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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

Lahe Township witnessing signs of significant progress

Byline & Photos: Dedai(IPRD)

Only with stability and peace will it be possible for a country to en-

joy development.

To put it another way, stability and peace are fun-

damental requirements for a region or a country to implement develop-

ment tasks on a broad scale. However much manpower, machinery

and investment a nation uses for its development, it will never achieve its

goal if it is in no position to restore those crucial requirements. Therefore, I would say stability and peace take centre state for regional and national progress.

For instance, there is a significant development gap between past conditions of Lahe Township on Naga Mountain Range in Myanmar that peace and stability could not be restored, and its prevailing conditions that it has begun to reap the fruits of
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Nantsalein Steel Suspension Bridge on Hkamti-Lahe Road Section.

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 26 January, 2010

Boost national prestige, integrity through literature

Myanmar literature has flourished throughout successive periods. Men and women of letters preserve a fine tradition of bringing dignity to own race and religious faith through literary works based on both mundane and supramundane affairs, and making sustained efforts to improve the mother tongue.

The government gives effective encouragement to Myanmar literary world by holding awarding ceremonies annually to honour literati for their outstanding works. Organizations in many fields and well-wishers add awards of all genres with the aim of helping bring about literary works on building the nation.

Tun Foundation held its fourth Awarding Ceremony (2009) at the Myanmar Banks Association in Yangon the other day. The genres included biography, health, archaic treaty (English) and reference (English), apart from life-long achievement award.

Indeed, literature serves as a driving force behind the bid to link the sectors of building the nation with one another. Literati are to help the people stay in touch with latest developments and expand their horizons; enhance the nationalistic spirit and national outlook of the people; and introduce classical works of Myanmar and international affairs by creating works on information and knowledge.

Today, certain powerful countries use information technology as a tool to gain domination over developing countries. They resort to all possible ways and means to make the peoples of the Third World think highly of Western culture and lifestyles. Accordingly, the people have to overcome such attacks with own literary work and culture.

Literati and men of letters are, therefore, under a duty to write beneficial works of literature constantly, help preserve the national character, and safeguard the national prestige and integrity through the might of literature.

People's Doctrine

- * 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

FM felicitates Australian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Jan — On the occasion of the Anniversary of the Australia Day which falls on 26 January 2010, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Stephen Smith, MP, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Australia.—MNA

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CLMV delegates concludes visit

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Jan — Ministers of Culture and Fine Arts, and senior officials from Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam, who had attended culture related roundtable meeting of Ministers of Culture and Fine Arts of Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam (CLMV) yesterday afternoon visited Myanmar Gems Emporium and National Museum and Shwedagon Pagoda in Yangon.

Ministers and officials from Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam this morning and this afternoon left Yangon by



Ministers of Culture and Fine Arts and senior officials from Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam at Yangon International Airport before their departure.

MNA

air, and they were seen off at Yangon International Airport by officials from the Ministry of Culture. MNA

Jewelry Trade Center (Yangon) opened

YANGON, 24 Jan — The opening ceremony of Jewelry Trade Center (Yangon) was held at Kandawgyi Palace Hotel here on 22 January.

General Manager of the hotel Mr Kennedy Ho explained matters related to the center. The general manager and officials

formally opened the center and viewed showrooms displayed inside the center.

An international standard Jewelry Trade Center had been opened in Bangkok. The center has 60 sale counters of various entrepreneurs in Yangon and opens from noon to 8

pm. Its own website, www.jewelrytradecenter.com, has been posted to enable fulltime sales. CCTV cameras have been installed for security purpose and the internet access is available. Other jewelry services will also be provided by JTC (Yangon).

The opening ceremony of Jewelry Trade Center (Yangon) is in progress.

MNA

**My Dream Home at Capital Hypermarket**

YANGON, 24 Jan — Capital Hypermarket will organize My Dream Home: Interior Design & Deco Fair 2010 from 27th January to 2nd February during which furniture, bedding, toiletries, refrigerators, washing machines, vacuum cleaners, irons, microwaves, blenders, electric thermo pots, rice cookers, ceiling, drawers, sofas, carpets, decorative flower vases, office-use chairs and tables, lighting

and paints will be on sales at discount.

All the products are branded ones of Panasonic, INAX,

Ngwekyartaik, scene, Sein & Mya furniture, LEECO, Carpet World and so on.

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Capital Hypermarket will organize My Dream Home: Interior Design & Deco Fair 2010.—MNA

Those who want to buy the gems and jewelries may dial Ph: 249255 to 249259, ext: 5115 and 5713.

MNA



An elderly Yemeni man pushes a child sitting in a cart full of plastic containers as they head to fill them with drinking water in Sanaa on 23 January. Impoverished Yemen is reeling under the threat of Al-Qaeda, northern Shiite rebels and southern secessionists, but a lack of water is putting its ancient capital at even greater risk, experts say.—INTERNET

Three US soldiers killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 25 Jan — Three American soldiers with the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) were killed in Afghanistan on Sunday, taking the total number of US casualties to five in two days, the alliance said in two separate Press releases.

“Three ISAF service members from the United States was killed today in an IED (Improvised Explosive Device) strike in southern Afghanistan”.

ISAF in another Press release also confirmed the death of two more American soldiers in similar incident in the restive southern region. Two more US soldiers with ISAF troops were killed on Saturday also in south Afghanistan.

Over two dozens of the NATO-led soldiers with majority of them Americans have been killed in Afghanistan since early this year.

MNA/Xinhua

Suspected drone down in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 25 Jan — A suspected US drone crashed in Pakistan's tribal region, a Pakistani intelligence official told CNN.

The unmanned aircraft went down about 8 pm (10 am ET) on Sunday night near the village of Hamzoni in North Waziristan, the official said. Hamzoni is about 5 km (3 miles) west of Miran Shah, a town well-known for Taliban and al Qaeda activity.

The official said he did not know whether the aircraft was shot down or if it crashed because of mechanical problems. He asked not to be named because he is not authorized to speak to the media. It was the second reported crash of a US drone in Pakistan. In September 2008, Pakistani

officials said a drone went down on the Pakistan side of the border with Afghanistan, near Jalal village in the Angoor Adda region of South Waziristan.

Internet



A United Nations boat used in the search operation is seen off Khalde beach, following the Ethiopian.—INTERNET

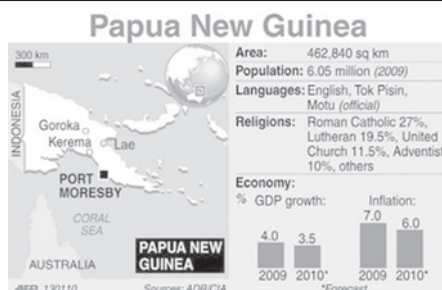
Fight over gas pipeline leaves 11 dead in PNG

PORT MORESBY, 25 Jan — A gunbattle over lucrative profits from a gas pipeline planned by ExxonMobil in Papua New Guinea has left 11 people dead and 270 properties destroyed, reports said on Monday.

The violence erupted when a gang of villagers from the Erave district in the Southern Highlands attacked a neighbouring clan in Pawale village with high-powered guns on the weekend, the *Post Courier* reported. “Hundreds of women and children who fled are unaccounted for after 270 houses and other properties were destroyed,” the paper said.

The raid was believed to be in retaliation for the killing of a man ahead of talks among Southern

Highlands landowners on the sharing of profits from the 15-billion-dollar liquefied natural gas pipeline, it said. Once complete, the pipeline operated by US energy giant ExxonMobil and partners will transport LNG from the remote Southern Highlands to the Papua New Guinea capital Port Moresby, from where the gas will be shipped abroad.—Internet



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INTERNET

Policeman killed, eight bodies found in mass grave in Iraq

FALLUJAH, 25 Jan—A policeman was killed in a bomb attack and eight decomposed bodies discovered near the once volatile city of Fallujah on Sunday, a local police source said.

A roadside bomb went off near a police patrol in the town of Garma near the city of Fallujah, some 50 km west of Baghdad, killing a policeman and wounding two others, the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

The blast destroyed a police vehicle, damaging several nearby civilian cars and buildings, the source said.

Separately, the police discovered eight decomposed bodies buried in a mass grave outside Fallujah, the source added.—*Xinhua*

Ethiopian plane crashes into sea off Beirut

BEIRUT, 25 Jan—Ninety people, including two British nationals, are presumed dead after an Ethiopian Airlines plane crashed into the sea today minutes after taking off from Beirut during a thunderstorm. Witnesses reported seeing a “ball of fire” plunging into the Mediterranean.

Among those on Flight 409, which was heading to the Ethiopian capital, Addis Ababa, were two British nationals of Lebanese origin, as well as the wife of the French

ambassador to Lebanon, *Reuters* reported. The majority of the passengers were Lebanese or Ethiopian. Lebanon's military said the aeroplane appeared to have broken up in mid-air before falling into the water, and that there was no realistic prospect of finding survivors more than 12 hours after the crash.

The Boeing 737-800 aircraft took off from Beirut's Rafik Hariri airport at around 2.30am local time and disappeared from radar a few minutes later, two

miles off Naameh, a coastal village.

