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Ayeyawady Bridge (Sinkham) brings amity, friendship among national brethren

11th bridge opened in time of Union Government

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Feb – Ayeyawady Bridge (Sinkham) was inaugurated to hail the 65th Anniversary Union Day at the pandal on Sinkham bank near Sinkham Village, Bhamo Township, Kachin State, yesterday morning. Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham addressed the opening ceremony of the bridge, which is the 11th of the above-180-foot-long ones built in the time of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar government.

It was attended by Union Ministers, Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint, Kachin State Chief Minister U La John Ngan Hsai, deputy ministers, the Kachin State Hluttaw Speaker, state ministers, departmental heads, departmental personnel, members of social organizations, national traditional cultural troupes, town elders and local residents.

In his speech, the Vice-President said Ayeyawady Bridge (Sinkham) is the 11th one built across the River Ayeyawady and it is heartening that the bridge was built by the domestic technicians of Public Works under Construction Ministry.

Flowing from north to south, the Ayeyawady River has been the key water transport route of Myanmar since ancient times. It however poses a great barrier to the social and economic relations between the eastern and western parts. So with farsightedness, the government has built the bridge to break that barrier.

As the 3215-foot-long bridge is a rail-cum-road one, the local residents relying only on the water route will enjoy smooth and quick transport.

(See page 8)
May all flowers be lovely

Colourful flowers are decorating the world while rivaling the wheel of seasons for beauty and for fragrance. Bees are natural enemies of these flowers.

Teenage girls used to dress fashionably. Some are lovely and some, gorgeous. It is no doubt that men are natural enemies of their beauty.

Today’s youths have greater freedom than ever. They are mostly beyond parental control. Exploiting the freedom, the young girls should not follow wrong ways.

Once, I knew a couple who parted for various reasons. All knew they were surely to arrange a marriage. But, it was not. Human beings have a society. Mostly, girls are somewhat vulnerable to blows of this society. A leaf falling on a thorn or a thorn falling on it bears the same meaning. It is the best traditional example to mention the life of girls.

A western culture of “living together” has well penetrated the East. Living together before marriage is absolutely hostile to Myanmar culture. Before the wedding day, girls should maintain the highest honour of virginity.

Men should also show their high morals to their intended partners for life. Especially, they should restrain themselves away from living together and mind their girls as their own sister.

Marriage is not building castles in the air, but a practical thing. Castles in the air will be blown off by the air. Girls should distance themselves away from chatty men. They are not worth confidence. Think twice.

Nature is nature. Freedom is a blessing. But, these should not derail your life. Flowers are all beautiful. Hope they do not fall into wrong hands.

Shwegyin Dam and Shwegyin Hydropower Plant emerge in the time of new government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Shwegyin Hydropower Plant lies near Kyauknaga Village, about six miles north-east of Shwegyin in Bago Region. Of hydropower plants that supply electricity to the national grid, it is the number 17 and also the first hydropower plant opened in the time of the new government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. Construction began on 2003 and the power plant was finally opened on 22 October, 2011.

- The project came into operation in 2003; first turbine was finished on 29 December, 2010, the second on 25 March, 2011, the third on 2 June, 2011 and the fourth on 21 July, 2011, followed by finishing touches.
- The main structures were constructed phase by phase and they are 1568 feet long, 135 feet deep and 2.5 feet thick diaphragm wall, zone-type dam that can store 1685000 acre feet of water to the maximum, 16 feet wide and 20 feet high concrete conduit, 121 feet long, 127 feet wide and 137 feet high water intake structure, 2542 feet long, 135 feet wide and 58 feet high spillway, two 1100 feet long steel pipelines whose diameter is 25 feet each, power plant and switch yard measuring 295 x 94 x 70 feet.
- The turbines are of Francis-Vertical Shaft type with capacity of 18.75 megawatts each, totaling 75 megawatts. The power plant can generate 262 million kwh electricity a year.
- 75-megawatt capacity made Shwegyin Hydropower Plant the biggest hydropower plant in Sittoung Basin. It will facilitate the productivity of factories, workshops and industries in Bago region, benefiting the entire nation.
- The nation has seen 17 hydropower plants including Shwegyin Hydropower Plant, Tikyit coal power plant, 15 natural gas power plants, reaching to 33 with total capacity of 3360 megawatts.
- Shwegyin Hydropower Plant somewhat satisfies the electric power demand of the nation, improving the socio-economic life of locals. In addition, it has brought opportunities to Shwegyin and Madauk dwellers to establish small and medium enterprises to manufacture value-added products using raw materials of home regions, creating jobs.

Translation: TKK
**Rising Australian floodwaters spark mass evacuation**

**Charleville, 5 Feb—**Mass evacuations were under way on Sunday as record flooding that has cut off thousands of people threatened to engulf areas devastated by wild weather last year. Authorities urged residents of St George, a town of 3,800 people in the state of Queensland, to leave their homes as rising floodwaters threatened to isolate the area, with time running out to shore up levee walls.

"Australian towns are potentially in need of a levee," said Geoffrey Cowan, head of the Australian National Levee Authority. "We are working round the clock to shore up the levee, in the New South Wales town of Charleville. Mass evacuations were underway in north-western Australia as record flooding that has cut off thousands of people threatens to engulf areas devastated by wild weather last year."

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**Rocket hits journalist home in NW Pakistan**

**ISLAMABAD, 5 Feb—**A rocket slammed into the house of a journalist in Pakistan’s restive North Waziristan tribal region injuring two children, tribesmen said on Sunday.

Pakistani forces and suspected Taliban militants exchanged fire in the area late Saturday night and one rocket hit the home of the journalist in Miranshah, the center of North Waziristan.

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**Avalanche kills four Afghans, wounds six**

**FAZARAI, 5 Feb—**Four people lost their lives and six others sustained injuries in an avalanche hit some villages in the mountainous Arghistan district, Badakhshan province.

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**Dominican migrant boat overtures, at least 10 dead**

**SANTO DOMINGO, 5 Feb—**An overloaded boat carrying migrants from the Dominican Republic overturned in the pre-dawn darkness on Saturday off the coast of the Caribbean country, killing at least 10 people and leaving dozens missing, officials said.

The migrants had left from near the town of Nagua, on the country’s northeast coast, and were apparently headed to the US island territory of Puerto Rico, a frequent destination for migrants from the Dominican Republic.

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**Romney rolls to easy win in Nevada GOP caucuses**

**LAS VEGAS, 5 Feb—**Republican presidential front-runner Mitt Romney cruised to a decisive victory in the Nevada caucuses on Saturday night, notching a second straight triumph over a field of rivals suddenly struggling to keep pace.

In victory, the former Massachusetts governor unleashed a sharp attack on President Barack Obama, whose economic policies he said have “made these tough times last longer.”

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**Afghan officials say US soldier shoots Afghan guard**

**KABUL, 5 Feb—**Afghan officials said an American soldier has shot and killed an Afghan guard at a base in the country’s north, apparently because the American thought his Afghan colleague was about to attack him.

