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Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * National reconsolidation
- * Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing inspects maintenance of Meiktila-Thazi-Nantpantet-Kalaw-Taunggyi Road, durability of Pyay Nyaung bridge

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Jan—Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by departmental officials, yesterday afternoon, arrived in Thazi township.

At Yinmarbin Street Yeiktha, officials con-

cerned presented reports to Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing and party on accomplishment of the tasks. After hearing the reports, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing gave necessary instructions.

Next, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing and party

inspected conditions of Thazi-Nantpantet road section in a motorcade. On arrival at Pyay Nyaung Bridge, they looked into durability of the bridge and the alignment for the new bridge to be built and fulfilled the requirements. (See page 7)

Ngalaikkantha Resort attracting attention from more vacationers

A large quantity of mountain ranges, rivers, creeks, forests and waterfalls really put Myanmar on the map.

Shan Yoma mountain ranges in the eastern part, and Rakhine Yoma mountain ranges and Bago Yoma mountain ranges in the western part of

the nation, for instance, contribute towards the nation's forest coverage, lending natural beauty to the nation.

The alluvial flood plains along the large rivers such as Ayeyawady, Chindwin, Sittoung and Thanlwin and many small rivers are sources of fertile soils for

the agricultural farming as well as attractive sites of natural beauty. The government is establishing beach resorts and tourist destinations in the areas of natural beauty. Therefore, the number of tourist attractions is on the increase in Myanmar.

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Holidaymakers at the water-slide centre in Ngalaikkantha Resort.



Ngalaik Dam in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana.—MNA



PERSPECTIVES

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Serve interest of Myanmar literary world with utmost efforts

Literature is a vital resource of the national culture.

It is pillar of culture for all the national races.

Myanmar literati have had the opportunity to preserve the heritage of Myanmar literature in the history of the country.

Myanmar has been able to preserve and hand down her thousand-year-old literary heritage to the posterity throughout the successive eras thereby uplifting the race, literature and religion together with national culture based on secular and religious guidelines of the literature. Efforts are to be made for ensuring development of Myanmar literature and constant flow of cultural traditions with momentum.

The State is giving encouragement to flourishing of literary world of Myanmar. The fine works of the literati have been selected annually, and deserving prizes are awarded to the winners at the prize presentation ceremony. The ceremony to present the National Literary Award for 2008 took place at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Information in Nay Pyi Taw on 31 January 2009. On the occasion, the Life-Time Achievement National Literary Award, the National Literary Awards and the Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Awards were given to the outstanding literati.

Literature influences the national construction programmes in all aspects. All the literati are to disseminate the general knowledge to the people through the literature for broadening their horizons and for forging the nationalistic spirit and the national outlooks. They have to make efforts for introducing the Myanmar and world classic literatures and other contemporary literature to the Myanmar readers.

At present, the alien behavior, culture, music and dressing styles are penetrating Myanmar culture. Hence, all the people including the literati must ward off these alien culture and traditions through own literary strength and own national cultural strength. As the new nation is being built under the correct policy appropriate for the Myanmar human society, it is time all the literati to harmoniously take part in the nation-building tasks.

As such, all the literati and those of the literary world have to preserve and hand down the good heritage of the nation to the posterity. They are to preserve the noble national identity. While creating the fine literary works for the nation and the people, the literati are to make utmost efforts for serving the interest of the Myanmar literary world.

Get-together of old medical students of IM-I on 9 Jan

YANGON, 6 Jan—The get-together of old students who attended the Institute of Medicine-1 (Yangon) in 1972-1980 will be held in conjunction with the ceremony to offer meals to members of the Sangha in memory of late faculty members and friends at Kyargu

People's Desire

- * Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- * Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- * Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- * Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

Foreign Heads of State felicitate Senior General Than Shwe

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Jan—The following are the messages of felicitations from foreign Heads of State sent to Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council, on the occasion of the 62nd Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar. **From H.E Mr. Lee Myung-bak, President of the Republic of Korea**

Excellency,

On behalf of the government and people of the Republic of Korea, I have the great pleasure to extend my warmest congratulations to you and the people of the Union of Myanmar on the occasion of your Independence Day.

I take this opportunity to express my sincere wish for the further deepening of the ties of friendship

and cooperation between our two countries and peoples.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration as well as sincere wishes for your continued good health and the everlasting prosperity of your country.

From Mr. Stjepan Mesic, President of Croatia
Excellency,

On the occasion of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar, I am pleased to extend to you my most cordial congratulations and those of the citizens of the Republic of Croatia, as well as best wishes for the prosperity of your country and its citizens.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.—MNA

MTEA office (Nay Pyi Taw) opened

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Jan—The opening ceremony of Myanmar Timber Entrepreneurs Association Office (Nay Pyi Taw) was held at the office in Uttarathiri Myothit here yesterday morning.

Present at the ceremony were ministers, deputy ministers, departmental heads of the Ministry of Forestry, chairmen, executives and members of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and MTEA.

Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt, UMFCFI President U Win Myint and MTEA Chairman U Sein Lwin formally opened the office.

Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung unveiled the signboard of



Minister Col Thein Nyunt, UMFCFI President U Win Myint and MTEA Chairman U Sein Lwin open MTEA Office (Nay Pyi Taw).—MNA

the office.

The ministers, deputy ministers and officials grew teak plants in the compound of the office, sprinkled the inscription with scented water and posed for a documentary photo.

MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung sprinkles scented water on inscription of MTEA Office (Nay Pyi Taw).—MNA

Dhamma Beikman on Shwedagon Pagoda Road in Dagon Township at 9:30 am on 9 January.

The old students wishing to make donations may contact Dr Naing Win (095127477), Dr Win Myat Aye (095004548), Dr Khin Thiri (095122732) and Dr Thawda Myint (095136584). The old students are invited to attend the get-together without fail.

MNA



Medics treat a man injured in a roadside bomb attack in Kirkuk, 180 miles (290 kilometres) north of Baghdad, Iraq, on 4 Jan, 2010. Police and hospital officials say two roadside bombs in the northern Iraqi city of Kirkuk have killed at least three people and wounded several.—INTERNET

Roadside bomb kills two, wounds three foreign troops in E Afghan Province

KABUL, 6 Jan — A roadside bomb in Nangarhar Province east of Afghanistan on Wednesday morning left two persons dead and wounded 15 others including three foreign troops, a local official said.

“The incident occurred this morning when a convoy of Afghan and international troops were moving in Rodat District to inspect a project,” spokesman for the provincial administration Ahmad Zia Abdulzai told *Xinhua*. In the blast, two children were killed and 15 others including three soldiers of international troops and a number of police personnel sustained injuries, he said.—*Xinhua*

British soldier killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 6 Jan — The NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) here on Tuesday confirmed the death of a British soldier in restive southern Afghanistan.

“An ISAF service member from the United Kingdom died on Sunday during a fire fight with insurgents in southern Afghanistan,” said a Press release issued by the ISAF.

The British soldier

died while on foot patrol Sunday in Helmand Province, according to British Ministry of Defence.

However, the ISAF refused to release detail of the incident.

Some 10,000 British troops stationed in southern Afghanistan under the ISAF command.

Xinhua

An Afghan demonstrator holds a placard while shouting anti-US slogans during a protest rally in Kabul. NATO forces fighting in Afghanistan on Wednesday disputed the results of an Afghan government investigation that found ten unarmed civilians including teenagers had been shot dead by Western forces.

INTERNET

Three Taleban militants including commander killed in N Afghanistan

KABUL, 6 Jan — Three Taleban militants including their commander were killed as foreign troops raided a compound in Afghanistan’s northern Kunduz Province on Tuesday night, local police said on Wednesday.

“Troops with the US special forces during a search operation raided a compound in Chardara District late last night and killed three militants including their commander Baz Mohammad,” Abdul Rahman Haqtash, deputy provincial police chief, told *Xinhua*.

Three other militants were arrested during the operation, he added.—*Xinhua*

Explosion rocks market in E Afghanistan, injures eight

KABUL, 6 Jan — A powerful explosion shocked a market in Khost Province east of Afghanistan on Wednesday, injuring eight persons, a senior police officer said.

“The blast occurred this morning in a cellular phone shop in Khost city, capital of Khost Province, wounding eight persons, all of whom civilians,” Guldad, head of Crime Investigation Department of the provincial police, told *Xinhua*.

Guldad, who uses one name like many Afghan people, blamed the attack on the enemies of peace, a term used against Taleban militants, adding that the militants by carrying out such attacks want to destabilize the province.—*Xinhua*



Explosion kills 14 Taleban in N Afghanistan

KABUL, 6 Jan — Fourteen Taleban militants were killed as their explosive device exploded prematurely in Afghanistan’s northern Kunduz Province, Abdul Rizaq Yaqubi, the provincial police chief, said on Tuesday.

“Fourteen Taleban fighters were busy in planting explosive materials in a minibus in Bagh-e-Sharkat area in outskirts of Kunduz city late Monday to target Afghan and foreign troops,” Yaqubi told *Xinhua*. “Suddenly, it exploded, killing all insurgents on the spot.”

