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Also present at the call together with President U Thein Sein were Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanma Industrial Development Li-Gen Thein Htay, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Maung, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein and departmental heads.

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At the call, they cordially discussed assistance for development process of Myanmar and exchanged views.—MNA

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EU Commissioner for Development calls on Union Minister for Foreign Affairs

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Shan State Chief Minister attends opening of roads, diversion of Bilu Creek

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**Peru Shining Path leader Comrade Artemio captured**

President Ollanta Humala said the capture of Artemio marked the defeat of the Shining Path in the Alto Huallaga valley - a centre of cocaine production. “In the name of the police and the army we can say to the country: mission accomplished,” Mr Humala said during a visit to the units involved. Mr Humala added that he would now step up the fight against the remaining band of Shining Path rebels in the Ene-Apurímac valley.

Initial reports said Artemio — whose real name is Florindo Eleuterio Flores — was dead. But Defence Minister Alberto Otrola said he had been found alive but badly wounded. “He has practically lost his right arm and he is being given medical attention,” Mr Otrola said.

Some Peruvian media reports suggested Artemio may have been betrayed or abandoned by his fellow guerrillas.

He has been flown to the capital Lima for questioning and further medical treatment. Last December Artemio admitted to reporters that the Shining Path had been defeated, and said the remaining rebels were ready to negotiate with the government.

**Bali bombing suspect Umar Patek on trial in Indonesia**

Queda. He was arrested in January 2011 in Abbottabad, Pakistan, where Osama bin Laden was later killed. In August he was extradited to Indonesia in a move seen at the time as a significant coup for anti-terror agencies in the country.

The trial is expected to go on for months, says the BBC’s Indonesia Correspondent, Karishma Vyasani. A verdict would likely be delivered at the end of May or in early June. Security analysts believed it was no coincidence that he was caught in the same town as where the former al-Qaeda leader was hiding, but officials could not confirm whether the two had met. Bin Laden was killed in a raid by United States forces in May 2011.

**US Navy: Iran prepares suicide bomb boats in Gulf**

Some of the small boats have been outfitted with a large warhead that could be used as a suicide explosive device. The Iranians have a large mine inventory. “We have watched with interest their development of long range rockets and, of course ... the development of their nuclear programme,” Fox, who heads the US Fifth Fleet, said at a briefing on the fleet’s base in the Gulf state of Bahrain.

**Turkey ‘bombs Iraq hideouts of Kurdish rebels PKK’**

Turkey’s air force has launched a series of attacks against PKK targets in Iraq, according to Turkish news agency Anadolu. The raids were carried out in response to recent PKK attacks against Turkish soldiers and civilians in the border region of southeast Turkey.

The PKK has been fighting for a Kurdish homeland in southeastern Turkey, with sporadic clashes occurring regularly between the PKK and Turkish forces. Despite a 2013 peace agreement with the government, the conflict has continued, and the PKK is still listed as a terrorist organization by multiple countries, including the United States and the European Union.

**Colombia seizes All cap rebels’ explosives cache**

**Iran’s IRGC to stage new ground military drills**

The Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) Ground Force has planned to carry out new military exercises by the end of the current Iranian calendar year (starting March 20), the local satellite Press TV reported. Commander of the IRGC Ground Forces Brigadier General Mohammad Pakpour said Sunday that the IRGC is completely prepared to strike back at any act of aggression against the Islamic Republic, said the report.

According to Pakpour, the main purpose of IRGC military drills is to improve the combat preparedness of Iranian forces for any possible military attack. The report did not specify the location of the next IRGC military drills. Last week, IRGC Ground Forces wrapped up the “Hamiane Velayat” (supporters of Velayat) military drills in southern Iran. Pakpour said all elements of a tactical commando raid and aerial combat were “successfully” practiced during the ground military drills.

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Immune cells use ‘starvation tactics’ on HIV

London, 13 Feb — Scientists have shown how some cells in the body can repel attacks from HIV by starving the virus of the building blocks of life. Viruses cannot replicate on their own; they must hijack other cells and turn them into virus production factories. A study, published in Nature Immunology, showed how some parts of the immune system destroy their own raw materials, stopping HIV.

It is uncertain whether this could be used in therapy, experts caution. HIV attacks the immune system and can weaken the body’s defences to the point that everyday infections become fatal. However, not all parts of the immune system become subverted to the virus’ cause. Macrophages and dendritic cells, which have important roles in orchestrating the immune response, seem to be more resistant.

Last year researchers identified the protein SAMHD1 as being a critical part of this resistance. Now scientists believe they know how it works. They have shown that SAMHD1 breaks down the building blocks of DNA. So if a cell needs to make a copy of itself it will have a pool of these building blocks - deoxynucleoside triphosphates or dNTPs — which make the new copies of the DNA. However, they can also be used by viruses.

The human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) attacks the immune system. — Internet

Overeating may double risk of memory loss

Washington, 13 Feb — Older people who eat too much are at risk for memory impairment, a new study contends. People 70 and older who eat between 2,100 and 6,000 calories a day may be at double the risk of these deficits of memory, which can be an early sign of Alzheimer’s disease, the study authors said.

“Excessive daily caloric consumption may not be brain-health friendly,” said lead researcher Dr Yonas Geda, an associate professor of neurology and psychiatry at the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale, Ariz. “It may sound like a cliche, but we need to be mindful of our daily caloric consumption,” he said. “The bottom line is that eating in moderation, not in excess amount, may be good for your brain.”

The results of the study are due to be presented in April at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Neurology, in New Orleans.

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Among those who ate the most, the odds of being diagnosed with the impaired-memory disorder was more than twice that of those who ate the least, the researchers found. There was no significant increase in risk for memory problems among those in the middle group, the researchers added.

These findings remained the same after taking into account a history of stroke, diabetes, education, and other risk factors for memory loss.

Red Bull off shelf over additive fears

Shanghai, 13 Feb — Supermarkets in major Chinese cities have taken Red Bull products off their shelves over fears that the energy drink may contain banned additives. The scare was triggered by recent media reports in Harbin that stated that some of the beverage’s ingredients are not registered with the State Food and Drug Administration (SFDA) and are not approved for vitamin functional beverages. The ingredients include sodium benzoate, a preservative that, when combined with caffeine, may produce a substance considered an A-class drug for psychiatric treatment.

An overdose of the substance could cause headaches, stress, anxiety, tinnitus and addiction, said Dr. Zhang Jing from the First Hospital affiliated with the Harbin University of Medical Science. Other additives found in Red Bull products, including sodium citrate, citric acid, carmine pigment and tartrazine, are also not registered with the SFDA, according to a list of Red Bull ingredients posted on the SFDA’s website. The SFDA and its provincial bureaus have launched an investigation, but have not ordered removal of the drinks.

A saleswoman takes cans of Red Bull beverage off shelves in a large supermarket in Shanghai, east China, on 11 Feb, 2012. Xinhua

Airlines seek United Nations deal on EU carbon scheme

Washington, 13 Feb — The International Air Transport Association (IATA) has called for the United Nations to broker a deal between airlines and the European Union (EU) on the EU Emissions Trading Scheme. It comes days after China banned its airlines from joining the scheme, which levies a charge on flights in EU airspace based on carbon emissions.

