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

Four social objectives:
- Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation
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**Wednesday, 2 February, 2011**

**MPs to shape the future of the nation**

Regular sessions of First Pyithu Hluttaw, Amyotha Hluttaw and Pyidaungsu Hluttaw took place at respective halls of Hluttaw Building in Nay Pyi Taw the other day.

Representatives to hluttaws concerned all attended regular sessions. It was the day Myanmar saw resurgence of parliamentary democracy system, which represented a watershed in Myanmar’s political trend.

A hluttaw (parliament) is a body in which the people vest legislative power. It is fair to say that a hluttaw is an organization that reflects the life of the public. The government, the administrative body, and the judicial body are responsible for bringing parliamentary resolutions into operation.

So, the responsibility of the parliament is very formidable. The major duty of MPs is to make laws and amend existing laws. In addition, it has to practise executive and judicial powers in line with the constitution. In Pyithu Hluttaw, these sovereign powers are exercised according to the procedures.

MPs irrespective of party have to serve national interest as the common task. They also have to be harmonious with one another in coordinating tasks, putting public interest in the fore.

It is therefore mandatory for MPs to show a sense of duty and remain loyal to the public and the nation without dogmatism, personality cult, sectarianism and racism in order to shape the future of the nation.

**Commander inspects progress of Wamkaung-Gyobyu railroad section**

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Feb—Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Brig-Gen Than Tun Oo inspected construction of Wamkaung-Gyobyu railroad section of Kengtung-Mongnai railroad project on 18 January.

He also looked into progress of the runway at Kengtung Airport.

On 19 January, the commander inspected maintenance of Kengtung-Loinwe-Monggayaw-Mongkai road and bridges. At the hall in Mongkai, he presented cash assistance and gifts to departmental officials and local people.

At Mongkai Basic Education High School, the commander met local people and gave foodstuff, sports gear and seeds of crops to them.

Later, the commander inspected beautifying and development tasks in Loinwe.—MNA

**Kayan Township gets village library**

YANGON, 1 Feb—A ceremony to open SabeiU Library was held in Okpo Village of Kayan Township, Yangon South District, on 25 January morning.

Chairman of Kayan Township Peace and Development Council U Tin Myint, Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Ei Zar Hlaing and Chairman of Village PDC U Htein Lin formally opened the library.

Next, wellwishers donated one radio, one table, one chest of drawer, one chair, two benches and two shelves.

The library was built with K 1 million contribution by Yangon Region Peace and Development Council and K 1.8 million by local people.

**Lifestyles Expo-2011 on 3 Feb**

YANGON, 1 Feb—Milky Way International Co Ltd has arranged Lifestyles Expo-2011 at Tawmadow Convention Hall on U Wisara Road in Dagon Township on 3 to 6 February.

The expo is mainly sponsored by Shine Group of Companies, and Co-Sponsors includes Asia Metal Co Ltd and Everseiko Co Ltd.

Besides, over 50 companies display their products in 140 booths at least and offer entertainment programmes, gifts and discounts to customers.

Any observers have a chance to get a laptop, a washing machine and gift vouchers presented by Milky Way International Co Ltd.

Further information, dial 73043611 or 73090821.—MNA

**Myanmar, Singapore to vie for first place in tennis championships**

YANGON, 1 Feb—The second tournament of ITF 14 & Under Asian Championships 2011 Group (2) hosted by Myanmar went on today at Theinbyu Tennis Court in Mingala Taungnyunt Township.

In the first semi-final match of Women’s Single Event, Nilar Win (Myanmar) beat Thisarit Mollogoda (Sri Lanka) (6-2) (6-4) and marched to the final. In the second semi-final, Ang Geraldine (Singapore) went to the final after beating Syadlurin (Malaysia) (6-0) (1-6) (7-5).

President U Aung Maw Thein of Myanmar Tennis Federation presented cash award to Nilar Win. Champion Nilar Win (Myanmar) of the first tournament of ITF 14 & Under Asian Championships 2011 Group (2) and second Ang Geraldine (Singapore) vied for the first place of the second tournament this morning.

Men’s Single Event, Men’s Double Event, Women’s Single Event and Women’s Double Event of he second tournament this morning.—Group (2) continued this morning.—MNA

**Visitors testing Kettler gym sets, treadmills and exercise bike and cross trainers displayed at Mr and Ms Myanmar contest**

YANGON, 1 Feb—Nat Ray Co presented Germany brand Kettler Twiste Stepper to Aung Aung who stood first in the Junior Mr Myanmar Contest, Aung Swe Naing in the senior contest and Wutji Phyo in the Ms Myanmar contest jointly organized by Myanmar Body-building and Physical Culture Federation and MDG Co Ltd on 30 January.

Visitors testing Kettler gym sets, treadmills and exercise bike and cross trainers displayed at Mr and Ms Myanmar contest.—MNA
Iraq war casualties rise in January

BAGHDAD, 1 Feb—The number of civilians, police and soldiers killed in violence in Iraq climbed sharply in January as militants launched a new wave of attacks, according to government statistics released on Tuesday.

The health ministry said 159 civilians were killed in bombings and other attacks last month compared with 89 in December, 105 in November and 120 in October. It was the highest civilian toll since September.

Fifty-five police officers and 45 soldiers were killed, compared to 41 and 21 respectively in December, according to interior and defence ministry figures.

Many of the deaths occurred in a two-week period around a Muslim religious rite as suspected insurgents challenged the new Shi’ite-led government of Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki, attacking police and targeting pilgrims streaming into the holy Shi’ite city of Kerbala.

On 18 January a suicide bomber wearing a vest packed with explosives and ball bearings killed around 50 police recruits while they queued for jobs in Saddam Hussein’s hometown of Tikrit.

On 27 January a car bomb explosion at a funeral wake in a Shi’ite neighborhood in Baghdad killed more than 45 people and wounded scores of others.—Reuters

Explosion rocks S Afghan Province

KANDAHAR, 1 Feb—Explosion rocked southern Kandahar Province on Tuesday, casualties feared.

Meantime, Kandahar police chief Khan Mohammad Mujahid said the blast was a roadside bomb attack, organized against him but he escaped unhurt.

“The blast was a roadside bomb, organized by Taleban to kill me but fortunately I escaped unhurt,” Mujahid told Xinhua.

He also added that the attack happened on a street inside provincial capital Kandahar City when his vehicle was passed.

Fortunately neither my bodyguards nor passersby were hurt in the blast,” the police chief further said.

Taliban militants have yet to make comment.—Xinhua

31 NATO service members killed in January in Afghanistan

KABUL, 1 Feb—Taleban-linked continued insurgency have claimed the lives of 31 soldiers with the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) throughout January this year in the conflict-ridden Afghanistan.

