Regional development tasks gaining momentum in Kalay, Haka


Accompanied by Chairman of Chin State Peace and Development Council U Hong Ngai, Maj-Gen Myint Soe inspected repaving of Kalay-Thaingngin Road and maintenance of Kalay-Falam-Haka Road. At Ngahsitva Hydropower Plant, Maj-Gen Myint Soe viewed maintenance of machine and supply of electricity and then looked into progress of Falam. While in Falam, he met servicemen and family members at the local battalion. (See page 8)

Kaunghmulon suspension bridge contributing to development of Kachin State

Byline: Than Than Nu

Myanmar is home to all national races. For equitable development of the states and regions of the nation, the government is making earnest efforts designating 24 special regions in which one Arts and Science University, one Technological University, one University of Computer Studies and one 200-bed hospital each were built.

Transportation is part and parcel of regional development. Kaunghmulon suspension bridge on Putao-Htawadam-Kaunghmulon-Naungmon road which is vital for development of Kachin State including Putao Township was inaugurated on 28 November 2010. Thanks to emergence of Kaunghmulon suspension bridge, all the people living in immediate environs can further develop acquaintance with each other since the bridge. Prior to the bridge construction, local people from Putao to Machanbaw, Naungmon, Pannadin and Khaunglanphu had to cross the Malikha River by wooden motorboat near Htawadam Village of Putao Township. They were often at risk due to poor transportation. In rainy season, the Malikha River made it difficult that the local people had to cross and to keep them waiting for long time, and even caused the short of local food sufficiency resulting from poor transport means. (See page 7)
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**Try to develop Myanmar film world**

Cinema is not only a form of public entertainment but also an impetus for the public to gain knowledge and promote their spiritual development. Particularly, it is an art that can change the spirit of the youth.

With advancing technologies, movies are found to be made with state-of-the-art equipment. The Myanmar movie standard has improved as well in terms of mechanical sector.

In retrospect, those from the Myanmar film world had to make movies amidst technical problems and lack of equipment, especially in the pre-war period. Anyhow, they have made a titanic effort to reach the status of today’s film industry by leaving behind the age of silent movies.

Throughout the independence struggles, the country was able to arouse the nationalistic and independence spirit of the people through the cinematic strength.

Those from the Myanmar film industry have played their part in safeguarding and maintaining Myanmar’s independence both in times of emergencies and in nation-building tasks.

The Myanmar film world has had a history of pride and glory. The people of the movie industry are not only trying their best for the development of the Myanmar film world but also shouldering national duties.

Overall, the new generation of the Myanmar film world are required to strive to meet the international standard by maintaining the fine traditions handed down by their doyen artists from successive periods.

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**A&I Minister receives IMF mission leader**

**U Cho Tun Aung accredited to Cambodia**

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**Dy FM arrives back, attending 9th BCIM Forum**

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**KNU fires launcher at a Hilux van, three passengers wounded**

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**Minister U Htay Oo receives the delegation led by IMF Mission Leader Ms. Meral Karasulu.**

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**Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister U Maung Myint poses for documentary photo together with attendees at the 9th BCIM Forum.**

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**They discussed cooperation in development of agriculture sector.**

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Afghan soldier kills NATO service member, wounds another

KABUL, 21 Jan—The NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) confirmed Thursday that firing by an Afghan soldier claimed the life of an alliance trooper and injured another.

“This International Security Assistance Force service member was killed and another wounded by an Afghan National Army soldier in Murgab District, Badghis Province on 18 Jan,” a statement released by the military alliance here said.

It also said that “The two ISAF service members were cleaning their weapons at an ISAF combat outpost when an Afghan Army soldier approached them with an M-16 asking to use their equipment to clean his weapon. The two ISAF service members noticed the Afghan soldier’s weapon was loaded and asked him to unload it.”—Xinhua

Car bombs kill 51 in attack on Iraqi pilgrims

BAGHDAD, 21 Jan—Three suicide car bombers struck Shiite pilgrims south of Baghdad on Thursday, killing at least 51 people and wounding more than 180 in a third straight day of attacks across Iraq.

The string of assaults, reminiscent of the bloodiest days of the Iraq war, shattered a two-month lull and presented a major challenge to the new government of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, who must soon decide whether to ask US forces to stay after the end of the year.

Thursday’s attacks were particularly significant because most of the victims were Shiite civilians, the government’s core constituency. An автом-ker allied with anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, whose support for al-Maliki was crucial in enabling him to remain prime minister, accused government security forces of “not acting in a professional manner” to protect the pilgrims.

“I expect the attacks will continue … due to the negligence of the security forces,” the lawmaker, Hakim al-Zamili, told The Associated Press.

Iraqi soldiers inspect the wreckage of vehicles at the scene of a car bomb attack in the holy city of Kerbala, south of Baghdad, on 20 Jan, 2011. —INTERNET

Nigerian police arrest two oil pipeline vandals

LAGOS, 21 Jan—The police in Lagos have arrested two suspects including a woman for allegedly vandalising a pipeline belonging to the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC).

State police spokesman Frank Mba told reporters on Thursday that the suspects were arrested while siphoning fuel from the pipeline.

Mba said the suspects were arrested on Tuesday with a Renault truck, loaded with petroleum product believed to have been stolen. “The vehicle was loaded with 42 drums of petrol,” Mba said.

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S Korean navy rescues hijacked cargo ship, sailors

SEOUL, 21 Jan — South Korean naval forces rescued 21 sailors and their cargo ship hijacked last week in the Arabian Sea by Somali pirates, Seoul’s Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) said Friday.

The unprecedented rescue operation, initiated early Friday morning in the Arabian Sea, left eight Somali pirates dead and five captive.

“The operation demonstrated the government’s strong resolution that we will never make concessions about illegal activities by pirates,” Lee Sung-ho at the JCS told reporters in a briefing. The South Korean captain has sustained a gun wound on his stomach but is not in a critical condition, the official added.

The 11,500-ton Samho Jewelry was sailing from the United Arab Emirates en route to Sri Lanka when hijacked last Saturday. Twenty-one crew members, including eight South Koreans, two Indonesians and 11 others from Myanmar, were aboard the South Korean-owned cargo vessel.

Seoul citizens watch breaking news about a South Korean navy operation against Somali pirates in the Indian Ocean.—INTERNET

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Swiss collector returns four ancient mummies to Chile

GENEVA, 21 Jan—A Swiss collector has returned four pre-Columbian mummies to Chile, including two that are believed to be up to 7,000 years old. The Swiss government says the unnamed collector agreed to voluntarily hand the mummies over to Chile. They were discovered near the country’s northern Atacama desert.

