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Kyunchaung-Daungtha section of Kyangin-Pakokku Railroad Project commissioned

NAI PSI TAW, 26 Feb—Kyunchaung-Daungtha railroad section of Kyangin-Pakokku Railroad Project being implemented by Myanmar Railways under Ministry of Rail Transportation was inaugurated this morning.

Chairman of Sagaing Region Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Brig-Gen Soe Lwin, Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min, Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min, Minister for Industry-2 U Soe Thein, Deputy Ministers for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaung Lwin and U Pe Than, Chairman of Magway Region PDC U Phone Maw Shwe, departmental heads, staff of MR, locals and social organizations attended the opening ceremony at Kyunchaung Railway Station in Kyunchaung of Pakokku Township, Magway Region.

Speaking on the occasion, the Commander said that Pathein-Monywa motor road had been built for smooth transport of regions on the west bank of Ayeyawady River; that Ayeyawady Region, Bago Region, Magway Region and Sagaing Region on the west bank of Ayeyawady River would witness sector-wise development like regions on the east bank of the river upon completion of the project.

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Abide by traffic rules for a safer trip

Byline & Photos: A Reporter

Nowadays, newspapers carry more news on traffic rules than ever before. Reinforcement of traffic rules is part of the drive for building a modern and developed nation.

Traffic rules are for drivers and bus conductors, and road rules are for both drivers and pedestrians or all road users.

The view of 38th Street Market stretching along Anawrahta Street in Yangon Region aroused my sense of writing a byline to help reduce traffic accidents.

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Work closely for better public health care

The government in its drive for promoting public health care services with national outlook for uplift of the health and fitness standard of the entire nation.

In the process, easy public access to proper nourishment is on the list of high priorities. Many ways are being applied to achieve the goal such as giving children multivitamin tablets, producing foods added with nourishing supplements, and conducting educative talks on proper nourishment.

In particular, children aged between six months and five years are given Vitamin-A pills once every six months in order that kids are free from diseases caused by Vitamin-A deficiency.

Today, the youth are well-rounded not only in education to improve the education standard of the nation but also in skills to give added impetus to national development. At the heart of the plan lies high health standard of the youth.

Mothers should take care of and systematically breastfeed their children since their births. Mother’s milk improves disease resistance and develops infants both physically and mentally.

If we are all on a healthy diet and give children proper nourishment in a systematic way, we will be able to drastically reduce children’s malnutrition and bring about healthy and fit generations.

Kenbo Golf Tournament in Muse on 2 March

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**From NZ rubble, haunting texts to Mom beg for help**

CHRISTCHURCH, 26 Feb—The first text message said: “Mommy, I got buried.” About 40 minutes later: “Mommy, I can’t move my right hand.” Then, a brief call from New Zealand’s earthquake rubble to parents in the Philippines pleading to send help. After another harrowing hour in a crumpled building, when she sent a half-dozen more texts about increasing pain, continued shaking and overwhelming smoke, came the final one: “Please make it quick.”

**Winter storm wallops East with snow, rain, gusts**

ALBANY, 26 Feb—Another severe storm walloped the East on Friday, delaying flights, closing scores of schools and leading to at least one death.

The National Weather Service issued winter storm warnings for much of upstate New York. Forecasters said areas outside Albany could get 12 to 16 inches. As much as 8 inches of snow fell in Albany by noon Friday.

In a suburb of Rochester, a 34-year-old woman died Friday afternoon after she was hit by a Pittsford plow truck backing up in a parking lot. A 30-mile stretch of the New York Thruway was closed by an accident south of Buffalo, and in Maine, dozens of cars were reported off the road.

**Three rockets fired into heart of Kabul**

KABUL, 26 Feb—Three rockets were fired into the heart of Kabul, with one landing close to the presidential palace, a spokesman said.

The attacks came before the rush-hour on Saturday morning when the city was almost empty and caused no casualties, interior ministry spokesman Zemari Bashary said.

One of the rockets landed near the river a few hundred metres (yards) from the presidential compound and other ministries, and two rockets hit a mixed residential and market area.

“Three rockets were fired into the city this morning. One hit the bank of the river but luckily they caused no casualty or damage,” Bashary said.

The rockets were launched from the eastern edge of the city, he said blaming the attack on the “enemies of Afghanistan”, a term often used to refer to the Taliban militants who are waging a bloody militancy against the government and western troops.

**State and local budget cuts are slowing US economy**

WASHINGTON, 26 Feb—Deep spending cuts by state and local governments pose a growing threat to an economy that is already grappling with high unemployment, depressed home prices and the surging cost of oil.

Lawmakers at state capitols and city halls are slashing jobs and programmes, arguing that some pain now is better than a lot more later. But the cuts are coming at a price — weaker growth at the national level.

The clearest sign to date was a report Friday on US gross domestic product for the final three months of 2010. The government lowered its growth estimate, pointing to larger-than-expected cuts by state and local governments. The report suggested that worsening state budget problems could hold back the recovery by putting more people out of work and reducing consumer spending.

Across the country, governors and lawmakers are proposing broad cutbacks — lowering fees paid to nursing homes in Florida, reducing health insurance subsidies for lower-income Pennsylvanians, closing prisons in New York state and scaling back programmes for elderly and disabled Californians. “The massive financial problems at the state and local levels have and will continue to restrain growth,” said economist Joel Naroff of Naroff Economic Advisors. State and local governments account for 91 percent of all government spending on primary education, according to the Brookings Institution. And they provide 71 percent of higher-education spending. States also account for more than 70 percent of spending on roads, bridges and other infrastructure.
Russian, Israeli eye joint development of communication satellites

MOSCOW, 26 Feb—Russia and Israel have set up a joint group that would focus on the development of communications satellites, local media reported on Friday.

“We will consider the options of making several communication satellites and the joint development of a remote sensing satellite,” said Anatoly Perminov, head of Russia’s Federal Space Agency Roscosmos.

Perminov said, however, that the signing of a space cooperation agreement with Israel will be put off “for some time.”

NASA’s JPL plans about 200 layoffs

Los Angeles, 26 Feb—NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) plans to layoff about 200 employees due to a lack of funding as a result of federal cutbacks, a newspaper report said on Friday.

The layoffs could affect as many as 200 scientists or engineers and dozens of other workers, according to the Los Angeles Times.

The workers most likely to be affected are those associated with scientific projects that have been delayed due to budget concerns, and those who are part of missions nearing their end and no longer needing staff levels as large as previous years.

JPL spokeswoman Veronica McGregor said in remarks published by the paper.—Xinhua

Google search formula gets more discerning

San Francisco, 26 Feb—Google has changed its secret search formula in the United States to be more discerning when it comes to which websites are worth recommending and which should sink in the rankings.

