Our Three Main National Causes
* Non-disintegration of the Union
* Non-disintegration of National Solidarity
* Perpetuation of Sovereignty

Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo addresses meeting on development of Naga region

YANGON, 28 Jan—The Yangon City Electricity Supply Board will cut off electricity supply temporarily from 9 am to 1 pm on 29 January to clear tree branches catching 33 KV power grid that links Nyaunghnapin water refinery of city water supply project (Ngamoyeik) and Hlawga sub-power station.

The Yangon City Development Affairs Committee announced that there will be temporary water cutoff in Aung Mingala bus terminal, and North Okkalapa, South Okkalapa, Thingangyun, Dagon Myothit (East, South and North), Thakayta and Dawbon townships consuming water from Nyaunghnapin water refinery from 9 am to 6 pm on 29 January, giving advice to fetch water in advance.

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Zabuthiri Stadium to complete in Dec

YANGON, 28 Jan — Secretary of Myanmar National Sports Committee Deputy Minister for Sports U Aye Myint Kyu visited the construction site of Zabuthiri Stadium which has a seating capacity of 30,000 in Zabuthiri Township yesterday. During the visit, he inspected construction sites and a swimming pool. The stadium is expected to complete in December. — MNA

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Yenwe Chaung Bridge over Yenwe Creek opens in Bago Region

NAV PHTAW, 28 Jan — A bridge over the Yenwe Creek in Kyaukdaga Township in Bago District was opened today to help easy access between the eastern and western parts of Bago Region and move goods and transportation services as it connects the road network of the country.

Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win, Bago Region Transportation Minister U Tun Wai, Bago Region Social Affairs Minister Dr. Kyaw Oo and Managing Director of the Public Works U Kyaw Linn formally opened the bridge and Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint unveiled the signboard of the bridge.

The bridge would benefit the local people, said Chief Minister of Bago Region U Nyan Win in his address at the opening ceremony of the bridge.

He also urged the local people to take part in conservation of the bridge for its durability.

In his address at the opening ceremony, Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint called on trucks to carry designated weight as the roads across the country are designed in accordance with the loads carried by trucks.

A truck is allowed to carry 10 tons of load in accordance with the ASEAN Standard.

The bridge is one of the ten bridges which are 180 ft and above long inaugurated during the time of the government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and has become the fourth in Bago Region.

It would also help economic, social, education, health and administration of the region.

The clearance of the bridge is 105 ft wide and 10 ft high.

A conduit pipe which is 20 foot in circumference is constructed on the approach road to let the overflow water of the creek pass through it when the creek is in flood.

Work on constructed of the bridge started on 12, March, 2011, by the Public Works of the Ministry of Construction.

Course on drawing and implementation of plans (official level) concludes

NAV PHTAW, 28 Jan—Course No.1/2012 for drawing and implementation of plans (official level) was concluded at the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein stressed the need for including the objectives of regions and states and the requirements of organizations and the people as well as international situations in drawing plans.

The course lasted from 21 to 28 January and it was attended by 66 officers.—MNA

Officials discuss holding Conference on development policy options for education, Health

Nay Pyi Taw, 28-Jan — A coordination meeting on holding Conference on Development Policy Options with Special Reference to Education and Health in progress.—MNA

Zaw Zaw Latt clinches title in Road to Victory

Yangon, 28 Jan—The fourth round of the Road to Victory golf tournament, a qualifier for the Zaykabar Myanmal Open 2012, continued at Royal Mingalardon Golf & Country Club in Mingalardon Township yesterday morning.

At the prize presentation ceremony, Vice-President of Myanmar Golf Federation U Tin Oo presented prizes to daily best scorers.

Vice-President of MGF U Zaw Min gave the second prize to Thein Zaw Myint who fired 288 strokes and Chairman of Myanmar Senior PGA U San Naung, the joint second prize to Nay Bal Win Myint with 288.

Patron of MGF Maj-Gen Win Hlaing (Retd) presented a cheque worth K 2 million to Zaw Zaw Latt who stood first with a six-under-par 282.

Later, those present were served with dinner.—MNA
Romney, Gingrich face off in final debate before Florida primary

WASHINGTON, 28 Jan—Republican presidential candidates Mitt Romney and Newt Gingrich exchanged fires Thursday night in the final debate before the Florida primary. The former Massachusetts governor and the former House speaker clashed with each other on the issue of illegal immigration immediately after the debate, which also pitted Texas congressman Ron Paul and former Pennsylvania Senator Rick Santorum, kicked off on the campus of the University of North Florida.

Commenting on Romney’s recent remarks that illegal immigrants could be pressured into practicing “self-deportation,” Gingrich said he thinks the idea is unworkable when it comes to older illegal immigrants who have been here for a long time. Romney touted the idea of “self-deportation” in Monday night’s debate, arguing that illegal immigration can be curbed by denying public benefits to them. The former governor also called Gingrich’s allegations that he is anti-immigrant “inexcusable.”

“I think the idea that I’m anti-immigrant is repulsive,” he said. “It’s simply the kind of over-the-top rhetoric that characterized American politics too long.”

Illegal immigration is a hot issue in Florida, where people of Hispanic origin make up 22.5 percent of the state’s population, compared with 16.3 percent of the US population, according to census data from 2010. The voting bloc is critical for a candidate not only in the primaries but also in general elections.

During the debate, Romney and Gingrich also attacked each other over their respective connections to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. The two mortgage giants blamed to be responsible for the collapse of the housing market. This particularly an issue in Florida, which has one of the highest foreclosure rates in the nation. “Speaker Gingrich was hired by Freddie Mac to promote them, to influence other people throughout Washington,” Romney said.

In response, Gingrich said Romney was covering up his own investments in the two mortgage giants. “We discovered to our shock that Governor Romney owns shares of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac,” he said.

Iran seeks to halt oil exports to EU: lawmaker

TEHRAN, 28 Jan—Iran’s Majlis (Parliament) is to discuss a bill on Sunday that seeks to halt its oil exports to the European Union (EU), a local state channel Press TV reported on Friday.

Iranian lawmakers will discuss the bill that calls for a ban of oil exports to the EU as early as next week, House Speaker Ebrahim Raesi, deputy head of the Majlis National Security and Foreign Policy Committee, was quoted by Press TV as saying.

In reference to the EU’s decision to embargo Iran’s oil, the lawmaker called the new sanction measures a “psychological war,” the implementation of which remains uncertain. Nasser Soudani, a member of Iran’s Majlis Energy Commission, said Wednesday that in a preemptive move, the Iranian parliament is mulling over a plan to halt its oil exports to the EU member states.