The plane took off amid heavy rain, high winds and lightning. Poor weather also hampered the rescue efforts by helicopters and naval ships, although 24 bodies have so far been recovered. Among the 83 passengers and seven crew listed as being on the plane were 54 Lebanese nationals, 22 Ethiopians, one Iraqi, one Syrian, one Canadian and one Russian, as well as the Britons and the French ambassador's wife, Marla Pietton.—Internet



Around 1.3 billion people depend on the water that flows down from the Himalayan glaciers, which experts say are melting at an alarming rate.

INTERNET

UN panel chief won't quit for Himalayan melt error

NEW DELHI, 25 Jan—The head of a panel of United Nations climate scientists said on Saturday he would not resign despite a recent admission that a panel report warning Himalayan glaciers could be gone by 2035 was hundreds of years off.

The claim, made in the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's vo-

luminous, Nobel-winning report, came in a paragraph with several errors. Data indicates the ice could melt by 2350. The assertion went virtually unnoticed until *The Sunday Times* said the projection seemed to be based on a news report.

The scientists are investigating how the forecast got into the report and

apologized on Thursday for the mistakes, adding that they were not intentional. But the errors have opened the door for attacks from climate change skeptics.

But Rajendra Pachauri, who heads the panel, said no action would be taken against the authors of the report and he would not resign.—*Internet*

Al-Qaeda behind recent bombing in Afghan capital

KABUL, 25 Jan — Afghan government on Sunday blamed al-Qaeda network for organizing the recent deadly attacks in the capital city Kabul that left 15 dead and injured over 70 others. "A terrorist arrested recently has confessed during an investigation to his link with al-Qaeda and had led the seven terrorists that attacked Kabul last week," a senior intelligence official Moha-mmad Naem Balouch told newsmen at a Press conference on Sunday.

He also added that 188 terrorist networks have been unearthed and smashed; but did not give details. The terrorists, he added, had used the fertilizer—ammonium nitrate in making explosive de-

vices to target government interests.

In the recent attack on Kabul, a suicide bomber blew himself up by detonating a bomb that was made from ammonium nitrate, Balouch said.

Xinhua



An Afghan seller counts bags of fertilizer at his shop in the Afghan capital Kabul, on 24 Jan, 2010.

XINHUA

M4.8 earthquake hits north China

BEIJING, 25 Jan—An earthquake measuring 4.8 on the Richter scale struck northern China's Shanxi Province Sunday at 10:36 am Beijing Time, according to China's national seismological network.

The epicentre, located at the border area between Hejin City and Wanrong County, was at 35.5 degrees north latitude and 110.7 degrees east longitude with a depth of 12 kilometres, the network said.—*Xinhua*

Rescuers reach stranded Russian ship

MOSCOW, 25 Jan—Rescuers evacuated 11 people by helicopter Saturday morning from a Russian cargo vessel stranded in icy waters off the coast of eastern Russia, an official said.

Russian officials say the evacuees have been flown on a privately owned helicopter to the town of Nogliki on nearby Sakhalin Island, which lies to the north of Japan.

The *Smolninsky* refrigerated ship was battered by heavy winds on Friday, freezing it over and causing the vessel to list dangerously to its port side in the Sea of Okhotsk, which separates Russia's Kamchatka Peninsula from

the mainland. The *Sakhalin* rescue centre's spokesman, Nikolai Ivanov, said the *Smolninsky* still has 20 crew members on board and is making slow progress to safer waters closer to the shore, some 55 kilometres (34 miles) away, in the hope of saving the vessel.—*Internet*

46 injured after plane crash lands in Iran

TEHERAN, 25 Jan—An Iranian passenger plane carrying 157 passengers and 13 crew crash landed in northeastern Iran on Sunday injuring at least 46 people, state television reported.

The broadcast quoted Iran's civil aviation spokesman, Reza Jafarzadeh, as saying that no one was killed in the accident. He gave no indication of what might have caused the accident. The *Taban Air* plane caught fire upon landing at Mashhad airport at 7:20 am local time (0350 GMT). The injured have been taken to hospitals in Mashhad, the report added.—*Internet*



A foreign freighter docks at a wharf of Lianyungang Port, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 23 Jan, 2010. The unloading volume of imported alumina at the Lianyungang Port has reached some 300,000 tons in January, and its unloading volume of imported alumina totaled 2.6 million tons in 2009, ranking atop of the country.—XINHUA

People pose for photos with two cartoon figures at the opening ceremony of an activity held for fans of the cartoon movie "Pleasant Goat and Big Big Wolf" in Guangzhou, south China's Guangdong Province, on 23 Jan, 2010. Many fans took part in the ceremony which also marked the inception of the 5-day-long Pleasant Goat Carnival. It is said that the second movie of the popular cartoon series "Pleasant Goat and Big Big Wolf" is to be premiered nationwide during the forthcoming winter vacation. —XINHUA



Seven killed as bomb blasts in north Afghanistan

KABUL, 25 Jan—Seven civilians were killed and another sustained injuries as a bomb, left over from the past years of war, went off in Afghanistan's northern Faryab Province on Friday, said a statement of Interior Ministry released here on Saturday.

"The tragic incident occurred in Qaisar

District on Friday when residents found a big bomb and wanted to move it to a safe place, but suddenly it exploded, leaving seven civilians dead and another injured," the statement added.

The bodies of the victims have been handed over to their families, it said.

Xinhua

All Items from Xinhua News Agency



Chinese exploration team members look for meteorolites in Grove Mountains of Antarctica, on 24 Jan, 2010. Chinese expedition team has made China's possession of Antarctic meteorolites exceeding 10,536 pieces on Saturday. —XINHUA

ISS orbit successfully corrected

MOSCOW, 25 Jan—The orbit of the *International Space Station (ISS)* has been successfully raised by about 5 km on Sunday, said the Mission Control Centre outside Moscow. The operation has thus created conditions for the dockings between the *ISS* and Russian cargo spaceships as well as US space shuttles, news agencies reported.

The space maneuver was carried out in automatic mode at around 12:02 Moscow Time (0902 GMT) and lasted about 150 seconds, said the Mission Control, when two thrusters of the *Zvezda* service module were initiated to raise the space station's orbit.

The orbit of the *ISS* is corrected periodically to compensate for Earth's gravity and to ensure successful spacecraft dockings.

A tryout orbit correction has already been conducted earlier this month, when the space station was raised by around 1.7 km. Russian cargo spaceship *Progress M-04M* and US space shuttle *Endeavour* are scheduled to be launched on 3 Feb and 7 Feb respectively.

Russia plans to launch four manned and six cargo supply missions to the *ISS* in 2010. —Xinhua



Smoke rises hundreds of metres into the sky following an explosion in the area near Baghdad's Palestine Hotel. Three massive blasts in quick succession shook Baghdad, with the first near the Palestine Hotel followed minutes later by two loud explosions near the international Green Zone.

XINHUA

South Korean President starts visit to India

NEW DELHI, 25 Jan—South Korean President Lee Myung-Bak on Sunday began a four-day visit to India during which the two countries will explore the possibilities of a civil nuclear pact and sign agreements in various fields, including IT and civilian space, reported the *Indo-Asian News Service*.

Lee began his visit from Chennai, southern India, where he visited the

Hyundai factory near the Tamil Nadu capital and met Korean businessmen before flying to New Delhi in the evening, said the report quoting official sources.

Lee will also be the guest of honour at the Republic Day parade in the Indian capital on Tuesday, according to the report.

Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh will hold talks with Lee on Monday on a wide range

of bilateral, regional and global issues, including the intensification of economic ties and cooperation in sphere of civilian nuclear cooperation and space technologies, according to the report.

Closer cooperation in combating global financial recession will also be discussed in the context of the G20 summit Seoul will host later this year, according to the report.

Xinhua

Beijing ambitious to become "world city"

BEIJING, 25 Jan—Beijing is no longer content to be only an international city, and intends to become a "world city," Mayor Guo Jinlong said on Monday.

Guo gave no agenda for the objective when he announced the plan on the opening day of the third session of the 13th Beijing Municipal People's Congress.

Huang Yan, director of Beijing Municipal Commission of Urban Planning, told *Xinhua* on Monday that the government hoped to achieve the transformation of

Beijing into a "world city" by 2050.

The international community generally regarded a world city as having a per-capita gross domestic product (GDP) exceeding 15,000 US dollars a year, while Beijing had just surpassed the 10,000-US dollar mark in 2009, said Huang. Huang said a world city usually had a global influence in terms of politics, economy and culture. It was usually favoured by influential international organizations to base their headquarters. —Xinhua



Workers break the ice at the Yalu River in Dandong City, northeast China's Liaoning Province, on 23 Jan, 2010. Local section of the Yalu River was frozen due to continued cold wave that gripped the city recently. —XINHUA

Nine Latin American countries meet on rebuilding quake-hit Haiti

CARACAS, 25 Jan—Foreign ministers of nine member nations of the Bolivarian Alliance for the Americas (ALBA) met here on Sunday to discuss how to help rebuild Haiti, which was battered by a 7.3-magnitude quake on 12 Jan, Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez announced.