The move announced late Thursday was part of an ongoing duel between the search titan and low-quality websites that feature only content copied from elsewhere on the Internet or use techniques to trick their way high in results.

“Many of the changes we make are so subtle that very few people notice them,” Google principal engineer Matt Cutts and Google fellow Amit Singhal said in a blog post. “But, in the last day or so we launched a pretty big algorithmic improvement to our ranking.”

They said the search formula change affects 11.8 percent of search queries, dropping low-quality websites in results while elevating high-quality websites with original content such as research, analysis, or in-depth reports. “We do have a responsibility to encourage a healthy web ecosystem,” Cutts and Singhal wrote.

“Therefore, it is important for high-quality sites to be rewarded, and that’s exactly what this change does.”—Xinhua

Consumer Reports: Thumbs down on iPhone

Yonkers, 26 Feb—Consumer Reports has declined to recommend the Verizon iPhone 4 because of a problem that can cause dropped calls.

The magazine said the Verizon phone has the same problem its testers found last summer in the AT&T iPhone.

If a user holds the phone so that the hand covers a gap in the external casing, a position Consumer Reports calls the “death grip,” performance declines and calls will be dropped in areas where the signal is weak.

“In most other respects, and using the iPhone 4 with a case can alleviate the problem,” Consumer Reports said.

Users appeared to be less unhappy with the Verizon phone, Time magazine said, possibly because a tighter grip is needed to cause the problem than with the AT&T phone.—Xinhua

Nintendo launches 3-D console in Japan

Tokyo, 26 Feb—Japan’s Nintendo launched the world’s first video game console with a 3-D screen that works without special glasses, a device the entertainment giant hopes will reverse its sliding fortunes. But as the DS3 makes its debut on Japan Saturday, it will be looking for a place in an increasingly crowded gaming market.

More than 1,500 fans queued outside Yodobashi Camera in Akihabara, the hub of Tokyo’s comic-book subculture, to be the first to own the machine, with many having spent the night on the streets ahead of the morning launch. “I’m extremely excited. I can’t wait to start playing it,” said Arisa Kubo, a 19-year-old nursing student who began queuing on Friday night. “The quality has dramatically improved,” said Kubo, who tried a pre-sales demonstration of the console last month. “The screen is beautiful. 3DS is totally different from the normal DS.”—Xinhua

Discovery arriving Saturday at space station

CAPE CANAVERAL, 26 Feb—Space shuttle Discovery is closing in on the International Space Station for the final time.

Discovery and its crew of six will pull up to the orbiting lab Saturday afternoon. They will spend at least a week there, unloading a compartment full of supplies and the first humanoid robot to fly in space.

Altogether, there will be 12 people aboard the linked spacecraft, representing the United States, Russia and Italy. This is Discovery’s final voyage. The shuttle was part of the fleet to be retired this year. Endeavour and then Atlantis will close out the 30-year shuttle programme by midsummer.

Before docking, Discovery will perform a backflip so space station cameras can capture any signs of launch damage.—Xinhua

Space shuttle Discovery lifts off from Pad 39A at the Kennedy Space Centre in Cape Canaveral, Fla, 24 Feb, 2011. Discovery on its last mission to the International Space Station.—INTERNET

Two young customers hold up Nintendo’s new video game console 3DS after buying it on the first day of release at a Tokyo computer shop, on 26 Feb.—INTERNET

A Huawei Technologies touch-screen tablet device is seen on display at the 3GSM World congress in Barcelona. Deputy chairman of the firm Ken Hu has said Huawei’s business in the US has been impacted by “a number of misperceptions” over the past decade.—INTERNET
BoA, Wells, Citi see foreclosure probe fines

NEW YORK, 26 Feb—Bank of America, Citigroup and Wells Fargo—three of the biggest banks in the United States—said they could face fines from a regulatory probe into the industry’s foreclosure practices.

The statements, made in regulatory filings on Friday, are the most direct admission yet from major banks that they could have to pay significant amounts of money to settle probes and lawsuits alleging that they improperly foreclosed on homes.

Bank of America Corp (BAC.N), the largest US bank by assets, said the probe could lead to “material fines” and “significant” legal expenses in 2011.—Reuters

Mizuho plans to buy out securities, trust units

Tokyo, 26 Feb—Mizuho Financial Group is planning to buy out its brokerage and trust bank units, a source familiar with the matter said on Saturday, a deal that could be worth around $4 billion as the lender tries to grow beyond sluggish commercial banking business in Japan.

Japan’s second-largest bank by assets is planning to buy out minority shareholders in Mizuho Securities (8606.T), Mizuho Trust & Banking (8404.T), Mizuho Investors Securities (8607.T), the source said, who was not authorized to talk about the matter publicly.

Mizuho is expected to carry out the buyout around October after getting approval at an annual shareholders meeting scheduled in June, the source said. Mizuho and rival top banks Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group (8306.T) and Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group (8316.T) are trying to strengthen their investment banking and other operations as they face weak prospects in their core lending business in Japan.

Mizuho aims to consolidate its group management for better control and synergy among units by buying out the minority shareholders in these companies.—Reuters

Breast-feeding may cut obesity risk in kids of diabetic moms

BERLIN, 26 Feb—Infants whose mothers had diabetes during pregnancy were at increased risk for childhood obesity, but breast-feeding lowers that risk, a new study suggests.

Among babies exposed to diabetes in utero, those who were breast-fed for six months or more were no more likely to put on extra weight than children whose mothers did not have diabetes during pregnancy, the investigators found.

The findings were the same across all ethnicities. However, this protective effect was not seen in babies who were breast-fed for less than six months.

The study is published in the February issue of the journal Diabetes Care.

“Our data suggest that breast-feeding promotion may be an effective strategy for reducing the increased risk of childhood obesity in offspring of mothers with diabetes during pregnancy,” lead researcher Dr Dana Dabelea, an associate professor in the epidemiology department at the Colorado School of Public Health, said in a news release from the American Diabetes Association.—Internet

Dairy intake may not mean much for longevity

NEW YORK, 26 Feb—Despite concerns over saturated fats in dairy products, the milk and cheese in your diet may not have much effect on your longevity, according to Dutch researchers.

Their study, which was funded by the Dutch Dairy Foundation, followed more than 120,000 older adults for a decade.

It showed no relationship between men’s dairy intake and their risk of dying during the study period. Among women, meanwhile, a high intake of dairy fat—from butter or other full-fat dairy—was linked to a small increase in deaths, particularly those due to heart disease.

In contrast, eating full-fat sour dairy products, including yogurt and sour cream, was tied to a slight decrease in deaths among both men and women.

None of those relationships prove that dairy products were the reason for the higher or lower risks, however. And even if they were, the effects were tiny, the researchers say.