Two of the mummies date back to the Chinchorro period that lasted from 5,000 to 1,500 BC. This makes them older than the famed 3,300-year-old mummy of ancient Egyptian pharaoh Tutankhamun.

A third mummy belongs to an unspecified pre-Columbian period while the fourth dates to the time of the Spanish arrival in what is now Chile in the early 1550s. The preserved bodies were handed over to Chilean government officials Thursday at a small ceremony in Geneva.

New apple screws keeps users out of macbook, iPhone four

NEW YORK, 21 Jan—Thinking about popping open your MacBook Pro, MacBook Air, or iPhone 4 and taking a look inside? Good luck. According to a Thursday blog post from gadget site iFixit, Apple is now using a new type of screw on some of these devices that are almost impossible to remove.

“Apple is switching to a new type of tamper-resistant screw. This is not a standard Torx, and there are no readily available screwdrivers that can remove it,” according to iFixit.

These screws first appeared on the 2009 MacBook Pro, a move intended to prevent users from replacing the battery, according to iFixit. Apple also uses it on the outer case of the current MacBook Air and on some international versions of the iPhone 4.

NASA prepares climate science launch

WASHINGTON, 21 Jan—NASA says it’s nearly ready to launch a new Earth-observing research satellite, scheduled to lift off from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California next month.

This is a Eurypterid (sea scorpion) from the Soom Shale, South Africa. This fossil is approximately 440 million years old. It is so well-preserved that you can see its muscle blocks, gills and paddles that it used for swimming. — Internet

“Glory is going to help scientists tackle one of the major uncertainties in climate change predictions identified by the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.—Internet

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Starbucks starts accepting mobile payments nationwide

NEW YORK, 21 Jan—Nearly 6,800 company-operated Starbucks stores in the US will begin accepting mobile payments Wednesday.

Customers using the Starbucks Card Mobile app on their iPhone, iPod touch or BlackBerry will now be able to use those devices as tender.

The nationwide rollout marks the official launch of the Starbucks Card Mobile payment programme, which has been piloted at Target stores and select San Francisco, Seattle and New York Starbucks locations.

‘Angry Birds’ will become animated series

WASHINGTON, 21 Jan—Apparently, conquering those smarmy, smirking pigs on your phone, laptop or other mobile device isn’t enough.

Now, the “Angry Birds” may be migrating to your television.

Meanwhile, the company behind the wildly popular “Angry Birds” game could become an animated series, CEO says.—Internet

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Starbucks is using its own custom-built technology to enable the 2-D mobile barcode scans. The coffee retailer opted for barcode scanning over near field communication technology — which Google is exploring — because of its limited availability.

The coffee retailer was reluctant to wait for an NFC ecosystem to develop when its customers have expressed interest in mobile payments now, according to Chuck Davidson, the category manager of innovation on the Starbucks Card team.—Internet

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US atom smasher to be shut down

WASHINGTON, 21 Jan — The planned shutdown of the Fermilab Tevatron ends hopes it might win the race to find the most sought after particle in high-energy physics, US scientists say.

The US Department of Energy informed the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory it was unable to come up with a $35 million a year to keep the Tevatron running until 2014, ScienceNews . com reported on Thursday.

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Asthma can lead to lung-function loss

ATLANTA, 21 Jan—US researchers caution severe children in asthma may lead to premature lung-function loss. Researchers at Atlanta’s Emory University School of Medicine found airflow limitation changes in children with severe asthma — despite higher doses of inhaled corticosteroids and controller medication. These children showed significantly lower lung function versus children with mild-to-moderate asthma.

The study published in the Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology also found daily asthma symptoms of coughing, wheezing and sensitization to aero-allergens noted during the initial evaluation predicted lung declines of greater than 1 percent per year.

“Severe asthma in children is a challenging disorder.” Anne Fitzpatrick said in a statement. “It is important for physicians to identify those children with severe asthma who are at risk for lung function decline. With early identification, physicians can customize treatment plans and educate families on lifestyle changes that may help children with severe asthma breathe easier as they grow older.”—Internet

CDC uses surveillance to track influenza

ATLANTA, 21 Jan—US health officials say they used community-based surveillance — telephone inquiries — to track influenza-like illness during the 2009-2010 flu season.

Thursday’s Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report said most influenza surveillance is done in hospitals or doctor’s offices, where cases can be tracked and some are confirmed through testing, but this study monitored influenza-like illness by calling people at home and asking them questions about their symptoms. “Community-based surveillance of influenza-like illness described in this report provided the only source of information regarding persons with influenza-like illness who did not seek care during the 2009-10 influenza season,” the report said. “Results indicate that influenza-like illness reports were widespread during the 2009-2010 influenza season, with a substantial percentage seeking care for their symptoms.”

Influenza-like illness peaked in October and November 2009 and was more common among younger respondents and American Indian adults and children, the report said. Health officials at the CDC said they are continuing to use the influenza-like illness questioning during the 2010-2011 influenza season to better understand year-to-year trends and factors associated with reported influenza-like illness.

Hong Kong’s CPI rises 3.1 pct in December

HONG KONG, 21 Jan—Hong Kong’s overall consumer prices rose 3.1 percent in December over a year earlier, larger than the corresponding increase of 2.9 percent recorded in November, for the Census and Statistics Department of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region government said on Thursday.

The department said the economy is likely to face higher inflationary pressures in the coming months, due partly to the pick-up in import prices amid rising global food and commodity prices, and partly to the gradual building up of domestic price pressures along with the strong pace of economic expansion.

Netting out the effects of all Government one-off relief measures, the year-on-year rate of increase in the Composite Consumer Price Index in December was 2.8 percent, larger than that in November, mainly due to increases in private housing rentals and the cost of meals bought away from home.—Xinhua

HSBC cuts 500 US jobs, pares credit card work

NEW YORK, 21 Jan—HSBC Holdings Plc (HSBA.L) is laying off about 500 employees as it ends credit card customer service and collections work at a centre in New Castle, Delaware. The cuts were revealed one day after American Express Co (AXP.N), the credit card and travel services company, said it would cut 550 jobs as it handles more customer business online.

HSBC said it will continue its insurance underwriting and insurance customer services operations at the Delaware centre, where about 700 people will remain employed. The British bank expects to eliminate the 500 jobs by midyear.

