NAY PYI TAW, 11 Jan — The 65th Anniversary Union Day 2012 will be held on a grand scale across the country including Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, the Union Territory, with political essence in accord with national objectives and Union Spirit.

The coordination meeting for organizing the 65th Anniversary Union Day 2012 was held in Union Government Office Meeting Hall here this evening, with an address by Chairman of Central Committee for Holding the 65th Anniversary Union Day 2012 Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham.

The meeting was also attended by members of the central committee and management committee and chairmen and secretaries of subcommittees, and departmental heads. Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham said in his address that today’s meeting was called to discuss measures to be taken in organizing the Union Day. The Union Day is held in the whole nation including Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, the Union Territory, on coming 12 February with national objectives and in very essence of politics, he set the target.

The central committee, management committee and subcommittees for organizing the Union Day ceremony had already been formed and had to discuss preparations of each committee at the meeting, he said.

It is arranged to invite Region and State Hluttaw representatives, and each subcommittee is to systematically organize State flag hoisting and message reading ceremony, dinner and staging traditional dances of national races by the Ministry of Culture at the dinner, he tasked the subcommittees.

He underscored the need to arrange the 65th Anniversary Union Day national objectives and message with usages commensurate with the age of democracy.

Chairman of Management Committee Union Minister at the President Office U Thein Nyunt reported on preparedness for holding State flag hoisting ceremony and dinner and invitation to ceremonies.

Union Transport Minister meets Japanese guests

Bagan region focal point of almost all historical ancient heritages of nation and people

Agricultural officials discuss effective application of studies

Model plot of monsoon paddy harvested

MANDALAY, 11 Jan — Staff Officer U Thein Tun Zaw of Settlement and Land Records Department in Mandalay and Manager U Myo Naing of Myanmar Agriculture Service supervised the harvesting of Ayeayamin paddy strain on six acres of model plot in Chanmyathazi Township on 27 December.

The model plot produced 90 baskets of paddy per acre at high level and 58.59 baskets at lower level. Departmental officials and local farmers participated in the paddy harvesting task.

Kyemon
Fight poverty first in far-flung areas

Myanmar’s poverty rate has dropped from 34 per cent to 26 per cent thanks to ambitious efforts of the government. In alleviating poverty, it is targeted to reduce it to 16 per cent. Prerequisite for poverty reduction is start-up capital. Lack of the capital forces the poor to lock themselves up in continuous poverty.

Poverty issue could not be tackled by the government alone. There must be a way for banking industry, cooperative societies, civil societies, non-governmental organizations, and social organizations, both at home and abroad, to get involved. They work in the regions they choose. Government officials reached out to the grassroots as well, albeit unsuccessfully in some regions. As poverty has touched 70 per cent of rural population in Myanmar, microcredit cannot reach all of them. The self-run institutions are dispersing loans.

To steer the drive, supervisory committee will be formed soon. A group of MPs visited rural areas recently to learn what the people want.

As loan provided by microcredit societies is vital for the grassroots, we need to adopt a better monetary system. We need help from international monetary organizations. As Myanmar saying goes, “A force of ten thousand can accomplish what a single force cannot”. If united, we could bring poverty to an end.

Rural farmers are living below the poverty line. Their life is hard as they live in areas with poor transportation. They are struggling just to make ends meet. Bad weather, pests and lack of capital make them stuck in poverty. Both officials and wellwishers should visit these regions and seek remedies.

By disbursing loans to low-income population in far-flung areas, our goal of being free from poverty will be achieved sooner.

Bagan region focal point of almost all historical ancient heritages of nation and people

Neo Pyi Taw, 11 Jan—Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan arrived in Bagan Archaeological Region of NyaungU Township on 7 January.

He inspected preservation of mural paintings at pagoda No. 569 with the use of chemicals at Winedco Group of Pagodas, renovation of the walls in the pagoda and maintenance of the pagoda, renovation of pagoda No. 577 and preservation of mural paintings of Phayahtonzu Pagoda.

Director U Thein Lwin and officials of Department of Archaeology, National Museum and Library reported on progress in renovation and maintenance of the mural paintings and pagodas in the archaeological region and cooperation of UNESCO.

The Union minister instructed officials to systematically supervise preservation of mural paintings without harming the value of artifacts, to adopt plans for prevention of leaking rain drops in the pagodas, clearing of birds and bats, availability of adequate light and weeding work on the pagodas, and to conduct the multiplier courses to the trainees so as to finish maintenance of the mural paintings at over 400 pagodas through chemical technology in a short period.

After looking into reconstruction of Pagoda No. 2142, the Union minister gave instructions on reconstruction of ancient pagodas for satisfaction of wellwishers, maintenance of ancient works and more strengthening, emphasis to be placed on maintenance works meeting international standards in line with the culture and religious traditions of Myanmar, gathering momentum in renovation of 63 pagodas in the Bagan Archaeological Region by spending cash donations of wellwishers, and holding of consecration ceremony for the renovated pagodas at the same time so as to share merits gained for all the wellisher people.

On 8 January, the Union minister met officials of Bagan Branch of the Ministry of Culture and asked the progress of tasks. In his instruction, he said that Bagan region is a focal point of almost all the historical ancient heritage of the nation and the people. Thus, he noted that it is necessary to adopt a Master Plan to systematically preserve and upgrade the ancient heritage of Bagan region. It is so doing, he instructed them to give first priority to maintenance of the structures of pagodas, draw the programmes for maintenance works, coordinate the plans for continuous excavation of ancient heritage works underground, extend formation of more work groups to preserve mural paints with a plan, put the mural paintings on records through digitalization and print records, hold a workshop with Myanmar Engineers Society on maintenance of the ancient pagodas and protection them against natural disasters and coordinate with scholars and experts. The Union minister inspected excavation of works at the site of Anawrahta Palace and instructed the officials to manage the attractive displays of unearthed works for convenience of archaeologists and local and foreign guests.

Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan inspects preservation of mural paintings at pagoda No. 569.

Tennis coaching course from 7 to 20 February

YANGON, 11 Jan—Myanmar Tennis Federation will conduct the tennis coaching course from 7 to 20 February at Theinbyu Tennis Ground in Mingala Taungnyunt Township.

The enthusiasts between 18 and 30 years aged wishing to attend the course may enlist at the federation (Theinbyu Tennis Ground in Mingala Taungnyunt Township), not later than 4 February. For further information, dial 01-381990, 381992, ext: 1, 01-372360 and 09-73122449.

Mr. Robert Davis, Chief Coach of the federation, will provide training to the attendees practically and theoretically.

Sumitomo Golf Classic commences

YANGON, 11 Jan—The Sumitomo Golf Classic, jointly organized by Myanmar Golf Federation and Myanmar PGA with the sponsorship of Aung Hein Min Co Ltd and Sumitomo Heavy Machine, was opened at Yadaguntaung Golf Club in Mandalay this morning.

Mandalay Region Minister for Development Affairs U Phone Zaw Han, President Director Mr. Kasukiko Sasaki of Indonesia Sumitomo Factory, Managing Director U Chit San of Aung Hein Min Co Ltd, Vice Presidents of MGFU Aung Kya, U Tint Oo and U Min Thein teed off the golf classic.

After the first round, Hla Myo (APPO) led the professional golfers event with 67, followed by Kyaw Swa Lin with 70, Zaw Zaw Latt (Srixon) and Thein Zaw Myint (KM GolfCentre) 72 each. In the men’s amateur event, Myo Win Aung stood first with 70 and Ye Htet Aung, second with 72.

Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan at excavation site of Anawrahta Palace.
Reuters sources named the casualty reports say. Iranian media car explosion in north Teheran, university lecturer and nuclear said Wednesday’s blast took accusations. Local sources years. Teheran has blamed the nuclear scientists have been the side of the car, says Iran’s motorcyclist stuck a bomb on death by five officers for trying to hug a woman. Oscar Bartholomew was allegedly beaten after he mistook aplainclothes female officer for a friend and lifted her off the ground in a bear hug outside a police station in St David’s, Grenada. A witness claimed the 39-year-old, from Toronto, Canada, said: ‘I got you today,’ when the officer began shouting for help. Five other officers rushed to the woman’s assistance and Mr Bartholomew tried to kick one of them and resisted arrest as he was held down, handcuffed and his ankles were bound. Witnesses claimed the officer yelled ‘rape!’ as she was lifted off the ground. Minutes later, Mr Bartholomew was in a coma and lay on the ground dying. An independent autopsy found he died of severe trauma to the head and several injuries to the body. A state autopsy reported a similar conclusion. He had only stopped at the police station with his wife Dolette Cyr because she needed to use the toilet. The pair, who had been married for 10 years, were visiting relatives in Grenada when the incident took place. Mr Bartholomew’s death has provoked uproar on the tiny Caribbean island over alleged systemic police brutality. Internet Dolette Cyr, right, wife of Oscar Bartholomew weeps with her daughter Jacynth at his funeral service in Cocuo, Grenada. —Reuters

Cuba establishes forest fire monitoring centre

HAVANA, 11 Jan—Cubas upa set up a forest fire monitoring centre in its efforts to protect the country’s forests and nature habitats, the official daily Avorto Rebelde reported on Tuesday. The new centre will monitor forest fire through satellite images and allocate the forces and resources to control it, said the paper. The newspaper quoted Colonel Manuel Lama Lopez, chief of the Cuban Ranger Department (CRD), as saying that the country registered a record number of 695 forest fires in the first five months of 2011. Lopez stressed that awareness of the danger of forest fire is low among Cuban people, as most of the forest fires are provoked by human negligence, such as littering burning cigarettes or burning wood for various purposes. About 20,000 hectares of forests went up in flames in Cuba last year. XinHua

Iran car explosion ‘kills nuclear scientist’ in Tehran

TEHERAN, 11 Jan—A university lecturer and nuclear scientist has been killed in a car explosion in north Tehran, reports say. Iranian media sources named the casualty as Mostafa Ahmadz- Roshan, Reuters news agency reports. The blast happened when a motocyclist stuck a bomb on the side of the car, says Iran’s semi-official Fars news agency. Several Iranian nuclear scientists have been assassinated in Iran in recent years. Teheran has blamed the killings on Israel and the US. Both countries deny the accusations. Local sources said Wednesday’s blast took place at a faculty of Iran’s Allameh Tabatabi university. Two others were reportedly also injured at the blast, which took place at Gol Nabi Street, in the north of the capital. Mr Ahmadz-Roshan, 32, was a graduate of oil industry university and supervised a department at Natanz uranium enrichment facility in Feleshan Province, Fars reported. The latest attack comes almost two years to the day since Mousaad Ali Mohammadi, a 50-year-old university lecturer at Teheran University, was killed by a remote-controlled bomb as he left his home in Teheran on 12 January 2010. Iran

The bomb was reportedly attached with magnets to the car. Internet

Chinese icebreaker Xuelong arrives in Ushuaia, Argentina, on 9 Jan. 2012. After loading some thousands of tons of supplies, the icebreaker will go back to Chinese Antarctic research station Zhongshan for further missions during the country’s 28th scientific expedition. Xinhua

Battering kills 29 in Pakistan’s Khyber Region

PESHAWAR, 11 Jan—A bomb killed at least 29 people and wounded 37 on Tuesday when it exploded near a fuel station in Pakistan’s northwestern Khyber region, one of the restive tribal areas where insurgents are battling government forces, regional officials said. “It was a huge blast and caused damage to a number of vehicles at (a) bus terminal,” said Khyber tribesman Khan Zaman from the Jamrud bazaar, around 25 kilometers (15 miles) west of the city of Peshawar. Government officials in the area said 29 people were killed and 37 wounded, at least 20 of whom are in critical condition. Tribesman said members of the pro-government Zakakhel tribal militia were the target of the attack. Member of the militia— or “lashkar”— were filling their vehicles at the station when the bomb exploded. “There was a loud explosion, everything shook” said Faraz Ullah, a fruit seller in Jamrud near the fuel station. “We all run to the station. There were bodies everywhere. I saw bodies missing hands and feet,” he said. Assistant Political Agent Jamrud Mohammad Jamil Khan said three members of the Khyber tribal force were among those killed. The wounded were taken to hospitals in Jamrud and Peshawar.

Food dispute led to Ohio murder-suicide

LOGAN, 11 Jan—A dispute over whether a terminally ill woman should have been given too and toast or not to serve food to her husband so much that he shot and killed two of her sisters and his son before killing himself, a sheriff said on Tuesday. The sick woman, 59-year-old Darlene Gilkey, who’s dying of cancer, witnessed the shootings from a hospital bed in her living room but was uninjured, Hocking County Sheriff Larry North said. The woman’s son, Ralph Sowers III, told a 911 dispatcher he survived when his stepfather, Paul Gilkey, said he was sparing him because he had him. Sowers said his stepfather repeatedly warned him to get out of the way before putting the gun above his head and shooting his brother, who was hiding behind the door. After the shootings Monday, Paul Gilkey, 63, stepped out of his front porch, sat down in a chair and shot himself to death, the sheriff said. Internet

US fires 1st drone in Pakistan in six weeks; four dead

BANNN, 11 Jan—The US carried out its first drone strike into Pakistan since errant November airstrikes by US forces killed two dozen Pakistani troops along the Afghan border. The latest missile attack killed four militants, three of them Arabs, according to Pakistani intelligence officials. The drone strike took place on Tuesday near Miran Shah in North Waziristan, an al-Qaeda and Taliban stronghold that has been pounded by the US since the drone programme began in earnest in 2009. The intelligence officials didn’t give their names because they were not authorized to speak to the media. Relations with Pakistan plummeted after the 26 Nov airstrikes prompted Islamabad to shut down vital supply routes into Afghanistan and force the US to vacate Shamsi Air Base in southwestern Baluchistan Province. The US used the base to service drones that targeted militants in the tribal regions close to Afghanistan. American officials said the US had no reason to doubt that the drone operations were being avoided since the deadly airstrikes, but that the hull was part of a broad effort to tamp down tensions with Pakistan. While there has been some level of agreement by Pakistan over the drone attacks, their scope and frequency has been a source of friction between the two countries. An American investigation into the November airstrikes concluded that a persistent lack of trust between the US and Pakistan, and a series of communications and coordination errors on both sides, led to the attacks. Pakistani officials have rejected that probe and there has been a visible public sign that relations between the two countries are improving. Internet

Canadian man ‘beaten to death by five cops after trying to give woman a bear hug’

COCHIU, (Grenada), 11 Jan—A Grenadian official has called for an official inquiry into police brutality after a man was allegedly beaten to death by five officers for trying to hug a woman. Oscar Bartholomew was allegedly beaten after he mistook aplainclothes female officer for a friend and lifted her off the ground in a bear hug outside a police station in St David’s, Grenada. A witness claimed the 39-year-old, from Toronto, Canada, said: ‘I got you today,’ when the officer began shouting for help. Five other officers rushed to the woman’s assistance and Mr Bartholomew tried to kick one of them and resisted arrest as he was held down, handcuffed and his ankles were bound. Witnesses claimed the officer yelled ‘rape!’ as she was lifted off the ground. Minutes later, Mr Bartholomew was in a coma and lay on the ground dying. An independent autopsy found he died of severe trauma to the head and several injuries to the body. A state autopsy reported a similar conclusion. He had only stopped at the police station with his wife Dolette Cyr because she needed to use the toilet. The pair, who had been married for 10 years, were visiting relatives in Grenada when the incident took place. Mr Bartholomew’s death has provoked uproar on the tiny Caribbean island over alleged systemic police brutality. Internet

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High-level visits can boost Sino-US ties

BEIJING, 11 Jan—US Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner’ visit to Beijing is seta positive tone for the develepmont of Sino-US relations in 2012. Frequent high-level meetings and communications have helped Sino-US relations remain relatively stable last year, although there were some disputes and friction, most notably the US’ increased military presence in the Asia-Pacific, and its announcement of the sale of a new package of arms to Taiwan, which led to bilateral military-to-military exchanges being suspended until the 12th China-US Defence Consultative Talks in December. But as the first cabinet-level official to visit China this year, Geithner’ visit sends the message that despite the clamor that in the US it should contain China and allegations that China is trying to exclude the US, the two can still cooperate with each other. According to the Treasury Department, Geithner will discuss strategies to revitalize global economic growth and efforts to support fair competition in global trade. XinHua

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**Hormone helps obese shed weight**

**London, 11 Jan—**An appetite-curbing hormone found in the gut may help overweight and obese people shed weight, lower blood pressure and reduce cholesterol levels, according to a study released on Wednesday.

Known as glucagon-like peptide-1, or GLP-1, the hormone is naturally secreted from the intestine when we eat. Recently, doctors have begun to use GLP-1 to treat patients with type 2 diabetes because the molecule’s ability to regulate sugar levels in the blood.