Other nations such as the US and Canada have also opposed the plan. IATA said if not resolved quickly, the issue could hurt all parties involved. “I very much hope of course that we are not seeing the beginning of a trade war on this issue and eventually wiser counsels will prevail,” said Tony Tyler, Director-General of IATA.

Airlines have said the emissions scheme will put more pressure on their costs. — Internet

Greek parliament approves crucial austerity bill

Athens, 13 Feb — Greece’s parliament has approved an austerity and debt-relief bill, crucial for the country to avoid bankruptcy and remain in the eurozone.

Lawmakers voted on early Monday in favor of the bill that imposes harsh new austerity measures in return for a euro130 billion ($171 billion) new bailout agreement and related deal with private creditors to shave euro60 billion ($81 billion) off the country’s national debt.

The vote occurred after extensive rioting and looting swept through the Greek Capital.

Greek Finance Minister Evangelos Venizelos, bottom left and Foreign deputy Minister Dimitris Donis applaud Prime Minister Lucas Papademos prior to his speech to the lawmakers during a debate at the Parliament on 12 Feb, 2012. Internet

Boeing says it’s frustrated with Dreamliner glitch

Singapore, 13 Feb — Boeing Co, the world’s second-largest plane maker, is frustrated with the latest 787 Dreamliner production glitch, but it shouldn’t delay output, a top executive said on Sunday. Boeing has fixed a shimming problem discovered earlier this month on some 787 fuselages and plans to inspect other planes for the error, the company said.

Boeing vice president of 787 production Mark Jenks said shimming problem discovered earlier this month on some 787 Dreamliner during a press preview in Singapore on 11 Feb, 2012. Xinhua

The United States tried to block the introduction of emissions charges late last year, in a case heard by the European Court of Justice. However, the court ruled that they were legal. Since then the US has called for the issue to be dealt with by an international aviation body. It, along with Canada, says the charges levied under the scheme violate climate change and aviation pacts.

Aircrafts sweep through the Greek Capital. ($132 billion) off the country’s national debt. Other nations such as France and Italy have warned that they will prevail,” said Tony Tyler, Director-General of IATA.

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**Lab study raises questions over nano-particle impact**

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Most of the other stars that compose the constellation figures’ arms and bodies are noticeably fainter than those in their heads and feet. A second-magnitude star known as Aldebaran marks one of Pollux’s feet (on the astronomer’s brightness scale of magnitudes, the lower the number, the brighter the star). **Internet**

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**Japan’s Fukushima reactor may be re-heating**

Tokyo, 13 Feb — Temperature readings at one of the crippled Fukushima nuclear reactors have risen above Japan’s stringent new safety standard but there was no immediate danger, its operator said on Sunday.

Tokyo Electric Power said one of three reactors on the number-two reactor at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant indicated gradual heating this month and reached 82 degrees Celsius (179.6 degrees Fahrenheit) Sunday. The temperature was above the 80-degree safety standard newly employed by Japan’s nuclear safety authority, prompting the utility to publicise the reading and notify public agencies.

But it remains below the 100 degree level that the government says is needed to maintain the safe state of "cold shutdown". The utility said it will check the accuracy of the thermometer in question, as two others on the same reactor have been measuring its temperature at around 35 degrees. Gas samples from the reactor did not indicate any new critical reaction, and other monitors and data do not suggest heating and increased steam, TEPCO said. **Internet**

**Video game sales fall ahead of PlayStation Vita launch**

London, 13 Feb — Video game sales slumped in the US — their biggest market — in January, NPD group said stores sold $1.14bn (£720m) worth of games over the month, down 34% on the previous year. It added that hardware sales were down 38%. The consumer data provider linked the drop to a lack of major new releases.

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**Apple launches new legal attack on Samsung phones**

New York, 13 Feb — Apple has asked a federal court in California to block Samsung Electronics Co Ltd from selling its new Galaxy Nexus smartphones, alleging patent violations. In a suit filed last week in San Jose, Apple said the Galaxy Nexus infringes on patents underlying features customers expect from products. Those include the ability to unlock phones by sliding an image and to search for information by voice. Samsung spokespersons did not immediately return requests for comments.

With the new suit, Apple is opening up another legal assault on the Korea-based company after taking Samsung to the same court in April of last year. In the earlier case, Apple alleges that Samsung illegally copied its iPhone and iPad design and the look of its screen. [nN18125665] That case is still going on, though in December Apple lost a bid for a preliminary bar against Samsung for selling Galaxy phones and tablets. Apple acknowledged the setback in the new action and said now it is suing over new products and different patents. In addition to the California cases, Apple and Samsung are waging more than 20 legal fights in at least 10 countries in their war for global leadership of smartphone and tablet markets. The new case in US District Court, Northern District of California, is Apple Inc v Samsung Electronics Co Ltd, et al D-00630. **Reuters**

**How to observe Gemini, the heavenly twin constellation**

New York, 13 Feb — If you’re headed out around 10:30 pm local time this week and look straight up, you’ll be looking directly at Gemini, the Twin Brothers. The heads of the Gemini twins are the bright stars Pollux (yellowish) and Castor (white; a bit dimmer than Pollux). According to Greek mythology, the twins are the sons of Zeus and Leda and brothers of Helen of Troy. Ancient mariners regarded Pollux and Castor as the patrons of seafarers, and in Elizabethan times they were also understood the protectors of all at sea. The expression "by jingo!" — an explanation mariners gave — has been said to be a popular corruption of ancient swears by these patrons ("by Gemini"). In addition, the twins were often billed as adventurers, warriors and famous heroes.

Most of the other stars that compose the constellation figures’ arms and bodies are noticeably fainter than those in their heads and feet. A second-magnitude star known as Aldebaran marks one of Pollux’s feet (on the astronomer’s brightness scale of magnitudes, the lower the number, the brighter the star). **Internet**

**Apple launches new legal attack on Samsung phones**

New York, 13 Feb — Apple has asked a federal court in California to block Samsung Electronics Co Ltd from selling its new Galaxy Nexus smartphones, alleging patent violations. In a suit filed last week in San Jose, Apple said the Galaxy Nexus infringes on patents underlying features customers expect from products. Those include the ability to unlock phones by sliding an image and to search for information by voice. Samsung spokespersons did not immediately return requests for comments.

With the new suit, Apple is opening up another legal assault on the Korea-based company after taking Samsung to the same court in April of last year. In the earlier case, Apple alleges that Samsung illegally copied its iPhone and iPad design and the look of its screen. [nN18125665] That case is still going on, though in December Apple lost a bid for a preliminary bar against Samsung for selling Galaxy phones and tablets. Apple acknowledged the setback in the new action and said now it is suing over new products and different patents. In addition to the California cases, Apple and Samsung are waging more than 20 legal fights in at least 10 countries in their war for global leadership of smartphone and tablet markets. The new case in US District Court, Northern District of California, is Apple Inc v Samsung Electronics Co Ltd, et al D-00630. **Reuters**
Premier Wen urges economic reforms

BRUNSWICK, 13 Feb — Premier Wen Jiabao has pledged to use further reforms to solve problems, with China’s economic structure, unfair income distribution and corruption. The government should better handle issues related to people’s livelihood and address public concerns, according to price levels, the affordability of housing, and incomes, Wen said.

