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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

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, wife Daw Mya Mya San attend inauguration of Kanbalu People's Hospital (100-bed)

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspects Kanbalu People's Hospital (100-bed).—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Jan—Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San, accompanied by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, the Chairman of Mandalay Division PDC the Commander of Central Command, ministers and departmental heads, arrived at Kanbalu of Shwebo District, Sagaing Division, by helicopter yesterday morning.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San were welcomed by Chairman of Sagaing Division PDC Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Myint Soe, ministers, the Deputy Chief Justice, departmental heads and officials.

At 10.30 am, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San attended the ceremony to open Kanbalu People's Hospital (100-bed).

Commander Maj-Gen Myint Soe, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint and Chairman of Htoo Trading Co Ltd U Teza formally opened the hospital.

On behalf of wellwisher Aye Mya Soe Foundation, U Kyaw Nyunt unveiled the signboard of the hospital. The commander, the minister, U Kyaw Nyunt and U Teza sprinkled scented water on the stone inscription.

In the second session of the opening ceremony, Minister Dr Kyaw Myint explained that Kanbalu Township Hospital was upgraded to a 100-bed hospital for providing health care services to the local people.

The Government has extended hospitals and dispensaries not only in Kanbalu but also in various regions of the Union, he noted. In so doing, progress has been made in the health sector through the concerted efforts of the government, the people, health staff and local authorities.

The minister thanked Aye Mya Soe Foundation for its contribution to construction of Kanbalu People's Hospital.

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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye cordially converses with patients.—MNA

PERSPECTIVES

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Preserve and maintain ancient cultural heritage

The culture of a race covers human objects used from the cradle to the grave, their language, faith, dress style, social relations, custom and traditions, thoughts, crafts and performing arts.

Myanmar's culture has existed for thousands of years. Since its civilization, Myanmar has developed its culture in all aspects. Its cultural heritage and unearthed ancient objects have proved that the country has existed and maintained itself with its own territory and culture.

A great number of ancient pagodas and stupas can be seen in Myanma Ancient Cultural Region (Bagan). There are still plenty of pagodas, monasteries, lakes, wall paintings and magnificent works of arts in edifices.

The State maintains and preserves those ancient cultural objects as they can wear out with the passage of time. Moreover, priority measures are being taken to repair and maintain the ancient cultural buildings, excavate ancient sites of palaces and cities and collect stone inscriptions and folded palm-leaf scripts.

Civilized ancient cities such as Beikthanoe, Tagaung, Hanlin, Srekestra and Maimaw and Pinle in Myittha Township have been excavated, and research is being done. Ancient buildings, piles of stakes, urns and other objects are still being found from those excavation sites. Those who handed over the ancient cultural objects they found to the State have been awarded cash according to the cultural value of the objects plus the current price.

The thousands-year-old ancient cultural regions are proof of Myanmar's high national prestige. So all the people are to preserve and maintain such ancient cultural buildings, art works and other objects as they are priceless national cultural heritage of Myanmar.

MRCS donates fishing gear in Kyaiklat

YANGON, 29 Jan – The fishing gear donation ceremony of Myanmar Red Cross Society was held at post-primary school in Kyeechaung village in Kyaiklat Township, Ayeyawady Division, today.

MRCS President Prof Dr Tha Hla Shwe and Chairman of Pyapon District PDC U Mya Kyaing explained purpose of donation.

Next, the president presented fishing boats and gear worth K 4.3 million to fishermen in the village.

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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**

Chinese Ambassador calls on Information Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Jan—Chinese Ambassador HE Mr Ye Dabo called on Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan at his office, here, this evening.

Also present at the call were Director-General of Myanma Radio and Television U Khin Maung Htay, Director-General of Information and Public Relations Department U Ye Htut, Managing Director of Printing and Publishing Enterprise U Aung Nyein, Managing Director of News and Periodicals Enterprise U Soe Win, Managing Director of Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise U Aung Myo Myint and head of office U Myint Htwe.—*MNA*

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan receives Chinese Ambassador HE Mr Ye Dabo.—MNA

National Workshop on Climate Change Law and Policy opened

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Jan – Jointly Organized by National Commission for Environmental Affairs (NCEA) of the Ministry of Forestry and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and sponsored by Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF), a National Workshop on Climate Change Law and Policy was held at Aureum Palace Hotel here yesterday morning with an address by Secretary of NCEA Director-General U Sann Lwin of Planning and Statistics Department of the ministry.