“Majlis representatives are seeking to approve a plan, according to which all European countries that have imposed sanctions against Iran will not be able to buy even one drop of oil from Iran,” Soudani said.

The foreign ministers of the EU countries on Monday decided to ban Iran’s oil and oil products, causing investors to worry about global oil supplies as Tehran has threatened in retaliation to close the Strait of Hormuz, a key shipping lane for the trade. Major EU importers of Iran’s oil, such as Greece, Italy and Spain, have until July 1, when the embargo comes into force, to find alternative oil suppliers. Ali-Abar Velayati, top advisor to Iran’s supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, warned Thursday that “no one can sell oil if Iran cannot.”

Members of a Chinese Navy honour guard attend a welcoming ceremony at Bayt Building in Beijing. Internet

China has repeatedly cancelled planned military exchanges with the United States to protest US arms sales to Taiwan. China claims the self-governing island, while US domestic law requires providing Taiwan means of self-defence. China lodged a formal protest in September when President Barack Obama’s administration approved a $5.85 billion upgrade of Taiwan’s aging fighter-jets. But US officials said that there was minimal impact on military ties, amid criticism by some Taiwan supporters that Obama did not authorise fresh shipments. US officials have repeatedly urged greater defence cooperation with China as a way to avoid unintended incidents as Beijing is rapidly expanding its military and US forces operate throughout Asia.

Gunmen kill 15 businessmen in northern state of Nigeria

LAGOS, 28 Jan—Gunmen killed 15 businessmen in Nigeria’s northern state of Zamfara, local police reported on Friday.

The business owners were slain late Thursday in their village, police said in a report monitored here. The attack was the latest in a series since the beginning of the year. In the culmination of violence mostly in northern Nigeria, curfew was imposed in several states.
New biochip measures glucose level from saliva

WASHINGTON, 28 Jan—For millions of diabetics around the world, drawing blood is the most prevalent method of checking glucose levels, an invasive and rather painful method. New Brown University researchers are working on a new sensor that can check blood sugar levels by measuring glucose concentrations in saliva instead.

The technique takes advantage of a convergence of nanotechnology and surface plasmonics, which explore the interaction of electrons and photons (light atoms), the Journal Nano Letters reports.

Brown engineers etched thousands of plasmonic interferometers onto a fingernail-size biochip and measured the concentration of glucose molecules in water on the chip, according to a Brown statement.

Interferometers are instruments that measure biomolecular interactions, wavelengths, very small distances and thicknesses in various scientific disciplines. "The approach of plasmonic interferometers can be used to detect molecules in low concentrations, using a footprint that is 10 times smaller than a human hair," said Steve K斯坦of Columbia, a professor of engineering at Brown, who led the study.

Simple blood test may provide early diagnosis of Alzheimer’s

WASHINGTON, 28 Jan—Scientists have discovered a new promising way to diagnose Alzheimer’s disease more accurately by analysing white blood cells.

Their technique, which is non-invasive, fast and low-cost, measures how much infrared radiation is either emitted or absorbed by white blood cells.

Because of its high sensitivity, this method is able to distinguish between the different clinical stages of disease development thereby allowing reliable diagnosis of both mild and moderate stages of Alzheimer’s disease.

Alzheimer’s disease is the most common form of adult onset dementia and is characterized by the degeneration of the nervous system. In particular, as the disease progresses, the amount of amyloid-beta peptide in the body rises. At present, the most reliable and sensitive diagnostic techniques are invasive, e.g. require analysis of cerebrospinal fluid (the liquid that surrounds the brain and spinal cord).

However, white blood cells (or mononuclear leukocytes) are also thought to carry amyloid-beta peptide in Alzheimer patients.

New technique could unravel malaria’s genetic secrets

WASHINGTON, 28 Jan—Researchers have devised a technique to overcome the genetic oddity of parasite, Plasmodium falciparum, which is the major cause of malaria in humans. This new approach has led researchers at National Jewish Health and Yale University School of Medicine to discover a new gene involved in lipid synthesis, and opens the door to further genetic discovery for the entire organism.

"The malaria genome has been a black box. Our technique allows us to open that box, so that we can learn what genes in the most lethal human parasite actually do," said Dennis Voelker, PhD, Professor of Medicine at National Jewish Health and senior author on the paper.

"This could prove tremendously valuable in the fight against a disease that has become increasingly drug-resistant."

US stocks mixed on US GDP, Greek debt talks

NEW YORK, 28 Jan—The US stocks closed mixed on Friday as US economic growth in the last quarter last year missed the expectation, while the near-conclusion Greek debt talks test optimistic.

The Dow Jones industrial average lost 74.17 points, or 0.58 percent, to 12,660.46. The Standard & Poor’s 500 was 74.17 points, or 0.58 percent, to 12,660.46. The Nasdaq Composite Index fell 174.37 points, or 1.06 percent, to 1,651.56.

"The Dow Jones index retreated as growing fears of a slowdown in the world’s second largest economy, the US, dampened optimism for the global markets," said a market analyst.

Canada’s deficit shrinking faster than expected

OTTAWA, 28 Jan—The Canadian government reported on Friday that the national budget deficit stood at 17.3 billion Canadian dollars in the first eight months of this fiscal year, about 1 billion less than expected.

Last year, the deficit was 26 billion at the same point in the fiscal year. Fall last, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty promised major spending cuts that are expected to be announced in about a month. A committee of key cabinet ministers, working with an outside business consultant, has been reviewing federal programs to look for ways to save money.

As well, staffing in federal departments is expected to be cut by five to ten percent.
Oldest dinosaur nest discovered

SYDNEY, 28 Jan—A 190 million-year-old dinosaur nesting site—the oldest ever—has been unearthed in South Africa.

The discovery of the prosauropod dinosaur Massospondylus has revealed significant clues about the evolution of complex reproductive behaviour in early dinosaurs.

Led by University of Toronto (Mississauga) palaeontologist Robert Reisz, with co-authors Eric Roberts from James Cook University and a group of international researchers, the study describes clutches of eggs, many with embryos, as well as tiny dinosaur footprints. According to the authors, the newly-unearthed dinosaur nest is over 100 million years older than previously known nesting sites.

Roberts, senior lecturer of geology, said the sediments were an incredible source of information about the life and times of early dinosaurs.

"Clues recorded in the rock, such as the tracks of the hatching dinosaurs, traces of ancient ripples and evidence desiccation cracks all suggest that these animals were nesting in a dynamic shoreline environment with fluctuating climate conditions," he said.