In his nationwide televised on Sunday TV/Radio Programme "Hello, President," Chavez said the meeting will work out a mid- and long-term strategic plan to rebuild Haiti, including the rebuilding of hospitals, waterworks as well as projects to boost farm, food and fishing production.

According to the Haitian Interior Ministry, the death toll had surpassed 110,000 in the devastating quake, which had also injured some 200,000 people and left more than 600,000. Haitian officials estimated that the final death toll could reach 200,000.

Xinhua

A tsunami of destruction threatens worldwide heritage

BEIJING, 25 Jan—Three decades of aggressive development, illegal mining, natural disasters and crime have had major implications on China's sites of historical and cultural importance.

An examination carried out by the State Administration of Cultural Heritage (SACH), revealed that new buildings, roads and reservoirs have replaced sites, which were previously listed as places of national heritage. The report even unveiled that illegal mining in Inner Mongolia destroyed a large part of the Great Wall. Heritage places were recorded in 1982 and according to officials from SACH, some 30,995 items from this list has vanished.

It is not just large-scale construction and infrastructure projects which are causing the destruction of China's heritage. Natural disasters and crime is also contributing to the country's vanishing ancient relics.

Xinhua

China economist sees 2010 GDP up 9.5 percent

BEIJING, 25 Jan—China's gross domestic product growth is likely to grow about 9.5 percent in 2010, largely driven by strong domestic consumption and corporate investment, a government researcher said in remarks published on Monday.

Zhang Liqun, an economist at the Development Research Centre, a

think-tank under the State Council, said he saw little chance of serious inflationary pressure this year; the headline consumer price index (CPI) was likely to rise at most 3 percent.

"I expect domestic consumption to grow at a fairly fast pace this year on the back of consistent policies to boost car and owner-occupied home

sales," Zhang was quoted as saying by the official *China Securities Journal*.

China's GDP last year grew 8.7 percent. The median 2010 GDP forecast of economists polled by *Reuters* last week was 9.5 percent, the same as Zhang's.

Zhang said enterprises would take the baton from the government to drive fixed-asset investment, which would rise about 20 percent this year compared with 30.1 percent in 2009.

Internet

4.7-magnitude aftershock jolts Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE, 25 Jan—A 4.7-magnitude aftershock rocked Haiti on Sunday, but caused no serious damage.

When the quake occurred at 16:51 pm (2151 GMT), some scared residents ran into the streets and yelled for help. However, the majority remained calm, apparently having got used to frequent aftershocks.

The latest aftershock toppled some buildings which had already been severely damaged.

It also partly exposed some bodies hidden under the rubble of a residence in northern Port-au-Prince. Neighbours dug out the bodies and buried them.

According to the US Geological Survey, the epicenter of the quake lies 30 km west of Port-au-Prince, with a shallow depth of 4.1 km.

Over 100 aftershocks have hit Haiti after the devastating quake on 12 Jan, which has killed more than 110,000 and left 3 million homeless.—*Xinhua*

Bangladesh aims to cut poverty rate to 15% by 2021

DHAKA, 25 Jan—The Bangladeshi government is working to cut poverty to 15 percent of its population by 2021, the country's local Government Minister Syed Ashrafur Islam said on Sunday.

Inaugurating the 2nd ministerial meeting of the Centre of Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP) in Dhaka, he said Bangladesh wants CIRDAP to play a vital role for poverty alleviation and development of poorer nations. Islam called upon the delegates of 14 countries, participating in the five-day meeting of the CIRDAP in Dhaka, to extend all possible support in promotion of agriculture sector and rural development in particular.—*Xinhua*



A tractor and trailer
bring farm workers
back from the fields in
Zimbabwe, in 2000.

INTERNET

Hunger looms as Zimbabwe's planting season ends

BINDURA, 25 Jan—In a dusty field in northern Zimbabwe, villagers clap and sing as they receive desperately needed seed

and fertilizer for their crops, their only source of food and income.

In this poor village in Bindura district, about 70 kilometres (45 miles) north of Harare, families live and die by the seeds they plant and the rains that fall.

Donors have given 74 million dollars in aid to Zimbabwe's traditional sustenance farmers, a windfall for communities like Bindura.

The UN Food and Agriculture Organization predicts that donor-funded projects could produce 450,000 tonnes of grain, about one-quarter

of the nation's needs.

"We had no hope of getting seed, and at the same time we did not know how we would get seed in time" for the planting season, said Christopher Mafusire, who received 10 kilos of seed from the scheme.

The 67-year-old said he could now plant two acres of land, which should be enough to feed his family — if rains come on time.

"This village had hunger, but now we will not starve," Mafusire said.

Many Zimbabwean farmers aren't so fortunate.—*Internet*

S Africa steps up security after poachers kill 14 rhinos

Poachers have killed 14 rhinos in South Africa this year, the national parks authority said on Friday, announcing military patrols in the world-famous Kruger National Park.

"These poachers are members of well-resourced syndicates and are also

involved in chilling crimes like human trafficking, arms smuggling, prostitution and drug trafficking," said David Mabunda, chief of the South African National Parks (SANParks) in a statement.

"They are dangerous criminals."

Rhino poaching has intensified in South Africa with 14 slaughtered — seven in Kruger and seven in the North West province — in the first two weeks of January. Last year, 122 were killed nationwide.

SANParks said plans were on for soldiers to patrol the borders of Kruger and to camp in specific areas. Kruger shares about 450 kilometres (280 miles) of international borders with Zimbabwe and Mozambique.



A male white rhinoceros at a game farm in Malelane in 2004. Poachers have killed 14 rhinos in South Africa this year, the national parks authority said, announcing military patrols in the world-famous Kruger National Park.



A family of elephants walk at the Ol Pejeta wildlife conservancy near Nanyuki town, 350 km (217 miles) north of the capital Nairobi, on the slopes of Mount Kenya.

Skydiver plans height record

An Austrian parachutist famous for jumping from Malaysia's Petronas Towers says his next goal is a world record for highest parachute jump.

Felix Baumgartner said he wants to skydive from a balloon at 120,000 feet above the ground to destroy the 102,800-foot record set 50 years ago by American Joe Kittinger, the BBC reported on Friday.

Baumgartner said he expects the fall would cause him to become the first human being to exceed the speed of sound (768 mph) without the aid of a machine.

"One of the unknowns is how a human body will react approaching supersonic speeds," he said. "The effects of the transition from subsonic through transonic to supersonic velocity and back again are not known. This is just one of the things we'll learn."

NEWS ALBUM

16-year-old girl starts solo sail around globe

A 16-year-old has set out to become the youngest person to sail around the world alone.

Abby Sunderland of Thousand Oaks sailed into the sunny Pacific Ocean on Saturday after being delayed a few days by a series of violent storms in California.

Her boat-builder father, Laurence, along with other family members and friends, cheered at the Del Rey Yacht Club as they watched the 40-foot craft called Wild Eyes depart.

She plans to be at sea for five or six months. She will be alone but able to communicate via satellite telephone and a blog (at abbyssunderland.com). The current record holder is 17-year-old Mike Perham of Britain, who took the mark last year from Abby's then-17-year-old brother Zac.



Abby Sunderland, 16, looks out from her sailboat, Wild Eyes, as she leaves for her world record attempting journey at the Del Rey Yacht Club in Marina del Rey, Calif. Sunderland is attempting to be the youngest person to complete a nonstop, unassisted solo-circumnavigation of the globe by sea.

Stolen dog reunited with owner after trek

A stolen German shepherd made it most of the way home to northern Italy before a veterinarian recognized a tattoo identifying his original owner.

Rocky, who was battered, thin and dirty after a two-month trek of almost 400 miles from Salerno near Naples to Pisa, got to travel the last few miles to Tuscany in comfort, the Italian news agency ANSA reported. Ibrahim Fwal, who adopted Rocky from the pound in Carrara five years ago, came to fetch him and drove him home on his motor scooter.

Learned men taking part in successful realization of Ministry of Information's objectives honoured



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan awards prize through U Myint Thein.—MNA

YANGON, 25 Jan—A ceremony to honour learned men who had participated in the successful realization of Ministry of Information's objectives was held at the Studio-A of Myanmar Radio and Television on Pyay Road, here, this morning with an address by Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan.

Also present on the occasion were heads of department, technicians who had contributed their services in success of the objectives, staff of MRTV and guests.

In his address, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan said that the ministry has been discharging duties of information of the State, literary and arts in accord

with the policies laid down, adding that literati and artists have been actively participating in the drive for successful realization of the ministry's objectives. The minister stressed the necessity for artistes to continue participating in the process.

Next, the minister presented prizes for 129 artistes who had contributed their services in National Literary Award Scrutiny Board, Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Scrutiny Board, Pakokku U Ohn Pe Literary Award Scrutiny Board, Myanmar, the Panel of Judges for Promoting the Standard of Myanmar Motion Picture for 2008, Motion Picture Censorship Board for 2008 and Video Censorship Board for 2008, MRTV Old

Songs Scrutiny Board, Modern Musics Scrutiny Board, Myanmar Classical Songs Scrutiny Board and Myanmar References Scrutiny Board through U Tin Kha (Tekkatho Tin Kha), U Myint Thein, U Maung Hlaing, Daw Po Po Kyi, U Min Naung and Dr Thaw Kaung.