The militants in the latest waves of offensive against NATO-led forces on Monday, the last day in January, organized an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) attack leaving one service member dead, the alliance said in a statement released here.

“An International Security Assistance Force service member died following an improvised explosive device attack in eastern Afghanistan today,” the statement said.

However, it did not identify the nationality of the victim, saying it is ISAF policy to defer casualty identification procedures to the relevant national authorities.

Troops mostly from US have been deployed in the eastern part of Afghanistan. As of 30 Jan, according to iCasualties, a website tracking NATO-led forces fatalities in war on terror, 31 service members with 21 of them Americans had been killed in Afghanistan since beginning this year.—Internet

Pakistan judge blocks any move to hand over US gunman

LAHORE, 1 Feb—A Pakistani judge has blocked any move to hand over to US authorities an American government employee, under investigation for double murder, and put his name on the exit control list.

Visiting US congressmen on Monday asked President Asif Ali Zardari to free Raymond Davis, who was arrested after killing two Pakistani motorcyclists in broad daylight in Lahore in what the American said was an act of self-defence.

But a lawyer petitioned the Lahore high court to block any move to hand Davis over to the United States, filing a petition under public interest laws.

“I am restraining him (from being handed over to US authorities). Whether he has or does not have diplomatic immunity will be decided by the court,” ruled Lahore high court chief justice Ijaz Ahmed Chaudhry on Tuesday. “An order is issued to put his name on the ECL (exit control list). The case is adjourned for 15 days.”—Internet

Iran summons freed US woman for trial

TEHERAN, 1 Feb—The Iranian judiciary spokesman said Monday that an American woman, who was arrested by Teheran and freed on bail, has been summoned by an Iranian court for trial, the official IRNA news agency reported.

The female US hiker Sarah Shourd and two fellows, Josh Fattal and Shane Bauer, were arrested in July 2009 for illegally entering Iran. Shourd was released on bail of around 500,000 US dollars last year due to her health condition, while Fattal and Bauer remained jailed in Teheran.

Shourd has been summoned by the Islamic Revolutionary Court to attend a trial session scheduled on 6 Feb. IRNA quoted the judiciary spokesman General Gholam-Hossein Mohseni-Ejei as saying. The three were charged with espionage. Ejei said last November that Iran would put Fattal and Bauer on trial after Shourd was brought back to Iran. The US government denounced the charges as unfounded.—Xinhua

Ex-British Airways employee admits terror charges

LONDON, 1 Feb—A former British Airways employee has admitted some terror charges ahead of his London trial. Bangladeshi-born Rajib Karim is accused of deliberately seeking a job with the flagship airline in order to further an as-yet unspecified terrorist conspiracy. The 31-year-old pleaded guilty Monday to being involved in the production and distribution of a video on behalf of a outlawed terror group. He also pleaded guilty to funding associates in Yemen, offering himself for terrorist training abroad and encouraging others to do the same.

He denies a series of other terror-related charges. Few details of the case have been made publicly available. Britain’s Crown Prosecution Service did not return a call seeking comment on the case.—Internet

Men carry the body of a child after a suicide bomb attack at Finest supermarket in Kabul on 28 Jan, 2011. A suicide bomb attack at the supermarket in the Afghan Capital killed eight people, including at least two foreigners, and wounded six, police said.—Internet

31 NATO service members killed in January in Afghanistan

A firefighter puts a scarf over a casualty after a suicide bomb attack at Finest supermarket in Kabul on 28 Jan, 2011.—Internet

Detained Americans Sarah Shourd (L), Shane Bauer (R) and Joshua Fattal smile as they wait to meet their mothers at the Esteghal hotel in Teheran.—Xinhua

Pakistani police escorts arrested American diplomat Raymond Davis to a court in Lahore, on 28 Jan.—Internet

Iran summons freed US woman for trial

THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR Wednesday, 2 February, 2011
OSLO, 1 Feb—The risk of a new earthquake may have increased in an area of Chile’s Pacific Coast that suffered a massive quake and tsunami last year that killed more than 500 people, a team of scientists said on Sunday.

They said the 8.8 magnitude 27 February quake had only partly broken stresses, deep in the Earth’s crust in an area south of Santiago, that have been building up since an 1835 quake witnessed by British naturalist Charles Darwin.

“We conclude that increased stress on the unbroken patch may in turn have increased the probability of another major to great earthquake there in the near future,” they wrote in the journal Nature Geoscience.

“They said the 8.8 magnitude February 27 earthquake in 2010, central Chile faces increased risk of a very large earthquake close to the site of last February’s 8.8-magnitude temblor that killed 520 people and cost $30 billion dollars, scientists said last Sunday.—INTERNET

A “major” earthquake is between magnitude 7 and 8, causing serious damage over large areas, and a “great” earthquake above 8. Chile’s quake was the most powerful since the 2004 quake that caused a devastating tsunami in the Indian Ocean.

“It’s impossible to predict exactly when a new quake might happen,” Stefano Lorito, of Italy’s Istituto Nazionale di Geofisica e Vulcanologia, told Reuters. He led a team of experts in the United States, Northern Ireland and Italy.

CHALFONTE, 1 Feb —The new National Institute of Food and Drug Administration, won’t fund it, and the National Institutes of Health won’t fund it, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration funded it only briefly, Mironov said.

“It’s classic disruptive technology,” Mironov said. “Bringing any new technology on the market, average, costs $1 billion. We don’t even have $1 million.”

A soldier builds a provisional dwelling for people displaced by 27th’s February earthquake in 2010.

A woman looks at a DRAM microchip. Japan’s leading chip maker Elpida Memory will take over the DRAM operations of Powerchip Technology in a bid to increase competitiveness amid falling prices, the Nikkei said Monday.

TOKYO, 1 Feb—Japan’s leading chip maker Elpida Memory will take over the DRAM operations of Powerchip Technology in a bid to increase competitiveness amid falling prices, the Nikkei said Monday.

Powerchip will end production of its own DRAM chips, used in personal computers, and will focus exclusively on production for Elpida, which plans to eventually acquire Powerchip’s main production facilities, the daily said.

Falling prices of DRAM chips has accelerated the talks between the two partners, who plan to finish the negotiations by the end of March, the Nikkei said.

Elpida had a 17.4 percent share of the global DRAM market in 2009, while Powerchip held 2.1 percent, the Nikkei said.

Samsung led the market with a 33.6 percent share, followed by South Korean rival Hynix Semiconductor with 21.6 percent, the Nikkei said.—INTERNET

South Carolina scientist works to grow meat in lab

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“New York, 1 Feb—At the 2010 Macworld Expo, FastMac’s U-Socket earned a Best of Show award. A year later, the U-Socket is finally ready to ship to the public and was on display at the 2011 Macworld Expo show floor.

