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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

56th Myanmar Medical Conference held

YANGON, 20 Jan—The Myanmar Medical Association (Central) organized the 56th Myanmar Medical Conference at its office on Theinbyu Road in Mingala Taungnyunt Township here this morning.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence delivered an opening address.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and De-

velopment Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe and the chairman of the MMA (Central) formally opened the commemorative medicines and medical equipment pavilions, and inspected them.

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Lt-Gen Tha Aye visits Putao, Machanbaw Townships

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Jan—Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Kachin State Peace and Development Council Chairman Northern Command Commander Maj-Gen Soe Win and personnel concerned, visited private-owned teak plantations in Shadong village, Myitkyina Township on 16 January.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye viewed thriving teak and rubber plantations along Myitkyina-Namtee (Tanai) road and inspected the construction site of No. 3 inter-

district road (Kachin State).

Lt-Gen Tha Aye then viewed a grove of rubber plants of the local battalion in the township and inspected extension of runway of Putao Airport. Later, Lt-Gen Tha Aye inspected the condition of Malikha river-crossing suspension bridge linking Naungkhaing village and Machanbaw Township. He met with officers and other ranks and their families at the local battalion and presented gifts to them.

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63rd Anniversary Union Day Objectives

- For all national races to uphold the national policy—non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity, and perpetuation of sovereignty
- To boost the sense of Union Spirit of the national people
- To defend and safeguard the Union with consolidated unity of all national races against dangers posed to disrupt State stability and development by internal and external subversives
- For all national races to work harder to build a modern, developed, discipline-flourishing democratic nation in line with the State Constitution approved with the great majority of the ballot
- For all national races to make concerted efforts for successful accomplishment of the seven-step Road Map

Yazudaing Bridge No. 1 and No. 2 contributing to development of Mawlamyinegyun

Byline: Tin Htwe (MNA), Photos: Maung Maung Than(MNA)

Since Mawlamyinegyun Township in Ayeyawady Division lies on an island, its transportation has to rely solely on waterway in the past. With the opening of Yazudaing Bridge No. 2 on 9 January in the township, one can travel from one place to

another with peace of mind, making the most of the Mawlamyinegyun-Shwetaungmaw-Kyaikpi motorway.

As a network of roads were constructed in cyclone Nargis-ravaged regions in Ayeyawady Di-

vision. The project includes Yazudaing Bridge No. 2 that is located on No. 10 Highway linking Bogale, Mawlamyinegyun, Kyonemange and Myaungmya .

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Ongoing construction of Yazudaing Bridge No. 1.

PERSPECTIVES

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Unity is strength of the Union

Myanmar is home to more than 100 national races and they have been living together in unity and amity through thick and thin. This indicates the nation's high standard of culture and the existence of harmonious society.

National races living in various parts of the country have their own languages, cultures, traditions and social customs. However, they have Union blood and Union Spirit in common. They are like brothers born of the same womb or like fruits of the same stem.

It was through the unity of national races that national independence and sovereignty was regained. As an independent people, they will always safeguard and defend their independent nation. Now they are building a modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

It is necessary for the entire national people to take part in the drive for a new democratic nation being built in accordance with the national policy – non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty. History and national experiences show that it is very important for the national brethren to cultivate Union Spirit in their hearts for ever.

Only if national unity is strong will there be peace and stability and a modern and developed nation emerge. It is necessary for the entire national people to place special emphasis on non-disintegration of the Union, defend it and guard it against the dangers of internal and external destructive elements.

Unity is strength of the Union. Therefore, it is necessary for all national brethren to be always united, upholding their fine traditions and maintaining favourable conditions existing in the Union.

All this needs to be known

- * Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- * Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- * Do not be softened whenever appeased

Peoples' 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

EP-1 Minister receives Swiss guests

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Jan – Minister for Electric Power No (1) Col Zaw Min received Chief Executive Officer Mr. Roberto Gerosa of Colenco Power Engineering Ltd of Switzerland and party at the ministry here yesterday morning. They held discussion on im-

plementation of new projects.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister U Myo Myint and departmental heads, Managing Director Mr. Jean-Francois Belin of Colenco Power Engineering Limited and officials.—MNA



Minister Col Zaw Min receives CEO Mr Roberto Gerosa of Colenco Power Engineering Ltd and party.
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Health Minister receives UNICEF Resident Representative



Minister Dr Kyaw Myint receives Resident Representative Mr Ramesh Shrestha of UNICEF.
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NAY PYI TAW, 20 Jan—Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint received Resident Representative Mr Ramesh Shrestha of United Nations International Children Emergency Fund (UNICEF) and party at the ministry here yesterday.

They hold discussion about campaign against epidemics, nourishment campaign and

campaign to reduce death rate of pregnant women and children over coming five years.

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Housing & Building 2010 on 5 Feb

YANGON, 20 Jan—IEMS Company Limited is organizing Housing & Building 2010 at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road here from 5 to 8 February.

During the exhibition, Inax branded tiles of TMW Enterprise, Soso branded tiles of Sanyo, home decorations of Champion Construction Material, Sakura, Orchid and Panasonic brand consumer electronics of Pyae Sone Win Naing Co, media lighting of Regency, construction metal and metal structure of Asia Metal Co, building materials, showrooms, and home decoration of Naing Construction, Shine Construction, Aurora Group Construction and Opal Construction, high quality paints of TWJS Co (hometex), Sea Master and Nippon Paint, Izen brand advanced electronic toilet seats of Golden Hook Co,

modern furniture of Universal Furniture, Coffey Manufacturing and PW & GG JV Co, building materials and showroom of Asterism International, parquet and floor decorations of Sinpauk Construction, interior decoration showrooms of D & D Co, electronic door of 133, Aluminium composite panel of Aluminium Empire, Stieble Eltron brand advanced water heater and cooler, and Media brand induction cooker of Ever Seiko, Stainless steel structure of GSR Stainless Steel, building materials and interior decorations of ALLWAYS Hardware Mart, Pure Air brand automatic air fresher of SP Group, and Korea-made laminate floor of Tharaphee will be on display.

The exhibition is also reinforced with entertainment and lucky draw programmes. For further information, dial 09-48831628.—MNA



Iraqi policemen remove the remains of a car bomb from the site of a bomb attack in Najaf, 160 km (100 miles) south of Baghdad, on 14 Jan, 2010.—INTERNET

Major attacks in Afghanistan's capital

Kabul, 20 Jan—A look at major attacks in Afghanistan's capital:

- 15 Jan, 2008: Militants storm the Serena Hotel in a coordinated assault that kills seven.
- 7 July, 2008: A suicide car bomb detonates at the gates of the Indian Embassy, killing more than 60 people.
- 11 Feb, 2009: Militants launch coordinated assault on three government buildings, killing at least 20 people.
- 15 Aug: Suicide car bomber strikes near the front gate of NATO's headquarters, killing seven people.
- 17 Sept: A suicide car bomber kills six Italian soldiers and 10 Afghan civilians on one of Kabul's main roads.
- 8 Oct: A suicide car bomber detonates his vehicle outside the Indian Embassy, killing 17 people.
- 28 Oct: Gunmen with suicide vests storm a guest house, leaving 11 dead, including 5 UN staff and 3 attackers.
- 15 Dec: Suicide car bomber strikes near hotel frequented by Westerners, killing 8 people.
- 18 Jan, 2010: Team of suicide bombers and gunmen target government buildings, leaving 12 dead, including 7 attackers.—*Internet*

Afghans tighten security in Kabul after attack

KABUL, 20 Jan—Two US service members were killed by a roadside bomb in southern Afghanistan on Tuesday, a day after a brazen Taliban attack on the capital showed militants are stepping up their fight against the US and its allies.

The southern Taliban heartland has seen intense fighting and is expected to be the destination for most of the 30,000 US reinforcements being sent by President Barack Obama. A NATO statement gave

no other details about the latest US deaths.

Also on Tuesday, Afghan forces increased the number of checkpoints and patrols in the capital amid public anger over security lapses that enabled a small group of militants mount a series of suicide explosions and gunbattles the day before.