Roberts said over 10 nests had been discovered at several levels at the site, each with up to 34 round eggs in tightly clustered clutches.—Internet

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Extraterrestrial life possible but not like that on Earth

JERUSALEM, 28 Jan—An astronomer has said that while we could find life outside of Earth, it is unlikely that it would be intelligent or multi-cellular.

Dr Robin Catchpole, who teaches at the Institute of Astronomy in Cambridge, and was a senior astronomer at the Royal Observatory, said that over the past few decades scientists have slowly become more open to the idea of life existing elsewhere in the universe too.

"In our solar system I think there’s every chance that we will find things like bacteria - life at that level somewhere else. Multi-cellled life, I think, is unlikely," News 24 quoted Catchpole as saying.

"There’s almost a sort of philosophical point that we don’t see ourselves as unique in the universe perhaps in the way that we used to," he said.

"In the last 100 years since Darwin really we’ve seen that we are related to all the other living things. So we would expect not only to find ourselves, of course, but we would expect and anticipate finding life elsewhere," he added.

Technology has allowed astronomers to explore more of the universe and radio telescopes, in particular, have assisted in expanding knowledge.

"With radio telescopes we’ve discovered evidence of molecules - the basic precursors of life - all over the place in interstellar clouds. The more we look, the more we find," said Catchpole. In the past, it was thought that planets around stars were a rare phenomenon, but advances in astronomy have shown that not only are planets common, they are even present around binary stars.—Internet

Male mice sing songs to woo females

WASHINGTON, 28 Jan—Researchers have found that male house mice produce melodious songs to attract potential mates.

The researchers at the University of Veterinary Medicine, Vienna found through spectrographic analyses of the vocalizations of wild house mice, that the songs of male mice contain signals of individuality and kinship. Since the melodies are in the ultra-sonic range human ears cannot detect them.

"It has been known for some time that house mice (Mus musculus) produce ultrasonic vocalizations (USVs) during courtship but it has generally been assumed that these are no more than squawks. However, recent spectrographic analyses have revealed that USVs are complex and show features of songs. Although the vocalizations are inaudible to human ears, when playbacks of recorded songs are slowed down their similarity to bird songs becomes striking," said Lorenz Institute of Ethology and Dustin Penn of the Hoffmann, Kerstin Musolf and Dustin Penn of the Lorenz Institute of Ethology aimed to learn what type of information is contained in males’ songs for the discerning ear of the female mouse to detect.

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Google+ opens up to teenagers

SAN FRANCISCO, 28 Jan—Google on Thursday opened up Google+ to teenagers, just days after loosening the rules about using real names on the social network.

The age limit had previously been 18, but Google vice president for product management Bradley Horowitz announced on Google+ that users could now be as young as 13. Facebook, the world’s leading social network with more than 800 million members, also has an age limit of 13.

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Coca-Cola’s Twitter brand page

Twitter to get Facebook-style brand pages on 1st February

SAN FRANCISCO, 28 Jan—Microblogging site Twitter will begin to roll out "Facebook-style" enhanced brand pages, allowing users to shop and play games, from 1 February according to a 26 January report by Businessinsider.

Twitter quietly launched enhanced profile pages for brands in December 2011; these pages, which were limited to a few companies such as HP and Coca-Cola, gave the brands ‘flashier’ pages that were more in line with their brand image — for example Coca-Cola’s page is red.

However according to Businessinsider, these enhanced pages will, from 1 February, take a turn that is more in the direction of Facebook’s model, enabling brands to build platforms on their pages that, "could include ‘iframe’ environments (a more flexible style of computer programming) which would enable users to play games and shop on a brand’s site without leaving Twitter.

Business Insider simply attributes these rumors to a source "... who received a briefing on the topic from a senior Twitter executive." At the time of writing (11am GMT 27 January), no mention of the proposed changes has appeared on Twitter’s official blog.—Internet

Soon, electric car that folds itself

WASHINGTON, 28 Jan—A tiny, revolutionary, fold-up car designed in Spain’s Basque country, which is said to be the answer to urban stress and pollution, was unveiled Tuesday before it hits European cities in 2013. The "Hiriko," the Basque word for "urban," is an electric two-seater with no doors whose motor is located in the wheels and which folds up like a child’s collapsible stroller for easy parking.

Dreamed up by Boston’s MIT-Media lab, the concept was developed by a consortium of seven small Basque firms under the name HirikoDrivingMobility, with prototype unveiled by European Commission President José Manuel Barroso. Demonstrating for journalists, Barroso clambered in through the fold-up front windscreen of the 5-foot-long (1.5-metre) car. "European ideas usually are developed in the United States. This time an American idea is being made in Europe," Discovery News quoted Gerda Espiun, consortium spokesman as telling agencies.

In makers are in talks with a number of European cities to assemble the tiny cars that can run 75 miles (120 kilometres) without a recharge and whose speed is electronically set to respect city limits.—Internet
French breast implant company boss charged

MARSEILLE, 28 Jan—French officials on Friday charged Jean-Claude Mas, the founder of thePIP breast implant company that sparked a global health scare, with "involuntary injury," his lawyer said. Mas, arrested on Thursday in a manslaughter probe into the company from whom more than 400,000 women worldwide are believed to have received substandard implants, was released on bail of 100,000 euros, lawyer Yves Haddad said.

On Thursday, Mas answered "hundreds of questions," Haddad said, adding the 72-year-old was "very cooperative" and outlined the responsibilities of all company officials and his links with suppliers.

Prosecutors said police also arrested Claude Couty, another former executive at the now-defunct PIP, in southern France. Fears over PIP implants, which were found to contain industrial-grade silicone gel, spread globally late last year after French health authorities advised 30,000 women to have theirs removed because of an increased risk of rupture. Between 400,000 and 500,000 women in 65 countries are believed to have received implants from PIP, once the world’s third-largest silicone implant producer.

A number of countries, including Germany and the Czech Republic, have followed France in recommending the prostheses be removed as a precaution but Britain has said it will not follow suit. Thirteen countries in Europe and Latin America also have urged women to have a check-up.

Indonesian Trade Ministry urges staff to improve English

INDONESIA, 28 Jan—Indonesia’s Trade Ministry wants its employees to improve their English, so they can better communicate with Indonesia’s trading partners.

Its target is for a third of the ministry’s 3,000 staff to get Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) test scores above 600, by the end of the year.

The maximum score for the paper-based TOEFL test is 677.

Mr Gita Wirjawan, who became Trade Minister last October, proposed the idea.

