59 percent at 5,984.33 points, while in Paris the CAC 40 dropped 1.0 percent to 3,865.58 points and in Frankfurt the DAX slid 0.48 percent to 6,947.84 points.

Amsterdam dipped 0.13 percent. Milan fell 0.46 percent, Swiss stocks slid 0.54 percent and Brussels ended down 0.77 percent.

Stocks plunged 3.02 percent in Lisbon after yields on Portuguese government bonds hit new record highs, just days before the country plans to try place long-term debt for the first time this year.

European markets slid lower in morning trading ahead of the release of the US jobs data and fell further afterwards. The US Labour Department released its closely watched monthly unemployment report which investors had hoped would confirm recent data showing the US economic recovery was gaining speed.”
**380,000 Haitian children still live in camps**

**Geneva, 8 Jan—** About 380,000 Haitian children are still living in crowded camps one year after the devastating earthquake struck the country, announced the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) here on Friday.

In a report named “Children in Haiti: One Year After—The long road from relief to recovery”, the UNICEF estimated over one million people remain displaced in camps “where livelihoods, shelter and services are hardly sufficient for children to stay healthy, fulfill their right to education, remain protected and have access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene”.

“There is one message that UNICEF wants to convey, it is that the international response to humanitarian emergencies are never perfect and Haiti is no exception,” said UNICEF spokesperson Marixie Mercado, briefing the press on the anniversary report. Despite all the relieving efforts made by the United Nations agencies and other aid organizations, the pre-existing conditions in Haiti before the earthquake had made it extremely hard for the country to recuperate quickly from rubble.

According to the UNICEF, prior to the earthquake, more than half of the Haitian population lived on less than a dollar a day, and 29 percent of Haitian children were affected by chronic malnutrition. Only about half of primary age school children were going to school, while less than two percent managed to finish secondary school.—Xinhua

**Northeast US endures record heat in 2010**

**Los Angeles, 8 Jan —** Record heat hit the northeastern United States in 2010 amid a global trend of climate change, according to a new study published Friday.

Many cities in the region endured their own all-time hottest year since records began being kept, said the findings posted on Live-Science.com.

For the study, researchers at the Northeast Regional Climate Centre at Cornell University analyzed temperature data collected by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) at various sites in cities across the northeastern United States.

The yearly number for each city is the average of daily temperatures, which themselves are an average of the day’s minimum and maximum temperatures.

Then the researchers compared each number with the historical record based on similar thermometer readings from those stations, according to the report.

The findings showed that 23 of the 35 cities monitored saw the average temperature for 2010 rank among the 10 hottest years on record. Among them, five cities broke their own record of all-time hottest year in 2010.

For Boston, 2010 had the highest average temperature since records began being kept in 1872, when the Great Fire almost wiped the city off the map.—Xinhua

**Saab Automobile AB replaces top US executive**

**Detroit, 8 Jan—** Saab Automobile AB replaced its top executive in the United States, naming Matthias Seidl interim chief operating officer for Detroit-based Saab Cars North America effective immediately.

Seidl replaced Michael Colleran, who resigned “to pursue further career opportunities,” Saab said in a statement.

Colleran, a former General Motors sales executive, had been Saab’s top executive in the United States since the company was acquired from GM by Spyker Cars NV of the Netherlands in February, 2010 for 74 million dollars.

Jan Ake Jonsson, President and CEO of Saab Automobile AB, said Seidl temporarily takes on responsibility for Saab Cars North America in addition to his current position as executive director of global sales. Saab Automobile expects to announce a new chief operating officer for Saab Cars North America soon, Jonsson said.

“Seidl has considerable experience in the United States market, having spent several years as chief operating officer for Volkswagen of America in the late 2000s, prior to that, Seidl was executive director sales American region for Volkswagen and Audi,” Jonsson said.

“We thank Michael Colleran for his service and assistance in rebuilding the Saab brand in North America and the Saab team wishes him the very best,” said Jonsson.

**Chinese technician killed by falling rock in N Philippines**

**Manila, 8 Jan—** A Chinese technician working for a mining company in northern Philippines died Thursday after he was accidentally hit by a falling rock due to continuous rains, police said Friday.

The victim was identified as Chen Tehao, a technical employee of Prime Work Mining Corp, located at Himagtocon village, Camarines Sur Province, said Chief Supt Agrimero Cruz Jr, spokesman of the Philippine National Police (PNP).

