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

Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Chaungnet-Taungdwingyi tarred road, Kyweshin Bridge open

Nay Pyi Taw, 15 Jan—Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Chaungnet-Taungdwingyi (Ngansat-Kyweshin Section) tarred road was commissioned into service at Mile Post No. 17/2 this morning. The opening ceremony of the four-lane road built by Public Works of the Ministry of Construction was attended by Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Maung Maung Aye, Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint, Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung, Deputy Ministers for Construction U Tint Swe and U Myint Thein.

First, the commander, ministers and deputy ministers formally opened the road. Next, they walked along the road together with officials.

The five miles and four furlong long road was 12 feet wide in the past but it has now been widened to 48 feet with four lanes.

Then followed the opening ceremony of Kyweshin Bridge. The commander delivered a speech and Minister U Khin Maung Myint explained facts about the bridge.

The ministers and deputy ministers formally opened the bridge and the commander formally unveiled the stone inscription of the bridge.

Flanked by 5-feet wide pedestrian lane, the over 180-foot-long Kyweshin Bridge has four motorways with 48 feet in width. It can withstand 60-ton loads.

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Safari Park (Nay Pyi Taw) to be opened soon

Byline: Phyo Sandar Myint; Photos: Zin Bo Min (Kyemon)

Myanmar will soon open its first-ever international level Safari Park (Nay Pyi Taw) in compliance with the guidance of the Head of State on conservation of wildlife and habitats. The park is designed to serve as a public recreation centre, to help the people acquire knowledge about wildlife and habitats.

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**Develop national outlook**

Science and technology is advancing day by day. Global nations are striving their utmost to develop themselves, enlisting the combined strength of financial, natural and human resources. In an effort to ensure national development, only self-reliance can guarantee long-term development. To do so, the intellectuals and intelligentsia and the people are required to work together in harmony. Only after overcoming the challenges of the new era, can prospects for development be grabbed.

The Myanmar society has existed with good education foundations for many years. Turning out experts in various fields enables the State and the people to catch up with the international community.

The teacher role is important for creating a constant learning society in accord with the Myanmar education goal. The youth of new generation need training not only to be educated but also to have good discipline, outlooks and habits. It is also necessary to inculcate patriotic spirit and Union Spirit in them.

While striving for emergence of human resources, the government is making plans for sharpening the skills of teachers. So, training courses are being conducted in order that teachers can take part in the efforts for socio-economic progress of the people, national development tasks and nation-building tasks.

All teachers are giving out educational knowledge for a promising future of the new generation. Therefore, more educated young people will emerge only through the effort of noble teachers with national outlook.

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**Regional development tasks of Shwebo, Katha Districts inspected**

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Jan — Chairman of Sagaing Region Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Brig-Gen Soe Lwin oversaw construction of Taunguang Bridge and approach road in Katha Township, new building for BEHS in Koetaungboth village, road works and tasks for beautifying and greening of Koetaungboth railway station on 6 January.

**Myanmar Fisheries Federation meets**

YANGON, 15 Jan—The 12th annual meeting of Myanmar Fisheries Federation under Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries took place at the federation on Bayintnaung Street, Insein Township, here, this morning, with addresses by Chairman of Yangon Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Tun Than and Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Maung Maung Thein.

The commander, the minister and President of the federation Wunna Kyaw Htin U Htay Myint formally opened the meeting and viewed booths on fishery industry. They then addressed the annual meeting.

The commander then awarded the two children of members of the federation who won five distinctions and four distinctions respectively in 2010 matriculation exam.

Next, Commander Brig-Gen Tun Than, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Yangon Mayor U Aung Thein Lin inspected repair works in the precinct of the pagoda.—MNA

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**Seminar on Hepatitis held in Mandalay**

YANGON, 15 Jan — A seminar to disseminate latest findings and treatments for Hepatitis was held in Yadanabon Hall of Myanmar Medical Association (Mandalay) this morning, with the attendance of specialists from MMA and medical students.

Professor Dr Aung Gyi of Medicines Department of Mandalay General Hospital and General Manager Dr Aung Khine Than of Fortune Int’l Limited extended greetings.

Professors Dr Than Sit discussed “Future Therapy of Hepatitis C” and Professor Dr Mya Mya Yi of Hepatitis Medicines Department of MGH, “Future Therapy of Hepatitis B, Unresolved Issues and Remaining Challenges”.

Officials answered queries raised by the specialists.

The seminar was jointly organized by Unico Overseas Development Limited (Hong Kong) and Fortune Int’l Limited (Myanmar).—MNA

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**Star Resources holds educative talk**

YANGON, 15 Jan—Star Resources hospitality management training school conducted an educative talk at Traders Hotel here today.

Principal of London Hotel School College, England Mr Rod Hardingham gave talks on Qualify to Work Internationally with International Qualification.

London Hotel School College is at full service for trainees wishing to get BAs (Hotel Management-UK). Those interested in Business Management can do MBA programme course after attending Diploma in Management Studies for one year.

For more information, contact Star Resources Hospitality Management Academy (Ph: 523623, 523200 and 09-5020302).—MNA
Roadside bomb kills seven in southern Afghanistan

KABUL, 15 Jan—Militants detonated a roadside bomb that killed seven civilians they had released only moments earlier following a brief detention on a highway in southern Afghanistan Friday, a local official said.

The seven, all taxi drivers, had been travelling on a road between the districts of Daichopan and Arghandab in the troubled Province of Zabul when they were stopped by a group of militants, said Mohammad Jan Rasoolyar, spokesman for the provincial governor.

After being briefly detained, the men managed to negotiate their release. But as they drove away, the militants detonated a roadside bomb by remote control, killing all seven, Rasoolyar said.

The spokesman said that none of the seven worked for the authorities. The Taleban often target Afghan civilians who work for the government or with foreign military or civilian organizations.

However, Rasoolyar said he believed they were killed to intimidate civilians and show area residents not to use that road, which he said the Taleban use to plant roadside bombs against NATO forces and the Afghan army.

The volatile Province of Zabul lies just north of Kandahar, a traditional Taleban stronghold which along with neighboring Helmand has been the focus of much of the fighting in recent months.

US Marine kills Afghan police officer

KABUL, 15 Jan—A US Marine shot at and killed an Afghan police officer in Helmand province with Lashkar Gah as its capital, 555 km south of Kabul on Saturday, a statement of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) released here said.

“According to initial reporting, an Afghan Uniformed Police officer and a US Marine had a dispute while conducting static security operations on a patrol base in Sangin District,” the statement added. “The individual failed to comply with the instructions and the Marine fired two rounds which later engulfed the police officer.”

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Malaysia plans sanctuary for captive tigers

KUALA LUMPUR, 15 Jan—Malaysia plans to set up a large enclosed natural habitat for captive tigers, a senior wildlife official said Friday, in an ambitious proposal that has raised concerns among conservationists.

The authorities say the reserve will provide a good home for tigers rescued from poor living conditions, but campaigners argue the focus should be on protecting the animals in the wild.

“It is still at the preliminary stage. It will be an enclosed area big enough for the big cats to roam,” a wildlife and national parks department official told AFP on condition of anonymity.

“The tigers in the park will be fed and it will be a tourist attraction.”

A final decision on the programme, which will be located in peninsular Malaysia, will be made by the end of the year, the official said.