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**A woman who survived a shipwreck rests at the Elпитina Cordero Hospital after being rescued from the sea in Sabana de la Mar, Dominican Republic, on 4 Feb, 2012. Internet**

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**Internet**
**Flu cases hit 1.7 mln amid H3N2 virus outbreak in Japan**

**Tokyo, 5 Feb** — Influenza cases expanded by 620,000 to hit an estimated 1.72 million in the past week beginning 29 January, a major Japanese newspaper reported on Sunday, citing the National Institute of Infectious Diseases.

Patient numbers soared in all 47 prefectures as the nation experienced its first outbreak of H3N2, a subtype of the influenza A virus, in five years, The Japan Times reported.

About 90 percent of the patients were diagnosed with the strain, the paper said.

It added that some 260,000 babies and infants under 4, who were born after the previous H3N2 outbreak, had been diagnosed with the virus.

According to the institute, flu infections usually peak at this time of year.

**Health Tip: Prepare for breastfeeding**

Preparations for successful breastfeeding begin during pregnancy.

The women's health.gov website offers these suggestions for new moms who want to breast-feed their newborn:

- Talk to others who have breast-fed for advice and support.
- Take a breastfeeding class, and think about meeting with a lactation consultant before delivery.
- Talk to others who have breast-fed for advice and support, and consider joining a support group.

**Annual walk staged in Houston to raise mitochondrial disease awareness**

**Houston, 5 Feb** — Houstonians on Saturday participated in the Energy for Life walk, a fund-raising event, to raise public awareness of a currently incurable disease.

The fund-raising event, held by the United Mitochondrial Disease Foundation (UMDF), a non-profit organization, aims to raise public awareness of mitochondrial disease, which has been afflicting numerous children.

“The every 30 minutes, a child is diagnosed with mitochondrial disease, and one out of 4,000 people are affected,” said Tania Hanscom, UMDF special events coordinator.

**Wall St rises on jobs; Nasdaq at 11 yr high**

**New York, 5 Feb** — A surge in hiring in the world's largest economy last month drove the Nasdaq to an 11-year high as optimism grew that the labour market is on a steady path to recovery.

Based on the latest available data, the Dow Jones industrial average was up 153.49 points, or 1.21 percent, at 12,858.90. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 19.12 points, or 1.44 percent, at 1,344.66. The Nasdaq Composite Index was up 45.66 points, or 1.60 percent, at 2,905.34.

**Euro zone loses patience with Greece**

**Brussels, 5 Feb** — Euro zone finance ministers told Greece on Saturday that it could not go ahead with an agreed deal to restructure privately-held debt until it guaranteed it would implement reforms needed to secure a second financing package from the euro zone and the IMF.

Euro zone ministers had hoped to meet on Monday to finalize the second Greek bailout, which has to be in place by mid-March if Athens is to avoid a chaotic default.

But the meeting was postponed because of Greek reluctance to commit to reforms.

Instead, the ministers held a conference call on Saturday to take stock of progress on the second financing package, which euro zone leaders set at 130 billion euros back in October. "There was a very clear message that was conveyed from all participants of the teleconference — to the Greeks that enough is enough," one euro zone official said. "There is a great sense of frustration that they are dragging their feet."

They should get their act together and start talking honestly, decisively and speedily with the Troika on the aspects of the programme that remain to be finalised - on fiscal and labour market reforms," the official said.

The Troika are the representatives of the European Commission, the European Central Bank and the International Monetary Fund, who have prepared a Greek debt sustainability analysis on which the second financing programme will be based. "The main issue is the lack of reform courage, in Greece," a second euro zone official said.

**Malaria deaths hugely underestimated**

**London, 5 Feb** — Worldwide malaria deaths may be almost twice as many as previously estimated, a study reports. The research, published in the British medical journal the Lancet, suggests 1.24 million people died from the mosquito-borne disease in 2010. This compares with the World Health Organization (WHO) estimate for 2010 of 655,000 deaths. But both the new study and the WHO indicate global death rates are now falling.

The research was funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. It used new data and new computer modelling to build a historical database for malaria between 1980 and 2010.

Mosquitoes carry the parasite which causes malaria in humans.

**Mosquitoes carry the parasite which causes malaria in humans.** — *Internet*

The conclusion was that worldwide deaths had risen from 959,000 in 1980 to a peak of 1.82 million in 2004, before falling to 1.24 million in 2010. The rise in malaria deaths up to 2004 is attributed to a growth in populations at risk of malaria, while the decline since 2004 is attributed to “a rapid scaling up of malaria control in Africa”, supported by international donors.

While most deaths were among young children and in Africa, the researchers noted a higher proportion of deaths among older children and adults than previously estimated. In total, 433,000 more deaths occurred among children over five and adults in 2010 than in the WHO estimate.

“Most malaria mortality occurs when children fall sick, with kinds of symptoms including loss of motor control, muscle weakness, poor growth and developmental delays, according to the UMDF.” — *Xinhua*

**Malaysia plant threatens China grip on rare earths**

**Kuala Lumpur, 5 Feb** — China’s chokehold on the rare earths vital for everything from iPads to missiles is widely expected to soon end, thanks in part to a contentious new plant in Malaysia.

Australian miner Lynas won a license on Wednesday to begin processing rare earths imported from Australia at the plant — which is nearly completed — despite fierce resistance over environmental and radiation concerns.

Analysts said the Lynas Advanced Materials Plant (LAMP) in eastern Pahang state will be at the vanguard of a world output surge that will break a Chinese stranglehold that has crippled supply and sent prices soaring in recent years. The plant will be able to process an initial 11,000 tonnes of rare earths per year — about a third of current world demand excluding central government sales.
Wind farm subsidy cut urged by MPs

London, 5 Feb — More than 100 Conservatives are among MPs who have written to the prime minister calling on him to slash subsidies for onshore wind farms. The government has set out plans to cap the spending on subsidies for onshore wind farms each year, as part of wider reforms to make it easier for local people to object to their construction. In a separate ruling, said that the ban has been temporarily lifted. The government said onshore wind was valuable for a

The government said it had commissioned a review of subsidy levels. Hundreds of millions of pounds are spent on subsidising wind farms each year as the government strives to meet legally binding targets to reduce carbon emissions. State help for wind farms is being cut under plans set out by ministers last year, however MPs have demanded an acceleration.

“Not in my time”

The highly specialized parasites, some of which only dine on specific bat species, spend most of their lives crawling through the animal’s fur or on its wing membranes. They sometimes have flattened, flea-like bodies with long legs, and can be winged or wingless, depending on the species. Bat flies fall into one of two families: strelididae and nycteribiidae, which are mostly found in the Eastern and Western Hemispheres, respectively. Currently, scientists have only identified nycteribiid flies as vectors, or transmitters, for bat malaria, but researchers have now learned that strelidids may also be spreading the disease.