Afterwards, Chairman of Myanmar Music Asiayon U Maung Maung Latt spoke words of thanks and the ceremony came to an end.

After the ceremony, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan cordially greeted those present on the occasion.

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Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan cordially greets scholars.—MNA

Lahe Township witnessing signs of significant progress

Byline & Photos: Dedai (IPRD)

(from page 1)
the efforts the Tatmadaw government has been making with heart and soul for national development. I served as a government servant for nine years in that township commencing November 1979. In the time of the Tatmadaw government, Lahe Township has seen signs of remarkable development, according to my firsthand experiences during my tour of duties for five more times in the township, and one time in Leshi.

Previously, an about 56 miles trip from Khamti in northern Sagaing Division to Lahe Township took travelers about six days because conflicts and instability were rampant in the region and they

had to get protection of security forces. In the process, provisions and personal goods were carried on the backs of mules, horses and cows. And it was needed to take great care to travel from one village to another. The development rate of the region was at the bottom.

Now, Lahe Township on Naga Mountain Range has enjoyed development far better than that in the past. The roads in downtown township are all tarred ones. The 56-mile trip has been reduced to a 7-8 hours drive. People can travel from one place to another in the township at any time as a result of peace and stability. Much of Hkamti (Hsinthay)-Lahe Road has been tarred. The old bridges spanning the

creeks along the road have been reconstructed, two of which are above-180-foot ones: Hwehtaik Bridge and Nansalein Bridge. Due to the bridges constructed by the government, the commodity flow in the region has become swift, and there is no need to use mules, horses and oxen to transport goods.

As to the education sector, the basic education middle school in the township has been upgraded to a high school. Lahe Township is in one of the special regions for progress of border areas and national races. So, it has witnessed a good number of youths training centres and vocational training centres for women.

Regarding the com-

munication sector, it had no telegraph office, post office, and auto exchanges in the past. Now, it has been equipped with manual telephones, iP Star telephones, post office and telegraph office. It has got a TV retransmitting station, an office of the Information and Public Relations Department, and 96 self-reliant village libraries,

thus broadening the horizons of local people.

Owing to the 0.05-megawatt hydropower station, the urban wards have easy access to electric power. In addition, some villages have hydropower generators.

The township has also enjoyed the urbanization programme, as supported by a growing number of

fine houses.

Such tangible results are largely due to stability and peace, reflecting the drive the government is in pursuit of with benevolent attitude towards the people for equitable development of all parts of the Union, regardless of location.

Translation: MS
Kyemon: 25-1-2010



The office of Lahe Township Information and Public Relations Department.

Kawthoung-Bokpyin-Myeik Road Section under construction

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Jan—Lt-Gen Khin Zaw of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo, inspected Kawthoung-Bokpyin Road Section on 23 January.

He called for greater regional development in meeting with officers and other ranks and their families at Bokpyin Station.

He inspected Kawthoung-Bokpyin-Myeik Road Section, and the bridges, culverts, oil palm farms and saplings along the road section.—MNA

Lt-Gen Khin Zaw looks into condition of Kawthoung-Bokpyin road section.—MNA



Fire engines, vehicles donated to Fire Services Department

YANGON, 25 Jan — A ceremony to donate five fire engines, one rescue vehicle and one ambulance by Japanese Government to the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement was held at Fire Services Department (Headquarters) in Mayangon here this morning.

Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Yasuaki Nogawa, who explained the purpose of donation,

handed over documents related to vehicles to U Myint Tun, Director-General of the Fire Services Department. Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe expressed thanks.

The minister and officials later viewed the vehicles which were donated for cyclone damaged regions in Ayeyawady Division. The total amount of donation is 124,536 US dollars.—MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe inspects five fire engines, a life vehicle and an ambulance donated by the Japanese government.—MNA



Energy Minister inspects progress in laying 24-inch gas pipelines offshore

YANGON, 25 Jan—Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi arrived at Swiber Conquest Pipe Lay Barge that was starting to lay 24-inch gas pipelines at Myanma offshore oil field this morning.

At the meeting hall aboard the Swiber Conquest vessel, Superintendent Mr. Ed.Farmer and Project Manager Mr.Rajesh Parchal reported to the minister on progress in laying gas pipelines offshore Myanmar. After hearing the reports, the minister discussed technical ways of laying gas pipelines with technicians and then he instructed them to lay pipelines technically and to make efforts in laying pipelines at sea round the clock to complete in time during the open season.

Next, the minister looked into welding of 24-inch pipelines, checking the joint weld by means of automatic ultra sonic test, heat shrink sleeve coating, foam injection and laying a series of gas pipelines and then met technicians in the control room aboard Pipe Lay Barge.

Afterwards, the minister aboard the helicopter inspected progress in building Pipe Line Centre at Daw Nyein Land Fall and connecting 24-inch pipelines between Daw Nyein and Pyapon with the use of HDD (Horizontal Directional Drilling machine).

The 24-inch pipelines laying task covers 85 miles inland and 93 miles offshore totalling 179 miles. Now 50 miles have been covered in laying pipelines inland and offshore pipelines laying task started on 23 January and all the works will be completed on schedule.

MNA

Australian Ambassador to Myanmar Ms. Michelle Su-Wen Chan greets Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha and wife at the reception to mark National Day of Australia on 25 January.—MNA

Seven Diamond Dragon Trading Co Ltd launches new products

YANGON, 25 Jan—Seven Diamond Dragon Trading Co Ltd, distributor of Storm, Galanz, Amby London, Saigon and Ladyfirst branded cos-

metics, to express its thanks to retailers, organized a lucky draw programme at Chatrium Hotel here yesterday.

Director U Sai Hu of

the company extended greetings and introduced new products. It was followed by lucky draw programme and then lunch.

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Director U Sai Hu of Seven Diamond Dragon extends greetings at the ceremony to launch new products.—MNA





Lt-Gen Myint Swe views research posters and medicines and medical booths at the opening ceremony of Myanmar Health Research Conference (2009). (News on page 16)—MNA



Minister inspects construction of Yazudaing Bridge No (1)

YANGON, 25 Jan — Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint on 24 January inspected the construction of Yazudaing Bridge No (1) on Maubin-Yelaekalay-Shwe-taungmaw-Kyaikpi-Mawlamyinegyun and the road which links Yazudaing Bridge Nos (1) and (2).

The minister also viewed the earth work for the construction of

the approach road on Kyaikpi bank. He called the officials for complet-

ing of approach road in time with the accomplishment of the bridge

and for meeting set standards.

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Construction Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint inspects progress in building Yazudaing Bridge No (1).

CONSTRUCTION

Bawga Thiri express bus terminal in Nay Pyi Taw standing at core transport

Byline: Myint Maung Soe, Photos: Myo Min Thein (Mayangon)

(form page 16)

The Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee is making efforts with added momentum to turn the Nay Pyi Taw into a city of international level.

Bawga Thiri express bus terminal is one of infrastructures already in place in Nay Pyi Taw. The express bus terminal is a gateway to all express plying to and from Nay Pyi Taw and its nearby cities, cities of upper and lower Myanmar, Lashio of Shan State (North) and Taunggyi of Shan State (South).

Our news crew of Myanma Alin daily arrived there to write a byline about better transport the Nay Pyi Taw is enjoying.

Acting Head of Revenues Department of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee U Kyaw Soe Win in the interview said,

“Our Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee opened Bawga Thiri express bus terminal at the junction of Yangon-Mandalay detour and Yazahtani Road near Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana on 8 December 2006. The purpose of building the express bus terminal is to ensure smooth transportation and swift commodity flow between Nay Pyi Taw and other cities. The express bus terminal includes brokerage houses, bus stations, food centres and work shops. First priority of our Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee is to become the Nay Pyi Taw developed. So, every car passing through this express bus terminal has been given exemption from paying the tax”.

Head of Division of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee’s Rev-

enues Department Administrator of Bawga Thiri express bus terminal U Aung Myo Myat explained to us, “According



“Measures are being taken for greening.”

**U Kyaw Soe Win
(Acting Head of
Department)
Nay Pyi Taw DC’s
Revenues
Department**

to our motto saying that clean, tidy, beautifying and greening are a must, we are making efforts on keeping the compound

green and pleasant for ever, adding that the numbers of 28 fire extinguishing posts are erected for fire prevention.”

We had learnt that a total of 82 brokerage houses out of 90 have been opened in the express bus terminal. Those houses are filled with various kinds of materials like construction materials, electric materials and foodstuff from Yangon and Mandalay for trade, from which materials are distributed retail and wholesale to the markets in Nay Pyi Taw.

Moreover, there are 64 bus stations in Bawga Thiri express bus terminal for bus lines plying in downtown Nay Pyi Taw and between Nay Pyi Taw and other cities. Names of the bus lines running in downtown Nay Pyi Taw are Tawwin, Arrmanthit and



“High class auto workshop is kept open.”
U Aung Myo Myat (Head of Division Revenues Department)

Shwemyodaw. Tawwin bus line is plying between Nay Pyi Taw and Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon, Nay Pyi Taw Lewe, Yeni, Swa and Thawuthi. In addition, the trips between Nay Pyi Taw and Toungoo, Meiktila, Magway, Taunggyi, Yangon, Seikpyu and Mandalay are being plied. And other bus lines are making trip between Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay, Yangon, Monywa, Myingyan, Taunggyi, NyaungU and Lashio.