Next, Dr. Wanhua Yang, representative of Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, UNEP and Dr. Kerl-Peter Schoenfich, Director of the Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF) made opening addresses.

It was also attended by officials of the ministry, resource persons and participants.

A total of 40 participants from ministries concerned and governmental organizations are attending the workshop where climate change issues, law and policy, implementation of climate change policy and law, and recommendation and way forward for strengthening climate change law and implementation in Myanmar, four main themes focusing on the role of policy and law relating to climate change will be discussed. The workshop concluded today.

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Director-General U Sann Lwin addresses National Workshop on Climate Change Law and Policy.

MNA

Afghans protest against killing of civilian by NATO-led troops

KABUL, 29 Jan — Scores of people in Paktiakot District in east of Afghan capital Kabul came to the street on Thursday to protest at the killing of a civilian by the NATO-led forces.

The protesters accused NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) of opening fire and killing a man from the locality.

Meanwhile, the troops in a statement confirmed the death of the civilian and regretted it.

"We can confirm one civilian was killed by ISAF forces this morning during an incident involving an ISAF convoy," the statement said.

The troops expressed regret in the statement and promised a thorough investigation in cooperation with authorities.

Xinhua

A US military soldier frisks an Afghan policeman at site of explosion in Kabul, Afghanistan, on Tuesday, 26 Jan, 2010. A suicide car bomber struck near a US military base in Afghanistan's capital on Tuesday, Afghan officials said.—INTERNET

Trained dogs sniff out hidden bombs in Afghanistan

TORA, 29 Jan – A French officer unleashed Arry, and the tall and muscular dog went to work.

Wagging his tail in the early morning chill, he ran under four Afghan tractor-trailer trucks, sniffing at the exhaust pipes and motor. He then jumped into the cabins, slipping behind the driver's seats and sticking his nose into the glove compartments. A driver's partially eaten snack was ignored.

In less than 10 minutes, the trucks were cleared for entry to Tora Forward Operating Base in eastern Afghanistan, and Arry started barking for more.

The US and its allies are turning increasingly to sniffer dogs to counter roadside bombs and suicide attacks, a major threat in the Afghan war. They can locate low-tech devices without metal parts or traditional explosives, which are nearly impossible to find with mine-detection equipment. The use of so-called "undetectable" bombs appears to be on the rise in Taleban strongholds in Afghanistan's south and east.—*Xinhua*

Tosca, a Belgium Malanois explosive detector dog works to sniff out explosives during a training exercise with the Afghan National Army (ANA) in Kandahar, southern Afghanistan on 23 Jan, 2010. INTERNET

Eleven Iraqis wounded in Kirkuk attacks

KIRKUK, 29 Jan — Eleven people were wounded in bomb and mortar attacks in Iraq's oil-rich province of Kirkuk on Thursday, a provincial police source said.

Seven policemen were wounded on Thursday morning in a roadside bomb explosion near their patrol in central Kirkuk, the provincial capital, some 250 km north of Baghdad, the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

At least one police vehicle was destroyed by the blast, along with several nearby buildings and civilian cars, the source said.

Meanwhile, a mortar barrage struck a police station in the town of al-Zab in southern Kirkuk, wounding two policemen and two civilians, the source added.

Also in the day, Iraqi security forces detained four suspects during a search operation across the province, he said.

Kirkuk Province is one of the disputed areas between the Kurds and both Arabs and Turkmans. The area has long been the hot bed of insurgency since the US-led invasion in 2003.—*Xinhua*

Policeman, Sunni Imam killed by gunmen attacks in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 29 Jan — A policeman and a Sunni Arab Imam were shot dead in separate incidents in Baghdad on Thursday ,an Interior Ministry source said.