He had implemented a similar policy at the Investment Coordinating Board, or BKPM, which he also heads. He said more than half its staff scored above 600 in the TOEFL test, after taking classes for just over a year.

"I’ve been involved in teaching a lot of my staff at BKPM and I get really disturbed when people think this has nothing to do with performance," he said.

"This has everything to do with performance. Our ability to negotiate with anybody around the world; our ability to be able to trade in a balance manner has to do with our performance," he said.

We have been able to do something at BKPM whereby we have been able to produce about 258 employees out of the 580 to have a TOEFL score of above 600 in just a matter of 12 to 14 months.

"When I joined BKPM we had nobody who had a score of 500 or above in TOEFL."

The Trade Ministry will try to replicate that success, and has set aside US$660,000 for training.

Russian TV channel to broadcast Assange’s talk show

London, 28 Jan—A Russian state-owned television channel has brought the broadcasting rights for WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange’s upcoming talk show, Russia Today, the Kremlin’s English-language propaganda arm, announced it had won exclusive first broadcast rights for the show, titled The World Tomorrow, and was due to begin airing the show in March.

"Our viewers are open to the discussions that will be presented through Julian’s show on our channel," The Guardian quoted the channel’s editor-in-chief, Kremlin loyalist Margarita Simonyan, as saying.

The channel, like the Russian government, has been very supportive of Assange since his arrest for allegedly sexually assaulting two women in Sweden in August 2010.

According to the paper, various interviews for the talk show would be filmed at Ellingham Hall in Norfolk, where Assange has been under house arrest as he awaits a UK Supreme Court hearing on his extradition to Sweden.

The names of the guests have not yet been disclosed.

Assange recently announced his plans to host a global TV talk show while on bail where he will interview "key political players, thinkers and revolutionaries."

Assange said in a statement posted on the WikiLeaks site that the show would examine his subjects “in a deeper and clearer way than has been done before.”

Tired of publicity, says Hillary Clinton

WASHINGTON, 28 Jan—US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton told her State Department employees that she was ready to be out of the public eye. "I think after 20 years -- and it will be 20 years -- of being on the high wire of American politics and all of the challenges that come with that, it would be probably a good idea to just find out how tired I am," the Politico newspaper quoted her as saying.

Clinton, who in the past ran in senatorial and presidential elections, said this time she finds it "a little odd to be totally out of an election season."

The Democratic Party politician also said she did not even watch any of the Republican presidential hopefuls’ debates this year.

She stated earlier that she would not serve in President Barack Obama’s second term.

Floating US base to be deployed in Mideast

WASHINGTON, 28 Jan—The Pentagon is converting an aging warship into a floating base for use by US commands operating in the Middle East, according to a senior Defence Department official.

The USS Ponce, an amphibious transport dock, will be retrofitted into a staging base for Navy special operations forces. The Washington Post first reported the story. "The warship will be manned by a combined crew of Navy officers and enlisted sailors and Military Sealift Command government civilian mariners," said a statement from Lt Commander Mike Kafka at US Fleet Forces. The deployment will fulfill a longstanding request of the US Central Command, the statement said.

One of the highlights in Pentagon budget documents released on Thursday was continued funding for “a new afloat forward staging base that can be dedicated to support missions in areas where ground based access is not available, such as counter-narcotic operations.”

Iran has threatened to close the Strait of Hormuz, a crucial shipping lane for Persian Gulf oil. Mines would be one way for Iran to block the waterway.

FBI software to scan tweets to predict crimes

WASHINGTON, 28 Jan—A US intelligence agency FBI is reportedly developing new software to scan social networks, Twitter and Facebook to look for emerging threats and predict crimes.

The FBI has asked technology firms to create software that can effectively scan the websites for words, phrases and other suspected patterns of users misleading the police. Campaigners for free speech have now raised concerns.

Jennifer Lynch, from the Electronic Frontier Foundation, said it could erode the sense of freedom provided by the internet.

"These tools that mine the whereabouts of criminals. Police in Britain already use Facebook routinely to ascertain the whereabouts of criminals.

Four men enjoy the world’s tallest ride in Guangzhou, South China’s Guangdong Province Jan 18, 2012. The ride is 484 metres high with a 30 metre drop at 80 km per hour.

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Vice-President Thihla Thura U Tin Aung Myint
Oo addresses meeting ...

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As the region still is in food insufficiency, it is
required to provide paddy strains suitable for the region
and crop strains and cultivation methods for growing perennial
grains in addition to currently grown Pasha and rubber for
sustainable economy of the local people.

The region has 100 inches of annual rainfall and it
rains even in summer. Therefore, survey is to be conducted
for generating hydro-electricity on a manageable scale in
groups of villages.

The Vice-President went on to say that for ensuring
food sufficiency and development of education, health and
socio-economy of the Naga national people, a team of
departmental personnel led by the Sagaing Region Minister
for Security and Border Affairs will make a field trip to the
region beginning 3 February. The team has to learn how the
State can render assistance for the long-term socio-eco-
nomic development of the Naga region.

The meeting will discuss preparations to be made by
respective ministries so as to further promote the present
status in which the local nationals themselves have been in
a position to participate in regional executive affairs after the
formation of Naga Self-Administered Zone, said the Vice-
President.

Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanmar
Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay reported on
progress of transport, health, education, water for agricul-
tural purpose, communication and power supply for devel-

gen

Reuters interviews Union Energy Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Jan—To hunt news about
ongoing large projects, works and plans for energy
development of the Ministry of Energy, a media team led by
Chief of Southeast Asia Bureau of the Reuters News
Agency Mr Jason Szep re-

quested an interview with Union
Minister for Energy U Than Htay at the ministry
yesterday morning. The

team was received by the

Union Minister, Deputy

Minister U Soe Aung and

Director-General U Htin Aung.

In the exclusive in-

terview, the Reuters asked

about ongoing, and proposed

massive projects in Myanmar, production capac-

ity of oil and gas, measures

for boosted production,

measures of the ministry for
domestic oil sufficiency, list

of multinational corporations

engaging in inland and off-

shore oil production and their

works, interests of compa-
nies from western countries

including America to invest

in Myanmar’s oil industry,

facts about Myanmar-China

oil and gas pipeline project

and accusations of some or-

ganizations, role of the En-

ergy Ministry in establish-

ing special economic zone,

answered by the Union Min-

ister in detail.—MNA

Second Seminar on International Gastro-Intestinal
and Liver commences

YANGON, 28 Jan—The

opening of the Second Semi-
nar on International Gastro-

Intestinal and Liver of

Gastro-Intestinal and Liver Society of Myanmar Medi-
cal Association was held at the Traders Hotel, here, this
morning, with an address by Chief Minister of Yangon
Region U Myint Swe.