“The victim was brought to the nearest hospital for medical treatment but was declared dead on arrival by the attending physician,” Cruz told reporters.—Xinhua
Authoritative, factual information presented in a clear, concise manner without bias. The text is well-organized, avoiding excessive sensory expressions, jargon, or repetition.
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During the ICT Week, Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications will sell McWill systems with internet access in Yangon and Mandalay, while Yatanaporn Teleport will sell mobile application software, web hosting and domain name registration. Moreover, MPT will offer one-stop service for current use CDMA 800 MHz phone users who wish to use EVDO (data system used at its booth).

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Minister U Thein Zaw delivers an address.

Tennis court commissioned into service in Mingala Taungnyunt Tsp

YANGON, 8 Jan—An opening ceremony of Tennis court this morning took place at Theinbyu Tennis Court in Mingala Taungnyunt Township here. It was attended Patron of Myanmar Tennis Federation Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor U Aung Thein Lin, General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thein Htaiak and officials concerned, Chairman of MTF U Aung Maung Thein and CEC members and invited persons. The mayor, the director-general formally opened the court and, enjoyed the friendly tennis matches. The newly-opened tennis court may help athletes practise in all seasons.—MNA

Dedaye Tsp gets new library

YANGON, 8 Jan—Township Writers and Journalists Association of Dagon Myothit (North) Township in Yangon Region and Myanmar Business Executives Network-MBE honoured the 63rd Anniversary Independence Day with literary talks and opening of New Life Library in Kawetyekanchaung village of Dedaye Township in Pyapon District in Ayeyawady Region. Writers Kyi Soe Tun, Nyunt Han (Kytaw), Thura Zaw and Mya Thanda (Naw Yin Hmwe) gave literary talks at the village on 4 January evening. The library opening ceremony took place at the hall of library in Basic Education Middle School (Branch) of the village on 5 January morning. Officials formally opened the library. In the evening, authors Kyi Soe Tun, Nyunt Han (Kytaw), Maung Nyunt Hlaing and Mya Thanda (Naw Yin Hmwe) gave talks in Toe model village in Dedaye Township.—MNA

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SWRR Minister receives foreign guests

NAV PYI TAW, 8 Jan—Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Maung Maung Swe received Country Director of Action Aid Myanmar Mr. Shihab Uddin Ahamad and party at the ministry here on 6 January. The meeting focused on cooperation for improvement of living conditions for the disabled, development of women, and preparedness against natural disasters. Also present at the call were Director-General of the Social Welfare Department U Soe Kyi, Director-General of the Relief and Resettlement Department U Soe Aung, Head of Office U Sein Aye and officials.—MNA

Minister U Maung Maung Swe receives Country Director Mr Shihab Uddin Ahamad of Action Aid Myanmar and party.—MNA

KNU’s bomb hurts one civilian

NAV PYI TAW, 8 Jan—A resident of No (2) ward in Papun in Kayin State got injured as explosion happened when he picked up an “OSO” detergent container while herding cattle on road 200 yards north-west of Papun at about 7.30 am on 6 January. U Ye Lin lost his right wrist in the incident which also torn his right shoulder and skinned his face. It is learnt that KNU insurgents plotted the blast of improvised bomb, targeting the civilians. The victim was admitted to Papun Township People’s Hospital with the assistance of officials.—MNA

Authentic (ATT) Trading in Living with Technology Expo-2011 in Yangon

YANGON, 8 Jan—Authentic (ATT) Trading Authentic (ATT) Trading & Construction Co Ltd displays at Living with Technology Expo-2011 in, Yangon.—MNA

and Construction Co Ltd is participating in Living with Technology Expo-2011 being held at Tatmadaw Convention Hall in U Wisara Road, here from 8 to 10 January. Its displays are formworks that save time and money as it can be used over 200 times, Septic Tanks that are instrumental for hotels, condors, hospitals, offices, restaurants and high-rise buildings, and Hobas CC-GRP pipes. Those interested may contact Authentic (ATT) Trading and Construction Co Ltd, No 304, Condominium (D), Kaba Aye Villa, Kaba Aye Pagoda Road in Mayangon Township, Yangon, Ph: 655690, 656050 and 656020. —MNA
Industry-1 Minister visits MPCI and MTI

Minister U Aung Thaung inspects Paliek Textiles Industry, Mandalay yesterday. The minister viewed training of youth players at Myanmar Football Academy and observed pre-engineering tests for construction of Mandalay football stadium and construction of main stadium. The minister also viewed football and futsal pitches.

The minister then went to No.3 Paper Mill (Paliek) under Myanmar Paper and Chemical Industries of the ministry and inspected production process and storage of newprint rolls. He called for meeting production target and taking fire preventive measures.