The U-Socket is a power outlet that’s outfitted with a pair of USB ports. After it was announced last year, FastMac had to reconfigure the U-Socket so it could be able to recharge an iPad.

Then USB 3.0 started to become fashionable (at least for PCs), and FastMac wanted to make sure their USB ports were 3.0 compliant.

FastMac is offering two models of the U-Socket. Model ACE-T169 ($26) is a standard wall socket available in white. The model ACE-T702 ($24) is a Decora-style socket.
Patient-clinician relationship important

HONOLULU, 1 Feb—“Difficult” patient-clinician encounters have a negative impact on the patients’ short-term health, US researchers say.

Sheri Hinche of the Tripler Army Medical Centre in Honolulu and Jeffrey Jackson from the Zablocki Veterans Administration Medical Centre in Milwaukee say both clinician and patient factors contribute to difficult encounters.

Clinicians with a more open communication style and those with more experience reported fewer difficult encounters. Patients considered difficult had more symptoms, worse functional status, used the clinic more frequently and were more likely to have an underlying psychiatric disorder than those not considered difficult.

The study, published online in the Journal of General Internal Medicine, indicated doctors perceived nearly 18 percent of their patients as difficult. Patients emerging from difficult encounters reported less satisfaction, lower trust in their clinician and a greater number of unmet expectations.

Two weeks later, they were also more likely to have worsening symptoms.

Hinche, Jackson and colleagues assessed 750 adult patients at a walk in clinic for symptoms, expectations, general health, signs of mental disorders, and physical, social and emotional functionality before consultation.

The researchers asked patients about satisfaction, level of trust and unmet expectations immediately after the consultation. Two weeks later symptoms were checked again.

Running-related injuries on the rise in US kids

NEW YORK, 1 Feb—The number of running-related injuries suffered by American youngsters aged 6 to 18 increased 34 percent between 1994 and 2007, according to a new study.

During that period, there were an estimated 225,344 such injuries treated in US hospitals, an average of more than 16,000 per year. The majority of the running-related injuries were sprains and strains to the lower extremities.

S Korea’s consumer inflation spikes to 4.1% in Jan

SEOUL, 1 Feb—South Korea’s consumer inflation accelerated to 4.1 percent in January from a year earlier, a government report showed Tuesday.

The country’s consumer price index (CPI) surged 4.1 percent in January from the same month a year earlier after rising 3.5 percent in December, Statistics Korea said in its report. South Korea’s annual inflation in January marked the same increase of 4.1 percent reported for October, rising above the central bank’s 4.0 percent ceiling again in three months.

The Bank of Korea (BOK) targets mid-term inflation at between 2 percent and 4 percent from 2010 through 2012.

Consumer inflation in Asia’s fourth-largest economy gained 0.9 percent in January from the previous month, up 0.3 percentage point from a 0.6 percent rise in December. The nation’s core CPI, which excludes oil and food, climbed 2.6 percent last month from a year before, the biggest increase since October 2009.

The January core prices gained 0.6 percent from the previous month, the highest percent last month from a year before, the biggest increase since October 2009.

China’s central bank raises priority of price controls

BEIJING, 1 Feb—China’s central bank said late Sunday that it would raise the priority of keeping overall price levels under control in 2011 by adopting a prudent monetary policy.

“Controlling overall price levels will be higher up the agenda in 2011, while the financial system should be kept secure and sound,” said a report on the People’s Bank of China (PBOC) website.

China’s consumer price index (CPI) rose 4.6 percent from a year earlier in December, down from 5.1 percent in November, which was the fastest rate in more than two years. Last year, the CPI climbed 3.3 percent, exceeding the central government’s official target of 3 percent.

Rising consumer prices have prompted the central bank to launch a series of monetary-tightening measures, including two interest rate increases and a series of rises in the bank reserve requirement ratio.
Man arrested with explosives in Michigan

DETROIT, 1 Feb—A 63-year-old Southern California man who was travelling with explosives in his vehicle with the intention of blowing up one of the nation's largest mosques where mourners had gathered for a funeral was arrested in the Detroit suburb of Dearborn, Michigan authorities said Sunday. Dearborn police said Roger Stockham was arraigned Wednesday on one count of making a false report or threat of terrorism and one count of possessing explosives with an unlawful intent. Stockham had a large but undisclosed quantity of class-C fireworks including M-80s, which are outlawed in Michigan, Chief Ronald Haddad said.

"I was comfortable with the fact that we had taken him off the street — he isn’t going anywhere," Haddad said Sunday afternoon. "I think the society he wanted to impact is safe." Haddad said Stockham was arrested Monday evening without incident in the parking lot of Islamic Centre of America, while a large group was gathered inside.—Internet

Malaysian police take custody of seven Somali pirates

A Malaysian police officer brings out an accused Somali pirate from a bus at Bukit Jalil Police Station in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 31 Jan, 2011.—INTERNET

KUALA LUMPUR, 1 Feb—Police in Malaysia took custody Monday of seven Somali pirates who were captured in the Gulf of Aden and brought to the Southeast Asian country to face a possible trial for hijacking a Malaysian-operated chemical tanker.

Malaysia and South Korea could become Asia’s first countries to charge Somalis for piracy-related offenses after detaining a total of 12 suspects in separate raids on two hijacked ships recently. Five Somalis captured in the Arabian Sea were brought Sunday to South Korea, where they could be sentenced to life imprisonment.

The seven other Somalis arrived under tight security at Malaysia’s key western harbour Monday aboard the MT Bunga Laurel, which they attacked 20 Jan in the Gulf of Aden. Malaysian naval commandos stormed the ship and rescued 23 Filipino crew members less than two hours after the pirates boarded it.

Authorities will interrogate the Somalis in a "thorough investigation" before deciding what charges they could face, a federal police official said on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to make public statements.

Malaysia’s plan to charge them could be complicated because the vessel attacked was Panama-registered, even though it was chartered and operated by a Malaysian shipping firm.

None of the crew was Malaysian, and the ship’s cargo was being transported to Singapore.

But officials have said the pirates could still face unspecified charges because the ship had Malaysian interests.—Internet

Elephant refuge starts anew after founder’s firing

This 22 Dec, 2010 photo shows Tarra, bottom, and Misty, top, as they graze at the Elephant Sanctuary in Hohenwald, Tenn. An unexpected management change and a lawsuit might give the world a better glimpse of the refuge for elephants that have spent much of their lives in zoos and circuses.—INTERNET

Hohenwald, 1 Feb—Nestled on a secluded tract in the wooded hills of rural Tennessee is a sight that would likely startle an outsider, if outsiders were permitted to see it: the nation’s largest sanctuary for old, sick and rescued elephants.

For the past 15 years, elephants who had spent lifetimes in zoos and circuses have found a place to retire, rest and roam, far from noisy audiences and free from cramped quarters.