Chairman of MMA Prof

Dr U Kyaw Myint Naing

made a speech. Chairperson

of the society Prof Dr Daw

Than Swe extended
greetings. Prof Dr Daw

Myint Myint Khin discussed

role of developing medical

science and doctors.

After the opening cer-

monies, the Region Chief

Minister and the chairman

of the MMA formally

opened the pharmaceuticals

and medical equipment

book and visited there. The

seminar will last up to 29

January.

The Region Chief

Minister attended the
ceremony to open the

Dhammayon of Nationalities

Youth Resource Develop-

ment Degree College (Yangon) in Dagon Mothit

(Seikkan) Township. The

authorities concerned, de-

partmental officials and

welsheriff family opened the

Dhammayon, and the

Region Chief Minister

unveiled the plaque of the

Dhammayon.

Chairman of State

Sangha Maha Nayaka Com-

mittee Bhaddanta Kumara

Vihavamsa and administered

the Five Precepts.

After the ceremony, the

Region Chief Minister and

party offered alms and meals
to members of the Sangha.

The 80×60×14 feet

Dhammayon together with 300 feet long and 80 feet

wide concrete road was built

at a cost of K 100 million.

MNA

Public warned not to use oral-promise payment in trading

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Jan—The govern-

ment is striving its utmost for national

development and thus has reduced taxes

and amended, canceled and relaxed some

laws to ensure smooth flow of commodi-

ties, investments and businesses.

Oral-promise payment is reported to be used in trading of gold, beans and

corn, paddy, rice, salt and so on

instead of cash-down payment. The same

practice is reported be usual among some

members of Gold Entrepreneurs Asso-

ciation on Shwebontha Street.

Such trading can affect quality

preservation of items sold and cause break of

promises and so many social problems,

with probability of leading to crimes and

posing obstacles for commodity flow,

stability of commodity prices and control

of cash values of the State.

So, it is warned to the public not to use

such payment as it may harm the interests of

the people in case of consequential problems

and urged to use cash-down payment.—MNA

Rural bridge opened in Ywathitgon town...
Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon) creates huge benefits

Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon) was constructed in a short time, taking only 1 year 10 months and 25 days. Work on construction of the bridge started on 1 January, 2010 and it was commissioned into service on 27 November, 2011. It is the eighth above-180-ft bridge opened in the time of the new government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. It is a rail-cum-motor road bridge. It is of steel truss type and located 8,000 feet above Bo Myat Tun Bridge.

The foundation of the main bridge is made of RC type bored piles while piers are of RC type and the upper structure is steel truss type.

The main bridge is 7402 feet long. The approach road is 1837 feet on Pathein bank and 1575 feet on Yangon bank, totaling 3412 feet in length. The approach railroad is 6529 feet on Pathein bank and 6614 feet on Yangon bank, totaling 13143 feet in length.

The whole bridge inclusive of main bridge and approach road is 10814 feet long and inclusive of main bridge and approach railroad is 20545 feet long. The two-lane motor road is 28 feet wide and the railroad is 14 feet wide, flanked by 3-ft wide pedestrian walks. The clearance is 262 feet in width and 57 feet in height. The bridge can withstand 75-ton load per vehicle.

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**Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo,...**

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The Vice-President, wife and party offered alms and meals to members of the Sangha.

Next, the Vice-President and party met local people at the temporary pandal in the precinct of the monastery.

In meeting with the local people, the Vice-President explained that the State initiated undertakings of rural social economic development which is one of eight tasks for rural development and poverty alleviation. He urged all to work in concert to enhance development of the village and improvement of living standard of the local people.

Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Peasant, Worker and Youth Affairs Committee U Tin Htut, Union Minister U Tint Hsan and Chairman of the foundation U Tha Htay extended greetings.

After the meeting, the Vice-President cordially greeted the local people.

Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo visits shops at open air market of Aungthiri Village.

Aungthiri Village, built by Aungthiri Foundation, is located beside Nay Pyi Taw-Tatkon Concrete Road, and it is home to 482 people from 132 houses.

The village comprises one 80x47 feet monastery, Basic Education Primary School with four classrooms and a teacher room, the recreation hall for the local people, the office of village administrator, village library, rural health branch, two market buildings, two open air market halls, one staff quarter, water tanks and four halls for cow market.

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Stranded dolphins tracked to Maine coast, suggesting success in rescue op

WASHINGTON, 28 Jan—It’s too early to call the rescue near Cape Cod a success, but it looks like there’s good news for a fifth of the dolphins that began washing ashore on the Massachusetts coast earlier this month.

The majority of the dolphins rescued during the “mass strandings” have survived and appear to be toiling about off the coast of Maine, according to a news release from the International Fund for Animal Welfare. Rescuers put satellite tracking tags on six of the 24 animals that they have rescued and released since 12 January, when rescuers began finding dozens of common and Atlantic white-sided dolphins along a 25-mile stretch of shoreline.

As many as 100 dolphins may have been stranded during the episode, 50 of which were dead when they were discovered, wrote IFAW senior program coordinator AJ Cady earlier this week. Three of the dolphins with tracking tags died after being released.

“We’re all exhausted, muddy and unsure what tomorrow will bring,” Cady wrote Tuesday, “but rest assured, if more dolphins strand, we’ll do everything in our power to rescue and release them into open ocean.”

Experts are uncertain why so many dolphins washed ashore. Hypotheses include: They may have been caught in currents when they approached land to feed, a pod of dolphins may have stayed in the area to help a sick or injured dolphin or the topography of the Cape Cod coast may create areas that can trap dolphins.

You can watch an IFAW expert explain last week that this is a common occurrence between January and April and how rescuers go about saving the dolphins. Internet

Icelandic planes to be equipped with volcano ash monitors

Stockholm, 28 Jan—Work is being done to equip Icelandic airplanes with volcano ash monitors to reduce possible disturbances caused by volcano eruptions, according to reports from Reykjavik on Wednesday.

It is vital for aviation in Iceland, in such close proximity to volcanoes, to know exactly how much ash there is in the stratosphere and where, Petur K. Maack, director of the Icelandic Civil Aviation Administration (CAA), was quoted by Iceland Review online as saying.

The monitoring equipment will be especially set up on airplanes flying to and from Keflavik International Airport near the country’s capital Reykjavik, added Maack.