The minister later visited Paliek Textiles Industry under Myanmar Textile Industries and inspected condition of new machines as old ones were replaced with new ones for higher output.

He viewed different products and machines spare parts produced at the industry and inspected the function of finishing workshop.

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New concrete roads in Sangyoun Township opened

YANGON, 8 Jan—Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor U Aung Thein Lin this morning inspected progress of paving concrete on Maungmakan Kantha Street in Dagon Myothit Township (South) here.

The mayor, together with officials concerned, formally opened the ceremonies to put Market Street, Kyung Street, Myaynichan Street and Damayon Street in Sangyoun Township, and a one-storey Damayon building measuring 40 feet length and 20 feet width in U Ponnya Street in 32 Ward, Dagon Myothit Township (North) into service.—MNA

Nweyit Village, source...

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(thrived due to access to underground water.)

Cabbage-grower U Myint Saung explained that cabbage was grown after Waxing of Tazaungmon and reaped after 75 days from the date of cultivation; that 17,000 plants were grown in an acre of farm; that one acre needed an investment of five lakh and profit was over 10 lakh; that purchasers came to the plantations and purchased the whole plantation.

Farmer U Myint Saung said, “Our village has widely used underground water—lush plantations— cauliflower, cabbage, maize, salad, onion and potato, really eye pleasing green ones.

We first interviewed farmer U Pu who said “Cauliflower is grown twice a year. I grow 18,000 plants per acre. I earn between 150 and 200 Kyats for one cauliflower and the retail price is between 250 and 300 Kyats per unit. Growing one acre of cauliflower costs four lakh and the net profit is 10 lakh.” Cauliflower-grower U Myit Saung explained that cauliflower was grown on a field measuring 40 feet length and 20 feet width in U Tun, Nweyit Village.

Now, Nweyit and nearby villages can grow vegetables at any time due to access to dams and underground water.

“The price of big cauliflower like this is only 200 Kyats at the farm.”

U Pu Cauliflower-grower

Myanma Alin: 8-1-2011

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These are some of the health benefits of cauliflower:

1. Rich in vitamins and minerals: Cauliflower is a good source of vitamins A, C, and K, as well as minerals such as potassium, iron, and magnesium.
2. Low in calories: Cauliflower is low in calories, making it a good choice for those who are trying to lose weight.
3. Good for skin health: The vitamin C in cauliflower helps to maintain healthy skin.
4. Helps maintain bone health: The calcium and phosphorus in cauliflower helps to maintain healthy bones and teeth.
5. Good for digestion: The fiber in cauliflower helps to maintain a healthy digestive system.
6. Good for the heart: The folate in cauliflower helps to maintain healthy blood vessels.

Cauliflower is a versatile vegetable that can be used in a variety of ways, from roasting to stir-frying. It is also a good source of fiber, which helps to maintain a healthy digestive system.

Translation: TKK

Myanma Alin: 8-1-2011

Cauliflower being loaded onto lorries at Thahtaygon Village.
Arctic sea ice may be affecting weather patterns

ANCHORAGE, 8 Jan.—The shrunken Arctic ice pack could be to blame for the warm rains showering Alaska while typically milder Georgia and Florida freeze, experts said on Friday.

The phenomenon, called “reverse Arctic Oscillation,” involves the exchange of heat from dark-surfaced open water to the atmosphere and the resulting north-south movement of weather patterns.

“You get a warm Arctic and you get cold outbreaks in the middle latitudes,” Mark Serreze, director of the National Snow and Ice Data Centre in Boulder, Colorado, said Friday.

Arctic ice coverage this December was the lowest for any December since satellite records began in 1979, the centre reported this week.

But the real issue is the wide extent of ice melt at the summer’s end, Serreze said. Arctic ice coverage in September was the third lowest since the centre began keeping records, a condition that caused heat to linger in the Arctic, creating a lag effect probably still evident, he said.—Reuters

33 dead in Philippines after heavy rains

WUHAN, 8 Jan.—More than a week of heavy rain has left at least 33 people dead from flashfloods and landslides in the Philippines, the government said, announcing floodwaters were subsiding in some areas.

Almost 11,000 people remained in government evacuation centres but some had started returning home as rains eased, said Lauren Catedral, a civil defence officer in the southern city of Butuan.

“People are now more confident the water level will not rise. There are some who have returned home but others have remained in their evacuation centres because there are still floods in some areas,” she said.

Eight people had been injured in landslides while nine others were missing after the heavy rains, the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council said.—Internet

Internet post frees man confined 14 years in mental hospital

GUANGZHOU, 8 Jan.—It sounds like another story of a citizen being victimized for exposing misbehaviour of officials and saved by the power of the Internet, as a controversial post freed a man who was confined to a mental hospital for nearly 14 years for alleged muckraking.