But they also noticed that the hormone appeared to make patients less hungry, raising the question of whether it could work as a treatment for obesity. A team of researchers led by Tina Vilsbøll of the University of Copenhagen designed a study to find out. Reviewing medical literature, they analysed the results of 25 clinical trials involving over 6,000 patients who had been given GLP-1. Patients with and without diabetes who received a minimum dosage for at least 20 weeks showed greater weight loss than control groups, they reported in the British Medical Journal (BMD). There was also improvement in blood pressure, cholesterol and glycemic control, the process by which the body adjusts the impact of carbohydrates on blood sugar levels. —internet

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**Orange juice futures surge to record on fungicide fears**

**New York, 11 Jan—**US orange juice futures surged 11 percent to an all-time high on Tuesday, after US health regulators announced a clampdown on imports from top producer Brazil following the discovery of small doses of a fungicide that is not approved in the United States.

Tropicalia and Minute Maid, from Coca-Cola Co., and Truketea, a Brazilian brand of its market leader Froot of the market, have not reached its peak certainly. We’re in uncharted waters, said James Cordier, president of Tampa, Florida-based Liberty Trading Group. We lost ranges on the freeze last week but this certainly trumps that.

The benchmark March Tropicana and Minute Maid, from Coca-Cola Co., and Truketea, a Brazilian brand for the month had risen 30 to 40 basis points.

But researchers at one hospital reported that the average noise level in patients’ rooms was close to 50 decibels, and sometimes spiked as high as 80 decibels — almost as loud as a chain saw they said.

“The hospital environment is certainly not a restful environment,” said Dr Vinneet Arora, from the University of Chicago. In a study of about 100 adult patients at their medical centre, she and her colleagues found that noise levels in patients’ rooms at night tended to be lower than during the day, but almost always exceeded recommendations for average and maximum noise level. Much of that extra noise was due to talking between doctors and nurses, but the loudest interruptions were likely from alarms and intercoms, Arora said.

Higher maximum noise levels in individual rooms were linked to sleep disruptions in their occupants. In general, patients sleep over an hour less in the hospital than they’d reported sleeping at home, and when they did have a difficult night sleeping, “it could be part of a cycle of: you’re sick, you get bad sleep, and you’re not able to get better as quickly,” Arora said. Dr Sairam Parthasarathy, who studies patient sleep at the University of Arizona in Tucson, said that noise on the hospital ward may not be fully to blame for patients’ sleep troubles. —Reuters

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**Toyota wants North America to become big export base**

**Detroit, 11 Jan—**Toyota Motor Corp.’s <7203.T> North American operations are looking to become a big exporter as the automaker gets hit by a strong yen that has eroded profits on vehicles shipped from Japan, a top executive said Tuesday.

“We are looking for the opportunity for any North American product to be exported,” Yoshimi Inaba, president and chief operating officer of Toyota Motor North America, told a small group of reporters at the Detroit auto show.

“We have 12 models now being produced in North America, and each one of them has its own potential. We are thoroughly reviewing the potential,” he said.

Toyota made headlines last year by announcing the start of Camry exports from the United States to South Korea, instead of shipping them from neighbouring Japan.

In 2010, the latest year for which data is available, Toyota exported 16,700 vehicles from the United States to 19 countries, mainly in the Middle East, across six models: Avalon, Sequoia, Tacoma, Tundra, Camry and Sienna. Including markets in the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) zone, exports totaled 100,000 vehicles, Toyota said.

“This is just the beginning of a new era of North America being a source of supply to many other parts of the world,” Inaba said.

Toyota has said it wants to reduce its exports out of Japan, now around 1.7 million vehicles a year, to 1.5 million to escape currency losses. It is simultaneously looking to increase Japanese sales by 200,000 vehicles a year to keep its pledge of producing at least 3 million vehicles at home.

Inaba said Toyota would look for ways to utilize its vast global sales network to market the vehicles for a niche segment of customers that may share US consumers’ unique taste for bigger cars and trucks.

“We have a very strong base of world distributors. I think we can take advantage of their sales network and their power of marketing,” he said. —Reuters

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**Indonesia takes steps to anticipate H5N1**

**Jakarta, 11 Jan—**The Indonesian government has been on alert in the possible spread of bird flu viruses (H5N1) following a global concern that the virus may mutate to a certain form that can spread among human, a minister said here on Tuesday.

On Jan 3, a 23-year-old Indonesian man suspected of having avian influenza died in a hospital in the Capital of Jakarta following the death of one of his pigeons a week before.

Indonesian Agriculture Minister Suswono Arsyaf said that his ministry had received informal information from the international organizations that the viruses would later show an indication that they could mutate to a certain form that make it enable to spread among humans. —Vidiana

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How the sun sets in an alien world

WASHINGTON, 11 Jan—Scientists have thrown light on how sunsets on exoplanets would look like.

According to University of Exeter exoplanetary scientist Frederic Pont, as exoplanet planet HD 209458 b - unofficially known as “Osiris”, a world 150 light-years from Earth, orbits extremely close to its star, atmospheric temperatures are high (around 1,000 degrees Celsius or 1,800 degrees Fahrenheit).

This implies that its outer atmospheric layers become “puffed up.” The exoplanet’s atmospheric “puffiness” makes it easier to analyze, and using data from the STIS spectrograph on the Hubble Space Telescope, Pont was able to calculate how the star would look as seen at the exoplanet’s horizon, Discovery News reported.

In the case of Osiris, as its star drops through the atmosphere from an observer’s perspective, it will transform from predominantly white to blue.

The blueness is due to atmospheric sodium absorbing the orange/red light being emitted by the star, causing its light to shift towards the blue part of the spectrum.

Ancient kosher ‘bread stamp’ found

ACRE, (Israel), 11 Jan—Israeli archaeologists say they’ve discovered a 1,500-year-old ceramic stamp used to mark baked goods as kosher.

The Israel Antiquities Authority found the kosher ‘bread stamp’ bearing the image of a menorah during excavations at Horbat Uza, east of Acre, Haaretz reported Tuesday.

Experts say they believe it belonged to a bakery providing kosher bread to the Jews of Acre in the Byzantine period.

“A number of stamps bearing an image of a menorah are known from different collections,” Gilad Jaffe and Danny Syon, the directors of the excavation, said.

“The Temple Menorah, being a Jewish symbol par excellence, indicates the stamps belonged to Jews, unlike Christian bread stamps with the cross pattern which were much more common in the Byzantine period,” they said.

“The stamp is important because it proves that a Jewish community existed in the settlement of Uza in the Christian-Byzantine period,” Syon said. “The presence of a Jewish settlement so close to Acre — a region that was definitely Christian at this time — constitutes an innovation in archaeological research.”

The stamp bears the image of seven-branched menorah and Greek letters possible spelling the name of the baker from Horbat Uza, Jaffe and Syon said. —Internet

Top Diggs: Google-made tablet to challenge Kindle Fire or iPad?

The most popular news, videos and images as picked by Digg users during the last seven days, recorded on 10 January.

1. Will a Google tablet challenge the Kindle Fire? Or the iPad?

The Washington Post contemplates the viability of high-end or low-end Google-made Android tablets against tablet rivals such as the Amazon Kindle Fire and Apple’s iPad as others report that Google will soon “jump into the tablet game.”

2. Soldier at Ron Paul rally could face trouble

A US Army reservist who got up on stage in his military fatigues and pledged his support for American Republican presidential candidate Ron Paul may face legal ramifications over his public stance because “participating in a partisan political event in uniform is a violation of Defense Department rules.”

3. Joe Torre Wants to Buy the Dodgers With Developer Rick Caruso; LA Rejoices

Former Major League Baseball manager Joe Torre has quit his job as the manager of the MLB Dodgers team and now says he will “pursue ownership of the Dodgers alongside major LA developer Rick Caruso.”

Amazon Kindle Fire.

4. SOPA sponsor Rep Lamar Smith to SOPA opponents:

You don’t matter

Rep Lamar Smith, the chief sponsor of the US’s Stop Online Piracy Act (SOPA), reportedly said that the “criticism of this bill is completely hypothetical; none of it is based in fact.”

5. Huge Web Companies Are Willing To Go Dark In Protest Of SOPA

Companies including Amazon, AOL, eBay, Facebook, Google, Twitter and Yahoo! are reportedly willing to black out their services on 23 January to spread awareness of SOPA and the effect it could have on the average internet user in the US.—Internet

Google-made Tablets.

Acer Aspire S5 laptop

High-tech gadget show opens doors in Vegas

LAS VEGAS, 11 Jan—The International Consumer Electronics Show kicked off on Tuesday with a dazzling array of high-tech gadgetry including ultra-thin laptops, snazzy smartphones, iPad rivals and flat-screen 3D TVs.