Entrepreneurs willing to launch the business in Bawga Thiri express bus terminal may contact Revenues Department of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee. On the whole, traveling from one place to another and swift commodity flow are booming at a rapid speed thanks to inauguration of Bawga Thiri express bus terminal.

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Myanma Alin:
24-1-2010



Indian labourers unload waste from a tannery onto the banks of the Ganges river in Kanpur in the northern state of Uttar Pradesh on 13 Jan. Environmentalists have accused tanneries of dumping waste directly into the sacred river Ganges.—INTERNET

Two dead in Beijing chemical plant explosion

BEIJING, 25 Jan—Two workers were killed in an explosion at a Beijing chemical plant late Sunday, witnesses and the local government said on Monday.

The blast happened around midnight at a workshop of FRST Chemical Co in Yongshun township of Tongzhou District, a manufacturing town in the eastern suburbs of Beijing. "I heard a bang and saw the place was on fire," said a resident surnamed Lu, who lives close to the plant.

Lu said he saw two walls of the factory compound had collapsed, and windows were broken in buildings at least 20 meters from the site.

A Tongzhou district government spokesman confirmed two workers died in the accident, which happened at 11:42 pm.—Xinhua

The remains of one of two destroyed tents sits atop some of the 200 vintage and collectable autos at the Russo-Steele Auto Auction on 22 Jan, 2010, in Scottsdale, Ariz. The remnants of the biggest storm to hit Arizona in nearly two decades lingered over the state on Friday after drenching California, while authorities in both states continued to tally the damage.—INTERNET

S Korea considers holding G20 summit in Nov

SEOUL, 25 Jan—South Korea is strongly considering holding the G20 summit on 15 Nov, immediately following the summit of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum in Japan, local media said, citing government officials on Monday.

"We think it would be desirable to have delegations fly into Seoul immediately following the APEC forum in Yokohama of Japan, which will finish on 14 Nov," a finance ministry official was quoted as saying by Yonhap news agency.

This year's APEC forum takes place in Yokohama on 6-14 Nov, making it more convenient to have the G20 sum-

mit held in Seoul to better accommodate the busy schedules of officials participating in both meetings, another unnamed senior government official told Yonhap.

The official said the Convention & Exhibition Centre (COEX) in Seoul is the strongest candidate venue to hold the summit, citing its capacity to hold world-class events and proximity to a number of high-end hotels.

In September last year, South Korea was selected as the host country of the fifth G20 summit, where the Group of 20 advanced and emerging economies convene to address global economic issues.—Internet



Patients often unaware of radiation risks

NEW YORK, 25 Jan—Americans are receiving more medical radiation than ever before, experts say, but while it saves countless lives, serious, even fatal mistakes can happen.

With radiation therapy being delivered by technologically complex machines, risks from software flaws, faulty programming, inadequate safety procedures or poor training can lead to crippling mistakes, *The New York Times* reported on Sunday. The average lifetime radiation dose is seven times what it was in 1980, but patients often are unaware of risks, the *Times* said in an analysis based on a review of public and private records and interviews with physicians, researchers, government regulators and others.

Hospitals often place too much trust in the new computer systems and soft-

ware, said Dr Howard I. Amols, chief of clinical physics at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Centre in New York.

Since there is no single agency overseeing medical radiation, regulators and researchers can only guess how often radiotherapy accidents occur. Accidents are under-reported, records show, and some states do not require they be reported at all.

In June, the *Times* found, a Philadelphia hospital gave the wrong radiation dose to more than 90 patients with prostate cancer — then did not report it.

"My suspicion is that maybe half of the accidents we don't know about," said Dr Fred A Mettler Jr, who has investigated radiation accidents around the world.

Internet

Pair first to cross Antarctica unassisted

ATLANTA, 25 Jan—An American—who had never cross-country skied before—and a Norwegian woman together became the first to cross Antarctica unassisted, records show.

Ryan Waters, 36, a native of Cobb County, Ga, now living in Boulder, Colo, and Cecilie Skog, 35, a native of Alesund, Norway, reached the South Pole on New Year's Eve and arrived at their destination on Thursday at the Ross Sea, completing their 70-day, 1,000-mile expedition, *The Atlanta*

Journal-Constitution reported.

Others have traversed the continent, but with the assistance of kites or dogs. Waters and Skog did it all alone, each pulling 300 pounds of equipment as they skied in temperatures as cold as minus 50 degrees.

"The mental part was the most difficult part. It was so many days of con-

stant skiing and at times it was hard," Waters said.

Waters currently lives in Boulder, Colo., where he runs his own business called Mountain Professionals, Waters' parents said.

Waters worked as a geologist for a number of years before focusing on his passion for exploration, the newspaper reported.—Internet

Japan manufacturers' mood brightens

TOKYO, 25 Jan—Confidence among Japanese manufacturers has recovered to its highest level since the financial crisis hit, as strong exports to resurgent Asian markets raise hopes of a steady global recovery, a *Reuters* poll showed.

The Bank of Japan, which wraps up a two-day rate-setting meeting on Tuesday, will likely decide to continue monitoring economic improvements and hold off on new policy initiatives while keeping interest rates near zero to help get the country out of deflation.

"Asian economies have proved to be stronger than previously thought with no signs of a slowdown yet to emerge.

That supports projections that the global economy will continue to recover," said Masamichi Adachi, a senior economist at JPMorgan Securities Japan.

Internet

Women clad in Japanese kimono look at clothings displayed outside a store in Tokyo on 25 Jan, 2010. Japanese manufacturers' confidence has recovered to its highest level since the global financial crisis hit, but remains weak overall due to concerns about deflation and sluggish domestic demand, a Reuters poll showed.

INTERNET



Sino-Kazak Pipeline transports 20 mln tons of oil to China

URUMQI, 25 Jan—The Sino-Kazak Pipeline has piped more than 20 million tonnes of crude oil from Kazakhstan to China since it became operational in 2006, according to the regional government of Xinjiang.

Last year, the pipeline carried 7.73 million tonnes of crude oil into China, up 26 percent year-on-year, the inspection and quarantine bureau in the north-western Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region said

in a Press release on Monday.

The volume makes up about 4 percent of the country's crude imports, which is estimated at around 204 million tonnes last year.

The Sino-Kazak pipeline runs 2,798 kilometres from Atasu in Kazakhstan to the country's largest oil refinery plant in Dushanzi, in Xinjiang, via the Alataw Pass.

It was jointly developed by the China Na-

tional Petroleum Corporation (CNPC) and the Kazakh state energy company, Kazmunaigaz, and is designed to transport 20 million tonnes a year.

It has linked China with the oil fields of the Caspian Sea and helped ease China's reliance on the Strait of Malacca, a traditional route for 80 percent of the country's imported oil.

Last year, China's reliance on foreign oil for the first time topped 50 percent.—Xinhua

Oil stays below \$75 in Asia as stock markets fall

KUALA LUMPUR, 25 Jan—Oil prices stayed below \$75 a barrel in Asia on Monday, dampened by falls in regional stock markets and on Wall Street over President Barack Obama's plans to restrict big banks.

Benchmark crude for March delivery dipped 2 cents to \$74.52 a barrel at midday Kuala Lumpur time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract lost \$1.54 to settle at

\$74.54 on Friday.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell for third straight day on Friday, losing 4.1 percent over the week. It was the worst showing for the market since it began its recovery last March, partly due to disappointing earnings results and Obama's plan for tighter regulations.

Most Asian stock markets also were down on Monday.

"The plan has caused

both equities and commodities to consolidate considerably last week. Details of the plan aren't available but as more news come out, we can expect a lot of volatility in oil pricing," said Victor Shum, an energy analyst with consultancy Purvin & Gertz in Singapore.

He said the correction was not unusual and some traders may view the lower prices as a buy opportunity.

Internet

Sam's Club cuts 11,200 jobs, ten percent of workforce

SAN FRANCISCO, 25 Jan—Sam's Club, the warehouse club division of Wal-Mart Stores Inc is cutting roughly 11,200 jobs, or about 10 percent of its workforce, as it outsources in-store product demonstrations and eliminates positions used to recruit new business members.

Sam's Club Chief Executive Officer Brian Cornell said on Sunday that the retailer would

outline charges associated with the job cuts in February, when it releases fourth-quarter results. He said he did not expect any "material impact" on its financial results.

"We look at this as an investment in the in-club experience," Cornell said in an interview. "This is not a cost-cutting move for us in the short term. We really hope it will be cost neutral for our operation. It's an investment in

building loyalty, enhancing the member experience and driving future growth."