Health Tip: Take control of your health

If you have a chronic illness—such as diabetes, arthritis or heart disease—you can take an active role in managing your health.

The American Academy of Family Physicians offers these self-management guidelines:

* Examine your unhealthy behaviours, and choose which ones you’d like to change.
* Create specific goals and an action plan for how you’ll reach those goals.
* Create backup plans—for example, what you’ll do for exercise when the weather is bad.
* Feel confident in your ability to reach your goals; if they seem too tough, reconsider your goals.
* Check in frequently with your doctor to discuss your progress and any problems.—Internet

In this photo taken on 23 Jan, 2011, a health worker carrying coolers containing polio vaccines on a bicycle, enters Tilleshwar village, some 200 kilometers (125 miles) from Patna, India.—Reuters

The facade of the Petróbras building in Rio de Janeiro, Latin America’s biggest company, Brazilian state-run oil giant Petróbras, on Friday said it raked in a record net profit last year of $20 billion.—Internet

In this photo taken on 19 Jan, 2011, senior citizen Sourob Magardicheian gets his blood pressure checked at the Glendale Gardens Adult Day Health Care centre in Glendale, Calif. Internet

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A wrecked boat lies at Constitucion town, some 364 km (226 miles) south of Santiago, one of the areas hit by the February 2010 earthquake, on 25 Feb, 2011. A year after one of the biggest earthquakes on record slammed Chile with a 8.8 magnitude quake and ensuing tsunamis that ravaged south central Chile, its growth outlook gets his blood pressure checked at the Glendale Gardens Adult Day Health Care centre in Glendale, Calif. Internet

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Russia launches navigation satellite

MOSCOW, 26 Feb—Russia successfully launched a navigation satellite Glonass-K and sent it into a planned orbit on Saturday, a spokesman for the Russian Defence Ministry said.

The Glonass-K satellite, the first new-generation satellite of Russia’s Glonass navigation system, was launched by a Soyuz-2 carrier rocket from the Plesetsk launch site at 06:07 local time (0307 GMT), spokesman Lt Col Alexei Zolotukhin said.

The Fregat booster of the rocket sent the satellite into its intended orbit at 09:39 local time (0639 GMT), Zolotukhin said, adding that the separation of the booster and the satellite went as planned. The launch of the Glonass-K satellite was originally scheduled for Thursday, but the Russian Defence Ministry postponed the launch due to “technical reasons.”

Glonass is the Russian equivalent of the US Global Positioning System (GPS), designed for both military and civilian uses.—Xinhua

File picture shows a Soyuz-2 rocket prior to launch. Russia on Saturday successfully launched a satellite vital to the deployment of its own navigation system after the failure of an earlier attempt prompted the Kremlin to sack two top space officials.—INTERNET

Cheap, fast test for type of lung cancer

LUGANO (Switzerland), 26 Feb—An inexpensive and rapid test can effectively identify a sub-group of lung cancer for patients who have never smoked, US researchers say.

Dr Ping Yang of the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., and colleagues say about 8 percent to 12 percent of patients with lung adenocarcinoma—a cancer—who have never smoked cigarettes carry tumours that express a protein product called anaplastic lymphoma kinase.

“This subset of patients are at more than double the risk of experiencing disease progression or recurrence within five years of initial diagnosis compared to never-smokers whose lung adenocarcinoma tumours are anaplastic lymphoma kinase-negative,” Yang says in a statement.

The anaplastic lymphoma kinase positive tumours were significantly more aggressive as measured by tumor grade of differentiation and stage, and were diagnosed in younger patients, Yang says.

The findings, presented at the European Multidisciplinary Conference in Thoracic Oncology in Lugano, Switzerland, show immunohistochemistry—the process of detecting antigens or proteins in cells—may be an efficient screen to identify cases of lung cancer.

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Xinhua

UNICEF urges L America to invest more in youth

LIMA, 26 Feb—Latin American countries need to invest more in their younger generations in order to improve education, healthcare and living standards in the region, a UN official said here Friday.

“The young people who enjoy their rights have more probabilities of being economically self-sufficient and independent, of taking decisions with knowledge and taking responsibilities as full committed citizens,” said Bernt Aasen, regional director of the United Nations International Children’s Emergency Fund (Unicef) during a presentation of the “World State of Childhood” report here.

Workers assemble in Zhengzhou, capital of central China’s Henan Province, before head for Shenzhen on 18 Feb, 2011. The populous Henan Province has set a target to boost the number of new employed to one million, help 350,000 laid-offs be reemployed and guarantee 80 percent of graduates from colleges employed in 2011.

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Ninety one percent of US adults questioned in a new poll by computer innovation company Intel said they have seen people misuse technology, and three quarters think mobile manners have decreased in the past year.

New digital technologies are becoming a mainstay in consumers’ lives, but we haven’t worked out for ourselves, our families, communities and societies what all the right kinds of behaviours and expectations will be,” said Genevieve Bell, the head of interaction and experience research at Intel.

The poll of 2,000 adults revealed that most US adults wished people practiced better mobile etiquette and found the lack of cellphone manners extremely annoying, even though about 20 percent admitted to poor etiquette themselves.

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The figure accounted for 9.7 percent of the nation’s total gross domestic product in 2010 and 16 percent of the GDP in coastal areas.

China’s gross oceanic product surged from 1.77 trillion yuan in 2005 to 3.8 trillion yuan last year, an annual increase of 13.5 percent, said the SOA.

In the past five years, the oceanic industry provided 33 million jobs to people in the coastal areas.

Xinhua

UNICEF urges L America to invest more in youth

LIMA, 26 Feb—Latin American countries need to invest more in their younger generations in order to improve education, healthcare and living standards in the region, a UN official said here Friday.

“The young people who enjoy their rights have more probabilities of being economically self-sufficient and independent, of taking decisions with knowledge and taking responsibilities as full committed citizens,” said Bernt Aasen, regional director of the United Nations International Children’s Emergency Fund (Unicef) during a presentation of the “World State of Childhood” report here.

Workers assemble in Zhengzhou, capital of central China’s Henan Province, before head for Shenzhen on 18 Feb, 2011. The populous Henan Province has set a target to boost the number of new employed to one million, help 350,000 laid-offs be reemployed and guarantee 80 percent of graduates from colleges employed in 2011.

Xinhua
Droughty Beijing embraces largest snowfall this winter

BEIJING, 26 Feb — Moderate snow fell in Beijing Saturday morning, bringing some relief to the droughty Chinese capital in the past winter.

The snow, with an average precipitation of 2.7 mm in the entire region of the municipality and 1.9 mm in the downtown area, began at around 2 am Saturday. Snowfall would go on and off over the weekend, resulting in the longest snowy weather of this winter in Beijing, a spokesman with the city’s weather bureau said Saturday.