For Facebook ‘Hacker Way’ is way of life

New York, 5 Feb — Facebook’s billionaire CEO Mark Zuckerberg calls himself a “hacker.” For most people, that word means something malicious — studies criminals who listen in on private voicemails, or anonymous villains who break into email accounts. For Facebook, though, “hacker” means something different. It’s an ideal that permeates the company’s culture. It explains the push to try new ideas even if they fail, and to promote new products quickly (even if they’re imperfect). The hacker approach has made Facebook one of the world’s most valuable Internet companies. Hackers “believe that something can always be better, and that nothing is ever complete,” Zuckerberg explains. “They just have to go fix it — often in the face of people who say it’s impossible or any content with the status quo.”

The combination of four units of the Very Large Telescopes creates a virtual 130-mirror.

Apple overturns Motorola’s iPad and iPhone sales bans

New York, 5 Feb — Apple has been granted a temporary suspension of a sales ban imposed on some of its products in Germany. Motorola Mobility had forced Apple to remove several iPad and iPhone models from its online store earlier that day after enforcing a patent infringement court ruling delivered in December. An appeals court lifted the ban after Apple made a new licence payment offer. However, Germany-based users may still face the loss of their push email iCloud service after a separate ruling.

A statement from Apple said: “All iPad and iPhone models will be back on sale through Apple’s online store in Germany shortly.” Apple appealed this ruling because Motorola repeatedly refused to license this patent to Apple on reasonable terms, despite having declared it an industry standard patent seven years ago.

However, Motorola signalled that it would try to restore the ban. “We are pleased that the Mannheim court has recognized the importance of our intellectual property and granted an enforceable injunction in Germany against Apple Sales International,” a statement said. “Although the enforcement of the injunction has been temporarily suspended, Motorola will continue to pursue its claims against Apple.”

Study: Is Facebook more addictive than alcohol or cigarettes?

Chicaco, 5 Feb — According to a new study out of the University of Chicago Booth School of Business, the desire to check a social network like Twitter or Facebook is stronger than the need to smoke a cigarette or have an alcoholic beverage. As reported by The Guardian, test subjects between the ages of 18 to 85 were asked to fill out 2009 forms and attempt to avoid work were very close behind. However, respondents were able to resist the majority of sexual and spending impulses. In addition, addictive vices such as caffeine, tobacco and alcohol were much lower on the overall list of desires. Researchers also discovered that the ability to resist certain desires is much stronger at the start of the day and participants were more likely to give in to a desire if they continually attempted to resist it throughout the day.

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**Chavez allies back Argentina on Falklands**

**CARACAS, 5 Feb—**Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez and other leaders in the left-leaning ALBA bloc backed Argentina on Saturday in its long-running dispute with Britain over the Falkland Islands.

Argentine Foreign Minister Hector Timerman thanked Chavez and other presidents for their support at the meeting in Caracas. “The issue of the Malvinas Islands is an issue that concerns us, especially given the strong language that has emerged from the British government, accusing Argentina of being colonialist,” Chavez said, calling it “the world in reverse.”

The dispute heated up recently when Prince William, a Royal Air Force helicopter pilot, was assigned to the islands on an upcoming military tour along with a warship in the run-up to the 30th anniversary of Argentina’s April 1982 invasion, which sparked a 10-week war.

Argentina, which claims British stole the archipelago from it 180 years ago, calls them the Malvinas Islands and has protected the British deployment.

The eight member countries of the Bolivarian Alliance, including Cuba, Brazil, Venezuela, Bolivia, Ecuador, Nicaragua, and Dominica, approved an agreement barring any boats flying Falkland Islands flags from docking in their ports.

“I’m speaking only for Venezuela, but if it occurs to the British empire to attack Argentina, Argentina won’t be alone this time,” Chavez said. Ecuadorian President Rafael Correa suggested the countries take stronger measures. “We have to talk about sanctions,” Correa said. Argentina hopes diplomatic and economic measures will pressure Britain to comply with United Nations resolutions encouraging both countries to negotiate the islands’ sovereignty. British leaders refused to do that.

Turning to economic matters, Chavez told the group of presidents that their countries should work together to strengthen their economies to withstand global troubles. He called for “a more ambitious project” in economic cooperation. “The economic issue is first on the agenda. You all see how the world is. There’s a terrible crisis,” Chavez told the presidents, including Cuba’s Raul Castro and Bolivia’s Evo Morales, among others. Chavez said countries within the ALBA group should expand their use of a virtual currency known as the Sacre for trade. Chavez has promoted the Sacre since 2010 as an accounting unit to replace the dollar for some trade. Venezuela has used the system to pay for some of its food imports from Bolivia and Ecuador.—

**US to move 4,700 Marines from Japan to Guam**

**WASHINGTON, 5 Feb—**Tokyo and Washington have reportedly agreed to move 4,700 Marines from the Japanese island of Okinawa to Guam in a bid to revive a stalled plan for the realignment of US forces in Japan, according to reports.

The two countries in 2006 agreed to the transfer of around 8,000 Marines from Okinawa to the US territory of Guam and the relocation of an air base on Okinawa but the move has been delayed as Tokyo struggles to convince Okinawans to accept the deal.

The US Defence Department is now considering shifting the remaining 3,300 Marines to elsewhere in the Pacific, such as Hawaii, Australia and the Philippines, Kyodo News reported on Sunday, citing unnamed diplomatic sources.

Senior Japanese and US foreign and defence officials will meet in Washington on Monday, with the two governments expected to announce details of the transfer on 13 February.

Kyodo and the Asahi Shimbun daily said.

Tokyo has struggled to convince Okinawans to accept the plan to relocate the Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, part of the realignment package.

Many Okinawans argue that having decades of US military bases to host more than half of the 50,000 US troops stationed in Japan, oppose the plan which would relocate the US base to another part of the island.

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**11 injured in massive crowd for band LMFAO**

**INDIANAPOLIS, 5 Feb—**Overwhelming “human gridlock” in Indianapolis’ Super Bowl Village was causing police to rethink crowd control Saturday on the eve of the big game.

Eleven people were injured on Friday night as an estimated 50,000 people flooded downtown streets for a free outdoor concert by the band LMFAO. Two other people were injured Friday separate from the concert-going group, Indianapolis Police Director Frank Straub said. None of the injuries were serious, most involving shortness of breath or scraped knees.

Officials were still tweaking their downtown plan on Saturday as they prepared for concerts and activities before kickoff, and they seemed to be pleased with the early results.

“The crowd, everything is great,” Indianapolis Department of Public Safety Capt Kevin Givens said Saturday night. “We’ve not having any problems with overcrowding.

The less-favourable weather conditions on Saturday might have had something to do with that as mist changed to drizzling rain, with temperatures in the 30s. There was bumper-to-bumper traffic on some streets heading into downtown, but as of 10 pm, police had not reported any injuries or arrests.

Police made a total of 22 arrests on Friday night, mostly for public intoxication. One police car was damaged after concert-goers climbed on top of it to get a better view of the stage.