The plan was prompted by the discovery of 27 captive tigers living in poor conditions in a zoo in southern Malacca state, the official said. He played down fears of poachers raiding the tiger park, saying it would be “enclosed and guarded.”

But William Schaedla, regional director of TRAFFIC Southeast Asia, which monitors trade in wildlife, urged the authorities to concentrate on battling poaching rather than breeding tigers.—INTERNET

Even blindfolded, dolphins are masters of imitation

MIAMI, 15 Jan—Even blindfolded, a 7-year-old bottlenose dolphin named Tanner was able to mimic another dolphin’s behaviour — proof, according to Florida researchers, that dolphins are masters of imitation second only to humans.

When his sight was blocked, Tanner used other senses to figure out what the other dolphin was doing and copy it, the researchers at the Dolphin Research Centre in the Florida Keys said in a study published in the International Journal of Comparative Psychology.

Researchers at the non-profit centre hope to conduct further studies to “map the dolphin mind” in order to learn more about the evolution of human cognition.

Climate cost even greater than feared

Madrid, 15 Jan—British economist Nicholas Stern said the price of fighting climate change is now higher than he estimated in a 2006 study that earned him a 400,000-euro ($530,000) Spanish award on Friday.

Stern won the BBVA Foundation award for measuring the economic cost of climate change, notably in his 2006 Stern Review which found it made more economic sense to combat climate change than to do nothing.

The economist’s “advanced economic analysis” quantified the impacts of climate change and provided “a unique and robust basis” for decision-making, said the jury in the Frontiers of Science Award.

It “fundamentally changed the international climate change debate and stimulated action,” the jury said in a statement.

The Stern Review found world economic growth would contract by at least 20 percent if no action is taken, while a switch to a low-emissions economy would cost about one percent of global output a year.

Informed of the award on the eve of the announcement, Stern said he would revise the figures in his study if he was writing it now, according to statement by the BBVA Foundation.—INTERNET

107 trillion emails sent last year

WASHINGTON, 15 Jan—Internet users sent a total of 107 trillion emails last year, most of them spam, according to a Web monitoring service.

The number of emails sent last year were among the facts and figures about the Internet gathered by Pingdom from various sources and published Thursday at royal.pingdom.com/2011/01/12/internet-2010-in-numbers/

Pingdom said that as of June, there were 1.97 billion Internet users: 825.1 million in Asia, 475.1 million in Europe, 266.2 million in North America, 204.7 million in Latin America and the Caribbean, 110.9 million in Africa, 63.2 million in the Middle East and 21.3 million in Oceania and Australia.

Pingdom said an average of 294 billion email messages were sent per day and about 89 percent were spam.

Mobile app takes on India’s cheating tuk-tuk drivers

NEW DELHI, 15 Jan—It could spell the end for cheating autorickshaw drivers in India, the scourge of commuters and foreign tourists alike.

An Indian company has developed a mobile phone application that allows consumers to calculate what fare they should pay for a journey rather than the often inflated amount demanded by drivers.

MindHelix Technologies, a software company based in the southern Indian state of Kerala, has launched its TukTuk Meter application that uses Global Positioning System (GPS) technology to calculate routes and their costs. In India and other Asian countries, hiring an autorickshaw or tuk-tuk for a short ride often leads to an exasperating argument over the price.

Meters are routinely overcharged, with drivers trying to show them higher rates per kilometre (mile) or are said to be broken, with foreign tourists in particular charged exorbitant prices at the end of their trip.—INTERNET

Russia to sell new tourist rides to space in 2013

MOSCOW, 15 Jan—Russia will start selling multimillion-dollar tourist tickets to the International Space Station again in 2013 after a four-year hiatus, the US-based firm that organizes the paid trips said on Thursday.

Virginia-based Space Adventures has had no seats to sell for the zero-gravity voyage since flying billionaire Cirque du Soleil founder Guy Laliberte to space in October 2009.

An auto rickshaw driver waits in a queue for his turn to get a refill with Compressed Natural Gas outside a gas station in New Delhi, An Indian company has developed a mobile phone application that allows consumers to calculate what fare they should pay for a journey rather than the often inflated amount demanded by drivers.—INTERNET

A woman looks at her email on a computer screen in Washington 2010. Internet users sent a total of 107 trillion emails last year, most of them spam, according to a Web monitoring service.—INTERNET

A wild dolphin swims in the ocean near Mikura island, 200km south of Tokyo, on 3 August, 2008. Internet

“Looking at an animal (which is) so far removed from us and yet shares some cognitive abilities, tells us something about us,” said Dr Kelly Jaakkola, the centre’s research director.

Reuters

International Space Station (ISS) crew member European Space Agency Astronaut Paolo Nespoli of Italy takes part in a training session for controlling Soyuz spacecraft at the Star City space centre outside Moscow, 13 November, 2010.—INTERNET
Scientists make chickens that don’t spread bird flu

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Bird flu, also known as H5N1 avian influenza, usually afflicts poultry but can cross over to humans and cause lethal respiratory problems and other complications.

The first cases detected in humans were in Hong Kong in 1997. A wider global outbreak took hold in 2004 and has flared across parts of the world ever since. Scientists from the Universities of Cambridge and Edinburgh said the modified chickens could get bird flu but could not pass it on to other chickens.

“Chickens are potential bridging hosts that can enable new strains of flu to be transmitted to humans,” said Laurence Tiley, of the University of Cambridge’s Department of Veterinary Medicine.

“Preventing virus transmission in chickens should reduce the economic impact of the disease and reduce the risk posed to people exposed to the infected birds.”

Thirdhand smoke may be even bigger hazard

HAIFA, 15 Jan—“Thirdhand smoke,” the remains of cigarette smoke that clings to surfaces, may be a bigger health hazard than previously thought, a researcher in Israel warns.

Study leader Yael Dubowski of Technion-Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa, Israel, says thirdhand smoke can lead to the formation of contaminants on surfaces — carpeting, clothing, furniture and other surfaces and pose a hazard to a baby crawling on the carpet, a person napping on the sofa or someone eating food tainted by thirdhand smoke.

Dubowski and colleagues studied interactions between nicotine and indoor air on a variety of different materials including cellulose, cotton and paper to simulate typical indoor surfaces.

They found nicotine can interact with ozone in indoor air to form potentially toxic pollutants that get deposited on these surfaces.

Health Tip: Get fit for golf

Even when playing golf, you can injure your elbow, spine, knee, wrist or hip if you don’t warm up before you take the first swing.

The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons suggests these exercises:

- Grab a tennis ball and squeeze it for five minutes to exercise the muscles in your forearm.
- Do some wrist curls with a light dumbbell, bringing the dumbbell down to the fingertips, then lifting it to the palm. Then lift the weight another inch or two by curling the wrist. Repeat 10 times for each arm.
- Put your palms down flat in front of you, and use your wrist to move a dumbbell up and down. Do this 10 times for each arm, being sure to support the arm with the other hand at about your elbow.
- Use rubber tubing tied around an object at shoulder height. Pull the tubing to your chest, then extend your arms. Repeat 10 times for each arm.
- Using the rubber tubing again, kneel down and pull the tubing from over your head down to your chest as you bend your elbows, then release. Repeat 10 times.—INTERNET

Swiss National Bank estimates 2010 loss at 21 b francs

Swiss National Bank headquarters in Bern.