Precipitation in some suburban areas reached 10.2 mm, the heaviest the city had seen so far this winter, he added.

The highest temperature in daytime would be pulled down eight degrees Celsius to reach two or three degrees Celsius, and the lowest temperature would drop to four degrees below zero during the weekend, said the spokesman.

This is the third snow Beijing has embraced this year, with the first one falling on 9 Feb, the latest first snow for the city in 60 years.

The moderate precipitation would help alleviate drought in Beijing, as the city had not seen any precipitation for 108 days before the first snow two weeks ago, said Gao Jinlan, chief weatherman of the bureau.—Xinhua

Fiat says to produce 300,000 cars a year in Russia

MILAN, 26 Feb — Italian auto giant Fiat outlined plans on Friday to produce 300,000 cars per year in Russia, just days after it was replaced by Ford in a partnership there with Russian automobile group Sollers.

Fiat said it had sent a memorandum of intent to the Russian government that “envisages the establishment of manufacturing capacity for up to 300,000 vehicles per year,” including passenger cars and commercial vehicles.

“The Fiat and (Chrysler) Jeep brands will be the mainstay of this project. This plan will be accompanied by a commitment to further expand and strengthen Fiat’s dealer network,” the Italian company said in a statement.

Fiat is merging with US auto giant Chrysler and has outlined plans for expansion in emerging markets. Industry analysts said the fall-out with Sollers may have happened after Fiat tried to drive too hard a bargain.

Fiat announced last month that it had returned to profit in 2010, beating analyst forecasts. It enjoyed strong sales of lorries and tractors, with the Brazilian market performing particularly well. —INTERNET

Visitors appreciate sculpture works of Spanish surrealist artist Salvador Dali during an exhibition at the new hall of Suzhou Art Gallery in Suzhou, east China’s Jiangsu Province, 25 Feb, 2011. A total of 100 print works and ten sculpture works of Salvador Dali were displayed at the 21-day exhibition that kicked off on Friday.—Xinhua

Too much acetaminophen can be fatal

DALLAS, 26 Feb—During flu and snow-shoveling season, people seeking quick pain relief may reach for acetaminophen, but a US liver expert warns not to take too much.

Dr William Lee, director of the Clinical Centre for Liver Diseases at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Centre in Dallas, says many people reach for acetaminophen in its many forms — headache relief, sleep aids, cold and flu remedies, even some prescription painkillers — not realizing how quickly the medication can accumulate.

“It is easy to lose track of how much combined acetaminophen you’re consuming when taking combinations of medicines, particularly for different ailments such as arthritis and perhaps a cold,” Lee says in a statement.

“Too much acetaminophen in the system at one time or over an extended period can cause serious liver damage or can lead to liver failure and even death.—Internet

Bus crash kills 20 in Peru

LIMA, 26 Feb—At least 20 people died Friday after a bus fell off a highway in mountainous areas near the Peruvian capital, police said.

The bus went off the road and fell down a cliff, as it tried to avoid a trailer coming in the wrong line, the Peruvian National Police (PNP) said in a statement.

It is unclear how many people were on the bus but local hospitals said they received some injured survivors.

The rescue operation was disrupted by the difficult geographical conditions of the crash site.—INTERNET

A pedestrian walks in snow in Beijing, China, early on 26 Feb, 2011. Beijing witnessed a snowfall Sunday.—Xinhua

Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin (R) and Several Auto General Director Vadim Shvetsov drive in a Sollers brand buggy during a visit to the Fiat Ducato automobile plant in Elabuga in 2008.—INTERNET
Kyunchaung-Daungtha section of Kyangin-Pakokku Railroad...

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Pathein-Kyangin-Pakokku railroad linking Pathein-Kyangin-Pakokku-Kalay railroad and Pakokku-Monywa-Mandalay-Myaikyein railroad. The commander praised the staff of MR and urged locals to maintain the facility for durability.

Magway Region PDC Chairman U Phone Maw Shwe made a speech, Minister U Aung Min said that 320-mile long Pathein to Pakokku directly on completion of Pwintbyu-Hsinbyugyun railroad. MR was trying hard to accomplish national railroad network while continuously improving its facility, he added.

Next, a local spoke words of thanks. The commander and ministers greeted local people. Commander Brig-Gen Soe Lwin, Minister U Aung Min, Minister U Zaw Min, Minister U Soe Thein, and Magway Region PDC Chairman U Phone Maw Shwe formally opened the railroad section. The commander and ministers took the special train together with locals to Daungtha.

It was a technical challenge to Myanmar engineers to build Kyunchaung-Daungtha railroad crossing Tankyi ridge which stretches from south to north. The 19.59 miles long Kyunchaung-Daungtha railroad is the tenth section of Kyangin-Pakokku railroad. Upon completion of Pwintbyu-Hsinbyugyun railroad, trains can directly run from Pathein to Pakokku. It took three years and three months to finish the railway project, and then to Kyaukpadaung-Taungdwingyi-Nay Pyi Taw via Bagan on completion of Ayeyawady.

Upon completion of Kyangin-Pakokku railroad, train transportation service would be available from Pakokku to Kalay, then to Yangon and Sittw of Rakhine State from Minbu on completion of Pathein (Begarat)-Yangon (Hlinethaya) railroad. Currently, MR is implementing 13 railroad projects, totaling 2265 miles of railroad and has so far built 414 miles of railroad.

EP-2 Minister attends conclusion of in-service courses

Nay Pyi Taw, 26 Feb—Minister for Electric Power No (2) U Khin Maung Maung presented completion certificates to the high-ranking officials; and Managing Director of Electric Power Supply Enterprise U Myint Aung, prizes to outstanding trainees and completion certificates to the junior engineers.—MNA
YANGON, 26 Feb—
Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, U Maung Maung Swe inspected the project for building a new fire station inclusive of housing for staff members of the Fire Services Department in Tamway Township, here, this morning.

The Engineer In-charge gave an account of work progress. In response to the report, the minister attended to the needs. Next, the minister inspected progress in building the technical and research centre of the Myanmar Fire Services Department in Myenigon, Sangyoung Township, lecture halls, assembly halls, organizational set-up of offices, staff quarters, and roads in the compound. He called for completion of the project on schedule and fulfilled the requirements.—MNA

Abide by traffic rules...
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In particular, the platform is fully colonized by shops from the top of 40th Street and Pansodan Street. Some shopkeepers do their businesses, turning their backs to the traffic. The market reaches its peak in late afternoon. A shopper said, “Some parts of the market are occupied with shops just as it is in mid afternoon.”

The trishaw stand is stationed, trespassing large area of Anawrahta Street at the top of Seikkantha Street. In rush hours, staff members, people and pedestrians have to take risk to cross the street. It is therefore very risky for a shopper amidst heavy traffic.