The Internet post, entitled “Help! My father was confined in mental hospital for 14 years”, by Guo Hanyun, appeared Saturday on a tianyachclub.com bulletin board, China’s hottest online community.

Guo said her father, Guo Yuanrong, was sent to a mental hospital in 1996 after he exposed corruption by his leader in the Construction Bureau of Zhaiji County in the province.

Guo’s family tried many times to bring him home from the mental hospital but failed without approval from the county’s public security bureau, according to the post.

The internet posting immediately caught the attention of hundreds of thousands of netizens, apparently because the poster, Guo Hanyun, said she would like to marry or “serve as a slave” to whoever can end her father’s ordeal.

Within just a few days, the post received more than 350,000 hits and about 6,200 replies.—Xinhua

HK records 36 mlhn visitor arrivals in 2010, over 60 pct from mainland

HONG KONG, 8 Jan.—The Hong Kong Tourism Board (HKTB) announced on Friday that provisional total arrivals in 2010 reached 36.03 million, up 21.8 percent from a year earlier, while over 60 percent of those were from the mainland.

According to statistics, Hong Kong witnessed about 22.47 million arrivals from the mainland last year, up 27 percent from 2009.

Meanwhile, the number of short-haul arrivals (excluding the mainland) were 8.72 million in 2010, up 16.5 percent and the long-haul arrivals recorded 4.84 million, up 9.6 percent.

The result could be attributed to the collaborative efforts of the government, the local travel trade and the HKTB in rolling out various promotions, such as the Hong Kong Dragon Boat Carnival, the Wine and Dine Festival and the New Year Countdown Celebrations, Tien said.

Looking into 2011, Tien believed that Asia will be the key driver in the global tourism growth.

“The HKTB will maintain our close partnership with the travel trade to uphold Hong Kong’s image as an international, cosmopolitan city,” Tien said.—Xinhua

Chinese naval flotilla returns home from 192-day escort mission in Gulf of Aden

GUANGZHOU, 8 Jan.—About 1,000 Chinese naval officers and soldiers Friday returned home, to south China’s Guangdong Province, after serving a 192-day tour of escort mission in the Gulf of Aden and in waters off the coast of Somalia.

Their tour of duty was China’s sixth naval escort mission in the region. The flotilla escorted 615 ships — 306 Chinese vessels and 309 foreign ones — during the mission.


The sixth naval escort flotilla set sail for the Gulf of Aden from Zhanjiang, Guangdong, on 30 June, 2010. The flotilla began its escort work on 16 July.—Xinhua

Residents watch as a vehicle traverses a flooded road in the town of Sto Domingo, Albay Province, southeast of Manila, on 30 December, as heavy rains hit the province.—INTERNET

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An iceberg floats in the sea ice near the town of Uummannaq in western Greenland on 18 March, 2010.—INTERNET

Massive vats that can hold six million bottles of beer begin their land journey from Hamilton Harbour to a Molson Coors in Toronto on 7 Jan, 2011.—INTERNET
Memphis, 8 Jan—The Elvis-loving Chilean miner who rose to international fame after being trapped for 69 days was all shook up Friday on a private tour of Graceland, Presley’s beloved Memphis mansion.

“How can I describe something so amazing,” Edison Pena told reporters through a translator.

“There is no escape for myself, I feel — Holy cow!”

Pena said the collection of Elvis suits was his favorite part of the tour and said he loved Memphis because he could “smell Elvis.” He even broke his Elvis moves and sang a few lines of Blue Suede shoes at a press conference on Graceland’s rolling lawn. Edison Pena is receiving the royal treatment on a whirlwind tour of all things Elvis after the 33 miners won the hearts of millions for their perseverance during the dramatic ordeal.

Elvis Presley Enterprises sent Pena an MP3 player loaded with Elvis tunes to keep his spirits up while he was trapped after learning he was a fan. They extended the invitation for a visit after the dramatic 13 October rescue.

Pena told reporters that the music brought him back to life when he was trapped in the cramped darkness of the mine.

Rescued Chilean miner Edison Pena enters a news conference in New York City 2010. The Elvis-loving Chilean miner who rose to international fame after being trapped for 69 days was all shook up Friday on a private tour of Graceland, Presley’s famed Memphis mansion.

Brazil to approve construction of four nuclear plants in 2011

RIO DE JANEIRO, 8 Jan—Brazil’s Energy Minister Edison Lobao said on Friday the government will approve this year construction of four nuclear power plants in the country.