INTERNET

BERN, 15 Jan—The Swiss National Bank on Friday said it expects its foreign currency positions of the Swiss National Bank for the 2010 financial year, it said in a statement.

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The Swiss franc has gained about 12 percent against the euro and the US dollar, has resulted in a loss of some 26 billion Swiss francs ($26.6 billion, 20.3 billion euros) on the foreign currency positions of the Swiss National Bank for the 2010 financial year, it said in a statement.

That was partly mitigated by gains in the central bank’s gold holdings, which are expected to post an estimated profit of just under 6 billion francs for the year.

The central bank however added that despite the expected losses, its capital base “continues to be robust, also by comparison with other central banks.”

Delta mulls massive aircraft purchase

WASHINGTON, 15 Jan—Delta Airlines is moving to replace 200 aging aircraft, according to an internal memo, in what could spell the world’s largest plane purchase.

The US airline has approached manufacturers with a view to buying “100 to 200 firm aircraft” with an “option for 200 more” from early 2013, according to a memo posted on Delta’s intranet Thursday and received by AFP Friday.

If all planes were bought from the same supplier it would be the largest aircraft purchase in history, surpassing an IndiGo order of 180 planes from Airbus, which was announced this week. “Several major aircraft manufacturers” were approached in December, according to the document, as Delta tries to replace 200 narrow-bodied jets, including the Airbus A320, the DC9-30 and the Boeing 737-200.—INTERNET

Google gains ground in US search market

SAN FRANCISCO, 15 Jan—Market-tracker comScore reported on Friday that Google finished 2010 strong, handling 66 percent of US online queries.

Factoring in outside websites with search “powered by” by the California Internet titan, its share of the market climbed even higher, with 69.4 percent of US searches getting “organic” results from Google. Microsoft’s Bing search engine increased its share of the US market slightly to 12 percent, while AOL, Ask, and Yahoo! each lost ground with 1.9, 3.5, and 16 percent respectively, according to comScore.—INTERNET
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Rescuers struggle as Brazil flood deaths rise

TERESOPOLIS, 15 Jan—Rescuers uncovered more corpses buried under mud and wrecked homes in southeastern Brazil on Friday as the death toll from torrential rains and massive floods hit 540 people and looked certain to climb.

Rivers of mud tore through towns this week in the mountainous Serra da Mantiqueira region outside Brazil’s southeastern coast town of Teresopolis, as emergency services worked day and night to save lives.

At least 540 people were confirmed dead as of early Friday with 12 missing and 1,626 people still feared trapped in homes, shelters and vehicles, as well as 5,292 people injured and 14,242 homes destroyed.

“The number looks like going up,” a local emergency services officer told CNN. “We still have rescue efforts going on.”

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“We are very conscious of the fact that there can be water-borne diseases and we brought medical staff from other areas to help out,” Amaraweera told AFP. “There are no reports of diarrhoea, but we are taking precautions.”

A soldier stands guard at a crime scene where the body of an unidentified man was found in San Sebastian Tula in the outskirts of Oaxaca on January 13, 2011. — Internet

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“No member of the joint forces was harmed during the operation, “ it further said.

Taleban militants, who speed up their assaults against Afghan and NATO-led forces, have yet to make comments.

Xinhua

Veracruz, 15 Jan—Twelve suspected drug cartel gunmen and two soldiers were killed in a nearly six-hour gun-battle in the Gulf coast state of Veracruz, authorities reported Friday. About 100 soldiers, marines and police located a drug gang safe house in the state capital of Xalapa and surrounded it late Thursday, said Veracruz state Public Safety Secretary Sergio Lopez Esquer.

The gunmen resisted fiercely and a standoff ensued, with authorities firing tear gas into the house and exchanging fire with those inside.

Other gunmen shot up homes and cars in surrounding neighbour- hoods, apparently to try to draw soldiers away from the safe house.

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A destroyed house is seen after a landslide in Teresopolis on January 13, 2011. Internet

Somalis flee drought zones after rebels block aid

MOGADISHU, 15 Jan—Thousands of rural Somalis are camping within earshot of fighting in the capital Mogadishu after militants prevented aid groups from helping them survive a drought.

Al Shabaab rebels, who profess loyalty to al-Qaeda, have forced a number of aid groups, including the United Nations’ World Food Programme, to cease operations in parts of the country, parched by the failure of recent rains.

Medics in Mogadishu, where there are daily gunfights between the rebels and African Union peacekeepers protecting the Western-backed government, said they were seeing a growing number of dysentery, diarrhea and malnourishment cases.

“We receive hundreds of children and mothers sick with drought-related diseases every day,” Abdirizik, a doctor at Mogadishu’s Banadir Hospital told Reuters.—Reuters

Envoys to tour two key Iranian nuclear facilities

TEHERAN, 15 Jan—Seven international envoys are getting a look inside two key Iranian nuclear sites in a tour that Teheran hopes will build support ahead of more talks on its disputed atomic work.

In a blow to the effort, key powers Russia, China and the European Union refused the invitation. The EU said it should be up to inspectors from the UN atomic agency to verify whether Iran’s programme is entirely peaceful. The United States was not invited. The US and some of its allies accuse Iran of seeking nuclear weapons, a charge Iran denies.

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More than one million people were initially displaced in the flooding triggered by unusually heavy monsoon rains in the past week.

The state Disaster Management Centre said 32 people had been officially confirmed dead, with another 12 missing.

UN agencies in Colombo said that providing relief for those in the worst affected areas was a serious challenge, and that they would shortly issue an international appeal for funding.—Internet

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Mitsubishi Motors to target Brazil, India

TOKYO, 15 Jan—Mitsubishi Motors will streamline production in Japan, the United States and Europe while increasing output in emerging markets including Brazil and India, according to a new report.

By redistributing resources, the automaker aims to lift global production to 1.5 million units, up 50 percent from the year to March 2010, the Nikkei business daily said.

In the United States, Japan’s fourth-largest automaker will stop production of three models designed only for the North American market, such as the Eclipse, now manufactured at a plant in Illinois. But the company will increase output of such models as the Outlander sports utility vehicle that can be sold in other foreign markets, the Nikkei said.

In Europe, it will stop production of the Colt subcompact model next year, while the firm also plans to reduce or freeze production of certain models at Japanese plants.

Meanwhile, the Japanese automaker will invest in Brazil to boost local production, while preparing to start output from India by investing in a local partner, the Nikkei said.

It is also exploring a joint venture in India with France’s PSA Peugeot Citroen. Mitsubishi Motors aims to manufacture low-pollutant vehicles based on minicars jointly developed with Nissan Motor Co.

Reuters

Man held in California school threat had weapons cache

LA MESA, 15 Jan—Police found a cache of firearms at the house of a man they suspect of triggering a security scare at a San Diego-area high school on Friday when he called authorities to tell them he heard about a shooting there.

It was ultimately determined that no shooting occurred, but Helix High School in the San Diego suburb of La Mesa was placed under a security alert for roughly four hours after police in the neighboring town of El Cajon received the anonymous call at about 8:20 am local time, police said.

The caller asked dispatchers about a shooting he said he had heard about at the high school but hung “when the dispatcher began asking probative questions,” El Cajon police Lieutenant JD Arvan told Reuters.

While police were scrambled to the school in search of a possible threat, investigators traced the call back to a house in El Cajon, where they found the suspected caller and a number of handguns and rifles in “plain view,” Arvan said. “During our investigation, we became concerned for his mental stability,” and the man was placed in custody. He has since been referred for a psychological evaluation.