A record 3,100 companies from around the world have staked out booths in the cavernous Las Vegas Convention Center for the four-day event, displaying their wares over a space equivalent to more than 35 football fields.

The host of CES, the Consumer Electronics Association, forecasts worldwide spending on consumer electronics to surpass $1 trillion this year for the first time with smartphones and tablet computers leading the way.

CEA chief economist Shawn DuBravac said he expects more than 20,000 new products to launch at CES including over 50 new tablet computers as Apple competitors seek to make a mark in a category dominated by the iPad.

Smartphones are also expected to be a hot item with smartphones and tablet computers leading the way.

Apple’s iPad.

Finland’s Nokia teaming up with Microsoft to tackle a US market dominated by the Apple iPhone, Research In Motion’s BlackBerry and handsets running Google’s Android software.

Microsoft chief executive Steven Ballmer joined Nokia boss Stephen Elop ahead of the show on Monday to unveil the new Lumia 900 smartphone, which will run Windows mobile software.

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Indonesia quake triggers brief tsunami alert

Jakarta, 1 Jan — A powerful earthquake struck off the coast of Indonesia’s Aceh Province, prompting officials to issue a brief tsunami warning. Residents ran into the streets after the 7.3 magnitude earthquake struck 42 km (26 miles) south-west of Banda Aceh. No damage or injuries have been reported. Officials lifted the tsunami alert two hours later. A quake off Indonesia in 2004 triggered a tsunami killing 230,000 people around the Indian Ocean. Half

India's Port Hedland closed due to Tropical Cyclone Heidi

Sydney, 11 Jan — Port Hedland of Western Australia, the nation’s highest tonnage port, has been closed down in preparation for Tropical Cyclone Heidi approaching the state’s Pilbara coast, the Port Hedland Port Authority said on Wednesday. A cyclone warning has been issued for coastal areas between Sandfire and Mardie, including Port Hedland, Roebourne, Karratha and Dampier. Tropical Cyclone Heidi is estimated to be 220 kilometres north of Port Hedland and moving south towards the coast, the weather bureau said. Heidi is expected to bring winds of up to 100 kilometres an hour to the coastal areas, extending west during Wednesday, it said.

Port Hedland Port Authority spokesman Steed Farrell told the Australian Associated Press (AAP) that the port had activated its cyclone contingency plan at 4pm (local time) on Tuesday in preparation for Heidi. “We cleared inbound traffic into the port and cleared the port of vessels that needed to get out,” he said. Farrell said the port would remain closed until further notice from the weather bureau. — Xinhua

Poyang Lake's migratory birds to get helicopter food drop

Nanchang, 11 Jan — Authorities at Poyang Lake plan to deploy a helicopter to distribute feed to more than 500,000 birds in the area as severe drought has shrunk China’s largest freshwater lake and is threatening birds there for the winter. The first air delivery will start before the Spring Festival, or Chinese New Year, that falls on 23 Jan, to ensure that birds will not starve for the rest of the year, said Wu Heping, a senior official at the Poyang National Natural Reserve.

East China’s Poyang Lake, a major winter destination for birds in Asia, has seen the shrinking lake as farmlands, said Wu. “About 200,000 birds, or half of the flock, have flown to the nine satellite lakes of Poyang, and their expanded habitat is the main reason we used air distribution this year,” said Wu.

The massive shrinkage of Poyang has forced the exodus of birds into nearby smaller lakes and even farmlands, said Wu. “About 200,000 birds, or half of the flock, have flown to the nine satellite lakes of Poyang, and their expanded habitat is the main reason we used air distribution this year,” said Wu.

Feed to be distributed this year includes tonnes of rice, maize, fish and shrimps which cater to both herbivorous and carnivorous birds. Xinhua

Int’l visitors to Cambodia’s Angkor heritage site up 23 pct in 2011

Phnom Penh, 11 Jan — Cambodia’s Angkor Wat temples, one of the world’s heritage sites, attracted 1.6 million foreign visitors in 2011, an increase of 23 percent from 1.3 million year earlier, according to the statistics of Siem Reap provincial tourism department on Tuesday. Among the top ten countries visiting the temples, South Korea was ranked first with 265,000 visitors, up 31 percent; Vietnam at second with 251,400, up 45 percent; Japan at third with 120,200, up 5 percent; and China at fourth with 119,900, up 81 percent.

The statistics also showed that Thai tourists to the temples had slightly declined by 0.2 percent to 42,250 due to border dispute that led to armed clashes in February and April last year. “Base on the figures, we see that Chinese visitors to the temples last year grew sharply and we expect that the trend will continue in the coming years,” Chhoeuy Chhorm, administration chief of Siem Reap provincial tourism department, told Xinhua by telephone on Tuesday. — Xinhua
FOREIGN HEADS OF STATE SEND FELICITATIONS TO PRESIDENT U THEIN SEIN

Nay Pyi Taw, 4 Jan — The following are messages of felicitations from foreign heads of State to President U Thein Sein of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, on the occasion of the 64 th Anniversary of Independence Day of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

From Mohammed VI, King of Morocco

As the Republic of the Union of Myanmar commemorates its independence, it gives me great pleasure to send Your Excellency my warmest congratulations, and to offer my best wishes to you for good health and happiness, and to your people for continued progress and prosperity.

I should like to take this auspicious opportunity to tell you how keen the Kingdom of Morocco is to give fresh momentum to the relations of friendship and cooperation between our countries, and thus serve the mutual interests of our peoples.

From President Abdelaziz Bouteflika of People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria

Excellency,

The celebration of your country’s national day gives me the pleasant opportunity to address to you, on behalf of the Algerian people and Government and on my own name, my warm congratulations accompanied by my sincere wishes of health and happiness to you and of progress and prosperity to your friendly people.

I seize this occasion to reiterate to you my highest consideration.

From Ilham Aliyev, President of Azerbaijan

Dear Mr. President,

On the occasion of the national holiday of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar – Independence Day, I convey to you and your nation our sincere congratulations.

I believe that relationship between Azerbaijan and Myanmar will develop in the spirit of friendship and cooperation.

I wish you good health, success in your work and thrift and progress to the friendly Myanmar nation.

From Mr. Pal Schmitt, President of Hungary

Your Excellency,

On behalf of the People’s of Hungary and that of my own I have the pleasure to convey my congratulations and best wishes on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

I believe that the encouraging developments which continue to take place in Myanmar provide good basis for friendly and mutually beneficial relations between our two countries.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

From Majesty King Juan Carlos I of Spain

Mr. President,

On the occasion of the celebration of the National Day of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, I extend to you my congratulations together with those of the Government and the People of Spain.

I reiterate to you, Mr. President, my best wishes for your personal well being and for peace and prosperity to our friends, the people of Myanmar.

With My High Consideration

From Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, President of the Republic of Indonesia

Your Excellency,

On the auspicious occasion of the Commemoration of the Independence Day of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar on 4 January 2012, I am pleased to extend to you, and through you, to the people of Myanmar, my most cordial greetings and heartfelt felicitations, on behalf of the Government and people of the Republic of Indonesia.

It gives me a great pleasure to note the ever improving solid ties to friendship and cooperation between Indonesia and Myanmar. I fervently believe that the partnership between Indonesia and Myanmar will be further solidified by the common commitment and vision of our two countries to advance democracy and to achieve a more secure and prosperous region in Southeast Asia. With all best wishes for the enduring prosperity of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, her people, and your good health as well as success, please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest esteem.

LOCAL SPORTS

Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Rule Educational Shows and Contest draws people interests

Aungmingalar Bus Terminal in Pyinmana is crowded with students and people. The reason is that Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Rule Enforcement Committee is holding the fourth Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Rule Educational shows and contest. The terminal is clawing with shows, shops, companies showrooms and entertainment of famous singers. In an attempt to educate people and students as well as drivers, educative talks and shows are being held constantly. In Myanmar, the number of motor vehicles has reached 423,345 and of motorcycle, 1,908,374 till 2011. Educative talks are being given to motorbike riders to wear helmets. No official licenses have been issued yet to those who offer carrying services in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area. For the convenience of people, authority concerned allows it temporarily. Those on their parts have duty-bound to ensure safety of passengers, to follow traffic rules and to avoid potential accidents. Authority concerned educates people by means of distribution of pamphlets and signboards reading rules to be followed by drivers and motor bike users. The number of car accidents occurs very often in Nay Pyi Taw due to the absence of traffic rule enforcement. Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Rule Enforcement Committee was formed in 2006. The accidents have been on the increase till 2011. So, the show that covers interesting accidents information system, coordination and management for road safety, losses and damages, research on road safety, emergency aids to victims, checking and action taken by traffic police, the standardizations of vehicles, educative campaign, training and inspection of

Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Men’s Volleyball Tournament commences

Nay Pyi Taw, 11 Jan — The 5 th Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Men’s Volleyball Tournament 2012 kicked off at Nay Pyi Taw Volleyball Ground, here, yesterday morning.