Unidentified armed men in a car gunned down Sheikh Ahmed Sa' doun Saleh, Imam of a Sunni Muslim mosque in Baghdad's western district of Adel, the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

Saleh was assassinated in front of his mosque as he was leaving after the noon prayer, the source said, adding that the gunmen fled the scene.

Xinhua

Key al-Qaeda leader killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 29 Jan — A key al-Qaeda in Iraq figure involved in smuggling hundreds of suicide bombers across the border from Syria has been killed in a raid in northern Iraq, the US military said on Thursday.

The military called the death a blow to the militant organization in Iraq, though acknowledged it remains very much capable of carrying out well planned, coordinated assaults with large body counts . A series of attacks against three hotels and a police crime lab in Baghdad this week killed dozens.

Xinhua

A fire fighter looks at the apartment building housing the political office of former socialist Prime Minister Costas Simitis after an explosion in central Athens, capital of Greece, on 28 Jan, 2010.— XINHUA

Bomb attack at office of former Greek Premier in Athens, no injuries caused

ATHENS, 29 Jan — A small bomb made of camping gas canisters exploded on Thursday afternoon in the Athens city centre, causing only minor damage and no injuries.

The device was placed at the entrance of the political office of former Prime Minister Kostas Simitis (1996-2004) on Akadimias Street. The building is close to state buildings and the Parliament where an unprecedented terrorist attack took place earlier this month, also without injuries.

The blast caused a small fire and damage to the building housing the office.

Police are searching for clues that could lead to the persons responsible. Anarchist and terrorist groups operating in Greece have increased attacks against political, police and financial targets since December 2008, when a teenager was shot dead by a policeman, triggering riots across the country.—*Xinhua*

A view of hotels and buildings by the Vilcanota River after torrential rains in Machu Picchu, Cuzco, on 28 Jan, 2010.—INTERNET

Chinese bullet train producer to speed production in 2010

SHIJIAZHUANG, 29 Jan — A Chinese bullet train producer said on Thursday that it is expanding production capacity to cope with the country's rising demand for high-speed railways.

Wang Chenghui, deputy general manager of Tangshan Railway Vehicle Co Ltd, said the company would double its monthly production capacity in the first half of 2010 to eight bullet trains each with eight compartments.

The company is China's only maker of bullet trains with an average speed of 350 km per hour, or a maximum test speed of 394.3 km per hour.

It has produced 22 trains to serve the Wuhan-Guangzhou high-speed railway, which began operation in December last year.

Another 20 trains are running on the Beijing-Tianjin line, which is China's first fast-speed rail line operational in August 2008.

Wang said the company was developing new trains with average speed of 380 km per hour, so as to "reinforce its leading role in the world's high-speed train market."

Xinhua

Hunan Valin Steel amends profit forecast in 2009

BEIJING, 29 Jan—Hunan Valin Steel Co, Ltd, one of China's major steel makers, on Thursday amended the forecast of its 2009 net profit and expected it to return to black.

In a statement to the Shenzhen Stock Exchange, the Hunan-based company amended last year's net profit from losses of 220 million yuan (32 million US dollars) to gains of 100 million yuan. The revised profit was still 89 percent less than 953 million yuan in 2008.

Valin also amended its earnings per share from minus 0.08 yuan to 0.04 yuan in 2009.

The profit rise was attributable to the greater-than-expected rise in domestic steel prices in the last quarter of 2009 and good control of production cost, the statement said.—*Xinhua*

Chevron sinks billions into Brazil fields

SAN RAMON, 29 Jan—US supermajor Chevron Corp announced its Brazilian subsidiary moved to develop its Papa Terra project in the deep waters of the Campos basin.

Deposits of heavy oil at the Papa Terra project are located 70 miles off the coast of Brazil in the southern Campos basin.

The platform associated with Papa Terra, Chevron's first tension rig in Brazil, has the capacity to produce as much as 140,000 barrels of crude oil per day.

Internet

A baby is vaccinated against Rotavirus in Tegucigalpa, Honduras in early 2009. A vaccination campaign to combat rotavirus in the world's poorest countries could save the lives of hundreds of thousands of children, according to a pair of studies published this week.