Now, after an unexpected management change and a lawsuit filed by one of the original founders last year, their place of refuge is undergoing changes that may allow the world a better glimpse of their lives.

The sanctuary that’s never been open to the public now wants to be a worldwide educational centre for elephant care, while still remaining true to its mission to be a refuge for needy elephants.

“The sanctuary is and has always been about far more than just the people who work in it,” said Rob Atkinson, the new CEO who arrived in Tennessee late last year. “It’s about the elephants.”

In 1995, two former elephant trainers, Carol Buckley and Scott Blais, started the sanctuary near Hohenwald, Tenn, about 85 miles southwest of Nashville, in part because of the original founders last year, their place of refuge is undergoing changes that may allow the world a better glimpse of their lives.

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4.8-magnitude earthquake jolts southwest China’s Yunnan

BEIJING, 1 Feb — A 4.8-magnitude earthquake hit southwest China’s Yunnan Province on Tuesday afternoon, according to the China Earthquake Networks Centre.

The quake hit Yingjiang County of Dai-Fu Shing Autonomous Prefecture of Dehong at 3:11 pm Beijing Time, the centre said.

The epicenter, with a depth of 10 kilometres, was located at 24.7 degrees north latitude and 97.9 degrees east longitude, according to the centre.—Xinhua

5.3-magnitude quake hits sea off Taiwan (China)

BEIJING, 1 Feb — An earthquake measuring 5.3 on the Richter Scale hit the sea off the coast of Hualien County in Taiwan at 4:16 pm Beijing Time Tuesday, according to the China Earthquake Networks Centre.

The epicentre was monitored at 24.2 degrees north latitude and 121.8 degrees east longitude with a depth of about seven kilometres, the centre said.

The epicentre is about 35 kilometres away from Hualien and about 100 kilometres from Taipei, according to the centre.—Xinhua
Group of Pyithu Hluttaw representatives-elect...

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Pyithu Hluttaw representatives-elect attended the meeting, accounting for 99.6 per cent, and the meeting was valid as the attendance was more than the quorum of half of the representatives-elect. He announced the beginning of the meeting.

Representatives-elect carried out matters on nomination of vice-president, support for proposals, and submission of the proposal papers to the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker through the master of ceremonies. They elected representative-elect among themselves to comprise in the group that will scrutinize whether or not the vice-presidents possess the qualifications prescribed for the President.

In the process, U Huo Oo of Hinthada Constituency nominated U Thaung of Kyaukse Constituency, U Aung Min of Toungoo Constituency seconded the nomination. U Khin Maung Yi (a) Khang Maung Yi of Ahlon Constituency nominated U Nelson (a) U Hsang Hsi of Kyaukme Constituency, and it was seconded by Daw Nan Wah Nu of Kunhein Constituency. In the secret ballot, U Thaung of Kyaukse Constituency won 280 votes; and U Nelson (a) U Hsang Hsi of Kyaukme Constituency, 44 votes. It was thereafter announced that U Thaung of Kyaukse Constituency was elected as a member of the group that will scrutinize the qualifications for the president.

Pyithu Hluttaw representatives-elect arriving at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall to attend meeting of Pyithu Hluttaw representatives-elect group of Presidential Electoral College.


Education Road Show 2011 on GAC on 11 Feb

YANGON, 31 Jan—Global Assessment Certificate (GAC) programme and application for entrance to over 100 international universities from the US, England, Canada, Australia, Mexico, Malaysia and Indonesia will be explained at Education Road Show 2011 at Summit Parkview Hotel from 10 am to 4 pm on 11 February.

GAC has three levels to provide English, Mathematics, Information Technology, Economics and science subjects to the trainees in addition to IELTS/TOEFL of their choice.

The course will last from nine months to one year. Outstanding persons in GAC entrance will get university stipends. Responsible persons of Ascensia Academy will explain the detailed facts about GAC. Those interested may contact Crown Education, Tel: 221888, (Extension: 228-229), 095085185 and 73040688.—MNA

ISR Football Tournament continues

NAV Pyi Taw, 1 Feb—The second round robin matches of the 56th Inter-State/Region Union Football Tournament continued at Magway Region Sports Ground and Magway District Sports Ground on 30 January.

Tinathiriya Region beat Ayeyawady Region 4-2 at Magway Region Sports Ground while Sagaing Region tied at Chin State 1-1 at Magway District Sports Ground.

Yesterday, Mandalay Region routed Bago Region 3-1 at Magway District Sports Ground whereas Kachin State and Yangon Region ended a 1-1 draw at Magway District Sports Ground.—MNA

Aleinmar Pyokin Library opened in Kayan Township

YANGON, 1 Feb—A ceremony to open Aleinmar Pyokin Library was held in Maungma Village of Kayan Township on 27 January.

Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council U Tin Myint, Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department Dsw Ei Zar Hlaing and Chairman of Maungma Village PDC U Chit Khang formally opened the library.

The Chairman of Township PDC donated 100 books, the chairperson of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association one radio and publications, Township Women’s Affairs Organization publications, the Head of Township BPRD 100 books, local people one table, two chairs, one bench, one shelf and 300 books. The library was built with K 1 million contribution by Yangon Region PDC and K 9.3 million by the local people.—MNA

Talk on Industrial Promotion & FDI on 18 Feb

YANGON, 2 Feb—A talk on Industrial Promotion & FDI: Focusing on Small & Medium-sized Enterprises, jointly organized by the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFFCI) and Japanese Embassy in Yangon, will be held at UMFFCI Office Tower (first floor) on MinYeKyawSwa Road in Lanmadaw Township here on 18 February.

Representative Mr Tatsuya Hoshino of Itochu Australia Corporation, Machinery Division of Japan will give the talk. Those wishing to attend the talk are to register at UMFFCI (International Relations Department) (from Ph:214344 to 49).—MNA
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son of U Win Kyi, suc-
cumbed to the injuries.

Bus drivers are
therefore reminded to
drive safely.—MNA

First, Hluttaw
representatives took out
proposals from the deputy
director-general to nomi-
nate candidates for vice-

President of Pyithu Hluttaw representatives from States
and Regions met at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall in Pyithu
Building here at 10 am on
February 1, 2011, and the
election process for vice-
president was adjourned
during the day so that the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker and the Deputy Speaker may have
time to recognize propos-
als and list the names of
the nominees.—MNA

Leather jerkins available at
Myanmarpyi-hmar Sun Shine

YANGON, 1 Feb—Maung
Naing Phyo San, son of
U Aik San
(Myanmarpyi-hmar Sun
Shine) distributes pure
leather jackets.