“We will approve the construction of four (plants) this year,” Lobao told a news conference.

There are two nuclear power plants currently in operation in Brazil, Angra 1 and Angra 2. Both are located in the small town of Angra dos Reis, in Rio de Janeiro state, in the country’s southeastern region.

The construction of a third plant in the same area, Angra 3, was suspended years ago, but is to be resumed and is expected to be operational by 2015.

There are still no estimates for the capacity of the four new plants or the costs.

According to Lobao, the four plants will be built in different parts of the country, two in the northeast and two in the southeast.

Xinhua

Stockholm bomber was trained in Iraq, says official

DUBAI, 8 Jan—Iraq informed the United States about a plot to carry out bombings in Sweden two months before an attack in Stockholm by a man trained in Iraq, an Iraqi security official told al Arabiya on Friday.

Major General Dhai Kanani, director of Iraq’s anti-terrorism unit, said the man who blew himself up in Stockholm on 11 December had received explosives training in the Iraqi city of Mosul for three months.

He had entered Iraq from Turkey, he added, according to al Arabiya’s website.

He said confessions by al Qaeda members detained in Iraq had also revealed that an Egyptian national entered Iraq at the same time and received similar training to probably carry out another mission.”

Kanani said that “Iraq had information on bombings in Sweden, which it informed the Americans about before the bombing in Sweden by more than two months,” al Arabiya reported.—Reuters

More rain worsens floods in Australia

BRISBANE, 8 Jan—Almost a foot (300 millimetres) of rain in just a few hours renewed flood fears in Australia’s already waterlogged Queensland state Saturday, sending a surging river over its banks and into another large town.

Officials said about only 20 buildings in Maryborough, where about 22,000 people live, were expected to be flooded after the river burst its banks in the overnight downpour. The waters were expected to peak on Sunday.

“A number of businesses … will have floodwaters in their basements,” Mayor Mick Kruger said.

But the new flooding was a reminder that the state has almost no capacity to absorb more heavy rains after weeks of drenching tropical weather submerged an area the size of Germany and France combined.

Ten people have died since late November and about 200,000 have been affected by the floods. Roads and rail lines have been cut, Queensland’s big-exporting coal industry has virtually shut down, and cattle ranching and farming across a large part of the state are at a standstill.

While new rain is causing problems in some parts of the state, officials say a massive relief operation has moved from emergency operations to recovery, as the city of Rockhampton and other towns wait for waters to drop, and dozens of others begin the mopping up of sludge.—Internet

Ford unveils its first all-electric car

LAS VEGAS, 8 Jan—Ford unveiled its first strictly electric car on Friday, a Focus which is expected to get up to 100 miles (160 kilometres) on a single charge and will be available in North America late this year.

Alan Mulally, chief executive of the two US automaker, introduced the four-door passenger car at the annual Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas.

Mulally declined to detail the hatchback’s total range or how much it would cost, but a Ford spokesman said the Focus Electric’s mileage on a single charge would be “competitive” with similar electric vehicles such as the Nissan Leaf.

The brand new all-electric Ford Focus is displayed at Ford Motor Company President and CEO Alan Mulally delivers a keynote address at the 2011 International Consumer Electronics Show at the Las Vegas Hilton in Nevada.—INTERNET

Ford said the lithium-ion battery in the Focus, which has a top speed of 84 miles per hour (136 kilometres per hour) can be fully charged at a home 240-volt charging station in three to four hours, half the time of the Leaf.

Mulally acknowledged the need for regular charges would be seen as a drawback by some customers.

INTERNET

A man arrives at flooded waters at Depot Hill in Rockhampton, Queensland, Australia on 6 Jan, 2011.—INTERNET
Man torched house and relatives, killing five

WASHINGTON, 8 Jan — A 25-year-old woman from Seattle, Washington, has become the fifth person to die from burns suffered when her fiancé’s uncle invited them to his house in Puerto Rico and allegedly set them aflame. According to a website set up by her fiancé’s uncle, 16 relatives, including her mother and 15-year-old sister, died in the house fire. Her fiancé’s uncle has been charged with murder.

Donahue worked at Group Health in Seattle. Sanchez was an engineer at Boeing. “They are very much in love,” Donahue’s mother, Michelle, told reporters when they were first hospitalized. “Their last words before they were intubated were for each other. She loves him, he loves her and the last six months have been the happiest time of her life and the most important thing is love.” The couple had traveled to Puerto Rico so that Sanchez could introduce Donahue to his relatives. — Internet

No greater antioxidants in organics

SØRBORG, 8 Jan — Organically grown onions, carrots and potatoes generally have higher contents of health-promoting secondary metabolites in comparison with the conventionally cultivated ones,” the researchers say in a statement. Knuthsen and colleagues point out that there are many reasons to pay a premium for organic food products, including environmental protection, better taste, no exposure to chemical fertilizers and pesticides, less use of fossil fuels use to make chemical fertilizers and pesticides and possible health benefits.