Cornell took the helm at Sam's Club on 3 April last year and has been looking for ways to boost its sales and increase its membership ranks. Members pay an annual fee to shop in its clubs and get discounts on everything from bulk-sized packages of toilet paper to raspberries.—Internet



File photo shows a Sam's Club employee helping a customer in the photo department in Naperville, IL. Giant US retailer Wal-Mart announced this weekend that it will eliminate about 11,500 jobs at its Sam's Club megastores in the United States.—INTERNET

China Faw Group sets 2010 sales target at 2.3 mln units

CHANGCHUN, 25 Jan—China Faw Group Corp has set its sales target for 2010 at more than 2.3 million units, an increase of 18.3 percent from a year earlier, an executive said on Sunday.

Jin Yi, Faw Group's Deputy General Man-

ager, told the 2010 purchase convention that the nation's No 2 carmaker also targets a sales revenue of 290 billion yuan (42.5 billion US dollars), up 11.2 percent from 2009.

The carmaker reported strong sales last year

thanks to cuts in purchase tax and subsidies on small car purchases. It sold 1.95 million units last year, with a sales revenue of 260.8 billion yuan. The two figures recorded annual growth of 26.9 percent and 23.4 percent, respectively.—Xinhua

Man who tried to open airplane door released

DENVER, 25 Jan—A man accused of attempting to open an airplane's exterior door while in flight has been released after investigators determined it wasn't a terrorism matter, authorities said on Sunday.

The incident occurred on Saturday on a United Airlines jetliner en route

from Washington, DC, to Las Vegas. The plane, which had more than 100 people aboard, was diverted to Denver International Airport.

FBI spokeswoman Kathy Wright said a passenger tried opening one of the front doors of the airplane and may have tried to open the

cockpit door before passengers restrained him. The man was taken into custody, questioned and released for a medical evaluation, she said.

Authorities will decide on charges after reviewing the incident, Wright said.

Internet

HP to launch music service in Europe

HELSINKI, 25 Jan—Hewlett-Packard, the world's biggest maker of PCs, will launch a digital music service across key European markets on Monday, hoping to benefit from consumers' rising appetite for new types of music download services.

The MusicStation service will be preloaded on 16 of HP's personal computer

A man tries the Acer Aspire One netbook at a computer mall.

INTERNET

models in Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Netherlands, Belgium and Austria. The service has been developed and is managed by British digital music firm Omnifone. HP runs a similar service in United States with RealNetworks' Rhapsody.

Such new subscription services helped to lift sales of digital music 12 percent last year to \$4.2 billion, industry trade body IFPI said last week. "As the world's

biggest PC vendor, HP has huge opportunity to create a viable competitor to iTunes due to its scale," said Rob Lewis, chief executive of Omnifone.

Apple's iTunes — with a pay-per-download business model — is the leading digital music distributor. Consumers pay around 10 euros (\$14.13) a month for access to all music in HP's service. They can try the service for free for 14 days, and keep 10 tracks each month.—Internet



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2. Tender closing date/time will be on 10.2.2010 at 16:30 hrs.

3. Tender documents are available at the below mentioned address.

**Procurement Committee
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Ph: 534574, 536029**

Sudan underscores importance of China-Arab energy co-operation conference

KHARTOUM, 25 Jan—Sudanese Minister of Energy and Mining al-Zubair Ahmed al-Hassan on Sunday highlighted the importance of the second China-Arab Conference on Energy Cooperation, due to be held on 26-28 Jan in Khartoum. "The conference is a true fruit of the Sino-Arab cooperation and reflects seriousness of the Chinese government to enhance its partnership with the Arab states," al-Hassan said at a Press conference in Khartoum.

"The conference comes as part of the exchange of benefits between China

and the Arab states in the field of energy," he added.

He further said that the partnership between China and the Arab states in field of energy has made strides.

He said the forum would discuss a number of working papers in the fields of energy, petroleum, renewable energies, including solar energy, wind energy and nuclear energy, adding that "there will be an objective scientific discussion on these topics."

The Chinese Ambassador to Sudan, Li

Chengwen, speaking at the Press conference, said that the conference came within the framework of the Sino-Arab cooperation, adding that "the conference enhances the Sino-Arab ties, particularly in the economic, commercial, cultural and educational fields."

"There is a wide cooperation between China and the Arab states in field of energy. It is a cooperation that we all benefit from through exchange of experiences," he said.

Xinhua

Moderate earthquake hits off Solomon Islands

HONG KONG, 25 Jan—A 5.6-magnitude earthquake struck off the Solomon Islands on Sunday night, according to the US Geological Survey website. The epicentre of the earthquake was 160 km southeast of the town of Gizo, New Georgia Islands and at a depth of about 10 km. It took place at 10:19 pm Hong Kong Time (1419 GMT), according to the website. No tsunami warning was issued as yet and there was no report of casualties and damage.

Xinhua

Boy, seven, raises 50,000 pounds in a day for Haiti

LONDON, 25 Jan—A seven-year-old boy told Sunday how he raised more than 50,000 pounds in a day for survivors of the Haiti earthquake by doing a sponsored bike ride.

Charlie Simpson set out to collect just 500 pounds for a UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) appeal by cycling five

miles around his local park in London—but his efforts inspired hundreds of people to donate online.

He started his fundraising efforts after seeing shocking images of children being pulled alive from the rubble in the Caribbean nation.

"I just think it was quite

sad when I saw the pictures on the TV," said the youngster.

His mother, Leonora, helped him create a sponsorship form and said the document quickly spread around the Internet and the enormous sum was donated in one day.

"He really felt strongly about this and thought that something had to be done," she said.

"But what started off as a little cycle round the park with his dad has turned into something a lot bigger than that and we can't believe it.

"I am extremely proud of our Charlie, he's done really well. He's worked hard and he's raised a phenomenal amount of money so we couldn't ask for anything more."

Internet

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Xinhua



Young visitors at the 10th Ani-Com and Games Hong Kong test out computer games in 2008. Bone-bending rickets can now be added to the list of ills linked to children spending uncounted hours before a computer screen, British researchers said on Friday.—INTERNET

A/H1N1 flu death toll reaches 248 in Egypt

CAIRO, 25 Jan—Egypt on Sunday registered four more death cases of influenza A/H1N1, bringing the nationwide death toll to 248, said the Health Ministry in a statement.

The dead cases came from the governorates of

Port Said, Alexandria, Cairo and Assiut, said the statement.

Up till now, Egypt has reported more than 15,600 cases of the novel flu, according to the Health Ministry.

Egypt confirmed its

first influenza A/H1N1 death case on 19 July of a 28-year-old Egyptian woman, who was back from Saudi Arabia after making Umrah (pilgrimage to Mecca at any time of the year).

Xinhua

HK reports 63rd fatality from influenza A/H1N1

HONG KONG, 25 Jan—The Hospital Authority of Hong Kong announced on Sunday another fatal case of influenza A/H1N1, bringing to 63 the total number of fatal cases of the flu.

A 20-year-old male patient with severe congenital heart disease was admitted to Medical and Geriatric ward of United Christian Hospital on 20 Jan for fever and flu symptoms. His condition deteriorated and was transferred to the Intensive Care Unit on the same day. He was prescribed with Tamiflu and antibiotics and requiring ventilation support.

Positive result for A/H1N1 flu was confirmed on 21 Jan. His condition remained critical and he succumbed at 5:15 am on 24 Jan.

The case has been reported to the Hospital Authority Head Office and the Centre for Health Protection.

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Qatar, Algeria sign agreement on visa exemption

ALGIERS, 25 Jan—
Algeria and Qatar signed
on Sunday an agreement
on the mutual visa
exemption, Algerian
news agency reported.

Algerian Foreign
Minister Mourad
Medelci and Qatari
Minister of State for
Energy and Industry
Affairs Mohammed bin
Saleh Al Sada signed the
agreement, during a
meeting held in Algiers

within the framework of
the 4th round of meetings
of joint Algerian-Qatari
committee.

The agreement
covers citizens of the two
countries carrying both
diplomatic and private
passports.

MNA/Xinhua

Tobacco Kills

Algeria says US reassures over reconsid- ering terror watch list

ALGIERS, 25 Jan—A senior Algerian official said
on Sunday his country received reassurance from
Washington over the reconsideration of its 14-nation
terror watch list, Pan-Arab al-Jazeera TV reported.

Following talks with the US Deputy Assistant Sec-
retary of State Janet Anderson, Algerian Minister De-
legate for Maghreb and African Affairs Abdelkader
Messahel said his country has got reassurance from
the United States over the measures which apply to
Algerian citizens during his meeting with the US sen-
ior official and in a phone call from US Secretary of
State Hillary Clinton to Algerian Foreign Minister
Mourad Medelci.

Messahel said that Sanderson told him the policy
will be reconsidered and will be submitted for
modification. The report, however, did not mention
what kind of modifications will be introduced.

Faysal Metawi, an Algerian journalist and Ana-
lyst, ruled out the possibility that the United States
will clear the name of Algeria from the terror watch
list. But he expected that the security measures ap-
plied to Algerian citizens in US airports would be
reconsidered.