President Hamid Karzai ordered a review of security measures in the capital but said Afghan troops should be praised for their performance in

preventing an even bigger disaster as the non-militant death toll stood at five — three security forces and two civilians, including a child.—*Internet*



Men wounded in a gun battle lie in beds at a hospital in Kabul, Afghanistan, on 18 Jan, 2010. INTERNET



A wounded man is seen after a bombing in Najaf, 100 miles (160 kilometres) south of Baghdad, Iraq, on 14 Jan, 2010. Three explosions, including one caused by a car bomb, rocked the southern city of Najaf at about 5:45 p.m. near a commercial area, police said. An official in the city's health department said at least one person was killed and 50 were wounded.—INTERNET

An injured man lies on the ground during clashes between Taliban-linked militants and security forces in Kabul. Taliban gunmen and suicide bombers have attacked buildings across the heart of Kabul, killing at least five people including a child and triggering fierce gun battles with security forces.—INTERNET



File photo, Sami Hawas, a 42-year-old taxi driver, and his 7-year-old son Mohammed, are seen at his home in Baghdad, Iraq. Hawas was shot in the chest and a leg while driving his cab at Baghdad's Nisoor square more than a year ago, when Blackwater Worldwide security guards reportedly shot dead 17 Iraqi civilians.—INTERNET

US and allies kills, injures Iraqi people

BAGHDAD, 20 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 20 January reached 700005 and the total number of seriously injured people reached 1263887 according to the news on the Internet.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Death toll of Iraqi people	700005
2.	The total number of seriously injured people	1263887

Internet

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

KABUL, 20 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 32479 Afghan people were killed and 38228 injured seriously as from the day when the NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan to 20 January.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Number of Afghan people killed	32479
2.	Seriously injured Afghan people	38228

Internet

Afghans mourn over death of their relatives after the Taliban attack at a shopping centre in Kabul, capital of Afghanistan, on 18 Jan, 2010. A series of explosions rocked Afghan capital Kabul on Monday as militants penetrated downtown city and targeted important government buildings, leaving 15 people, dead and 63 others wounded, Defence Ministry spokesman Zahir Azimi said.—XINHUA





The Hybrid Kinetic Motors Corporation's Quaranta concept car is unveiled at the Convention Centre at the Renaissance Hotel and Spa in Montgomery, Ala, on 19 Jan, 2010. —INTERNET

New tech tools help Haiti quake relief

WASHINGTON, 20 Jan—Hundreds of tech volunteers spurred to action by Haiti's killer quake are adding a new dimension to disaster relief, developing new tools and services for first responders and the public in an unprecedented effort.

"It really is amazing the change in the way crisis response can be done now," said Noel Dickover, a Washington, DC-based organizer of the Crisis-Camp tech volunteer movement, which is central to the Haiti effort. "Developers, crisis mappers and even Internet-savvy folks can actually make a difference."

Volunteers have built and refined software for tracking missing people, mapping the disaster area and enabling urgent cell

phone text messaging.

Organizations including the International Red Cross, the United Nations, the World Bank and the US Federal Emergency Management Agency have put the systems to use.—*Internet*



Tim Schwartz, a 28-year-old artist and programmer, poses in his art studio on the campus of the University of California-San Diego, where he helped develop a data base for persons missing in the Haiti earthquake, on 19 Jan, 2010, in San Diego. —INTERNET

WTO panel to investigate US tariffs on Chinese tyres

GENEVA, 20 Jan—The World Trade Organization (WTO) on Tuesday established an expert panel to investigate and rule whether punitive US tariffs on Chinese-made tyres breach WTO regulations.

The panel was established at a meeting of the WTO's Dispute Settlement Body (DSB), at which China reiterated its position that the US tariffs "run short of factual bases

and breached the US obligations under the WTO." "The Chinese government deeply regretted the US decision to impose restrictions on Chinese tyres and believed it was a departure of international consensus of G20 leaders to fight against protectionism," the Chinese delegation said. "China once again urges the United States to promptly withdraw its

measures. And we believe the panel will make impartial determination on this case," it added.

China initially made the panel request in December, but it was rejected by the United States in accordance with relevant procedures.

Xinhua

At last six dead as pirates fight over record ransom

MOGADISHU, 20 Jan—Intense fighting between Somali pirate gangs over a record ransom amount paid for the release of a Greek oil supertanker has killed at least six people, elders and pirates said.

Three pirates and a civilian were killed in the latest bout of fighting that erupted in the town of Harardhere late Monday, elders and pirates told AFP by phone.

Tension has been high in the central Somali pirate lair since an estimated seven million dollars were dropped by a small plane on Sunday for the release of the VLCC Maran Centaurus.—*Internet*

Lone shooter kills eight in central Virginia

APPOMATTOX, 20 Jan—Police with dogs and heat-sensing equipment hunted for a man they say shot eight people to death on Tuesday and then nearly took down a police helicopter that was trying to flush him out of the woods near this central Virginia town.

State police said officers had the suspect, Christopher Speight, 39, circled in the woods late Tuesday near the home

where seven of the bodies were found and they believed he was still alive. An eighth victim was found barely alive on the side of the road — which led to police being called — and died on the way to the hospital.

All the victims were adults and both men and women were killed, state police Sgt Thomas Molnar said. Three of the bodies were found inside the home, and four just

outside it, Molnar said.

Police refused to speculate on a motive and would not say what type of weapon was used. Molnar also gave no background on the suspect. Speight's last known address was along the block where the shootings occurred, but Molnar did not know if the suspect was still living there. He also would not say if all the victims were shot at the home.—*Internet*



Chuck Hawkins from Orange County Fire Swiftwater Rescue Team 9 checks on a stalled vehicle in Laguna Hills, Calif, on 19 Jan, 2010. A motorist had rescued a woman and a baby from the vehicle after torrential rain trapped several vehicles. —INTERNET

Crisis will keep children out of school

PARIS, 20 Jan—The world financial crisis not only hurt balance sheets but could sabotage poor countries' efforts to get more children into school, according to a report released on Tuesday by the UN education agency.

UNESCO urged more funding and attention for those shut out of education systems such as ethnic minorities and rural girls, who make up a disproportionate part of the legions

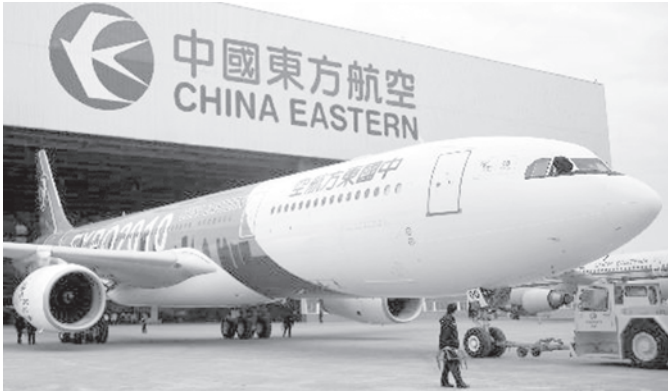
of school-age children who have never seen the inside of a classroom.

"The main message is that education is at risk, that we might have a lost generation because the financial gap of what resources that are needed for education and those that are provided are widening — especially with the crisis," UNESCO's chief Irina Bokova said at the launch of the report at UN Headquar-

ters in New York.

Some 72 million children were out of school in 2007, and the report estimates that 56 million will remain out of school in 2015.

"Rich countries have mobilized a financial mountain to stabilize their financial systems and protect vital social and economic infrastructure, but they have provided an aid molehill for the world's poor," the chief author of the Education for All Global Monitoring Report, Kevin Watkins, said in a statement.—*Internet*



Financial crisis endangers children's education worldwide

LA PAZ, 20 Jan—The aftershock of the global financial crisis threatens to deprive millions of children in the poorest countries of education, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) warned on Tuesday.

UNESCO said in the 2010 Education for All Global Monitoring Report that 72 million children are still out of school, and the deceleration of economic growth together with the rise of poverty and the poor countries' budget pressures could erode the education achievements of the past decade.

"While rich countries are creating necessary conditions for its economic recovery, many poor countries face the immediate prospect of recession in their education systems," the report said.

Xinhua

A passenger aircraft painted with World Expo designs unveils on the tarmac of Hongqiao Airport, in Shanghai, east China, on 19 Jan, 2010. This is the 4th of the six planes painted with World Expo logos, which are provided by China Eastern Airlines to service for the Shanghai Expo.—XINHUA

Two farmers pluck ripe strawberries in a greenhouse of the Shahe Ecological Strawberry Growing Base in Ganyu County, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 19 Jan, 2010. Strawberry produced here will be transported to Shanghai and Beijing for the Spring Festival market supply.—XINHUA

Peruvian doctors have 80 surgeries daily for Haiti quake victims

LIMA, 20 Jan—Peruvian doctors have been conducting 80 surgeries daily at a hospital near the border between quake-stricken Haiti and the Dominican Republic, the Peruvian Health Ministry said on Tuesday. Peruvian doctors, along with their partners from Japan, Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic, are working at El Buen Samaritano Hospital in the city of Jimani.

"We just finished shift duty. We have been working at night and operated on 10 patients, which makes the daily number of surgeries reach 80," said Carlos Malpica, director of Mobilization of General Office of National Defence of Health Ministry.

"The attentions for traumatic injuries must be given in the first 24 or 48 hours," said Malpica. But "we are receiving patients after almost one week. It is frustrating to see people have operations to cut one part of their body, because they arrived with infections and sepsis."—Xinhua



A wounded woman is transported to the hospital in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on 18 Jan, 2010. A 7.0 magnitude earthquake hit the country on 12 Jan, 2010. The rescue work still continues.—XINHUA

Turkmen President praises cooperation with Russia

ALMATY, 20 Jan—Turkmen President Gurbanguly Berdimukhamedov said on Wednesday that Russia is his country's reliable partner.

Berdimukhamedov made the remark during his talks with visiting Russian First Deputy Prime Minister Igor Shuvalov in the Turkmen capital of Ashgabat.

Turkmenistan would persist in promoting friendly cooperation of mutual benefit with Russia, Berdimukhamedov said, adding that his country wished to

establish direct links with Russia's regional areas as well as major industrial and cultural centres.

Shuvalov said the Russian side is satisfied with the high-level cooperation between the two countries.