No criminal charges were immediately filed, but police asked for a warrant to thoroughly search the house, where he apparently lived alone, Arvan said.

No information about his identity or occupation was provided, but La Mesa police Lieutenant Dan Willis said the suspect was in his 40s.

As police from both towns converged on the school, teachers were directed to keep students inside their classrooms, and access to the campus was closed.—Internet

Snow, rain to continue in southwest China over next three days

BEIJING, 15 Jan—Most parts of southwest China will experience snow or rain over the next three days, as the cold wave continues, the National Meteorological Centre forecast Saturday.

Medium-to-heavy snowfalls will hit most parts of Tibet Autonomous Region, southeastern areas of Qinghai Province, northeastern parts of Guizhou Province, and northern areas of Hainan Province.

The southeastern parts of Tibet and northwestern parts of Yunnnan Province will have medium-to-heavy rains or snowfalls. Parts of Guizhou will have icy rain.

The cold snap will also bring temperature drops to the regions along Yellow and Huai rivers and further south Saturday. Temperatures in the region will drop 3 to 6 degrees Celsius or 8 to 10 degrees Celsius in some areas.

Xinhua

Three wounded in shooting spree in southern Norwegian city

OSLO, 15 Jan—Three persons were wounded Friday when they were shot by an unidentified gunman in the southern Norwegian city of Sandefjord, the Norwegian news agency NTB reported.

A woman was shot in the head and chest while her husband was shot in the back, said police. The two were rushed to Ullevaal Hospital in Oslo and their condition was critical.

The third victim, a man who was shot in the chest, was hospitalized in Tonsberg in stable condition.

Police trying to track down the perpetrator closed the gate to a school near the shooting scene and told students to remain inside.

Xinhua

US company recalls chew bars due to high lead levels

LOS ANGELES, 15 Jan—A US company on Friday ordered a recall of chew bars which contain elevated levels of lead.

The recall was initiated after a recent test by the California Department of Public Health showed that the recalled product’s lead levels are above the national standard, said the Indiana-based company called Circle City Marketing and Distributing.

The chew bars contain lead levels of 0.24 parts per million (ppm), higher than the 0.1 ppm set by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, said the company.

The company said that out of an abundance of caution, it has determined to recall all lots and all flavors of the product distributed from the product’s inception in 2007 through January 2011.

The recalled product was sold in several brands, with each chew bar having a net weight of 0.7 ounce or 20 grams, according to the company.

The Pakistan-made candy called Toxic-Waste Nuclear Sludge Chew Bars was distributed nationwide in retail stores and through mail orders, the company said.

Elevated levels of lead potentially could cause health problems, particularly for infants, small children, and pregnant women.

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It is the 252nd of bridges of 180 feet and above built by Ministry of Construction and the 14th in Mandalay Region. Thanks to the bridge, local commodities can easily be transported to Mandalay Region, Magway Region, Rakhine State and Chin State through Nay Pyi Taw - Taunggyo - Chaungnet-Taungdwingyi road, Nay Pyi Taw - Taunggyo - Myothit-Kanbya (Magway) road and other road networks, contributing to development of economic, social, health and education sectors of the region.

Minister U Khin Maung Myint, Minister Thura U Myint Maung, and deputy ministers cutting a ribbon to commission Kyweshin Bridge.

Commander Brig-Gen Maung Maung Aye, Minister U Khin Maung Myint and deputy ministers formally open Nay Pyi Taw-Taunggyo-Chaungnet-Taungdwingyi (Ngansat-Kyweshin Section) tarrad road.—MNA

Kyweshin Bridge is the 252nd over-180-foot bridge constructed by Public Works of Ministry of Construction.

Deputy Construction Minister visits Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku) Project

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Jan—Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe visited construction site (Pakokku bank) of Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku) on 13 January. The deputy minister heard reports on progress in construction of the bridge and inspected construction of bored piles. He also went to the construction site on Latpanchepaw side and inspected preparation for fixing trusses.—MNA

MCBF, MHA to hold Cane-ball Competition in NyaungU

YANGON, 15 Jan — Myanmar Cane-ball Federation and Myanmar Hoteliers Association will jointly organize MHA Chairman’s Cup and MCBF Cup Myanmar Traditional Cane-ball Competition in NyaungU of Mandalay Region from 16 to 20 February. First prize is K 1.5m, second K 1m and third 0.5m for each event. Teams of Bagan and NyaungU Townships will be assisted with K 50,000 and of other Regions and States with K 0.1m in addition to accommodation costs. Teams may enlist at MCBF (Aung San Stadium) not later than 10 February.

Those interested may contact MCBF General Secretary U Ye Aung (Ph: 09-2002688), Daw Khin Aye Mu (Mandalay Region: Ph: 09-2165061), U Myo Thant (Prince Hotel Bagan) NyaungU Ph: 09-4710520 and 061-604114 and MCF (Ph: 01-393420).—MNA

WISE to open Research Method and Techniques Course

YANGON, 15 Jan — WISE International School for Executive will conduct 10-day Course Research Method and Techniques for Certificate in Research Methodology for Business starting on 21 January. The course focuses on effectiveness usage of research & development method techniques, for they are helpful in business, enterprise, marketing, advertising, promotion and survey.

One may enroll in the course with the fee of K 50,000 (40 per cent off for members). For enquiry, those interested may contact WISE International School for Executive at No (1009), 10th floor, Yuzana Tower, junction of Kaba Aye Pagoda Road and Shwegondine Road, Bahan Township, Yangon (Ph: 01-556183 and 09-5157032).—MNA

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**Soldiers to be deployed in Shwe Taung Township**

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Jan — Chairman of Bago Region Peace and Development Commission Brig-Gen Soe Naing, an 8-member delegation headed by Secretary Mr Takreth Samrach of Office of the Council of Ministers of Cambodia visited Myanmar from 10 to 14 January.

The delegation arrived at Yangon on 10 January and visited tourist destinations in Bagan, Mandalay and Yangon on 11 and 12 January. At Chatrium Hotel on 13 January, the Cambodian delegation and Myanmar delegation discussed bilateral cooperation in non-smoke industry and flying direct flight between the two countries.

Myanmar delegation comprises directors-general of Directorate of Hotels and Tourism and Department for Civil Aviation, personnel of Directorate of Telecommunications and Myanmar Airways International, chairman of Myanmar Tourism Industrialists Association, Myanmar Hoteliers Association, and market promotion committees, and vice-president of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and was headed by Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Aye Myint Kyu and Deputy Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung.

The Cambodian delegation went back home on 14 yesterday morning.—MNA

**New concrete roads put into service**

YANGON, 15 Jan.—Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Yangon Mayor U Aung Thein Lin formally opened Yekyaw concrete road in No 79 Ward, Pazundaung Township here this morning.

The mayor then attended the opening of a library, 2-inch diameter tube well, 800-gallon capacity brick tank, garden and circular concrete road in Pazundaung Garden Complex in No. 7 Ward.

He also opened concrete roads in No.6 and No.7 wards and inspected the roads. He then inspected concreting of the road section from Banya Dalla Junction to Thamein Byan Junction and upgrading of Tooth Relics Pagoda circular road in Mayangon Township.—MNA

**Safari Park (Nay Pyi Taw)**

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animals and plants growing in natural conditions, to keep endangered species of animals from inside and around the world, and to enable the people to learn the natural ecology.

