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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 Tha Aye inspects progress of Myitkyina-Sumprabum-Putao Road, construction of University of Computer Studies (Bhamo)

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Jan— Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Soe Win and

departmental officials, inspected upgrading of road sections on Myitkyina-Sumprabum-Putao Road near Makhoran Village of Putao Township on 18 January. (See page 7)



True patriotism

- * It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- * Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.



Construction of
University of Computer
Studies (Bhamo)
in progress.

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Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing oversees development tasks in Mongshu and Tangyan Townships

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Jan—Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Develop-

ment Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut and departmental heads, met officials and local people at the office of

Mongshu Township on 20 January. There, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing provided clothes and publications to locals.

Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing later inspected medical rooms in Mongshu Township People's Hospital where he encouraged the patients and presented medicines.

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Kadaik Dam was inaugurated on 30 April 2007 as the government is building dams and sluice gates in its drive to develop national economy based on agriculture. It is situated near Kadaik village in Paung Township of Mon State. The facility can irrigate 1000 acres of farmland and prevent floods.

The dam has catchment area of eight square miles and is built by damming Kadaik Creek. The average amount of inflow water is 59,000 acre feet and the height of its embankment is 134 feet. The dam, contributing to the regional development, has length of 5,200 feet.

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Kadaik Dam bringing development to Mon State



Kadaik Dam contributing to regional development.



PERSPECTIVES

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Make earnest efforts for development of rural regions

As the majority of the nation's population resides in rural regions, emphasis is being placed on enhancement of the socio-economic status of rural people. In that regard, the government has been building irrigation facilities such as dams and reservoirs for supply of drinking water and water for agricultural purpose.

Meanwhile, underground water tapping and river water pumping projects were extensively implemented, and farmers have been able to grow monsoon and summer paddy, beans and pulses, edible oil crops and cotton, making better use of those irrigation facilities.

For better transport, roads and bridges large and small are being built along with village-to-village roads and town-to-village roads. With those infrastructures, local people can travel from one place to another with peace of mind and trade and commerce in the region is in full swing.

As part of regional development tasks, the opening of self-reliant power generator and library in Indaing Village, Kyaukse Township, opening of new roads in Gangaw and the new Makyikan-Kanhla tarred road in Magway Division, the hand-over of rural health centres in Yekyaw Village and Twantay Tawa Village in Twantay Township and opening of new station hospital in Kyauktaung Village in Pauktaw Township, Rakhine State were held recently.

Moreover, the extended opening of new school buildings and self-reliant rural libraries in different regions has been carried out successfully. With the emergence of those facilities, local people have now been able to pursue education in their own regions and widen their scope of knowledge all the more.

At a time when efforts are being made for regional development, well-wishers are making donations and contributing their services towards the project. And such generous contributions would surely bring progress and prosperity to transport, health, education and economic sectors of rural regions.

30th Myanmar Dental Medical Conference on 27 Jan

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Jan—The 30th Myanmar Dental Medical Conference and the 11th FDI-MDA Joint Educational Meeting will be held from 27 to 30 January at Sedona Hotel on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road in Yangon.

Dentists wishing to attend may register at Bahan Room of the hotel on 25, 26 January between 9 am and 2 pm. The conference will include paper reading sessions, respect-paying ceremony, games, election of new Central Work Committee, dinner and booths of pharmaceutical company.—MNA

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

Construction Minister receives President of China CAMC Engineering Group Co Ltd

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Jan—Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint received President Madam Luo Yan and party of China CAMC Engineering Group Co Ltd of the People's Republic of China at the ministry here yesterday.

The two sides discussed the Chinese company's proposal to make business deals with the Ministry of Construction for erection of four Ayeyawady river-crossing bridges being undertaken by the ministry.

Also present were Deputy Ministers U Tint Swe and Brig-Gen Myint Thein, the head of office, deputy managing directors and personnel of Public Works.

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Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint receives President Madam Luo Yan of China CAMC Engineering Group Co Ltd.—MNA



Writer Susan Thein (Sagaing-Sein Sein) donates K 1m to MWJA

YANGON, 22 Jan—A ceremony to donate K 1 million to Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association was held at City Star Hotel here this afternoon.

It was attended by Chairman U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung) of MWJA, Vice-Chairman U Tin Kha (Tekkatho Tin Kha), U Than Maung (Than Maung) and U Myint Thein (Myint Thein Aung), Secretary Dr Tin Tun Oo (Dr Tin Tun Oo), CEC members, guests and donors.

Vice-Chairman (1) U Tin Kha (Tekkatho Tin Kha) extended greetings and donors U Khin Maung Thein and Writer

Susan Thein (Sagaing-Sein Sein), briefed on the purpose of donation. She donated K 0.9 million to the fund of the MWJA

and K 0.1 million to U Htin Gyi Digital Library through Chairman U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung) and personnel. CEC Member

Lt-Col Ohn Maung (Retd) (Myinmu Maung Naing Moe) expressed gratitude.

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Donors U Khin Maung Thein and writer Susan Thein (Sagaing-Sein Sein) present cash to MWJA.—MNA



An Aeromexico aircraft is seen at the end of the runway at Tijuana's Airport, Mexico, on 21 Jan, 2010. According to authorities, the plane with 36 passengers on board, slide out of the runway after landing due to weather conditions but nobody was injured.—INTERNET

Bombs, ambushes as Marines inch into Taliban bastion

MARJAH, 22 Jan — The crisp crackling of AK-47s breaks the morning silence as US Marines inch towards the outskirts of a Taliban stronghold in Afghanistan's southern province of Helmand.

Within minutes, three squads of the Marines' 1st Battalion, 6th Regiment's Alpha company are pinned down in an open, dried-out poppy field by gunfire from unseen Taliban militants hiding in mud houses metres away.

"Stay down, stay

down. Get me an eye on these guys," Staff Sergeant Stephen Vallejo barks as he directs his men into an embankment facing the gunfire.

At least two suspected Taliban militants are sighted, one of them lighting up a haystack as a signal for reinforcement. More gunfire ensues, the smell of gunpowder wafts in the cold air, and then silence.

In the distance, women and children are in the firing line of the Marines — either forced by the Taliban to stay there as human shields or they are unperturbed by the fighting.

"We can't engage them because there are civilians in the direct path," Vallejo says, calling in the unit's position to base and asking for exact coordinates to pin down the enemy fire.

His men positioned in the embankment let off a volley of machine gunfire, sending fragments of the mud house flying into the air. Nearby, an elderly man herds his family away to safety.

Internet

A plane is escorted by a law enforcement vehicle to a terminal at Philadelphia International Airport in Philadelphia, on 21 Jan, 2010.

INTERNET

Xinhua

Russia to strengthen Baltic fleet over US missile plans

Moscow, 22 Jan — The Russian Navy will reinforce its Baltic Fleet over US plans to place Patriot missiles in Poland, the RIA Novosti news agency reported on Thursday, citing a senior Navy official.

"Primarily, surface, underwater and air components of the Baltic Fleet will be enhanced," the unidentified source was quoted as saying.

The official said new

corvette class warships with long-range, high-precision cruise missiles aboard would join the fleet.

The remarks came a day after Poland announced that a US Patriot missile battery would be deployed in Morag, a small town in northeastern Poland about 100 km

from the Russian border.

Polish Defence Minister Bogdan Klich said on Wednesday the decision was neither political nor strategic, explaining that good infrastructure was the only reason to use a base near Russia's Baltic enclave of Kaliningrad instead of one outside Warsaw.—Xinhua

Romania to send more troops to Afghanistan

BUCHAREST, 22 Jan — Romania will send 600 more troops to Afghanistan, according to a plan approved on Thursday by the Supreme Council for Country Defence (CSAT).

"The CSAT approved the deployment of additional 600 troops to increase the forces deployed on the Afghanistan theatre of operations, and the maximum number of troops deployed could reach 1,798," according to a Press release of the President's office. Currently, there are 1,290 Romanian troops acting in missions abroad, among whom 1,020 are deployed in Afghanistan.

In 2010, the Romanian Army will be able to operate in missions outside borders with 3,753 soldiers.

Romania began to send troops to Afghanistan in July 2002. The action was the country's first military mission abroad after the Second World War.—Internet

File photo shows an Emirati man looking at laptops on display at a technology fair in Dubai. The global agency overseeing Internet domain names on Thursday said Egypt, Russia, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates can begin creating online addresses in their native languages.—INTERNET



F-18 fighter crashes in Finland

HELSINKI, 22 Jan — A Finnish Air Force F-18 Super Hornet crashed in the south of the country but caused no deaths, local media said on Thursday.