To make more room for people downtown, police closed plane safely back to the air base.

There were no casualties on the ground.

Two pilots injured in trainer plane crash in Taipei

**TAIPEI, 4 Feb—**Two pilots were injured after an AT-3 trainer plane of Taipei’s air force collided in mid-air Friday with another in southern Pingtung County, which could have been caused by human error, investigators said Saturday after examining the scene.

The two pilots parachuted to safety and suffered from fracture and other minor injuries, and the other two flew their plane safely back to the air base.

Investigators said the fuselage of the plane was smashed and burned out, with debris spreading in an extensive area.

There were no casualties on the ground.

According to the island’s air force sources, the aging AT-3 trainer planes have caused seven pilot deaths and nine injuries over the past three decades, and the planes were grounded for inspections.—

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**Death toll rises to 13 in China coal mine blast**

**BEIJING, 5 Feb—**The death toll from a gas explosion in a southwest China coal mine rose to 13 on Saturday, state media said on Saturday, the latest accident to hit the nation’s dangerous mining industry.

Eight other workers were injured, four in a critical condition and one person remained missing, after the explosion that ripped through the Diaooyutai coal mine in Sichuan Province on Friday afternoon.

Rescue operations continued on Saturday, Xinhua reported, quoting local authorities.

The cause of the accident was under investigation.

In 2010, 2,433 people died in coal mining accidents in China, according to official statistics—a rate of more than six workers per day—but labour rights groups say the true figure is much higher as mine companies cover up accidents to avoid fines and costly mine closures.—

**Philippine extremist planning attacks when killed**

**MANILA, 5 Feb—**Two Philippine security officials say a key Abu Sayyaf commander killed in a US-backed airstrike was planning terror attacks when he was slain.

Abu Sayyaf commander Umbra Jumdael was killed Thursday in a jangle hideout on southern Jolo island.

The officials say his death is a major blow to his Al-Qaeda-linked group because he harbored Southeast Asian terrorist figures, who provide funds and bomb-making training.

Military spokesman Col Arnuft Marcelo Burgos repeated on Sunday that top Southeast Asian terrorist suspect Zulkifli bin Hir from Malaysia and Singaporean militant Abdullah Ali were killed along with Jumdael and 12 other gunmen.

The two security officials, however, say the two are still alive and not in the area that was bombed.—

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**People crowd the streets through Super Bowl Village on 3 Feb, 2012, in Indianapolis. The New England Patriots are scheduled to face the New York Giants in NFL football’s Super Bowl XLV on 5 Feb.—**

**Internet**
Daw Nan Shwe Hmon attends work coord of Mandalay Region MCWSC

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Feb — Daw Nan Shwe Hmon, wife of Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham, attended the work coordination meeting at the office of Mandalay Region Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee yesterday.

The meeting was also attended by the wife of the Mandalay Region Chief Minister, U Kyaw Kyaw Win, Daw May Yin and family K 1 million, and U Aik Maung - Daw Nan Aye Tin and family K 500,000.

Daw Nan Shwe Hmon and party viewed photos of social works by region MCWA and feeding foods to children, and cordially greeted officials, and children and their mothers. On arrival at delivery room of MCWA in Aungmyethazhan Township, she provided clothing and foods to mothers, and viewed development of newborn babies.

Magway Region Chief Minister tours Minbu, Pwintbyu

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Feb — Magway Region Chief Minister U Phone Maw Shwe inspected upgrading of Kyauksan-Region MCWA, members, Affairs Organization and Ngwe of Region Women’s Affairs Organization and Region MCWA, members, chairperson, and members of region, district and township MCWA and WAO members.

Following Daw Nan Shwe Hmon’s greetings, Patron Daw Myat Ngwe elaborated on social affairs, education, health, tasks for higher family income, and healthcare for the elderly.

The Vice-President’s wife praised the members for their successful undertakings.

She presented K 2 million to Mandalay Region MCWA and MCWSC, U Kyaw Kyaw Win, Daw May Yin and family K 1 million, and U Aik Maung - Daw Nan Aye Tin and family K 500,000.

UN human rights envoy concludes visit

YANGON, 5 Feb — United Nations special rapporteur on human rights in Myanmar Mr Tomas Ojea Quintana met with ambassadors and diplomats in Yangon at the office of the UN Resident Representative here today.

Afterwards, Mr. Tomas Ojea Quintana held a press conference at Yangon International Airport this evening before he left here.— MNA

MMU holds sixth graduation ceremony

YANGON, 29 Jan — Myanmar Maritime University held its sixth graduation ceremony at the graduation hall of the university on 28 January.

The deputy minister of transport delivered an address and presented gifts to visiting teachers and awarded outstanding graduates including those who won a gold medal of the Royal Institute of Naval Architecture (England) and Hutchison Port Holding (Hong Kong).

The degrees conferred by the university are Diploma in Shipping Management, Diploma in Port Management, Naval Architecture and Ocean Engineering, Marine Engineering, Port and Harbour Engineering, River and Coastal Engineering, Marine Electrical System and Electronic and Nautical Science.

A total of 351 graduates were conferred with respective degrees by the rector of the university.

Those who passed the matriculation examination with high marks have opted for enrolling for the university as graduates of the university have got chances to find international job opportunities.— NLM001

Natalin Township Association (Yangon) meets

YANGON, 5 Feb — The 56th ceremony to pay respect to older persons and to award outstanding students of Natalin Township Association (Yangon) was held at Dhamayon of Mandalay Region MCWSC.

Those presented paid respect to 71 older persons aged above 75 years. The association honoured Brig. Gen Abel (Retd), Minister U Ohn Kyaw (Retd), Deputy Minister U Myint Thein (Retd), U Pyae Sone and Director U Ohn Myint (Retd) who had received titles and awards presented by the Vice-President's wife praised the members for their successful undertakings.

State and organizations. Outstanding students were awarded and executive committee was elected.

School building handed over in KhinU Township

KhinU, 5 Feb — The school building was handed over to Basic Education Primary School in Indainggyi Village in KhinU Township on 28 January.

Special Rapporteur listens to voices of Kayin locals

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Feb — Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar Mr Tomas Ojea Quintana and party paid a call on Kayin State Chief Minister U Zaw Min at the state government office yesterday.

They discussed peace measures and developments in Kayin State, sending Myanmar citizens who are in refugee camps at Myanmar-Thai borders for various reasons back to Myanmar and programmes for their livelihood.

Mr Tomas Ojea Quintana and party met 20 delegates of Kayin, Mon, Pa-O, Shan and Burmese national races at the state government meeting hall for half and hour during which they listened to anticipations of locals concerning the peace measures in Kayin State and wishes of respective national races.— MNA

Prize-presentation of Myanmar Open Chess Tournament

YANGON, 5 Feb — The prize-presentation of Myanmar Open Chess Tournament organized by Myanmar Chess Federation was held at the gym in Aungsaung Stadium here this evening.