The Premier made the remarks in five separate meetings over the past week to solicit opinions from representatives of different sectors of society on the draft of a government work report to be delivered at the annual session of the National People’s Congress, China’s top legislature, early next month. After hearing entrepreneurs’ reports on the country’s industries ranging from energy to automobiles to finance, Wen said the government is paying close attention to the economic situation in January and the first quarter of this year. “We have to make a proper judgement as early as possible when things happen and take quick action,” Wen said, adding fine-tuning of macro policies should begin in the first quarter.

He said according to the macro prudent requirement, the government will maintain the continuity and flexibility of policies. Zhang Yuilang, chairman of Shanghai-based developer Greenland Group, suggested the government stabilize macro control over the housing market with improved policies concerning affordable housing and commercial real estate.

S Korea to implement procedures for free trade deal with Vietnam

SEOUL, 13 Feb — South Korea planned to implement domestic procedures necessary for a free trade deal with Vietnam as part of efforts to strengthen economic ties with the South East Asian country, the finance ministry said on Monday.

“Based on a joint study completed in October 2011, we will take domestic procedures necessary to launch a negotiation on the ROK-Vietnam free trade agreement (FTA),” the Ministry of Strategy and Finance said in a statement.

The ministry noted that the bilateral free trade talks will include goods, services and investment as well as intellectual property rights and other issues, saying that the economic cooperation between the two countries will expand into the energy and mineral resources sector.

Vietnam has recently emerged as a major export destination for South Korea due to the South East Asian economy’s fast growth rate of over 6 percent, according to the ministry. Vietnam is the South Korea’s eight-largest export destination, of which export volume soared to 13.6 billion US dollars in 2011 from 1.7 billion dollars a decade ago.

The ministry said that it will work out an export strategy tailored for Vietnam in the defence industry, adding that as for nuclear power plant export, South Korea will access the South East Asian nation from a long-term perspective.

Capriles wins right to challenge Venezuela’s Hugo Chavez

CARACAS, 13 Feb — Venezuela’s opposition has chosen Henrique Capriles Radonklo to stand against President Hugo Chavez in October’s election, say officials. The election of the Miranda State governor came after the opposition held election no matter who he ran against. The left-wing leader said in a statement.

Henrique Capriles said as he cast his vote in Caracas. “Today is a day once the opposition candidate was selected.”

Iran to fully launch Fordo nuclear enrichment facility “soon”

TEHERAN, 13 Feb — Informed sources in Iran’s capital Teheran said that Fordo nuclear enrichment facility will become fully operational over the next few days, the local Mehr news agency reported on Sunday. Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said on Saturday that Iran would announce new “big” nuclear achievements in days.

“In the following days, the world will witness the inauguration of several big achievements in nuclear fields,” he said addressing a large crowd of people gathered at Teheran’s Azadi Square on the occasion of the 33rd anniversary of the Islamic revolution.

Early January, Iran’s permanent representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Ali-Asgar Soltanieh said at the IAEA headquarters in Vienna that Iran had begun uranium enrichment at an underground bunker of the Fordo nuclear facility.

The Fordo nuclear plant has been built near the Iranian central Shi’ite holy city of Qom, which was used for producing up to 20 percent enriched uranium. The start of the make-work at the Fordo site has increased international fears as the West suspects that Iran’s uranium enrichment may be meant for moving closer to the ability to make nuclear weapons.
Bo Myat Tun Bridge constructed by Myanmar engineers

* Bo Myat Tun Bridge is of vital importance for Ayeyawady and Yangon Regions and Rakhine State.
* It links Nyaungdon Village in Nyaungdon Township on the east bank of Ayeyawady Region and Kyeinpinse Village in Nyaungdon Township on the west bank of Ayeyawady Region.
* The emergence of the bridge brought about swift and secure transport in the region and ceased daily troubles of local people waiting ferry at Nyaungdon Jetty and Sekkok Jetty.
* The facility also contributes to smooth commodity flow, social, education, economic and health sectors as those from Ayeyawady Region can travel to Yangon Region in a short period of time.

Facts about Bo Myat Tun Bridge

1. The length of main bridge is 6164 feet.
2. The total length of the bridge is 8544 feet with the approach structure to Kyeinpinse is 1380 feet long and the approach structure to Thaugtan is 1000 feet long.
3. The bridge is of steel truss type and its lower part is reinforced concrete piers.
4. It is complete with 28 feet wide motorway flanked by two six feet wide pedestrian lanes. Its water clearance is 360 feet high and 57 feet long, and it can withstand 60 tons of loads.
5. The construction of the bridge started on 15-6-1996, and completed on 30-10-1999.

UEC receives application for forming political party

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Feb — Union Election Commission received an application for establishing Pathi National Congress Party by 21 people including U Myint Wai today.

Regarding the application, the Union Election Commission has been coordinating with related ministries to check them whether they are agreed with provisions of the Section 4 and 6 of the Political Parties Registration Law.

School building in Taungnyo Village opened to mark 65th Anniversary Union Day

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Feb — A two-storey school building was opened in Taungnyo Village, Ottarathiri Township as a gesture of hailing 65th Anniversary Union Day on 11 February.

The bronze plaque of the building for the village’s basic education high school was unveiled by U Thein Nyunt, Union Minister at the President Office and Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council.

At the opening ceremony, the Union Minister urged local people and teachers to work together to produce intelligence and intelligentsias as the requirements of the school had been provided by the Nay Pyi Taw Council.

The council has been carrying out tasks for development of education, health and transportation sectors in the township, he said.

The construction of the building was funded by Ministry of Education, Nay Pyi Taw Council, construction companies and the people.

Work on construction of the building started in December, 2011.

After the ceremony, the Union Minister visited the Village of Hpayataung in the township where a specialist team was providing health care services to local people.

Ten specialist teams have been providing health care services to local people in eight townships in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area and around 1000 villagers from nine villages received medical care on 11 February. — MNA
**Tenth Day session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw continues discussions on bills, clarification of a bill, submitting a new proposal carried out**

**Nav Pyi Taw, 13 Feb**—Tenth Day session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw took place at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here at 10 am today, attended by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 563 Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives.

Today session included continued discussions on bills, clarification of a bill and submitting a new proposal. At bills discussion session, discussion on respective sectors regarding farming, fishery, industry, electricity, communication, monetary, social and management, culture, education and transport that includes in National Planning Bills were held by U Ohn Tin of Rakhine State Constituency No. 10, U Zone Planning Bills were held by U Shwe Mann and 563 Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives.

**Chairman of Union Election Commission receives Special Adviser to UNSG and Under-Secretary-General and party**

**Nav Pyi Taw, 13 Feb**—Chairman of Union Election Commission U Ko Ko Tun and members U Mya Zaw Naing and party paid a call on Chairman of the Union Election Commission U Tin Aye at his office, here, at 2 pm today. They held a discussion on holding of free and fair by-elections and arrangements for free canvassing of the political parties.

**Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee Chairman receives Belgium Permanent Secretary**

**Nav Pyi Taw, 13 Feb**—Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee U Ko Ko Tun received Permanent Secretary Mr Dirk Achten for Foreign Affairs, External Trade and European Affairs and party of Belgium at No 1 Committee Hall of Hluttaw Building, here, at 2 pm today.

**Union Health Minister receives Director of VNAH**

**Nav Pyi Taw, 13 Feb**—Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin received Director Mr Hoang Van Cue of Vietnam Assistance for the Handicapped (VNAH) Da Nang Orthopedics and Rehabilitation Hospital and party at the ministry here today.

They discussed matters relating to health care services, further rehabilitation tasks, conducting courses on caring and therapy, import of artificial limb and brace and wheelchair.

Also present at the call were Director-General Dr Tun Naing Oo of Health Department, Director-General Dr Than Zaw Myint of Medical Science Department and officials.

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They discussed further relations between the Hluttaw of two countries, legislative matters, human resources development and investment matters.

Also present at the call were Secretary of the Committee U Ko Ko Tun and members U Mya Thein and U Sai Kyauk.
By developing human resources through promoting education and health...

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As far as the Education Sector is concerned, at the first regular session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw which convened on March 30, 2011, President U Thein Sein gave guidance of 10 point education policy. Based on this new policy, a number of significant activities such as, initiation of free and compulsory primary education, promulgation of private school registration law, and preparation for provision of scholar- ships and stipends in the coming academic years.

By focusing on the basic education sector, 36 years, Long-Term Basic Education Development Plan, starting from (2011 to 2031), and Education for all National Action Plan from (2003 to 2015), they are ongoing national plans. In accord with the frame work of the rural development and poverty reduction, 13 education activities have been implemented in receptive regions and states.

In the basic education sector, the achievement can be seen by the following indicators, they are:

- The intake rate of grade 1 of age 5 and over is 98.37%.
- The Primary Level Net Enrolment Rate, is 84.61%.
- The Primary Level Completion Rate, is 82.20% respectively.

These indicators, show that retention in primary level is one of the major challenges in basic education, and retention in secondary level is also a high priority to emphasize. Moreover, other necessary tasks, such as improving teachers education quality, improving their socio-economic status, fulfilling necessary requirements for quality learning environment, establishment of quality control system, and making the national qualification framework to be in line with regional qualification framework too.

For the higher education sector, more students are offered for more opportunities for learning, by opening more new universities and degree colleges and other educational programmes are also expanded to promote greater diversity. In 1998, the National Centre for Human Resource Development (NCHRD) was established so that knowledge can be disseminated to the populace residing in the vicinity of universities and colleges by means of non-formal education, offering academic and skill upgrading courses for people willing to study, or willing to acquire an additional skill.

Various courses have been opened for learners, as diverse as those who have had studies interrupted, or for those willing to acquire additional skills. It has been possible to develop the knowledge and skills for learners, from students who have passed the matriculation examination to postgraduates at universities. But, the productively should be in line with the demand in the existing labour market, not only in quantity but also in quality. Therefore, expansion of accessibility as well as quality enhancement are necessary to strengthen, both in basic and higher education.

Regarding the technical and vocational sector, it is the main responsibility of Ministry of Science and Technology. Technical and vocational trainings are important to keep abreast with the state of the art technology which is the deciding factor to increase the productivity. This education not only provides the qualifications needed in the business sector, but also help young people to the practices of cooperation, coordination, and collaboration. So that it is necessary to upgrade this technical and vocational education to keep their ready for the industrial labour force, especially in developing Special Economic Zones and in the process of future industrialization.

Moreover, Information and Communication Technology can provide rapid and low cost access to information to almost all areas of human activity, and the Internet is breaking barriers of geography, making markets more efficient, creating more opportunities for income generation and enabling everyone to adopt modern technology. So that, it is necessary to strengthen ICT education for further development of knowledge which is another important factor in the growth of the economy.

The role of R&D development, which can create innovative and capable society is also increasingly important now a days. If there is a critical gap between research findings and outputs, and their development into commercial propositions, R&D will not be sustainable. By establishing Technology and Innovation Centres, it enables industry to exploit new and emerging technical knowledge and close the gap through the provision of a business-focused capability.

For the health sector, emphasis has been placed, and a lot of inputs invested, for improving health care systems since National Health Plan is an integral part of the national development plan. The Ministry of Health has laid down two objectives, to enable every citizen to attain full life expectancy while enjoying longevity and to ensure that every citizen is free from diseases.

To achieve these objectives, many

health activities have been implemented under three strategies, which are widespread dissemination of health information and health education to reach the rural areas, improving disease prevention activities, and providing effective treatment of prevailing diseases. Although most of the health related indicators show significant improvements in the past years, there are many areas still needed to be tackled energetically.

New health challenges are looming since climatic and environmental conditions are changing with some negative consequences. To face these new health challenges, existing partnership needs to be strengthened further. We will have to try to overcome these challenges by increasing our involvement in the collective efforts with the international community.

Health and education spending could be combined estimated 7.5 percent of government spending, up from 5.4 in FY 2011-12, for education at 4.7 and health at 2.8. As we all are aware that more investment in education and health sector will lead to more development of the nation. At present, the national budget on education and health sector is lower than that of the other countries.

Now many nations have changed the way they manage their economy from natural resource to human resource based. National resource will be exhausted with the passing time, the human resources are said to be non-exhaustible and it also has multiplier effect in stimulating the economy. Based on human resources alone, we have seen many countries achieving higher development without natural resources. That is one of the reasons, the countries with poor human resources are unable to ride out the current rapidly changing global waves.

And so, we will like to call upon all stakeholders, government officials, private organizations, civil societies, international organizations, local NGOs and INGOs to help promote human resource of this nation. It is always mention that, all helps are wellcome, anytime, anywhere, in promoting these resources, for they are now accepted as important deciding factors in the nation-building.

I am confident that, this Conference will effectively help to develop the nation’s National Human Resource Development Plan to gain national policy inputs.

In conclusion, I would like to express my sincere thanks to all distinguished guests, participants and all the stakeholders for their contributions.

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The conference will last up to 15 February, and the scholars will continue discussions on adoption on policies on development of human resources.

Economic Adviser to the President U Myint as acted as Moderator at the Conference, and scholars participated in the discussions on policies on development of human resources.

Union A&I Minister receives Vietnamese Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Feb – Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing received Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Chu Cong Phang at the ministry, here, at 8.30 am today.

They discussed mutual cooperation in development of agriculture sector between the two countries and investment matters.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister U Khin Zaw, managing directors and directors-general of enterprises and departments under the ministry.