Turkmenistan resumed natural gas supplies to Russia early this month. Under the new contract, Turkmenistan will supply Russia with up to 30 billion cubic metres of natural gas annually at European-level prices.

Xinhua



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Jordan to establish nuclear science university in cooperation with France

AMMAN, 20 Jan—Jordan announced plans on Tuesday to create a Jordanian-French university that is specialized in nuclear sciences and research, according to the country's atomic energy commission.

The university will adopt the system followed by the French Ecole Polytechnique, which is a state-supported institution of higher education and research founded in 1794 in France, a statement by the Jordan Atomic Energy Commission (JAEC) obtained by Xinhua noted on Tuesday.

The university, which will be supported by France, will be established under a memorandum of understanding that Jordan and France will sign next month during a visit by French Prime Minister Francois Fillon to Jordan, the statement indicated.—Xinhua

Italy to tighten control of confiscated Mafia assets

ROME, 20 Jan—Italy will soon establish a new agency in the south of the country to better handle confiscated Mafia assets in a bid to intensify the fight against the Mafia, Interior Minister Roberto Maroni said on Tuesday.

The agency will be the core-part of a strategic anti-Mafia plan to be unveiled by the government when it convenes in the southern town of Reggio Calabria on 28 Jan, Ansa news service quoted Maroni as saying.

The plan will launch a coordinated effort against Italy's three main Mafias: 'Ndrangheta in the Calabria region, Cosa Nostra in Sicily and Camorra around the Naples area. The new agency's goal would be to sell off seized Mafia property by controlling auctions to make sure the goods did not return to the Mafia, Maroni explained.—Xinhua

Moldova-flagged cargo ship sinks in Black Sea

ISTANBUL, 20 Jan—A Moldova-flagged cargo vessel sank off the Black Sea coast of Turkey after breaking into two due to harsh winter weather, Turkish coast security bureau said on Tuesday.

All 21 crew members on board the ship were rescued by the coast security members at 9:00 am local time (0700 GMT) on Tuesday. The 145-metre "Orcun C" coming from Ukraine anchored at the Guven Foreland in Kilyos, nearly 30 km north of Istanbul.

The vessel's anchor has been dragged and then grounded at 3 am local time. After receiving the accident signal, Turkish coastal rescue teams rushed to the ship.

The helicopters and the rescue ships failed to get close to the vessel because of the strong winds and the waves.

Xinhua

Storms cut Philippine's 2009 rice production

MANILA, 20 Jan—Rice production in the Philippines, the world's biggest importer of the grain, fell by more than 3.0 percent last year after a series of major storms damaged crops, the government said on Wednesday.

Tropical storm Ketsana and Typhoon Parma, which claimed more than 1,100 lives in October and November as they pummelled the main island of Luzon, were mainly responsible for the fall in rice output, the ag-

riculture ministry said.

Unmilled rice production was 16.26 million tonnes last year, down 3.31 percent from 2008, the ministry said in its annual report.

The government had already made large tenders in a tight global market late last year to head off possible shortages of rice, the staple food for the 93 million Filipinos.

The entire crops sector, which accounted for 46.80 percent of total agricultural output, also slid

by 1.42 percent last year due to the bad weather and rising fertilizer costs, the ministry said.

However, livestock, poultry and fisheries managed slight increases to push agricultural growth up by 0.37 percent overall.—Internet



A farmer throws rice seedlings into a rice paddy in Nueva Ecija, close to Manila. Rice production in the Philippines, the world's biggest importer of the grain, fell by more than 3.0 percent last year after a series of major storms damaged crops, the government said on Wednesday.

INTERNET

Mexican judge orders Tijuana kingpin to face trial

TIJUANA, 20 Jan—An alleged drug kingpin blamed for much of Tijuana's gang violence was ordered to face trial on Tuesday, while the military said it caught three purported members of his gang about to dissolve a body in chemicals.

A judge ordered "El Teo" Teodoro Garcia Simental, who was arrested last week, to stand trial on organized crime and drug trafficking charges, the Attorney General's Office said.

Troops, meanwhile, arrested two men and a woman at a house in Tijuana where a body was found in a bathtub, about to be dissolved in a chemical substance, a military statement said. Soldiers received a tip that armed people were storing drugs in the house.

The military said the three worked for Raydel Udiarte, the reputed chief of hit men for Garcia's gang. They were found with 117 kilograms (258 pounds) of marijuana, three rifles, a pistol, ammunition and two bulletproof vests, the military said.—Internet

Some 63,000 Somalis displaced in first week of 2010

GENEVA, 20 Jan—Some 63,000 Somalis have been displaced in the first weeks of 2010, the United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR) said on Tuesday in Geneva.

UNHCR spokesperson Melissa Fleming said: "The number of Somali casualties and displaced civilians continues to grow as the fighting in central areas of Somalia rages on."

Fighting has been ongoing throughout the country. In Mogadishu, at least 10 deaths were reported on Jan. 13 when the government shelled portions of the capital city to retaliate against Al-Shabaab and Hisb-ul-Islam militia.

In Central Somalia, daily clashes from 9 to 14 Jan between Hisb-ul-Islam and Ahlu Sunna Wal have apparently led to 30 deaths and 50 casualties. On 12 Jan, mortar shells hit the area's main hospital, injuring two employees of Medecins Sans Frontiers.

Xinhua

Chrysler to recall 24,177 vehicles on brake issue

DETROIT, 20 Jan—Chrysler Group LLC will recall 24,177 vehicles due to a potential defect in a brake system that could result in sudden brake failure, the automaker said in a filing with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The recall applies to 2010 model-year Chrysler Sebring, Dodge Avenger and Nitro, and Jeep Liberty, Commander and Grand Cherokee SUVs, as well as 2009-2010 model year Dodge Ram trucks. In some of the vehicles, the clip retention tab on the brake pedal pin was improperly formed, or not installed, during the manufacturing process, Chrysler said.—Internet

French robbers get away with 100 kg of gold

Four gunmen heisted over 100 kg of gold and other precious metals on Monday from a foundry in Lyon, in east-central France, police said.

The robbers threatened an employer of the foundry with his wife's life and intimidated him to surrender between 100 and 150 kilograms of precious metal, mainly gold, Lyon police chief Claude Catto told local media.

There was no fire exchange, Catto added, but he didn't disclose the amount of the loot.

After the morning robbery in the second largest city of France, the four suspects fled by car and were still at large. On 27 Jan last year, four masked armed men raided the same foundry on the outskirts of Lyon and took away 270 kg of gold and 100 kg of other precious metals, which were estimated worth between 6 to 9 million euros (about 8.6-12.9 million US dollars), according to local reports.

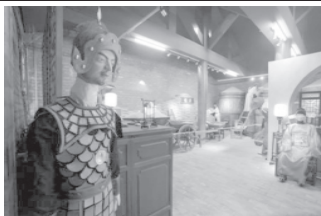


Photo taken on 16 Jan, 2010 shows the interior display of the Imperial Granary Museum of Ming Dynasty of Nanxingcang Barn, which has been opened to public visitors, in downtown of Beijing. Affluent exhibits reenacting the history of grains transport through the Grand Canal and the imperial barns storage are accessible to visitors, who can also experience the quern of stone mill some 600 years ago.

NEWS ALBUM

Curator Sally-Ann Ashton admires one of the statues of Cleopatra at the British Museum in London.

Ancient Egypt's stunning eye make-up not only shielded wearers from the dark deeds of the evil eye but also protected them against eye disease, French scientists said.



Driverless train runs 10 km in Brazil

A train full of passengers ran 10 km without a driver in Rio, local press reported on Monday.

The train, heading for downtown Rio, ran into some mechanical problems with its doors at the Ricardo de Albuquerque station. According to some passengers, the doors kept opening and closing and they had to get off.

To verify the problem, the driver got out of the locomotive. However, before he could return, the train started to run on its own at a speed reportedly above 70 km per hour.

After running about 10 km and pass-

ing almost two stations, the train finally stopped when the control center cut off the power supply in the contact net.

Supervia, the company operating Rio's trains, did not confirm the incident which messed the entire train system, causing a series of delay.

Instead, the company said it would investigate the causes of the mechanical problems.

Several organizations such as the local transportation regulation agency and Regional Engineering and Architecture Council would also look into the causes of the incident.

Egypt announces find of ancient cat goddess temple

Archaeologists have unearthed a 2,000-year-old temple that may have been dedicated to the ancient Egyptian cat goddess, Bastet, the Supreme Council of Antiquities said on Tuesday. The ruins of the Ptolemaic-era temple were discovered by Egyptian archaeologists in the heart of the Mediterranean port city of Alexandria, founded by Alexander the Great in the 4th century BC.

The city was the seat of the Greek-speaking Ptolemaic Dynasty, which ruled over Egypt for 300 years until the suicide of Queen Cleopatra. The statement said the temple was thought to belong to Queen Berenice, wife of King Ptolemy III who ruled Egypt in the 3rd century BC.



This undated photo released on 19 Jan, 2010, by Egypt's supreme council of antiquities shows the ancient cat-goddess Bastet found amongst the temple's ruins in the Kom el-Dekkah area of the Mediterranean port city of Alexandria. Egypt says its archaeologists have unearthed a Ptolemaic temple dating back more than 2,000 years and which may have been dedicated to the ancient cat-goddess Bastet.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye visits...