INTERNET

Indian, Angolan oil companies sign MoU on oil exploration

LUANDA, 29 Jan—The largest oil companies of India and Angola have signed a memorandum of understanding to strengthen bilateral cooperation in deep sea oil exploration and production in the African country, Angola's official news agency *Angop* reported on Thursday.

The document was signed late Wednesday between the ONGC Videsh Ltd of India and Sonangol or the national oil company of Angola to map out a framework for strategic cooperation between the two countries in Angola's deep sea oil sector.

The memo was signed after a meeting between visiting Indian Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas Murli Deora and his Angolan counterpart Jose Maria Botelho de Vasconeles, which focused on oil exploration and production, natural gas operations, refinery construction and upgradation, training and consultancy, according to sources close to the meeting.—*Xinhua*

Siemens to eliminate 2,000 jobs in Germany

BERLIN, 29 Jan— Industrial giant Siemens AG said Thursday it will eliminate nearly 2,000 jobs in Germany as part of restructuring measures prompted by lower market demand. Siemens' announcement of the layoffs in its machine tool and industrial services divisions came shortly after the German government reported a January jump in the country's unemployment rate.

Siemens, Europe's largest engineering conglomerate, said in a statement that the decision to cut 1,990 jobs came in response to a drop in demand and consolidation in the sector.—*Xinhua*

Samsung Electronics profit tops $8 billion

SEOUL , 29 Jan— South Korean giant Samsung Electronics on Friday said its annual earnings rocketed last year to more than eight billion dollars thanks to post-crisis demand for flat-screen TVs and higher chip prices.

Profit and sales for South Korea's biggest company, a global electronics leader that is now trouncing rivals such as Japan's Sony, jumped over the year as the consumer market perked up.

"We see this positive growth and performance flowing on into 2010 as the global economy continues to stabilize," said Samsung Vice President Robert Yi.

Compared to 2008 net profit surged 75 percent last year to 9.65 trillion won (8.3 billion dollars) thanks to higher memory chip prices and the stronger demand for products including high-end televisions. Samsung, which employs some 164,600 people in 61 countries, said its sales increased to a record 89.77 trillion won compared to 72.95 trillion in 2008.

Its leading South Korean rival LG Electronics this week also reported robust sales of flat-screen TVs as the global consumer electronics market regains health faster than expected.—*Internet*

South Korea's largest company Samsung Electronics on Friday reported a 75 percent rise in full-year net profit to 9.65 trillion won (8.3 billion dollars).—INTERNET

Rescuers search survivors on the debris of damaged houses in south of La Paz, Bolivia, on 28 Jan, 2010. A landslide triggered by torrential rain occured in La Paz, and three people were injured and 50 houses were destroyed.—XINHUA

China builds first sewage treatment plant on river to Russia

HARBIN, 29 Jan—The first modern sewage treatment plant on the China section of the Suifen River, known as the Razdolnaya River in Russia, has begun operating, said a water affairs official in Dongning County, northeast China's Heilongjiang Province on Thursday.

"The plant has been designed to fully treat sewage that is discharged into the river from the county," said Zhao Decheng, an official with the Dongning Water Affairs Bureau.

The Suifen River runs for 443 km, of which 258 km is in China, and empties into the Sea of Japan through Russia. There are no big cities on the upper stretches before it reaches Dongning, which has a population of 210,000.

The county bordering Russia produces about 9,000 tons of sewage on average a day, and 13,000 tons at the maximum, said Zhao.

He said the plant had a daily treatment capacity of 20,000 tons and it would be upgraded to 30,000 tons in the future.

He did not give the schedule of the plant's upgrading.

"The river water will reach China's best level of river water quality, after being processed by the plant," he said.—*Xinhua*

Russia sends military satellite into space

MOSCOW, 29 Jan—A military satellite launched early on Thursday has successfully entered orbit, the Defence Ministry said.