Close to the park are the Planetarium and the Aquarium. Head of the park U Aung Kyaw Tun said to the Kyemon that animals were kept in natural conditions as an open zoo in order that visitors felt as though they were in an African forest; that there would soon be 202 animals of 16 rare species from some foreign countries such as kangaroos, giraffes, white rhinos, zebras, ostriches, goat deer, one-hump camels, lions, and African deer (impala).

In the Asian booth are eight mythums, 30 samburs, 30 golden deers, and 50 small deers, totaling 118 animals inhabiting in natural conditions. If a visitor leaves behind the Asian Safari booth, he will reach Australian Safari booth with an area of 3.53 acres with six kangaroos and 10 small kangaroos from the Netherlands.

After the Australian Safari booth, the African Safari booth is the largest with an area of 59.64 acres, serving natural habitats for six camels, eight African deer, six goat deer, six lions, 10 tigers, six white rhinos, 10 ostriches, six giraffes, six zebras and four ponies, altogether 68 animals.

In order that the open zoo is like a safari park, man-made caves, woodland and small lakes are set up in it. Booths are divided by fences. Tiger booth and lion booth are fenced twice. So, the booths of the beasts are surrounded by five fences; white rhinos, by four fences; and other animals, by three fences. Visitors can observe the animals by buggy. Only by specially-designed mini bus, can visitors observe tigers and lions.

An official said that zoo keepers had to keep a watchful eye on the animals of foreign species because they were foreign species; that if needed they were given health care by veterinarians; and that those foreign species animals were kept by selected zoo keepers.

Visitors can then visit the aquarium made up of 51 lakes and one 50,000-gallon-capacity lake in which altogether 1383 freshwater and saltwater fishes of 44 rare species will be on display.

Near the aquarium is a modern amusement park for kids. Vacant lands in the area of the Safari Park will be reforested with trees and landscaping trees and flowering plants. In addition, an orchid park is being built for public study. There is a road linking the area with the National Landmark Park or National Races Village, to which visitors can go by buggy.

The Safari Park (Nay Pyi Taw) will soon be opened. So, the people are urged to visit the wildlife habitats to observe various species of animals including rare species of animals from foreign countries for relaxation and recreation.

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Commander attends Commander’s Shield Men’s and Women’s Volleyball Contest

NAV Pyi Taw, 15 Jan—Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Brig-Gen Hsan Oo inspected Kali-Mongsan road construction on 7 January. On 8 January, he presented cash assistance in meeting with officers and other ranks and their families at Loilem station hall, and inspected agriculture and breeding tasks. He watched final match of Eastern Commander’s Shield Men’s and Women’s Volleyball Contest and attended its prize presentation ceremony on 10 January. He awarded the winners and champion team.

At Shan State meeting hall, he handed over the flag for victory to the team that will compete in Inter-State/Region Men’s Freestyle Tournament (open), and cordially greeted the players.—MNA

Transport Minister attends MMU fifth convocation

NAV Pyi Taw, 15 Jan — The fifth convocation ceremony of the University of Myanmar Maritime University was held in conjunction with prize presentation ceremony at the hall of the convocation of the University this morning, attended by Chairman of Myanmar Maritime University Council Minister of Myanmar Maritime University, Sweden and RINA Myanmar Shipyard Award Gold Medal of Royal Institute of Naval Architects (UK), HPH Gold Medal of Hutchison Port Holding (Hong Kong) and subject-wise gold medals to students.

The minister presented certificates of honour to winners of RINA Fellowship Awards and International Fellowship Awards conferred by World Maritime University, Sweden and RINA Myanmar Shipyard Award Gold Medal of Royal Institute of Naval Architects (UK), HPH Gold Medal of Hutchison Port Holding (Hong Kong) and subject-wise gold medals to students. Next, the minister delivered a convocational speech.

After the ceremony, the minister observed the industrial booth of final students. Post-graduate diploma and degrees were conferred on 268 students by MMU at its fifth convocation ceremony. MNA

Model long staple cotton plantation harvested

MYANNAUNG, 15 Jan—The model Ngwechi-6 long staple cotton plantation of farmer U Hla Tun in Plot No. 220 in Myanaung Township was harvested on 28 December, attended by the chairman of the Township PDC, the Township Manager of Myanmar Agriculture Service, the Head of the Township Settlement and Land Records Department and farmers.

The per acer yield of the model long staple cotton plantation is 836 viss. —Myanaung Alin

Multi-Hazard Early Warning Centre

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as well as collecting data of weather conditions in neighbouring regions in coming three to five days through high performance computing system and analyzed comparing with current conditions and publishes announcements. The centre collects special weather reports every hour from coastal meteorological stations in case of storm moving to Myanmar Coast, predict its movement and publishes storm warning. Hydrology Division has four units: Tide prediction section, computer section, data collection section and hydrology lab. The division is responsible for monitoring hydrological stations collecting hydrological data from these stations, studying and analyzing them, publishing analyzed data and report. The division analyzes water levels and floods of major rivers in Myanmar and publishes monthly and yearly reports.

Seismology Division is responsible for setting up seismology centres and equipping seismometers, collecting data the whole day, issuing earthquake warning, and tsunami warning, and carrying out tasks to reduce risks of earthquakes.

The Meteorology and Hydrology Department publishes timely weather forecasts through MRTV, MRTV-3, MRTV-4, dailies, Nay Pyi Taw Myanmar Radio, City FM, Mandalay FM, Pyinsiwady FM, Cherry FM, auto-answering machines and other state-owned media so as to reach out to all strata of life. People may also visit www.dmhm.gov.mm website of the department or call automatic-answering machine Ph: 067-411252 and 01-

An official of Seismology Division answering queries of Kyemon daily.

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Industry-1 Ministry holds Maung Myanmar cycling contest

NAV Pyi Taw, 15 Jan—Maung Myanmar cycling contest (male & female events) organized by Ministry of Industry-1 took place at the designated places here this morning.

Among the spectators were directors-general and managing-directors of the ministry, the chairman of Nay Pyi Taw District Peace and Development Council and members and chairman of township PDGs, officials of Myanmar Cycling Federation and enthusiasts.

The starting point of male event was from the stone monument at the junction in Tatkon, Nay Pyi Taw District and finished at Maung Aung Basic Education Middle School in Zeyathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw District and the destination was also at Maung Aung Basic Education Middle School, totaling 20 miles.

The contest was followed by prize-presentation ceremony at the ministry. Director-General of Directorate of Industries U Win Myint awarded first, second and third prize winners in male contest and so did Director-General of Industrial Coordination and Inspection Department U Soe Hline to winners of female event.—MNA
Bulgarian helicopter crew kidnapped in Sudan

Khartoum, 15 Jan—Three Bulgarian helicopter aircrew working on a UN contract were kidnapped in Sudan’s troubled Darfur region on Thursday, the United Nations and the Bulgarian foreign ministry said.

The trio, seized by unidentified gunmen, were reportedly well.

“A crew of three Bulgarian nationals, working for a Bulgarian airline company operating flights on a UN contract, were kidnapped in north Sudan,” the foreign ministry said in Sofia.

UNAMID, the joint UN-African Union mission in Darfur, said the three were working on a World Food Programme (WFP) mission when seized at Um-Shalya southeast of El-Geneina in West Darfur.