The decision to cut jobs took into consideration “a range of factors, as part of ongoing efforts to balance customer service and business support needs with staffing levels” across the US credit card network, HSBC spokesman Rob Sherman said. Affected workers began receiving notifications this week, and will have priority in applying for other jobs at HSBC, he added.—Reuters

Blockbuster gets bankruptcy plan extension

DALLAS, 21 Jan—US video retail chain Blockbuster Inc has until on 21 March to file a bankruptcy plan and 20 May to solicit votes on the plan, a federal bankruptcy judge ruled. Besides signing ex-tension, Judge Burton R. Lifland of US Bankruptcy Court in New York Thursday approved Block-buster’s motion on procedures it will use to continue closing its stores. The Wall Street Journal reported. Landlords called Blockbuster’s motion an effort to gain “unilateral and virtually unre-stricted” power to close its stores, arguing unsuccessfully that Blockbuster shouldn’t be allowed use of common space to advertise its sales, and that auctioning off items in its store would violate its lease agreement.

Lifland also ruled against an attempt by an ad-hoc committee of Blockbuster equity holders to examine Block-buster’s books.—Internet

A general view of Stafford Hospital as the Public Inquiry into Stafford Hospital begins at Stafford Civic Centre on 8 Nov., 2010 in Stafford, England. The public inquiry was announced in June by the coalition government who said that families had the right to know how their relatives died. The inquiry comes after a private inquiry by the previous government following concerns about high death rates and poor care at the hospital run by Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust between 2005 and 2008. —Reuters

Health Tip: Seniors, focus on nutrition

It’s important to eat properly at any age, particularly for seniors. The American Academy of Family Physicians says malnutrition in seniors can lead to a range of additional health problems:
* Unintended weight loss.
* Fatigue.
* Muscle weakness and lack of strength.
* Feeling depressed.
* Memory loss.
* Compromised immunity from infection.
* Anemia.—Internet

A long-exposure photo taken on 19 Jan , 2011 shows World Economic Forum (WEF) logos during a press conference to 30 Jan WEF annual meeting at forum headquarters in Cologny, near Geneva. Heavyweights from the worlds of business and politics will gather for the forum in the Swiss Alpine resort of Davos.—Internet

A man distributes free food as part of the “Comedor Popular” programme by Mexico City’s authorities at the Monument of the Revolution in Mexico City on 19 Jan, 2011. —Xinhua

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California governor declares fiscal emergency

SAN FRANCISCO, 21 Jan—California Governor Jerry Brown declared a state of fiscal emergency on Thursday for the government of the most populous US state to press lawmakers to tackle its $25.4 billion budget gap.

Democrat Brown’s declaration follows a similar one made last month by his predecessor, former Republican Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Democrats who control the legislature declined to act on Schwarzenegger’s declaration, saying they would instead wait to work on budget matters with Brown, who served two terms as California’s governor in the 1970s and 1980s.

Brown was sworn in to his third term early this month and has presented lawmakers with a plan to balance the state’s books with $12.5 billion in spending cuts and revenue from tax extensions that voters must first approve.

Brown has said he wants lawmakers to act on his plan by March. If they do not, he plans to ask voters to extend tax cuts to help fill the state’s fiscal troubles.

The 72-year-old governor also wants the legislature to back a ballot measure for a special election in June that would ask voters to extend tax increases expiring this year to help fill the state’s budget shortfall.

One killed, five injured in bus crash at Frankfurt Airport

BERLIN, 21 Jan—A bus crashed into a group of people waiting at a bus stop on the loop around Frankfurt Airport, leaving one dead and five injured on Thursday morning, police said.

The accident happened at about 8:20 am local time in the Lufthansa cargo area of the airport, said police.

The bus ran over several people. One was killed at the site, two were seriously injured and the other three were slightly hurt, police said.

The bus was not for passengers but a commuting bus for the airport staff, the airport operator said.

Investigation is underway. However, the reason for the accident and whether there are passengers in the bus remain unclear as the driver was in shock and has been sent to hospital.

Gunfight in Mexican mall creates panic

CIUDAD JUAREZ, 21 Jan—Authorities say police battled armed suspects at a popular mall in the Mexican border city of Ciudad Juarez, sending terrified shoppers scrambling and leaving one officer dead.

Four other people were gravely wounded in the daylight gunfight Thursday.

Red Cross workers take an injured suspect to an awaiting ambulance, after a gun-battle erupted inside a shopping mall in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, on 20 Jan, 2011. 

24 pilot whales die in New Zealand stranding

WELLINGTON, 21 Jan—New Zealand conservation officials on Friday euthanized 10 pilot whales, the only survivors of a 24-strong pod that became stranded in a mangrove swamp.

The whales had been found earlier in the day trapped in the shallow water and mud in Pareangare Harbour, North Island, with 14 already dead.

The mammals had been there for some time and the 10 survivors were in poor shape, said Department of Conservation area manager Jonathan Maxwell.

With worsening weather and a high tide more than eight hours away, “the chance of successfully refloating the whales was virtually nil,” Maxwell said.

“Sadly, the current conditions were against these animals. The kindest thing was to end their suffering,” he said. “If we felt there was a real chance we could have successfully rescued them, we would have.”

Pilot whales travel in pods of family groups and when one becomes stranded, others follow to try to help and also become stuck.

Pilot whales are the most common whale species in New Zealand waters, and are normally between 13-19 feet (4-6 metres) in length.

Last week, volunteers and conservation workers successfully refloated one young Gray’s Beaked whale after it stranded. Four other adult mammals died on the beach.

Brazil to create disaster-prevention system

SANTIAGO, 21 Jan—Brazil will create a nationwide disaster-prevention and early-warning system following recent floods and landslides that killed 772 people in mountain towns north of Rio de Janeiro, government officials said Thursday.

The government also will invest $6.7 billion through 2014 in water-drainage and hillside-recovery projects across the country in an effort to prevent future flooding and slides, Planning Minister Marco Belchior said.

“We will prioritize those places where experts say the problems are most serious,” Belchior said, according to a statement issued by the office of President Dilma Rousseff.

Belchior said that $5.9 billion will be used for drainage projects and the rest for the hillside-stabilization projects. Half of the total funding will be made available to municipalities that submit plans for ongoing projects.

Chile steps up mine safety efforts

SANTIAGO, 21 Jan—Chilean Mining and Energy Minister Laurence Golborne Thursday announced a plan to reform the National Service of Geology and Mining (Sernageomin) to improve security in the country’s mines.

According to Chilean officials, the government has allocated a budget of 40 million US dollars to Sernageomin, 62 percent higher than the one made in 2010.

After last year’s San Jose Mine accident, in which 33 miners were trapped for 70 consecutive days, the government decided to make the move.

In recent months, the government reviewed the current regulations of the mining industry, so as to establish a mechanism to reduce mine accidents, especially in small and medium-sized mines that have a higher accident rate.

Sernageomin will be headed by Enrique Valdivieso, who will be in charge of the work previously done by the Mining and Energy Ministry and the Mining Security Committee.”