The satellite, aboard a *Proton-M* heavy carrier rocket, was launched from Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan at 03:18 Moscow Time (00:18 GMT). The satellite successfully separated from the rocket at around 12:19 Moscow Time (09:19 GMT), said Space Forces spokesman Alexei Zolotukhin.

"Contact is steady, and the onboard equipment operates well," he said.

The launch was Russia's first this year.

Space Forces Commander Oleg Ostapenko called the satellite "a new project that will help significantly increase the capabilities of the space communication system."—*Xinhua*

Schools closed in Cook Islands as Cyclone Nisha nears

WELLINGTON, 29 Jan—Schools were closed in the south Pacific island nation of Cook Islands on Friday as people prepare for the arrival of tropical cyclone Nisha.

The storm is expected to hit the Southern Cook Islands on Saturday morning, bringing with it strong and damaging winds, heavy rain and rough seas.

Charles Carlson, the direct of emergency management, said a meeting will be held on Friday afternoon of the response agencies to decide the next move.

"At this stage we have closed the schools, and everyone is just preparing for the cyclone. The information has gone out through the radio warning people, especially those who live along the coastline to be aware and to make preparations. Basically to secure their roofs, and make sure they are ready to evacuate if it 's required," Radio New Zealand International quoted him as saying.—*Xinhua*

Photo taken on 27 Jan, 2010 shows the hand-woven straw handicraft of two pairs of 30-metre-long dragon with the connotation of bringing forth auspices and prosperity, on the building of the Liuzhou Museum in Liuzhou, southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. —XINHUA

India sets up Coast Guard station at Andaman and Nicobar islands

NEW DELHI, 29 Jan—India has set up a new Coast Guard station at the Andaman and Nicobar islands southeast to the Bay of Bengal, reported the *Press Trust of India* on Thursday. Lieutenant Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Bhupinder Singh on Thursday unveiled a plaque at the commissioning of the station at Hutbay in Little Andaman, said the report.

Singh lauded the Coast Guard for playing an important role in ensuring the security of maritime zones in and around the islands which Indian officials said have potential political, economic and strategic development in the Indian Ocean region, according to the report. —*Xinhua*

Spain does 2nd full-face transplant

MADRID, 29 Jan—Spain on Wednesday finished its second full face transplant, a procedure that took 23 doctors 30 hours to complete, hospital officials said. The operation, starting on Tuesday, was performed at the Virgin de Rocio Hospital in Seville. Local health authorities did not release any details concerning either the donor or the recipient.

They only told the press that the next 72 hours would be critical for the success of the operation, only the ninth in the world. Face transplants are still experimental medical procedures to replace all or part of a person's face disfigured by trauma, burns, disease or birth defects.

The world's first full-face replant was done in 1994 and the world's first partial face transplant was done in 2005. The first full-face transplant was done in London in 2006.

Xinhua

A worker fumigates in the drainage to prevent mosquitoes breeding. An experimental vaccine provided 100 percent protection against the mosquito-borne chikungunya virus in primates and mice, offering hope it will work for humans too, a new study found.—XINHUA

Somali pirates seize Cambodian cargo ship

NAIROBI, 29 Jan—Somali pirates have hijacked a Cambodian cargo ship early on Wednesday off Somalia's Berbera port with unknown crew members from six countries, a regional maritime official confirmed on Thursday.

Andrew Mwangura, East Africa's Coordinator of Seafarers Assistance Programme, said the *MV Layla-S* was seized after it unloaded at the port in the semi-autonomous region of Somaliland.

"Crew members on board the ill-fated vessel are comprised of Pakistani, Indian, Sri Lankan, Somali and Syrian nationals," Mwangura told *Xinhua* from Mombasa.—*Xinhua*

All Items from Xinhua News Agency

Hundreds airlifted from Peru site when skies clear

MACHU PICCHU PUEBLO, 29 Jan— Skies cleared over the fabled Machu Picchu citadel on Thursday, speeding the evacuation of stranded tourists, many of whom were left to eat from communal pots and sleep outdoors after weekend flooding and mudslides cut access to the area.