Taliban militants have so far made no comment.—*Xinhua*

US and allies kills, injures Iraqi people

BAGHDAD, 6 Jan— There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

Casualties of Iraqi people

The total number of casualties as from the day they invaded the country to 6 January reached 699919 and the total number of seriously injured people reached 1263674, according to the news on the Internet.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Death toll of Iraqi people	699919
2.	The total number of seriously injured people	1263674



An Iraqi soldier inspects the site of a car bomb attack in Mosul, 390 km (240 miles) north of Baghdad 4 January, 2010. A car bomb exploded and wounded eight people at a market east of Mosul, police said. Picture taken on 4 January, 2010.—INTERNET



Afghan National Police inspect a vehicle at a check point in Kapisa Province. Four US troops and a British soldier have been killed in Afghanistan, officials have said in the first reported fatalities of 2010 after a record number of foreign deaths in the conflict last year.—INTERNET

Casualties of Afghan people in invasion of NATO troops led by US

KABUL, 6 Jan—The NATO troops led by the US have invaded Afghanistan and they are there for a long time.

A number of Afghan people are killed and injured due to invasion of the NATO troops led by the US.

Casualties of Afghan people

According to the Internet news, a total of 32430 Afghan people were killed and 38158 injured seriously as from the day when the NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan up to 6 January.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Number of Afghan people killed	32430
2.	Seriously injured Afghan people	38158

Internet





Workers build cars on the assembly line at Ford's Chicago Assembly plant in 2009 in Chicago, Illinois. Ford Motor Co posted its first full-year US market share gain since 1995 even as industry sales fell to levels not seen in nearly 30 years, the automaker said on Tuesday.—INTERNET

Moderate earthquake shakes eastern Venezuela

CARACAS, 6 Jan— A 5.4-magnitude earthquake struck the east coast of Venezuela late Monday night, without immediate reports of any victims and material damages, Director of Venezuelan Foundation of Seismology Investigations (Funvisis) Francisco Garces said on Tuesday.

The earthquake struck at 11:06 pm local time (0336 GMT Tuesday) and the epicenter of the quake was located 18 km southwest to Guiria town in Sucre state with a depth of 105 km.—Xinhua

Moderate quake hits Indonesia's central Sulawesi

JAKARTA, 6 Jan — A 5.2-magnitude earthquake hit Indonesia's central Sulawesi province on Tuesday night, the Meteorology, Climatology and Geophysics Agency said in a statement.

The earthquake struck at 9:36 pm Jakarta time (1436 GMT) and its epicenter was at 122 kilometres of southeastern Poso of the Province and 136 kilometres of northeastern Palopo of South Sulawesi province at the depth of 10 kilometres under seabed. Xinhua



In this on 2 Jan, 2010 file photo Internally displaced Somali women wait with containers and baskets in hand to receive food aid at a food distribution centre in Mogadishu, Somalia.—INTERNET

Nigerian senate rejects US decision to list Nigeria as terrorist nation

LAGOS, 6 Jan— The Nigerian Senate on Tuesday described as unacceptable the US government's decision to list Nigeria as a terrorist nation.

Nigeria has been listed among 14 countries by the United States with directives that passengers travelling from the country to the United States by air face extra security screening. The US decision came after Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, a 23-year old Nigerian, attempted to blow up a jetliner as it ap-

proached Detroit after a flight from Amsterdam but failed on Christmas Day.

Ayogu Eze, the chairman of the senate committee on information and media, told reporters in Abuja that the decision by the US authorities is too hasty. "I am speaking on behalf of the Senate and on behalf of the Senate President and we are very unhappy about the devel-

opment and when we resume we are going to take up this matter seriously if they have not taken Nigeria's name off that list," he said.

"We also want to address America that it is in their own interest to address this matter very well and in a manner that will not resolve into a diplomatic row between America and Nigeria," he added.—Xinhua

UN stops food aid to 1 million in southern Somalia

GENEVA, 6 Jan—The UN food agency is stopping aid distribution to about 1 million people in southern Somalia because of attacks against staff and demands by armed groups that aid organizations remove women from their teams, the agency said on Tuesday.

The World Food Programme is moving staff and supplies to northern and central Somalia from six areas in the south that are largely controlled by the al-Shabab Islamist group, said Emilia Casella, a WFP spokeswoman. The US State Department says al-Shabab has links to al-Qaeda.

"Up to a million people that have been dependent on food assistance in southern Somalia face a situation that is particularly dire," Casella told reporters in Geneva.

Al-Shabab controls up to 95 percent of the areas affected, she said.

Somali government spokesman Abdi Haji Gobdon called WFP's decision "very, very sad news."

"But we understand who is behind the country's problems. It is the opposition," said Gobdon. "We are hopeful that WFP will resume their operations as soon as possible, and not leave those suffering people to their fate," he said.

At least four of WFP's staff have been killed over the past 18 months, and militants threatened and attacked three of its offices in the south.—Internet

At least seven killed in bridge collapse in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, 6 Jan—At least seven people died when a bridge crumbled down in Rio Grande do Sul state, southern Brazil, on Tuesday morning, local authorities said.

The bridge over the Jacui River is located between the municipalities of Agudo and Restinga Seca, in the state's central region, and is 314 metres long. According to the local authorities, about 80 to 100 metres of the bridge fell into the river and the rest of the construction was blocked because it may crumble down as well.

The authorities believe that the accident may have

been caused by the strong current of the Jacui River, whose water level is above the normal point because of the rain. For that reason, a second bridge over the river was also blocked from traffic.

About 30 people are estimated to having been at the bridge at the time of the accident; vehicles were carried out by the strong current of the Jacui River.

Rescue teams and volunteers are still searching for survivors and bodies, with the help of eight boats and four helicopters. At least 11 people were rescued from the river, but the strong current is mak-

ing the search difficult.

About 20 people remain missing, including the Vice-Mayor of the town of Agudo, Hilberto Boeck.

The recent rains have affected a total of 32 municipalities in Rio Grande do Sul. Over 1,000 people had to leave their homes in the state.—Xinhua

Rescuers work on the collapsed bridge on the River Jacui in Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, on 5 Jan, 2010. Ten people fell into the river when the bridge collapsed Tuesday.

XINHUA

Injured Iraqis arrive in Amman for treatment

AMMAN, 6 Jan—A total of 25 Iraqis, who were injured in a series of bombings in Baghdad last month, arrived in the Jordanian capital of Amman on Tuesday to receive required medical treatment, the state-run Petra news agency reported.

The Iraqi nationals will be treated at the military-run Queen Alia Hospital in Amman, according to Royal Medical Services (RMS) Director Major General Abdul Latif Wreikat.—Xinhua





Indonesian Gov't sets five priority programmes this year

JAKARTA, 6 Jan— The Indonesian government set five priority programmes this year that continue the government's seven economic priority programmes implemented last year, the *Bisnis Indonesia daily* reported here on Wednesday.

"We would direct the development programmes mainly to support the national economy activities aimed at increasing economic growth, creating and opening more jobs and

reducing poverty," Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono said on the sidelines of handing over the 2010 preliminary budget to the ministries in the presidential palace on Tuesday. The five priority programmes comprised of improving the social protection system for the people, human resources improvement, improving national security, law and bureaucracy reform, economy recovery supported by agriculture, en-

ergy and infrastructure and improving the natural resource management and good climate change handling.

On the occasion, the President declared his government's development theme this year called "National Economic Recovery and People's Welfare Preservation." The President expected that by setting the five priority programmes, the government would be able to spend its budget efficiently.—Xinhua



A woman shows a postcard with the stamp and seal marking the 2010 year of tiger in Tianjin, north China, on 5 Jan, 2010. The stamp for 2010, the year of tiger in China's lunar calendar, is launched for public sales nationwide as of the day.—XINHUA

A screen shot of the Google Nexus One smartphone, on the Android platform. Nexus One handsets are no thicker than pencils and no heavier than keychain Swiss Army knives, Google engineer Erick Tseng said while demonstrating one of the smartphones. XINHUA

nexus one



Google, Apple step up smart phone rivalry

SAN FRANCISCO, 6 Jan—The rivalry between Google Inc. and Apple Inc. has heated up as the two Silicon Valley giants are foraying deeper into each other's strongholds to win control of the increasingly important smart phone platform.

Google on Tuesday officially unveiled Nexus One, the first smart phone designed and sold by the company, representing its strongest challenge against Apple's popular iPhone. The new handset is an exemplar of what's possible with mobile phones on Google's Android operating system, Google executives said, claiming that it belongs in the emerging class of devices which the company calls "super phones." Nexus One is the first phone to be sold directly to consumers through Google's new web store, seen by the company as a new model for consumers to buy a mobile phone.

Through the web store hosted by Google, consumers can buy NexusOne without service or purchase the phone with service from one of Google's operator partners.—Xinhua

S Korea's Samsung Fire to advance into Chinese auto insurance market

SEOUL, 6 Jan—South Korea's top non-life insurer Samsung Fire & Marine Insurance Co. is planning to tap the Chinese auto insurance market as early as the first half of 2010, local media reported on Wednesday.