President of Myanmar Chess Federation U Maung Lwin Lwin awarded first-prize winner Hayn Min Lwin and Vice-President U Win Aung and executives other prize winners. Those who stood tenth to first in the tournament are qualified to participate in National Chess Tournament to be held on 1st March.— MNA
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The Vice-President continued that the bridge is built at the convergence of Kachin State, Shan State, Sagaing Region and Mandalay Region to be able to transport passengers and commodities from all corners of the country as well as from Bhamo District quickly and cost-effectively. Moreover, as the bridge lies closely on the border with the eastern neighbouring country, commodities flow and trade activities with that country will be smooth and rapid.

He added that development of a nation depends on its firm infrastructures such as modern land, water and air transport, modern ICT, active monetary system, enough electricity, corrupt government mechanisms, internal situations, peace and stability, people’s socio-economic progress and human resource development. So, the Head of State has been taking step-by-step steady measures such as dialogues with personalities at home and abroad, easing restrictions that are incompatible with the times, sideline differences and seeking common ground, relaxing economic restrictions, opening special economic zones and industrial zones, implementing rural development and poverty alleviation tasks and opening more schools, colleges and universities and employing more people for development of human resources, added the Vice-President.

In elaborating on construction of the bridge, Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint said: as the bridge is rail-road bridge, it shortens the trip from Bhamo of Kachin State to Katha-Sagaing-Mandalay to 322 miles, to Nay Pyi Taw to Katha to Bhamo or vice versa by train. Now, the trains are running 16-mile-and-four-furlong-long trip from Katha to Motargyi, Motargyi-Kyaukgyi railroad section will soon be opened. Aseyawady River once formed a barrier between national people of government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar opened. Talking point of the bridge is that steel trusses bridge and 220-ft Moesit bridge, 720-ft Machanbaw bridge and 220-ft Moesit bridge will be built.

Kachin State Chief Minister U La John Nang Hsai said in his address: transportation plays a key role in regional development as Kachin’s topography is full with forests, ravines, valleys and lowlands.

Northernmost regions of the country were isolated and remote for long with no direct link with major transportation routes. Constructing roads and railroads in the regions was once far more impossible. The bridge will make the history as the government built the bridge at a huge cost surmounting various difficulties.

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Prizes awarded for Zaygaba Myanmar Open 2012

Yangon, 5 Feb—Organized by Myanmar PGA and Asia Tour, the prize presentation ceremony of Zaygaba Myanmar Open 2012 was held at Royal Mingaladon Golf & Country Club this afternoon.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, ministers, Amyotha Hluttaw representative Dr Khin Shwe, Director-General U Thaung Htaik of Sports and Physical Education Department, responsible persons of Zaygaba Co and guests.

Asia Tour Chairman U Kyi Hla Han expressed thanks to the companies for providing assistance for the success of the golf tournament and presented gifts. Yangon Region Minister for Development Affairs U Hla Myint presented the best player award to Thein Zaw Myint and medal and cash award to Adam Hlyh (Australia) who stood second. Then, the chief minister presented medal and cash award to Kieran Pratt (Australia) who stood first. The tourney in which 144 golfers from 20 nations participated was held from 2 to 5 February. —MNA

Cash donated to fund of hospital

Thayetchaung, 5 Feb—The cash donation was held for the first time at Thayetchaung Township People’s Hospital on 19 January.

Chairperson of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association Dr Khaing Mi Mi Zin donated K 100,000 to the fund of the hospital.
Mexican police arrested the reputed head of a Sinaloa drug cartel in a statement accusing him of plotting armed groups, drug rehabilitation center.

Federal police arrested José Antonio Torres Marrufo, identified as leader of the criminal organization known as "New People," the armed wing of the Sinaloa cartel led by Joaquín Guzmán Loera, the most violent in the country. Mexico's Public Security Secretary said in a statement on Saturday.

Torres, 33, was wanted by the Mexican authorities, which offered a $150,000 reward for the capture of the Murders Artists and the Mexicles, according to Mexican police.

The Mexicles are rivals of the Barrio Azteca and the Aztecs gangs linked to the Barrio Azteca and the Aztecs.

But his six-week stint on the barren islands has enraged Britain, which says the deployment has added to tensions ahead of the 30th anniversary of the war and sparked a 74-day war with Argentina.

The single-engine helicopter pilot would last 70 to 80 days. The commander did not give other destinations. Iran’s navy has been boosting its presence in international waters since last year, deploying vessels in the Indian Ocean and Gulf of Aden on missions to protect Iranian ships from Somali pirates.

Teheran also sent two ships into the Mediterranean for the first time in February 2011 through the Suez Canal. Ties between Iran and Saudi Arabia, which have long been strained, deteriorated in late 2011 following US allegations that a foiled plot to assassinate the Saudi ambassador to Washington had been hatched in Teheran.
Stressed out by flying? Travelers in Northern California can now find their inner calm in the Yoga Room at San Francisco International Airport.

The quiet, dimly lit studio officially opened last week in a former storage room past the security checkpoint at SFO’s Terminal 2.

Airport officials believe the 150-square-foot (14-square-meter) room with mirrored walls is the world’s first airport yoga studio, said spokesman Mike McCarron.

The room, open to all ticketed passengers, contains a few chairs and yoga mats but no instructors or televisions. No shoes, food or drinks can be allowed.

“Silence is appreciated,” says a sign spelling out “Yoga Room Etiquette.”

A prominent blue-and-white sign with a Buddha-shaped pictogram beckons visitors: “Come check out our Yoga Room.” Frequent flyer Maria Poole accepted the invitation, practicing a downward dog asana and other yoga poses before boarding her flight.

“It’s perfect,” said Poole, 47, of Lafayette. “I think it should be in every airport.”

**Cambodian FM heads to China to boost bilateral, ASEAN-China ties**

**Pnom Penh, 5 Feb**— Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Heng Namhong left Cambodia on Sunday morning for a 3-day visit to China.

The visit aimed at cementing Cambodia-China ties and ASEAN-China relations, said a Press release of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. At the Phnom Penh International Airport, the minister was seen off by Chinese Ambassador to Cambodia Pan Guangyu and senior officials of the ministry,

“The relationship between Cambodia and China has been very close and special relations and cooperation since the past to the present. The visit is to deepen the friendship relations,” Heng Namhong told reporters before his departure. During the stay in China, he said that he will hold talks with Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi on bilateral, regional and international issues; then, he will pay courtesy calls on China’s top leaders.

**China water project to ‘begin operating in 2013’**

**Beijing, 5 Feb**— A massive project to divert water from China’s south to its drought-prone north — which has seen hundreds of thousands of people relocated — will become partly operational next year, state media reported.

The South-North Water Diversion Project is one of the country’s largest infrastructure projects since the building of the Three Gorges Dam, which involved the relocation of more than one million people.