“However, the health benefits of organic food consumption are still controversial and not considered scientifically well documented,” the researchers say. — Internet

Brazil police say footballer Somalia ‘faked’ his kidnap

RIO DE JANEIRO, 8 Jan — A Brazilian football player will be charged for falsely reporting he had been kidnaped as an excuse for running late for training, police say. Somalia, a midfielder for the leading Rio de Janeiro club Botafogo, said he had been abducted at gunpoint at about 0700 on his way to the training ground. But police say CCTV footage from his apartment building showed him leaving late for work at 0900. Botafogo threatens its players with a 40% pay cut if they are late.

Somalia, whose real name is Paulo Rogerio Reis da Silva, told police he had been carjacked and driven around Rio for two hours before having his money and jewellery stolen. Officers say they became suspicious at inconsistencies in the player’s state-ment and decided to check video foot-age recorded in his building. They say the footage showed he had lied about the kidnapping. Police officials say that if he is found guilty, he could face up to six months in prison.

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‘Kidney sisters’ leave Mississippi prison

MISSISSIPPI, 8 Jan — Two imprisoned sisters whose sentences were dropped on the condition that one donate her kidney to the other have been released from jail in Mississippi. The pair, who had been in jail for 16 years, are moving to the US state of Ohio, where their family lives. Jamie Scott requires daily dialysis, which costs the state roughly $200,000 (£129,000) per year, officials said. She and her sister Gladys Scott were convicted in 1994 of taking part in a robbery that netted a mere $11 (£7). Mississippi Governor Haley Barbour agreed to release the sisters, who were serving life sentences for leading two men into an ambush in a battle near Ohio during a conflict in 1813. The ship helped shape the war because Mr Perry would not have gone to Ohio if it had not wrecked, the divers said. Sunday marks the 200th anniversary of the Revenge running aground on a reef. The divers have called for the Navy to recover the ship’s remains, which is made up of objects like cannons and an anchor.

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Smart US dog learns more than 1,000 words

A Massachusetts commuter train was halted and searched after a woman passenger said she had lost her pet snake Penelope in a passenger car.

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority train was held at the JFK/UMass station in Boston for minutes while train crew searched, to no avail, for the snake, The Boston Globe reported on Thursday.

When the train reached the Braintree Station six cars of the train were searched again with no sign of the snake, The (Braintree, Mass.) Patriot Ledger reported.

The train was put back into service after the search, MTBA spokes-
man Joe Pesaturo said. Penelope’s owner put an ad on Craigslist Friday.

“She is a very mellow snake— never hisses or bites and is very timid,” the posting read, describing Penelope as “a bit under 3 feet long with a brownish, almost pinkish paisley looking pattern on her back.”

‘Jersey Shore’ premiere highest rated for MTV

LOS ANGELES, 8 Jan—More than 8 million viewers watched Snooki and company return to “Jersey Shore.”

The third season premiere of the MTV reality TV series was the most watched series telecast in the cable network’s history, MTV announced Friday. The network said 8.45 million total viewers tuned in to the show, which chronicles thecarryings-on of a group of hard-partying, 20- and 30-somethings at a beach house on the Seaside Heights, NJ, boardwalk.

The second season was set in Miami.

MTV announced last month that it signed a deal with Paul “DJ Pauly D” DelVecchio to star in his own spin-off series.—Internet

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Britain facing ‘worst’ driving conditions

Britain’s automobile association said drivers in the country are facing “the worst driving conditions imaginable” with a record number of potholes.

The AA said road maintenance budgets in the country have been slashed by as much as 20 percent amid a winter believed to be causing more potholes than last year’s record levels, The Daily Telegraph reported on Friday.

A spokesman for the British Local Government Association said local officials are facing “incredibly difficult decisions” about which roads to repair.

The AA said drivers are facing a “potent mixture of weather conditions” bringing on a “knife-edge situation.”

Wheelchair user cruises along Conn highway

The older man cruising along Interstate 95 in Connecticut could have been just another traveller— except that he was in an electric wheelchair, in the breakdown lane, while cars and trucks barreled along a few yards away.

The mystery of the unidentified man in the cozy blue coat and sunglasses is leaving some chuckling, including witnesses who videotaped his unorthodox trip Thurs-

day along the breakdown lane and off an exit in Fairfield.