“The incident occurred as the crew landed their helicopter at approximately 10.35 hrs and were subsequently met by unknown armed men,” said a statement from UNAMID. It said no other details were immediately available.

The three work for the UN Humanitarian Air Service, which is managed by the WFP. Bulgarian foreign ministry spokeswoman Vesela Cherneva told national radio: “We have confirmed their identities but cannot disclose any details at this stage.”

A couple of tourists look at a vintage Mercedes-Benz car at the Gangaramaya Temple in Colombo on 12 Jan, 2011. Sri Lanka’s 2010 tourist arrivals rose 46 percent year-on-year as the Indian Ocean island’s post-war travel boom gathered speed, with December arrivals setting a new monthly record, data released on Tuesday showed.—INTERNET

Toxic chemicals found in many US pregnant women

Los Angeles, 15 Jan—A new study has found that many pregnant women in the United States have a number of potentially toxic or cancer-causing chemicals in their bodies.

In the study, involving 268 women, researchers at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) analyzed data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Study results show that almost all participants had detectable levels of eight types of chemicals in their blood or urine, including flame retardants and phthalates (used in many fragrances and plastics).

Some of the chemicals detected in the study have been linked to health problems in other studies, finds the study.

The findings were published on Friday by USA Today.

Moderate beer drinking said health benefit

Madrid, 15 Jan—Moderate drinking of beer can cut the risk of diabetes and high blood pressure and even help people lose weight, Spanish doctors say.

Spanish researchers say combining ale or lager with exercise and a healthy Mediterranean diet high in fish, fruit and vegetables and olive oil can provide health benefits, Britain’s Daily Telegraph reported Thursday.

Beer contains folic acid, vitamins, iron and calcium and offers the same health benefits already credited to moderate wine drinking, the researchers found. “Moderate beer consumption is associated with nutritional and health benefits,” Dr Ramon Estruch, the lead researcher, said.

It does not necessarily mean weight gain since it has no fat and calorie content is low.”

He contrasted the culture of drinking small glasses of beer with healthy foods in Spain to binge drinking in Britain.

“Beer drinkers here do not resemble Britons, who drink large quantities, almost without moving from one spot, while eating chips and sausages,” he said.—Internet

Chinese artist in France Li Zhongyao (L) signates for a fan on a commemorative stamp for China’s upcoming lunar new year, Year of the Rabbit, in Paris, capital of France, 14 Jan, 2011. The French postal department put on sale on Friday the commemorative stamp for China’s Year of the Rabbit which is due to begin on 3 Feb, 2011.—Xinhua

Japanese carmakers in push for hydrogen vehicles

Tokyo, 15 Jan—Japan’s top three automakers Toyota, Honda and Nissan have united with Japanese energy firms in a push to commercialise greener hydrogen fuel cell cars and build a network of fuelling stations.

Aiming to build 100 filling stations by 2015 in Tokyo, Nagoya, Osaka and Fukuoka, the companies said a statement from Toyota, Honda and Nissan, along with 10 Japanese energy groups including natural gas refiners and distributors, want to build 100 hydrogen filling stations by 2015 in Tokyo, Nagoya, Osaka and Fukuoka.

Other chemicals include pesticides, car exhaust pollution, PCBs (toxic industrial chemical banned in 1979), PFCs (used in non-stick cookware) and phthalates (used in many fragrances and plastics).

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Cholera epidemic in Haiti begins to stabilize

Port-au-Prince, 15 Jan—The cholera epidemic in Haiti has begun to show signs of stabilizing, despite the fact it is now present in all the regions of this Caribbean country, the doctors in Haiti said Friday.

“Well the situation right now is very optimistic, it is stabilizing, we see in many parts that the numbers are slowly diminishing, including for example in Port-au-Prince, but we have to be very very careful and continue monitoring the situation,” Sylvain Groulx told Xinhua in Peton Ville.

According to him, the situation “is not perfect, but certainly we see that the number (of cases) is diminishing” as now there are not “the high numbers there were a few weeks ago.”

“Every day people is coming in and need to be treated, however now instead of coming by hundreds, thousands per day they are coming between 50 or 60 people per day to be treated instead of 150 per day,” he said.

A picture released by the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) on 3 January shows a UN helicopter airlifting voting materials to Tall.—INTERNET

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Roman rise and fall ‘recorded in trees’

LONDON, 15 Jan — An extensive study of tree growth rings says there could be a link between the rise and fall of past civilizations and sudden shifts in Europe’s climate. A team of researchers based their findings on data from 9,000 wooden artifacts from the past 2,500 years. They found that periods of warm, wet summers coincided with prosperity, while political turmoil occurred during times of climate instability.

The findings have been published online by the journal Science. “Looking back on 2,500 years, there are examples where climate change impacted human history,” co-author Ulf Büntgen, a palaeoclimatologist at the Swiss Federal Research Institute for Forest, Snow and Landscape, told the Science website.

Doctors amputate actress Zsa Zsa Gabor’s right leg

LOS ANGELES, 15 Jan — Actress Zsa Zsa Gabor’s right leg, which was infected with gangrene, has been amputated in a life-saving surgery her doctors have deemed a success. She is in “frail health” and will be closely monitored in a Los Angeles hospital, Dr David Rigberg said.

Gabor was hospitalised on 2 January after attempts to save her leg with antibiotics proved unsuccessful. The 93-year-old has been admitted to hospital a number of times since breaking her hip in July.

“Ms Gabor needed an amputation above her knee due to poor circulation and a large ulcerated area on her right leg,” said Dr Rigberg, an associate professor of vascular surgery at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Centre in Los Angeles.

“The surgery today went well, however, she is in frail health so we will continue to monitor her closely,” he said, adding that after consulting with Ms Gabor’s husband, Fredric Prinz von Anhalt, she felt amputation was the best decision.

Man mows down 41 mailboxes

BUFFALO GROVE, 15 Jan — Police in the Chicago suburbs said a man who ran over 41 mailboxes told officers the first few were accidental and he kept going because he was “frustrated.”

Buffer Grove Cmdr Steve Husak said the man, identified as Jordan Weiman, 36, of Buffalo Grove, intended to mow down the items because he was frustrated about, “how the mail is delivered.”

Michigan man kills family, self

NOVI, 15 Jan — A Michigan man apparently killed his wife and two sons before killing himself in his vehicle with carbon monoxide fumes from a charcoal grill, police said.

Police in Novi, Mich., went to the home of Mark and Jennifer Schons after their sons, Tynan, 6, and Carsyn, 4, did not show up for school on Friday. The Detroit News reported.

Doctors said Gabor is in “frail health” after having her right leg amputated — Internet

The study offers a link between changes to the climate and the rise and fall of human societies.— Internet

DPRK leader stresses importance of science and technology

PYONGYANG, 15 Jan — Kim Jong II, top leader of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK), stressed the significance of science and technology, state media reported on Saturday.


He underscored the need for the introduction of the latest technology and technological innovation drive, noting that those who have a perfect mastery of science and technology can become conquerors in the future.

Kim called for updating the equipment to steadily boost production with locally available raw materials. He praised the workers for the great successes in the efforts to push back the frontiers of the latest science and technology and realize the policy of the Workers’ Party of Korea (WPK).