By nightfall, helicopters ferried 1,402 people out of the remote village, the closest to the ancient Inca ruins 8,000 feet up in the Andes mountains. Tourism Minister Martin Perez told Lima's RPP radio that only 800 tourists remained in town.

Perez said helicopters had evacuated a total of 2,542 tourists since Monday. More than 3,000 travelers were trapped in the town for days, strapping resources and testing travellers' patience.

"It's been an adventure, a bit more than we bargained for," Karel Schultz, 46, of Niagara Falls, NY, told the *Associated Press* as she waited to be flown out.

Internet

Peruvian police help with the evacuation of tourists by helicopter in Machu Picchu town, in Cuzco on 28 Jan, 2010. Hundreds of tourists emerged from a gruelling 28-mile (45 km) trek along Peru's Inca trail on Thursday to find the ancient Machu Picchu ruins cut off by floods and mudslides, and joined the 1,200 or so travelers waiting to be airlifted out.— INTERNET

Dog rescued from Baltic ice floe

WARSAW, 29 Jan— An exhausted dog stranded on an ice floe in the Baltic Sea in below-zero temperatures was rescued by a passing Polish marine research ship, crew members say.

The vessel Baltica reached the dog on Monday, with crew members using an inflatable pontoon boat to get close enough to pluck it off a bobbing ice chunk only a few yards in diameter, *The Times of London* reported on Thursday.

The dog, now nicknamed Baltic, had been spotted floating on the ice in the Vistula River at Grudziadz, Poland, Saturday but firefighters couldn't get to it and the dog made it all the way into the sea, enduring temperatures down to minus 4 degrees Fahrenheit.

"A shape was moving, so we decided to get closer to see if it was a seal," Jan Jochim, the ship's senior officer, was quoted as saying on a video aired online by The Guardian. "As we moved in, we saw that it was a dog struggling to stay afloat."

Another crew member said the dog clearly was in trouble.

"It was obvious that the dog was very weak," second engineer Adam Buzinski said. "He almost went under the surface of the water. So I grabbed the dog and put him in the inflatable and returned to the ship."One researcher aboard the Baltica, Natalia Drgas, said they massaged, fed and warmed up the dog until it was back on its feet.

Internet

Fighting breaks out in southern city

KANDAHAR, 29 Jan—A security official says a gunbattle has broken out between militants wearing suicide vests and security forces in a major city in southern Afghanistan.

An official with the counterterrorism department says security forces have trapped five militants on top of a building that is under construction in Lashkar Gah, capital of Helmand Province.

Almas, who like many Afghans goes by one name, says two people have been killed, including one of the attackers and a civilian who was passing by when on Friday's fighting began.—*Internet*

Weight-loss pill using leptin in the works

MONTREAL, 29 Jan— Researchers at the University of Montreal say they are developing a pill composed of leptin — the protein that tells the brain to stop eating.

Moise Bendayan, a pathology professor at the University of Montreal says leptin regulates appetite in mammals, and its levels decrease when fasting and rise during meals. It has been proven to be an appetite suppressant when administered intravenously to pathologically obese people.

Dr Philippe Cammisotto, a postdoctoral student and the study leader, is working on the leptin-based, appetite suppressing pill with Bendayan and Emile Levy, also of the University of Montreal.

"Taken orally, such a pill would provide obese people with the sensation of being full. They would eat less and in turn lose weight," Cammisotto said in a statement.

"We hope to start animal testing in 2010, the molecule is easy to synthesize and the protocol is ready."

Internet

World second pregnant man due in February

Scott Moore, the second world known pregnant man, is due to give birth next month, according to media reports Thursday.

Both Scott and his husband, Thomas Moore, were born women and have undergone surgery to change their sex.

Scott still has female reproductive organs, and he got pregnant by using sperm donated by a friend last June.

They are legally married now because Scott's birth certificate still has him listed as a female.

"We know some people will criticize us, but we are blissfully happy and not ashamed," said Scott.

They already have two adopted children, Gregg, 12, and Logan, 10, who are "the children of a former female partner of Thomas'."

Thomas Beatie of Oregon is the first pregnant man and made headlines around the world in 2008 when he gave birth to a girl.