To make things worse, the market is in the horn-free zone. A driver from No. 33 Bus Line murmured, “It is terrible. I wonder why they lay their shops on such a busy road. It is in horn-free area, so we cannot make any horn to give a signal for pedestrians. We (drivers) are very upset to drive through this area in late afternoon. It is very risky for drivers, shopkeepers and pedestrians.”

A female fishmonger said, “Oh, we are well aware to sell goods on such a busy street is very risky. But we cannot help it. It will be very convenient for us if a safe place is designated in the township as a market.”

Most of pedestrians have to walk on the edge of the busy street, many of them ignoring high possibility of traffic accidents. The path between the rolls of shops on both sides of the platform is too narrow for two people to pass each other. From time and again, pedestrians sometimes trip over the feet of large umbrellas of shopkeepers. The most congested area is between Sule Overpass and Konzaydan Bus Stop in Pabedan Township.

In rush hours, large crows wait for buses at Konzaydan Bus Stop, which covers the area between the tops of 36th Street and 40th Street. Abiding by laws is a criterion to judge the value of man. The government has built Sule Overpass with a huge fund for road safety. Traffic Police members control traffic. Pedestrians were not allowed to cross the streets from 8 am to 6 pm. As a result, there was a significant fall in the traffic accident rate. However, pedestrians have relapsed into their old ways. Just as it is already 5 pm, they no longer use the overpass to get across the street.

Our country has already set a foot in democratization. Therefore, the people have to respect rules and regulations to the letter to be able to prevent avoidable dangers.

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SWRR Minister inspects fire station project in Tamway
China, Nigeria celebrate 40th anniversary of diplomatic ties

BEIJING, 26 Feb— China and Nigeria celebrated their 40th anniversary of the establishment of bilateral diplomatic relations at a reception here Friday. Over the past 40 years, bilateral relations have developed soundly, said Feng Zouka, vice president of the Chinese People’s Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries.

— AFP

Thailand wins “best tourist country” award from Sweden

BANGKOK, 26 Feb— Thailand has won the “best tourist country” award given by Sweden for the ninth consecutive year, the Foreign Ministry said on Friday.

The award was given by Grand Travel Award, the most prestigious tourism industry award of Sweden, at a presentation ceremony held on 16 February in Stockholm, the ministry said in a statement.

The award was sponsored annually by Travel News, the leading travel magazine in Sweden, since 1993. In 2011, eight countries were nominated for the best tourist country award, including the United States and Australia. Meanwhile, Bangkok will hold an international food fair at three different venues in three different periods of time in March and April this year.

MNA/Xinhua

US, Canada ragweed season longer

BELTSVILLE, 26 Feb— In some parts of North America, ragweed season now lingers almost a month longer than it did in 1995, US researchers say.

The study, published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, found the longer lasting and later ending ragweed season correlates to seasonal warming shifts linked to climate change dynamics in the higher latitudes.

Lewis Ziska, a plant physiologist with the Agricultural Research Service — the scientific research agency of the US Department of Agriculture — led a team that identified 10 locations that had at least 15 years of data, from 1995 to 2009, on local ragweed pollen counts.

These locations were along a north-south transect from Austin, Texas, to Saskatoon, Canada.

The researchers found from 1995 to 2009, the number of frost-free days at higher-latitude study sites had increased and so had the length of the ragweed pollen season. — Internet

Singapore struggles to raise fertility rate

SINGAPORE, 26 Feb— The record low fertility rate has been making headlines in Singapore since the release of statistics last month showing fertility rate dipping further to a new low of 1.16 last year.

The fall obviously worried many as discussions had been hot as to how the country of five million might get out of the snowy situation of the population not being able to replenish itself naturally. Some even looked back on the painful experience of Japan who had completed the process of industrialization earlier. Some suggested mandating paternity leave and more perks, and the government also tried to help the young people find partners in a bid to raise fertility rate.

Nevertheless, government ministers admitted that there would be no easy way out and that they were not resolving to the generous but expensive Nordic model, at least not now. — Internet

American man jailed for illegal stay in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 26 Feb— A court in Pakistan Saturday sent an American man to jail a day after he was arrested in the country’s northwestern city of Peshawar for overstaying illegally, officials said.

According to the police sources, the US national, identified as Mark Dehaven, was arrested from University Town area, as his visa had expired on 23 Oct, 2010.

The US man told Judicial Magistrate that his visa was expired and he had applied for extension but the extension had not yet been granted.

He also said that the police had taken over his passport and other documents.

He said he is a businessman and his arrest would affect his business.

He requested the court to delay order of sending him to jail until his lawyer arrived at the court. But the Magistrate said that he could not give any relief now and asked his lawyer to move a bail application.

The Magistrate then sent him on a 14-day judicial remand to jail. — Xinhua

Australia’s carbon tax to hurt industries, living standard

CANBERRA, 26 Feb— Australia’s coal industry on Saturday said that mines will close and jobs will be lost if it does not get appropriate government assistance under a carbon tax.

On Thursday, Prime Minister Julia Gillard’s multi-party climate change committee announced that the carbon price scheme will be rolled out from July 2012 for three to five years before moving to an emissions trading scheme (ETS).

The government has not yet outlined how much compensation exposed industries will receive but the Greens have previously pushed for coal to be excluded in compensation.

Greens Senator Christine Milne said rent seeking by coal miners should not be tolerated.

“They made their profits in an industrial age,” she told reporters in Canberra, adding “we are now moving to a low-carbon economy.”

According to Ralph Hillman from the Coal Association, the industry would struggle if that happens under the new scheme. — Xinhua

In this photo taken on 15 Aug, 2010, Shiro, a Risso’s dolphin, jumps in front of holidaymakers in a small ocean cave in Taiji, southwestern Japan, where visitors can play with the animals. The Japanese fishing village of Taiji is the lone supplier of live dolphins to aquariums across Japan, and a major exporter to dolphin shows around the world. — Internet

Two aircraft models of Iberia and British Airways exhibited before a press conference in Madrid, 2010. International Airlines Group, formed last month via the merger of British Airways and Iberia, posted modest 2010 net profits, shrugging off the impact of strikes and some severe weather conditions.— Internet

Visitors tour the snow-covered Temple of Heaven on a snowy morning in Beijing on 26 Feb. 2011. — Internet

From the snowy morning in Beijing on 26 Feb, 2011.
Indian Govt presents passenger friendly railway budget

NEW DELHI, 26 Feb— The Indian Government on Friday presented a passenger friendly railway budget, without raising the train fares but decreasing the ticket booking charges by 50 percent. Presenting the rail budget before Parliament, Indian Railway Minister Mamata Banerjee also announced a slew of other commuter friendly measures like slashing the rate of online ticketing and concession for physically handicapped passengers in superfast trains like Rajdhani Express and Shatabdi Express.