The fighter crashed in Juupajoki, north of the southern city of Tampere at about 11:50 local time, media reported.

The two pilots, who were on a routine training flight, ejected safely and were uninjured and no-one on the ground was harmed.

The cause of the accident was still under investigation.—Xinhua



US Airways jet lands when religious item mistaken as bomb

PHILADELPHIA, 22 Jan — A US Airways passenger plane was diverted to Philadelphia on Thursday after a religious item worn by a Jewish passenger was mistaken as a bomb, Philadelphia police said. A passenger was alarmed by the phylacteries, religious items which observant Jews strap around their

arms and heads as part of morning prayers, on the flight from New York's La Guardia Airport heading to Louisville.

"Someone on the plane construed it as some kind of device," said officer Christine O'Brien, a spokeswoman for the Philadelphia police department. No one was arrested or charged, O'Brien said.

The plane landed without incident and the passengers and crew were taken off the plane, a spokesman for US Airways said. Phylacteries, called tefillin in Hebrew, are two small black boxes with black straps attached to them. Observant Jewish men are required to place one box on their head and tie the other one on their arm each weekday morning.—Internet



File photo of a low-cost carrier Tiger Airways plane at Changi International Airport in Singapore. Tiger Airways made its debut on Friday on the Singapore Exchange, becoming the first Asian carrier to be listed in five years.—INTERNET

Tiger Airways makes debut on Singapore stock exchange

SINGAPORE, 22 Jan—Tiger Airways made its debut on Friday on the Singapore Exchange, becoming the first Asian carrier to be listed in five years.

Shares in the budget carrier opened at its initial public offering price (IPO) of 1.50 Singapore dollars (1.07 US dollars). They rose to 1.58 dollars before dropping back.

Singapore-based Tiger Airways said funds raised from the IPO would go mainly towards financing the carrier's expansion plans in Asia, which is expected to become the world's biggest travel market by 2020.

Tiger Airways raised 247.7 million dollars in gross proceeds from the IPO and planned to set aside 166 million dollars to buy new jets.

The carrier wants to expand its current fleet of 17 Airbus A320s to 68 by December 2015 as it moves to increase the number of destinations it serves.

It is also looking to establish new operating bases and airlines when the opportunities arise, as well as repay short-term loans.—Internet

Google's quarterly sales increase 17%

SAN FRANCISCO, 22 Jan—Google Inc on Thursday posted a double-digit increase of sales in the most recent quarter, which however was not as strong as some analysts had expected. The company's shares fell nearly 5 percent in late trading after the results were announced.

Google reported revenues of 6.67 billion US dollars for the last three months of 2009, up 17 percent compared to the same period a year earlier and also representing an increase of 12 percent over the previous quarter.

Net income was 1.97 billion dollars, compared to 382 million dollars in the year-ago quarter when the company took charges of 1.09 billion dollars related to its investments.

Xinhua

Oil tumbles to 76 dollars along with stocks

NEW YORK, 22 Jan—Oil prices tumbled more than two percent on Thursday as a government report shows weak demand of energy consumption and heavy sell-off in equity market weighs on commodities.

The US Energy Department's Energy Information Administration reported on Thursday that crude stockpiles fell by 471,000 barrels, but the decrease was due to decline in supply rather than consumption. Meanwhile, the report shows

US fuel consumption in the past four weeks fell 1.8 percent from one year earlier.

President Barack Obama on Thursday proposed to impose new limits on the size of the nation's biggest banks and restrict their risk-taking abilities. Investors in commodities market were concerned as major banks like Goldman Sachs have been heavy-weight players in the oil market.

Xinhua



South African soldiers secure the area on the hills overlooking the Green Point Stadium of Cape Town. S Africa has tried to stamp out concerns about crime during the World Cup, despite the nation's staggering incidence of violence, with an average 50 people killed every day.—INTERNET

China to receive much more cruise ship visits this year

SHANGHAI, 22 Jan—China's cruise economy kept growing as liner departures from and visits to Chinese harbours increased steadily in 2009, industry insider said on Friday.

China Cruise and Yacht Industry Association told Xinhua on Friday that China's cruise ship market will grow rapidly this year with liner visits expected to rise by a big margin. But it declined to reveal detailed predic-

tions, only estimating that all-year cruise ship visits to Shanghai alone will reach 120 for 2010.

According to the association, cruise ship departures from China's coastal cities numbered 80 in 2009, a growth of 38 percent over the 2008 level; and cruise ship visits at such cities numbered 76. But the industry organization did not reveal the year-on-year change figure for the visits.

The association took Shanghai as an example. Last year the city recorded a 17-per-cent year-on-year growth in number of international cruise ship visits and a 83-percent growth in number of human exits and entries by liners.—Xinhua

India's Bharti quarterly profit rises two percent

NEW DELHI, 22 Jan—Top Indian mobile phone firm Bharti Airtel squeezed out a two-percent rise in quarterly profit on Friday as a fierce price war cut into revenues in the world's fastest-growing mobile market.

Net profit totalled 22.10 billion rupees (478.4 million dollars) under US accounting norms in the fiscal third quarter to December as revenues rose one percent to 97.72 billion rupees.

Bharti achieved the profit "despite the hyper competition" in the Indian market, company chairman Sunil Bharti Mittal said in a statement.—Internet

Toyota recalling over two mln vehicles with pedal problems

LOS ANGELES, 22 Jan—About 2.3 million Toyota vehicles are being recalled in the US market due to pedal problems, Toyota Motor Sales USA announced on Thursday. "In recent months, Toyota has investigated isolated reports of sticking accelerator pedal mechanisms in certain vehicles without the presence of floor mats," said Irv Miller of Toyota.

"Our investigation indicates that there is a possibility that certain accelerator pedal mechanisms may, in rare instances, mechanically stick in a partially depressed position or return slowly to the idle position," he said. "Consistent with our commitment to the safety of our cars and our customers, we have initiated this voluntary recall action."

The action is separate from the ongoing recall involving about 4.2 million Toyota and Lexus vehicles to reduce the risk of pedal entrapment by incorrect or out-of-place accessory floor mats, according to the automaker.

The condition is rare, but can occur when the pedal mechanism becomes worn and, in certain conditions, the accelerator pedal may become harder to depress, slower to return or, in the worst case, stuck in a partially depressed position, according to the company based in Torrance, Los Angeles.—Xinhua



S Korea to send 250 troops to Haiti in March

SEOUL, 22 Jan—South Korea has decided to send 250 troops in early March to earthquake-ravaged Haiti as part of the United Nations peacekeeping operation, local media reported on Friday citing high-ranking government sources.

The government plans to send a team of 10 South Korean officials from the Ministry of Defence, the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the South Korean Army next week to assess situations there, according to

Yonhap News Agency in Seoul.

Based on the inspection results, the government will submit a bill on planned troop dispatch to Parliament in February, so that the forces can be deployed by March, according to Yonhap.

As security situations deteriorate in the small Caribbean nation, which was struck by the magnitude-7.0 earthquake earlier January, the UN is asking member countries to send more peace-keep-

ers, local media have said.

The South Korean government earlier this week decided to boost its aid to 10 million US dollars from the initial 1 million for short-term emergency relief and long-term efforts to help rebuild the country, while South Korean relief workers dispatched shortly after the earthquake are already operating in the devastated country.

Xinhua



A small vehicle sprays water to start creating the ice surface at the Richmond Olympic Oval in Richmond, British Columbia, Canada, on 19 Jan, 2010. The oval will be the site for the long track speed skating during the 2010 Olympic Winter Games which will start in February.—XINHUA

Russian cosmonaut moves spaceship to new docking port

MOSCOW, 22 Jan—A Russian cosmonaut moved on Thursday a manned spacecraft from one docking port to another at the International Space Station (ISS), the Mission Control Centre outside Moscow said.

Astronaut Maxim Surayev manually piloted the Soyuz TMA-16 spaceship from its usual docking port to the new Poisk research module, said Mission Control spokesman Valery Lyudin.

Surayev was assisted by US astronaut Jeff Williams who was also aboard the Soyuz spacecraft during the 25-minute operation.—Xinhua

4.9-degrees aftershock shakes Haiti

PORT AU PRINCE, 22 Jan—An earthquake measuring 4.9 degrees on Richter Scale shook Haiti on Thursday, producing panic among the inhabitants and the suspension of the rescue works.