According to him, volcano eruptions, such as the one in Eyjafjallajokull in April 2010 which led to unprecedented shutdown of air space in Europe since World War Two, would cause fewer chaos to aviation industry today than it did nearly two years ago, since researchers got better surveillance on volcanoes and also increased experience known from the Grimsvotn volcano’s eruption last year.

The quality of satellite photos used for monitoring ash clouds have been improved greatly, reported Iceland Review online, adding that the Icelandic Meteorological Office is still planning to acquire new stationary and mobile weather scopes.

Volcanic ash is a serious hazard to aircraft, because it causes engine failure if it is sucked into the engines. The eruption of Grimsvotn volcano in last spring sent ash clouds into the sky and disrupted air travel across some of the European countries, with smaller effect compared to the eruption of Eyjafjallajokull volcano which affected some 8 millions passengers worldwide.

Teen girl offers drugs to cop, arrested

London, 28 Jan—A US teenager found herself in big trouble after repeatedly texting a policeman asking him to buy drugs from her.

Lorraine Apuzzo, 19, of Storrs in Connecticut, allegedly offered the police officer 200 Percocet pills without realising who he was. She allegedly carried on exchanging messages with the officer and then arrived at a shopping centre with an accomplice, where she was arrested, the Daily Mail reported.

Percocet is a prescription drug usually used to relieve pain but can become highly addictive.

“The drug dealer thought they’d sent it to someone else,” Meriden Detective Lt Mark Wolenski said.

Aperuzzo was arrested after police organized an undercover operation and met her at a Mall.

Three-tier chips to drive more powerful computing

London, 28 Jan—Scientists are developing a chip with three or more processors stacked vertically to ensure an unprecedented speed, memory and calculating power, better functionality and wireless connectivity, reveals a study.

“It’s the logical step in electronics development, because it allows a large increase in terms of efficiency,” said Yusuf Leblebici, director of Microelectronics Systems Lab, Switzerland, who led the study.

Until now, chips could only be assembled horizontally via connections along their edges. They were connected vertically by several hundred very thin copper microtubes. These wires passed through tiny openings, called Through-Silicon-Vias (TSV), made in the core of the silicon layer of each chip.

“This superposition reduces the distance between circuits, and thus considerably improves the speed of data exchange,” explained Microelectronics researcher Yuksel Temiz, according to a university statement. The team had to overcome a number of difficulties, such as the fragility of the copper connections as they are miniaturised to an extreme degree (about 50 micrometres in thickness), and are as thin as human hair.

“In three years of work, we tested thousands of TSV connections, and had more than 900 functioning simultaneously,” said Leblebici. “Now we have a production process that is both highly efficient, the laboratory has also manufactured 3D multi-core processors, connected by a TSV network,” he added.

The technology will initially be made available to a number of academic research teams for further development before being commercialized.

A fishing boat is frozen in the sea ice in northern Haizhou Bay of Lianyungang, east China’s Jiangsu Province, on 25 Jan, 2012. Due to a bitter cold front, sea ice has covered vast area of northern Haizhou Bay of Lianyungang recently.
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The motorised vessel carrying seven Britons, two Chinese, one Australian and the three Filipino crew members capsized on Thursday afternoon, according to a statement released by national police headquarters in Manila.

The Boracay tourist police dispatched a boat to the scene and rescued all the foreigners but the three sailors could not be found, the statement said.

The three are continuing, the statement said, without giving a reason for the mishap.

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JOHANNESBURG, 28 Jan—A building under construction in Johannesburg of South Africa collapsed on Friday, leaving three people injured, local emergency services reported.

Three walls of a under construction building suddenly collapsed on Friday morning in Melrose in the city.

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Powerful snowstorms hit Turkey

ISTANBUL, 28 Jan—Powerful snowstorms hit most parts of Turkey, causing avalanches and fatal accidents on highways in Anatolia as well as grounding a ship in Istanbul on Friday and Thursday.

One passenger was killed and more than 30 others injured when a bus skidded off the road and rolled over on its side near the Emirdag district of Ayfankarahisar province in central Anatolia, according to local English Daily News. Meanwhile, avalanches occurred in four separate locations on the road between Tunecil and Erzincan provinces in eastern Turkey on Thursday, causing the deaths of four passengers and one minibus was partially covered by an avalanche, while a bus, several cars and trucks were reportedly stranded on the road.

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Spanish airline to cease operations

BARCELONA, 28 Jan—Spanish airline Spanair said Friday it is ceasing operations and plans to go to court next week to seek bankruptcy protection. The financially struggling carrier issued a statement apologizing for any inconvenience and assuring passengers that Spanair was working with the airport authority and the Spanish development ministry to minimize travel disruptions. Spanair currently operates around 200 flights a day, including service to a dozen cities in Europe and Africa.

Spanair, which has some 2,000 employees and a 22 percent share of Spain’s air travel market, has been in financial straits for several years.

The decision to shut down came after the Catalonia regional government said it would not provide any more public money to Spanair and Qatar Airlines declined to invest in the Barcelona-based carrier. Spanair’s financial problems were aggravated by its involvement in Spain’s worst air disaster in 25 years: a Aug. 20, 2008, crash near Madrid-Barajas International Airport that left 154 people dead.—Internet

Modest quake hits Catanduanes, Philippines

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Indian Prime Minister Mario Monti (R) and visiting Afghan President Hamid Karzai (L) attend a press conference after signing a cooperation agreement in Rome, Italy, on 26 Jan, 2012. Monti and Karzai signed a cooperation agreement after their meeting on Thursday, and signed a cooperation agreement in central Anatolia, and in the district of Afyonkarahisar province in central Anatolia. Meanwhile, avalanches occurred in four separate locations on the road between Tunecil and Erzincan provinces in eastern Turkey on Thursday, causing the deaths of four passengers and one minibus was partially covered by an avalanche, while a bus, several cars and trucks were reportedly stranded on the road.

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Breast implant saves woman’s life, after being stabbed by jealous ex

LONDON, 28 Jan—An American woman made a startling revelation when she said how her breast implant saved her from being killed by a jealous lover. The 41-year-old woman was stabbed repeatedly in the chest by a jealous love rival— but, luckily for her, instead of going into her heart the knife pierced her newly enlarged breast.

Doctors informed the woman, who does not wish to be identified, that the saline inside the implant saved her life. “That was the best investment I ever made,” the Daily Mail quoted her as telling police.

She told authorities she was attacked by her ex-fiancé’s new girlfriend in his apartment in Melbourne, Florida. The Police said that the jealous ex—named Amy Winter— first scratched the victim’s car, then turned the knife on her, stabbing her repeatedly in the left side of her chest. “It happened so fast. I’m like, ‘Put down the knife.’ I look down, and I was covered in blood,” the woman said.