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In meeting with personnel, townselders, members of social organizations and local nationalities at Guba Hall of Machanbaw Township, Lt-Gen Tha Aye heard reports on necessities for development of the township and presented gifts to nationalities.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye then visited Machanbaw Township People's Hospital and donated cash to the fund of the hospital and viewed development of the township. Lt-Gen Tha Aye met with departmental personnel, senior citizens, members of social organizations and local nationalities at Phonkanrazi Hall and gave guidance on development undertakings of the region.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye then visited Putao Township Women's Vocational Training School of Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs and presented gifts to trainees and instructors.

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Lt-Gen Tha Aye inspects private teak plantation in Shadong Village of Myitkyina Township.

MNA

Deputy Minister Col Nyan Tun Aung receives Mr Tapas Ghosh and party of Networks P Ltd of India.

MNA



Transport Dy Minister receives Indian guests

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Jan — Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung received Mr Tapas Ghosh and party of Networks P. Ltd. from the Republic of India at the ministry here this afternoon. They held discussion on development in transportation sector.

Also present at the call were Director-General U Win Pe of Transport Department, Managing Director U Soe Tint of Inland Water Transport and Joint Director-General Dr Thein Tun of Meteorology and Hydrology Department and officials.—MNA

Yazudaing Bridge ...

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Under the guidance of the Head of State, Public Works of the Ministry of Construction opened Yazudaing Bridge No. 2 in the first phase of its project which covers the building of two major bridges across Yazudaing river. Construction of Yazudaing Bridge No. 1, which calls for strenuous efforts and huge investment, is expected to be completed in 2010.

The one-way

Yazudaing Bridge No. 2 is of steel girdle type. The 540 feet long facility is complete with 20 feet wide motorway and 10 feet high clearance. It can bear 60 tons of loads. The Yazudaing Bridge No. 2 is 48th of its kind with a length of over 180 feet in Ayeyawady Division.

The Yazudaing Bridge No. 1 that is under construction is also a one-way facility and it is of steel girdle type. The total length of the bridge is 1955

feet and 9 inches long. The main bridge is 998 feet and 2 inches long with 20 feet wide motorway flanked by 2 feet wide pedestrian ways. The clearance is 20 feet high. It can withstand 60 tons of loads. The construction of the bridge began on 1 April 2009 and now it has been completed by 60 per cent.

Prior to cyclone Nargis in Ayeyawady Division, the total length of road was only 1344 miles and 5 furlongs. And 161 miles and 3 furlongs of roads were extended in the



A heavy machinery unit driving a bored pile for Yazudaing Bridge No. 1 in Mawlamyinegyun Township.



aftermath of the Nargis, bringing the total length of roads to 1506 miles. Moreover, a total of 2913 bridges between 100 and 180 feet and under 180 feet, and 234 bridges over-180 feetlong have been launched. Strenuous efforts are being made day and night to open

Ongoing construction of Yazudaing Bridge No. 1.

Yazudaing Bridge No. 1. So, Mawlamyinegyun will be accessible to every state and division very soon. Thus, higher socioeconomic statuses of local people can be expected in the near future as a result of the Yazudaing Bridge No. 1 and No. 2 contributing to swift commodity flow.

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe
of the Ministry of
Defence addresses
opening of 56th
Myanmar Medical
Conference.
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MNA



GMS region, not Safe Haven for human traffickers Senior Official Meeting for COMMIT commences in Bagan

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Jan—The opening ceremony of the 7th Senior Officials Meeting for Coordinated Mekong Ministerial Initiative Against Trafficking (COMMIT) was held at Golden Palace Hotel in Bagan this morning.

It was attended by delegates of Cambodia, China, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam, observers from Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines, UN agencies, the rapporteur from the UN Security Council on trafficking in women and children, donor organizations, the ASEAN Secretariat and representatives from INGOs totalling 135.

Before the opening ceremony, the leaders of the delegations from respective countries called on Chairman of Central Committee for Prevention Against Trafficking in Persons Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo.

can be seen in the anti-human trafficking policy, preventive measures, punishment and looking after of human trafficking victims in Myanmar. For example, Myanmar is the first of all GMS countries in enacting the Anti-Trafficking Law in accord with the Palermo Protocol by meeting international set standards. Moreover, Myanmar is the first in formation of the special police squads for combating human trafficking. Today's meeting is to review the undertakings in 2009 and find out the challenges for prevention against human trafficking, he said.

He stressed the need for holding talks for future tasks, and expressed pleasure to welcome UN special rapporteur on trafficking in women and children Ms. Joy Ngozi Ezeilo. He continued to say that every year, thousands of men and women fall into victims of trafficking while the world has seen exploitation of



Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo making a speech at opening of 7th COMMIT.

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At the opening ceremony, the Chairman of the Central Committee explained the emergence of the COMMIT and delivered an address, saying that six countries of Greater Mekong Sub-region have been implementing the plan for combating the human trafficking problem for five years. The laws on anti-human trafficking have been enacted in almost all the member countries. The gangs of human traffickers established the networks in committing the human trafficking offences. As the GMS member countries systematically combated the offences of the human trafficker gangs, the GMS region is not Safe Haven any more for the human traffickers. It is important that the present meeting will review the undertakings of the COMMIT for one year and adopt the future plans. The chairman also explained the anti-human trafficking programmes of Myanmar.

In his address, Resident Coordinator of UN agencies Mr Bishow B Parajuli said that much progress

girls for prostitution and exploitation of children for begging. He called for stepping up the cooperation among governments, UN agencies and INGOs.

Afterwards, Secretary of the Central Committee for Prevention Against Trafficking in Persons Chief of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi acted as MC of the meeting, and UNIAF reported on measures taken for 2009, implementation of the resolutions of the 6th meeting, representatives from Cambodia, China and Laos on control measures at their respective borders and a representative from Laos on achievements of Laos in preventing against trafficking in persons.

Countries in the greater Mekong sub-region Cambodia, China, Myanmar, Laos, Thailand and Vietnam signed COMMIT MoU in Yangon on 29 Oct 2004. The 7th meeting is the COMMIT Process of the MoU and will end on 22 January.

MNA

Culture Minister hosts dinner to CLMV Ministers and officials in NyaungU

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Jan—Ministers and high ranking officials from Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam, arriving in Yangon to attend culture related roundtable meeting of Ministers of Culture and Arts of Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam (CLMV), proceeded to NyaungU by air this morning.

They visited to Shwezigon Pagoda, Dhamyangyi Pagoda, Sulamani Pagoda, Ananda Pagoda and Wetkyi-in Gupyaugyi Pagoda in Bagan ancient cultural region.

The preliminary coordination meeting of the high ranking officials from CLMV member countries was held at Bagan Archaeological Museum, with an opening speech of Director-General U San Win of Department of Archaeology, National Museum and Library in the afternoon. Matters on enhancing cultural cooperation among the CLMV member countries were discussed at the meeting.

Director Daw Khin Than Win of Ministry of Hotels and Tourism discussed the matters on boosting tourism in the CLMV member countries and Director U Aung Latt the cooperation in the member countries. The officials from the CLMV member countries discussed features to be included in Nay Pyi Taw declaration 2010 on cultural cooperation and report to be submitted at the roundtable meeting of the ministers of culture and arts. The discussion came to an end after seeking the approval.

In the evening, the ministers and officers visited Bagan Archaeology Museum, excavation sites of old Bagan palace and Bagan Shwenandaw and paid homage to Myinkapa Gupyaugyi Pagoda and Lawkananda Pagoda.

Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint hosted a dinner to them at Aureum Palace Hotel in Bagan.—MNA

Wakema Tsp WJA elects new executives

YANGON, 20 Jan—Wakema Township Writers and Journalists Association in Ayeyawady Division held a plenary meeting and elected a new executive at the Township Information and Public Relations Department yesterday.

The new executive committee comprises Chairperson Daw Si Si Nyunt (Ma Sein Zaw-Wakema) and Secretary U Pyone Cho (Pyone Cho-Education), and Chairperson Daw Si Si Nyunt was also voted as the conference representative.—MNA

Industry-1 Minister meets Indian guests

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Jan—Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung received a delegation headed by Mr G L Goenka, President of Indo-Myanmar Chambers of Commerce and Industry (IMCCI) of the Republic of India at his office here this morning. The meeting was also attended by officials of the ministry.—MNA

Minister U Aung Thaung receives Indian delegation led by Mr G L Goenka, President of IMCCI.—INDUSTRY-1



Construction Minister attends contract signing ceremonies

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Jan—Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint attended contract signing ceremony between Public Works and entrepreneurs for applying to Yangon-Bago-Meiktila-Mandalay Road through BOT system held at the ministry here on 19 January.

It was also attended by Chairman of Myanmar Investment Commission Minister Brig-Gen Maung

Maung Thein, members of the commission Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Deputy Ministers for Construction U Tint Swe and Brig-Gen Myint Thein, Deputy Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Brig-Gen Win Myint, officials and entrepreneurs from seven private organizations. The director-general of Public Works and entrepreneurs signed the contract and ex-

changed the notes.