The US Geology Institute said that the replica of the 7.3-degree earthquake that shook the country on 12 Jan had its epicentre located 65 kilometres southwest to Port au Prince, Haiti's capital, with a depth of 10 kilometres.

The earthquake occurred on Thursday at 11:45 am local time (1645 GMT), the US Geology Institute said.—Xinhua



A model presents a creation of German brand "Mongrels in Common" during the Mercedes-Benz Berlin Autumn/Winter Fashion week 2010, in Berlin, capital of Germany, on 21 Jan, 2010.

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Actresses wearing traditional Vietnamese costume play the national instruments in Vietnam-China Paintings and Calligraphy Exhibition in Hanoi, capital of Vietnam, on 21 Jan, 2010.—XINHUA

Venezuela, Qatar sign cooperation accord

CARACAS, 22 Jan—Venezuela and Qatar on Thursday signed an agreement on boosting cooperation between companies of the two countries.

The agreement was signed by Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez and visiting Qatari Emir Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa al-Thani.

Cooperation deals signed between Venezuelan and Qatari companies include a framework agreement to set up a joint venture on natural gas transportation and liquefaction.

Claiming to hold the world's largest hydrocarbon reserves, Venezuela also has proven gas reserves of 150 trillion cubic feet.

The two leaders also discussed issues concerning Latin America, the Arab world and the Middle East.

Chavez conferred on Emir al-Thani a Libertador (Liberator) Order for his "brave role" in defending the peace and sovereignty of Arab countries and the cause of Palestine.—Xinhua

Eight dead, one missing in rainstorms in Brazil's Sao Paulo

RIO DE JANEIRO, 22 Jan—Eight people died in rainstorms which hit Brazil's Sao Paulo metro area on Thursday, local

authorities said.

Rescue teams have found the bodies of the victims, who were killed by mudslides in the town of Santo Andre and other locations. One person remains missing in Ribeirao Pires. According to the Sao Paulo authorities, the number of deaths caused by heavy rainstorms in the state since last December has reached 58.

Thursday's storm caused severe damage in several parts of Sao Paulo. A total of 59 areas were flooded, including several highways across the city.

The Sao Paulo General Warehousing and Centres Company (Ceagesp), the largest food distribution centre in Brazil, was flooded for the second time in two months.—Xinhua

Majority hopes for "healthy Expo"

BEIJING, 22 Jan—More than 90 percent of residents interviewed for a poll are hoping for the first-ever smoke-free World Expo in the history of the 159-year-old mega event, which kicks off in Shanghai on 1 May.

The Fudan Media and Public Opinion Research Centre interviewed 509 people, of which 93.5 percent said they hoped smoking, tobacco commercials and promotions would be strictly prohibited at all Shanghai Expo 2010 pavilions.

They also felt smoking should not be allowed in restaurants or shopping centres near the Expo area.

Zhou Baohua, a professor at Fudan University who headed the survey, said that the results are in line with their earlier estimation.

"We could tell the trend, as we have been keeping an eye on this topic for several years. This was the third time we carried out such a survey. And we can see that most people would like to see smoking banned in public places, especially indoors," he said.

Xinhua

Four boys, one 11, charged in Wash state robbery

BELLEVUE, 22 Jan—Four boys, including one just 11 years old, have been charged with holding up a gas station in Washington state.

Bellevue police spokeswoman Carla Iafraite (eye-uh-FRAY'-tee) says the 11-year-old distracted the clerk while his 15-year-old brother got behind the clerk and held a pellet gun to his neck.

She alleges the boys got away with about \$200 on Sunday night.

Police say the other two boys, also 15, waited across the street and acted as lookouts.

Officers say they recognized the brothers from surveillance video and arrested them on Monday along with the two friends.

All four were charged with first-degree robbery on Thursday in King County Juvenile Court.

Internet

State of emergency in Calif storm areas

LOS ANGELES, 22 Jan—Acting Gov Jerry Brown on Thursday declared a state of emergency in several California counties hit by a series of Pacific storms this week.

The declaration covers Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Francisco and Siskiyou counties. Brown is acting governor while Gov Arnold Schwarzenegger is in Washington.

California was hit on Thursday by the fourth, and possibly worst, storm in a series of storms rolling in from the Pacific Ocean since last weekend. The National Weather Service measured more than 4 inches of rain in several inland locations since Sunday and reported waves of 15-20 feet along the Pacific coast.

People living in areas subject to mudslides were ordered to evacuate, but some chose to stay, prompting officials to have them sign waivers releasing authorities from responsibility for their safety, *The Los Angeles Times* said.

"I'm not going to roll the dice. There's no reason to do that," Barry Powell of Glendale, Calif, told the *Times* about his decision to leave. "You've got lives involved."—Internet



Weight-loss drug to stiffen heart warnings

WASHINGTON, 22 Jan—US government officials said on Thursday the manufacturer of the weight-loss drug sibutramine, or Meridia, will issue a tougher warning about the drug.

Officials at the Food and Drug Administration said Abbott Laboratories agreed to add new information to the existing warning, to the effect that sibutramine may increase the risk of heart attack and stroke, MedPage reported.

Specifically, the warning is to include patients with a history of:

- Coronary artery disease, heart attack, angina.
- Stroke or transient ischemic attack.
- Arrhythmia.
- Congestive heart

failure.

— Peripheral arterial disease.

— Uncontrolled hypertension more than 145/90 mmHg.

Healthcare professionals should monitor patients for increase in blood pressure and heart rate and the drug should be

stopped if an increase is observed in either, FDA officials said. The European Medicines Agency said on Thursday it completed a safety review and sibutramine should stop being marketed in Europe because "the risks of these medicines are greater than their benefits."—Internet

Eighty percent of Darfur conflict deaths due to disease

LONDON, 22 Jan—Nearly 80 percent of the 300,000 conflict-related deaths in Darfur were due to diseases like diarrhoea, not violence, Belgian scientists said on Friday.

An analysis of deaths dating from 2003, when rebels took up arms against the government of Sudan, showed that after an initial peak of violent deaths in the still-ongoing conflict, diseases associated with diarrhea became the major killers.

The researchers said their results showed that any reduction in humanitarian aid can cause deaths rates to increase sharply, raising "serious concerns" about the consequences of last year's expulsion of aid workers from Sudan by the country's President. "We should fear the worst," they wrote in a study in *The Lancet* medical journal.

Since the armed rebellion started in early 2003, the United Nations estimates 300,000 people have died and more than 2 million have been driven from their homes after a counter-insurgency campaign by Khar-toum.—Internet

Britons embrace doggie long-jump

Organizers of canine long jump competitions in Britain say the events are gaining popularity, with contests across the country drawing hundreds of participants.

Anton Wittwer, organizer of several "Dash 'n' Splash" events across England, said six of the contests were held last year, drawing up to 700 participating pooches at a time, *The Daily Mail* reported.

Wittwer said the competitions typically involve dog owners throwing objects over a large body of water, causing the dogs to scale a 30-foot ramp and leap to catch the toy.



Kevin Day and his dog Brown Sugar prepare to hit the frigid Mississippi River water in 20 degree temperatures during the annual New Years Day Water Skiing event on the Mississippi River in St Louis on 1 January, 2010. The event held every New Years Day for decades, raises money for the Missouri Disabled Water Ski Association.

"There is a lot of noise and kids love to sit right next to the pool because they get wet," he said of the events, which are due to resume in the summer.

Wittwer said certain types of dogs tend to stand out in the competitions.

"Cross breeds which have a retriever instinct and longer legs tend to make the best jumpers. Some dogs run straight into the water but most will do it while retrieving an article.

The only thing that can go wrong is the dog changing its mind at the last moment and just falling in rather than jumping," he said.

Speed camera tickets parked car

British police apologized to a man whose parked car was twice photographed by a camera near his home and issued speeding fines.

Jeff Buck, 55, said he recently received two speeding fines alleging he was violating the speed limit while his car was actually parked in front of his Nuthall, England, home, the *Nottingham Evening Post* reported.

Buck said he successfully contested the fines and police apologized, saying the camera must have been triggered by speeding vehicles passing near his



A marabou stork feeds on the carcass of a cow in a paddock near the Kenya Meat Commission (KMC) factory in Athi River, 50km (31 miles) east of the capital Nairobi, on 16 September, 2009.

parked car.