The budget also proposed the lowering of age limit for female senior citizens from 60 to 58 years, a multipurpose “Go-India” smart card to buy tickets, and the introduction of at least 56 more express trains throughout the country. Other populist proposals included the introduction of over 200 new routes, especially for northeastern India. Another special addition was the introduction of double-decker air-conditioned train service on the Jaipur-Delhi and Ahmedabad-Mumbai routes.

The minister also focused on rail safety this time and regretted the two incidents of sabotage which led to a large number of deaths last year. “To avoid such incidents in future, anti-collision devices will be commissioned in three more divisions and all unmanned crossings will be done away with in the next fiscal,” she said.

China’s tourism island to tap yacht market

BEIJING, 26 Feb—Officials in China’s southernmost island province of Hainan are hoping a fledgling yachting industry would give the famed tourism destination the edge to draw wealthy tourists from home and abroad.

“Yachting can strongly propel tourism and the local economy in a sustainable way,” Lu Zhijuan, director of the Hainan tourism development commission, was quoted as saying by Saturday’s China Daily.

China’s yacht market was worth about 3 billion yuan (about 455 million US dollars) in 2009 and has an annual growth rate of about 10 percent, the paper said, quoting an industry report.

Colombian president gets high job rating

BOGOTA, 26 Feb— A large majority of the Colombians approved the job performance of President Juan Manuel Santos seven months after his inauguration, according to a poll published on Friday. Santos and his government were supported by 72 percent and 77 percent of the respondents, respectively, according to the Gallup Invarmer survey conducted among 1,200 residents in five major Colombian cities.

Seventy-nine percent supports Santos’ foreign policy, especially those toward the neighbouring countries and the fight against drug trafficking. Gallup Invarmer manager Jorge Londono said Santos’ standing appeared to be unaffected by the recent floods which left some 300 people dead and more than 2 million others homeless.

Iceland to hold referendum on Icesave deal April

STOCKHOLM, 26 Feb—Iceland will hold a referendum in April on a new deal to compensate Britain and the Netherlands over the collapse of an Icelandic bank, according to a report reaching here from Reykjavik on Friday.

“The interior minister informed the cabinet this morning that he had decided the referendum will be held on 9 April,” the Icelandic government was quoted as saying in a statement.

The governments of Iceland, Britain and the Netherlands reached a new agreement on 10 Dec in which Iceland will repay the two countries about 5 billion US dollars due to the 2008 collapse of the online bank Icesave. Under the deal, a 5.5-percent interest rate agreed to previously was reduced to 3 percent for the Dutch and to 3.3 percent for the British.

The Icesave deal was approved in the Icelandic parliament last week and becomes effective once President Olafur Grimsson signs it. Grimsson, however, has refused to sign the deal and instead decided to send the measure to a national referendum on Sunday.

The president also refused to sign the initial agreement due to public opposition. The president’s refusal resulted in a national referendum that voted down the bill in March 2010.

Depressed new moms respond differently

LARAMIE, 26 Feb— New mothers who are depressed respond differently to their crying babies than do other mothers, US researchers found.

Hedemarie K Laurent, assistant professor at the University of Wyoming, who led the study as a postdoctoral researcher in the laboratory of Jennifer C Ablow, a professor of psychology at the University of Oregon, examined brain activity of depressed women responding to recordings of crying infants, either their own or someone else’s.

The brains of 22 firsttime mothers whose babies were 18 months old were scrutinized using functional magnetic resonance imaging.

The study found that as a group, brain responses in non-depressed mothers listening to their own babies’ cries were seen on both sides of the brain’s lateral paralimbic areas and core limbic sub-cortical regions, including the striatum, thalamus and midbrain. Depressed mothers showed no unique response to their babies.

The study’s findings were published online in advance of the print edition of the Social Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience.
**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**

**MV KOTA TEGAP VOY NO (563)**

Consignments of cargo carried on **MV KOTA TEGAP VOY NO (563)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 27.2.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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**Spyker signs CPP Global deals for sportscar arm**

**LONDON, 25 Feb** — Spyker, the Dutch carmaker that owns Saab, has signed a provisional deal to sell its sportscar arm to UK-based, Russian-owned CPP Global Holdings for around 32m euros ($44m; £27m). Any deal would involve an initial payment of 15m euros. Spyker’s C8 Aileron sportscar is already built in Coventry, CPP said. — Internet

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**Seized cigarettes fuel energy grid**

**LONDON, 26 Feb** — More than four million cigarettes seized from a suspected smuggler at a port have been burned to fuel the National Grid, HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) has said.

The 4.6 million Lambert and Butler branded cigarettes were found by customs officers in a lorry at Newhaven, East Sussex, after arriving by ferry from Dieppe.

Spanish lorry driver Alain Corominas Pons, 44, was charged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie and was fully restored quick. Plans for Spyker and the brand is entering a period of more jobs in the city. The management of the company has very exciting plans for Spyker and the brand is entering a period of major developments,” said Brendan O’Toole, CPP’s managing director.

Spyker Cars said it would change its name following a deal.—Internet

**Spyker’s C8 Aileron sportscar is already built in Coventry, CPP said.** — Internet

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**Study shows mouse heart ‘re-grows when cut’**

**LONDON, 26 Feb** — Scientists in the United States have found newborn mice can re-grow their own hearts. The mice had a large chunk of their heart removed a day after birth, only for the heart to restore itself within three weeks. Fish and amphibians are known to have the power to re-grow heart tissue, but the study in Science is the first time the process has been seen in mammals. British experts said understanding the process could help human heart care.

The researchers at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Centre surgically removed what is known as the left ventricular apex of the heart (about 15% of the heart muscle) from mice just a day after birth. The heart was then quickly seen to regenerate and was fully restored after 21 days. After two months, the organ still appeared to be functioning normally.—Internet

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**Indonesian mud volcano flow ‘to last 26 years’**

**JAKARTA, 26 Feb** — The world’s largest mud volcano, which left 13,000 families homeless, is likely to continue erupting for another 26 years, researchers have estimated. It first erupted back in May 2006, and - at its peak - was spewing 180,000 cubic metres of mud a day, equivalent to 50 Olympic-sized swimming pools.

The volcano, in East Java, Indonesia, has burned homes, schools and farmlands over seven square kilometres. The findings have been published in the Journal of the Geological Society. This is the first reliable estimate on how long Lusi (derived from the Indonesian word for mud, lumpur, and the place where the eruption occurred, Sidoarjo) would continue erupting.