Internet
MoU signed for implementation of Nam Tabat Hydropower Project

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Jan—Vice-President Mr Li Hon Gyuan and party of China Guodian Corporation of the People’s Republic of China called on Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min at the ministry, here, yesterday evening.

They discussed cooperation in Nam Tabat Hydropower Project.

At Yeypa Hall of the ministry, the Department of Hydropower Planning, under the Ministry of Electric Power No. 1, held a ceremony to sign a Memorandum of Understanding on implementation of Nam Tabat Hydropower Project in Kachin State through JV/BOT system together with China Guodian Corporation of the People’s Republic of China and Tun Thwin Mining Co, Ltd.

Also present on the occasion were Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min, Chairman of Myanmar Investment Commission Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Maung Maung Thein, Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Myint, Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun, Attorney-General U Aye Maung, directors-general, managing directors, officials, Vice-President Mr Li Hon Gyuan and party of China Guodian Corporation, Chairman Mr Wang Junchang and party of Yunnan Yunneng Power Engineering Co, Ltd, Chairman of Tun Thwin Mining Co, Ltd U Thein Tun and officials.

Minister U Zaw Min delivered an address. The Vice-President of China Guodian Corporation spoke words of thanks for the signing ceremony. Director-General U Kyee Soe of DHP, Vice-President Mr Li Hon Gyuan of China Guodian Corporation and Chairman of Tun Thwin Mining Co, Ltd U Thein Tun signed the MoU.

The MoU signing ceremony took place for implementation of Namtabat Hydropower Project on Namtabat River, 45 miles southeast of Myitkyina of Kachin State, through JV/BOT system.—MNA

MoU signing ceremony among Department of Hydropower Planning, China Guodian Corporation and Tun Thwin Mining Co, Ltd for the development of Nam Tabat Hydropower Project in progress.—MNA

Health Minister receives Minister-in-Charge of Bhutan

Health Minister Dr Kyaw Myint received Minister-in-Charge Lyonpo Yeshey Zimba of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bhutan.

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Jan—Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint received Minister-in-Charge Mr Lyonpo Yeshey Zimba of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bhutan at the Ministry of Health, here, at 2 pm today.

The guest conveyed thanks of the Bhutanese Government and the people for duty assignments of Myanmar medical specialists in Bhutan and discussed further cooperation in health sector between the two countries.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo and officials.

Cash assistance provided to war veterans in Pyinmana Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Jan—Myanmar War Veterans Organization Headquarters and Pyinmana Township WVO jointly held the ceremony to present cash assistance to war veterans aged 75 and above at the hall of Pyinmana Township WVO on 19 January.

Chairman of Township WVO Major Myat Lwin (Rtd) and the Secretary of Township Peace and Development Council spoke on the occasion. They presented cash assistance to 22 war veterans and nine outstanding students who secured distinctions in 2009-2010 matriculation examination.

COTTO Sanitary Ware & Fittings on display at Automobile & Autoparts Expo

MONDAY, 21 Jan—COTTO Sanitary Ware & Fittings are displaying their products at Automobile & Autoparts Expo 2011 being shown from 21 to 24 January at the Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road here.

COTTO products can be available on a door-to-door service basis. Its showrooms are open at No.238, Pyay Road, (Myenigone), Oakalapa Township (Ph:571465), Room-2, Hostel-29, Kyaukse 6 Street, Sawbwyegone, Insein Township, Yangon (Ph: 642171).

COTTO Sanitary Ware & Fittings show room seen in Automobile & Autoparts Expo 2011.—MNA
Regional development tasks gaining ...

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Maj-Gen Myint Soe and party visited Youth Training School of Education and Training Department of the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs in Falam and presented aid.

Maj-Gen Myint Soe and party inspected Lyva Hydropower Plant near Falam, tea plantations at Ramtalong farm in Ramhtalo Village-tract of the township.

On 16 January, Maj-Gen Myint Soe met servicemen and family members at the local battalion in Haka and presented gifts to them. Accompanied by the Chairman of Chin State PDC, Maj-Gen Myint Soe comforted patients at Chin State General Hospital in Haka and made cash donations to the hospital’s fund.

On his inspection tour of Haka, Maj-Gen Myint Soe visited Border Region and National Race Youth Development School in MyoHaung Ward, Government Technical Institute (Haka), Women’s Vocational School, Chin State Tea Booth, Kyawbok Tea Plantation of Myanma Agriculture Service, mythun breeding farm, maintenance of Tawhlanyay lake and condition of Haka-Gangaw Road.

Central Committee for Organizing 48th Myanma Gems Emporium-2011 holds 1st meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Jan—The Central Committee for Organizing 48th Myanma Gems Emporium-2011 held first meeting at the meeting hall of Myanma Gems Museum, here today.

It was attended by Patron of the committee Minister for Mines U Ohn Myint, Vice-Chairman of the committee Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Aye Myint Kyu, Secretary and members, officials of sub-committees, Vice-Chairman and executives of Myanmar Jewellery Entrepreneurs Association, and responsible persons.

Secretary of Central Organizing Committee for 48th Myanma Gems Emporium-2011 and Managing Director of Myanma Gems Enterprise U Thein Swe briefed on arrangements for observance of the emporium. The officials of the sub-committees reported on preparatory tasks and follow-up plans. Vice-Chairman of MJEU U Maung Gyi and Vice-Chairman of the emporium organizing committee Deputy Minister U Aye Myint Kyu gave supplementary reports.

The meeting was wound up with the concluding remark by Minister U Ohn Myint. The 48th Myanma Gems Emporium-2011 will be held at Muni Yadana Jade Hall of Myanma Gems Museum here from 10 to 22 March.—MNA

Kalaw/Ayethaya GTI to pay respects to faculty members

Nay Pyi Taw, 21 Jan—Old students of Kalaw/Ayethaya Government Technical Institute will hold the 22nd ceremony to pay respects to faculty members in Kalaw in October.

Accommodation has been made for faculty members and old students. Manuscripts for commemorative magazine will be published. Manuscripts are to be sent not later than 31 March.

For further information on the ceremony and the magazine, contact U Nyunt Lwin in Yangon, Tel: 095168935, U Myint Naing in Mandalay (Copy Mandalay), Tel: 095001592, U Yin Htwe Min in Nay Pyi Taw, Tel: 098621759 and 067-25579 and U Tun Kyaw in Kalaw (Minthiha), Tel: 081-50265.—MNA

A&I Minister meets staff of SLRD

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Jan—Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Hlay Oo met directors-general, deputy directors-general, officials and staff of Settlement and Land Records Department at the ministry, here, this afternoon.