On behalf of the Myanmar National Sports Committee Chairman Union Minister for Sports, Secretary of the MNSC Deputy Minister U Aye Myint Kyu delivered an address.

In the debut, Ministry of Defence team trounced Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation 3-0. Altogether 24 teams are taking part in the tournament that will last up to 27 January. Three matches are held daily.

MMAF
Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham addresses …

(From page 1)
Chairpersons and officials of subcommittees submitted reports on their preparations.

Members of the central committee Union Ministers discussed matters related to releasing news, performance of activities at dinner, facts to be included in the national objectives and message.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham in his concluding remarks said hundreds of national races have long been living in the country through thick and thin. The Union Day ceremony should be held in essence, he said. He instructed to erect attractive billboards and LED boards. He called for foolproof security at the ceremony and coordinating among the subcommittees for successful holding of the ceremony.

The meeting then came to an end. —MNA

General Min Aung Hlaing visits Chulachomklao Royal Military Academy

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Jan—Myanmar Tatmadaw goodwill delegation led by Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing visited Chulachomklao Royal Military Academy (CRMA) of Royal Thai Army by helicopter from Royal Thai Army yesterday morning.

On arrival at the CRMA, they were welcomed by Commandant of CRMA Lt-Gen Danai Meechowevt and officials. Afterwards, General Min Aung Hlaing took the salute of guard of honour and inspected the guard. Then, he laid wreath at the King Chulachomklao Statue. At the museum of the CRMA, the commandant explained background history and training to General Min Aung Hlaing. After that, General Min Aung Hlaing and the commandant exchanged gifts. General Min Aung Hlaing signed visitor’s book. Myanmar delegation looked round CRMA museum and CRMA.

MNA

Foreign gas and oil companies to invest in energy sectors

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Jan—International companies show strong interests to make cooperation and technological investments in oil and gas exploration and petrochemical-based industries being run by Ministry of Energy.

Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay met with Chairman Mr Kazuo Furukawa of New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization (NEDO) of Japan and party, Chairman of Japan Oil, Gas and Metals National Corporation Mr Hirobumi Kawano and party, Senior Vice President of LG International Corporation of the Republic of Korea Mr Song Chi Ho and party, at his office here this morning and afternoon. At the calls, The minister and officials explained investment opportunities.

MNA

Medical Research Conference continues for third day

YANGON, 11 Jan—Medical Research Conference today continued for third day at Medical Research Department (Lower Myanmar) in Dagon Township in progress.—MNA

Union Health Minister receives Alternate Chair of AusAID, Vice-Chairman of Asia Society

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Jan—Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin received Alternate Chair of the Three Diseases Fund Donor Consortium of Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID), First Secretary Ms Shaanti Sekhon from Australian Embassy, at 10 am today, at Minister’s office and Vice-Chairman of Asia Society Mrs Suzanne Di Maggio and party, at 11 am on same day and at same venue respectively.

The Union Minister held a discussion with AusAID on health projects to meet Millennium Development Goals including maternal, infant, child health project, preventive measures against infectious diseases, upgrading of health care standard, immunization, rural health care, upgrading of laboratory.

In meeting with Asia Society, the discussion focused on cooperation in health care, opportunity, ways to receive more aids from international organizations, training and cooperation in rural health development and maternal, infant and child health care.

It was also attended by Deputy Minister Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin, Director-General Dr Tun Naing Oo of Health Department, Director-General Dr Than Zaw Myint of Medical Sciences Department and officials.

MNA
Union Transport Minister meets Japanese guests

NAV PTY TAW, 11 Jan—Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung received a delegation led by Member of House of Councillors of Japan Mr Koizumi Toshiaki at the ministry here this morning. They discussed matters related to installation of six storm sensor radars, sending Japanese panel to survey river conservation along the Ayeyawady and the Chindwin Rivers and upgrading of Yangon International Airport.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister U Win Shein and officials.—MNA

Aids provided to Myaungmya suburbs

NAV PTY TAW, 11 Jan—A coordination meeting on effective application of agricultural studies for Region and State Managers of Myanmar Agriculture Service and Principals of Institute of Agriculture took place at the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, here, this morning.

In his speech, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing said that the ministry is undertaking the seed production, training and education and research and development tasks. He stressed the need to disseminate knowledge on growing of paddy and suitable crops at the school owned farmlands through good agriculture pattern. Those who were turned out from the Institutes of Agriculture are to be trained for serving interest of the farmers, he said.

He said that it is necessary to distribute Palethwe hybrid paddy strain and GAP to the farmers.

Deputy Minister U Ohn Than made a speech.

After the meeting, Managing Director U Kyaw Win of Myanma Agriculture Service, principals of the institute and Region and State Managers of MAS visited the 500-acre model plot in Pobbathiri Township and 369-acre model plot in Pyinnmana Township.—MNA

Union ECF Minister receives foreign guests

NAV PTY TAW, 11 Jan—Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun received a delegation led by New York-based Asia Society Vice-President Mrs Suzanne Di Maggio at the ministry here this morning.

The meeting focused on environmental conservation, conservation of biodiversity and human resources development. The minister also received a delegation led by Director of Wildlife Conservation Society (Asia) Mr Colin Poole at the same venue in the afternoon. Among the topics discussed at the meeting were wildlife conservation, maintenance of forest reserves and staff’s capacity building.

Also present at the calls were Director-General of Planning and Statistics Department U Sann Lwin, Acting Director-General of Forest Department U Aye Myint Maung and Deputy Director-General of Planning and Statistics Department U Tin Tun.—MNA

Talks on “Investment and Public Companies” on 29 Jan

YANGON, 11 Jan—Under the arrangement of Myanmar Certified Public Accountants Association, Director U Tin Ko of Directorate of Myanmar Investment and Companies Administration and Chairman of MCPA U Win Thin will give talks on “Investment and Public Companies”, at No.29, Minyekyawswa Road, Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry in Lammadow Township, Yangon on 29 January.

Those wishing to attend it are to enroll at MCPA office located at No.1/19, Thakin Mya Park Road, Union Auditor-General’s Office, Yangon Training School, not later than 25 January. The certified public accountants who attend the talks get recommendation for CPE hour. CPA Part III trainers are to register before the designated date. People across States and Regions may dial Ph-214663 for registration.—MNA

Golden land Myanmar attracting great attention of tourists

By Ko Gyi Tha

Thanks to rapid progress of Myanmar, this year’s visits of tourists to the nation are raising than that of previous years. Recently, I have learnt that organizations and media abroad ticked Myanmar as one of the top countries which are the best tourist destinations across the world in 2012. In fact, it was the good news. A large number of tourists visit Myanmar through airports, sea ports and border gates. To ensure smooth and convenient visits of the tourists, the government has relaxed the tourist visa system. At present, arrangements are being made for enabling the tourists to pay easy and smooth visits to Myanmar through e-Visa system.

A person who witnessed the daily visits of larger number of tourists at Shwedagon Pagoda said, “Since recent months and days, I have seen larger number of tourists at the pagoda. I am pleased to read the news and information in newspapers and journals about yearly and monthly increasing of tourists. I think the visit of larger number of tourists may depend on development and changes in political sector of the nation. The tourists very prefer smiling faces and attitude of Myanmar people. I have an experience that a tourist group very preferred a baby being carried by the mother on the platform of Shwedagon Pagoda and took photos of the baby from various points of view. Such circumstance was like a scene that paparazzi take photo of a renowned actress in competitiveness. About 10 foreigner took photo of the child.”

To be able to maintain the increasing number of tourists, it is necessary to upgrade services in security, transport, hotel, communication, reclamation of new tourism zone and health sectors with the expectation of raising greater number of tourists in the future.

The Myanmar Investment Commission and the Office of the Quartermaster-General invited local and foreign investors to submit proposal tenders for buildings and land plots in Yangon so as to put investments in the hotels and tourism services. Likewise, those who have taken land plots for establishment of new hotels zone and for construction of hotels in States and Regions were urged to implement their plans as soon as possible. On completion of all plans, the tourists will enjoy more and more convenience in the tourism sector. *****

Translation: TTA
Breastfed babies ‘are more cranky and cry more’

Scientists say breastfed babies ‘are more cranky and cry more’ compared to formula-fed babies, according to a study published in the Journal of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics.