Connecticut State Police say their troopers didn’t encounter the intrepid traveler, but surely would have warned him about what vehicles are — and aren’t — allowed on the highway.

Indian animation firm plans tie-up with US TV Co

An animator renders colour to a cartoon character in Mumbai.—Internet

MUMBAI, 8 Jan—Tata Elxsi, part of the giant Tata Group, has announced a planned tie-up with a Los Angeles-based children’s entertainment company, in the latest foray by an Indian firm into Hollywood.

The animated and visual effects firm said on its website Thursday that it had signed a memorandum of understanding with A Squared Entertainment for a joint venture to create original animation and digital gaming.

No details about the cost of the deal were given and a Tata Elxsi spokesman said on Friday that he was not authorised to comment on the details.—Internet

Mark Twain remains censored, and uncensored

NEW YORK, 8 Jan—Mark Twain was the kind of man who might tell an off-colour joke, then grievously apologize, who wrote stories and essays he knew would offend and kept others private for the same reason.

A century after his death, Mark Twain remains censored, and uncensored. The author and humorist worried enough about what he could say in public to withhold anti-religion essays and to forbid his autobiography from being published until 100 years after his death. The first of three planned volumes of the unexpurgated version, released in 2010 and including harsh words for American business and military actions, became a surprise best-seller that has sold hundreds of thou-

seands of copies.
Leeds hold Arsenal 1-1 in FA Cup

Arsenal have a few early shots, just to test the nerves of Kasper Schmeichel.—INTERNET

LONDON, 8 Jan—Arsenal and Leeds United will have to replay their FA Cup third round tie after a 1-1 draw at the Emirates Stadium.

Arsenal had much the better of play in the first half against their Championship opponents, with Andrei Arshavin in particular seeing one solo run blocked by Kasper Schmeichel, and a rasping shot saved by the keeper as well.

Leeds came back strongly in the second half, and won a penalty after Denilson brought down Max Gradel. Robert Snodgrass scored the spot kick. Leeds ahead after 54 minutes. Arsenal then brought on captain Cesc Fabregas to bolster an under-strength side, and they battered their opponents over the last half hour.

The Gunners thought they had won a alte penalty of their own when Theo Walcott went down under a challenge from Alex Bruce, but it was not given because Niklas Hendlten was offside. They then did win a spot kick after Ben Walker brought down Theo Walcott. Fabregas calmly beat Schmeichel in the final minute to secure a replay. Arsenal could have worn it, but Denilson’s shot was brilliantly saved by Schmeichel in time added on.—INTERNET

Armstrong’s team to ride Tour de Mumbai

Mumbai, 8 Jan—India’s first professional cycling race sanctioned by the sport’s world governing body is to become a two-stage event this year and will include riders from seven-time Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong’s team. The second edition of the Tour de Mumbai will see international riders compete in Nashik, about 160 kilometres (100 miles) north-east of Mumbai, on 11 February, and in Mumbai itself two days later.

Participants in the inaugural Tour de Mumbai in Mumbai in 2010.—INTERNET

The first leg will cover 158 kilometres while the second will be over 117 kilometres, the Union Cycliste Internationale, the Cycling Federation of India and organisations ID Sports said. Riders will include those from Armstrong’s Team RadioShack, which won the team prize in the 2010 Tour de France, and Italy’s Liquigas, they added in a joint statement late Thursday.—INTERNET

Weary Nadal crashes out of Qatar Open tennis

Doha, 8 Jan—Rafael Nadal, who wants to win the Australian Open this month to hold all four Grand Slam titles simultaneously, will be travelling there a day earlier than expected after a shock defeat in the Qatar Open semi-finals on Friday. The world number one looked tired, withdrawn, and ill as he slumped to a 6-3, 6-2 defeat to Nikolay Davydenko, the Russian defending champion who will tackle Roger Federer in Saturday’s final.—INTERNET

Ex-Nigerian soccer star Okafor kills self in Texas

LITTLE ELM, 8 Jan—Uche Okafor, a defender on two Nigerian World Cup teams and a stalwart player for the Kansas City Wizards in the US, committed suicide this week at his Dallas-area home, authorities said on Friday. He was 43.