The construction minister also attended another contract signing ceremony for upgrading of Tonkhan-Mantkhaing Road between Public Works and Wentaoing economic development zone of the People's Republic of China. The officials from both sides signed the contract and exchanged the note.

MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint attends contract signing ceremony for upgrading of Tonkhan-Mantkhaing Road.

CONSTRUCTION

Mya Kan Tha Recreation...

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township; that the tasks included clearing wild plants, water supply, building of inter roads flanked by bricks, making beds of flowers and landscaping plants, and wiring; and that the upgrading tasks had been completed on 31 August 2005.

As to the purpose of renovation of the park, he said that

under the plan to shape Pakokku into the major city in the western bank of the Ayeyawady River, they had built a water-slide centre and a ski resort in order that the visitors could enjoy them for rest and recreation, set up beds of flowers and landscaping plants and fountains to make the vacationers feel relaxed, and a Htan-thon-bin Tower from which visitors can have a good

view over the areas around the park; and that it was worth it to carry out those tasks because that met the satisfaction and recognition of the holidaymakers.

It was on the early morning of a Monday when we were there, so there were not many visitors in it yet at that time. Just as we entered the park, we found a statue reflecting the importance of unity. The multicolored tower was found built on the three



Young people can ski in the ski resort.



A pleasant view of a fountain and a star-shaped flower bed.

toddy palms. In the park are six foundations at the six junctions of the roads, specially decorated flower beds, a plantation of Thanakha (a kind of tree used in making fragrant paste for cosmetic purpose), a water-slide centre, a ski pitch, and the whole park is illuminated with coloured lights at night.

In a word, Mya Kan Tha Recreation Park in Pakokku Township is worth a visit as it is like an oasis of an arid

region in the central Myanmar.

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The fountain at the entrance of Mya Kan Tha Recreation Park.





File photo shows South Korean construction workers in Seoul. South Korean firm GS Engineering and Construction has won a 3.4-billion-dollar contract to build one of the world's largest tidal power stations.—INTERNET

GS Engineering to build major tidal power plant

SEOUL, 20 Jan—South Korean firm GS Engineering and Construction said on Wednesday it has won a 3.4-billion-dollar contract to build one of the world's largest tidal power stations.

Under the deal signed with the state-run Korea Hydro and Nuclear Power Co, GS Engineering will build the power station on

the west coast near Gangwha Island, 50 kilometres (30 miles) west of Seoul.

Construction will start in late 2011 with a view to completion in 2017.

The power station will have a capacity of 1.3 million kilowatts per hour or 2.41 billion kilowatts per year.

In order to produce the

same amount of energy, a thermal power plant would require 3.54 million barrels of fuel every year and emit one million tonnes of greenhouse gas, the company said in a statement.

South Korea is also in the process of building three other tidal power plants on the west coast.

Internet

Haitian gov't raises quake death toll to 75,000

PORT-AU-PRINCE, 20 Jan—The Haitian government on Tuesday raised the death toll in last week's devastating earthquake to 75,000.

Some 250,000 people were wounded and a million more left homeless, the Haitian Civil Defence Department said in a statement.

The small Caribbean nation is in desperate need of tents, water, food, medical supplies and workers, the statement said.

There have been no exact figures about casualties after a 7.3-magnitude earthquake hit Haiti last Tuesday. Haitian officials estimated that the final death toll could reach between 100,000 and 200,000.

Xinhua

Citigroup loss narrows, loans seem to stabilize

NEW YORK, 20 Jan—Citigroup Inc (CN) posted a \$7.6 billion quarterly loss on Tuesday, but the bank's shares rose as declining loan losses raised hopes that the worst might soon be over. Citigroup Chief Executive Vikram Pandit said loan performance outside of the United States looks strong, adding to investors' perception that the bank is recovering after a toxic assets forced it to seek three different US government rescues.

"They've crept out of the abyss like everyone else," said Henry Asher, president at Northstar Group, whose clients own Citi shares. "They have a long way to go before they start reporting significant profits," Asher added.

The bank is still facing significant headwinds. When asked about the outlook for loan losses on a conference call with analysts, Chief Executive Vikram Pandit said that losses could increase in the first quarter, and after that, the economy will be a key variable.—Internet



A customer leaves Citibank's automated teller machine in Jakarta on 4 Aug, 2009.—INTERNET

US drone attack kills six in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 20 Jan—At least six suspected militants were killed in US drone attack in Pakistan's North Waziristan tribal area, local TV channel reported on Tuesday. A US surveillance plane fired two missiles at a house in the North Waziristan area of Deegan, where at least six militants were killed and four others injured, the private TV Express reported.

It was the 8th US air strike this month in the tribal area, which Washington considers as the centre of Taliban and al-

Qaeda militants.

The US drone missile shelled a hide-out in the same area on 14 Jan, fuelling the contradictory reports regarding the killing of Pakistani Taliban chief Hakimullah Mehsud.

After the attack against a CIA base in Khost Province of Afghanistan, the US has intensified the drone attacks in Pakistan's North Waziristan as the hit was attributed to the militants based in the area.—Xinhua

UK bans drinking games, but resists price controls

LONDON, 20 Jan—Bargaining Britons may soon be bidding goodbye to their country's all-you-can-drink deals — as well as some of their more outlandish drinking games.

The government said on Tuesday it was banning irresponsible promotions and boozy contests such as the "dentist's chair" — where alcohol is poured directly into customers' mouths — in an effort to

tackle Britain's binge-drinking problem.

The government says the ban will limit binge-drinking, but health experts say the nation's deepening alcohol problem would best be tackled by imposing higher minimum prices on Britain's cheap booze.

The raft of new measures is "better than nothing," according to Carys Davis, spokeswoman for Britain's Alcohol Concern charity. But she said the restrictions "seem tame" compared to what the government could do by ending pricing practices that result in alcohol selling for less than water.

"You'd be hard-pushed to find a health organization that doesn't support minimum pricing," she said. Britain's alcohol consumption has risen by 40 percent over the past four decades, although per-capita drinking is still lower than in many other European countries — including Russia, Spain, Germany and France.

Internet



Commuters leave a subway train with an advertisement for the Chinese Internet search engine, Baidu.com in Shanghai. The web firm has filed a lawsuit against its US domain name registration service over an alleged attack on its website last week, the Beijing-based company said on Wednesday in a statement.—INTERNET

China's Baidu sues US web firm over hacker attack

BEIJING, 20 Jan—China's top Internet search engine Baidu said on Wednesday it had filed a lawsuit in the United States against the firm that manages its US domain registration following a hacking attack last week.

The announcement came one week after Google, which trails Baidu in market share in China, said it could abandon its Chinese search engine, and perhaps leave the country entirely, over cyberattacks and censorship.

"Today Baidu filed a lawsuit against its domain name registration service provider Register.com, Inc in a US court in New York, seeking damages over the incident of Baidu's service interruption last week," the Chinese firm said.

Nasdaq-listed Baidu said its site went down for hours after the 12 January attack by a group identifying itself as the "Iranian Cyber Army", the name used by hackers who briefly shut down the Twitter microblogging site last month.—Internet

Nigeria talking to Shell, Chevron on licences

ABUJA, 20 Jan —The Nigerian government is in talks with the United States oil firm Chevron and Anglo-Dutch oil giant Shell over the renewal of their shallow water oil licences, an official statement said on Tuesday.

"Chevron and Shell are still in negotiations with the Federal Government... over the renewal of their expired licences," a statement by the Ministry of Petroleum Resources quoted Junior Oil Minister Odein Ajumogobia as saying.

The statement dispelled media reports that the renewal of the licences was stalled due to the absence of President Umaru

Yar'Adua.

Yar'Adua left Nigeria on 23 November and has since been receiving treatment in a Saudi Arabia hospital for a heart ailment. "The Minister of Petroleum Resources has the full authority under extant laws to renew leases and licences," the statement said, underlining that no specific authorization from the presidency was required. Nigeria's state-run oil giant Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) in May 2008 signed an oil-financing deal worth two billion dollars with the United States oil firm, Mobil Producing Nigeria (MPN).—*Internet*



An oil platform on the outskirts of Port Harcourt. The Nigerian government is in talks with the United States oil firm Chevron and Anglo-Dutch oil giant Shell over the renewal of their shallow water oil licences, an official statement said on Tuesday.—INTERNET

BHP Billiton posts record iron production figures

SYDNEY, 20 Jan—Anglo-Australian mining giant BHP Billiton on Wednesday posted record iron ore production figures for the second half of 2009, but warned that while China had driven commodity prices higher volatility remained.

The world's largest diversified mining group said its iron ore production for the half-year ended on 31 December was up six percent over the same period a year earlier at 62.6 million tonnes.

It was "another half

year production record for petroleum and iron ore, due to successful growth project delivery," the company said in a statement.

Total petroleum production rose 17 percent over the previous corresponding half-year to 79.57 million barrels of oil equivalent, it said.

The global miner said the December quarter had seen "strong price recovery across the commodity suite driven by demand in China and restocking in the developed world."

Internet

China to see robust increase of import oil

BEIJING, 20 Jan—China's oil imports will continue to see solid growth this year, with more than half of the country's total oil consumption coming from abroad, industry insiders said.