According to media reports, Samsung Fire has been conducting market research in China as it seeks launching official operations by June 2010.

Samsung Fire will be the first company in China's auto insurance sector, considering its competitor Hyundai Marine & Fire Insurance Co. is only operating a branch in Beijing that offers insurance packaged only with vehicles sold by its affiliate Hyundai Motor Co, media said.—Xinhua

Mexican toy industry estimates 10-per-cent decline in sales in 2010

MEXICO CITY, 6 Jan—Mexico's toy industry will sell 10 percent fewer toys this year compared with last year, according to a Tuesday statement released by the Mexican Toy Association.

Miguel Angel Martin, the association's president, said the industry would earn no more than 1.78 billion pesos (138.8 million US dollars) this year, based on purchasing orders received by warehouses across Mexico. 6 Jan is the day when Latin Americans usually give children toys, saying that they are from three kings. Just like in the United States and northern Europe, parents give children toys on 25 Dec, saying they are from Santa Claus.—Xinhua

Three US automakers report double-digit sales drops for 2009

CHICAGO, 6 Jan—The three big automakers of the United States reported on Tuesday double-digit sales drops for 2009, the worst year for US auto sales in nearly 30 years.

General Motors reported sales of 2,084,492 vehicles in 2009, off 30 percent from the previous year. Its December sales were down 6 percent compared with the previous month.

"The year-over-year comparison reflects a 38-per-cent reduction in fleet, reduced overall incentive spending and the orderly wind-down of the Pontiac and Saturn brands," said Susan Docherty, GM vice president, US Sales.

Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Peru to tender 20 oil lots in late April

LIMA, 6 Jan—Peru is to tender 20 oil and natural gas lots for exploration/production licenses in April, the state-run company Perupetro said on Tuesday.

Perupetro president Daniel Saba said that the country is tendering the 20 lots in one pot instead of in two separate pots as previously planned.

But the company has to delay the tendering, originally slated for January, because it needs further consultation with the indigenous people dwelling near the lots.

These 20 lots are mostly located in the rainforests and along the northern coast.

Perupetro has planned to promote these 20 lots at the coming North American Prospects Exhibition 2010, which runs from 10 Feb to 12 in the US city of Houston, Texas.

"Peru will present the potential and geological information of the lots to various investors, and it will have a stand at the exhibition," Saba said.

So far, Total and Exxon Mobil have shown interest in bidding for the lots on offer, according to Perupetro sources.

Xinhua

Actor Song Seung-heon uses a remote controller while standing besides LG Electronics' new air conditioners during a product launch at a hotel in Seoul on 5 Jan, 2010.—XINHUA



Double A-bomb survivor dies in Japan

TOKYO, 6 Jan—Tsutomu Yamaguchi, the only person officially recognized as a survivor of both the Hiroshima and Nagasaki atomic bombings at the end of World War II, has died at age 93, media reports said on Wednesday.

Yamaguchi died of stomach cancer on Monday, the mass circulation *Mainichi*, *Asahi* and *Yomiuri* newspapers reported.

Yamaguchi was in Hiroshima on a business trip for his shipbuilding company on 6 Aug. 1945, when a US B-29 dropped an atomic bomb on the city. He suffered serious burns to his upper body and spent the night in the city.

He then returned to his hometown of Nagasaki, about 300 kilometres (190 miles) southwest, which suffered a second US atomic bomb attack three days later.—*Internet*

Boat sinking after whaling clash in Antarctica

SYDNEY, 6 Jan—A conservation group's boat had its bow sheared off and was taking on water on Wednesday after it collided with a Japanese whaling ship in the frigid waters of Antarctica, the group said.

The boat's six crew members were safely rescued.

The clash was appar-

ently the most serious in the past several years, during which the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society has sent vessels into far southern waters to try to harass the Japanese fleet into ceasing its annual whale cull.

Clashes using hand-thrown stink bombs, ropes meant to tangle propellers and high-tech sound equipment have

been common in recent years, and collisions between ships have sometimes happened.

The society said its boat *Ady Gil* — a high tech speed boat that resembles a stealth bomber — was hit by the Japanese ship the *Shonan Maru* near Commonwealth Bay and had its bow sheared off.

Internet



In this photo released by the Institute of Cetacean Research of Japan, activists of the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society aboard the anti-whaling group's vessel Ady Gil aim a projectile launcher during their encounter with the Japanese whaling ship Nisshin Maru in the Antarctic on 6 Jan, 2010.—INTERNET

One killed, four wounded in Israeli airstrike on Gaza

GAZA, 6 Jan—A Palestinian militant was killed and four wounded during an Israeli airstrike in southeastern Gaza Strip late on Tuesday, witnesses and medical sources said.

An Israeli drone fired a rocket on a group of militants that was monitoring the security fence separating between Israel and Khan Younis in southern Gaza Strip, killing one and wounding four, the witnesses said.

The fighters were apparently planning to fire a missile into the Israeli lands, added the witnesses.

The dead and the wounded were transferred to Nasser hospital in Khan Younis where officials identified the dead as Jihad al-Sumiri, a member of the Popular Resistance Committees (PRC), an armed faction close to Gaza's Hamas rulers.

Xinhua

El Nino-related drought to drag on in Nicaragua

MANAGUA, 6 Jan—Nicaragua's ongoing drought, an aftermath of El Nino, is expected to last for at least three more months, local experts warned.

Esperanza Nurinda, a meteorologist at the Nicaraguan Institute of Territorial Studies (INETER), said that the drought would continue in the country's Pacific coastal areas for the first three months of this year.

"El Nino could continue to be moderate in the Pacific off Nicaragua, but it will be felt stronger in drought in the country's north and northeast," the meteorologist added. Nurinda warned that the drought would have severe effects on the agricultural sector.

Xinhua

Man cut woman's hair on bus

Police in Oregon said a man arrested for allegedly cutting a woman's hair on a public bus is suspected in a number of similar incidents.

Prosecutors told Multnomah County Circuit Court that Jared Weston Walter, 22, was arrested New Year's Eve for cutting off chunks of a woman's hair while she was sitting in front of him on a TriMet bus, The (Portland) Oregonian reported.

Deputy District Attorney Chuck

French said Walter is suspected in "a number of incidents" involving female riders complaining their hair had been cut or "superglued" on a bus.

TriMet spokeswoman Bekki Witt said three "hair-cutting incidents" were reported on TriMet buses in the six weeks leading up to the most recent incident. "I don't know if they are all connected," Witt said, "but I think we can probably assume it's the same person. It's a pretty unusual activity."



Members of a traditional firemen preservation group perform acrobatics on bamboo ladders during the annual new year's fire review in Tokyo, Japan, on 6 Jan, 2010.

Boy drives chopstick up nose, into brain

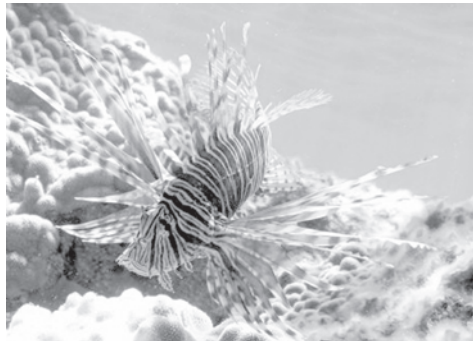
Surgeons in Beijing say they expect a full recovery for a 14-month-old boy who drove a chopstick up his nose and into his brain while playing at home.

"It touched upon the deep area of his brain," Dr Sun Wei told CNN.

Li Jingchao's, mother, Zhao Guilu, heard her son crying in another room and found him with the chopstick up his nose.

Local doctors said they were not equipped to deal with the emergency, so the boy's parents drove him 10 hours to a hospital in Beijing. "I thought at that time, it is all over, my boy will die" said his father, Li Guanglai. "I looked at my boy and his right side was numb, he was paralyzed."

Surgeons were prepared to cut into the boy's skull, if necessary, to control bleeding, but when they pulled on the chopstick, it simply slid out without causing further damage, Sun said.



An Indo-Pacific red lionfish swims in the Caribbean in this undated handout photograph. More than 300 scuba divers have been certified to catch red lionfish in a race to prevent the invasive and voracious species from consuming all the young and small fish on the Cayman Islands' famous corals reefs.

NEWS ALBUM

Star had mass 200 times that of the sun

A distant star dubbed Y-155 had nearly 200 times the mass of our sun when it exploded about seven billion years ago, scientists in Indiana said.

Y-155 is so far away it is a million times fainter than the unaided human eye can detect, University of Notre Dame astronomer Peter Garnavich said in release on Tuesday. The star's centre became so hot it triggered a thermonuclear reaction that would have been visible nearly halfway across the universe.

A man carries a piece of traditional "Rosca de Reyes" baked for Epiphany in Mexico City, capital of Mexico. The biggest "Rosca de Reyes" of the world, of 720 meters length and 12,000 kg weight, was distributed to 250,000 people at the Zocalo square in Mexico City.

175 pounds of cocaine sent to stores

Police in Spain said an apparent slip-up by drug dealers led to almost 175 pounds of cocaine being delivered to grocery stores in boxes of bananas.