Milky Way’s dark-matter satellite in stargazers’ sights

LONDON, 15 Jan — Scientists have proposed a means to track down the dark dwarf galaxies that should be orbiting the Milky Way, saying they have found evidence of one. Spiral galaxies like ours have these satellites, but some are made of “dark matter” that is impossible to see. The idea is to look for tracks they leave in hydrogen gas at the galaxy’s edge, like the wake behind a boat.

Observations based on the idea suggest the existence of a far-flung satellite galaxy weighing in up to 10 billion Suns. Presenting her work at the American Astronomical Society meeting in Seattle, Sukanya Chakrabarti, from the University of California, Berkeley, said her method could solve a long-standing problem in cosmology.

Plymouth girl’s attacker ‘sadistic and evil’

LONDON, 15 Jan — The leader of a girl gang who burned a teenager with a cigarette and stamped on her face has been described as “sadistic” by a judge. Judge Francis Gilbert QC told 16-year-old Sabrina Barber he had never seen such “a sustained and savage assault”. Her victim, Naomi Morrison, 17, was attacked by 10 girls for 90 minutes on Plymouth Hoe in December 2009.

Barber, from Plymouth, admitted grievous bodily harm with intent and was detained for five years.

Doctors said Weiman told them he hit the first few mailboxes accidentally and continued to mow down the items because he was frustrated.

“I don’t know what he was frustrated about,” Husak said. Weiman is now facing 41 misdemeanor counts of knowingly damaging property.— Internet

Police officer gunned down in NJ

LAKEWOOD, 15 Jan — A young patrolman was gunned down on Friday when he pulled over to question a pedestrian in Lakewood, NJ, police said. Christopher Matlosz, 27, was shot three times at close range, the Asbury Park Press reported. Witnesses told police Matlosz, sitting in his patrol car, was talking to a young man who suddenly pulled out a handgun and began firing. Police were searching for a suspect identified as Jahmell W Crockam, 19. Ocean County Prosecutor Marlene Lynch Ford said the gunman fired three times, hitting Matlosz every time.

Matlosz was pronounced dead just before 5 pm EST at Jersey Shore Medical Centre.— Internet

The hydrogen gas in the farthest reaches of spiral galaxies may hold hints of dark-matter galaxies.— Internet

Man's Office found Mark Schon’s sport utility vehicle at a department store parking lot, where Schon had apparently hit the grill inside the vehicle and died.— Internet

MNA/Xinhua

Naomi Morrison said she thought her attackers were going to kill her.— Internet

Actors of Miao ethnic group perform dance at a plaza in Hong Kong, south China, on 14 Jan, 2011. The troupe from Bijie area of southwest China’s Guizhou Province will hold five performances for Hong Kong residents to greet the upcoming Spring Festival.— Xinhua
Two would-be thieves called in their own crime to police in Germany after they could not escape from a broken-down elevator over the weekend, police said in a statement.

“This sounds really dumb,” one of the thieves told police in Cologne over the elevator’s emergency phone. “But I’m afraid that we wanted to break in and the elevator has gotten stuck.”

When police arrived they found the two thieves aged 31 and 37 stuck in the elevator of an office building. The thieves allegedly broke into the building and were attempting to reach a higher floor when the elevator became stuck, the police said.

They decided to phone for help when one thief injured his hand attempting to pry open the door. Firemen eventually freed the men and they were arrested.

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**Credit Protection: Bouncer’s cards stop knife blows**

A wallet stuffed with 20 plastic cards and a stroke of luck saved a pub doorman in western Germany from serious injury during a knife attack.

A customer ejected from the pub in the city of Witten on Sunday stabbed its 31-year-old doorman four times in the chest with a knife, police said. But a fat wallet in the bouncer’s breast pocket stopped the blade from piercing his body.

“The wallet and cards acted as a protective vest and prevented a more serious incident,” chief inspector Volker Schuette told Reuters without naming the bouncer or attacker.

“Everyone at the police station checked their wallets and no one had 20 plastic cards,” he said, adding that the doorman’s wallet had a plethora of cards for video rental stores along with credit and bank cards.

**Woman recreates da Vinci’s ‘Last Supper’ with lint**

A northern Michigan woman has put her own spin on Leonardo da Vinci’s “The Last Supper” by making a replica out of laundry lint.

Laura Bell of Roscommon collected lint from her dryer and fashioned it into a 14-foot-long, 4-foot tall reproduction of the Italian Renaissance painter’s masterpiece.

Bell says she needed about 800 hours to do enough laundry to get the lint, and 200 hours to recreate the mural. She bought towels of the colours she wanted and laundered them separately to get the right shades of lint.

Her artwork has caught the eye of Ripley’s Believe It or Not! The company plans to put it on display at one of its museums. Ripley’s says it also has Last Supper replicas made from a grain of rice, a dime and burned toast.

**“My Name is Khan” dominates first Bollywood awards**

SINGAPUR, 15 Jan—An Indian film about a Muslim man’s travels in the United States dominated the Bollywood’s first major awards of the year, picking up both best director and best actor titles.

The Zee Cine Awards were held in Singapore, and most of the Indian Hindi film industry’s top stars flew in for the event at the Marina Bay Sands Resort, which dominates the city-state’s skyline.

“My Name is Khan,” a sentimental movie about an autistic Muslim man who lives in the United States, won awards for director Karan Johar and lead actor Shahrukh Khan.

The Best Film award went to “Dhobi,” an action-packed romance about a policeman who does very little by the book.

The best female actor was Vidya Balan for her role in “Ishqiya,” in which she plays a widow who is romantically involved with two kommen.

Reuters

**Michael Jackson dance moves hit Kinect in April**

SAN FRANCISCO, 15 Jan—Ubisoft on Thursday announced an 12 April release date for a Michael Jackson video game that challenges Xbox 360 players to dance like the King of Pop.

“Michael Jackson: The Experience” taps into camera and gesture-tracking capabilities of Kinect controllers for Xbox 360 consoles to track how well players are imitating the late music legend’s moves.

The game features Ubisoft technology that projects players into on-screen scenes inspired by Jackson’s music videos and live performances. Ubisoft released a version of the game for Nintendo’s Wii console with motion-sensing wand controllers in November.—Internet

**Placido Domingo receives top Spanish arts award**

MADRID, 15 Jan—Spain’s government Friday awarded opera tenor Placido Domingo its Order of Arts and Letters for “his extraordinary artistic career.”

Domingo, who is to perform in Madrid on his 70th birthday this month, is “one of the greatest ambassadors of Spain and its culture in the world,” the ministry of culture said in announcing the award.

The honour is “in recognition of his extraordinary artistic career as a singer and orchestra conductor, as well as for his international defence of Spanish music, in particular the zarzuela,” the traditional Spanish operetta, it said.

“One of the great tenors in history,” he has had “a 50-year career that is unparalleled in the history of modern music.”—Internet

**Twin sisters about to turn 100**

Two sisters born almost a century ago in Southern California are looking forward to their 100th birthday Saturday.

Inez Harries and Vennie Shaw still live in the Los Angeles area, the Los Angeles Times reported. And they are still hard to tell apart.

“I don’t feel a century old,” one sister said Wednesday at a surprise reception held by the Lockheed Federal Credit Union, where Harries has had an account for decades. “I probably don’t feel any older than in my 80s.” Harries and Shaw were born 15 Jan, 1911, in Pasadena. Their father, William Hesser, managed a citrus ranch.