Okafor’s body was discovered Thursday afternoon by his wife in their house in Little Elm, a town about 30 miles northwest of Dallas, Detective Oscar Hinojosa said. The Tarrant County Medical Examiner’s Office said Friday that he hanged himself in an upstairs hallway. A friend who could not reach Okafor called Heymwa Okafor, the former star’s wife, police said.—INTERNET
WEATHER

Saturday, 8th January, 2011

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, light rain has been fairly widespread in Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions scattered in Bago and Taninthayi Regions, isolated in Shan, Rakhine, Kayah and Mon States, Mandalay and Magway Regions. Weather has been partly cloudy over the remaining States and Regions. Night temperatures were (3°C) below January average temperature in Kachin State and Upper Sagaing Region, (3°C) to (4°C) above January average temperatures in Chin and Kayin States, (5°C) to (6°C) above January average temperatures in Shan, Rakhine, Mon and Kayah States, Lower Sagaing Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions and about January average temperatures in the remaining States and Regions. The significant night temperatures were Putao (2°C), Machanbaw (3°C), Haka (4°C) and Katha (5°C). The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Cocogyun (2.52) inches, Myaungmya (0.20) inch, maubin and Kawthoung (0.02) inch each.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 7-1-2011 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 8-1-2011 was 64°F. Relative humidity at (09-30) hours MST on 8-1-2011 was (82%). Rainfall on 8-1-2011 was (0.04) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.08) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (0.08) inch at Mandalay, (0.04) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.08) inch at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from East at (15:30) hours MST on 7-1-2011.

Bay Inference: Weather is partly cloudy over the North and West central Bay and partly cloudy to cloudy over the Andaman Sea and elsewhere Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 9th January 2011: Rain are likely to be isolated in Shan, Rakhine, Kayin, Kayah and Mon States, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions and weather will be partly cloudy over the remaining States and Regions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 9-1-2011: Possibility of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Uzbek's spoil Qatar Asian Cup party

DOHA, 8 Jan – Odil Akhmedov and Server Djeparov shattered Qatar dreams with second-half goals to hand Uzbekistan a 2-0 win over the below-par hosts in the opening game of the Asian Cup on Friday.

Central defender Akhmedov bagged the first goal of the tournament when he sent a looping 30-yard shot crashing off the underside of the bar and into the net in the 58th minute.

Captain Djeparov sealed the win 18 minutes later when he made the most of a sloppy back pass by Ibrahim Majed, firing the ball past goalkeeper Qasem Burhan.

The football festival, featuring the region's top 16 teams, runs for three weeks up to the final on 29 January with the opening match played at the Khalifa Stadium, the 40,000-capacity jewel in Qatar's footballing crown.

Uzbekistan’s goalkeeper Ignaty Nesterov(L) makes a save in front of Qatar's forward Sebastian Soria during their 2011 Asian Cup group A football match in Doha.—Internet

January with the opening match played at the Khalifa Stadium, the 40,000-capacity jewel in Qatar’s footballing crown.—Internet

**Transmissions**

Per 10-1-11 09:30 am MST

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**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, light rain has been fairly widespread in Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions scattered in Bago and Taninthayi Regions, isolated in Shan, Rakhine, Kayah and Mon States, Mandalay and Magway Regions. Weather has been partly cloudy over the remaining States and Regions. Night temperatures were (3°C) below January average temperature in Kachin State and Upper Sagaing Region, (3°C) to (4°C) above January average temperatures in Chin and Kayin States, (5°C) to (6°C) above January average temperatures in Shan, Rakhine, Mon and Kayah States, Lower Sagaing Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions and about January average temperatures in the remaining States and Regions. The significant night temperatures were Putao (2°C), Machanbaw (3°C), Haka (4°C) and Katha (5°C). The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Cocogyun (2.52) inches, Myaungmya (0.20) inch, maubin and Kawthoung (0.02) inch each.**
Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

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

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

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

Nweyit Village, source of cauliflowers and cabbages

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Thahtaygon Village by the side of Yangon-Mandalay Highway in Tatkon Township, Nay Pyi Taw District is bustling and bustling with carts and lorries carrying vegetables.

Thahtaygon Village is the market place of cauliflowers, cabbages, carrots and so on as well as the place from which such vegetables are transported to other regions. One can see lorries waiting to load vegetables from carts.

Our news crew of Myanma Alin daily proceeded to Nweyit Village, source of vegetables, from Thahtaygon Village. Nweyit Village is located on the opposite side of Sinthay Creek, about two miles to the west of Thahtaygon Village. Sinthay Dam is one of the three dams in Tatkon Township, Nay Pyi Taw District. Thanks to Sinthay Dam, local farmers can not only grow monsoon and summer paddy but practice double and multiple-cropping patterns.

Myamitta wooden bridge links the two (See page 9)

Thriving cabbage plantations seen stretching to the horizon near Nweyit Village, Tatkon Township, Nay Pyi Taw District.