Investigators said workers at a Lidl supermarket in Madrid discovered a brick of cocaine at the bottom of a box of bananas on Saturday and drug-sniffing dogs discovered 25 other packages at other Lidl locations, the BBC reported on Tuesday.

Police said the bananas had been shipped from Ecuador and Ivory Coast and arrived in the southeast port of Sagunto last week.





Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing inspects maintenance of ...

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Afterwards, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing, accompanied by Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Yar Pyae and department officials arrived at Meiktila-Thazi-Nantpantet-Kalaw-Taunggyi Road and oversaw progress in building the road. Next, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing gave necessary instructions to officials concerned.

On arrival at the

briefing hall of Meiktila-Thazi-Nantpantet-Kalaw-Taunggyi Road project, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing

heard reports by officials concerned on progress in upgrading the road. After hearing the reports, Lt-Gen

Min Aung Hlaing gave necessary instructions to officials concerned.

After inspecting the

progress of the construction of the road, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing left necessary instructions.—MNA



Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence inspects construction of a road section on Meiktila-Thazi-Nantpantet-Kalaw-Taunggyi Road.—MNA

Ngalaikkantha Resort attracting...

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One of the emerging tourist destinations in Myanmar is Ngalaikkantha Resort near Nay Pyi Taw. To be exact, the resort is situated near Kyweshin Village on Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana-Taungnyo Road.

On our way to Ngalaikkantha Resort from Nay Pyi Taw

Ngalaik Dam. Construction Group (9) of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation has been implementing the project since January 2008 to make Ngalaik Dam a resort. Now, in Ngalaik Dam are an inland resort, a water-slide station, coffee bars, lounges, and two independent bungalows. The inland resort has some lodging houses for the

site for travelers. Now, Ngalaikkantha Resort sees a constant stream of visitors from Nay Pyi Taw and Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana every day, especially weekends. The peak season of Ngalaikkantha Resort is Thingyan (Water Festival).

Ngalaikkantha Resort also has a hotel that provides a wide range of meals and drinks. We saw many



Ngalaikkantha Resort is drawing the attention of a growing number of vacationers.

Pyinmana, we noticed that Nay Pyi Taw was seeing dramatic changes in development, developing villages, thriving plantations of crops and beautiful mountain ranges. After a one and a half hours' drive, we got off the vehicle at Kyweshin Village, and went up the mountain along the concrete road. Shortly after that, we got to Ngalaikkantha Resort, which is named after

comfort and convenience of Nay Pyi Taw dwellers.

Yangon-Mandalay Expressway passes by Ngalaikkantha Resort. Now, Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw section, part of Yangon-Mandalay Expressway, has been put into commission. Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay section is under construction. When the Expressway Project is completed, Ngalaikkantha Resort will become a major breaking

holiday makers riding boats to the islands in the dam for pleasure. The hotel is surrounded by a row of Yaytamar trees (ornamental shade trees), each has a set of armless chairs and a table under them. The whole area was found kept clean and tidy. It was very pleasant to have a good view of the water surface of the dam with beautiful Bago Yoma mountain range in the background. Now, an



A view of Ngalaik Dam from Ngalaikkantha Resort.

artificial bank is being built on the top of the dam. Upon completion, the man-made bank will provide the visitors a combined sense of a beach and a sea to an extent. Downstream the dam is a water-slide station.

The water-slide station is kept cool by the shade

cast by a mangrove of eucalyptus trees. We also noticed many small restaurants, coffee shops, and cold drink shops. The playground is the busiest site in the compound. Ngalaikkantha Resort also provides a breathtaking view of glorious sunset at dusk. Now, two compa-

nies are building some more recreation centres in the resort.

So, Nay Pyi Taw has seen one more resort that travelers and dwellers can visit for recreation and relaxation.

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Visitors can take a rest under Yaytamar trees (ornamental shade trees).

Transport Minister meets Chairman of Tsuneishi-Azimuth Corporation Co. Ltd

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Jan — Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe received Chairman Mr. Homin Aoyama of

Tsuneishi-Azimuth Corporation Co. Ltd and party at his office here yesterday morning. Present also at the

call were Director-General U Win Pe of Transport Department, Head of Office U Win Khant and officials. They held discus-

sions on mutual interest in water transport between the Ministry of Transport and the company. MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe receives Chairman Mr. Homin Aoyama of Tsuneishi-Azimuth Corporation Co. Ltd.—MNA

ROK offers scholarship for undergraduate students

YANGON, 6 Jan—The government of the Republic of Korea will choose five Myanmar students for “Year 2010 Korean Government Scholarship Programme for Undergraduate Students” with the aim of promoting bilateral friendship and international exchange in education.

Candidates must be under 25 and pass matriculation examination. Detailed information can be downloaded from <http://www.niied.go.kr/> and be acquired from Korean Embassy. Applications are to be sent to the Embassy of ROK by 15 January.—MNA

Myanmar Book Centre's Special Programme on 9-12 January

YANGON, 6 Jan—Myanmar Book Centre will hold Year End Sale and New Year Gift Programme from 9 to 12 January.

During the period, members get a 15 % discount, and customers, a 10 % discount. One can also get a gift book if one buys books worth 10,000 kyats.

Gift books are of various genres such as literature for children, English language, arts, science, education, management and economics.

The programme will take place at its outlets simultaneously: at outlet No (1) at 55, Baho Street, corner of Baho Street and Ahlon Road in Ahlon

Township, Yangon, and outlet No (2) at (561-567) Room No (3) on Ground Floor, MAC Tower (1), Merchant Street, Kyauktada Township, Yangon, from 9 am to 6 pm; and Mandalay Branch at Room (429), Level-4, 78 Shopping Centre, Mandalay, from 9 am to 9 pm. MNA



Myanmar Book Centre preparing for Year End Sale.—MNA

U Than Swe accredited to the United Mexican States

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Jan —The Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Than Swe, Permanent Representative of the Union of Myanmar to the United Nations, New York, concurrently as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the United Mexican States.

MNA

Liver-transplant patient, liver donor on the mend

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Jan—Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe asked after U Aung Myint Naing, 49, who received liver-transplant surgery on 29 December, and U Win Htet Hlaing, 32, liver donor, at New Yangon General Hospital yesterday morning.

The deputy minister fulfilled their requirements and spoke words of encouragement to them.

The patient is getting better, and the donor is also in good health.

MNA



Deputy Minister Dr Paing Soe asks after Liver-transplant patient MNA

Myanmar Medical Conference on 20-26 Jan

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Jan—The 56th Myanmar Medical Conference of Myanmar Medical Association (Central) will be held at the hall of MMA at No. 249 on Theinbyu road in

Mingala Taungnyunt Township from 20 to 26 January.

Registration fee to attend the conference for lifetime members is K 15,000 and member fee and registration fee

for those out of lifetime members list is K 25,000. The registration will be accepted at MMA office starting from 16 January between 10 am and 2 pm.—MNA

Guide to basic writing of short story, poem and articles course on 30 January

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Jan—The writer strata of the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association will organize a Guide to Basic Writing of Short Story, Poem and Articles Course from 2 pm to 5 pm from Tuesday until Saturday from 30 January to 27 February.

Writers Ledwinthar Saw Chit, Manutha Kyaw Win, Chit Naing (Psychology), Myintmu Maung Naing Moe, Thura Zaw, Khin Maung Nyo (Econ-

ics), Nyunt Han (Kyudaw), Maung Kyaezu, Maung Nyein Thu (Gyobingauk), Kyu Kyu Thin, Ma Sandar, Cho Mya Nwe and Ma Hnin Phway will give talks on basic writing methods. Those aged 16 are eligible to attend the course. They have to follow the disciplines of the course and pay K 10000 to join the course. Contact MWJA Office, No (529), Merchant Street, Yangon (Ph: 252417 and 385273) not later than 24 January, 2010.—MNA



Traffic Rules Educative Show and Competition opened in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana

Byline: Myint Maung Soe, Photos: Tin Soe (Myanma Alin)

The socio-economic status of rural people has improved as the development gap between rural and urban regions became narrow. Since there has been an improvement in socio-economic

the increase. However, frequent traffic accidents caused by motorists should be well aware of and must be paid more attention.

In that regard, the Traffic Rules Enforcement

Show and Competition in the Aungmyingala car park of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana from 6 to 10 January.

Our news crew of Myanma Alin daily visited Aungmyingala car park and made an interview



Photos, posters and wallpapers at Road Transportation booth.



Documentary photos on traffic rules enforcement of Transport Planning Department.



Facts about vehicle licence issued by Transport Planning Department.

economic status of rural people, the number of those who are affordable to buy motorcycles is on

ment Supervisory Committee of Nay Pyi Taw planned to organize the Traffic Rules Educative

with Staff Officer U Sein Win Hlaing of Nay Pyi Taw District Transport Planning Department under the Ministry of Rail Transportation.



Booth of Nay Pyi Taw District Information and Public Relations Department.

U Sein Win Hlaing in the interview said, "Our Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee often made the trip right down to five towns of Nay Pyi Taw to disseminate the knowledge about traffic rules, and it is now the third time to hold such



U Sein Win Hlaing Head of Nay Pyi Taw District Transport Planning Department.

show and competition in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana."