"I assumed the first time it happened that the police would put something in place to prevent it from happening again," Buck said.

"I'm concerned now that every time someone triggers the camera I'll get these notices.

I am amused by it, but also angry that I have to go to the trouble of contacting the police."

Buck said he has to park his car on the street because his home does not have a garage or driveway.

"It's amazing that whatever system is in place cannot tell the difference between a car that is motionless and one travelling at 37 mph," he said.

Meteorite hits doctor's office

A Virginia doctor said a meteorite crashed through the roof of his office building and trashed a room only 10 feet from where he was filling out paperwork.

Frank Ciampi said he was in his office at Williamsburg Square Family Practice in Lorton, where he has worked for 18 years, just after 5:30 pm on Monday when he heard a sound "almost like a small explosion" from elsewhere in the building, *The Washington Post* reported on Thursday.

A wobbegong shark is released off the coast of Sydney as part of a world first scientific study by Macquarie University into the interactions of captive bred and wild sharks. Tagged with a passive acoustic telemetry device, the release of the five, six-year-old wobbegongs born at Sydney Aquarium is intended to help restore a natural balance to Sydney Harbour, Australia, on 22 Jan, 2010.



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He also inspected Masumzup Bridge and Phon-in Bridge and development of Masumzup Village.

In the afternoon, he met with township level officials, members of social organizations and local national races at the hall of Sumprabum. After visiting the township hospital, he donated cash to the medical funds.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye looked into progress of Myitkyina-Sumprabum-Putao Road and met with local national races in Kagan Village of Sumprabum Township.

On 19 January, Lt-Gen Tha Aye and the commander viewed thriving rubber plantation in Mawphaung Village of Myitkyina Township and thriving perennial crop plantations in Waingmaw Township.

They inspected maintenance of road near Khalayan Village of Mogaung Township and in the afternoon, they met with officials at Dawphonyan Township General Administration Department.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye visited the Women's Vocational Training School and presented cash to the funds of the



Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence inspects Phon-in Bridge.—MNA

school.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye and party viewed Konhnaw-Makhwe inter-village road and attended to the needs of the local people. Next, he looked into thriving summer paddy plantations near Myothit Village.

In the evening, Lt-Gen Tha Aye heard reports on progress in construction of buildings at University of Computer Studies (Bhamo) presented by officials and visited the construction site.

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Culture Minister hosts dinner to CLMV officials

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Jan—Ministers of Culture and Arts, and senior officers from Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam, who have attended the culture-related roundtable meeting of Ministers of Culture and Arts of Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam (CLMV), led by Minister

for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint, proceeded to Innwa ancient region in Tada U Township from Mandalay this morning. They made observations about Maenu monastery, Bagaya monastery and Innwa ancient city.

In the evening, they arrived at Nay Pyi Taw

from Myitnge by special train.

Minister Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint hosted dinner to them at Thingaha Hotel here. The dinner was also attended by Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu.

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Yadana Theinga Hotel opened in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Jan—Yadana Theinga Hotel constructed by Shwenagamin Company was opened yesterday morning. Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin unveiled the signboard of

the hotel.

Yadana Theinga Hotel (Nay Pyi Taw) project being undertaken by Shwenagamin Company is on Yazathingaha Road in Nay Pyi Taw Zabuthiri and covers an area of 37.4

acres. The construction project was put into commission on 26, November, 2008.

The project is of three phases, of which the first phase of the project was completed and opened yesterday.

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Kadaik Dam bringing development to Mon State

Article: Tin Mar Win & Mya Kay Khine Soe; Photos: Myanma Alin

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Agricultural business in rural regions is booming as the government is planning and implementing projects for ensuring sufficient buffer stock, boosting

national interest, preventing flood and supplying drinking water in various regions of every state and division.

Thanks to Kadaik Dam, the agricultural production is increasing as

the farmers in the region enable to grow their farms in all seasons with their utmost effort.

Translation: HKA
(Myanma Alin;
22-1-2010)

Mayor inspects upgrading Laydauntkan Road in Thingangyun Tsp

YANGON, 22 Jan—Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, accompanied by officials, inspected upgrading of Laydauntkan Road near Zawana junction and near Shwekain-nayi housing in Thingangyun Township,

Yangon East District this morning.

Upgrading of Laydauntkan Road between Zawana junction and U San Pe street are being made. And the rest between U San Pe street and Thanthuma Road are also being upgraded.

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Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun receives Advisor to World Customs Organization Mr Leonardo Correia Lima Macedo.—MNA

Fighter crashes

YANGON, 22 Jan—A F-7 fighter of Mingaladon Airbase of Yangon crashed in landing at Mingaladon Airport at 10:15 am today during the training session. The pilot of the fighter lost his life in the accident.

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All this needs to be known

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

Tobacco Kills

We never accept any scheme to break up the Tatmadaw (1)

Maung Hmat

The Tatmadaw is a national force born together with the history of our independence struggle. Since its birth, the Tatmadaw has the tradition of brilliantly standing by our nation and people. It is the people's Tatmadaw, born of the people and serving the interest of the people.

Our nation regained independence and became a sovereign state again due to the Tatmadaw's historic independence struggle. Moreover, our people were freed from subjugation and have become proud citizens with self-determination. The Tatmadaw has been constantly safeguarding the lives and property of the national races. Whenever the nation is on the edge of losing her sovereignty and the public security and stability in danger, the Tatmadaw is always in the forefront safeguarding the nation and the people to be free from every danger. We must acknowledge this endeavour.

Today, the Tatmadaw is the main national force of our country and people serving as the vanguard paving the correct national path towards the new democratic state. It has laid down and is implementing the seven-step Road Map in marching with greater momentum to democracy goal in accord with the wish of the people. In addition, it is strengthening peace and stability and boosting progress. We can see that it is building infrastructures in the political, economic, social, educational, health, transport and other sectors essential for national development.

That is why our people have trust in and reliance on the Tatmadaw government. Our people are fully supporting the Tatmadaw as they are satisfied with the institution's endeavours to ensure peace, stability and progress in the interest of the public socio-economy. The people are truly anxious about the recurrence of the past armed conflicts and violence. They disfavour any delay in or termination or destruction of the prevailing peace, stability, progress and social opportunities.

So they with understanding totally accept the fact that the role of the Tatmadaw is of vital importance in further boosting the present developments and ensuring a peaceful and stable democracy transition. We are in no doubt that the country and the people will have a brighter future and the country will be powerful in the future only if the Tatmadaw is strong. So, we love the

The skyful of lies of BBC is reported by BBC's correspondent U Than in Sunkalaburi in Thailand. Meanwhile, the fabricated story attempting to divide and break up the Tatmadaw was posted in blogs and web-sites.

Tatmadaw and have trust in and reliance on it. We have a true wish to see a powerful and strong Tatmadaw. We totally believe that the nation will be strong only if the Tatmadaw is powerful.

Although we want the Tatmadaw to be strong and firm, we have noticed that there are still some wicked, narrow-minded people who want to see it become weak and break up. They are a handful of traitorous axe-handles bent on grabbing power without considering others. They are resorting to various ways to see the Tatmadaw become weak and collapse and divert from the national political way so that they can seize power and serve their own interest. But they are not likely to consider the fact that if the Tatmadaw breaks up, the country will also be torn into pieces, and the entire national people, including that group of axe-handles, will be under subjugation again. They don't seem to think about a string of unexpected repercussions, either. Their power-craving acts are, indeed, detrimental to the State and the people.

The reason I am talking about the above-mentioned points is that these days, anti-government groups are committing subversive acts by slandering the Tatmadaw in various ways. Since the last week of December, 2009, the BBC has been airing slanderous accusations with the aim of disintegrating the Tatmadaw. On 23 December, the BBC broadcast that there were mutiny in three regiments under No. 66 LID based in Pyay District of western Bago Division; that they were LIR-80, LIR-68 and LIR-75; all the officers and other ranks did the acts after demanding the solutions to the problems of their basic needs; and that they had not gone to work since 17 December.

The BBC also broadcast on 29 December that military affairs security members surrounded No. 77 LID based in Bago and barricaded its entrance

and exit as the privates of its extended unit put forward their resignations; that the units where resignation letters were submitted had to suspend their operations and the privates were not allowed to go out and were kept under the watchful eye of military affairs security members; that how to solve the problems was unknown but it was said that the resigned privates could face one to three years' jail sentence.