It is inevitable for the country - the world's second largest oil consumer - to see a robust increase of imports, as domestic production cannot keep up with rising demand, they said.

China's oil dependency reached alarming levels last year with imports accounting for 52 percent of total consumption, *China Business News* reported yesterday, citing Zhang Xiaoqiang, Vice-Minister of the National Development and Reform Commission.

Importing more than 50 percent is a globally recognized level for an energy security alert.

Internet

Mexican tycoon gives \$65 million to genetic study

MEXICO CITY, 20 Jan—Telecommunications mogul Carlos Slim pledged \$65 million on Tuesday for genetic research on cancer, type 2 diabetes and kidney disease. Scientists from Harvard University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Mexico's National Institute of Genomic Medicine will collaborate on the three-year Slim Genomic Medicine Initiative.

Slim, who heads the Grupo Carso conglomerate

and is one of the world's richest men, said the project will help doctors better diagnose diseases and improve therapies.

"Only with the development of this genomic science and surrounding technology will it be possible, as it was before with vaccines, to face these diseases and prevent these diseases through their early detection, their early diagnosis," he said.

Internet



Trucks pass through BHP Billiton's iron ore mine in the Pilbara region of West Australia.

INTERNET

IBM raises outlook but investors wary after rally

NEW YORK, 20 Jan —IBM (IBM.N) raised its 2010 profit target and reported a stronger-than-expected, 9 percent increase in fourth-quarter earnings, as cost cuts and a shift to more profitable contracts helped it weather a slump in corporate spending.

IBM's share price fell 2 percent after the results, however, as the results failed to encourage more buying in the shares which already rallied nearly 60 percent in the past year.

Some analysts said International Business Machines Corp had set a high bar for itself, noting that the world's leading technology services company has not missed earnings estimates since 2005.

"I think there were some pretty big expectations built in, and you re-

ally needed to wow it," Stephen Massocca, managing director at Wedbush Morgan, said after the results were issued on Tuesday.

Ted Parrish, co-portfolio manager at Hensler Equity Fund, added: "While I think the long-term prospects for the company are good, I think the shares are a bit frothy, not overvalued but I would say the stock isn't going to do as well as it did in 2009."

While IBM's results failed to excite Wall Street, they added to evidence that corporate technology spending is recovering, coming just days after another technology powerhouse, Intel Corp (INTC.O), posted results that topped expectations.

The strong numbers also show IBM's efforts

to cut costs and shift from commoditized hardware to services and software businesses are paying dividends, analysts said.—*Internet*



Oil slips below \$79 ahead of inventories report

KUALA LUMPUR, 20 Jan —Oil prices slipped below \$79 a barrel on Wednesday in Asia amid expectations of a dismal US crude inventory re-

port.

Benchmark crude for February delivery fell 68 cents to \$78.64 a barrel at early afternoon Kuala Lumpur time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract rose \$1.02 to settle at \$79.02 on Tuesday.

Crude's sharp rise on Tuesday was driven by the Dow Jones industrials' 1.1 percent gain but fundamentally, the oil market remains weak and investors are cashing out, said Victor Shum, an energy analyst with consul-

tancy Purvin & Gertz in Singapore.

"The rise in oil prices was overdue so we are seeing some pullback, primarily also because of expectations that the US government weekly report will show increases in oil inventories," Shum said.

A rise in inventories would suggest demand remains weak. The Energy Department's Energy Information Administration plans to announce its inventory report later on Wednesday.

Internet

In this photograph taken on 15 April, 2009, a flex rig towers over the floor of a well during a tour of facilities of natural gas producer Williams in Rulison, Colo. Williams Cos said on 19 Jan, 2010, it will create one of the largest natural gas partnerships in the nation by combining pipeline and processing units.

INTERNET

MYANMAR IVANHOE COPPER COMPANY LIMITED (TENDER NOTICE)**TENDER IFB No. SSA-10(Supply of Sulphuric Acid)****CLOSING DATE & TIME: 3rd February 2010 at 12:00 noon.**

Tender documents are available at the following address and queries can be made between 10 am and 4pm at MICCL Yangon office before the tender closing date.

Myanmar Ivanhoe Copper Company Limited

70 (I) Bo Chein Street, Pyay Road, Hlaing Township

Yangon, Myanmar (Tel: (95) 1-514194 to 7/ Fax:(95) 1 514208/ Email: miccl@miccl.com.mm)



Photo taken on 1 Jan, 2010 shows the night scene of the Three Gorges Dam. The Three Gorges Reservoir replenished 12.73 billion cubic metres water to the middle and lower reaches of Yangtze River in low water season of 2009, remitting drought of the region, keeping navigation safe and meeting the water demand for life and industry. —XINHUA

More than 50 Haiti orphans flown to the US

WASHINGTON, 20 Jan—More than 50 Haitian orphans landed in the United States on Tuesday and were immediately taken for medical check-ups, hospital officials said.

Their orphanage in Port-au-Prince was run by two US sisters from Penn-

sylvania, Ali and Jaime McMurtrie, who campaigned for days to get the group of some 53 desperate children out of the devastated Caribbean nation.

"They have landed and they are heading by bus to the hospital where they are going to be evaluated," Marc

Lukasiak, a spokesman for the Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh, told AFP.

Most of the orphans were under the age of four and many were said to be suffering from dehydration and diarrhea, Lukasiak said, adding that it was too early to know their overall condition.

The children, most of whom were awaiting adoption by American families in a process that normally takes 18 months, arrived on a military transport plane accompanied by Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell, local television reported.

Some US families hoping to adopt the children welcomed the orphans at the airport, the TV station WPXI reported.

Internet



Young children are seen at an orphanage following the earthquake that hit Port au Prince on 12 Jan. More than 50 Haitian orphans landed in the United States on Tuesday and were immediately taken for medical check-ups, hospital officials said.—INTERNET

Fatah to form committee to end Hamas' grip on Gaza

RAMALLAH, 20 Jan—Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah party has decided to form a committee working on ending Hamas movement's rule in the Gaza Strip, an official said on Tuesday.

Fatah Revolutionary Council met in the West Bank city of Ramallah on Friday and "discussed formation of several committees, most importantly a committee working on restoring Gaza to the Palestinian legitimacy," Hazem Abu Shanab, a member of the council, told Xinhua.

Hamas routed pro-Abbas security forces and seized control of Gaza in June 2007.

Xinhua

Bomb explodes near mayor house in S Philippines, one hurt

MANILA, 20 Jan—A home-made bomb exploded near the house of a local mayor in the restive southern Philippines on Tuesday night, wounding at least one person, officials said.

The improvised explosive device went off in Lamitan city, Basilan Province, just 20 metres away from the residence of the city's mayor Roderick Furigay, local police said. A civilian was hit by shrapnel and was sent to a hospital.

Authorities have yet named suspects and it remains unclear if the attack was linked to Furigay's scheduled annual public address on Wednesday.

Xinhua

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Air China rises on upbeat earnings guidance for 2009

BEIJING, 20 Jan—The share price of Air China, China's largest air carrier, closed up at midday Wednesday in Shanghai against widespread losses across the board, after the company announced an expected return to profit in 2009.

The company's stock price edged up 1.26 percent to end at 11.22 yuan (1.64 US dollars), while the board slid 1.04 percent in the morning trading session.

Preliminary accounts had moved into the black in 2009, buoyed by a steady growth in the domestic market and cost reductions stemming from a lower oil price, the company said in a statement filed to the Shanghai Stock Exchange late Tuesday.

It said specific figures would be revealed in the annual business report, but it did not disclose when the report would be released.

The company posted a loss of 9.1 billion yuan (1.3 billion US dollars) in net profit in 2008, as global downturn slashed demand both at home and abroad, according to the statement.

The country's civil aviation industry moved out of the red and began to report overall profits in 2009, the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC) announced on 13 Jan.—Xinhua

Japan's service demand slips as consumer spending wanes

Tokyo, 20 Jan—Japan's demand for services fell in November with consumer spending notably dropping, according to the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI).

The preliminary tertiary industry activity index for November, which covers activity in industries which account for 63 percent of Japan's economy, fell 0.2 percent from October, to a seasonally adjusted 96.6 points, METI said in a report on Tuesday.

Consumer spending in Japan accounts for 60 percent of the national economy, but demand in the wholesale and retail sector fell 0.7 percent in November from a month earlier and the report indicates that establishments for eating and drinking, a mainstay of Japanese social life, has seen demand plummet by 2.4 percent from October's figures.—Xinhua



Storms in Mideast kill British tourist, 6 others

CAIRO, 20 Jan—Rare torrential rains across the Middle East swept away homes, marooned resort towns and killed seven people on Monday, including a British tourist, in what officials are calling the worst flooding in at least a decade.

The flooding along Egypt's Red Sea coast, the border with Israel and in the south left six people dead. It also damaged the roads leading to the resorts in the Sinai Desert and brought down telephone and power lines.

Israel temporarily

closed its southern border crossings with Egypt and Jordan, while Jordanians were warned off the streets after nearly a dozen accidents in one area.

Rains of this magnitude, which began on Sunday night, are rare in this largely arid region and where heavy precipitation can result in sudden and deadly flash floods.