Thakhin Chit
brand leather jackets are
available at
Myanmarpyi-hmar Sun
Shine shops across the
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The sales centre
No.1 is located at No.
443 at the corner of
Merchant and 43rd Streets
in Botataung Township,
Tel: 01-291453, No. 2 at
No. 14/A on 83rd Street
between 18th and 19th Streets in
Mandalay, Tel: 02-71006, No. 6
at No. 56 at the corner of
26th Street and 88th Street in
Mandalay, Tel: 02-
35653, No. 7 at Room-
10 of Ngu Wah Hostel at
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streets, and at No. 8 in
front of Myoma Cinema,
PynOoWin, Tel: 085-
22927 and 095114833.
MNA

Slight earthquake jolts

NAV PI TAW, 1 Feb—A slight earthquake
of magnitude (4.8) Richter Scale with its epicenter
outside Myanmar (Yunnan Province) about (230)
miles north-east of Mandalay seismological
observatory was recorded at (13) hrs (45) min
(24) sec M.S.T today, Department of Meteorol-
ogy and Hydrology announced.
MNA
Group of Amyotha Hluttaw representatives-elect nominates vice-presidents

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Feb—Group meeting of Amyotha Hluttaw representatives-elect comprising in Presidential Electoral College was held at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Building in Nay Pyi Taw at 10 am today. Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and the Amyotha Hluttaw representatives-elect from Regions and States attended the meeting, and the Amyotha Hluttaw representatives-elect nominated the vice-presidents.

Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint supervised vice-presidential election and Deputy Director-General U Win Swe of Hluttaw Office acted as master of ceremonies.

The Amyotha Hluttaw representatives-elect took out form No. 1 from the Deputy Director-General. After that, the proposal forms were submitted to the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker through the master of ceremonies.

In the process of nominating the vice-presidents, U Aung Tun of Magway Region Constitution No. 11 nominated Dr Sai Maik Kham (a) Maung Ohn of Shan State Constitution No. 3 and it was seconded by U Kyaw Din (a) U Hay Reh of Kayah State Constitution No.2. U Hsiaung Paung Nut of Shan State Constitution No.12 nominated Dr Sai Maik Kham (a) Maung Ohn of Shan State Constitution No. 3 and it was seconded by U N Win Tun of Shan State Constitution No.9. Dr Myat Nyana Soe of Yangon Region Constitution No.4 nominated Dr Aye Maung of Rakhine State Constitution No.1 and it was seconded by U Phone Maung Aung of Rakhine Region Constitution No.3. U Sai Thant Zin of Shan State Constitution No.4 and U Min Myo Tin Lwin of Kayin State Constitution No.10 nominated Dr Aye Maung of Rakhine State Constitution No.1 and it was seconded by U Paw Huan Htaw of Chin State Constitution No.3. U Aung Tun Ohn of Mon State Constitution No.5 and U Kyaw Thein of Mon State Constitution No.4 nominated Dr Aye Maung of Rakhine State Constitution No.1.

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Amyotha Hluttaw Representatives-elect group …

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After taking the seat, Speaker U Khin Aung Myint of Amyotha Hluttaw supervised the meeting according to the agenda. The speaker announced that the meeting was valid and the start of meeting as 168 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives-elect who have the right to attend the meeting were all present at the meeting with cent per cent attendance.

The Amyotha Hluttaw representatives-elect named Vice-President Nominees, seconded the nominations and presented the proposals to the speaker through the master of ceremonies. A myotha Hluttaw Representa-tive-elect U Myo Myint of Mandalay Region Constitution (6) was announced as member of the group that will scrutinize the qualification of the president with the agreement of Amyotha Hluttaw representatives-elect group.

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MMCWA (Central) provides nutritious food to pregnant mothers in Pyaywbe

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Feb—A ceremony to provide nutritious foods to pregnant women in Pyaywbe Township, Yamen District, Mandalay Region was held at Pyaywbe Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association on 21 January.

It was attended by President of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association (Central) Daw Nilar Thaw, Vice-President Dr Daw Wai Wai Tha and CEC members, Chairpersons of Mandalay Region Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Htaw Htaw Aung and members, Chairpersons of Yamen District and Pyaywbe Township MCWSCs and the pregnant women.

At the ceremony, the MMCWA (Central) president made a speech. After that, the president and members provided twenty pregnant women with nutritious foods and visited the delivery room.

Gallant opens engineering courses

YANGON, 1 Feb—Gallant training school will conduct Applied Engineering Course and Engineering Applied Computer Course that will last two to four months.

Applied Engineering Course includes TV, DVD, VCD and mechanic course, wiring course, air-conditioner maintenance course, motor operating course, welding course, plumber course, mechanical & electrical competency, and computerized numerical control course.

The Engineering Applied Computer Course comprises Auto-CAD (basic), Auto-CAD (M&E), Programmable logic control (PLC) and Microcontroller Course. For detailed information, contact No. 5 B (5), 4th floor, U Tun Lin Compound road, Hledan, Kamayut Township, Yangon, Tel: 73032670, 539403 and 095128026.
Study says phone counseling can help cut heart disease risk

New York, 1 Feb—A greater percentage of people at high risk for heart disease keep up their exercise and diet programmes when they get group telephone counseling, according to a study.

Everyone in the group of nearly 700 patients in the study, published in the American Journal of Cardiology, saw doctors who evaluated their health and got advice about making good lifestyle changes. But some also got group counseling sessions by phone — and that helped more of them stick with the suggested changes.

The message itself is nothing new — eat more fruits and vegetables, cut back on salt, exercise more, and stop smoking. “It’s more of a question in how you can deliver it. We all know what’s recommended for lifestyle change,” said lead author Robert Nolan, a psychologist who studies heart disease at the University Health Network in Toronto.

MNA/Reuters

ANA swings to black in April-December

TOKYO, 1 Feb—All Nippon Airways Co pivoted back into the black in the April-December period as robust travel demand and cost cuts bolstered the carrier’s bottom line.

Japan’s No 2 airline said Monday it booked a net profit of 37.54 billion yen ($457.4 million), compared with a loss of 35.22 billion yen during the same nine months last year.

Revenue rose more than 12 percent to 1.04 trillion yen. Operating profit came to 77.7 billion yen, a turnaround from an operating loss of 37.8 billion yen a year earlier.

The carrier, known as ANA, credited a strong rebound in business travel for bolstering revenue on international routes. Flights from the new international terminal at Tokyo’s Haneda Airport, which opened in late October, also boosted business.

ANA reported healthy demand on its domestic routes. During peak travel periods, the company added extra flights and used larger aircraft to expand the number of seats.

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Seafarers, gaze at horizon to stay steady

New York, 1 Feb—It may not be news to those who spend a lot of time at sea, but a new study reports that if you’re aboard a ship, looking at the horizon can help keep your body stable, researchers say.

In the study, investigators compared a group of crew members as they stood on land and aboard a ship and focused on something about 16 inches in front of them and then a far-off object — a distant mountain when standing on land or the horizon when standing on the ship.