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Brazil jet makes forced stop after pilot attack

SÃO PAULO, 13 Feb — A Brazilian airline safely made a forced landing after a passenger had a "psychotic attack," entered the cockpit and assaulted a pilot, crew members and passengers who tried to subdue him, witnesses said. The TAM Airlines jet was en route from Montevideo, Uruguay, to Sao Paulo when a man who some passengers said was wearing a TAM identification badge got into the cockpit because the door was open. Shortly after, the plane dove to the right, causing passengers to scream and the pilot to yell for help over the speaker system.

"All of a sudden shouts were heard from inside the cabin, and two stewardesses came out asking for help and grabbing a young man by his feet," one passenger told Uruguay's El Pais newspaper. "The people quickly jumped on top of him, the guy fought back furiously, biting and hurting a half dozen people. "In a kind of collective action they were able to immobilize him, tying him to a seat."

Uruguay's Industry Minister Roberto Kreimerman was on board the Saturday afternoon flight, leading a trade delegation that was on its way to China. He told Uruguayan newspaper El Observador that when the plane veered sharply, passengers started screaming and fearing for their lives.

The jet safely landed at the Porto Alegre airport in southern Brazil about 29 minutes after the incident with the man subdued and the rear of the plane, a police spokesman said on Sunday. The suspect was taken into federal police and taken to a mental care facility. TAM confirmed the incident in a brief emailed statement, but offered few details.

Flight 8047 landed at the Porto Alegre airport because of an uproar on board. ... The incident is being investigated by authorities, with the collaboration of the company," the statement read. An airline spokesman said in Sao Paulo about not to confirm if the cockpit was breached nor if the attacker was a TAM employee, as passengers told newspapers in Brazil and Uruguay.

Indonesia city to require tree planting before marriage

JAKARTA, 13 Feb — The United Kingdom Secretary of State of the Department for International Development (DFID) Andrew Mitchell will visit Indonesia on 13 to 16 Feb to enhance partnerships between Indonesia and the UK on forestry and climate change, a Press statement from the UK Embassy to Indonesia said on Monday.

Mitchell will meet with several Indonesian ministers, businessmen, experts and civil society organizations. He is also scheduled to visit East Kalimantan province to understand the threats of deforestation in Indonesia.

He will visit one of the first timber producers to have its timber production certified as legal under a programme supported by the United Kingdom. Mitchell will also meet with local stakeholders to exchange views and underline the commitment of the UK government to working with its Indonesian partners in tackling climate change and deforestation.

Qantas says latest “A380” delay unrelated to wing cracks

SINGAPORE, 13 Feb — Qantas Airways played down a steering issue that forced an Airbus A380 to twice abandon takeoff from London’s Heathrow airport on Saturday, saying it was unrelated to wing cracks that have led Europe’s air safety officials to order global checks on the superjumbo.

Qantas said the plane, due to fly from London to Singapore, was travelling at a very slow speed when the decision was made to return to bay. "It was due to the steering issue. It has no relation to the cracks in the wing ribs at all," Qantas spokeswoman Courtney Treak said. "Our engineers were able to fix the issue, so we don’t have any further concerns."

A spokesman for manufacturer Airbus declined to comment, saying that only the airline could comment on the operation. Air France’s Pierre Smith, business development director at the Royal Aeronautical Society, said the A380 aircraft was on the runway when it twice abandoned take-off.

"Technical issues with the nose gear meant the pilot had to abort take off and have us towed off the runway for repairs twice," Smith told Reuters by email. "It’s both failed occasions we were on the runway, started to build up speed for take-off and then suddenly had a deplaning and we stopped on the runway,... she added.

The five-hour delay for repairs meant Heathrow had to lift a curfew banning night flights at the airport which has tough noise restrictions.

Man in underwear crawls over frozen river to rescue dog

ESSEX, 13 Feb — A man who stripped down to his underwear and crawled across a frozen river to rescue his trapped dog has been commended by firefighters.

According to an eyewitness, the man fell into the River Stour, in Dedham, Essex, and tried to subdue him, witnesses said. A TAM employee, as passengers told newspapers in Brazil and Uruguay.

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Montenegro requests NATO assistance to deal with snow storm

BELGRADE, 13 Feb — Montenegro, which has been paralyzed by inclement winter weather, is seeking assistance from NATO in dealing with traffic and electrical supply problems, reported the Serbian news agency Tanjug on Sunday.

Prime Minister Igor Lukic said a letter would be sent to NATO headquarters in Brussels outlining specified items and equipment.

He said some NATO member states had already contacted Montenegro to inquire how they could help. Montenegro is a part of NATO’s Membership Action Plan (MAP) and is working toward full membership of the military alliance.

"I expect that in the next few days there will be a positive response for our request for assistance," said Lukic. Accumulated snow levels have exceeded 230cm on Montenegro’s ski resort of Zabljak. Most urban centres in the country are struggling with one metre of snow, which are threatening many house roofs.

Part of the roof of the Clinic for Dermatology Clinical Centre in Podgorica collapsed under the weight of snow. Nine patients were reported injured, although nine patients were evacuated from the clinic after the incident.

Most roads through the mountainous interior of the country remain closed, while transport in the capital of Podgorica has come to a standstill.

Some of its suburbs are without electricity. On Sunday, a passenger died on a train, which had been stranded in the mountainous terrain near Kolashin due to a number of avalanches.
China to loan two pandas to Canada

CHONGQING, 13 Feb — China on Saturday agreed to loan two of the country’s precious giant pandas to Canadian zoos for a 10-year research programme. The Chinese Association of Zoological Gardens (CAZG) Saturday signed the deal with two Canadian zoos in Chongqing, a municipality in southwest China. The panda pair, both around five years old, will stay in the Toronto and Calgary zoos for five years each after they arrive in Canada early next year, according to the agreement.

The male panda, named “Er Shun,” is from a zoo in Chongqing and the female - “Ji Li” - lives in the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding, home of over 100 pandas in the neighbouring Sichuan Province. Giant pandas are the world’s most endangered species. About 300 of the animals have been bred in captivity and 1,196 others live in the wild, mostly in Sichuan. Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper witnessed Saturday’s signing ceremony during his visit to Chongqing.

“They will be the first pair of pandas to visit Canada since the 1980s,” said Harper. In his second visit to China, Harper came to Beijing on Tuesday for a five-day trip as a guest of Premier Wen Jiabao. The Canadian prime minister met and held talks with top Chinese leaders and witnessed the signing of several bilateral agreements regarding cooperation in trade, technology, education, forestry, energy and agriculture. Harper also visited China’s southern economic hub of Guangdong province before heading to Chongqing — Xiushan.

Five employees of The Sun held in Britain

LONDON, 13 Feb — Five employees of British newspaper The Sun, a police officer, an employee of the defence ministry and a member of the armed forces were arrested on Saturday as part of an inquiry into illegal payments to police and officials, CNN reported.

The Metropolitan Police said offices of the News International group in east London as well as the homes of those arrested were searched. News International, which owns The Sun, is the British unit of media mogul Rupert Murdoch’s NewsCorp.

The arrests were part of “Operation Elveden”, a probe running parallel with a police inquiry into alleged phone hacking by News International employees. News Corp’s management and standards committee said it provided the information to the investigation which led to Saturday’s operation.