A British tourist sailing down the Nile near the southern Egyptian city of Aswan died when his sail boat capsized in the heavy winds and sudden rain.

The victim's wife and two

companions, a Canadian and an Indian, survived, according to Maj Gen al-Shafei Hassan, chief of criminal investigation in the southern city of Aswan.

The heavy rains also washed away a dozen mud brick homes in southern Egypt and killed two women there. Scores of families in Aboul-Rish village in Aswan slept overnight outdoors after their homes were destroyed.

Internet



Egyptian villagers stand on their home at Aboul Rish village in Aswan, Egypt, on 18 Jan, 2010, following heavy rains and flash floods. Heavy rains and flash floods left seven people dead in Egypt and Israel on Monday, including a British tourist who was killed when a sailboat capsized on the Nile River.

INTERNET

Super X-ray machine, boon for science, gets OK

BEIJING, 20 Jan—A machine that can create super X-rays capable of exposing the complicated structures of chemical compounds and proteins passed the inspection of experts from the Chinese Academy of Sciences yesterday and began to be put into public use.

The Shanghai Synchrotron Radiation Facility, or SSRF, is expected to greatly boost China's competitiveness in life sciences - and, in particular, medical research, said officials from the Shanghai Institute of Applied Physics of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, the facility's key developer.

Officials said the facility, which has been in trial use since last May, is the nation's biggest platform for scientific research and technological development.

The machine already has been used in 395 high-tech projects, including projects to study the inner structure of cancerous cells and the development of cerebrovascular diseases.

"Such research will help find more efficient ways for early diagnosis of tumors," said Xu Hongjie, general manager of the SSRF project.

Officials said researches and projects completed in the trial run have already had significant results.

Scientists from the Chinese Academy of Sciences have used the machine to identify the respiratory system of locusts.—Internet

Weak infrastructure makes disasters worse

GENEVA, 20 Jan— If infrastructures are weak the vulnerability of populations to disasters is vastly increased, the head of the World Health Organization said in Switzerland.

Dr Margaret Chan, director-general of the World Health Organization, said making hospitals safe during emergencies was the theme for last year's World Health Day.

"One point is obvious. This strong link between weak infrastructures and capacities and the vulnerability of populations applies to many other areas of public health," Chan said in a speech on Monday to the WHO executive board.—Internet

Words influence stigma of mental health

BOSTON, 20 Jan—How a person struggling with alcoholism or drug addiction is described may significantly alter attitudes of healthcare professionals, US researchers say.

Study leader John F Kelly of Massachusetts General Hospital found health professionals' an-

swers to survey questions about a hypothetical patient varied depending on whether he was described as a "substance abuser" or as "having a substance use disorder."

"We found that referring to someone with the 'abuser' terminology evokes more punitive attitudes than does describing that person's situation in exactly the same words except for using 'disorder' terminology," Kelly says in a statement. "Reducing the use of such stigmatizing terms could help diminish the shame, guilt and embarrassment that act as barriers, keeping people from seeking help."

Internet

China's coal mine accidents, fatalities drop in 2009

BEIJING, 20 Jan— China reported 1,616 coal mine accidents in 2009, down by 338 compared to the year before, a source from the State Administration of Coal Mine Safety (SACMS) has said.

Accidents caused 2,631 deaths, also down by 584 year-on-year, said

SACMS Director Zhao Tiechui while addressing a national meeting on workplace safety held in Beijing on Tuesday.

Most coal-producing provinces saw a year-on-year decrease in coal mine accidents, accord-

ing to the SACMS source.

But Zhao warned the country's small coal mines, which produce 35 percent of the country's coal, were responsible for 70 percent of the fatalities.—Xinhua

China online earnings reach 11 billion dollars in 2009

BEIJING, 20 Jan— Chinese firms earned nearly 11 billion dollars from their Internet operations last year, a research group said on Monday, as the nation with the world's biggest online population becomes more web-savvy.

Online revenue generated by advertising, games, shopping and

other activities rose more than 30 percent on-year to 74.3 billion yuan, Cao Junbo, a senior researcher at Internet consulting group iResearch, told AFP.

The research group expects online revenue to reach 112.3 billion yuan this year and 273.4 billion yuan in 2013, Cao said.

China has at least 384 million Internet users, more than any other country in the world, according to a new tally released last week by the China Internet Network Information Centre (CNNIC), a government-linked industry body.

By the end of June 2009, the number of online shoppers in China had reached 87.88 million, meaning roughly one in four Internet users shopped online, according to a report by the centre.—Internet



People surf the web at an Internet cafe in Beijing. Chinese firms earned nearly 11 billion dollars from their Internet operations last year, a research group said on Monday, as the nation with the world's biggest online population becomes more web-savvy.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Struggling Hanover name Slomka as new coach

BERLIN, 20 Jan—Struggling Bundesliga side Hanover 96 sacked Andreas Bergmann as coach on Tuesday and promptly replaced him with former Schalke boss Mirko Slomka. The 42-year-old Slomka, who coached Hanover's youth team from 1989-1999 and was assistant first team coach between 2001 and 2004, has signed an 18-month deal.

"I am very happy to accept this challenge in the area where I grew up," said Slomka. Bergmann became the sixth Bundesliga coach to be sacked this season after his side dropped into the German league's bottom three last weekend. It has been a disastrous season for the north German club after their captain and Germany goalkeeper Robert Enke committed suicide on November 10 and now the team has slipped into the relegation zone.

Saturday's 3-0 home defeat by bottom-side Hertha Berlin put Hanover in the bottom three after their first game back following the winter break and Bergmann has paid the price for his side's run of seven games without a win.—Internet



Mirko Slomka

I was wrong in clash with umpire, admits Roddick

MELBOURNE, 20 Jan—Andy Roddick admitted he was wrong in his clash with the chair umpire over his ruling on a match point after he marched into the third round at the Australian Open on Wednesday.

The straight-shooting American finished his 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 win over Brazilian Thomaz Bellucci by arguing with umpire Fergus Murphy over a Hawk Eye video review decision which went against him on the first of his two match points.

The video review ruled that a Bellucci volley had fractionally clipped the line saving the first match point, but Roddick contended that he wasn't allowed to play the shot by an out-call from a line judge.

Internet

Williams sisters send chills through rivals

MELBOURNE, 20 Jan—The Williams sisters sent chills down the spines of their Australian Open rivals on Tuesday with both Serena and Venus demolishing first round opponents.

Top seed Serena thrashed Poland's Urszula Radwanska 6-2, 6-1 in 73 minutes on Rod Laver Arena, while on the nearby Hisense Arena sixth seeded Venus took one minute less to dispatch highly-rated Czech Lucie Safarova 6-2, 6-2.

With Caroline Wozniacki, the fourth seed, and seventh ranked Victoria Azarenka having their first round matches postponed until Wednesday, Serena and Venus seized the limelight back from Belgians Kim Clijsters and Justine Henin.—Internet

US tennis player Serena Williams returns a forehand to her Polish opponent Urszula Radwanska on the second day of play at the Australian Open tennis tournament in Melbourne. Williams won 6-2, 6-1.—INTERNET



Federer overcomes early Andreev test to progress



Roger Federer swept home after a sluggish start to eliminate Russian Igor Andreev in four sets, 4-6, 6-2, 7-6, 6-0. Federer, former champion Novak Djokovic and Nikolay Davydenko won through to the second round but Robin Soderling was a seeded casualty at the Australian Open.—INTERNET

MELBOURNE, 20 Jan—Swiss world number one Roger Federer had some early rocky moments against tricky Russian Igor Andreev but safely negotiated his way into the second round of the Australian Open on Tuesday.

Federer, chasing his 16th Grand Slam title, dropped the opening set, but rattled home against the 37th-ranked Andreev 4-6, 6-2, 7-6 (7/2), 6-0 in two hours 44 minutes on Rod Laver Arena.

The performance gave Federer an early indication of how he stacks up in the opening Grand Slam tournament of the season after losing to Russian Nikolay Davydenko in his last two matches.

"I know if my body is there and my game is there, I can beat anybody," Federer said.—Internet

Redknapp reveals Van Nistelrooy interest

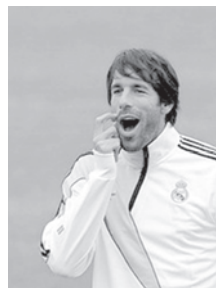
LONDON, 20 Jan—Tottenham Hotspur manager Harry Redknapp said Tuesday he was pondering bringing Real Madrid striker Ruud van Nistelrooy back to the Premier League in a loan move.

The 33-year-old former Manchester United forward is struggling to get into Real's first team and his lack of match practice is threatening his chances of making the Dutch squad for this year's World Cup finals in South Africa.

However, it would appear Russia striker Roman Pavlyuchenko would have to leave Spurs to make room for van

Nistelrooy, who was most recently linked with Turkish giants Galatasaray and whom he declared an interest in joining.

Internet



Real Madrid striker Ruud van Nistelrooy

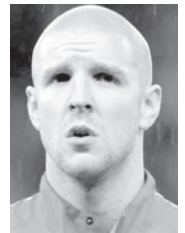
Senderos contemplates Celtic switch

LONDON, 20 Jan—Arsenal defender Philippe Senderos believes a loan move to Celtic could help resurrect his dream of playing for Switzerland at this year's World Cup in South Africa.