On 3 January this year also, the BBC broadcast that the soldiers of South-East Command resigned in masse; that there were resignations in Military Affairs Security Headquarters in Yangon; and that Tatmadaw families were worried that there would be armed clashes as the situations of No. 77 LID and No. 66 LID were tense.

According to the 11 January broadcast of the BBC, the previous night, in LIR-80 of LID-66 where mutiny broke out last month, some shootings happened for ten minutes and three were wounded. Among them, a sergeant was seriously injured and sent to the military hospital near Ywataung, said the people of Innma Village. It was said that members of LIR-5 of military affairs security went to LIR-80 to conduct some checks but the latter denied. As a consequence, a brawl ensued and then shootings broke out. The families of Tatmadaw members of those units were getting worried about that. Since the third week of last December, LIRs-80, 68 and 75 under No. 66 LID had defied authority as they were facing difficulties with their basic needs. So, military affairs security members surrounded them for security reason. The BBC spread rumour that shootings occurred at a time when the regiments defying authority were put at their ease as such acts still broke out.

BBC's fabricated broadcasting on 12 January said that an injured sergeant of the Light Infantry Regiment No. 5 died at the hospital located between Innma Village and Ywataung; that failure to find the solution to the hardship for the livelihood of service personnel of the Light Infantry Division led to the outbreak of mutiny and the shootings, and there would be no solution to the problem, according to residents.

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Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing oversees ...

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Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing also looked into township sports ground, development of the town and Myoma market.

At Mongkong station hall, he presented clothes and publications to officers and other ranks and their families. He then comforted the patients undergoing medical care at Mongkong rural clinical centre.

In meeting with departmental heads, members of social organizations, townsenders and locals at Mongkong Village hall, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing presented clothes to them.

On arrival at No. 2 Ward of Tangyan, he cordially greeted locals and presented gifts to them.

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Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing inspects Mongshu People's Hospital.—MNA

A & I Minister receives country directors of WHH/GAA

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Jan—Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo received country directors Ms Regina Feindt and Mr Lothar Kinzelmann of Welthungerhilfe Myanmar.

mar of Welthungerhilfe/ German Agro Action (WHH/GAA), a Germany-based international non-governmental organization at the ministry here this morning.

They held discussion

about cooperation in agricultural sector projects.

Also present at the call were managing directors and directors general of departments and enterprises under the ministry.—MNA



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livelihood of the service personnel in the Tatmadaw led to the mutiny.

In fact, the story put in the Internet including the broadcasting of BBC is a complete fabrication. At the respective regiments and battalions, there was no mutiny, resignation and discontentment. According to the investigation into the story, it is found that let alone shootings, there was no brawl among soldiers. It is crystal clear that skyful liars made their fabricated news and stories as they are instructed by their stooges inside the country to break up the unity of the Tatmadaw and divide it.

As far as I know, the event of Light Infantry Regiment No. 80, No. 68 and No. 75 broadcast by correspondent U Than and BBC is fabricated news. Actually, there are no Light Infantry Regiments No. 80, No. 68 and No. 75 under No.

66 Light Infantry Division. Even if the broadcasting stations are desirous to make skyful of lies, they should authenticate the news sources on actual locations of military units and stations in the incidents. Therefore, it was shameful for skyful of lies of such broadcasting media because they created the fabricated news without studying the correct names and numbers of the regiments.

As the news related to Light Infantry Regiments No. 80, No. 68 and No. 75 was wrong, I thoroughly studied whether these military units were Infantry Regiments. In my studies, Infantry Regiment No. 75 is not stationed in Innma and it is not under No. 66 LID. Moreover, Infantry Regiment LIR-68 is not stationed in Okpo, Innma and Pyay regions. Therefore, it is obvious that correspondent U

Than and BBC were not able to air lies but inserted the invented news from the unconfirmed sources.

In addition, as far as I know, the so-called exchange of fire occurred at Light Infantry Regiment LIR. 80 of No. 66 LID happened on 10-1-2010 (Sunday night). On that day, the Innma Shwekyauingyi Pagoda Pujaniya, which is the most famous festival apart from Pyay Swedaw (Sacred Tooth Relic) and Paungde Swedaw (Sacred Tooth Relic), was being held on a grand scale in the region from 4-1-2010 to 11-1-2010. The local people from surrounding villages and servicemen from the regiments from Innma region joyfully visited the festival and tasted the delicious meals at the shops. At that time, the Pujaniya of the pagoda was packed with the visitors. I have learned that even a brawl did not happen there. I would like to present the correct situation that there was no incident of shootings, deaths and injuries and putting up of barricades, and so not only servicemen but also family members happily enjoyed the festivities of the Pagoda Pujaniya.

(To be continued)

Translation: ST+AMS+TTA

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Lt-Gen Khin Zaw of Ministry...

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production of algae and site for construction of building, jetty and arrivals and departures of vessels in Myeik Myothit.

At the briefing hall of leading committee for reclamation of Myeik Myothit, he met departmental officials, officials of the committee and entrepreneurs, and left necessary instructions. He inspected buildings in Myothit and construction of jetties in a motorcade.

Lt-Gen Khin Zaw at-



Lt-Gen Khin Zaw of the Ministry of Defence inspects construction of bridge near Yaythaboe Village.—MNA

tended ceremony to present a certificate of honour for successful completion of eye operations and made a speech. He presented gifts and certificates to doctors,

donors and officials. Lt-Gen Khin Zaw, the commander and officials helped eye patients put on eye glasses and presented gifts to them.

Lt-Gen Khin Zaw



looked into beautifying of No.2 jetty and its environments in Myeik. On arrival at Pearl Island in Bokpyin Township, he left necessary instructions after hearing the

reports presented by officials about pearl production. After that, the commander presented foodstuff to staff.

Lt-Gen Khin Zaw inspected pearl production.

At the local battalion hall, he met officers and other ranks and their families, and presented foodstuff and gifts.

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Pulonetonetone, a pleasant seaside resort on southernmost tip of Myanmar

Byline & Photos: Laymyethna Than Oo (MNA), Photos: Bagyi Pyae Soe Tun (Kawthoung)



Bungalows on Pulonetonetone beach.

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Pulonetonetone village is composed of 830 households with 4,922 residents and is famous for its pleasant seaside resort like Chaungtha, Ngapali, and Ngwehsaung. We had also taken documentary photos of the village and

the beach. In spite of the village being a small one surrounded by sea, its development is not less than that of others in midland.

In the environs of Pulonetonetone island are Thahtay island, Zardeggyi island, Jalan island and other islets.

Pulonetonetone is-

land has 54 acres of farmland, 61 acres of crop land, 537 acres of vegetable gardens, and 20 acres of nipa palm. School children can pursue basic education at affiliated Basic Education Middle School, Basic Primary School, and monastic education school. One rural



Chairman U Myo Ko Ko Aung of Pulonetonetone Village PDC telling media crew of Kyemon daily about Zardeggyi island.

healthcare centre and two private clinics provide healthcare to the villagers. Apart from these, we saw buildings of some social organizations.

So, beautiful Pulonetonetone Seaside

Resort is waiting for you, should you reach in Kawthoung on Cape Kawthoung, the southernmost part of Myanmar.

Translation: TKK Kyemon (22-1-2010)



The stunning view of Pulonetonetone beach.



Tijuana police officers stand guard on sand bags placed to prevent the police station from flooding in Tijuana, Mexico, on 21 Jan, 2010.

INTERNET

Tijuana floods leave 10 missing; at least one dead

TIJUANA, 22 Jan— Rains have unleashed heavy flooding in parts of the Mexican border city of Tijuana, killing a 5-year-old girl and leaving at least 10 other people missing, officials said on Thursday.

Storms also caused a plane to skid off the runway on Thursday in the Tijuana International Airport. Nobody was hurt.

Four days of storms have swelled the Rio Tijuana, which reaches

the United States, sending torrents of water into some neighbourhoods of the city across the border from San Diego.

A flash flood swept away a car with a pregnant woman and her three children inside in the hilly Canon de los Laureles neighbourhood on Wednesday night, the Baja California state prosecutors' office said in a statement. Police later found the car with the woman, unharmed, and her 5-year-old daughter dead. The two other children, 7 and 2, are missing.

Tijuana fire chief Rafael Carroll said the

children are among 10 people missing and feared swept away by floods.