Five men aged between 45 and 68 were arrested in London, Kent and Essex on suspicion of corruption, aiding and abetting misconduct in a public office, and conspiracy in relation to both offences.

News Corp said it “remains committed to ensuring that unacceptable news gathering practices by individuals in the past will not be repeated”. News Corp established its management and standards committee following the 2011 over alleged hacking of voicemail that led to the closure of the News of the World tabloid.

The revelation that a murdered 13-year-old girl’s phone was hacked by journalists in search of stories, and that many other crime and terror victims, politicians and celebrities had also been targeted, prompted widespread outrage in Britain.

Britain’s oldest married couple to give advice on Twitter

LONDON, 13 Feb — A British couple who have been married for 76 years — the longest in the country — have now joined Twitter to speak about the secret of their remarkable romance.

Lionel and Ellen Buxton from Dover, Kent, have invited users of the networking website to tweet them with their problems.

The couple said they have no problems apart from one night a week in the past eight decades, the Daily Mail reported. Ellen, 180, said: “We have never been apart really and have never wanted anyone else. We have been married happily because we have been good friends as well as husband and wife. We have always made sure we have had nice evenings out together. Whether it is going for a romantic meal out or just to play bingo.” Lionel turns 100 in March.

The couple, who met in March 1930, grew up in London’s East End and met while working at the Henley Cable factory in north Woolwich. Ellen would often ask for technical help from apprentice engineer Lionel.

“She was lovely. I always looked forward to when she needed help from me. We got on so well, went on a few dates together and became a couple. We ended up getting married. We would have done it sooner but could not afford it,” Lionel said.

Mexico mob kills three suspected kidnappers

MEXICO CITY, 13 Feb — Security officials in Mexico say three men have been killed by a mob for allegedly trying to kidnap a group of youths. Local residents in Chalco, near Mexico City, beat the men, doused them with petrol and set them on fire.

Police managed to save one of the three men from the mob, but he died later in hospital.

Kidnappings are common in Mexico, where criminal gangs make money by abducting people for ransom.

Police described how locals came across the suspects as they allegedly tried to abduct a group of schoolchildren.

According to State Prosecutor Alfredo Castillo, as a group of six women incited the violence by shouting: “Justice, justice, they’re kidnappers!”

The prosecutor described how residents ran the church bells and asked 600 people gathered in the town’s main square. A group armed with bars, clubs and bottles surrounded the three suspects and dragged them to the square, where they set fire to them. State officials said 23 people had been detained in connection with the lynching.

In a travel warning issued on Wednesday, the US State Department warned of the rising number of kidnappings and disappearances in Mexico. Analysts say accurate figures for the number of kidnappings are hard to come by, as many abductions last only for a few hours or a few days, until the ransom is paid. — Internet

Wisconsin fishermen on ice as sturgeon spear season opens

WISCONSIN, 13 Feb — Dan Loftus, on a mission to spear a sturgeon from the ice-choked waters of Wisconsin’s Lake Winnebago, dropped a rubber chicken into the frigid emerald water. The chicken landed on the ice. “It’s the most boring thing ever.”

It’s really boring, just watching a hole,” Loftus said of his spear fishing for a sturgeon in the frigid emerald water. “It’s the most boring thing ever.”

A wish card is seen among plum blossoms in Donghu Park in Wuhan, capital of central China’s Hubei Province, 11 Feb, 2012. With the rise of temperature, spring is drawing near in Wuhan. — Xinhua

Argentina and Britain both have long claimed sovereignty over the disputed islands, some 460 km off of the Argentine coast. The spat led to a war in 1982, which ended with Argentina failing to reclaim the islands, but refusing to acknowledge British rule of the territory.

Argentina recently appealed to the United Nations to protest against an increased British military presence near the disputed islands as the 30-year anniversary of the war that killed more than 900 people approaches. Britain claimed that the warships it has sent to the region were part of a routine deployment. — Xinhua

Argentina accepts UN mediation over Malvinas islands dispute

BUENOS AIRES, 13 Feb — Argentina has accepted a UN offer to mediate with Britain over the long-disputed Malvinas Islands (Britain calls them the Falkland Islands), the foreign ministry has said.

According to a statement from the foreign ministry, Foreign Minister Hector Timerman on Friday briefed UN General Assembly President Abdulaziz Al-Nasser on the recent escalation of the dispute over the disputed islands.

Al-Nasser expressed hope that the two governments would use peaceful means under the framework of international law to resolve the issue and offered to mediate.

President Timmerman said Argentina accepted the offer on Saturday.

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV DAN JIANG VOY NO (057)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV DAN JIANG VOY NO (057) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 13.2.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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Fears over Leicestershire double deaths and ketamine link

LONDON, 13 Feb — The deaths of two people in Leicestershire may have been due to the drug ketamine purchased on the Internet, police have revealed. A 59-year-old woman was found at an address in Leicester on Saturday and a man of 32 in Melton Mowbray on Sunday. Detectives say the deaths are not suspicious, but have confirmed one line of inquiry is the use of ketamine. Anyone who has purchased the drug on the Internet is being urged not to take it.

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Chinese students wear Han dynasty costumes as they undergo “kaibi” (Chinese for start to write) ceremony to pay respects to Confucius on the first day of a new school term in Beijing, China.

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Whitney Houston mourned at Grammys

LOS ANGELES, 13 Feb—The music world is remembering the life and career of singer Whitney Houston at the Grammys Awards in Los Angeles. The star was found dead in her Los Angeles hotel room on Saturday, a day before the prestigious ceremony. Host LL Cool J opened the ceremony with a prayer for the singer. Meanwhile, after post mortem examination, the Los Angeles coroner said there were no visible signs of trauma on Houston’s body and that foul play was “not suspected at this time.”

The coroner confirmed that Houston, 48, was found in the bath. LL Cool J said: “There is no way around this. We’ve had a death in our family. “The only thing that feels right is to begin with a prayer for a woman who we loved - for our fallen sister, Whitney Houston.”

Whitney Houston went six Grammys during her career. —Internet

Yes there’s pain, Big B tweets from hospital bed

MUMBAI, 13 Feb—Megastar Amitabh Bachchan, who underwent two abdominal surgeries on Saturday, tweeted fans about his condition as soon as he could from the hospital bed and thanked them for their wishes, which he feels never fails. Big B’s scheduled abdominal surgery went off smoothly Saturday morning at the SevenHills Hospital here. His abdominal pain was due to an injury he suffered during shooting of “Coolie” in 1982.

“Too long because 2 surgeries had to be done on either side. yes there is pain, but nothing good in life ever achieved without it!,” Big B tweeted. “Back...! Thankyou for your prayers. your love and wishes. never fail, indebted for life, one that I shall never be able to pay back,” the 69-year-old wrote.

Whenson Abhishek saw his father’s tweet, he reprimanded him and called him Auro, the character that

Big B played in the film “Paa” where the father-son was in a role reversal. “It’s past your bedtime Auro!!! Stop tweeting and back to bed...),” tweeted Abhishek. On that Big replied good-humouredly, “Ok...Paau! Am already in bed... been on it the whole day.”