The study, led by researchers at the University of California, Davis, found that breastfed babies are more likely to be fussy and cry more than formula-fed babies.

The researchers followed 1,000 babies from birth to age 12 months and found that breastfed babies cried more frequently than formula-fed babies. The difference was most pronounced in the first few weeks of life.

Breastfeeding also helps to improve the health of both the mother and baby. It provides important nutrients and antibodies that help to protect against infections and diseases.

Still, some parents may be concerned about their baby’s behavior. If you’re worried about your baby’s crying, it’s important to remember that every baby is different and some babies are simply more fussy than others. If your baby is healthy and gaining weight, there’s no need to worry. If you have any concerns about your baby’s health, talk to your pediatrician.

US ships ‘in second rescue of Iranians in Gulf’

Both incidents come at a time of heightened tensions between Washington and Tehran.

In the latest incident, the Iranians were some 50 miles (90km) south-east of the US port of Umm Qasr when they got into trouble early on Tuesday, Mr Little said.

The crew used flares and flashlights to halt the passing Iranian ship Monomoy, the vessel’s master indicated “that the engine room was flooding and [the ship was] not seaworthy,” Mr Little added.

The Pentagon said the Iranian marines would be repatriated, although it has not yet been determined how. Last Thursday, forces assigned to the John C Stennis aircraft carrier group – on its way to the Gulf from Afghanistan – received a distress call from the Al Molai fishing vessel.

Asbos ban Trowbridge pensioners from feeding pigeons

Pensioners have been banned from feeding pigeons in Trowbridge, Wiltshire.

The council said the women were not feeding birds “in an antisocial and dangerous way of communicating their hunger”.

A spokesperson for Wiltshire Council said they had been emptying carrier bags of the birds’ droppings in the town for the past few days.

The council said the women’s feeding habits had also led to littering and “excessive damage to a pedestrian pavement” and “excessive over the past 10 years, according to the council. The volume of faeces produced by pigeons “has resulted in a high volume of litter being produced in the area, hindering the process, forcing the ice-breaker to double back to rescuer the path. The scale of the mission is unprecedented for the US Coast Guard. In the Arctic, Commander Greg Tlapa told the Associated Press.

The pigeon population in the county town has increased excessively over the past 10 years, according to the council. And the reason for this increase is not yet known. The council said the action was “in the interest of public health”.

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Alaska snow and ice cuts off Cordova and Nome

The US ship, the Healy, is currently seeing the findings might be a concern for the US Coast Guard and Russian vessels are attempting to reach Nome, which has been cut off by ice and is facing a fuel shortage. The US ship, the Healy, is attempting to path through a path in the Bering Sea, ahead of a Russian tanker called Renda which is carrying 1.3 million gallons (4.9 million litres) of oil. But shifting ice up to 3ft thick in the area is hindering the process, forcing the ice-breaker to double back to rescue a path. The scale of the mission is unprecedented for the US Coast Guard in the Arctic, Commander Greg Tlapa told the Associated Press.

The ship had been boarded by pirates in the Arabian Sea more than a month ago, and its crew had been kept in “harsh conditions”, the Pentagon said at the time.

Skyscrapers ‘linked with impending financial crashes’

London's Shard will soon be the tallest building in Western Europe.— Internet

India also has 14 skyscrapers under construction. ‘Often the world’s tallest buildings are simply the edifice of a broader skyscraper building boom, reflecting a widespread misallocation of capital and an impending economic correction,’ Barclays Capital analysts said. The bank noted that the world’s first skyscraper, the Equitable Life building in New York, was completed in 1873 and coincided with a five-year recession. It was demolished in 1912. Other examples include Chicago’s Willis Tower (which was formerly known as the Sears Tower) in 1974, just as there was an oil shock and the US dollar’s grip on gold was abandoned. And Malaysia’s Petronas Towers in 1997, which coincided with the Asian financial crisis. The findings might be a concern for investors, who are currently seeing the construction of what will be Western Europe’s tallest building, the Shard. That will be 1,073ft (321m) tall on completion.— Internet
**NGO warns of poor air quality in Mexico City**

**MEXICO CITY**, 11 Jan—Airborne pollutants have been increasing in Mexico City, making the Mexican Capital the world’s fourth most polluted city, an NGO warned on Tuesday. Particles have been above safe levels since 2004, but in 2009 and 2010, they exceeded the annual average, said Gustavo Alanis, director of the Mexican Environmental Law Centre (Cemda).

The director blamed the deteriorating air quality on low temperatures, traffic chaos, high sulphur fuel use and obsolete environmental standards for emissions control. The use of high sulphur fuel has led to a surge in the concentration of the pollutants most harmful to health, Alanis said. Mexican air quality in the capital city is less rigid than those from local inhabitants the wrong message, Alanis added.—Xinhua

**Brazil rescuers find more landslide dead in Rio state**

**Jamapara**, 11 Jan—Brazilian rescuers digging through mud that buried homes in Rio de Janeiro State have found a further four bodies, bringing the number of victims to 12. It is believed several people could still be buried in Jamapara. The landslide happened in the same area where a dam burst last week, forcing thousands from their homes.

The government on Monday launched an emergency plan to deal with the torrential rains which have also hit Minas Gerais and Espirito Santo states. Rescuers in Jamapara, in Sapucaia, some 145km (90 miles) north of Rio, have been using machinery to dig through the mounds of soil and debris. Sniffer dogs have also been trying to locate people in the mud. The hillside collapsed on several homes, with a sound like an explosion, local residents said.

Among the victims was a family who had taken shelter in their car, fearing their house could be swept away by floodwaters.

Heavy rains and landslides are not uncommon in the mountainous area of Rio de Janeiro state. A year ago, more than 1,300 people died or went missing during a particularly wet season.

**Peru replaces controversial drug tsar**

**Lima**, 11 Jan—Peru, one of the world’s largest producers of cocaine, has replaced its drug tsar, Ricardo Soberon. He had come under criticism last year for temporarily suspending coca eradication efforts in the Huallaga region, where much coca is grown. Mr Soberon said the eradication programme had not had much success.

The move raised concerns about Peru’s commitment to the fight against the illegal growing of coca, the raw material for making cocaine. Mr Soberon’s successor is Carmen Masias, who has said she thinks the destruction of coca crops is a vital part of the fight against drugs. She has previously worked for an anti-drug charity, which is partly funded by the United States.

In August 2011, Mr Soberon said that coca eradication in Huallaga would be halted while his office re-evaluated the eradication programme. The move caused concern in the United States, which helps finance the Peruvian eradication efforts.

In October, Chief of Intelligence of the US Drug Enforcement Administration Rodney Benson told a Congressional hearing that “although Colombia remains over a decade, the US government estimates that Peru has surpassed Colombia in potential pure cocaine production.”

The eradication suspension was quickly reversed. The then interior minister, Oscar Valdes, who is now prime minister, ordered its resumption less than a week after it had been stopped. Much of the cocaine produced in Peru is trafficked to neighbouring countries and to Europe.—Internet

**Three missing in South Korean boat fire in Antarctic**

**Wellington**, 11 Jan—Three crew members from a South Korean fishing boat are missing after their vessel caught fire in Antarctica, officials say.

The Jeong Woo 2 is still burning and appears to be sinking, the Rescue Coordination Centre New Zealand says. Another 37 fishermen were rescued, but at least two of them are said to have serious burns. The ship got into trouble in the Ross Sea, about 600km (375 miles) north of the US McMurdo Antarctic base. Two other South Korean fishing vessels have found a further four homes in Rio de Janeiro State.

**Braziers**

Two other South Korean fishing vessels got into trouble in the Ross Sea, about 600km (375 miles) north of Rio, have been stuck due to ice and fog conditions. The Jeong Woo 2 issued a distress call early on Wednesday. However, the three missing fishermen are believed to have died in the fire, the KRCNZ says. It adds that a US research vessel – which has onboard medical facilities – is “steaming north” to help the injured, as the two rescue boats remain stuck due to ice and fog conditions.

The incident happened about 3,700km (2,300 miles) south-east of New Zealand. The Jeong Woo 2 was built in Japan and is registered in Busan, South Korea, according to the Associated Press News Agency.—Internet

**Johannesburg university stampede kills one**

**Johannesburg**, 11 Jan—One person has died after a stampede broke out among crowds of people trying to enrol at a university in the South African city of Johannesburg.

“There was a person that was deceased,” University of Johannesburg (UJ) spokesman Herman Esterhuizen said. The victim was said to be the mother of a prospective student. More than 180,000 high school graduates are expected to be turned away from South Africa’s nine top universities this year, said the Times newspaper.