On land, the participants were steadier when they looked at a nearby object and swayed more when they looked far away. On the ship, they were steadier when they focused on the horizon, the study found.

When on a ship, looking at the horizon may make you more stable by helping you differentiate between the natural movement of your body and the movement caused by the ship, explained Thomas A. Stoffregen of the University of Minnesota.

He has been studying “body sway” — how much a person’s body moves in a back and forth motion in various situations — for decades.

The movement of a person’s body may predict seasickness, Stoffregen noted in the report published online and in the January issue of the journal Psychological Science.

“It’s the people who become wobbly who subseq- uently become motion sick,” he said in a news release from the Association for Psychological Science.

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Philippines posts record economic growth

Growth domestic product (GDP) growth in the last three months of 2010 also surpassed expectations to reach 7.1 percent, the National Statistical Coordination Board said.

The global economic recovery played a big part in the strong performance by helping to boost exports and revive key industries, while better weather towards the end of the year helped the struggling farming sector, it said.

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Microbreweries turning from glass to metal

LEWISTON, 1 Feb—Canned beer isn’t just for swilling anymore.

Baxter Brewing in Maine has joined a growing number of small craft-brewers distributing their brews in cans — just like mainstream mass-produced beers — rather than in bottles. A decade ago, it’s believed there weren’t any US craft breweries canning their suds. Nowadays, nearly 100 sell at least one beer variety in metal.

Baxter Brewing founder and president Lake Livingston said cans are good for the beer, the environment and consumers, because they’re easy to take to places like camping trips and golf outings. Still, cans in some quarters have to overcome the stereotype of chugging contests or a beer-bellied John Belushi crushing cans on his forehead in the 1978 movie “Animal House.”

When Livingston decided to open a small brewery sans bottles, some people told him they would never stoop to drinking beer from a can — that bottles were way better, and draft beer was the best. “My retort to those people is that draft beer comes out of a keg,” Livingston said at his brewery, located inside a former textile mill in this central Maine City. “And what’s a keg? A keg’s just a big can, it’s a big metal container.”

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ROL student commits suicide in Shanghai

SUNDAE, 1 Feb—A young man from the Republic of Korea who studied at a university in Shanghai is believed to have committed suicide on Sunday, school and police authorities said Tuesday.

The man is said to have hanged himself Sunday afternoon in the student apartments at Shanghai Jiao Tong University, school officials and police officers told Xinhua.

Xinhua
Major winter storm expected to hit Great Plains, eastern states

CHICAGO, 1 Feb—A massive storm system bringing heavy snow, sleet, and freezing rain could potentially impact 100 million people as it slams the Rockies, Plains, and Midwest regions early this week before travelling to the eastern seaboard Wednesday, according to forecasts on Sunday. Freezing rain is expected to develop Sunday night and continue throughout Monday, producing a light grazing of ice that could lead to dangerous travel conditions in the central states, the National Weather Service said, but the primary storm system will hit early Tuesday and continue through Tuesday night.

The storm’s “stripe of snow” will move eastward across the central plains and into the Ohio Valley and touch parts of Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois and Indiana, according to a mapped forecast of the storm’s 1 February movements on Weather.com. “This storm will produce significant impacts across a large portion of the central United States,” the National Weather Service said, and some areas could experience snowfall of more than six inches, according to Weather.com.

Then, after slamming the Plains and Midwest, the storm will move into the Appalachians, Mid-Atlantic, and New England regions early Wednesday morning, Groundhog Day, with conditions improving early Thursday. The heaviest snow is expected across the interior northeast from Pennsylvania into upstate New York and New England, according to mid-week forecasts on Weather.com.

Bolivia flash flood sweeps away bus, truck; 30 die

LA PAZ, 1 Feb—Police in Bolivia say a raging river has swept at least 30 people to their deaths after swamping a bus and a truck that tried to cross.

Chuquisaca police chief Iver Marquez says volunteer rescuers have recovered 30 bodies so far, and more people are feared missing. Thirteen people managed to reach safety themselves being pulled from the water as the vehicles crossed the flooded Mollepunku river. Floods frequently cause devastation in Bolivia during January, the height of the rainy season. Leftist Bolivian President Evo Morales has blamed extreme weather on pollution from wealthy nations.

Mexican navy rescues shark-bit fisherman at sea

MEXICO CITY, 1 Feb—The Mexican navy says it has rescued a fisherman who was badly bitten by a shark while at sea.

A navy statement says sailors received a distress call Friday from a shark fishing boat near the Revillagigedo Islands off Mexico’s Pacific coast.

One of the crew had suffered a serious bite wound on his leg and lost a dangerous amount of blood.

Sailors gave the boat’s captain instructions on how to stabilize the 25-year-old man, and sent an amphibious ship and a helicopter to get him into emergency treatment.

The navy said Sunday that he was in stable condition and out of danger.

It did not give details on the attack or say what kind of shark was involved.

Costa Rica: Network used fishermen to ship cocaine

SAN JOSE, 1 Feb—Costa Rican authorities say they have dismantled a cocaine smuggling network that used fishing vessels to ship drugs from Ecuador and Colombia through Central America and into Mexico.

The Security Ministry says in a Sunday statement that the Colombian-run network paid fishermen to haul cocaine to Guatemala and Mexico.

The ministry says raids in the Costa Rican Capital of San Jose and in the Pacific coast city of Puntarenas were carried out Saturday. Five Colombians and a Costa Rican national were arrested.

Costa Rican officials say powerful drug cartels are increasingly using the country as a transshipment point for cocaine — much of it ultimately bound for the United States.
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A weather satellite image obtained from the Japan Meteorological Agency shows tropical cyclone Yasi in the Coral Sea approaching the coast of Australia on 1 Feb., 2011.—INTERNET

Hard for doctors to remind about vaccines
AURORA, 1 Feb.—Physicians’ offices find reminding patients to update their immunizations challenging despite programs to help, US researchers say.
Researchers led by Alison Saville and Dr Allison Kempe, both of the University of Colorado School of Medicine in Aurora, learned physicians in Colorado say physicians’ practices underutilize a statewide immunization registry. The Colorado Immunization Information System offers a Web-based tool listing children behind on immunizations and generating mailing labels or phone numbers.
“This is the first study to explore the real world issues that influence private practices’ decisions to implement an evidence-based intervention to increase immunizations,” Saville says in a statement.
The study, published in Academic Pediatrics, finds among the reasons for resistance to the system are a lack of awareness, distrust in data accuracy and perceived difficulties with implementation or effectiveness. Saville, Kempe and colleagues interviewed 24 physicians and 11 staff members in 11 practices who received 2-hour, computer-based training that provided an opportunity for attendees to run real-time reminder programmes with state staff assistance. Of the 11 practices, four implemented programmes.