George Clooney to babysit Jolie-Pitt kids if Pitt wins Oscar

WASHINGTON, 13 Feb—George Clooney has offered to babysit Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie’s six children for a night if Pitt wins the Oscar for Best Actor.

According to the National Enquirer, ‘The Descendants’ star, who has famously said he doesn’t want kids, is up against Pitt for the prestigious accolade and the pair have made a bet with both other on the outcome, company reported.

If Pitt takes home the prize for his role in ‘Moneyball’, Clooney will have to take care of all the kids for the night so the ‘Fight Club’ actor and Jolie can go out.

But if Clooney wins, Pitt will have to work a full day as a deckhand on his yacht in Italy’s Lake Como. The two actors also face competition from Gary Oldman, Jean Dujardin and Demian Bichir for the coveted award. —Internet

Jackie Chan jet lands at 2012 Singapore Airshow

SINGAPORE, 13 Feb—He’s into Kung Fu, philanthropy, food, sport and now jets! But the closest you’ll get to Jackie Chan at the 2012 Singapore Airshow is his Embraer Legacy 650 executive jet.

It’s hard to miss with distinctive red and yellow dragon livery, and if that’s not obvious enough, there’s the name on the tail-wing. The Kung Fu actor who has added on the role of brand ambassador for Embraer took delivery of China’s first Legacy 650 in early February.

“We are exceptionally excited Jackie Chan will become the newest member of our Legacy 650 family,” said Embraer. “And proud he holds full confidence in our jets to satisfy his demand for productivity, comfort and privacy,” said Ernest Edwards, President, Embraer Executive Jets.

“His effulient personality, spirit of relentless innovation and commitment to society reflect Embras’ values, added Edwards who went on to describe the actor as “an ideal brand ambassador for Embraer Executive Jets.”

Last seen in Hollywood’s remake of the “Karate Kid”, the producer and co-producer of the Chinese epic ‘1911’, will assist Embraer in promoting its entire line of executive aircraft, not only in the dynamic growing China market but globally.

“I chose the Legacy 650 because its large three zone cabin, offering incredibly quiet performance and luxury,” said the Hong Kong-born actor.

“I believe that Embraer is poised to become a major player in the Chinese executive jet market and thrilled to fulfill my role as brand ambassador for this great Company.”

In addition to Jackie Chan’s jet, Embraer received orders for 13 Legacy 650s from China’s Minsheng Financial Leasing Co, Ltd, one of the country’s leading jet leasing companies.

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Mickelson crushes Tiger and wins Pebble Beach

**Pebble Beach, 13 Feb—** Phil Mickelson rallied from six-under 64, beating Woods on the 18th green to congratulate him Sunday for the fourth time at Pebble Beach, a final round made even more memorable by the guy in a red shirt who was among the first to congratulate him Sunday on the 18th green.

Phil Mickelson, left, walks in front of Tiger Woods after both hit the second tee at Pebble Beach Golf Links during the final round of the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am tournament at Pebble Beach, Calif, Sunday, on 12 Feb, 2012.—**INTERNET**

**SOUTH BAY, 13 Feb—** Australia’s world champion James Magnussen says he wants to send a strong message to his rivals ahead of the London Games with a sizzling 100m freestyle time at next month’s Olympic trials.

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**Zambia hold nerve to beat Ivory Coast, take title**

**LIBREVILLE, 13 Feb—** Zambia conjured up a shock when they toppled star-studded Ivory Coast 8-7 in a penalty shoot-out to claim their first ever Africa Cup of Nations title on Sunday.

With the sides goalless after extra time Zambia’s Stopappa Sunzu converted the magic kick after Arsenal striker Gervinho missed for the Elephants.

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**Real Madrid go 10 points clear**

**MADRID, 13 Feb—** Cristiano Ronaldo hit his sixth hat-trick of the season as Real Madrid took a huge step towards winning La Liga, coming from behind to beat Levante 2-0 and open a 10-point lead over Barcelona.

After Gustavo Cabral gave Levante a surprise early lead, Ronaldo got his first from the penalty spot after following a handball by Vicente Iborra, who was also dismissed for his second yellow card.

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**Zambia national football team players celebrate their victory with their trophy at the end of the African Cup of Nations final football match between Zambia and Ivory Coast at the Stade de l’Amicite in Libreville.—**INTERNET

**Sydney's Daniel Kish wins Blind Olympics gold**

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**No Djokovic, no problem as Serbia eye Spain's Davis Cup title**

**PARIS, 13 Feb—** Serbia shrugged off the absence of Novak Djokovic to reach the Davis Cup last eight with the 2010 champions confidently setting their sights on dethroning Spain in November’s final.

Janko Tipsarevic secured an unsailable 3-1 lead over Sweden in the World Group first round tie in Nis with a 6-2, 7-6 (7/5), 7-5 win over Michael Ryderstedt.

Victory gave Serbia a quarter-final tie in April against the Czech Republic, but captain Bogdan Obradovic believes that with world number one Djokovic back in the side for that clash, his country can start dreaming of a second title.

“It’s never easy to play matches in which you are the odds-on favourite but the players dealt with the pressure really well against Sweden,” Obradovic told www.daviscup.com.

“With a bit of luck, we will reach this year’s final and hopefully take on Spain because we are confident that we can beat them on home soil.”

Tipsarevic had beaten Filip Pripic in straight sets in Friday’s opening rubber and had then played doubles on Saturday when Sweden had clawed their way back into the tie. But despite those efforts, he had no problem in disposing of Ryderstedt.

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**Serbian Janko Tipsarevic during the Davis Cup World Group first round match against Sweden’s Michael Ryderstedt on 12 Feb.—**INTERNET

**PSG held up by Nice after Obraniak stuns Lille**

**PARIS, 13 Feb—** Paris Saint-Germain midfielder Morgan Schneiderlin scored a 93rd-minute winner for Bordeaux in an extra-time 5-4 win at his former club Lille.

PSG had been bidding to reclaim top spot from Montpellier and they did so despite a lacklustre performance at the home of the league’s third-bottom side.

**Leverkusen’s Ballack out of Barcelona clash**

**BERLIN, 13 Feb—** Ex-Germany captain Michael Ballack is out of Tuesday’s Champions League clash with holders Barcelona as the former Chelsea star suffered a hamstring injury on Sunday and sits out the Round of 16 tie.

The 35-year-old pulled up training with a torn calf and is definitely out of the first-leg match in Leverkusen. It completed a miserable return for Ballack, who won the last of his 98 caps for Germany in March 2010, after he was left on the bench for the third match running as Leverkusen lost 1-0 to German league leaders Borussia Dortmund on Saturday.

Ballack’s contract expires in June and is almost certain to leave Leverkusen at season’s end after a volatile few weeks which saw the league chief threaten to ban Ballack’s agent.
Three killed in China shipyard blast

BEIJING, 13 Feb—At least three people were killed and 12 injured in a shipyard blast in east China’s Jiangsu Province Sunday, the authorities said.

The accident occurred in the afternoon on a ship that was under construction at the Wujiazui shipyard in Nanjing, the capital of Jiangsu, Xinhua reported.