Algeria criticized on 13 Jan, the United States
and France for including it on the list of countries,
the citizens of which will submit to extra security
screening in airports describing the decision as "in-
correct approach" that reflects a "double-standard
policy,"—Xinhua



A baby receives a vaccine against the so-called swine flu (H1N1) in December 2009 in Paris. France is in "tough" talks with drug companies to cancel orders for millions of swine flu vaccines and insists on scratching the deals instead of renegotiating them, its health minister said on Friday.—INTERNET

China's Poly Real Estate 2009 profit surges 50% on property boom

BEIJING, 25 Jan — Poly
Real Estate Group Co, Ltd,
China's leading property
developer, estimated on
Sunday its profit shot up
around 50 percent in 2009
boosted by strong sales and
rocketing property prices.

The profit was expected
to total 2.24 billion yuan
(329 million US dollars, the
Shanghai-listed company
said in a statement on the
exchange's website.

Earnings per share
stood at 0.91 yuan, it said.

The company is yet to
announce its annual report
of 2009.

China saw rare property
boom in history last year as
sales sizzled by 75 percent
to 4.4 trillion yuan. Price
rose the most in 15 years to
4,695 yuan per square me-
ter, up 24 percent year on
year, according to data re-
leased by the National Bu-
reau of Statistics.—Xinhua

Japan 'may rethink' US Futenma Air Base after poll

TOKYO, 25 Jan — Ja-
pan's Prime Minister Yukio
Hatoyama has said the re-
sult of a weekend mayoral
poll could fuel a major re-
think about US military
bases in Japan. Residents of

the Japanese city of Nago,
on Okinawa, chose a can-
didate opposed to the host-
ing of an American air base.
The Futenma base was
originally scheduled to
move to Nago from a more
crowded part of Okinawa.

Talk of moving the base
out of Japan altogether has
threatened the long-stand-
ing US-Japan security alli-
ance. Mr Hatoyama said
the results of Sunday's
election reflected the will of
the people, and that Japan
will continue to re-examine
its commitment to relocate
the air base. "The country
will start from scratch on
this issue and take respon-
sibility to reach a conclu-
sion by the end of May," he
told reporters.—Internet



A deal to move the US
bases from Okinawa
has hit strong opposi-
tion.—INTERNET

Indian Navy increases fleet of fast attack craft along coast areas

NEW DELHI, 25 Jan—The Indian Navy said on Sun-
day after the Mumbai attacks in November 2008, it is
augmenting its fleet of fast attack craft, reported the
Press Trust of India.

The report quoted a senior navy officer as saying
that this year the Indian Navy has commissioned six
new fast attack craft which can attain a speed of 70
km per hour, in order to enhance security along the
coast.

The Indian Navy has also planned to commission
50 to 60 intermediate and small fast attack craft which
will be deployed at various ports along the eastern and
western coastal areas of the country, the report quoted
Rear Admiral P Murugesan of the Eastern Fleet as saying.

At least 170 people were killed and over 300 in-
jured in the Mumbai attacks, when 10 terrorists landed
by the sea to stage coordinated attacks in the Indian
financial capital.

Xinhua

World Chocolate Wonderland to Open in Beijing Friday



The Chocolate Wonderland will finally
open to the public on the square at the
north side of the Bird's Nest Stadium
on 29 January.—XINHUA

BEIJING, 25 Jan —The Chocolate Wonderland will finally open
to the public on the square at the north side of the Bird's Nest Sta-
dium on 29 January. As the first chocolate theme park in China, the
Chocolate Wonderland will feature artifacts made from 80,000 kilo-
grams of chocolate. Aside from enjoying a visual feast of choco-
late-made famous Chinese sculptures, visitors will also be able to
learn how to make chocolate and taste their creations during the
three-month display.

The 20,000-square-metre chocolate wonderland consists of five
indoor halls, including the World's Chocolate Hall, World's Candy
Hall, Wonderland Theme Hall, Sweet Experience Hall and Sweet
Gift Hall, and outdoor activity areas Sweet Stage and Sweet Shop-
ping Street.—Xinhua

SPORTS

Vieira rates World Cup chances as '100 percent'

PARIS, 25 Jan—New Manchester City recruit Patrick Vieira says he has a "100 percent chance" of playing for France at next summer's World Cup finals, despite having not represented his country since June 2009. "As I'm



New Manchester City recruit Patrick Vieira

Nine-man Inter stun Milan to go nine clear

MILAN, 25 Jan—Nine man Inter Milan moved nine points clear at the top of Serie A after a 2-0 victory over arch-rivals AC Milan in a pulsating derby at the San Siro on Sunday.

The champions played for more than an hour with a numerical disadvantage after Wesley Sneijder was sent off but they dominated throughout to earn a richly deserved victory. Inter coach Jose Mourinho said that decision showed that the authorities are ganging up on his club.

Internet

an optimist, I'm going to say 100 percent," he said in response to a question about his chances of playing in South Africa on the Canal Football Club television show on Sunday evening.

"The desire is there, it's my goal. In my head, I don't see myself missing the World Cup." Vieira, who has yet to play for his new club, admitted that he had received "no guarantees" from France coach Raymond Domenech, who he met shortly before Christmas, and conceded that the situation "is not as simple as that".

Internet

Panamanian Soccer Federation names best player and coach of 2009

PANAMA CITY, 25 Jan—The Panamanian Soccer Federation (Fepafut) chose forward Orlando "Papi" Rodriguez and coach Gary Stempel as the player and coach of the year in Panamanian soccer, local media said on Sunday.

The awards were given on Saturday during a meeting between the Fepafut and the media. Rodriguez was chosen for his outstanding performance in soccer club Arabe Unido while Stempel was awarded for his work in both Panamanian soccer national team and the soccer club San Francisco. — Xinhua

Watson wins season-opening Mitsubishi

KAUPPULUHU-KOHA, 25 Jan—This time around, age prevailed. Tom Watson became the 13th oldest player to win on the Champions Tour, birdieing the final two holes Sunday for one-stroke victory over senior newcomer Fred Couples in the season-opening Mitsubishi Electric Championship.

"This is what I live for in my career — to do what I did today," Watson said. "I don't think I'll have too many more, but I had this one." The 60-year-old Watson, coming off a win with Jack Nicklaus in the Champions Skins at Kaanapali, closed with a 7-under 65 to finish at 22-under 194 for his 13th Champions Tour title and his first victory in 34 career starts in Hawaii on the two tours. — Internet

Mancini admits he won't stop Robinho leaving

SCUNTHORPE, 25 Jan—Manchester City manager Roberto Mancini admits he won't stop Robinho leaving if the Brazil forward is not happy at Eastlands. Robinho told a Brazilian radio station over the weekend that City's directors are happy to let him return home to join Santos on loan before the transfer window closes on February 1.

After watching Robinho score City's final goal in their 4-2 FA Cup fourth round win at Scunthorpe on Sunday, Mancini denied any knowledge of an imminent exit for the former Real Madrid star but did concede that he would let him leave if he isn't happy. Robinho, who cost City a club record 32.5 million pounds last season, has repeatedly produced below-par displays and Mancini appeared to run out of patience when he replaced the winger after sending him on as substitute against Everton earlier this month. — Internet



Scunthorpe United's Cliff Byrne (R) tackles Manchester City's Brazilian forward Robinho during their English FA Cup football match at Glandford Park in Scunthorpe. — INTERNET



Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo (R) slides to tackle Malaga's Patrick Jan Mtiliga during their Spanish first division soccer match at Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid on 24 Jan, 2010. — XINHUA

Cristiano Ronaldo hero and villain as Real Madrid beats Malaga

MADRID, 25 Jan—Cristiano Ronaldo scored his first two goals of the year and was sent off as Real Madrid beat Malaga 2-0 in another slightly disappointing display. The Portuguese winger scored his first two goals of 2010 after 35 and 39 minutes of the match. Both the goals followed good collective moves in what was an otherwise poor display from Real Madrid, but Ronaldo undid all of his good work with a moment of madness in the 70th minute of the game.

Under pressure from Malaga defender Mtiglia, he swung his arm and caught the defender full in the face, for which he was shown a direct red card. Tests later showed he had broken the defender's nose and the Real Madrid player should now expect a suspension of between four and 10 games for aggression. — Xinhua

Djokovic, Venus stride into Australian Open quarters

MELBOURNE, 25 Jan—Novak Djokovic and Venus Williams strode into the Australian Open quarter-finals on Monday while Li Na ensured China has two players in the last eight of a Grand Slam for the first time. Third seed Djokovic, the 2008 winner, joins Spanish defending champion Rafael Nadal, British fifth seed Andy Murray, American seventh seed Andy Roddick and 14th seeded Croat Marin Cilic safely through.

Also staying in the hunt was in-form Russian sixth seed Nikolay Davydenko, who was stretched to the limit by Spanish ninth seed Fernando Verdasco before prevailing 6-2, 7-5, 4-6, 6-7 (5/7), 6-3. — Internet

Wenger defends selection policy as Arsenal crash out

STOKE, 25 Jan—Arsene Wenger defended his right to field a weakened team in Arsenal's 3-1 FA Cup fourth round defeat at Stoke and insisted his desire to lift the Premier League title had been behind his decision. Wenger made nine



Arsenal's Brazilian midfielder Denilson (L) vies for the ball against Stoke City's Dean Whitehead (R) during the FA Cup fourth round football match. — INTERNET

changes at the Britannia Stadium but will recall the likes of William Gallas, Thomas Vermaelen, Gael Clichy, Andrey Arshavin and Eduardo for the crucial league trip to Aston Villa on Wednesday.