Co-author Richard Davies, a geologist from Durham University’s Department of Earth Sciences, said there were a number of factors that meant it was not possible to produce an estimate until now. — Internet

**Girl Scouts feared cookie arrest**

**ATLANTA, 26 Feb** — A Girl Scout leader says young members of her troop thought they were heading to jail when a Georgia police officer told them to quit selling cookies. The girls had set up a stand at a shopping centre in Villa Rica about 30 miles west of Atlanta on Wednesday when the officer asked them if they had a peddler’s permit. They didn’t.

Troop Leader Kathy Crook told WXIA-TV in Atlanta that she was stunned. She said the scouts were told to pack it up. — Internet

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**Crying Granny found in baggage claim**

**ATLANTA, 26 Feb** — An alleged boarding pass mix-up has seen an elderly woman get on wrong plane and end up hundreds of kilometres from her destination. Eighty-year-old Nefissa Yesuf’s flight from Atlanta to Dulles, US took an unexpected turn when airine and airport staff failed to notice that a Delta employee had allegedly given her someone else’s boarding pass, CNN reported.

Yesuf is from Ethiopia and doesn’t speak English. She ended up landing in, North Carolina. Her granddaughter Melika Adem says that airport staff called her to say that her grandmother had been found in the baggage claim in tears. Adem says that after her grandmother was given the incorrect ticket another employee wheeled her through security, where nobody noticed the mistake.—Internet
Homeless dad uses Twitter to find daughter

A homeless New York man said he used his Twitter account to reconnect with the daughter he hadn’t had contact with in 11 years.

Daniel Morales, 58, said he got a Twitter account about three weeks ago with a cellphone donated by Underheard in New York, a project started by advertising interns at Bartle Bogle Hegarty that has four homeless New Yorkers share their experiences on Twitter, the New York Daily News reported.

Morales said his number of followers grew to more than 3,000 people and he decided to use the social networking site to try to find his 27-year-old daughter, who he had not seen in 11 years.

Dolphins aid dog rescue

A Florida woman said her missing dog was found after a group of dolphins drew a neighbour’s attention to the canine treading water.

Cindy Burnett of Marco Island said Turbo, an 11-year-old Doberman, escaped from her yard Sunday night and she and her sons were unable to locate him, WBBH-TV, Fort Myers, reported.

Burnett said a fatigued Turbo was finally spotted swimming in canal water when a group of dolphins splashing loudly drew a neighbour’s attention to the distressed canine.

Burnett said Turbo, who was pulled from the water by the neighbour, could have died had it not been for the dolphins.

Iranian children enjoy a ride in a rubber boat while two dolphins jump above them at a dolphin park in Kish, a resort island near the Persian Gulf, in Iran on 3 Aug. 2008.

The water was in too hot for up to 15 hours. She credited the dolphins with helping to save his life.

“If he had to tread water all night long, I know he wouldn’t have been able to,” Burnett said.

Kathleen Parker leaving CNN show with Spitzer

New York, 26 Feb— Conservative columnist Kathleen Parker said Friday that she’s leaving CNN’s prime-time “Parker/Spitzer” talk show, which will be renamed and continue with former New York Gov Eliot Spitzer and others.

CNN said the decision to cut ties with Parker was mutual. The show debuted last fall to some tough reviews and poor ratings in a time slot dominated by former Fox News Channel’s Bill O’Reilly. But the ending of MSNBC’s “Countdown” with Keith Olbermann last month has given CNN an opportunity.

The network has averaged 635,000 viewers in the time slot during a new year this month, up 24 percent from last February’s show with Campbell Brown, the Nielsen Co said.

The new show will be dubbed “In the Arena,” with two conservatives — former Fox News Channel personality ED Hil and National Review columnist Will Cain — joining Spitzer as panelists.

CNN said others will be on the show, but they haven’t been named yet.

“We have been pleased with how the 8 pm hour has become a centerpiece of substantive, policy-oriented conversation and we are looking forward to building on that with this new format,” said Ken Jautz, the executive in charge of CNN’s US network, in a memo to his staff Friday.

Man gave $200K to fake online girlfriend

Police in Illinois said a man “was in disbelief” when officers told him the online girlfriend to whom he had given $200,000 was not a real person.

Naperville police said the 48-year-old man investigated Wednesday to say he believed the woman, with whom he had been involved in a 2 1/2-year online relationship, had been kidnapped in London, the Chicago Sun-Times reported Friday.

The man told police he had wired $200,000 to the woman during the relationship to different bank accounts in Nigeria, Malaysia, England and the United States.

Investigators said the ID card the woman showed the man was a sample driver’s license from Florida.

The man “was in disbelief” when officers told him the woman was not real, police said.

The bumpy budget road to Oscars glory

Hollywood, 26 Feb— Winning an Oscar will taste even sweeter for some films up for Hollywood’s highest honors Sunday many less commercial movies struggle to get financed, and will savor success all the more intensely.

“Investing in independent films are financially very speculative, and generally anybody with a modicum of sanity stays away from them,” said Jeffrey Levy-Hinte, producer of “The Kids are All Right.”

The film is on the 10-strong shortlist for best picture Oscar at least half of which, including frontrunner “The King’s Speech,” had to battle financially just to get off the ground.

Fox enjoys high life on Britain’s tallest tower

A death-defying fox clambered up Britain’s tallest skyscraper and lived the high life on the 72nd floor of the tower in central London for nearly two weeks, officials revealed on Friday.

The intrepid animal climbed to the top of the Shard, which is more than 288 metres (945 feet) high and still under construction, where it enjoyed panoramic views over the British capital and lived off builders’ scraps.

It managed to oust its captors for almost a fortnight until 17 February when it was finally put into a cage and brought down from the tower, which will be the tallest skyscraper in Europe upon completion.


When it is complete, it is believed the fox climbed up the building’s central stairwell.

Dog takes 1,000-mile flight home

A 5-year-old miniature schnauzer an Oklahoma woman said was stolen in April took a plane ride of more than 1,000 miles to return home from California.

Marla DeVoe, 53, of Oklahoma City said acquaintances took the dog, Rebel, from her yard in April while she was in a hospital and the thieves took the canine with them to a Moreno Valley, Calif, motel.

In this undated publicity image released by CNN, actor Jesse Eisenberg is shown during the photocall of his last movie “The Social Network” at the 5th Rome Film Festival in Rome 2010—INTERNET

The network’s decision to stop airing the sitcom this season and maybe for good has multimillion-dollar implications for CBS and producer Warner Bros Television, but it’s hardly fatal.

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However, there won’t be any work for him to do, as Sheen’s erratic personal life may finally have killed a job that reportedly pays him $1.8 million an episode.

He’s been hospitalized three times in three months, with the production put on hold in January after his most recent hospital stay following a night of frenzied partying.