The explosion was triggered by sparks in a space with combustible gas during the construction, the work safety watchdog said following an initial investigation. The injured workers were shifted to local hospitals, sources said.

US Airways plane makes emergency landing

CHARLOTTE, (NC) 13 Feb—A loud noise prompted the pilot of an US Airways jetliner to return to the Charlotte, NC, airport Sunday afternoon, officials said.

The flight, with 44 passengers and three crew members aboard, made the emergency landing safely with no injuries about 3:32 pm, a little more than an hour after it had taken off from Charlotte, WSOC-TV, Charlotte, reported.

A US Airways spokeswoman said the plane’s crew heard a “loud and unsettling noise,” and turned the aircraft around as a precaution, The Charlotte Observer reported.

The newspaper said the plane had been bound for Charleston, WVa, while the TV station said its destination was Atlanta.

The airline’s mechanics were inspecting the plane to determine what may have caused the noise and the passengers were placed on different flights to continue their journeys.

Cold spell hits central, east China

BEIJING, 13 Feb—The National Meteorological Centre (NMC) said Monday that a cold front will reduce temperatures in central and eastern China over the next three days, with temps expected to drop by as much as 8 degrees Celsius. Northeast China, as well as some southern regions, will also see temperature readings drop by up to 10 degrees, the center said.

The NMC said the cold spell is expected to last through the week. On Tuesday, most areas in northeast China and parts of northern China will see moderate snow, with showers will hit southwest China, according to the NMC forecast. —Xinhua

81 Mexicans die of swine flu

MEXICO CITY, 13 Feb—Eighty-one people have so far died of swine flu in Mexico this year, while at least 3,522 have been infected with the virus, health officials said.

From 1 Jan till 9 Feb, there have been 3,882 confirmed flu cases, the health secretariat said in a statement. Three seasonal viruses are currently active in Mexico — AH1N1, flu cases, the health secretariat said in a statement. Three

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Summary of observations at today's 7:00 am:

- Average temperature in Kachin and Shan States and about February average temperature in Upper Sagaing and Bago Regions, (3°C) above February average temperature in remaining Regions and States. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below February have been partly cloudy in Kachin, Rakhine and Mon States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. During the past (24) hours, light rain has been isolated in Taninthayi Region, Mostly Fair weather was observed in Ayeyawady Region and Sittwe. Night temperature at 7°C) about February temperature in Rakhine, While temperature in Bago, Mandalay and Ayeyawady was higher. Temperature in the capital region was (4°C) below the average.}

Amsterdam’s Schiphol airport evacuated after bomb threat

THE HAGUE, 13 Feb—A part of Amsterdam-Schiphol airport is evacuated on Monday morning because of a bomb threat, the press department of the Marechaussee, the Dutch military police confirmed. —Xinhua

Bouquets of flowers are seen at a store in Kunming, capital of southwest China’s Yunnan Province, 12 Feb, 2012. Flowers sell well recently as the Valentine’s Day draws near. —Xinhua

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

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The partly-frozen Maas River is seen at the Port of Rotterdam, the Netherlands, 12 Feb, 2012. Heavy snow hit some part of the Netherlands.—Neon A

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Loans for small-scale industries handed over

YANGON, 13 Feb—Yangon Region Government organized the ceremony to disburse loans for development rural small-scale industries in Ngubyuvaing Town on 8 February.

The Yangon Region Ministers explained the purpose of disbursing the loans and handed over K 15 million for rural small-scale industries in the village to Township Administrator U Aung Ko.

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By developing human resources through promoting education and health sectors, nation hopes to build modern, developed and democratic nation

Conference on Development Policy Options with Special Reference to Education and Health in Myanmar commences

Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham delivered an opening address at the Conference on Development Policy Options with Special Reference to Education and Health in Myanmar at Myanmar International Convention Centre, here, at 9 am today.

Also present on the occasion were Union ministers, deputy ministers, region and state ministers for Social Affairs, departmental heads of ministries, resident representatives of UN agencies, officials of NGOs and INGOs, ambassadors of foreign missions and officials, representatives of private sector and guests.

The Vice-President delivered an address. He said:

First of all, I would like to extend my warmest welcome to the Conference on Development Policy Options in Myanmar, with Special Reference to Education and Health.

The objective of this Conference is to promote the policies towards human resources development area, especially in education and health sectors. I hope this Conference will produce good out-comes from the best practices of some countries, including Asian countries to be able to have policy inputs for the formulation and implementation of the development policies.

The national seminar on poverty reduction and rural development was conducted last year with the participation of all stakeholders. It is well aware that about 70% of the population is residing in rural areas, improving livelihood for rural populace is one of our main priorities. The Central Committee and Subcommittees on Rural Development and Poverty Reduction are set up and eight major tasks are being implemented in all states and regions, targeting to reduce the poverty rate from 26% at present to 16% by 2015. By developing human resources through promoting education and health sectors, we hope to realize our vision, which is “building modern, developed and democratic nation”.

The concept of development can be conceived of in a multidimensional process. Since the challenge is to improve the quality of life, the needs must be fulfilled. It is necessary to focus on quality growth which can share the fruits of development among the people equally. In his context, one of the economic policies is to achieve balanced and proportionate growth and to be inclusive as well.

It is observed that Human Development Index (HDI) of this country is low compared to other ASEAN countries, and it will be necessary to double the living status if we are to achieve the Millennium Development Goals by 2015.

To develop disciplined democracy in Myanmar, it is also necessary to nurture the people to be thoroughly acquainted with knowledge, rational thinking and behaviors. For instance, decentralization processes can be successful only when the capacity and capability are there, at the basic level. Good intelligence and knowledge are also needed to take responsibility, accountability and proper management. We believe that only in this way, the democratic principles which we value so much can be accomplished. (See page 9)

Cash donated for self-reliant electricity supply

YANGON, 13 Feb—To supply electricity on a self-reliant basis to Kamonseik village in Letpadan Township in Thayawady District, a ceremony to donate a transformer was held at Myitmakha Hall at No. 1 BEHS yesterday.

Member of Union Civil Services Board Dr Win Myint and wife Daw Tin Ma Ma Tun handed over documents related to the transformer to the chairman of the village electricity supply committee. Well-wisher U Win Maung donated a generator to the headmaster of Nyaungwaing BEHS (branch) and Sitagu Daw San Nwe K. 105,000, U Kyaw Nyein-Daw Tin Tin Swe under the aegis of U San Myint-Daw Daung K 201,000, and Deputy Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Aung Thein (Retd) K 201,000 for concrete lamp-posts. —MNA

Sports, Defence, Industry and Home Affairs cruise to semifinals in Inter-Ministry Women’s Volleyball Tourney

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Feb—First stage play-offs of Fifth Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Women’s Volleyball Tournament were played at Zabuthiri Gymnasium today.

Sports swept Agriculture and Irrigation while Defence outplayed Industry won over Construction 3-1 and Home Affairs beat Hotels and Tourism 3-nil. Sports faces Defence and Industry plays Home Affairs in semi-finals tomorrow. —MNA