She said she had realized that the knife had punctured the implant and she was soaked with saline. Doctors said the stab victim’s breast implant had just enough saline in it to stop the knife from piercing through her chest. “When you stab it, it gives a little. It probably gave and couldn’t get through it, then it went through it and couldn’t get through the back wall,” Dr Filiberto said. “She would have had a collapsed lung (the knife would have) hit her heart,” he said. Filiberto said that in his 30 years of cosmetic surgery, this is the first time he had witnessed such an incident, and it gives him a whole new outlook.

We urge users who would like a refund to call 877-298- 2525. But Johnson & Johnson Vice President of Communications Bonnie Jacobs said the recall is being carried out at the retail level, and consumers who have bought the affected product can still use it. “They do not have to take any action,” she said. The company’s news release described the potential for the lotion to adversely affect one’s health as “remote.”

The 2,200 tubes in the lot that is being recalled were produced by a third-party manufacturer in Canada, she said. It did not identify the company.—Internet

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Members of British Aquabatix group perform inside an aquarium during the “Love story of the mermaid” underwater theater show at Turkuazoo Aquarium center in Istanbul, Turkey, on 27 Jan, 2012. The show will be presented till 29 Jan.—Xinhua

14.13 dead in road accidents in Peru

LIMA, 28 Jan—At least 14 people died and 3 more injured in two road accidents in Peru, Highway Police (Polcar) reported on Friday.

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Lego markets to girls with pink blocks

Danish toy manufacturer Lego has released a new line of its trademark bricks in pink and pastel colours as part of an effort to attract female customers.

Company officials said about 80 percent of Lego sales have traditionally been to boys, but the company is seeking to broaden its appeal to girls with the Olivia’s House range of block sets, The Daily Telegraph, Britain reported.

The company said it spent four years developing the line, which includes a beauty parlor, a veterinarian’s office and animal figures including ponies.

"I'd argue we are giving girls what they are asking for," Lego marketing director David Buxbaum said.

Artist wants to bury plane in desert

A Swiss artist said he is working to obtain the proper permits to allow him to bury a Boeing 727 commercial jetliner in a California desert.

Christoph Buchel, who has applied for a conditional-use permit in Kern County, said he wants to bury the jetliner 38 feet below the surface of Mojave Desert, near Boron, and connect it to the surface with a tunnel once it has been covered in sand and dirt, the Bakersfield Californian reported.

"At this point in time, we've received no letters in opposition to it," said Scott Denney, operations division chief for the county Planning Department. "But we have received a lot of inquiries."

Buchel, who the Californian said was out of the country and unavailable for comment, dubbed the project "terminal."

Python troupe to reunite for film

LOS ANGELES, 28 Jan—British writer-comedian Terry Jones told Variety he plans to collaborate with his fellow surviving Monty Python comedy troupe members on a science-fiction film.


The five surviving members of the troupe last appeared together in New York in 2009 for the world premiere of the theatrical version of the documentary "Monty Python: Almost the Truth (The Lawyer's Cut)." Chapman died of cancer in 1989.

Jones told Variety he has written and plans to direct the movie "Absolutely Anything," a mix of live-action and animation featuring the voice talents of Palin, Cleese, Gilliam as aliens, and Oscar-winning-actor Robin Williams as a talking dog.

Drew Barrymore still figuring out wedding plans

LOS ANGELES, 28 Jan—Drew Barrymore, who recently settled into life with Will Kopelman, half made up, that win kind of a bit frightening - it was quite a relaxed shoot, actually," he added.—Internet

Chesney leads with 9 ACM nods

Kenny Chesney led the field with nine nods when nominations for America’s Academy of Country Music Awards were announced Thursday. Chesney will compete for the top prize of Entertainer of the Year with Jason Aldean, Brad Paisley, Blake Shelton and Taylor Swift.

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Couple suspect robber at drive-through

A Wisconsin couple told officers they sped away from a Wendy’s drive-through when a man approached their car with what appeared to be a gun.

Madison Police said the 43-year-old man and 18-year-old woman told them they sped away from the restaurant shortly before 11 pm Wednesday and drove directly to a police station about a mile from the Gammom.

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McMurray celebrated Dario Franchitti and IndyCar stars Scott Dixon and sprint to the checkered flag.

Scott Pruett and Memo Rojas, prestigious endurance race at Daytona International Speedway. It hardly seems possible. Ganassi’s two-car programme competition.

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Internet

MANCHESTER, 28 Jan—Manchester United could make a shock move for Bayer 04 Leverkusen midfielder Michael Ballack, after his club indicated that he could be available this January transfer window.

The German legend moved back to his former club in 2010, having enjoyed a profitable period between 1999-2002, but in recent games he has seemed somewhat distracted.

These performances have resulted in criticism coming in for the ex-Chelsea player from the Bayer Leverkusen chief executive Wolfgang Holzhauser, as well as former German manager Rudi Voeller, now a director at the club. ‘Ballack’s performances have dropped off a bit. He has brought too little [in recent games]. He can influence the crowd with his aura — but he hasn’t done so,” Holzhauser said to German newspaper Express.

He still has a contract, which will be handled professionally. But if a club comes along, we will talk to them,” Voeller was even more scathing in his assessment of Ballack’s most recent game.

“I would have taken him off at halftime,” said Voeller. Manchester United have seen the centre of their midfield highlighted as an area of weakness this season, and even with recent return of Tom Cleverley, they lack a world class presence.

Ballack won the Premier League title, three FA Cups, one Carling Cup and the Community Shield in his time at Chelsea, and sometimes it is impossible to put a price on that experience.

Sir Alex Ferguson is jetting Paul Scholes back on a short term deal earlier this month, but the veteran Englishman wasn’t able to play in every match.

Having attempted to sign Ballack shortly before he moved to Stanford Bridge in 2006, perhaps Sir Alex Ferguson will again look at Ballack.—Internet

LONDON, 28 Jan—The United States women’s soccer team booked their spot in the London Olympics with a 3-0 win over Costa Rica in the semi-finals of the CONCACAF Olympic qualifying tournament on Friday.

The Americans qualified for the Olympics for a fifth straight time and will be joined in London by the winner of the other semi-final later on Friday in Vancouver between Canada and Mexico.

After steamrolling into the final four outscoring their opponents 31-0, the US ran into an inspired Costa Rica, the reigning Olympic champions lucky to escape the opening half with a 1-0 lead off a 16th minute header from Tobin Heath.