"At the show", he continued, "Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee will put on display its activities on traffic rules enforcement.

And the booths to be staged at the show are traffic police, Transport Planning Department, Road Transport Administration Department, Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Industry-2 and Information and Public Relations Department. Moreover, booth on sales of vehicles made in industrial zones, electronic and communication devices booth and

Winthaza shops will be staged at the show."

In addition, essay, cartoon and poster contests at basic education primary, middle and high school levels will be held, added U Sein Win Hlaing.

Model show, fashion show, dances to the accompaniment of songs and modern dance launched by Htet Media Group from Yangon, and vocalists and dancers with Damp Proof band, model and fashion shows from Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana will be presented to the visitors as entertainment programmes.

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Booth of Myanmar Police Force of the Ministry of Home Affairs.





A Toyota Motors factory worker checks the latest assembled Prius hybrid vehicle in Aichi prefecture, Japan. Asian automakers dethroned Detroit as the biggest sellers in the United States in 2009 after General Motors and Chrysler succumbed to the strain of the economic crisis, industry data showed on Tuesday.—INTERNET

2009 sees record number of bankruptcies in Denmark

STOCKHOLM, 6 Jan—Nearly 5,900 companies went bankrupt in Denmark in 2009, a 50-percent increase over 2008, according to news reaching here from Copenhagen on Tuesday.

Agriculture, fisheries, financial institutions, production companies and the health sector were worst hit by the economic crisis, with the highest increases in bankruptcies, the Danish daily *Politiken* said in a report.

But the bankruptcy rising rate declined in December 2009, with 564 companies having been bankrupt, compared with 596 in December 2008, the Danish economy still has a long way to go, the report added.

Internet

German new car sales up 23 percent in 2009

FRANKFURT, 6 Jan—German new car sales jumped 23 percent in 2009 but began to slow in December after a cash-for-clunkers scrapping scheme expired, figures released on Tuesday by the VDA auto federation showed.

Through the year, 3.8 million vehicles were registered in Germany, the biggest European car market, which the VDIK association of foreign auto manufacturers said was the highest level since 1992.

In December however, registrations fell five percent from the same month a year earlier to 215,400 vehicles, the first annual decline since February.

Sales of small cars in particular were boosted last year by a car scrapping premium worth a total of five billion euros (7.2 billion dollars), part of a broad government stimulus programme aimed at pulling Germany out of recession.

The popular scheme ended in September.

This year is thus set to see slower sales, which VDA forecast would fall to between 2.75-3.0 million.

German auto production fell 10 percent last year to 3.41 million vehicles, while exports were down by 17 percent, the VDA figures showed.

Internet

A German debt card in a cash machine in Berlin. Around 30 million high-tech German bank cards could leave owners high and dry, bank associations warned on Tuesday as the feared Y2K computer bug cropped up 10 years later than expected.—INTERNET



Asian automakers dethrone Detroit in 2009 US sales

CHICAGO, 6 Jan—Asian automakers dethroned Detroit as the biggest sellers in the United States in 2009 after General Motors and Chrysler succumbed to the strain of the economic crisis, industry data showed.

Total industry sales fell 21.2 percent to 10.43 million vehicles in 2009, according to Autodata.

That is the lowest level since the 1983 recession and drastically below the 15 to 17 million vehicle range posted in the previous 15 years.

GM and Chrysler saw their sales suffer more than most after seeking billions of dollars in government aid and restructuring under bankruptcy protection.

turing under bankruptcy protection.

While Ford managed to both stay afloat and increase its piece of the shrunken market, the Detroit Three's overall share fell to 44.2 percent of their home market from 47.5 percent in 2008.

Asian brands captured a 47.4 percent share in 2009, up from 44.6 percent in 2008, Autodata said. It was the first time they gained a bigger piece than GM, Chrysler and Ford combined, which held a 60 percent share as recently as 2004 and a 70 percent share a decade ago.

European automakers saw their piece of the pie rise to 8.4 percent from 7.8 percent in 2008.—*Internet*



A Volkswagen Polo model being retrieved by an automated palette from a storage tower near the company's main factory in Wolfsburg in 2008. German new car sales jumped 23 percent in 2009 but began to slow in December after a cash-for-clunkers scrapping scheme expired, figures released on Tuesday by the VDA auto federation showed.—INTERNET

Some 30 million German bank cards hit by 2010 bug

FRANKFURT, 6 Jan—Around 30 million high-tech German bank cards could leave owners high and dry, bank associations warned on Tuesday as the feared Y2K computer bug cropped up 10 years later than expected.

The problem that hit cardholders trying to use cash machines or make payments throughout Germany and abroad stems from computer chips unable to recognize the year 2010, and could take up to a week to resolve, the DSGV savings and regional banking association said in a statement.

A global alert had gone out 10 years ago amid widespread fears of a similar problem, dubbed Y2K for the year 2000.

More recent cards that contain a computer chip designed to provide extra security have been affected while older ones with just a magnetic strip on the back appear to work normally.

DSGV said around 20 million "electronic cash" (EC) cards, also known as "girocards," and 3.5 million classic credit cards issued by its members had been affected. EC cards are direct debit instruments which do not allow owners to buy on credit.

The world's biggest chip card maker, the French group Gemalto, is the cause of the problem, two German newspapers, *Handelsblatt* and the *Koelner Stadt-Anzeiger*, reported in their editions to appear on Wednesday.—*Internet*

Brazil creates 1.1 million jobs in 2009

BRASILIA, 6 Jan—Brazil created 1.1 million new jobs in 2009, about 350,000 less than in 2008, said Minister of Labour Carlos Lupi in an interview with local Press on Tuesday.

He attributed the drop to the effect of international financial crisis, but said the outcome was better than expected.

In January-November period, 1.4 million jobs were created, but in December, the layoffs of temporary workers should cut 300,000 jobs from the total number.

"Every December we usually have layoffs of about 300,000. Therefore, in 2009 we expected to create news jobs of 1.1 million or 1.15 million," the minister said.—*Xinhua*



A locomotive is put on the tracks in Kota Kinabalu, the capital of East Malaysia's Sabah State, on 5 Jan, 2010. Two locomotives and eight carriages made in China is transported to Kota Kinabalu on Tuesday to serve for public transportation of Sabah.—XINHUA

Cambodia hopes to bolster food security by boosting crop yields

PHNOM PENH, 6 Jan—Cambodia will spend 21 million US dollars this year to boost rice crop yields in a move aimed at bolstering food security in the Kingdom, local media reported on Wednesday.

The funds from the Ministry of Agriculture

will go towards irrigation systems and developing drought- and flood-resistant hybrid rice seeds in an effort to boost production, the *Phnom Penh Post* quoted Chan Sarun, Agricultural Minister, as saying.

“We have prepared more than 21 million US dollars for new hybrid rice seeds that can endure drought and flood,” Chan Sarun said.

Officials are also aiming to expand cultivated land by five percent.

Cambodia's rice pro-

duction suffers from one of the lowest yields in the region, according to statistics compiled by the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization.

Ouk Saren, director of the Khmer Community for Agriculture Development, said farmers in lowland and coastal areas worry about unpredictable floods, while farmers in highland areas are more concerned with droughts.

“We need more modern techniques to help us resolve this problem,” he said.—*Xinhua*

Chopper crashes in remote Calif forest; four men die

FRESNO, 6 Jan—Three California Department of Fish and Game biologists and a pilot were killed on Tuesday afternoon when their helicopter crashed in a craggy stretch of the Sierra National Forest where they were surveying wildlife.

The crash happened in a narrow canyon near Redinger Lake after the *Bell 206* helicopter struck a power line and sparked a blaze that scattered debris throughout a quarter-mile of brush, Madera County officials said.

Killed in the accident were two longtime state scientists, 48-year-old Clu Cotter and 40-year-old Kevin O'Connor, as well as a scientist's aide, 31-year-old Tom Stolberg, all of Fresno. Pilot Dennis Donovan also died, but his hometown and age were not released.

Internet



File photo shows Brazilian footballer Marcos Cafu holding the FIFA World Cup trophy in Rio de Janeiro. Television has entered a new dimension as US sports broadcaster ESPN said it will show some World Cup soccer matches live from South Africa in 3-D and Japan's Sony teamed up with Discovery and IMAX to launch a 3-D TV network in the United States.

INTERNET

ESPN to bring World Cup in 3-D

LAS VEGAS, 6 Jan—Television entered a new dimension on Tuesday as US sports broadcaster ESPN said it will show some World Cup soccer matches live from South Africa in 3-D and Japan's Sony teamed up with Discovery and IMAX to launch a 3-D TV network in the United States.

The new “ESPN 3-D” service plans at least 85 live sporting events during its first year, starting with the opening FIFA World Cup match between South Africa and Mexico on 11 June, ESPN and ABC Sports president George Bodenheimer said.

Up to 25 World Cup matches will be shown on what ESPN called “the industry's first 3-D television network” along with college basketball, college football and other US domestic sports events.