At the airport, an Aeromexico flight originating in the northeastern city of Monterrey struggled to land and then skidded off the runway, its left wing ending up buried in the mud, said Baja California State Gov. Jose Guadalupe Osuna.

One passenger, Clara Martinez Gutierrez, said the plane circled the airport several times before trying to land. She said the plane jumped upon landing and passengers were told to get into emergency positions.—*Internet*

Dominican Republic to send blood donation to Haiti

SANTO DOMINGO, 22 Jan— The Red Cross of the Dominican Republic (CRD) will send 3,000 units of blood (0.47 litres each) to Haiti to help those seriously injured in the magnitude-7.3 earthquake that hit the island country on Jan 12, it was announced on Thursday.

In a statement, the CRD's blood bank director, Sonia Pichardo Terrero, said that thousands of people from the Dominican Republic, Mexico, Colombia and Central America had donated the blood.

"The blood will be used for the surgeries on the Haitian victims" in the devastating earthquake, said Pichardo.

According to Pichardo, the blood bank works 24 hours a day, and some 50 bio-analysts joined the blood collecting efforts.

Pichardo added that the Dominican Republic's Medical College (CMD) is also gathering blood donations.

Nearly 100,000 people were feared dead in the earthquake, while some 250,000 were reportedly injured in the calamity.

Xinhua

Cuban university students donate blood for Haiti's quake victims

HAVANA, 22 Jan— Cuban university students and professors donated blood on Thursday for the Haitian victims in the magnitude-7.3 quake that shook the Caribbean country on 12 Jan.

At a mobile blood bank in the University of Havana, students told local TV channel television de Cuba they were ready to aid the injured by donating blood.

Haiti's Civil Defence Department said on Tuesday the quake had killed 75,000 people, injured 250,000 others and left a million homeless.

Officials estimate the final death toll may reach between 100,000 and 200,000.

After the devastating quake, Cuba immediately sent medical aid including doctors, nurses and health technicians to Haiti.—*Xinhua*

Man arrested after shooting at Texas Capitol

HOUSTON, 22 Jan A man was arrested on Thursday after firing several shots on the Texas Capitol, and there were no reports of injuries, the Texas Department of Public Safety said.

A 24-year-old man from the Houston area fired several shots on the Texas Capitol's south steps early Thursday afternoon, and was immediately taken into custody by state troopers who quickly appeared at the scene.

No injuries were reported but the Capitol was on lockdown after the shooting.

"We are very fortunate that nobody was injured in this incident," said Tele Mange, spokeswoman for the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Mange did not confirm the identity of the shooter but said he was taken into custody and could face third-degree felony deadly conduct charges.—*Xinhua*

NASA research finds last decade was warmest on record

WASHINGTON, 22 Jan— A new analysis of global surface temperatures by NASA scientists finds that January 2000 to December 2009 was the warmest decade on record and the past year was tied for the second warmest since 1880, the US National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) said on Thursday in a Press release.

Although 2008 was the coolest year of the decade because of a strong La Nina that cooled the tropical Pacific Ocean, 2009 saw a return to a near-record global temperatures as the La Nina diminished, according to the new analysis by NASA's Goddard Institute

for Space Studies (GISS) in New York. The past year was a small fraction of a degree cooler than 2005, the warmest on record, putting 2009 in a virtual tie with a cluster of other years—1998, 2002, 2003, 2006, and 2007—for the second warmest on record.

Looking back to 1880, when modern scientific instrumentation became available to monitor temperatures precisely, a clear

warming trend is present, although there was a levelling off between the 1940s and 1970s, scientists find.—*Xinhua*

The chimney behind the Copenhagen Odeum is seen in Copenhagen, capital of Denmark, on 19 December, 2009.

XINHUA

Singapore launches catastrophe risk management research institute

SINGAPORE, 22 Jan— Singapore's Nanyang Technological University launched a Institute of Catastrophe Risk Management (ICRM) on Thursday.

The institute aims to help the international community better understand the characteristics of risks related to natural disasters such as earthquakes, tsunamis, typhoons, volcanic eruptions, floods, droughts, as well as non-traditional risks including infectious diseases and terrorism.

The ICRM, supported by the finance, insurance and reinsurance industry, will develop models and tools to allow governments and the industry to analyze potential losses and develop risk-management strategies. Decision-makers worldwide and Asia in particular will be able to use such tools to identify vulnerabilities, prepare for a range of possibilities and allocate resources.

Heng Swee Keat, Managing Director of the Monetary Authority of Singapore said, "Managing catastrophe risks will become more challenging and more important in the coming years for the Asian region."

"The ICRM can be a depository of data and knowledge on catastrophe risk management in Asia and be a focal point for regional collaboration and public-private partnerships," he added.—*Xinhua*





THE ASEAN SECRETARIAT INVITES ASEAN NATIONALS TO APPLY FOR THE FOLLOWING VACANCIES

With the ratification of the ASEAN Charter in December 2008, the ASEAN Secretariat (ASEC) had embarked on an organization restructuring that is aligned to the requirements of the Charter and their respective Community Blueprints, namely: the ASEAN Political and Security Community (APSC), the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC), and the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC).

Currently, the ASEAN Secretariat seeks qualified candidates to fill in the following positions:

1. Director, Corporate Affairs
2. Director, External Relations
3. Director, Socio-Cultural Cooperation
4. Assistant Director, ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly, ASEAN Foundation, ASEAN Human Rights Body, & Other ASEAN Associated Entities
5. Assistant Director, Macroeconomic & Finance Surveillance Office
6. Assistant Director, Human Resources
7. Senior Officer, External Economic Relations
8. Senior Officer, External Relations
9. Senior Officer, Internal Audit

For more information about the specific positions and application procedures, please refer to www.asean.org/jobs.

Closing date : 14 February 2010.

MYANMA FIVE STAR LINE (Container Feeder Service) ARRIVAL/ CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

Consignees of cargoes are hereby notified that the followings are the estimated time of arrival and berthing for the particular voyages.

	(ETA)	(ETB)
M.V Magway Voy MG332N	19/01/10	23/01/10
M.V Mandalay Voy MD236N	29/01/10	30/01/10
M.V Magway Voy MG333N	05/02/10	05/02/10
M.V Sagaing Voy SG150N	08/02/10	10/02/10
M.V Magway Voy MG334N	18/02/10	19/02/10
M.V Sagaing Voy SG151N	22/02/10	24/02/10

cargoes will be discharged into the premises of Myanma Port Authority where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the by-law and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged Cargo will be surveyed daily from 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:00 Noon to 4:00 PM and Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from vessel.

No Claims against these vessels will be admitted after the Claims Day.

Dated: 22nd January, 2010

Health clubs get flexible to help hard-hit members

BEIJING, 22 Jan—When some of its affluent Silicon Valley clientele lost their jobs, Fitness 101 quietly paid their monthly fees.

"It's the right thing to do," said Gordon Bliss, president and part owner of the independent health club in Menlo Park, California. "In these times you have to do the right thing." Bliss has been waiving the 64 US dollar-per-month individual membership fee for up to three months for a small pool of customers struggling with unemployment; after that time they can opt to renew or cancel their membership.

The 22,000-square-foot club, which Bliss referred to as "middle of the road" in terms of fees and offerings, has focused its efforts on making existing customers happier. Bliss said that entailed maintaining extended hours, providing personal training in small groups as an alternative to costly one-on-one sessions, and investing in new equipment.—Xinhua

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV KOTA TAMPAN VOY NO (305)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TAMPAN VOY NO (305) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 23.1.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY AGENT FOR: M/S ADVANCE CONTAINER LINES

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV XIANG DA VOY NO (1002)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV XIANG DA VOY NO (1002) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 23.1.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY AGENT FOR: M/S CHINA SHIPPING (MALAYSIA) AGENCY SDN BDH

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV DUCKY SHINY VOYNO (SH161)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV DUCKY SHINY VOY NO (SH 161) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 23.1.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W.6 where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY AGENT FOR: RO RO LINE LTD S.A

Phone No: 256924/256914

Hudson River splashdown plane to be auctioned off

NEW YORK, 22 Jan—For sale: One severely water-damaged jet, hero not included.

The banged-up US Airways plane that Capt Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger deftly landed on the Hudson River a year ago after a flock of geese disabled its engines is being auctioned off.