The minister stressed the need for departments and enterprises under the ministry to coordinate tasks among them for achieving the goals. He said that it is necessary to collect correct and accurate data of sown acreage, per-acre yield and total production so as to set the plans on food sufficiency, surplus and increased production. He urged the staff to make field trips for extended cultivation and boosting production. In conclusion, the minister instructed officials to improve proficiency of staff and provide them with welfare.

Central committee for organizing the opening ceremony of Safari Garden (Nay Pyi Taw) meets

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Jan—International standard Safari Garden (Nay Pyi Taw) will be opened on 12 February.

The second work coordination meeting of central committee for organizing the opening ceremony of Safari Garden (Nay Pyi Taw) was held at Inngyin hall of Forest Department under the ministry here this afternoon with an address by Minister for Forestry U Thein Aung, Patron of the central committee.

After hearing reports on arrangements for opening ceremony and work progress presented by the director-general of Forest Department, chairman of central committee, and the joint secretary and responsible persons of MRT Construction Co., the minister gave necessary instructions and the meeting came to an end.—MNA

Minister for Mines U Ohn Myint addresses first meeting of Central Committee for Organizing 48th Myanma Gems Emporium 2011.—MNA

Minister for Forest U Thein Aung addresses the second coordination meeting of central committee for organizing the opening of Safari Garden (Nay Pyi Taw).—MNA
Armed group members return to legal fold

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Jan—Upholding “Our Three Main National Causes”, the State Peace and Development Council has dealt with national reconsolidation effectively and is trying hard for harmonious development. The government is transforming the nation into new discipline-flourishing democratic nation in cooperation with the people and the Tatmadaw. Realizing the attitude and genuine goodwill of the government, armed groups are returning to the legal fold after having problems among themselves, lacking confidence in their acts and understanding their wrongful acts.

On 19 January, seven members of armed group led by Saw Cha Mu Kyae of Saw Labwe group of KNU insurgents bringing along with them seven assorted guns, 1050 rounds of ammunition and a walkie-talkie returned to the legal fold in South-East Command area.

Officials are fulfilling the requirements to those who returned to the legal fold and there are still remaining members of KNU insurgents to return to the legal fold.

Pakokku on west bank of Ayeyawady River gaining...

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Pakokku is located on 485.84 square miles of land. It is constituted with 15 wards and 258 villages in 55 village-tracts. Over 157,000 people from 17,803 households are residing in the urban area.

For improvement of urban roads, Pakokku Township DAC has repaved the 24th Thin Street, the 20th Street in Ward 11, the ring road of Myitkyina Market, and Kanma-Aungzeya Road as the asphalt ones. The committee also upgraded Thazin Street in extended Ward 14 to gravel street, tarmacked Khattar Street, repaved Tatma Street in Ward 7 and Shwemokhtaw Pagoda Road. In addition, the committee carried out maintenance of the roads. Thus, local roads have improved in Pakokku. For ensuring smooth transport in the urban area, the committee built five concrete bridges. Moreover, the committee focused on greening and pleasant works at Myankantha Park. The committee constructed drains for proper flow of water in the urban area. The Township DAC also placed emphasis on rural development tasks on placing of gravel on the 3000 feet long and 12 feet wide Paunglaungkan-Magyi-pinpu Road, Nyaungbinhla-PhalanO Road, Kanma-Gawtama-Myepantaung Road, Pakokku-Serkyu Road, Thayettaw Road, construction of earthen roads and concrete bridges.

Likewise, maintenance works were carried out along Myitchay-Sabay Road, Shwetanttit Road, Kanma-Yayar-Htantabin-Oyin Road, Kaibaw-Kanyat Road, Shwertantiti-Shwedaw Road, Inwaing-Handaw chauk Road, Pakokku-Kokkohto Road and Nyaungbinhla-PhalanO Road. Two-inch tube-wells were sunk in Kyeikho, Chaing and Pyae-aing and Myinchaing villages and one four-inch tube-well together with compressor in Nyaungbinhla Village.

For public recreation, Myankantha Park, Bogyoke Park and Independence Monument Park were constructed in the urban area.

Seven rural housings were built in Tingat, Thanbayagon, Myingyaing, Nandawyat and Thanbayagon, Myingyaing, Nandawyat and Nyaunghla Village.

For urban development, Pakokku Township Development Affairs Committee is making strenuous efforts in keeping Pakokku beautiful and pleasant on the western bank of Ayeyawady River. Only when, the local people participate in respective sectors in building the town, will Pakokku achieve development momentum.
Arab leaders condemn terrorism, refuse foreign interference

Shoukri El-Sheikh, 21 Jan—Arab leaders jointly condemned terrorist acts and refused foreign interference with Arab affairs, said a statement issued by the second Arab economic summit.

Arab leaders who attended the summit expressed their condemnation against all kinds of terrorist acts and determination to eliminate all terrorist acts on the Arab land, the statement said.

The leaders also refused any attempt to interfere with the affairs of Arab countries.

Bomb scare in central Wellington

Wellington, 21 Jan—A suspicious suitcase which sparked a bomb scare in central Wellington Thursday afternoon contained clothing and personal items, police said. The suitcase was found in bushes on Bowen Street, between the Lambton Quay and the Terrace, near the Parliament about 1.10 pm, causing Parliamentary staff to be evacuated and nearby roads to be closed.

Staff were allowed to return and roads reopened shortly before 4 pm after a specialist bomb team detonated the package.

Police were now trying to find the owner of the suitcase.

Carla Bruni ‘in danger’ after laptops, paperwork stolen from assistant

London, 21 Jan—Security fears for French First Lady Carla Bruni have emerged after laptops and paperwork were stolen from her private assistant’s home. The stolen items may contain highly sensitive information about Bruni and so, may put her in danger, the police have said.

They fear details relating to her upcoming engagements with husband President Nicolas Sarkozy could now be in the hands of thieves, France’s Gala magazine reported. “It is not known exactly what information the burglars now possess, but security sensitive details of the times and dates of the first couple’s schedule could have been taken,” the Daily Mail quoted the magazine as saying. “Protection will be stepped up around Ms Bruni and Mr Sarkozy as a precaution,” it added.

It is not known who the private assistant is.—Internet

Boeing to cut 1,100 jobs in C-17 programme

New York, 21 Jan—US aerospace giant Boeing said Thursday it will cut about 1,100 jobs over the next two years as it slows production of its C-17 military transport aircraft.

Boeing said it would deliver 13 C-17s in 2011, one less than the prior year, as it moves to a new annual production rate of 10.

“Boeing will reduce the production programme’s work force by approximately 1,100 jobs through the end of 2012,” the Chicago-based firm said in statement.