Electronics giant Sony, Discovery Communications and IMAX Corp announced meanwhile that they were creating a joint venture to “develop the first 24/7 dedicated 3-D television network” in the United States.

They said the new 3-D network, which is expected to launch next year, will feature “high-quality premium content from genres that are most appealing in 3-D, including natural history, space, exploration, adventure, engineering, science and technology, motion pictures and children's programming.”—*Internet*

Two-step nano cocktail targets tumors

SAN DIEGO, 6 Jan—A cocktail of nano-sized particles introduced into the bloodstream shows promise in adhering to and killing cancerous tumours, scientists in San Diego say.

Scientists at the University of California-San Diego developed a system containing two nano materials, each one-thousandth the diameter of a human hair.

One nano material of iron oxide was designed to find and adhere to epithelial tumors in mice, while a second nano material — the anti-cancer drug doxorubicin — was fabricated to kill the tumours, biochemist Michael Sailor said in a release on Monday.

“This study represents the first example of the benefits of employing a cooperative nano system to fight cancer,” Michael Sailor said of the results, which were to be published in an upcoming issue of the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.—*Internet*

Last decade warmest on record for New Zealand

WELLINGTON, 6 Jan—The last decade has been confirmed as the warmest on record for New Zealand.

Figures released by New Zealand's National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research (Niwa) on Wednesday

showed the years from 2000 to 2009 were slightly warmer than the previous warmest decade in the 1980s.

NIWA Principal Scientist, James Renwick, said the finding is consistent with a World Meteorological Organization

statement that the decade from 2000 to 2009 is likely to be the warmest on record globally.

The warmer climate was due to a combination of natural variability and a background warming trend, he said.

Xinhua



Authorities comb the wreckage of a small plane that crashed on 5 Jan, 2010, in Glenview, Ill. Authorities say a Royal Air cargo jet had been cleared for landing before it crashed in a forest preserve near Chicago Executive Airport in nearby Wheeling, Ill. It was not known immediately how many people were aboard and if there were injuries.—INTERNET

Two killed in cargo plane crash near Chicago

CHICAGO, 6 Jan—At least two people were killed in a cargo plane crash on Tuesday afternoon near the Wheeling Airport in the northwestern suburbs of Chicago, according to US aviation officials.

Airport manager Dennis Rouleau said he believed the two male victims were the plane's pilot and co-pilot.

Video footage of the crash scene shows the plane broke up in the Des Plaines River near the Wheeling Airport, about 50 kilometres northwest of Chicago.

Fire department officials said there were two different areas that contained debris from the crash.

The Learjet was making an approach to a runway at the airport about 1:30 pm when it went down.

Rouleau said the plane was going to the airport to pick up cargo and that he believed the plane was empty when it crashed.

Xinhua

INVITATION TO TENDER

Sealed tenders are invited by the Public Works, Ministry of Construction, Government of the Union of Myanmar from reputed manufacturers or the bonafide agents for the supply and delivery of the following foundation equipment.

TENDER NO. E-2 (T) PW/2009-2010 CLOSING DATE (18.1.2010) 4:00 PM

Schedule Number	Nomenclature	Qty
1	Soilmec RT3ST Rotary Drilling Rig complete with Kelly Bar (4x15m) (Used/ Reconditioned)	(4) Sets
2	Hydraulic Vibro Hammer complete with Hydraulic Power Pack (Used/Reconditioned)	(1) Set

Tender application form (including tender documents and detailed technical specifications) will be purchased in FEC 400.00 (or) equivalent US\$ per set. The payment for tender application must be paid to Account No. SEE. 01015, Myanma Economic Bank (2). Yangon through Myanma Foreign Trade Bank.

The tender documents can be obtained from Mechanical Division, Building No.40, Public Works, Ministry of Construction, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, only with the Payment receipt from Account Division, Public Works.

Tender should be submitted to the above address not later than 16:00 hours on 18th January 2010.

The Public Works reserves the right to reject any or all tenders without furnishing reasons.

For further detail information, please contact to Telephone No. 067-407076, 407176, 407173.

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INVITATION TO TENDER

Sealed tenders are invited by the Department of Health, Central Medical Stores Depot for the supply of Medical Equipment.

Tender documents are available during office hours at the office of the Deputy Director (Medical Stores), Central Medical Stores Depot, No-57, Sakawa Road, Dagon Township, Yangon, commencing from (15.1.2010).

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For detail information please contact the Deputy Director (Medical Stores) Phone No. 371284, 371969, 372362.

**Central Medical Stores Depot
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China, Singapore seek to further military ties

BEIJING, 6 Jan—China and Singapore pledged to further boost military cooperation at a high level meeting of senior military officers on Wednesday.

"The Chinese and Singaporean armed forces have conducted diversified and pragmatic cooperation, and maintained a good momentum of development of their relations," said Chinese Defense Minister Liang Guanglie when meeting with Singapore's Chief of Army Neo Kian Hong in Beijing.

Xinhua



In this 11 Dec, 2009 file photo, the new military Airbus A400M transport plane is seen during an exhibition flight in Seville, Spain. An Airbus official says on 5 Jan, 2010 the company is considering scrapping its A400M European military plane project just weeks after the maiden flight of the grossly over-budget plane.—INTERNET

Airbus threatens to drop A400M military plane

PARIS, 6 Jan—Airbus threatened to scrap the overdue and overbudget A400M military transport just weeks after its maiden flight, putting more pressure on seven European governments to give it better financial terms for the troubled project.

Analysts said the threat was aimed at forcing governments to move ahead with a project that supports 40,000 jobs but is three years overdue and over budget. Actually cancelling would be highly unappetizing at a time of high unemployment across Europe, and

alternative planes don't meet the requirements set out for the A400M.

EADS, Airbus' parent, hopes governments will either pay more for the planes or reduce the number of planes on order. Other options include reducing the specifications, or spreading increased payments out over time.

The customer governments have agreed to renegotiate the original fixed-price contract. But competing military interests and tight budgets mean they have so far failed to find a compromise.

Airbus spokesman

Stefan Schaffrath said that ending the programme "is a scenario" if the military plane project "continues to contribute to a loss."

"We are suffering from a stagnation, he said. "The loss-making is serious. This needs to be urgently resolved."

Gareth Jennings, *Jane's Defence Weekly's* senior aviation analyst, said cancellation was unlikely. "There is too much resting on the programme for the European aerospace industry in terms of job, prestige, and future capability," he said.

Internet

Iran to build power plants in Georgia

TEHERAN, 6 Jan—Iranian officials discussed the terms of building two hydroelectric power plants in Georgia with a combined capacity of 36 megawatts.

Georgian Energy Minister Alexander Khetauri met with his Iranian counterpart, Majid Namjoo, in the Iranian capital to discuss a series of energy deals, Iran's *Mehr News Agency* reports.

In what Teheran describes as one of the biggest industrial contracts ever between the two countries, Iran would agree to build two hydroelectric power plants in Georgia. Both sides would work together to complete the project within five years. Iranian state banks would help finance the \$97.8 million

project.

Deputy Oil Minister Ebrahim Rad Afzoon told *MNA*, meanwhile, that Iran plans to sink roughly \$245 million into more than 300 projects in the national oil and gas sector.

Teheran will invest \$2 billion to develop phases 15 and 16 of the giant South Pars field in the Persian Gulf with the aim of producing 1.76 billion cubic feet of refined natural gas from the offshore complex.—*Internet*

UN rushes aid to tsunami victims in Solomon Islands

UNITED NATIONS, 6 Jan—The United Nations is rushing aid, including sanitation facilities, safe water and basic health care, to victims of a tsunami that hit the Solomon Islands on Monday, the second such massive wave to strike the region in three years, UN officials said here on Tuesday.

Following reports that hundreds of houses were damaged and large areas completely inundated on Rendova Island, with a population of 3,600, in Western Province of the South Pacific island nation, the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) dispatched a rapid response team by boat from nearby Gizo Island, where it was already working on reconstruction of schools affected by the deadly 2007 tsunami, said the officials.

Internet



Having heart pain without heart attack

CHAPEL HILL, 6 Jan—Patients may suffer heart pain during a period of several years without having a heart attack, a US cardiologist says.

Dr Cam Patterson of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine says one possible example of heart pain that isn't a heart attack is small vessel disease or microvascular disease. It is not as threaten-

ing as the blockage of large arteries in the heart and it may not necessarily require hospitalization, but it may develop into heart disease, Patterson says.

Patterson says the keys to better heart health are to stop smoking, to exercise, to eat right and to reduce stress — which can increase blood pressure and signal the release of adrenaline, which can

spark a heart attack.

"A good balanced diet does a lot to stay on an even keel, and I tell my patients a good free resource for healthy diets is www.drgourmet.com," Patterson says in a statement. "Being happy is a great way to reduce stress as well, and I've been referring my patients to the Happiness Project — www.happiness-project.com — because I think there is a lot of good common-sense wisdom there."