"I am very honoured that a big club like Celtic are interested in me and a loan deal right now would suit me perfectly," said Senderos, who has fallen down the Gunners central defensive pecking order behind William Gallas and Thomas Vermaelen.

"My main priority is to get back playing regular football," said Senderos. "I really miss that."

"The World Cup this summer is a really big thing for me. I know that if I'm not playing regularly my chances of playing in South Africa will be badly affected.—Internet



Arsenal defender Philippe Senderos

Two-goal Tevez back to haunt United in League Cup

MANCHESTER, 20 Jan—Carlos Tevez, whose move across Manchester was the source of so much controversy, made the difference as City claimed a 2-1 win over United in the rivals' League Cup semi-final first leg here on Tuesday.

Ryan Giggs's first derby goal since 1996 handed United the lead but Tevez, whose decision to reject United and sign for their wealthy neighbours in the close season was accompanied by such ill feeling, scored twice, taking his tally to 13 goals from his last 11 games.

Tevez was always destined to play a pivotal role in this semi-final, one way or another.

Sure enough, when Craig Bellamy was held back by badly beaten United full-back Rafael five minutes before the interval, it was the Argentinian forward

who was handed the responsibility of converting from the penalty spot, one he gleefully accepted with an emphatic finish.—Internet



Manchester City's Argentinian forward Carlos Tevez chases the ball against Manchester United during their English League Cup semi final first leg football match at The City of Manchester Stadium in Manchester. City won 2-1.—INTERNET

Impressive Wozniacki makes Open second round

MELBOURNE, 20 Jan—Fourth seed Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark downed Canada's Aleksandra Wozniack 6-4, 6-2 to get her Australian Open campaign off to

a winning start on Wednesday.

Wozniacki edged a close first set against the Canadian but overpowered her opponent in the second to notch up a convincing win.

The two players with similar surnames — both of Polish extraction — have met seven times on the WTA Tour with Wozniacki winning six of the encounters.

She never looked in any danger on Wednesday once she claimed a tight first set, breaking the Canadian three times in the second to book her passage to the next round, where she will meet Germany's Julie Goerges.

Internet



Denmark's Caroline Wozniacki plays a forehand return during her 1st round match against Canadian opponent Aleksandra Wozniack, on the third day of play at the Australian Open tennis tournament in Melbourne. Fourth seed Wozniacki won 6-4, 6-2.—INTERNET



Picture taken on 12 Jan, 2010 shows damaged buildings in Haiti's capital Port-au-Prince.

INTERNET

Quake death toll in Haiti is of 50,000 plus: health minister

PORT-AU-PRINCE, 20 Jan— More than 50,000 people were killed and other 250,000 were injured during the 7.0-magnitude earthquake that hit Haiti on Tuesday, Haitian Health Minister Alex Larsen told a press conference on Friday.

He said the Haitian government institutions were moved to a police station near the international airport, as the Presidential Palace and ministries' office buildings totally collapsed after the disaster.

All the sport centres in the capital city Port-au-Prince will be used as medical centres to assist

the injured, Larson added.

The devastating quake on Tuesday destroyed nearly 70 percent of the buildings in Port-au-Prince. The presidential palace, ministries' offices, hospitals and schools were all affected.

The United Nations, International Red Cross, other organizations and Haitian government officials estimated a probable death toll of 100,000 victims and at least 3 million people affected by the earthquake, the worst in the recent 200 years of the Caribbean country's history.—Xinhua

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (21-1-2010) (Thursday)

Transmissions

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

Local Transmission

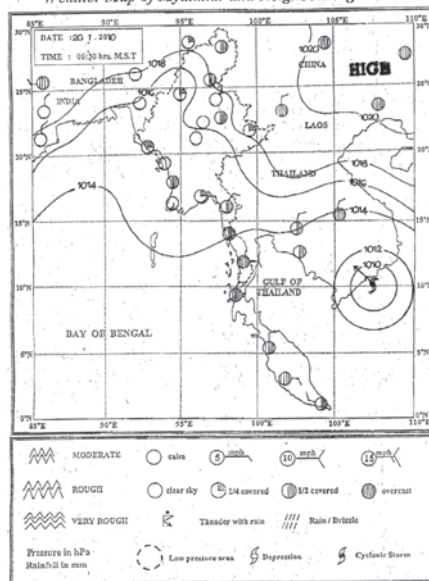
- * Signature Tune
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- * Bamboo Toys
- * Unique Inlay Lake, Distinctive Inle Resort
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- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Myanmar Performing Arts Showroom
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Oil Painting Model Demonstration
- * Marine Undertakings of Myeik Archipelago
- * National Dance
- * Myanmar Traditional Food "Pone Ye Gyi"
- * Our Duty Is To Care
- * Lacquerware in Bagan
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Wednesday, 20th January, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin, Chin, Rakhine and Mon States, upper Sagaing, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (4°C) below January average temperatures in Chin State, (3°C) to (4°C) above January average temperatures in Eastern Shan and Rakhine States, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, (5°C) above January average temperatures in Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions, (7°C) above January average temperatures in Kayah State and about January average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Loilem and Haka (3°C), Putao and Heho (5°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 19-1-2010 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 20-1-2010 was 60°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 20-1-2010 was 76%. Total sun shine hours on 19-1-2010 was (7.5) hours approx.

Rainfall on 20-1-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Northeast at (12:30) hours MST on 19-1-2010.

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

Special feature: According to the observations at (12:30)hrs M.S.T today, yesterday's tropical depression over South China Sea has crossed South Vietnam Coast and forecast to be weakened.

Forecast valid until evening of 21st January 2010: Possibility of isolated rain in Shan, Kayah, Mon and Kayin States and Taninthayi Division and weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin State, Mandalay Division and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 21-1-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 21-1-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 21-1-2010: Partly cloudy.

Myanmar



Thursday, 21
January
View on today

7:00 am

- မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ဝိရိတရာတော်

7:25 am

- To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

- Morning News

7:40 am

- မြတ်ဗုဒ္ဓတော်သခင် (သန်းမြတ်စိုးတေးရေး-မောင်မောင်လတ်)

7:50 am

- Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am

- Dance Variety

8:10 am

- ပါရာဇွတ်တေး

8:20 am

- Dance Of National Races

8:30 am

- "ကျန်းမာသန်ထွား ညက်မြင့်မား"

8:40 am

- International News

8:45 am

- အတိုးပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:00 pm

- Martial Song

4:10 pm

- Musical Programme

4:25 pm

- Cute Little Dancers

4:40 pm

- "စည်းကမ်းလိုက်နာ ဘေးကင်းကွာ"

4:55 pm

- အသေးငယ်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာ

- နေရပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ

- ဒုတိယနှစ်(မြန်မာစာအထူးပြု) (မြန်မာစာ)

5:15 pm

- Songs For Uphold National Spirit

5:25 pm

- Musical Programme

5:40 pm

- "ကလေးများ၏ ကျန်းမာဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေး"

6:00 pm

- Evening News

6:15 pm

- Weather Report

6:20 pm

- ပျော်ရွှင်စေသောနေ့ရက်များ

- "ချေးသင်" (အပိုင်း-၉)

- (မိုးမိုးသုရလင်းသခင်၊ ယမင်းမြင့်သိန်း)

- (ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောင်ကျော်သူရ)

6:40 pm

- ထူးဆန်းထွေးလွန်းကို

- သိပ္ပံမြင့်ချဉ်းကပ်ခြင်း

7:00 pm

- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

- "နောင်ဖွဲ့မေတ္တာ"

- (အပိုင်း-၃)

8:00 pm

- News

- International News

- Weather Report

- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

- "ကိုယ်ရံတော်"

- (အပိုင်း-၁၀)

- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

- "ချစ်တေးသံသ"

- (အပိုင်း-၁၄)

- ★ 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

Mya Kan Tha Recreation Park in Pakokku

Byline & Photos: Aung Than
(Mingala Taungnyunt)

Parks, recreation parks and gardens serve as one of the characteristics a town has to possess.

Pakokku, one of the five districts in Magway Division in the central Myanmar is an arid region with low rainfall. It has an area of 11.24 square miles



The water-slide centre for child visitors.



The statue in Mya Kan Tha Recreation Park depicting the importance of national unity.

and a population of about 157,000, and is constituted with 15 wards of 17,803 houses.

In a recent interview, Chairman of Pakokku District Peace and Development Council U Zaw Win briefed us on ongoing undertakings for development of the district. At the invitation of Chairman U Tin Myo Lat and Secretary U Win Tint of Pakokku Township PDC, we paid a visit to Mya Kan Tha Recreation Park, which lends a certain dignity to the township.

Mya Kan Tha Recreation Park is located on the

outskirts in the western part of Pakokku by the road to Seikpyu. Chief Engineer of the Township Development Affairs Committee U Thein Zaw said to the Myanmar Alin that the park had an area of 25.2 acres; that it was established in May 1994; that in May 2005, the Township Development Affairs Committee launched the programme to upgrade the park to a modern one under the directives of the administrative bodies at different levels as it was a district level
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