The transition to the new production rate was announced in February 2010.

The long-haul military cargo C-17, which is in its 18th year of service, can carry large equipment, supplies and troops directly to small airfields, the company says.

“The fleet continues to operate at an accelerated rate due to the recent troop surge in Afghanistan,” Boeing said.

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Firefighters pump out water from the courtyard of a building supplier after it was flooded by ground water in the village of Manschnow near the Polish border, on 18 Jan, 2011. Many field and basements in the region have been under water for months because of the insufficient dewatering system in this rural area along the river Oder, which does no allow the excess water to drain.—Internet

Air New Zealand buys 14.9 percent of Virgin Blue

Wellington, 21 Jan—Air New Zealand said Friday it has bought 14.9 percent of Australia’s Virgin Blue for $143 million, a decade after the national flag carrier was bailed out by the government following an investment gone bad in another Australian airline.

The airline had notified stock exchanges in New Zealand and Australia on Thursday it planned to take a shareholding of 10 percent to 14.99 percent in Virgin Blue, a cut price carrier. Virgin Group, the UK-based company founded by Sir Richard Branson, has a 26 percent stake in Virgin Blue.

The Virgin Blue shares were bought for Australian cents 44 each for a total cost of AU$145 million ($143 million).

“The investment in Virgin Blue is part of Air New Zealand’s strategy to develop scale and reach in this region,” Air New Zealand chief executive Rob Fyfe said in a statement.

A recently signed alliance with Virgin Blue on routes between Australia and New Zealand was the first step in this strategy, he said.—Internet
Trial ordered for Mich mom who faked son’s cancer

Defendant Carol Lynn Schnuphase, 47, of Warren, appears in Roseville’s 39th District Court Judge Marco Santini, on 1 Oct, 2010, as he is charged with second-degree child abuse and taking money under false pretenses. Authorities say she shaved her son’s head and eyebrows and drugged his apple sauce to make him appear to be sick.—INTERNET

NEC, Lenovo in talks on joint venture

TOKYO, 21 Jan—Leading Japanese and Chinese electronics firms NEC Corp and Lenovo Group are in the final stages of talks to form a joint venture in the personal computer business, according to a report.

An official at Lenovo also told AFP that he was unaware of the matter. The leaders in their respective domestic PC markets aim to boost their competitiveness through economies of scale by combining development, procurement and materials.

LENOC controlled about 18 percent of the Japanese PC market in 2009, but globally it came in 12th with a share of less than one percent, the Nikkei said, citing data by IDC intelligence firm.

Lenovo had roughly 27 percent of its home market and was ranked fourth in the world with a market share of about eight percent, it said.—INTERNET

China announces energy spending plan

BEIJING, 21 Jan—China says it will spend about $75 million annually in the next 20 years to boost energy resources on land, while exploring energy for the annual investment in a cost of more than 100 billion yen, according to a report.

As a European Union member, Bulgaria needs quickly to bolster its sources of renewable energy to reduce carbon dioxide emissions. The EU has an aggressive goal to unilaterally cut carbon emissions by 20 percent by 2020, as compared to a benchmark year of 1990. By tapping Japanese technology, the eastern European nation aims to pave the way for obtaining 16 percent of its power from renewable energy sources by 2020, up from roughly seven percent now, the report said.

Toshiba, Tokyo Electric Power will team up with the Japanese government to build one of the world’s largest solar power stations in Bulgaria, according to a report.—INTERNET

A shopper looks at NEC laptops and PCs at an electronic store in Tokyo on 21 Jan, 2011. Japan’s NEC is in talks with China’s Lenovo about a joint venture in personal computers, two industry sources told Reuters on Friday.—INTERNET

Hemorrhagic fever claims three lives in western India

AHMADABAD, 21 Jan—An Ebola-like hemorrhagic fever has killed three people in western India and dozens of doctors will screen a community of about 16,000 people in efforts to contain the disease, a state health minister said Wednesday.

A woman died of the insect-transmitted illness two weeks ago in the Gujarat state village of Kolat and a doctor and nurse who treated her later also contracted the illness and died, state Health Minister Jay Narayan Vyas said.

India’s National Institute of Virology later confirmed that the three died of Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic Fever, an Ebola-like disease where patients can bleed to death if not treated quickly. The illness mainly affects animals, but ticks that live on sheep and cattle can pass the virus to people, who can transmit it through their blood or saliva.

The government has appointed 38 medical teams each including doctors and veterinarians to screen all 16,000 residents in the area of Kolat, near the state’s commercial capital of Ahmedabad.

Doctors and nurses in the region have been warned to take utmost precautions when treating patients showing symptoms of the deadly fever, Vyas said.—INTERNET

DPRK top leader calls for bioengineering research

PYONGYANG, 21 Jan—Kim Jong Il, top leader of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK), has called for rigorous research in bioengineering, the country’s leading newspaper Rodong Sinmun said Thursday.

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We proudly inform you that the Myanmar International Channel (MI) will broadcast live the ceremony to present Myanmar Motion Picture Outstanding Awards (Academy Awards) for 2009 which will be held at the open air theatre at Nay Pyi Taw City Hall at 5 pm on 23 January 2011 (Sunday).

Myanmar International Channel

Transplant restores woman’s voice

NEW YORK, 21 Jan — A woman in the US is able to speak for the first time in 11 years after a pioneering voicebox transplant. Brenda Jensen said the operation, which took place in California, was a miracle which had restored her life. Thirteen days after the surgery she said her first words: “Good morning, I want to go home.” It is the first time a voicebox and windpipe have been transplanted at the same time and only the second time a voicebox has ever been transplanted. Ms Jensen, 52, had been unable to speak on her own since her voicebox was damaged during surgery in 1999.—Internet

Fossil female pterosaur found with preserved egg

LONDON, 21 Jan — For fossil hunters, it represents one of those breakthrough moments. A pterosaur has been found in China beautifully preserved with an egg. The egg indicates this ancient flying reptile was a female, and that realisation has allowed researchers to sex these creatures for the first time.

Writing in Science magazine, the palaeontologists make some broad statements about gender differences in pterosaurs.

Alien tomato thief leads to stolen items

ST PAUL, 21 Jan — Minnesota officials said a phone call from a man accused of stealing a tomato led them to property stolen from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

Police said Timothy Keith Heidenreich, 39, placed a call on Wednesday from the Washington County Jail asking a friend named Terry for help moving “at least $15,000 (worth of) tomato,” police said. The man was accused of stealing a tomato from a home.

He identified the address to police, who went to the home and found a bag containing 14 items, including a head of lettuce and a head of broccoli.

Police said they believe the man was trying to steal a tomato from a home and used the phone call as a distraction.