Insurance firm Chartis, which is holding the online auction, describes the Airbus A320, minus its two engines, as having severe water damage throughout the airframe and impact damage to its underside.

Bidding on the plane, being held on a lot in Kearny, NJ, continues until 27 March.

Internet

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HK must learn how to deal with its youth

BEIJING, 22 Jan—The post-80s generation of young men and women of Hong Kong are mostly bright, well-educated and inquisitive. Unlike their immigrant forebears, they strongly identify themselves with Hong Kong, which they are not embarrassed to call home.

All these are good, except that their elders, those in their 40s and 50s, who are deeply entrenched in the various levels of the power structure in business, finance and the government, don't seem to be able to relate effectively to their de facto successors. Indeed, the generation gap that exists between the old and the young in Hong Kong has been widened and distorted by the return of sovereignty to China in 1997. Before that, Hong Kong was widely seen as a city of migrants. At that time many people were either first or second generation immigrants from the Chinese Mainland, mainly Guangdong Province. They regarded themselves as transients who would, one day, either return to their ancestral homes or move on to seek permanent residence in foreign lands.

This transient mentality was passed on from generation to generation of Hong Kong people, who were known for their single-minded pursuit of personal gain in a hard-nose business town that cared little about its heritage and legacy. This city's psyche was nakedly reflected in the unbridled destruction of the countless historic landmarks to make room for the erection of monstrous commercial and residential buildings. Such callous disregard of our environment was never put to the question, until now.—Xinhua

Brazil's ethanol-fueled plant on stream

RIO DE JANEIRO, 22 Jan—Brazil has inaugurated its first commercial ethanol-fuelled power plant amid questions being asked about the global impact of increased feedstock production on food agriculture.

The ethanol used in the plant comes from sugarcane, but other biofuels being researched for ecologically friendly attributes or all-weather use are using huge quantities of soy, sunflower and other oil seeds.

Although most of the crops used in feedstock for fuels are grown specifically for the purpose, analysts said acreage under food crops was falling internationally as entrepreneurs and governments allocated vast tracts of land to feedstock. Brazil has announced extensive programmes for producing biofuels from soy, sunflower and other oil seeds, including diesel for export that can withstand extremely cold weather.

The ethanol-fueled power plant in the state of Minas Gerais uses a flex-fuel turbine that was converted from running solely on natural gas to ethanol. The plant began its test operations on 31 Dec and currently is going through various stages of optimization, officials said.

Petrobras, the state-managed oil company, said the ethanol project gave Brazil a clear lead in the global quest for alternative, ecologically friendly sources of power generation. Greater use of biofuels has been spurred in low-income regions, such as the Caribbean and West Africa, by cash constraints in countries that are finding high bills for crude oil and gas a major block to new development.—Internet

Study finds video game success may be in the mind

WASHINGTON, 22 Jan — If you find video games a struggle, it could be to do with the size of certain parts of your brain, a study suggests.

US researchers found they could predict how well an amateur player might perform on a game by measuring the volume

of key sections of the brain. Writing in the journal *Cerebral Cortex*, they suggest their findings could have wider implications for understanding the differences in learning rates.

There is broad acceptance of a link between brain size and intelli-

gence.

However it remains a complicated picture. Within the animal kingdom some smaller brains appear superior to many larger ones: the monkey's compared with the horse, for instance, or the human and the elephant.

Internet



These are the parts which are in play.— INTERNET

Fish oil rich in omega-3 could hold secret of longer life

LONDON, 22 Jan — Fish oil may be the true “elixir of youth”, according to new evidence of its effect on biological ageing. Omega-3 fatty acids from fish oil extend the genetic “fuse” that determines the lifespan of cells, say scientists. The discovery, made in heart disease patients, may explain many of the claimed health benefits of omega-3.

Taking fish oil supplements is said to protect against heart disease, improve survival after a heart attack, reduce mental decline in old age, and help prevent age-related changes in the eye that can lead to blindness. Research has also shown that rodents live one-third longer when given a diet enriched with fish-derived omega-3. Although omega-3 fatty acids have powerful anti-inflammatory properties and lower levels of some blood fats, the mechanisms behind these effects are poorly understood.—Internet



Fish oil rich in omega-3 may hold secret to longer life Photo.— INTERNET

Indonesia allows to keep Sumatran tiger as pet

JAKARTA, 22 Jan — Indonesian government unveiled a plan to allow public to acquire Sumatran tigers as pets in an effort to prevent the critically endangered species from extinction, the *Jakarta Post* quoted an official as saying on Thursday. The Director General

for Forest Protection and Nature Conservation at the Forestry Ministry Darori said that under the plan, people could purchase a pair of tigers by paying one billion rupiah (about 100 million US dollars) deposit and annual tax to the government.

“We are discussing the regulation,” he said at Sumatran tiger conservation workshop. He said that the ministry required owners to possess at least 5,000 square-metres of land. Darori said that tigers would be taken from a breeding centre in Lampung which has two pairs of tigers.

Darori admitted that activists protested the plan, fearing it would lead to Sumatran tiger's extinction. “But we need to take action to cut the illegal trade of tigers,” said Darori.—Internet

S Korea to build 83 renewable energy power plants by 2016

SEOUL, 22 Jan — South Korea will have an additional 83 renewable energy power plants by 2016, boosting the country's efforts to cut back on fossil fuel imports, the (South) Korea Rural Community Corp said on Thursday.

Under the new plan, 57 small hydroelectric power stations, 20 wind power, and six solar energy plants will be constructed in the following six years, as the combined annual output is expected to reach 2.22 million megawatt hours of electricity, or save 286.5 billion won (251.4 million US dollars) worth of crude oil imports.

Xinhua

Boy clear after black magic ‘voodoo’ needles removed

BRASILIA, 22 Jan — A two-year-old Brazilian boy who had 32 sewing needles inserted into his body by his former stepfather during “black magic” rituals will leave hospital after a month of operations and recovery.

The boy, who was identified only by his initials MAS because of his young age, was admitted to the Ana Neri Hospital in Brazil's north-eastern city of Salvador on 17 December, after doctors

in his home town of Barreiras determined his life was in danger.

He underwent three complicated operations to remove needles that were close to his heart, lungs and liver.

About five the needles still remain in his body and are to be removed later in simpler outpatient surgery.

The boy's former stepfather, 30-year-old bricklayer Roberto Carlos

Magalhaes, confessed to driving the needles into the boy one by one, over a month, as part of a black magic ritual aimed at getting back at his ex-wife, the boy's mother.

The north-eastern region where the boy lives is heavily populated by the descendants of African slaves, many of whom observe rites similar to voodoo practiced in Haiti and West Africa.

Internet

Los Angeles to expand smoking ban

LOS ANGELES, 22 Jan — The Los Angeles City Council decided on Wednesday to expand a smoking ban in outdoor dining areas. The ordinance, approved unanimously by the council, will go into effect 30 days after Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa signs it, beginning a one-year educational grace period before going into full force, likely in February of 2011.

The ban makes it illegal to puff on a cigarette within a 10-foot radius of a dining establishment.

The measure also bans smoking within a 40-foot radius of a mobile food truck, food cart or food kiosk. Bars and nightclubs that require patrons to be 18 or older would be exempt. The city currently bans smoking at its beaches and parks, as well as within 25 feet of playgrounds, bleachers, sports fields and picnic areas. The council gave restaurants a one-year grace period to educate patrons about the new rules. Once that expires, restaurant operators will have to en-

force the smoking ban themselves.

Councilman Greig Smith said he authored the ordinance in part because he has a severe allergic reaction to cigarette smoke, and because his son had asthma as a child. “That's what kind of brought it home to me that this was necessary,” he said. Although the maximum fine is 250 dollars, city councilmembers discussed how the law will be more self-regulatory than anything else.

Xinhua



Swiss scientist-adventurer and pilot Bertrand Piccard is pictured unveiling the ‘Solar Impulse’ airplane during a ceremony in June last year, in Dübendorf, near Zurich. 51-year-old Piccard plans to fly his ‘Solar Impulse’ around the world over 20 to 25 days, travelling at an average of 70 kilometres

(43 miles) an hour.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Top seed Federer eases into third round

MELBOURNE, 22 Jan — Top seed Roger Federer sent out an ominous warning to his rivals



Roger Federer was at his imperious best as he cruised into the third round of the Australian Open in Melbourne.