It said about 74,000 students would fail to win a place at the University of Johannesburg alone. Soaring unemployment has added to the pressure on place numbers, says the BBC’s Andrew Harding in South Africa. Tuesday’s incident occurred as students queued for last-minute places at the university, registrar Marie Muller told eNews channel. On Monday alone 5,000 registered in person for last minute places, and applicants waited through the night.

The stampede apparently happened just after the main gate was opened at 07:30 local time (05:30 GMT), emergency services spokeswoman Nana Radebe was quoted as saying. The dead woman had suffered severe head and chest trauma, reports say. Two people are also said to have been seriously injured.—Internet

**Motor shoes with wheels developed for commuting**

**Las Vegas**, 11 Jan—A pair of motorised shoes with wheels have been developed by Action Line Inc to help pedestrians get to their destinations faster, while having more fun along the way. So-KXY is the brainchild of Peter Treadway, who came up with the idea after he had trouble finding parking in Los Angeles, California.

The BBC’s Matt Danzico had an opportunity to sit down with Mr Treadway at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, Nevada.—Internet

**Crested macaque monkeys’ follow friends before family**

**Portsmouth**, 11 Jan—Crested macaque monkeys look to their friends for “guidance” more readily than to their family, according to scientists. The University of Portsmouth team that made this discovery measured how quickly one monkey would follow the gaze of another. Guidance is very important in macaque society - helping the animals to find food or spot potential danger. The findings are published in the journal Animal Behaviour.

They reveal, the researchers say, the importance of friendship in complex societies, where animals live together and rely on one another. “We [study these primates] to try to explain how our own social system evolved,” explained lead researcher Jerome Micheletta from the University of Portsmouth. “We want to know why we humans form groups and... social relationships.”

Mr Micheletta, who is studying the behaviour of macaques as part of his PhD, said that previous research on social primes had already shown how important friendship was in terms of “fitness, reproductive success and the reduction of stress”. “But there’s little evidence about how social relationships and friendship actually affect behaviour,” he explained to BBC Nature. To find this out, he and his colleagues studied the animals’ habits of following the gaze of another. The team worked with captive monkeys at Marwell Wildlife Zoological Park in Hampshire. During the experiments, the scientists had to wait for two macaques to sit together, facing one another.—Internet
said Brown.—

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San Diego Police Department

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according to a new study in

Tuesday's Journal of the

American Medical

Association. After a study of

5,115 American adults over

two decades, researchers

from the University of

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found the lung capacity of

people who smoked marijuana

was not diminished, even

among those who smoked

once or twice a week.

One of the main reasons

why marijuana smoking is

simply isn’t as damaging as

tobacco. This finding should

reassure doctors and patients

for use marijuana in medical

treatment, said Dr Mark

Pletcher, the lead author of

the study. However, that does

not mean people from now on

can bag in smoking marijuana

without worrying anything,

the researchers warned.

Marijuana contains a lot of

the same toxins as tobacco, and

smoker can develop

throat irritation, coughs and

and smoker can develop

other disorders for frequent

use, they added.

Xinhua

How rhinos’ little feet carry their bulky bodies

London, 11 Jan — How

rhinos, one of the heaviest land

animals, use their stumpy little

feet to distribute their weight

have left scientist puzzled for

decades. Now researchers from the Royal Veterinary College (RVC) have

taken a closer look at this mystery. They studied three Colchester Zoo

rhinos have been trained to walk

across a hi-tech track that is

packed full of sensors.

This will allow the researchers to measure the pressure and forces in their

rhinos’ feet to reveal how the

weight is distributed.

“Rhino feet are a bit of a

mystery to us,” the BBC

quoted Prof John Hutchinson,

from the Royal Veterinary College (RVC) structure and

motion laboratory as saying.

“Theres a little bit known

about their anatomy and their

health, but nothing that is

known about the mechanics

of their feet, the physics, the

physiology, the detailed

anatomy or the behaviour of

how they use their feet,” he

stated.

The animals are given a

signal - a gentle touch on the

horsecloth - so that they

walk through a small, narrow

enclosure, which has been

fitted with the pressure track.

“The pressure pads

measure the amount of force

per unit area that the rhinos are

placing on individual regions

of their feet at a high

resolution,” said Prof

Hutchinson.

Dr Olga Panagiotopoulo-

poulos, who is also working

on the study, is interested in

looking at the differences

between how elephants and

rhinos carry their weight.

Elephants have five toes that

point forwards, giving them a

tailor-fit stance, as well as

a roughly discovered sixth

“false toe” that points

towards their heel, and a

squishy pad at the back.

Rhinos have three rigid toes,

with a more evenly spread

pad across their feet.

“Our preliminary results

show that there is a difference

in the distribution of weight

between an elephant and a

rhino’s foot,” said Dr

Panagiotopoulou.

“Elephants generate the

highest pressure on the

outside part of the feet, whereas rhinos have the

highest pressures on the

inside part. The next step is to

try to see if there are any anatomical differences or

differences in the loco-

mechanics to account for this,” he added.
Two-year-old gives police dad’s hiding place

Police in Florida said a 2-year-old boy claimed officers into his wanted father’s hiding spot in the attic.

St Petersburg police said officers went to the home of Yader Gjeloshi, who was wanted for violating his probation, Saturday afternoon and the mother of his child, Megan Merschen, told them Gjeloshi was not home, the Tampa Bay (Fla.) Times reported Tuesday. However, Merschen admitted Gjeloshi was in the home when the 2-year-old child blurted out that his father was in the attic. Gjeloshi, 29, was arrested and charged with violation of probation and resisting an officer without violence. Merschen, 25, was charged with obstruction. Gjeloshi’s father, Ismet Gjeloshi, 62, answered his son’s phone Sunday and said the police violation stemmed from a miscommunication about Gjeloshi’s court date.

April 2011 arrest, when he was found walking in Peace Park with a loaded handgun in his backpack. “A search of his property revealed a knife, marijuana and drug paraphernalia,” police spokesman Howard Payne said.

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Elton John turns author


The book is due for July release and will be accompanied by an audiobook recorded by the singer himself.

“This is a question I have thought deeply about, and wish to answer — and to help change - by writing this book... This is a disease that must be cured not by a miraculous vaccine, but by changing hearts and minds,” the guardian.co.uk quoted the 64-year-old as saying. John will also share his experiences of losing friends—including Freddie Mercury, who died of an Aids-related illness in 1991 and the teenage activist Ryan White—in the book.

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Coquelin signs new Arsenal contract

Francis Coquelin has put pen to paper on a new long-term contract that will keep him at Arsenal. The 20-year-old has become a regular in Arsene Wenger’s first-team squad this season, and the Gunners have now tied him down to a longer deal at the Emirates Stadium.

Coquelin joined Arsenal in 2008 and spent last year on loan at French side Lorient, and he has made 12 appearances in all competitions for the Gunners this season, seven of those coming in the Barclays Premier League. A statement on the club’s official website (arsenal.com) read: “Coquelin has established himself as a valuable addition to the first team squad this term, putting in a man of the match performance against Tottenham in October and providing excellent cover in both full-back positions. “As well as being a regular for the reserves in recent seasons, he was an integral part of the FA Youth Cup-winning side of 2009 and a key member of the France team to win the European Under-19 Championship a year later. “Everyone at Arsenal looks forward to Francis’ continued contribution to the club in the years to come.” Coquelin does, however, face a spell out of action after suffering a hamstring injury in Arsenal’s 1-0 FA Cup third round victory over Leeds on Monday. — Internet

Francis Coquelin has impressed in both defence and midfield for Arsenal this season.— Internet

Wenger says Henry return was like a dream

LONDON, 11 Jan — Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger admitted the return of Thierry Henry to the Gunners first team was like ‘a dream’. Henry came off the bench to score the only goal of the match in Arsenal’s 1-0 FA Cup third round victory over Leeds at the Emirates Stadium on Monday.

The 34-year-old Frenchman, who played for the club from 1996-2007, was making his second debut for Arsenal, having joined on a two-month loan deal from New York Red Bulls in the United States.

He collected an Alex Song pass 10 minutes after coming on and kept his cool to slot past Leeds keeper Andy Lonergan to book a fourth round home tie against Aston Villa. “It was a bit of a dream, it was like a fairytale about football that you would tell to young children,” said Wenger. “Unfortunately it is not often like that in our game, but sometimes it happens. “You could see when Thierry came on he had a presence on the pitch and if we could find him, he would be dangerous. He was sharp physically. “He was already a legend here and now has added a bit more to the story.” Wenger says he had seen enough of Henry in training to know he could still make a difference for Arsenal, and is delighted by the impact the former Barcelona striker is having on his young squad.