They are investigating if the man was trying to steal from another home nearby.

Police said the man was arrested on suspicion of theft and burglary.

He was later released on bond.
Bundesliga side ban strippers at games

Top German football club St Pauli has shown the red card to strippers performing inside a corporate box owned by one of Hamburg’s many lap dance clubs — but they can dance once matches are over.

The Susis Show Bar on Hamburg’s main red-light drag, the Reeperbahn, has installed a large mirror and a pole in their box for their strippers to dance for guests invited to watch Bundesliga games.

But the club has blown the whistle to the idea guests in the box can watch football while the strippers perform, and say the women can only dance after the 90 minutes of action on the pitch is over.

St Pauli bosses acted after fans complained about the image of the club, which has something of a cult following and whose supporters are staunch anti-fascists, being tarnished.

Restaurant serving up African lion tacos

An Arizona restaurant said it is accepting pre-orders for tacos made with the meat from African lions. Tucson’s Boca Tacos Tequila, which previously made headlines with tacos made from kangaroo, alligator, python, rattlesnake, elk and Rocky Mountain oysters, said orders must be placed by 3 pm 7 Feb for the 16 Feb African lion meal, Tucson’s Arizona Daily Star reported Thursday.

“We’ve done just about everything we can get our hands on,” owner Bryan Mazon said. “Every Wednesday we do something a little bit different.”

“I’ve gotten a lot of questions, like if it’s legal,” Mazon said of the lion tacos. He said Food and Drug Administration regulations allow for the sale of lion and other game meat provided the species is not endangered.

Nugent won’t be charged with violating SD hunt law

SIOUX FALLS, 21 Jan—A South Dakota official says rocker and avid hunter Ted Nugent will not be charged with violating any state game laws for hunting pheasants in southwest South Dakota last October. Alban says the Waco, Texas-area resident was exercising a small-game privilege that didn’t have anything to do with what happened in California.

A spokeswoman for Nugent said he was traveling and not available for comment.—INTERNET

Man wears unwashed jeans for 15 months

The jeans a University of Alberta student wore daily for 15 months without washing them tested normal for bacteria levels at the end of the experiment.

In Edmonton, student Josh Le, 20, told Postmedia News he bought the denim jeans in September 2009 and wore them daily — and sometimes slept in them — until last December.

He said he used paper towels and napkins to dab away food spills and maintained his normal personal hygiene routine during the 15 months. Every two weeks, he said he put the jeans in a freezer overnight and there never was a trace of odour.

At the conclusion of the experiment, he and assistant human ecology Professor Rachel McQueen ran tests on the pants and found bacteria levels were the same as any other samples, the report said.

Bundesliga side ban strippers at games

Light of Myanamar Saturday, 22 January, 2011

Sasha Baron Cohen to play Saddam Hussein

LOS ANGELES, 21 Jan—As if his portrayals of Borat and Bruno weren’t outrageous enough, Sacha Baron Cohen’s next role will be playing Saddam Hussein.

The British comic will star in and co-write “The Dictator,” which is scheduled for release in May 2012, Paramount Pictures said Thursday. Larry Charles, who directed Baron Cohen in “Bruno” and “Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan,” will direct once again.

“The Dictator” is inspired by a book the former Iraqi leader himself wrote, titled “Zabibah and The King.”

Paramount joked in a news release: “The film tells the heroic story of a dictator who risked his life to ensure that democracy would never come to the country he so lovingly oppressed.”

Shakespeare plays in 38 languages for 2012 Olympics

LONDON, 21 Jan—Each of William Shakespeare’s 38 plays will be performed in a different language, including Arabic, Spanish and Urdu, during a theatre season in Britain to mark the London 2012 Olympic Games.—INTERNET

Shakespeare’s Globe theatre in the British Capital said Thursday it would host the special season over six weeks, beginning next year on 23 April, the playwright’s birthday.

Shows will include “The Taming of the Shrew” in Urdu, starring Pakistani television star Nadia Jamil as Katherine, and “King Lear” in Australian Aboriginal languages.

INTERNET
**Milan thump Bari to reach Italian Cup quarters**

**ROME, 21 Jan—** Antonio Cassano made his first start for AC Milan as the Serie A leaders thumped basement sitters Bari 3-0 on Thursday to reach the Italian Cup quarter-finals. All the pre-match talk was about January transfer-window signing Cassano’s first start for the club since his move from Sampdoria and the 28-year-old lasted 65 minutes before making way for the returning Andrea Pirlo.

Cassano, however, was upstaged by strike partners Zlatan Ibrahimovic and Robinho, who both found the net, as well as young German midfielder Alexander Merkel, who notched one and made another. Robinho was the main star of the show, though, scoring one and making the other two as well.

**Lampard injury bulletin cheers Chelsea**

**LONDON, 21 Jan—** Chelsea have played down the extent of a new injury suffered by Frank Lampard, saying on Thursday they expect the England midfielder would be fit for next week’s clash with Bolton. Lampard underwent a scan on Wednesday after suffering a calf injury in training, sparking fears that the 32-year-old faced another spell on the sidelines after only recently returning from a long lay-off.

“I tried to keep fit during the injury by doing everything I could without harming it,” Lampard told Chelsea’s website. “I did a lot of running and got myself as fit as I could for coming back and then I just had to try to adapt to games quickly which is the toughest bit, finding the sharpness which you can never reproduce the conditions for when you are out for a while. “So I was pleased to get through the tight schedule of games and I felt pretty good in most of them.”

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**Wozniacki, Djokovic advance; Henin out**

**MELBOURNE, 21 Jan—** Caroline Wozniacki beat Dominika Cibulkova 6-4, 6-3 on Friday to reach the semi-finals of the Asian Cup as the Serie A leaders were out for a while. “So I was pleased to get through the tight schedule of games and I felt pretty good in most of them.”

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**Denmark’s Caroline Wozniacki**

Internet

**Japan 3-2 Qatar: Kagawa Double Helps Knock Out Spirited Hosts**

**DOHA, 21 Jan—** Two goals from Borussia Dortmund star Shinji Kagawa sent Japan into the semi-finals of the Asian Cup with a 3-2 over Qatar, eliminating the resilient hosts in Doha.

The cultured attacking midfielder twice cancelled out efforts from the Maroons, who were a man to the good for the final half hour, but Masahiko Inoha’s last-gasp winner sent the Blue Samurai through in dramatic circumstances.

The tournament hosts took an early lead, albeit in controversial circumstances. Sebastian Soria ran clear of the Japanese back line from seemingly an offside position, before cutting inside and sliding the ball through the legs of Eiji Kawashima.