Sun Yufu, deputy water resources chief in the eastern province of Shandong — who is also involved in the programme said his province’s part of the project would be completed at the end of the year, the Xinhua news agency said.

He added that “the entire project” would become operational in the first half of 2013, and start supplying water to arid parts of the north, the report said late Saturday.

China’s South-North Water Diversion project consists of three routes — the eastern, middle and western routes — and Sun was referring to the eastern portion of the project, or a 1,890-kilometre (1,170-mile) canal. Construction on the 1,430-kilometre central route began in 2003 and will only be operational in 2014. The western section, meanwhile, has yet to see the light of day.

**Italian calls for harmony in tackling debt crisis**

**Milan, 5 Feb**— Italian Prime Minister Mario Monti on Saturday called for harmony among European Union member states in their efforts to tackle the debt crisis.

Speaking at the ongoing 48th Munich Security conference, Monti said the debt crisis has “brought back into the European picture misrepresentations, prejudices — the north, the south, the large, the small countries.”

He called for effective actions to stifle such a resentment from spreading further.

Monti called the situation as “extremely dangerous, much more in the longer term perspective than the euro zone crisis itself.”

Europe was “in a process of growing political resentment among each other, but in fact we are in a process of growing political integration,” he said.

“We have to find not only a solution, but also a harmonious one,” Monti said.

“We must do it in ways that are able to give a reasonable promise of a brighter future.”

**Firms warned of Olympics Internet gaps**

**London, 5 Feb**— Businesses are being warned of possible Internet breakdowns, data caps and “unavoidable” mobile phone problems during the London 2012 Olympics, in official advice from the Games organizers.

In a document on the Games website entitled “Preparing your business for the Games”, the documents warns that Internet connections could be lost due to surges in the numbers of people logging on at peak times.

“It is possible that Internet services may be slower during the Games or, in very severe cases, there may be drop-outs due to an increased number of people accessing the Internet.”

“The first serious professional recording engineer.” While in Paris, he recorded orchestras, pianists, and other groups. Even recorded on the then-new Edison wax phonographs in the first generation of intended for playback.

The trip yielded one of the best known early recordings, of Johannes Brahms playing the piano. But, Feaster said, that cylinder has given early recordings a bad name.
Three Ore mushroom pickers rescued after 6 days lost

PORTLAND, 5 Feb—A family of three huddled on the edge of an old-growth Oregon forest for six days, lost and cold, unable to signal search helicopters flying low and slow overhead. Without food, water or even warm clothing, Belinda and Daniel Conne, along with their 25-year-old son, Michael, survived by drinking water from streams and taking shelter in a hollowed-out tree. On Saturday, they managed to crawl to a clearing, where a search helicopter spotted them several miles outside the community of Gold Beach, roughly 330 miles south-southwest of Portland. “It’s a miracle, really,” Curry County Sheriff John Bishop said.

The three were airlifted to a Gold Beach hospital, where Bishop spoke with them at an emergency room. He said the three were “remarkably in pretty good shape,” for being lost and cold for six days, and that it is a “miracle” that they survived.

The Connes told him they could see search helicopters just a few hundred feet above them while they were lost but had nothing to signal them with through the thick, coastal forest vegetation.

Bishop said Daniel Conne suffered a back injury, Belinda Conne had hypothermia, and their 25-year-old son Michael had a sprained foot. All three also were dehydrated and hungry.

Nearly 20,000 pounds of chocolate lost in Pa fire

CANCUN, 5 Feb—An official says a fire at a candy factory in southwestern Pennsylvania destroyed nearly 20,000 pounds of chocolate. The blaze broke out early Friday morning at a second-floor packaging area at Sarris Candies in Canonsburg in Washington County.

Plant manager Dennis Sroka tells The(Philadelphia) Inquirer that a health inspection determined that Sarris must destroy the candy, which either melted or had some damage. Canonsburg Mayor David Rhoads says officials will inspect the damage on Monday. He says the fire does not appear to be suspicious.

Sroka says the inspection will also determine whether an additional 5,000 pounds of chocolate packaged for sale in the store will have to be destroyed as well.

The Connes told Bishop they said most of the company’s stock survived because it is stored in an off-site warehouse.

Virus outbreak reported on 2 cruise ships

FORT LAUDERDALE, 5 Feb—Outbreaks of a gastrointestinal virus have been reported on two Princess Cruises ships operating out of Port Everglades, Fla., officials said.

A total of 240 people became ill with Norovirus on the Crown Princess and Ruby Princess, The Palm Beach Post reported. The Crown Princess docked on Saturday morning, and the Ruby Princess was scheduled to arrive on Sunday.

Embarkation for both ships was to be delayed by a few hours to give crews time to do a thorough cleaning. Norovirus causes a range of symptoms, including upset stomach and vomiting. The infection usually runs its course in three days or less without treatment and without doing any long-term damage.

The virus is highly contagious. The Centers for Disease Control reports about 12 percent of the population is infected every year, while the equivalent figure for cruise ship passengers is 0.028 percent.

On the Crown Princess, about 4 percent of the passengers, 140 people were infected along with 18 members of the crew. On the Ruby Princess, about 2 percent of the total, and nine crew members became ill.

China’s economy to expand 8.1% this year

BEIJING, 5 Feb—China’s economic growth will decelerate to around 8.1 percent this year and edge up to 8.7 percent in 2013, Stephen Green, economist with Standard Chartered Bank (China), said on Saturday.

In an interview with Xinhua that China’s manufacturing activity is far from optimistic despite the country’s purchasing managers index (PMI) for the manufacturing sector rose slightly in January, The China Federation of Logistics and Purchasing said Wednesday in a statement on its website that China’s PMI rose to 50.5 percent in January, the highest level since October. The PMI stood at 50.3 percent in December, and 49 percent in November.

More bird flu traces found in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 5 Feb—More traces of bird flu or the H5N1 virus have been found in Eastern Nepal. Around 600 chickens have died of the virus in the past few days in Sunsari District, east of Nepal. Although it has been confirmed that the virus caused the deaths of the chickens, the samples have been sent to the United Kingdom for further investigation.

The district has been set on high alert to prevent further aggravation from the virus. A team of experts have already been mobilized in the district, sources said.

A car is stuck in a heavy snowfall in Algiers, Algeria, on 4 Feb, 2012. The snowfall, a rare phenomenon that the capital has not registered since February 2005, caused disruptions to the traffic in the capital with a thickness reaching 15 to 20 centimeters.—Xinhua
Police recover statue stolen in 1982

A 16th century statue of St Augustine stolen in 1982 from a Catholic church was found in Sicily, Italian officials said. Police said a lengthy investigation resulted in the statue being recovered from a private home near Palermo. ANSA reported Friday.

The statue was taken in 1982 from the the San Francesco Savetto di Mondovi sanctuary near Cuneo in the Piedmont region. The statue has been returned to the church. Police said one person was arrested on a charge of receiving stolen goods.