They appeared on a float in the 1917 Rose Bowl parade and survived the 1918 Spanish influenza epidemic and the San Fernando floods of 1938.

**Trapped burglars call police for help**

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“They are imitating the late music legend’s moves. Internet players are imitating the late music legend’s moves."—Reuters

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Dortmund dominate Leverkusen to extend league lead

BERLIN, 15 Jan—Borussia Dortmund ex- tended their lead at the top of the Bundesliga to 13 points on Friday, blitzing second-placed Bayer Leverkusen with three goals in just six min- utes for a 3-1 win at home.

Having already begun 2011 with a ten-point lead, Dortmund hit sec- ond-half goals in quick succession from teenager Mario Goetze and two from 22-year-old Kevin

Rovers return for Santa Cruz

LONDON, 15 Jan—Paraguayan international Roque Santa Cruz has joined former club Blackburn Rovers on loan from Manchester City for the remainder of the season, it was con- firmed on Friday.

Santa Cruz, 29, has struggled to fit in at Eastlands since being signed by former City manager Mark Hughes in 2009.

Santa Cruz, who will be available for Rovers match against Chelsea at Stamford Bridge on Sat- urday, enjoyed a prolific two seasons in his previ- ous stint at Ewood Park, netting 29 goals.

But he was selected by City manager Roberto Mancini just four times this season, scoring two goals.—Internet

French free-for-all as title race heats up

PARK LANE, 15 Jan—With the French league title race threatening to be the closest in recent memory no fewer than a dozen clubs are eying a push for the summit as top flight action returns this weekend. No side has been dominant across the opening four months of the season, leaving unfancied Lille top of the heap by a point from PSG, whose last title win came in 1994 (to 1995 for Lille), Rennes and Lyon.

Defending champions Marseille are two points further back after managing to win only seven of their 19 matches to date. The top 13 sides are separated by a mere seven points, hence the pressure will be on Didier Deschamps’ titleholders to see off 2009 champions Bordeaux in the Sunday match at the Stade Velodrome.—Internet

Mazzarri working on Napoli belief

ROME, 15 Jan—While the traditional Italian giants AC Milan, Inter Milan and Juventus usually compete for Serie A honours, this season has been enlivened by some unexpectedly strong showings from other teams. As a result the scudetto race has an unfamiliar look about it.

Heading into this weekend’s games, Napoli sit second in the table, just ahead of third-placed Lazio, with Roma fourth and Palermo fifth. Only Milan on top are occupying a position ex- pected of them as arch rivals Inter languish in seventh, one place behind Juve. And while most people are still expecting at least Inter to hit back and run Milan close, there are a growing number starting to believe in Napoli’s chances.—Internet

Redknapp unlikely to make permanent Beckham move

LONDON, 15 Jan—Tottenham manager Harry Redknapp admits he is unlikely to make a perma- nent move to sign David Beckham because he is unsure how long the LA Galaxy star will continue playing. Beckham has been training with Spurs this week while the Premier League club at- tempt to secure his signing on a three-month loan deal.

The 35-year-old is keen to keep match-fit during the MLS off-sea- son, but his hopes of playing for Redknapp’s side have so far been scuppered by Galaxy’s demands over his return date to America and insurance issues.—Internet

Abdulatif nets four as Bahrain eliminate India

Doha, 15 Jan—Bahrain’s Ismaeel Abdulatif scored a remarkable four goals as his side thrashed India 5-2 here on Friday to stay in contention for an Asian Cup last-eight berth and consign the Indians to elimination. The 24-year- old forward scored three times in just 19 minutes in a devastating first-half spell, after Faouzi Aaish’s penalty had been cancelled out by India midfielder Gouramangi Singh.

Sunil Chhetri pulled another goal back for In- dia early in the second half, but after Aaish had been sent off, Abdulatif

remained home his fourth goal with 13 minutes re- maining to kill off any hopes of an Indian come- back.—Internet

Federer turns up heat on Nadal’s Slam bid

MELBOURNE, 15 Jan—Reigning champion Roger Federer on Saturday piled pressure on Rafael Nadal by call- ing him “favourite” for the Australian Open, where the Spaniard is running for his fourth major title in a row. Federer said he was sure the world number one would be untroubled by his recent illness as he bids to unite all four Grand Slams for the first time since 1969.

“He’s been the one dominating the Slams,” Federer said.—Internet
MADRID, 15 Jan—Reports in Spain and Germany this Friday say that the striker Real Madrid will bring to the club in the January transfer window is non other than their former player Ruud van Nistelrooy.

The club has been scouring the market for a striker since it was revealed that the back injury suffered by Gonzalo Higuain would keep him out for the rest of the season. Speaking after Thursday’s Copa del Rey match against Atletico Madrid, Real’s General Director, Jorge Valdano admitted they were in the market, but added they only wanted a short term deal.—Xinhua

Van Nistelrooy to return to Real Madrid

Hamburg striker Ruud van Nistelrooy has reportedly demanded a move back to Real Madrid. 

INTERNET

13 killed as bus plunges into river in northern India

NEW DELHI, 15 Jan—At least 13 people were killed and eight others sustained injuries when the bus in which they were traveling plunged into a river in the northern Indian state of Uttar Pradesh, Thursday. Speaking after the mishap happened when the driver of the bus, carrying 21 people, lost control of the vehicle after hitting a railing alongside the Varanasi river near Kalikadham village in the holy town of Varanasi. The bus plunged into the river soon after. While 13 bodies have been fished out of the river by rescuers, those injured were rushed to a local hospital where the condition of some are said to be serious, the official said, adding a probe has been ordered into the incident. 

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Mayawati has announced a compensation of 100,000 rupees (2,000 U.S. dollars) each to the kin of those killed. She also announced free treatment for those injured. 

MNA/Xinhua

Monsoon conditions are likely to prevail in the Northern Myanmar areas. Light rain are likely to be isolated in Kachin State and Tanintharyi Region and weather will be partly cloudy in Shan, Rakhine and Mon States. Upper Sagaina and Yangon Regions and generally fair in the remaining States and Regions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast valid until evening of the 16th January 2011: Light rain are likely to be isolated in Kachin State and Tanintharyi Region and weather will be partly cloudy in Shan, Rakhine and Mon States. Upper Sagina and Yangon Regions and generally fair in the remaining States and Regions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the Sea: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of isolated light rain in the Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 16-1-2011: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 16-1-2011: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 16-1-2011: Generally fair weather.
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

Multi-Hazard Early Warning Centre
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Multi-Hazard Early Warning Centre was set up in Nay Pyi Taw with a view to doing research on natural disasters, to reduce risks of catastrophes, to issue timely announcement of storm/earthquake/tsunami/flood warnings, to disseminate knowledge about natural disaster to exchange news and technologies in cooperation with international organizations and to provide technical assistance so as to protect projects of the government from danger of catastrophes.

Meteorology Division of Meteorology and Hydrology Department has four divisions: prediction section, documentation section, record section and climate sections.

Meteorology Division is currently operating using computer software that can forecast tidal waves and weather condition of the whole globe, network system to exchange global weather reports, warning and recordings, modern high-speed ADSL internet network, fiber cable internet network, meteorological stations, 24-hr radio communication network system in states and regions, automatic-answering machines, and is preparing to expand its function with network equipment provided by Japan International Cooperation Agency with which weather reports can be received by satellite.

The centre analyzes weather conditions in the region (See page 10)