In seven meetings the Costa Ricans had never scored against the Americans but came close twice in the opening half forcing US keeper Hope Solo to produce her biggest saves of the tournament.

The Central Americans kept the US under pressure after the break but the Americans finally sealed control adding some insurance in the 72nd minute after Abby Wambach’s chip was cleared off the line and Carli Lloyd unleashed a shot into the top of the box for a 2-0 lead. Alex Morgan completed the scoring in the 88th minute.—Reuters

Manchester United consider shock swoop for former Chelsea midfielder

US beats Costa Rica 3-0 to earn Olympic berth

Stanley takes lead at Torrey Pines

Ganassi teams figure to be up front at Daytona

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Stake driven for station hospital

PILUNGAN, 28 Jan—With the aim of developing the rural social economy, a ceremony to drive stakes for construction of Paunglaung Station Hospital was held in Phocon Village of Pilunlang Township on 21 January. Township administrator U Ko Ko Zaw and officials laid cornerstones for the building. The station hospital will be 126 feet long, 73.5 feet wide and nine feet high facility.

TOWNSHIP IPRD

Traffic rules disseminated

MONYWA, 28 Jan—An educational talk on traffic rules was held at Education College in Monywa on 18 January. Head of Sagain Region Directorate of Road Administration U Thein Han, District Law Officer Daw Phyu Phyu Tint and Police Captain Sai Haing Wam of Traffic Police gave talks on root causes of traffic accidents, rules of pedestrians and traffic signals with the use of projector. They donated helmets to the college through the principal.—DRA

Davis-White win short dance at US Championships

San Jose, 28 Jan—Meryl Davis and Charlie White have won the senior short dance at the US Figure Skating Championships on Friday, and their score of 76.89 in the short dance was unbeatable since finishing fourth. They skated great, technically and emotionally. “It was our best day ever,” Davis said. “We have a lot of room for improvement, and we made some really good strides.” It was the closest thing Davis and White have had to a major error. The top teams at this week’s European championships earlier this month — though that was with Virtue and Scott Moir, the closest thing Davis and White have to a real rival — stayed in the shadows.

Focus Myanmar TV Programme

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL

(29-1-12 09:30 am – 30-1-12 09:30 am) MST

Overseas Transmission

* News
* Fortune of Human correlated with Astro Science (12 Sign Ascendants in February 2012)
* News
* Easily Cooked & Tasty Dishes “Yin Yin Yaung Mustard and Meat Roll”
* LannaKha Waterfall
* News
* Today’s Efficient Young (Global Warming)
* News
* MI People’s Celebrities (“One” and the Meaning of Housewife)
* A Pilgrimage to Prominent Pagodas in Pakokku
* All Lives Under The Sky: “Catch of Fish by Cooperation of Fisherman and Dolphin”
* Literature for Heart & Soul
* Coloured Glass Ball
* Music Gallery
* Orchids Research from Mount Popa
* News
* Myanmar Movies “Deadhead Yet Cherished”

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(29-1-2012) (Sunday)

7:00 am
1. Parinta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw

7:30 am
2. Morning News
7:50 am
3. Nice & Sweet Song
8:00 am
4. Health Programme
8:40 am
5. International News
11:00 am
1. Martial Song
11:30 am
2. TV Drama Series
12:30 pm
3. Myanmar Video
2:00 pm
4. Song Varieties
4:25 pm
5. Teleplay (Health)
4:40 pm
6. Dance Of National Races
5:05 pm
7. Songs For National Spirit
6:20 pm
8. Cartoon Series
6:45 pm
9. TV Drama Series
8:00 pm
10. News
11:30 am
11. Cartoon Series
12:15 pm
12. TV Drama Series

Weather for 29th January, 2012

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* 亵渎圣殿的朝圣者
* 帕科库著名佛塔
* 所有生命在天空下： “渔夫与渔夫及海豚的捕鱼合作”
* 心灵与灵魂文学
* 彩色玻璃球
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12:30 pm
3. 缅甸视频
2:00 pm
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4:25 pm
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天气29日

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Nav Pyi Taw, 28 Jan—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin attended the ceremony to open Aungthiri Village built by Aungthiri Foundation and share merits for donation of Aungthiri Monastery in Aungthiri Village of Pobbathiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area this morning.

Also present on the occasion were Union ministers, deputy ministers, members of Nay Pyi Taw Council, departmental officials, the chairman and members of Aungthiri Foundation and local people.

Chairman of the foundation U Tha Htay explained the purpose of building the village.

Executive of the foundation U Zaw Moe Win handed over documents related to Pobbathiri Township Administrator U Kyaw Tint Lwin. On behalf of the local people, townelder U Tin Oo spoke words of thanks for construction of the building.

Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism and for Sports U Tin Hsan, Member of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Than Htay, Chairman of the foundation U Tha Htay and member of Nay Pyi Taw District Union Solidarity and Development Party U Kyaw Htay cut the ribbon to unveil the signboard of the archway.

The Vice-President unveiled the signboard of the village.

Members of the foundation U Tun Myint Naing, U Ohn Kyaw and U Khin Maung Aye sprinkled scented water on the village administration office, village library and signboard of rural health branch.

The Vice-President and party visited the village and viewed the village road, creek crossing bridge and development of the village.

He also looked into shops at the open air market and cordially greeted the local people.

Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin, the Union ministers, the deputy ministers and guests attended the ceremony to share merits for construction of Aungthiri Monastery.

Chairman of Pobbathiri Township Sangha Nayaka Committee Wegyi Monastery Sayadaw Agga Maha Ganthavaca sa Pun dita Bhaddanta Addiccyavamsa administered the Five Precepts and members of the Sangha recited Metta Sutta.

The Vice-President and wife donated alms to the Wegyi Monastery Sayadaw.

The Union ministers, the deputy ministers and congregation offered donations to members of the Sangha.

The master of ceremonies supplicated on the purpose of donating the monastery.

Executive of the foundation U Zaw Moe Win offered documents related to the monastery to Abbot of the monastery Bhaddanta Nandiya. The Wegyi Monastery Sayadaw delivered a sermon, and the congregation shared merits gained. The ceremony came to an end with three-time recitation of Buddha Sasanam.

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Villas-Boas hails Terry display
Blues boss also happy with no pre-match handshakes

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Significant night temperatures

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Haka (0°C)
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Heho (3°C)
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Simple blood test may provide early diagnosis of Alzheimer’s

Oldest dinosaur nest discovered

Male mice sing songs to woo females

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