INTERNET

with the most comfortable of Australian Open second-round victories over Victor Hanescu on Thursday. The Swiss maestro needed only an hour and 39 minutes to overcome the 47th-ranked Romanian 6-2 6-3 6-2 under the Rod Laver Arena lights.

It was a convincing performance at the end of a day on which just one seed fell out of the men's draw — with 2006 finalist Marcos Baghdatis coming from two sets down to beat 17th seed David Ferrer 4-6 3-6 7-6 6-3 6-1. —Internet

Roddick grinds out four set win over Lopez

MELBOURNE, 22 Jan — Andy Roddick ground out a four-set win over tenacious Spaniard Feliciano Lopez to reach the fourth round of the Australian Open on Friday. The American seventh seed, a four-time semifinalist here, was on court for three-and-a-half hours before winning, 6-7 (4/7), 6-4, 6-4, 7-6 (7/3) on Rod Laver Arena.

Roddick, who is now 8-0 for the new season after his lead-up Brisbane tournament victory, will now play Chilean 11th seed Fernando Gonzalez, a former finalist here. "I feel fine," Roddick said. "I had a longer match today and I'm relieved to get through to the next round."

In a tight match, the American earned three service breaks and left-handed Lopez just one as both players probed for openings with patient long rallies. But it was Roddick's greater groundstroke consistency that won through as the 46th-ranked Lopez committed 60 unforced errors to the American's 21. — Internet

Zambia, Cameroon complete Angola last eight line-up

LUANDA, 22 Jan — Zambia belived their lowly world ranking to emerge as surprise Group D winners ahead of continental giants Cameroon as the Africa Cup of Na-



Zambia's footballers celebrate after scoring a goal against Gabon during their Group D match at the African Cup of Nations at the Ombaka stadium in Benguela, on

21 January. —INTERNET

tions' first round came to a nerve-jangling climax on Thursday. With a superb 2-1 win over Gabon, Zambia jumped from bottom to top of their mini-league to earn a quarter-final date with Nigeria.

World Cup qualifiers Cameroon had to come from behind to draw 2-2 with Tunisia, a result that left them second in the table and facing defending champions Egypt in a re-run of the 2008 final in Ghana. For Tunisia and Gabon, who had shocked Cameroon in the opening game, it meant the end of the road in Angola.

Internet

Man United's O'Shea set to miss rest of season

DUBLIN, 22 Jan — Manchester United defender John O'Shea is set to miss the rest of the season with a leg injury, manager Sir Alex Ferguson said on Thursday. O'Shea suffered a suspected dead leg playing for the Republic of



Manchester United defender John O'Shea.

Ireland during their controversial World Cup playoff defeat by France in November but the injury has proved more severe than first thought.

Ferguson told Thursday's *Irish Independent*: "He's got a terrible injury at the moment. It's one of those sorts of injuries that are unusual. It's like a dead leg except a dead leg is usually only three or four days. "The problem is that the blood clot became all knotted and when it gets knotted you get calcification so therefore it's a long process to clear that up and he'll probably miss the season now. "It's a bad blow for the boy and for the team because he can play anywhere." —Internet

Hull launch legal action against ex-chairman

LONDON, 22 Jan — Premier League side Hull City have launched legal proceedings against former chairman Paul Duffen, the club said on Thursday. "Hull City Football Club has now issued legal proceedings against Paul Duffen in the High Court," said the statement.

"This action has been taken to protect the commercial best interests of the football club against the actions undertaken by Paul Duffen while in office at Hull City," Adam Pearson, whom Duffen had replaced in June 2007, took over again as Hull chairman after Duffen quit in October. Duffen stood down after pressure mounted on him and manager Phil Brown following the club's poor start to their second season in the top flight. —Internet

Jankovic bundled out of Australian Open



Alona Bondarenko of Ukraine celebrates scoring during the women's singles third round match against Jelena Jankovic of Serbia at the 2010 Australian Open tennis tournament in Melbourne, Australia, on

22 Jan, 2010.

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MELBOURNE, 22 Jan — Eighth seed Jelena Jankovic of Serbia crashed out of the Australian Open on Friday after she went down in straight sets to Ukraine's Alona Bondarenko in the third round. Bondarenko, the 31st seed, took 88 minutes to wrap up a 6-2, 6-3 win at Hisense Arena.

Her opponent in the last 16 will be either France's Marion Bartoli or China's Zheng Jie. On Rod Laver Arena, No 2 seed Dinara Safina wasted no time winning her third-round match, seeing off Britain's Elena Baltacha 6-1, 6-2 in just 57 minutes.

Xinhua

Henin, Safina advance at Australian Open

MELBOURNE, 22 Jan — Justine Henin staged another memorable comeback Friday to advance in her first Grand Slam out of retirement, beating No 27 Alisa Kleybanova 3-6, 6-4, 6-2 in the third round of the Australian Open.



Justine Henin of Belgium waves after defeating Russia's Alisa Kleybanova at the Australian Open tennis tournament in Melbourne on 22 Jan, 2010. — INTERNET

Facing two break points at 1-3 in the second set, it seemed as if Henin's dramatic win over Olympic gold medalist and fifth-ranked Elena Dementieva on Wednesday had sapped too much energy.

After all, it was only the seventh match for the seven-time Grand Slam winner since she returned from 20 months off the tour.

But Henin managed to hold that game, hitting the lines with her groundstrokes instead of just missing them, and in the next game converted her first break-point chance against Kleybanova.

As soon Henin found her range, the match was as good as over. "I kind of survived a little bit today," Henin said.

Internet

Draw lifts comeback kings Cameroon into last eight

LUBANGO, 22 Jan — Cameroon came from behind twice to draw 2-2 with Tunisia on Thursday and reach the Africa Cup of Nations quarter-finals. Sharing the points after a Group D thriller at Tundavala Stadium was enough for the four-time champions to advance alongside Zambia, who beat overnight leaders Gabon 2-1 in Benguela.

A match that began so promisingly for the north Africans as they took a 57-second lead ended disastrously with defender Ammar Jemal sent off just before full-time for a second caution. Tunisia were seeking a first Nations Cup victory over Cameroon after a draw and two losses, including an extra-time defeat in a quarter-final thriller two years ago in Ghana.

Internet

Jo joins Neill at Galatasaray

LONDON, 22 Jan — Brazil striker Jo has joined Turkish club Galatasaray on loan until the end of this season, it was announced on Thursday. Jo was on a season-



Brazil striker Jo, seen here in 2009, has joined Turkish club Galatasaray on loan until the end of this season, it was announced on Thursday. —INTERNET

long loan from Manchester City to their Premier League rivals Everton, where he scored seven goals in 36 appearances during two spells at Goodison Park, but the Merseysiders confirmed that deal had been cut short.

He did not endear himself to manager David Moyes by returning to Brazil earlier this month without the Everton boss's permission and a club statement said: "A season-long loan deal for the player had been agreed between Everton and Manchester City in the summer, but this has been cut short."

Internet



- ★ 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

Lt-Gen Khin Zaw of Ministry of Defence inspects development of Pearl Island region

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Jan—Lt-Gen Khin Zaw of Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo and officials concerned, inspected earth

work for construction of Thamoke-Bokegyan road section of Dawei-Myeik rail road project near Thamoke village in Myeik and bridge construction on 20 January.

Lt-Gen Khin Zaw also inspected culture and
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Matriculation supplements for exam sitters

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Jan—With a view to helping candidates sitting for matriculation examination understand how to do well in the exam, the important points of relevant subjects will be described in Myanmar Alin and Kyemon dailies starting from 24 January.

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Pulonetonetone, a pleasant seaside resort on southernmost tip of Myanmar

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On our trip in Kawthoung, the southernmost town of Myanmar, we, media

crew of Kyemon daily, dropped in Pulonetonetone island, four miles to the west of

Kawthoung. Pulonetonetone village covers 63.39 square miles and is surrounded

by Andaman Sea in the north and south, Pakchan River and Ranong Township of Thailand in the east and Semile Village of Kawthoung Township in the west. Pulonetonetone island literally means turtle island. The village was

included in the boundary of Kawthoung on 21-8-1998.

Previously, Pulonetonetone island was only accessible by water crafts. At present, a 2690-foot wooden bridge and a 110-foot wooden bridge

are serving as a link between Pulonetonetone island and Kawthoung and plans are under way to replace these two wooden bridges with RC type facility that can deal with light vehicles.

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The breathtaking view of Pulonetonetone island with Zardekgyi island in the background.

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