Snow storm threatens 100 million in US
CHICAGO, 1 Feb.—A mammoth storm threatens to dump mounds of fresh snow, sleet and ice on about 100 million already winter-weary people from the US heartland to the east coast, forecasters said.
Blizzard, winter storm and freezing rain warnings were issued for more than 25 states, from North Dakota and Colorado down to New Mexico, then up through Texas, Kansas and Missouri to the Great Lakes region and across Pennsylvania to New England.
The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) urged residents to prepare in earnest for the fury of the storm as it barrels eastward across the country.

US judge deals new blow to Obama health reform
WASHINGTON, 1 Feb.—A second US federal judge declared President Barack Obama’s health care law unconstitutional, sparking a fierce new showdown with Republicans who vow to repeal the historic reform act.
The Obama administration immediately pledged to appeal and branded the ruling by a Florida judge as an “outlier” from the judicial mainstream, warning that health care costs would soar if it was allowed to stand.
But Republicans crowed that the ruling was one step closer to the outright repeal of a law that has been a Democratic dream for decades but that conservatives say will explode the deficit and kill jobs.
US District Judge Roger Vinson said a key provision of the law known as the “individual mandate” exceeds Congress’s regulatory powers by requiring Americans to either purchase health insurance by 2014 or pay a fine.

US wants TV producer to face murder charge in Mexico
LOS ANGELES, 1 Feb.—US prosecutors on Monday filed court papers to send a former “Survivor” television producer to Mexico to stand trial for murder in the death of his Brazilian wife, according to court papers. The extradition request for Bruce Beresford-Redman, filed in a federal court in Los Angeles, comes less than three months after police arrested him at his Southern California home.
No hearing dates have been set in the extradition request, and the US attorney’s office declined further comment.
Mexican authorities accuse Beresford-Redman of strangling his wife, Monica, in April 2010 in the resort city of Cancun while the couple was on vacation with their two children.—INTERNET

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Australia evacuates coastal cities in path of cyclone
CANBERRA, 1 Feb.—Australia evacuated northeast coastal cities on Tuesday as a cyclone rivalling the strength of Hurricane Katrina bore down on tourism, sugar and coal mining areas and threatened areas already devastated by floods far inland.
Cyclone Yasi is expected to generate winds of up to 280 kph (175 mph) when it hits the Queensland state coast early on Thursday (2pm Wednesday, GMT), matching the strength of Katrina, which devastated New Orleans in 2005. With a strong monsoon feeding Yasi’s 650 km-wide front, the storm was also expected to maintain its intensity long after crossing the coast and could sweep inland as far as the outback mining city of Mt Isa.
“This storm is huge and life threatening,” Queensland Premier Anna Bligh told reporters, warning the storm was intensifying and picking up speed on its path from the Coral Sea, and destructive gales would begin from Wednesday morning. Queensland, which accounts for about a fifth of Australia’s economy and 90 percent of steelmaking coal exports worth about $20.4 billion, has had a cruel summer, with floods having swept the eastern seaboard over the past month, killing 35 people.—INTERNET

A snow figure sits on a bench on 28 Jan, 2011 in New York’s Central Park.—INTERNET

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BP braces for huge annual loss after oil spill crisis
LONDON, 1 Feb — Oil giant BP is forecast to post its first annual loss in almost 20 years on Tuesday as the group struggles to cope with the aftermath of the devastating Gulf of Mexico oil disaster.
BP, which publishes its official results at 0700 GMT, might update its cost of last year’s fatal oil spill catastrophe, which currently stands at about 40 billion dollars.
The Gulf of Mexico oil disaster was triggered by a blast on the Deepwater Horizon rig — leased by BP and operated by Transocean Energy — that killed 11 workers on 20 April. The broken well was eventually plugged but not before it gushed about 4.9 million barrels of oil into the Gulf waters.
The spill destroyed hundreds of miles of fragile coastlines and caused BP’s share price to collapse while its reputation in the United States took a hammering.—INTERNET

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Muddled Murray admits he forgot score

Britain’s Andy Murray Friday got so wrapped up in his hard-fought Australian Open semi-final with David Ferrer that he forgot the score — and saved a crucial set point without knowing it.

Murray said he hadn’t realised he was a set point down in the second set, which he came back to win and level the match. The world number five finally took it in four sets, 4-6, 7-6 (7/2), 6-1, 7-6 (7/2).

Murray, 23, thought he was serving at 3-4 down, rather than 4-5, when he came up with an unplayable serve to deny Ferrer a break. He said he was stunned when he realised the Spaniard had been just one point from taking the set.

“It wasn’t until the umpire called 5-5 that I realised that, yeah, I just saved a set point,” he said. “I was obviously a bit surprised. But you need to sort of get back into focusing. It was quite a big stage of the match.

With drummer injured, Kings of Leon postpone dates

NASHVILLE, 1 Feb—Rock band Kings of Leon has been forced to postpone several international tour dates because their drummer is injured.

A news release from the band says Nathan Followill’s surgery for a torn right bicep and labrum will force postponements of tours in South Africa and Australia until October and November.

The band will still play a few scheduled dates, including an appearance at the Couchella Valley Music and Arts Festival on 15 April.

Spokesman Ken Weinstein says Followill hurt himself while working out. The surgery will require several months of rehabilitation, but Followill is expected to play all shows with the band this spring, starting with Couchella and including European dates in May, June and July.—INTERNET

NY mail carrier pinched discount coupons

A mail carrier on New York’s Long Island is accused of pinching thousands of discount coupons intended for residents’ mailboxes.

Police say 38-year-old Thomas Tang of Baldwin stole more than 7,000 JC Penney Co discount coupons he was supposed to deliver to the department store’s customers. Police say Tang then sold the coupons on eBay.

Tang was charged with grand larceny. He pleaded not guilty at his arraignment Friday and was ordered held on $5,000 cash bail.

His attorney was not immediately available for comment.

The alleged theft occurred between October 2009 and this January.

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Fair officials tell The Ledger of Lakeland that the company, Mosaic, typically buys many things from the students who sell livestock and baked goods at the annual event.

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I’m no magician, says Santander’s Indian owner

SANTANDER, 1 Feb — Indian businessman Ahsan Ali Syed and the new owner of modest Spanish First Division club Racing Santander turned up to a rapturous welcome at the home league match with Valencia on Monday and said he dreamed of making them a force worldwide.

Syed - who made an unsuccessful 300-million-
pound (480-million-dollar) bid to buy English Premier League side Blackburn Rovers earlier this season - added, however, that he was no magician and it would take time for his dreams to become reality.

“I am not a magician,” said Syed.

“I would like the team to become not only a household name in Spain but also on the world stage.