Internet

Passengers ride atop overloaded carriages of a commuter train in Kenya's capital Nairobi, on 5 Jan, 2009.—INTERNET



Model display costumes during the pre-show of World Boutique, Hong Kong in Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, south China, on 5 Jan, 2010. The show, believed to be the biggest fashion show in Asia consists of Hong Kong Fashion Week and World Boutique Hong Kong, will be held on 18-21 Jan 2010. —XINHUA

Online help can reduce alcohol abuse

TORONTO, 6 Jan—Online interventions for problem alcohol use can be effective in changing drinking behaviours and can offer a public health benefit, Canadian researchers say.

Dr John Cunningham, senior scientist at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, says problem drinking is a major cause of preventable deaths in Canada, as well as sick-

ness, trauma and violence, yet many will never seek treatment. "An unfortunate reality is that many problem drinkers do not seek treatment," Cunningham said in a statement.

"While getting help from a healthcare professional is ideal, there are barriers to access such as concerns about stigma, a desire to handle problems on one's own, or simply because treatment is not readily available. Online interventions can help reduce these barriers by allowing people to seek help in their own homes."

The study, published in the journal *Addiction*, found that problem drinkers provided access to the online screener [www.](http://www.CheckYourDrinking.net)

[CheckYourDrinking.net](http://www.CheckYourDrinking.net) reduced their alcohol consumption by 30 percent, or six to seven drinks, weekly. That is comparable to face-to-face interventions, and were sustained in the three- and six-month follow-ups, the study showed.

"The Check Your Drinking online screener provides participants with a wealth of information about their drinking, its consequences, and how they compare to others," Cunningham said. "When presented these facts in a non-judgmental manner, participants are able to re-evaluate their drinking and may be motivated to reduce their alcohol consumption."—Internet

Obesity poses as great a threat as smoking

NEW YORK, 6 Jan—Obesity has become an equal, if not greater, contributor to illness and a shortened life as smoking, US researchers found.

Haomiao Jia and Dr Erica I. Lubetkin of Columbia University and The City College of New York calculated that the quality adjusted life years lost due to obesity is now equal to, if not greater than, those lost due to smoking.

The researchers used data from the 1993-2008 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, which conducted interviews of more than 3.5 million individuals with annual interviews starting with 102,263 in 1993 and

ending with 406,749 in 2008. From 1993-2008, the proportion of smokers among US adults declined 18.5 percent and smoking-related, quality adjusted life years lost were relatively stable at 0.0438 quality adjusted life years lost per population.

During this same period, the proportion of obese people increased 85 percent and this resulted in 0.0464 quality adjusted life years lost.—Internet

Coffee linked to less liver fibrosis

BETHESDA, 6 Jan—Patients with chronic hepatitis C virus who consumed about 2 1/4 cups of coffee with caffeine daily had milder liver fibrosis, US researchers found. Dr Apurva Modi, the lead author, and fellow researchers at the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases determined that for patients with chronic hepatitis C virus other sources of caffeine beyond coffee did not have the same therapeutic effect. Liver fibrosis, or scarring of the liver, is the second stage of liver disease, characterized by a degradation of liver function due to accumulated connective tissue.

From January 2006 to November 2008, all patients evaluated in the Liver Disease Branch of the National Institutes of Health were asked to complete a questionnaire to determine caffeine consumption.—Internet



Photo Taken on 5 Jan, 2010 shows the traffic at a highway entrance in Jiujiang, southeast China's Jiangxi Province. The first snowfall hit Jiujiang on Tuesday.

XINHUA

SPORTS

England set for pre-World Cup altitude camp in Austria

VIENNA, 6 Jan—Fabio Capello's England squad will travel to Austria for a training camp at altitude prior to the 2010 World Cup in South Africa, the camp's organizer said Tuesday.

"We have organised the camp in conjunction with the English Football Federation (FA)," said Nikolaus Pichler, a representative of the IFCS company which organises training camps for professional teams in the region of Styria.

"The team manager Fabio Capello will be there with the team in Irnding, which he is already familiar with. He has already visited here with other teams, such as AS Roma and Real Madrid."

The exact dates of England's stay will be announced soon, added Pichler, who said he is negotiating with two other national teams interested in setting up camp in Styria.—Internet



England manager Fabio Capello attends a training session in 2009. Capello's England squad will travel to Austria for a training camp at altitude prior to the 2010 World Cup in South Africa, the camp's organiser said Tuesday.

INTERNET

Stoke claim points as Fulham feel the chill

STOKE, 6 Jan—Stoke mastered the elements better than visitors Fulham to climb back into the top half of the Premier League with a 3-2 win at a snow-covered Britannia Stadium here on Tuesday.

Tony Pulis's side seized control of the encounter after Tuncay Sanli had headed them into an early lead and further strikes from Abdoulaye Faye and Mamady Sidibe gave them a commanding three-goal advantage by half-time.

Ireland winger Damien Duff pulled a goal back for Fulham just after the hour mark and a Clint Dempsey strike five minutes from time made things frantic at the end, but Stoke were able to hold out for a win that lifts them to tenth in the table, a place and three points behind their visitors.

The evening had not started auspiciously for Stoke with their Danish goalkeeper, Thomas Sorensen, suffering an injury the warm-up.—Internet



Stoke City's Senegalese midfielder Abdoulaye Diagne-Faye (L) celebrates after scoring the second goal during the English Premier League football match against Fulham at The Britannia stadium, Stoke-on-Trent. Stoke won 3-2.—INTERNET

Roddick in control at Brisbane International

BRISBANE, 6 Jan—Andy Roddick cruised into the quarter-finals of the Brisbane International with a comfortable 7-6 (7/0), 6-3 win over Australian Carsten Ball on Wednesday.

The top seed proved far more consistent than his lesser known opponent in a battle of the big servers, seeing off his second Australian in a row following a first round win over Peter Luczak.

He now faces Richard Gasquet in the last eight after the Frenchman ended Australian hopes when he ousted qualifier Matthew Ebden 6-3, 6-4.

Roddick once again showed no signs of the knee injury that forced him to pull out of October's ATP tournament in Shanghai.—Internet



The USA's Andy Roddick hits a backhand volley against Australia's Peter Luczak. Roddick has cruised into the quarter-finals of the Brisbane International with a comfortable 7-6 (7/0), 6-3 win over Australian Carsten Ball.—INTERNET

Barcelona suffers Cup defeat at home to Sevilla

MADRID, 6 Jan—Reigning Copa del Rey champions FC Barcelona has an uphill task to reach the quarter finals of the competition after suffering a shock 2-1 defeat at home to Sevilla on Tuesday.

The result means that Barcelona has to score at least two goals in next week's return leg in Sevilla's Sanchez Pizjuan stadium.

The good news for Barcelona fans was that central defender Gabi Milito returned to the starting line up for the first time in a year and a half after suffering a knee injury at the end of the 2007/08 season.

Bojan was also given a rare start, while Xabi Hernandez started on the substitute's bench, while young midfielder Thiago was also given the chance to start.

Sevilla meanwhile was without strikers Luis Fabiano and Freddy Kanoute, meaning Aruna Kone led the line for the visitors.

The first half was a close fought affair with both sides working hard in midfield, however, Barca had slightly the better of the chances and Leo Messi was unlucky to see his shot bounce back off the post after 21 minutes.

The second half saw Sevilla replace injured winger Jesus Navas with attacking midfielder Renato.—Xinhua

Vieira set to leave Inter, says Mourinho

ROME, 6 Jan—French midfield veteran Patrick Vieira is set to leave Inter



French midfield veteran Patrick Vieira, pictured in 2008, is set to leave Inter Milan within days, amid reports of interest from Manchester City, coach Jose Mourinho said Tuesday.—INTERNET

Milan within days, amid reports of interest from Manchester City, coach Jose Mourinho said on Tuesday.

Asked what the chances were of the 33-year-old staying on Mourinho told reporters "I think they are very slim."

Earlier, the Times newspaper had reported that City were in talks over a move for Vieira, who has also had the rule run over him by Lyon.

Internet

Federer and Nadal cruise into Qatar Open second round

DOHA, 6 Jan—Two-time winner Roger Federer and second seed Rafael Nadal both cruised into the second round of the Qatar Open tennis tournament with straight-sets wins on Tuesday.

Top seed Federer, the 2005-06 titlist, cruised past world No.86 Christophe Rochus of Belgium 6-1, 6-2 in 58 minutes, while Nadal, ranked No.2, beat Simone Bolelli of Italy 6-3, 6-3.

"I thought my moving was explosive and nice," said Federer. "I was happy with the way I felt out there. It wasn't as cold as last year so this was more comfortable to play in and I was overall very happy with the way I played."

Xinhua

Burnley resigned to losing Coyle to Bolton



Burnley on Tuesday accepted defeat in their battle to prevent their manager Owen Coyle (seen here) from leaving for Premier League rivals Bolton.—INTERNET

LONDON, 6 Jan—Burnley on Tuesday accepted defeat in their battle to prevent their manager Owen Coyle from leaving for Premier League rivals Bolton.

In a statement, Burnley said they were now negotiating the level of compensation to be paid by Bolton, having reluctantly accepted that Coyle was determined to leave.

"Burnley Football Club will now enter discussions with Bolton Wanderers Football Club, due to the fact that compensation between the two parties has yet to be agreed," a statement said.