Radcliffe admits being drunk during “Harry Potter” scenes

LOS ANGELES, 5 Feb—Daniel Radcliffe admitted he was drunk while filming some scenes for the “Harry Potter” movies during a period in his life where he was drinking “nightly,” the young star said in an interview.

“I have a very addictive personality. It was a problem. People with problems like that are very adept at hiding it. It was bad. I don’t want to go into details, but I drank a lot and it was daily — I mean nightly,” Radcliffe said to British celebrity news magazine Heat earlier this week.

“I can honestly say I never drank at work on ‘Harry Potter.’ I went into work still drunk, but I never drank at work. I can point to many scenes where I’m just gone. Dead behind the eyes,” the 22-year-old actor said.

The young British star, who was propelled to fame at 11-years-old after being cast to play boy wizard Harry Potter in the movies based on JK Rowling’s best-selling novels, discussed his “very busy” personality and also talked about his production-assistant girlfriend, who he said was “a wonderful, wonderful girl, who’s far too good for me.”—Internet

Police: Robber wore an Obama mask

Police in Florida said they are working to identify a man who wore a mask modeled after the face of President Barack Obama while robbing a McDonald’s.

Riveria Beach Police said the man wore the Obama mask when he entered the McDonald’s on Broadway at 6:21 a.m. Saturday and displayed a silver, semiautomatic handgun. The Palm Beach Post reported Friday. The man ordered breakfast items and then fled.

‘Twilight’ star Kellan Lutz defends Gisele

INDIANAPOLIS, 5 Feb—“Twilight” star Kellan Lutz sympathizes with Gisele Bundchen.

Earlier in the week, some criticized the supermodel and wife of New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady after an email she reportedly sent to friends and family encouraging them to pray for her husband’s success in the Super Bowl game against the New York Giants was leaked.

“I found that very endearing,” Lutz said about the email. “Very sweet to have a wife do that for her husband and give that positive energy. I think we all need that in the world. To listen to the news broadcasters ... be negative towards that, I think it is really (bad).” 

The die-hard football fan, who just attended the Pro Bowl, kicked off Super Bowl weekend by attending a Friday night party hosted by Audi. Lutz, who has been to Super Bowl weekend before, said he wants the Patriots to win Sunday.

“They have a great team. Solid team,” he said. “I fell in love with Tom Brady. Met him once. Really great guy and they have a really solid team. Even if Tom isn’t playing, their team is solid.”

The actor may be known for his rock solid body, but he says it dwarfs in comparison to the NFL players.—Internet

Celbs suit up for DirecTV Beach Bowl

INDIANAPOLIS, 5 Feb—Cast member Daniel Radcliffe poses at a special screening of “The Woman in Black” in Los Angeles, California on 2 February, 2012.—Internet

Buenos Aires, 5 Feb—Long reviled in Argentina for leading Britain to war over the Falkland Islands, Margaret Thatcher’s portrayal as a vulnerable, elderly woman suffering from dementia in new film “The Iron Lady” has won her newfound sympathy with Argentine moviegoers.

The Oscar-nominated film shows Thatcher, the 86-year-old former British prime minister, as a confused and lonely old woman remembering flashbacks of her divisive political career, and its release comes as diplomatic tensions over the Falklands are flaring anew.

“The image of the old woman makes me sad, it’s an image of the tremendous solitude that comes with age,” Alicia Fischer, a retired chemical industry worker said after seeing the film featuring Meryl Streep as the “Iron Lady” wins sympathy with Argentine moviegoers.

Former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher waves from her front doorstep as she returns home after leaving hospital, in London on 1 November, 2010.—Internet

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**Japan beat Slovenia in Fed Cup tennis**

Serena Williams returns a ball to Olga Govortsova, of Belarus, during a first-round Fed Cup tennis match in Worcester, Mass., on 4 Feb, 2012. - Internet

Japanese number one Ayumi Morita, beat Silvana Soler- Espinosa of the United States in a first-round match at the Velodrome stadium in Marseille, on 4 Feb, 2012. - Internet

**Fed Cup: Russia leads Spain 2-0 after 1st day**

Moscow, 5 Feb — Maria Sharapova and Svetlana Kuznetsova won opening singles matches Saturday to give Russia a 2-0 lead over Spain in the first round of the Fed Cup. Sharapova routed Silvia Soler-Espinosa 6-2, 6-1. Kuznetsova then downed Carla Suarez Navarro 6-3, 6-1. After an early exchange of breaks, Sharapova won four consecutive games in the first set and four more in the second. She closed the match on her first match point with a forehand that Fed Cup rookie Soler-Espinosa failed to return.

"I was a bit nervous before the beginning of the match as I failed to show my best tennis in my previous Fed Cup appearance in Moscow," Sharapova said. Sharapova is playing for Russia for the third consecutive year. The three-time Grand Slam champion won both her singles matches against Israel in 2008. She lost in opening singles against France last year. "It was very important to stay concentrating, to believe and prove that my tennis is better and to win the match," she said. "Luckily, I managed to do all that and now I'm really satisfied with my performance."

Russia has won the Fed Cup title four times since 2004 and 5-1 against Spain, since 2011.

**Boxer Donaire steps up to super bantam with win**

SAN ANTONIO, 5 Feb — Nonito Donaire knocked down Wilfredo Vazquez Jr. in the ninth round en route to a split decision over the former champ in a super bantamweight title bout in San Antonio, Texas. - Internet

Donaire had rocked Vazquez in the third round and appeared in control until the Puerto Rican began to assert himself in the fifth and sixth rounds.

Despite the tenacity of Vazquez, Donaire said he was surprised that judge Ruben Garcia scored the bout 115-112 for the Puerto Rican. Judges Levi Martinez and Marco Trella both saw 117-110 for Donaire, who said he hurt his left hand early in the bout and displayed what appeared to be a bloodied hand wrap when he removed his gloves after the fight. - Internet

**Manchester United suffer Lindegaard blow**

LONDON, 5 Feb — Manchester United will have to make do without goalkeeper Anders Lindegaard for at least a month as he has an ankle injury. Lindegaard, 27, suffered ankle ligament damage in a training ground accident last week, another in a long list of injuries for the Barclays Premier League champions. Manager Sir Alex Ferguson told the club’s official website: “It looks like Lindegaard will be out for at least four weeks, maybe five to six, with ankle ligament damage.”

**Marseille, Lyon set for League Cup final rehearsal**

Marseille, 5 Feb — Having both booked their places in the French League Cup final in mid-week, Marseille and Lyon meet on Sunday for a dress rehearsal that could have significant bearing on the battle for Champions League qualification. Marseille, who beat neighbours Nice 2-1 on Wednesday, are France’s form team with eight consecutive victories in all competitions behind them. They are now up fifth in the Ligue 1 table, just two points below the Champions League places, and win over fourth-placed Lyon at Stade Velodrome would lift them above Remi Garde’s side in the standings. Victory over Nice came at a cost, however, with Mathieu Valbuena sent off after being shown a harsh second yellow for taking a free-kick before the official had blown his whistle.