The match ended in a 1-1 draw doing no favours to Santander’s relegation battle which sees them just three points above the drop zone. —Internet

Karimi reunited with Magath at Schalke

GELENKURCHEN, 1 Feb — Former Asian footballer of the year Ali Karimi was reunited with German football coach Felix Magath on Monday when he signed for Bundesliga side Schalke 04 until the end of the season.

The 32-year-old Iranian - capped 112 times - played under Magath during a largely unsuccessful two-year spell at Bayern Munich where he scored just three times and made only 33 appearances.

Karimi - who moved to Qatar after Bayern and then returned to Asia to play for Steel Azin - is

Clijsters up to second in world tennis rankings

PARIS, 1 Feb — Australian Open winner Kim Clijsters has risen to second place in the world rankings and within close range of Caroline Wozniacki who holds on to the top spot despite once again failing to win a Grand Slam title.

Chu’s Li Na, who lost

Kim Clijsters poses with the Australian Open women’s singles trophy on Melbourne’s Brighton Beach. —Internet

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Wood’s had a 71.

A new year looked a lot like the old one for Woods.

To see him open with a pair of 69s at the Farmers Insurance Open made it appear as though his game was on an upward trend, until recognizing that Anthony Kim was better in each of the two rounds. —Internet

Tiger Woods rehearses his swing while playing the South Course at Torrey Pines during the final round. —Internet

Chelsea shatter British transfer record to land Torres

LONDON, 1 Feb — Chelsea signed Spanish striker Fernando Torres from Liverpool on Monday in a 50 million pounds (80 million dollar) deal that shattered the British transfer record.

Torres has signed a five-and-a-half-year contract with the Premier League champions, who announced the deal on their website 35 minutes after the official close of the January transfer window.

“Chelsea Football Club is delighted to announce the signing of Fernando Torres on a five-and-a-half year contract,” a statement on the Blues’ website announced. The 26-year-old’s transfer smashed the previous British record set less than an hour earlier when Liverpool paid New- young Brazilian Jonatas (56 million dollars) to sign English striker Andy Carroll as Torres’ replacement. —Internet

Cavenaghi seals loan move to Porto Alegre

BORDEAUX, 1 Feb — Argentine international striker Fernando Cavenaghi moved on loan to Brazilian side Internacional Porto Alegre for a year on Monday.

The 27-year-old scored 33 goals in 83 matches for Bordeaux - starring for them in their title-winning season in the 2008/09 sea- son - after joining from Spartak Moscow in 2007.

However, he has since fallen out of favour, playing just twice under Jean Tigana this season and a loan move to Spanish side Real Mallorca failed to work out as he scored just twice in 11 appearances.

Bordeaux, though, have replaced him by tak- ing on loan highly-rated international striker Andre from Ukrainian outfit Dynamo Kiev. —Internet

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A new year looked a lot like the old one for Woods.

To see him open with a pair of 69s at the Farmers Insurance Open made it appear as though his game was on an upward trend, until recognizing that Anthony Kim was better in each of the two rounds. —Internet

Tiger Woods rehearses his swing while playing the South Course at Torrey Pines during the final round. —Internet

Holloway to appeal weakened team fine

LONDON, 1 Feb — Black- pool manager Ian Holloway plans to appeal against a 25,000 pounds (40,000 dollars) fine for fielding a weakened side against Aston Villa in No- vember.

The Seagulls were punished by the Premier League after Holloway sent out an under-strength team in their 3-2 defeat at Villa Park last late year.

However, Holloway, who threatened to resign over the incident, has vowed to fight the fine as he is incensed with the Pre- mier League effectively in- fluencing which players he selects.

“I am totally conf- used as to the rules, who is making them and why I am a football manager and I’m not allowed to man- age,” he said on Monday.

“How can they dare say my lads who did play are not good enough - which is ba- sically what they are say- ing?” —Internet

Spanish press writes off Real’s title chances

MADRID, 1 Feb — Spain’s press on Monday all but wrote off Real Madrid’s title chances, pointing an accus- ing finger at coach Jose Mourinho’s tactics and the goal drought of star striker Cristiano Ronaldo.

Archivists Barcelona, who went seven points clear at the top of the Liga, were listed for their history-making success.

But Real’s shock 1-0 defeat at relegation-threat- ened Osasuna on Sunday was the big story.

“KO from the League,” headlined Mundo Deportivo alongside a picture of Ronaldo with his head in his hands.

“Seven points. A lot of problems,” blasted AS. “A bad Madrid failed against the consistent effort of Osasuna.” “Madrid hang- ing on by its fingernails,” headlined leading sports daily Marca, saying Real Madrid now have to focus on winning the King’s Cup or the Champions League. —Internet

Big night for Blackhawks at NHL All-Star game

RALEIGH, 1 Feb — This NHL All-Star game ended much like last sea- son did — with a bunch of victorious Blackhawks on the ice, and a player from Chicago skating off with the biggest prize.

Now for the twist: They weren’t all on the same team.

Patrick Sharp won the MVP award — and the new car that goes along with it — as a member of local favorite Team Staal, but three Chicago teammates helped Team Lidstrom claim an 11-10 victory Sunday night in the first All-Star game in which the rosters were chosen by a draft of the captains. —Internet
Suicide to recall 4,007 vehicles in China

BEIJING, 1 Feb—Japanese carmaker Suzuki Motor Corp will recall 4,007 Grand Vitara vehicles in China to repair problems that could pose safety risks, China’s quality watchdog said on Monday.

The recall, set to begin February 28, affects four models of the Grand Vitara, which were manufactured between 2 June, 2008 and 20 October, 2010, the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ) said in a statement on its website. The automaker will replace a faulty component in the serpentine belt tensioner of affected cars at no charge, the statement said.

Owners may contact the automaker at hotline numbers 13816524549 or dial phone numbers 010-59799616 or 65537365 for the defective products control center with AQSIQ.—MNA/Xinhua

WEATHER

Tuesday, 1st February, 2011

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. MST on 31-1-2011. Minimum temperature on 31-1-2011 was 93°F. Maximum temperature on 31-1-2011 was 74°F. Rainfall on 1-2-2011 was (Nil). Rainfall on 1-2-2011 was (0.97) inches at Mingaladon, (1.89) inches at Kaba-Aye and (3.54) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Northeast at (09:30) hours MST on 31-1-2011.

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State of the seas: Strong Easterly winds with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mono-Tanintharyi Coast. Surface wind speed in strong wind may reach (35) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 2-2-2011: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 2-2-2011: Likelihood of isolated light rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 2-2-2011: Partly cloudy.

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Amyotha Hluttaw Representatives-elect group of Presidential Electoral College meets

Amyotha Hluttaw Representatives-elect group of Presidential Electoral College participate in group meeting at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building.—MNA