Coyle, who played for Bolton between 1993 and 1995, was club chairman Phil Gartside's first choice to succeed Gary Megson, who was sacked last week after just over two years in charge which finished with the club in the relegation zone.—Internet

Peer faces protest as seeds tumble in tennis clash

AUCKLAND, 6 Jan—Israel's Shahar Peer overcame the chants of protesters to make the quarter-finals as three other seeds tumbled in the second round of the Auckland Classic women's tennis tournament here on Wednesday.

The 22-year-old world number 31 appeared to cope with the noisy protest against Israel's policies towards the Palestinians better than her Slovakian opponent Magdalena Rybarikova.

"I think it was really, really bad," Peer said of the noise coming from outside the ASB Tennis Centre after her crushing 6-1, 6-0 victory in just over an hour.

"I don't really have anything to say to (the protesters). I know they can do whatever they want, but as long as I'm winning, I don't care."

Rybarikova was rattled as around 10 protesters chanted throughout the first



Israel's Shahar Peer, pictured, overcame protesters' chants to make the quarter-finals in the second round of the Auckland Classic women's tennis tournament on Wednesday.—INTERNET

set before police moved in to disperse them, arresting one person.

"I have to say it was tough to play during the protest," she said.

Internet

Endangered species protection assured in HK

HONGKONG, 6 Jan—Acting Secretary for the Environment of Hong Kong Kitty Poon Wednesday said there were 69 successful prosecutions related to illegal import of endangered species in the first 11 months of 2009. Poon told lawmakers on Wednesday that the numbers of prosecutions were 73 and 61 for 2007 and 2008 respectively and reiterated the government's commitment to the protection of endangered species and implementation of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora.

The convention's Conference of the Parties will consider in March the listing of other shark species, including the International Union for Conservation of Nature-listed threatened shark species, including the scalloped hammerhead, said Poon.

She said the government will closely follow the international control as required by the convention on the trade in endangered species. Species listed in the convention appendices at the Conference of the Parties will be put under the control of the ordinance accordingly. Illegal import of endangered species warrants two years' jail and a 5-million US dollar fine. —Internet



File photo of the 'Shonan Maru No 2' battling sea ice in pursuit of the Sea Shepherd's 'Steve Irwin' through the Southern Ocean off Antarctica.—INTERNET

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (7-1-2010) (Thursday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am~10:00am)MST
Europe	- (19:30pm~21:30pm)MST
North America	- (23:30pm~07:30am)MST

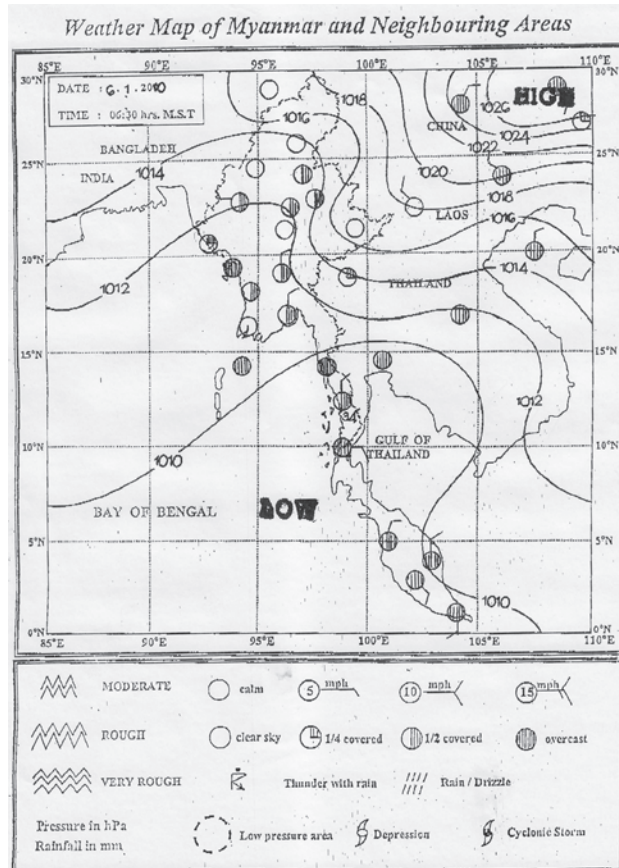
Local Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * Illustrious handiwork in Kyeethe
- * Thanakha, a Myanmar Cosmetic
- * The Decoration of Lacquerware (Stylus Drawing)
- * National Dance
- * Blacksmith Village Min Kan
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Orchid Garden
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

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- * Blacksmith Village Min Kan
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Orchid Garden
- * Songs On Screen
- * Ginger Salad For An Acquaintance
- * Rare species....Tree climbing TURTLE
- * Culture Stage
- * Marine Products in Myeik
- * Unforgettable Traditions of PaO National
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Travelogue "Yangon to Bagan"
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm



WEATHER

Wednesday, 6th January, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, Rain or Thundershower has been isolated in Taninthayi Division, weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below January average temperatures in Kachin and Chin States, Magway and upper Sagaing Divisions, (3°C) above January average temperatures in Ayeyawady Division, (5°C) to (6°C) above January average temperatures in Mon State and Taninthayi Division and about January average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Haka (2°C), Heho (3°C), Putao and An (4°C) each. The noteworthy rainfall recorded was Myeik (1.34) inches.

Maximum temperature on 5-1-2010 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 6-1-2010 was 60°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 6-1-2010 was 72%. Total sun shine hours on 5-1-2010 was (2.3) hours approx.

Rainfall on 6-1-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southeast at (15:30) hours MST on 5-1-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 7th January 2010: Light rain are likely to be isolated in Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 7-1-2010: Partly cloudy .

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 7-1-2010: Likelihood of isolated light rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 7-1-2010: Generally fair weather.

Myanmar

TV

Thursday, 7
January
View on today

7:00 am

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:15 am

2. အဂ္ဂဇယမင်္ဂလ် (ယဉ်ဝေယံထွန်းတေးရေး-ဂီတစာဆိုမျိုးနွယ်ဆွေ)

7:25 am

3. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

4. Morning News

7:40 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

7:55 am

6. Cute Little Dancers

8:05 am

7. “ပျော်ရွှင်ကျန်းမာသန့်စင်သောအစာ”

8:10 am

8. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:25 am

9. သီးနှံစိုက်စွမ်းအားမြှင့်မားစေမှုအထောက်အကူပြုမည့်မဒန်းရေလျှောင့်တမံ

8:40 am

10. International News

8:50 am

11. Musical Programme

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:20 pm

3. Dance Of National Races

4:30 pm

4. Musical Programme

4:45 pm

5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာပထမနှစ်(ပထဝီဝင်အထူးပြု)(ပထဝီဝင်)

5:00 pm

6. Songs For Uphold National Spirit

5:10 pm

7. Dance Variety

5:20 pm

8. “ရတနာစုံညီနေပြည်တော်ဆီ”

5:35 pm

9. ရုပ်မြင်ရသတေးစုတက္က

5:45 pm

10. “လေ့လာစရာစုံလင်စွာကျောက်ဖြစ်၊အင်ကြင်းလိပ်ပြာကမ္ဘာ”

6:00 pm

11. Evening News

6:15 pm

12. Weather Report

6:20 pm

13. ပျော်ရွှင်စေသောနေ့ရက်များ“ဈေးသည်” (အပိုင်း-၇) (သရုပ်ဆောင်-မိုးမိုးသဇင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောင်ကျော်သူရ)

6:40 pm

14. ထူးဆန်းထွေလာများကိုသိပွဲဖြင့်ချဉ်းကပ်ခြင်း

7:00 pm

15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ“မေတ္တာလောင်းရိပ်” (အပိုင်း-၂၇)

8:00 pm

16. News

17. International News

18. Weather Report

19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

“ကိုယ်ရံတော်”

(အပိုင်း-၆)

20. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

“ချစ်တေးသံသာ”

(အပိုင်း-၁၀)

21. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရား

ကြီး၏အရပ်ဆယ်မျက်နှာ

မေတ္တာဘာဝနာပွားများခြင်း

တရားတော်



- ★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
- ★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

- ★ Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
- ★ Riots beget riots, not democracy
- ★ Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People's Desire

- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence
- VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
- RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
- Do not allow ourselves to be swayed
- By broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Bawditahtaung Dam in Monywa Township inaugurated



Photo shows Bawditahtaung Dam.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Jan — Bawditahtaung Dam in Monywa Township was inaugurated on 31 December. At the ceremony to inaugurate the dam, Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Myint Soe delivered an opening address and unveiled the stone inscription of the dam. The commander and Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Myint sprinkled scented water on the stone inscriptions. Afterwards, the commander and the deputy minister

formally opened and inspected the dam.

Also present on the occasion were departmental officials, members of social organizations and local people.

At the briefing hall of the dam, an official and the deputy minister reported to the commander on construction and facts about the dam.

The dam is located near Bawditahtaung standing Buddha Image in Khattakan Village in Monywa Township. — MNA

Significant night temperature (6-1-2010)

Haka	(2° C)
Heho	(3° C)
Putao	(4° C)
An	(4° C)