It did not take long for the Japan to restore parity. Shintaro Kikuchi created space and tried to lob the ball over the advancing Qasem Burhan, and as the ball broke Kagawa was in the right place to nod the ball into the net.

Qatar will feel they passed up a superb chance to progress to the semi-finals, but in the end Kagawa’s class ensured a clash with either Iran or South Korea in the last four.— Internet

**Real’s Valdano denies rift with Mourinho**

**MADRID, 21 Jan—** Real Madrid’s general manager Jorge Valdano on Thursday denied reports of a rift between him and coach Jose Mourinho, saying comments he made in a post-match interview had been misinterpreted.

“I have no problems at all with Mourinho,” the Argentine told reporters.

“Crazy things are being said. All this commotion that has happened in recent days doesn’t make any sense,” he said, according to sports newspaper AS. “Since

**Real Madrid’s coach Jose Mourinho**

Sunday, we have had dinner together. We speak constantly, we messaged each other just yesterday. Rumours of friction between the two were fueled by comments Valdano made after Madrid’s shock 1-1 draw against bottom club Almeria on Sunday.

**Vegas, Weekley share lead at Bob Hope Classic**

**LA QUINTA, 21 Jan—** Convincing leader Jhonattan Vegas and Robinho, who both found the net, as well as young German midfielder Alexander Merkel, who notched one and made another. Robinho was the main star of the show, though, scoring one and making the other two as well.

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Frank Lampard for coming back and then I just had to try to adapt to games quickly which is the toughest bit, finding the sharpness which you can never reproduce the conditions for when you are out for a while. “So I was pleased to get through the tight schedule of games and I felt pretty good in most of them.” Chelsea insisted on Thursday they expected Lampard to be available for Monday’s meeting with Bolton.— Internet

**Agassi picked for tennis Hall of Fame**

**LAS VEGAS, 21 Jan—** The sport that has given me my wife — it’s given me my life’s work by allowing me the resources to build this school for you.”— Internet

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**Asian Cup Semi-final result**

**Uzbekistan (2) - (1) Jordan**

**Kean signs new Blackburn deal**

**LONDON, 21 Jan—** Blackburn boss Steve Kean on Thursday signed a new deal which will keep him at the Premier League club until 2013. The 43-year-old took over as caretaker after the sacking of Sam Allardyce in December.

“I am delighted to commit my future to Rovers at the start of what I see as a massively exciting new era for the club,” Kean told the club’s official website. “The owners have shown great faith in me and I will do all I can to repay them. “This is a great opportunity for me and I intend to grasp it with both hands.”

Blackburn are currently in 11th place in the table.

Internet

**Rooney hails ‘fantastic’ Barcelona**

**LONDON, 21 Jan—** Manchester United striker Wayne Rooney on Thursday hailed Barcelona as “fantastic” and “brilliant”, adding the Spanish champions have the potential to be regarded as the greatest club side of all time.

“They are the team to beat,” England star Rooney told the official Champions League magazine. “They are a fantastic team and people will remember what this Barcelona side have done for a long time to come.

**Manchester United striker Wayne Rooney**

Internet

**The cultured attacking midfielder twice cancelled out efforts from the Maroons, who were a man to the good for the final half hour, but Masahiko Inoha’s last-gasp winner sent the Blue Samurai through in dramatic circumstances.**

The tournament hosts took an early lead, albeit in controversial circumstances. Sebastian Soria ran clear of the Japanese back line from seemingly an offside position, before cutting inside and sliding the ball through the legs of Eiji Kawashima.

It did not take long for the Japan to restore parity. Shintaro Kikuchi created space and tried to lob the ball over the advancing Qasem Burhan, and as the ball broke Kagawa was in the right place to nod the ball into the net.

Qatar will feel they passed up a superb chance to progress to the semi-finals, but in the end Kagawa’s class ensured a clash with either Iran or South Korea in the last four.— Internet

**Internet**
Australia to build “peace museum” in Indonesia’s Bali

JAKARTA, 21 Jan — The Australian government is seeking support from Indonesia’s local government in Bali for building a “peace museum” that commemorates Australians perished in 2002 Bali bombing, local media reported on Friday.

Speaking on the sidelines of his meeting with regent of Bali’s Badung regency Anak Agung Gde Agung on Friday, Australian ambassador to Indonesia Greg Moriarty, said that the museum would be constructed near the ground zero in Badung regency where the bomb blast killed 202 people in Bali in mid-August 2002.

Most of the casualties were Australians, the Antara news service reported.—Xinhua

WEATHER

Friday, 21st January, 2011

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. during the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin State and Taninthayi Region and generally fair in the remaining States and Regions. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below January average temperatures in Kachin, Shan and Mon States, Mandalay, Bago and Yangon Regions. (5°C) to (6°C) below January average temperatures in Chin State and Upper Sagain Region and about January average temperatures in the remaining States and Regions. The significant night temperatures were Haka (-4°C), Lashio and Loinle (1°C) each, Nambsan, Pinlaung and Hto (2°C) each, Patan and Mogok (3°C) each.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 21-1-2011 was 84°F. Minimum temperature on 21-1-2011 was 54°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours on 21-1-2011 was 90%. Rainfall on 21-1-2011 was (Nil).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 20-1-2011 was 89°F. Minimum temperature on 21-1-2011 was 58°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours on 21-1-2011 was 54%. Total sunshine hours on 20-1-2011 was (9.8) hours (Approx).

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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

Pakokku on west bank of Ayeyawady River gaining development momentum

Pakokku is one of the major cities on the west bank of Ayeyawady River. Pakokku is sharing border with Yesagyo, Myaing, Pauk and Seikpyu townships. Cargo ships from lower and upper Myanmar can be seen at the jetty of Pakokku to trade commodities. Pakokku has easy access to Saw, Gangaw, Mandalay, NyaungU, Pauk, Myaing, Yesagyo and Seikpyu through better facilities of motor roads. Especially, Pakokku is a hub of trading beans and pulses, and tamarind.

As Pakokku is a district level town, Pakokku Township Development Affairs Committee is striving for all-round development of the town.

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Talks on enhancement of reading skills held in Lashio District

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Jan—Lashio District Information and Public Relations Department organized a talk on development of village libraries and enhancement of reading skills at Pyinnya Alin Library in Khenin Village on 18 January morning.

Staff Officer of Lashio District IPRD Daw Khin Saw Lin gave talks on studying books for enhancement of reading skills and Deputy Head of Department Daw Khin Nyunt on five tasks for development and durability of village libraries.

Next, officials presented prizes to three persons with excellent reading skills.

Similar talks were held in Ponhtun Village tract on 17 January and in Panhsat Village on 19 January.

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