Taping was to resume next week, a plan that blew up Thursday.—INTERNET

Actor Jesse Eisenberg poses during the photocall of his last movie “The Social Network” at the 5th Rome Film Festival in Rome 2010. —INTERNET

Have TV viewers seen last of Charlie Sheen?

New York, 26 Feb— As Charlie Sheen continued to rant on, his bosses at “Two and a Half Men” seemed prepared Friday to move on.

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Taping was to resume next week, a plan that blew up Thursday.—INTERNET

Xavi confident Barca can go all the way

MADRID, 26 Feb — Barcelona midfielder Xavi Hernandez has dismissed suggestions that the team are buckling under the strain of so many demanding matches following a glut of injuries recently, insisting they are no worse off than title challengers Real Madrid.

Xavi will be missing along with Carles Puyol and Victor Valdes for the trip to Real Mallorca while Leo Messi had a knock but has been given the green light to play. With Dani Alves also suspended it means that coach Pep Guardiola will have to make several changes. The injuries have come during a key part of the season with the club having reached the final of the King’s Cup as well as competing in the domestic league and the Champions League. While they have continued to show their eye-catching football in spells in recent matches they have not been as consistent as earlier in the campaign.

Barcelona’s Lionel Messi (centre) is congratulated by teammates David Villa (right) and Daniel Alves after scoring during their Spanish league match against Athletic Bilbao, on 20 February, at the Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona. Internet

Wenger backs Arsenal to cope without injured stars

LONDON COLNEY, 26 Feb—Arsene Wenger insists Arsenal can cope without Cesc Fabregas, seen here in 2010, and Theo Walcott when the injury-hit Gunners face Birmingham in the League Cup final. Internet

CROSSWORDS PUZZLE

ACROSS
1 Regretted
3 Abole
9 Brink
10 Republic in North Africa
11 Allow
13 Dispersed
14 Seldom
16 Plan
18 Flint
20 Pull
22 Living
23 Pair
25 Grieved
26 Eager

DOWN
1 Make merry
2 Sin
4 Notwithstanding
5 Outrageously foolish
6 Rebel
7 Spanish nobleman
8 Minus
12 Very frightened
14 Iterates
15 Unauthorised
disclosure
17 Stick
19 Gown
21 Fresh
24 Chopper

Players are not machines - Mancini

MANCHESTER, 26 Feb — Manchester City manager Roberto Mancini on Friday railed against what he regarded as an over-demanding fixture list, telling England’s football authorities that players are not machines.

Mancini’s ire was provoked by a situation which, if his side draw their FA Cup fifth round tie with Aston Villa next Wednesday will result in a replay on March 7, two days after the Blues tackle Wigan in the Premier League at the Etihad.

Wolverhampton Wanderers 4-0 Blackpool

LONDON, 26 Feb—Wolverhampton Wanderers lifted themselves out of the bottom three with this big win over 10-man Blackpool. Matt Jarvis gave manager Mick McCarthy’s men the perfect start with a second-minute opener before a moment of madness from Blackpool leading scorer DJ Campbell saw him sent off in the 43rd minute. Wolves then made their numerical advantage count after the break as Jamie O’Hara and then substitute Sylvan Ebanks-Blake with a brace eased them off the foot of the table into 17th. — Internet

Bubba on a roll as the kids go home

MARANA, 26 Feb — JB Holmes and Bubba Watson are in the quarter-finals of the Match Play Championship, and it’s not hard to figure out how they got there. In fact, you could say it’s elementary.

Holmes has five of the longest drives this week at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Club, including a 400-yard shot in the opening round. He wasn’t always straight, but he was long enough to keep himself in the game and win the last two holes against Jason Day on Friday. Watson didn’t win his match against Geoff Ogilvy on the par-5 11th hole, but it sure felt that way. Already 2 up in his match, Watson was 290 from the hole when he ripped a 3-iron with a tight draw that bounded onto the green and settled about 15 feet away. — Internet

INTERNET

Wigan 0 - 4 Man Utd

MANCHESTER, 26 Feb—League leaders Manchester United tightened their grip on the title race as they pushed aside Wigan to move four points clear of Arsenal.

Relegation-threatened Wigan showed early on but Edwin Van der Sar stood firm.

Javier Hernandez cleverly clipped in rampant Nani’s cross after 17 minutes as the visitors gradually took control.

Mexican striker Hernandez slotted a cool second 15 minutes from time before a Wayne Rooney tap-in and substitute Fabio’s simple shot added a late gloss.

Sir Alex Ferguson’s team came into the match off the back of a disjointed goalless draw at Marseille, but added
Cambiasso adds to Inter’s injury problems

ROME, 26 Feb — Esteban Cambiasso was diagnosed with a thigh strain on Friday to add to Inter Milan’s already growing injury worries.

The Argentina midfielder picked up the problem in Wednesday’s 1-0 defeat at home to Bayern Munich in the Champions League.

Inter also lost centre-back Andrea Ranocchia for two to three weeks in that game, leaving them with a defensive problem ahead of the visit of Sampdoria in the Champions League.

With Walter Samuel out for the rest of the season and right-back Maicon suspended, the loss of Ranocchia, with Ivan Cordoba also struggling to be fit, leaves Inter threadbare at the back.

Rainfall on 26-2-2011 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (1.97) inches at Mingaladon, (1.89) inches at Kaba-Aye and (3.54) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) m/s from Northeast at (15:30) hours MST on 26-2-2011.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and Southeast Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until the evening of 27 February 2011: Light rain is possible to be isolated in Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Tanintharyi Regions. Kachin, Kayin and Mon States and weather will be generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: likelihood of continuation of isolated light rain in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 27-2-2011: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 27-2-2011: Partly cloudy to cloudy.


WEATHER

Saturday, 26th February, 2011

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, light rain have been isolated in Yangon and Tanintharyi Regions. Kayin and Mon States and weather has been partly cloudy in Upper Sagaing, Bago and Ayeyawady Regions. Kachin and Rakhine States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Night temperature were (3°C) to (6°C) below February average temperature in Mandalay and Magway Regions, (5°C) to (7°C) below February average temperature in Upper Sagaing Region and Chin State and (3°C) to (4°C) above February average temperature in Ayeyawady and Tanintharyi Regions. (5°C) to (6°C) above February average temperature in Yangon Region and Mon State and about February average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant night temperatures were Haka (1°C), Pylaung (4°C), Lashto and Hoho (6°C) each. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Thaton (0.08) inch.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 25-2-2011 was 98°F. Minimum temperature on 26-2-2011 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 26-2-2011 was (65%). Total sunshine hours on 25-2-2011 was (9.1) hours (Approx).

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

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- We favour development
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RFA, DVB—generating public outrage
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Dredgers in operations for better water courses in Ayeyawady River

Stake-driven ceremony for Pyinnya Tagon Library held

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