Valbuena, who tops the league’s assist chart with 11 decisive passes, has been a key figure in OM’s winter revival and teammate Alou Diarra was left to rue the suspension that has ruled the diminutive midfielder out of Sunday’s “game. It’s the first time I’ve seen a red card like that,” said Diarra. — Internet

**Spencer Levin opens 6-stroke lead in Phoenix Open**

"You mean guys in the crowd?" he asked when questioned about fans giving him grief for smoking on the course. "Oh, yeah, (they get on me) every time, but enjoy it (smoking)." Levin said. "They were asking to bum a smoke off of me." - Internet

Tournament leader Spencer Levin tees off on the first hole during the third round of the Phoenix Open at TPC Scottsdale, Ariz., on 4 Feb, 2012. - Internet

**Tour de France: Contador wins, Nibali 2nd**

The 2012 Tour de France has been won by Alberto Contador. - Internet

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**Fed Cup: Williams on top for 2-0 over Belarus**

Worcester, 5 Feb — Serena Williams returned to Fed Cup play on Saturday, giving the United States a strong lineup for its Fed Cup match against Belarus. That lineup became more imposing when world No 1 Victoria Azarenka was sidelined by a lower back injury. The Americans capitalized with straight-set victoire on Christina McHale and Williams fora 2-0 lead in the best-five-of-series, which concludes Sunday with two more singles matches and one in doubles. - Internet

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Tournament leader Spencer Levin tees off on the first hole during the third round of the Phoenix Open at TPC Scottsdale, Ariz., on 4 Feb, 2012. - Internet

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Referees’ chief clarifies tackling Law

LONDON, 5 Feb—Referees’ chief Mike Riley has moved to clarify the Law of the Game following recent incidents in the Barclays Premier League. Clubs have been informed that there is absolutely no change in the advice given to referees on the interpretation of tackles in applying Law 12 correctly. What players and managers are being reminded of however is: If a player commits a tackle at speed, with intensity and with both feet off the ground they run the risk of the challenge being punished with a red card.

Following a spate of high-profile challenges, Professional Game Match Officials Limited (PGMOL) general manager Riley brought together leading stakeholders in the game to agree on guidance for referees, players and managers. Last week, PGMOL met with the Professional Footballers’ Association, the League Managers’ Association, Premier League Match Delegates and the Select Group officials to discuss tackling and seek to provide guidance for the players, managers and clubs. There was an exhaustive review of DVD evidence from

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Villa was really threatening in the closing stages, with substitute Gary Gardner coming close, but his header was straight at Krul. The goalkeeper parried the effort into the air, but it dropped straight into his welcoming arms with Emile Heskey close to getting a touch on the ball.

Post Primary School gets new building
SILTAG—5 Feb—A ceremony to hand over a two-storey building was held at Basic Education Post Primary School in Zinbin Village of Shwegu Township on 28 January. Departmental officials cut the ribbon to open the new building. The village administrator handed over documents related to the building to the township education officer. The new building is 100 feet long, 30 feet wide and 23 ft. high.

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NAY PYI TAW, 5 Feb—Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, after attending the inauguration of Ayeyawady Bridge (Sinkham) yesterday morning, visited Katha in Katha District of Sagaing Region.

The Vice-President, accompanied by Union ministers, the Mandalay Region chief minister, Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye and personnel went to No. 1 Basic Education High School Katha where they viewed computer room, computer aided instruction room, audio visual room, physics lab and classrooms and spoke words of encouragement to the students.

The Vice-President signed the visitors’ book and called teachers for higher educational qualification of students. Next, ICE Company Chairman U Nay Aung, UKyaw Kyaw Win of NewsStarlight Co, U Aung Min Thein of Shwe Thanlwin Co, U Myat Cho Win of Asia World Co, U Nay Win Kyaw of Thailand Win Co and U Seo Naing of Aye Aye Khang Co contributed K 100 million each to No.1 and No.2 BEHSs and Shwe Thanlwin presented one Sky Net receiver each to the two schools.

The Vice-President, while visiting 100-bed Katha People’s Hospital, viewed provision of medical treatment to patients and comforted them. He then heard reports on workforce of the hospital, outbreak rate of diseases and capacity of the hospital presented by the medical superintendant of the hospital.

The Vice-President then gave instructions on medical treatment, prevention and medical ethics. He said that the workload of the hospital is massive as the ratio of patients to doctors in the district is 6844:1. If the four necessities for curing—building, staff, medicine, and medical equipment such as diagnostic lab and X-ray room are available, curing can be carried out to some extent in public health care service.

Health care service is still needed for rural villages that are not in a position to meet those requirements. Currently, there are over 26,000 doctors and only two third of them are actually engaging in health care field, which means the doctor-patient ratio is 1:3000. Likewise, there have only been about 25,000 nurses and over 150,000 midwives and the number of doctors, nurses, midwives and health assistant is still low, far from ASEAN standard. It needs to take time to train and nurture a large number of specialized experts.

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Manchester United climbed off the canvas to snatch a point at Chelsea

LONDON, 5 Feb—The champions slipped behind as Daniel Sturridge’s shot rebounded into their net off defender Jonny Evans.

Juan Mata’s volley and David Luiz’s header seemed to ensure a Chelsea win. But United rallied as Wayne Rooney scored two penalties after fouls by Sturridge and Branislav Ivanovic, before Hernandez nodded past Petr Cech.

Despite their thrilling recovery, United’s failure to secure a first Premier League win at Stamford Bridge since 2002 means they only reduce the gap between them and leaders Manchester City to two points. Meanwhile Chelsea’s inability to hold on to a three-goal advantage with 35 minutes to go and striker Fernando Torres’s continuing trouble in front of goal will be of concern to manager Andre Villas-Boas. The Portuguese may also feel aggrieved at referee Howard Webb’s decision to award a second penalty against his side as Ivanovic slid in on Danny Welbeck.

The England striker appeared to move his leg across the defender to earn the spot-kick from which Rooney put United within striking range.—Internet

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NAY PYI TAW, 5 Feb—As part of efforts for beautifying Magway, volunteers carried out sanitation tasks along the road to Education College in Magway today.

Magway Region Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Amin Zaw visited the road while over 750 volunteers were carrying out sanitation tasks along the 3280-ft long road. The volunteers include college students, members of the Myanmar Police Force, auxiliary fire brigade, maternal and child welfare association, employees of Magway Development Affairs Department and red cross members.

Academy award presentation live on 7 Feb

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Feb—Nay Pyi Taw will see academy award presentation for 2010 at 6.30 pm on 7 February. Organized by Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise under the Information Ministry, the award presentation will be broadcast live from 5pm that evening through MRTV, Nay Pyi Taw Myanma Radio, MRTV-4 Channel, Myanmar International Channel and SkyNet Up to Date channel.

In addition, movie fans can enjoy the ceremony again on MRTV channel at 4.30 pm on 8 January.—MNA

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