This disappointing defeat leaves Wenger still waiting for his first trophy since 2005 but the Frenchman places far more importance on the league. After the visit to Villa Park, the Gunners - currently two points behind leaders Manchester United with a game in hand - face three more crunch encounters against Sir Alex Ferguson's champions, then Chelsea and Liverpool. And Wenger insisted injuries left him with no alternative but to operate a rotation policy ahead of those matches. He said: "I wanted to win this game and I don't regret the team I picked, I did not have much choice."

Internet

Algeria stun Nations Cup favourites Ivory Coast in thriller

CABINDA, 25 Jan—Algeria clawed back from the brink of elimination to stun title favourites Ivory Coast 3-2 on Sunday and reach the Africa Cup of Nations semi-finals. The winners fell 2-1 behind on 89 minutes to a brilliant Abdulkader Keita goal only for Madjid Bougherra to level in stoppage time and unmarked substitute Hamer Bouazza headed a 92nd-minute far-post winner. Drama continued to the end with television replays suggesting a late shot from Ivorian defender Kolo Toure that found the net was wrongly judged offside by an assistant referee.

Ivory Coast coach Vahid Halilhodzic was furious and distraught in equal measure. "This is a huge disappointment, of course," said the 57-year-old Bosnian-born former Yugoslavian international. "We were not good this evening (Sunday) and we are obliged to congratulate Algeria. Great teams do not let a 2-1 lead a few minutes before full-time slip like that."

Internet



Chinese tennis player Li Na gestures after victory in her fourth round womens singles match against Danish opponent Caroline Wozniacki at the Australian Open tennis tournament in Melbourne. Li Na won 6-4, 6-3. — INTERNET

Former US Commerce Secretary Mosbacher dies

LOS ANGELES, 25 Jan—Robert Mosbacher, who served as US commerce secretary under former President George HW Bush and helped champion the North American Free Trade Agreement, died on Sunday at the age of 82.

Mosbacher died in Houston after a yearlong battle with pancreatic cancer, the former president said in a statement.

"Together we shared a journey that led to the presidency, the mountaintop of American politics, and there we worked together to help

America more fully embrace the world around us and compete in the newly emerging global markets that the waning Cold War made accessible," Bush said.

Mosbacher, like Bush, was raised in an affluent US Northeast family and made his fortune in the Texas oil industry before moving into Republican politics.

He became a major fundraiser for Republican presidential candidates from Gerald Ford to John McCain and helped Bush during his presidential races in 1980, 1988 and 1992. —MNA/Reuters



In this on 10 Jan. 2010 photo, members of the Brothers of The Third Wheel Trikers club pose in front of the Lyons Valley Trading Post during a club ride in San Diego. They are among a growing group of aging motorcyclists taking up trikes; three-wheeled motorcycles that provide stability and nearly all the comforts of a car while still allowing riders to feel the wind in their face.—INTERNET

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (26-1-2010) (Tuesday)

Transmissions

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

Local Transmission

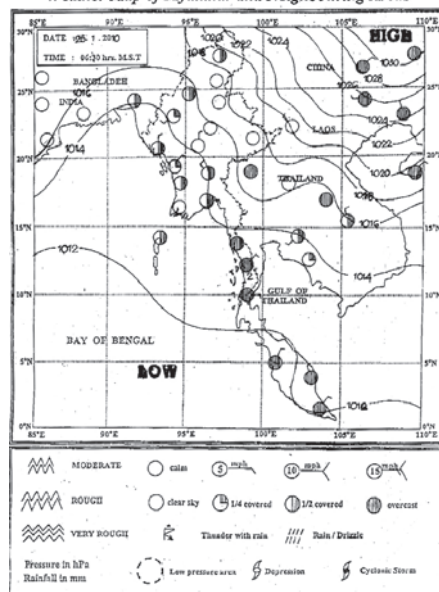
- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * Beautiful Magway
- * Tasty fried Nga-Poe from Padu Village
- * Kanbawza Thardi Museum
- * Usefulness of Nipa Palm
- * Songs on Screen
- * The Fruits of Myanmar
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Europe/ North America Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * Beautiful Magway
- * Tasty fried Nga-Poe from Padu Village
- * Kanbawza Thardi Museum
- * Culture Stage
- * Usefulness of Nipa Palm
- * Songs on Screen
- * The Fruits of Myanmar
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Crow Mouth Cave
- * Rakhine State Cultural Museum
- * Treasure Farmland
- * Bronze Casting of Kyar Ton Village
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Melodious Flute Tunes of the Villages
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Monday, 25th January, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, light rain has been isolated in Taninthayi Division, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States, upper Sagaing, Bago and Yangon Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (5°C) to (6°C) below January average temperatures in Kachin and Chin States, (4°C) below January average temperatures in upper Sagaing Division, (3°C) to (4°C) above January average temperatures in Kayah, Kayin, Mon and Rakhine States, Magway, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions and about January average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Haka and Loilem (0°C) each, Putao, Machanbaw and Namsang (2°C) each and Lashio (3°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded was Myeik (0.08) inch.

Maximum temperature on 24-1-2010 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 25-1-2010 was 64°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 25-1-2010 was 63%. Total sun shine hours on 24-1-2010 was (7.5) hours approx.

Rainfall on 25-1-2010 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 (4) mph from West at (15:30) hours MST on 24-1-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 26th January 2010: Light rain are likely to be isolated in Shan, Kayah, Kayin, Mon States, Yangon, Bago, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 26-1-2010: Partly cloudy to cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 26-1-2010: Possibility of isolated light rain. Degree of certainty (40%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 26-1-2010: Partly cloudy.

Myanmar



Tuesday, 26
January
View on today

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်စာများတော်

7:25 am

2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. အောင်တော်မူ (စောမင်းနောင်စိုင်းညိုမင်း၊ တေးရေး-ဦးလှလေး၊ တင့်အောင်)

7:55 am

5. နီချောင်းရေလျှောင်တံ

8:05 am

6. Songs Of Yester Years

8:20 am

7. "ကျော်သွားမှာလား ဖော်စားမှာလား"

8:30 am

8. အတိုးမြှင့်ပွဲ

8:40 am

9. International News

8:45 am

10. Musical Programme

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:15 pm

3. Dance Of National Races

4:30 pm

4. The Mirror Images Of The Musical Oldies

4:45 pm

5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ ပထမနှစ် (အထူးပြုအားလုံး) (အင်္ဂလိပ်စာ)

5:00 pm

6. Songs For Uphold National Spirit

5:05 pm

7. အတိုးမြှင့်ပွဲ

5:15 pm

8. Musical Programme

5:30 pm

9. ယုံကြည်အားထားစက်မှု(၁) ဆပ်ပြာများ

5:45 pm

10. ရင်မှစွဲထင်တေးအလွယ်စဉ်

6:00 pm

11. Evening News

6:15 pm

12. Weather Report

6:20 pm

13. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခွန်သံ

6:35 pm

14. ဆိုလိုက်ကြစို့

7:00 pm

15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အဆိပ်သင့်တဲ့အချစ်" (အပိုင်း-၂၉)

8:00 pm

16. News

8:05 pm

17. International News

8:10 pm

18. Weather Report

8:15 pm

19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဆူးလွမ်းသောချစ်နှင်းဆီ" (အပိုင်း-၂၀)

- ★ 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

Myanmar Health Research Conference (2009) begins

YANGON, 25 Jan—The Myanmar Health Research Conference (2009) was opened at the Department of Medical Research (Lower Myanmar) on Ziwaka Road in Dagon Township here this morning, with addresses by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, and Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe.

After the opening ceremony, Lt-Gen Myint Swe, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development

Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint, and the deputy minister visited the poster contest and pavilions of medicines and medical equipment.

Local and foreign experts submit 92 papers, 20 posters and six topics to the conference that goes on till 29 February. Anyone can attend it as observers.

MNA

Inter-State/Division Men's Football Tourney (Open) goes on

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Jan—The 55th Inter-State/Division Men's Football Tournament (Open) (2010) continued in the zones in Ayeyawady Division this afternoon.

In Hinthada Zone, Mon State outclassed Rakhine State 4-1; In Myaungmya Zone, Mandalay Division hammered Shan State (East) 7-0; in Patheingyi Zone, Tanintharyi Division and Kayah State held a thrilling 8-8 draw; and in Maubin Zone, Kachin State and Kayah State tied at 2-2 draw.

Tomorrow fixtures are Yangon Division vs Bago Division in Hinthada Zone; Shan State (South) vs Chin State in Maubin Zone; and Shan State (North) vs Sagaing Division in Myaungmya Zone.

MNA

Bawga Thiri express bus terminal in Nay Pyi Taw standing at core transport

Byline: Myint Maung Soe, Photos: Myo Min Thein (Mayangon)



Express buses seen at Bawga Thiri express bus terminal.

(See page 9)

Significant night temperatures (25-1-2010)

Loilem	(0° C)
Putao	(2° C)
Machanbaw	(2° C)
Namsang	(2° C)
Lashio	(3° C)