“Thierry is a proud guy, he does not want to disappoint people. He knows he will be compared to what he has done before. That is what champions are about.” Henry is set to make his Barclays Premier League return when Arsenal visit Swansea City’s Liberty Stadium on 15th January. — Internet

Olympic gymnastics test event: Britain’s men qualify for London 2012

LONDON, 11 Jan — Great Britain’s men won the Olympic test event in style to qualify a full team for the Games for the first time since Barcelona 1992. They missed their first chance to qualify for London 2012 at the World Championships in Tokyo, finishing 10th in team qualifying. The squad needed a top-four finish at London’s O2 Arena to secure their spot. And, led by Dan Purvis’s brilliant all-round performance, Britain comfortably beat France to win the event.

Purvis, along with team-mates Daniel Keatings, Louis Smith, Max Whitlock, Kristian Thomas and Ruslan Panteleyev, triumphed with a total of 358.227 points ahead of France, Spain and Italy, who also qualified. Canada, Brazil, Puerto Rico and Belarus missed out. Purvis scored 96.948 for his piece of apparatus to top the individual all-round standings ahead of Thomas, with Keatings third.— Internet

Purvis won bronze at the World Championships in 2010.— Internet

Valentino Rossi considering 2014 retirement from MotoGP

ROME, 11 Jan — Italy’s seven-time MotoGP champion Valentino Rossi is contemplating retiring after the 2014 season. Before he quits, the 32-year-old is keen to bring success to his Ducati team and wants to extend his contract before it expires at the end of 2012. Rossi, who won his last title in 2009, said: “I want a new two-year contract with Ducati, maybe the last, and then I’ll think about how to enjoy myself. “I want to win something — make Ducati grow and then stop.” Last year, Rossi failed to win a MotoGP race for the first time in his career as he finished in seventh place in the championship. He has won nine championships, seven in the premier class, including five consecutive titles from 2001-05 and two more in 2008 and 2009, riding for Honda and Yamaha.

INTERNATIONALSPORTS

Four teams to receive Tour of Italy wildcards

ROM, 11 Jan — Four teams will receive wildcards of this year’s Tour of Italy, organizers announced on Tuesday. The four teams will compete alongside the 18 World Tour teams from 5 to 27 May. Italians Androm Giacotti, Ireland’s Cillagno-Cloex Inox, British champion Valentino Rossi and Germany’s NetApp got the nod which means there will be no place for Acqua & Sapone, who have instead been given a place in the Tirreno-Adriatico, Milano-Sanremo and Tour of Lombardy races.— Xinhua

INTERNET

Roy Hodgson already started bolstering his West Brom squad in January.— Internet

Hodgson delight at Allan capture

LONDON, 11 Jan — West Bromwich Albion manager Roy Hodgson says he is delighted by the impact the former Scotland left-back has made since joining from Dundee United. “It’s been a little bit of a dream, it was like a story about football that you would tell to young children,” said Hodgson. “Unfortunately it is not often like that in our game, but sometimes it happens. “You could see when Scott Allan came on he had a presence on the pitch and if we could find him, he would be dangerous. He was sharp physically. “He was already a legend here and now has added a bit more to the story.”

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QPR name Hughes as new manager

Former Blackburn, Man City and Fulham boss replaces Neil Warnock at Loftus Road

LONDON, 11 Jan — Queens Park Rangers have appointed Mark Hughes as their new manager. The Welshman joins the Loftus Road club on a two-and-a-half year contract two days after they parted company with former boss Neil Warnock. Hughes will take first-team training for the first time on Tuesday afternoon after the rest of his backroom staff, including Mark Bowen, Eddie Niedzwiecki and Kevin Hitchcock, who have also been appointed: “It’s a great feeling to be back in football and to be the manager of QPR,” Hughes told the club’s official website (qpr.co.uk). “I’m fully aware of the challenge in the short and long term and I am genuinely excited about the ambition of the owners. “Now the immediate priority is to consolidate our place in the Barclays Premier League, but beyond that, the future is very bright and fills me with great enthusiasm.” QPR are 17th in the Barclays Premier League after winning promotion from the Championship last season, hovering one point and one place above the relegation zone. Hughes left his last role as Fulham manager at the end of the 2010-11 season, and before that had been in charge at Manchester City, Blackburn Rovers and with the Wales national team.

QPR chairman Tony Fernandes added: “Mark has a proven track record in the Premier League, bringing a wealth of experience at both club and international level. “He has a great passion to achieve as a manager and has already been hugely successful in his career. “His ambitions match those of the board and we are delighted to have him at the helm.” Hughes’ first match in charge of QPR will be a Barclays Premier League trip to Newcastle United at the Sports Direct Arena on Sunday. — Internet

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**Bomber enters Afghan police chief compound but misses**

_A 13-year-old teenage bomber managed to slip through tight security into police headquarters in Afghanistan’s southern Kandahar province on Wednesday, but blew himself up before he could reach the police chief he was targeting, authorities said._

A policeman was wounded in the attack, which came less than a year after a suicide bomber successfully killed previous Kandahar police chief Khan Mohammad Mujahid in his compound, an attack the Taleban said they had ordered.

The assault raises concerns about security in an area that was the birthplace of the Taleban and has been a focus of efforts by a surge of US troops to boost Afghan government control in the south.

“The 15-year-old boy had a letter for me and wanted to meet me,” police chief Abdul Raziq told reporters. “But as soon as he got near my office a policeman noticed he (had explosives) and started to shoot him,” Raziq said, adding that the bomber detonated his explosives on the spot.

Raziq said an investigation was underway to see how the adolescent bomber managed to pass several layers of security with explosives strapped on his body._

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**Pakistani PM sacks defence secretary, tension rises**

_ISLAMABAD, 1 Jan—Pakistan’s prime minister has sacked the defence secretary, his office said on Wednesday, in a move likely to ratchet up tension with the powerful military and raise fears of instability in a country vital to efforts to bring peace to Afghanistan._

The decision comes during intense friction between the civilian government and the army over an unsigned memo that needs the defence secretary on his side.—_Reuters_

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**District News**

**Talk on anti-human trafficking given**

_YANGON, 11 Jan—Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) General Administration Department organised a talk on prevention against trafficking in person on 26 December morning._

Police Major (Staff) of Yangon East District Police Force explained matters related to anti-human trafficking.

In charge of World Vision social association U Soe Than replied to questions on prevention against trafficking in person raised by those present.—_Myanma Alin_

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**Babies, model mothers awarded**

_PAYAWBWE, 11 Jan—A baby show and model mother contest, organized by Payawbwe Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association was held at the District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Office in Payawbwe on 4 January._

Chairperson of the District MCWSC Daw Htar Htar Win, Chairperson of Township MCWA Daw Myint Myint Htoo and officials awarded winners in the baby show and model mother contest.—_Township_

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**Traffic rules explained**

_HOMES, 11 Jan—Talks on traffic rules and road users were held at Withthodhi Monastery in Homesub-Township of Lankho District on 7 December._

Township Administrator U Ye Lwin explained traffic rules and road disciplines. IP Yin Aye of Myanmar Police Force talked about declining of traffic accidents and Ward 2 Administrator U San Aung, curbing traffic danger in Shan language.—_Township_

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**Separate attacks kill 10 in northern Mexico**

_MEXICO CITY, 11 Jan—At least 10 people were killed in separate attacks in the northern Mexican State of Chihuahua overnight Tuesday, local authorities said. Ciudad Juarez City police chief Juan Pablo Soria was killed in an attack Tuesday morning in a market where five civilians were also wounded in a shooting, said the authorities._

According to initial investigation, a heavily armed gunman arrived in a van with high-impact weapons and fired at a group of policemen, who then returned fire at Soria’s order. Local top defence bureaucrat, was fired for “gross misconduct and illegal action which created misunderstanding” between institutions.

Distrust between civilian leaders and the generals has bedeviled the nuclear-armed South Asian country for almost all of its existence, with the military ruling for more than half of its 64-year history after a series of coups.

A senior military official told Reuters the latest tension was “very serious.” Lodhi was replaced by cabinet secretary Nargis Sethi, who is considered close to Gilani.

If Gilani decides to dismiss the army or intelligence chiefs — arguably the two most powerful men in the country — he needs the defence secretary on his side.—_Myanma Alin, Reuters_
Two people including one from KNU killed, 11 wounded in bomb blast in Anankwin Village of Kyain-seikkyi Township

Injured undergoing medical treatment at Thanbyuzayat, Mawlamyine hospitals

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