Thomas Beatie, better known as the Pregnant Man, shows off his newborn baby girl in a photo published in People magazine three weeks after the labor.

China unearthed oldest known ancestor of birds

China has unearthed the fossil of a two-legged carnivorous dinosaur that lived 160 million years ago and which researchers have identified as the earliest known member of a long lineage that includes birds.

The "Haplocheirus sollers" had a long, narrow skull, many small teeth and powerful biceps and forelimbs, which enabled it to hunt primitive lizards, small mammals and reptiles, the experts wrote in the latest issue of the journal *Science.*

The individual, believed to be a young adult when it died, had a long tail and a total body length of between 190 and 230 cm. (6 feet 2 inches to 7 feet 6 inches). It was found in orange mudstone beds in the Junggar Basin in China's far western Xinjiang region.

"It has unique features but it shares some features with birds. It moves its hands sideways, like how birds can fold their wings.

An image showing the fossil bones of a newly discovered carnivorous dinosaur called "Haplocheirus sollers" is released by the Chinese Academy of Sciences on 28 January, 2010.

Did Leonardo paint himself as "Mona Lisa"?

The legend of Leonardo da Vinci is shrouded in mystery: How did he die? Are the remains buried in a French chateau really those of the Renaissance master? Was the "Mona Lisa" a self-portrait in disguise?

A group of Italian scientists believes the key to solving those puzzles lies with the remains — and they say they are seeking permission from French authorities to dig up the body to conduct carbon and DNA testing.

If the skull is intact, the scientists can go to the heart of a question that has fascinated scholars and the public for centuries: the identity of the "Mona Lisa." Recreating a virtual and then physical reconstruction of Leonardo's face, they can compare it with the smiling face in the painting, experts involved in the project told *The Associated Press.*

"We don't know what we'll find if the tomb is opened, we could even just find grains and dust," says Giorgio Gruppioni, an anthropologist who is participating in the project. "But if the remains are well kept, they are a biological archive that registers events in a person's life, and sometimes in their death."

This combination of images shows an undated self portrait of Leonardo Da Vinci, left, and the Mona Lisa. A group of Italian scientists is seeking permission from French authorities to dig up Leonardo Da Vinci's body to conduct carbon and DNA testing in order to solve the mysteries of how he died, and whether the Mona Lisa was actually a self-portrait in disguise.

NEWS ALBUM

Ice, snow chill southern Plains amid power outages

OKLAHOMA CITY, 29 Jan —A powerful storm dumped snow, sleet and freezing rain on the southern Plains on Thursday, disrupting power to thousands of homes and businesses, cancelling flights and shutting down major highways across three states.

The National Weather Service issued winter storm warnings through on Friday for much of Oklahoma and the Texas Panhandle.

Ice accumulations of more than one-half inch and high winds snapped electrical lines across Oklahoma, knocking out electrical power to tens of thousands of customers.

"In some places, as far you can see there are hundreds of utility poles on the ground," said Andrea Chancellor, spokeswoman for Public Service Company of Oklahoma.

"It could be five days for all customers who can take power to get power restored," she said.

Airlines cancelled more than 100 flights at Will Rogers World Airport in Oklahoma City over concerns about icing on aircraft, spokeswoman Karen Carney said. She said additional flights will likely be cancelled on Friday morning.

Another 35 flights were cancelled at Tulsa International Airport, said Alexis Higgins of the Tulsa Airport Authority. *Internet*

A Stillwater, Okla. Firefighter walks around a rolled over Chevy pickup truck on the southbound side of Interstate 35 at the Oklahoma Highway 51 interchange on 28 Jan, 2010. —INTERNET

Diamonds made even stronger by pressure

LIVERMORE, 29 Jan— US scientists say they have discovered that compression makes a diamond so strong it can withstand nearly a million times atmospheric pressure.

Scientists from the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, the University of Rochester and the University of California-Berkeley noted that most natural diamonds result from the compression of carbon-containing minerals under high-temperature conditions at depths of 87 to 120 miles over periods ranging from 1 billion to 3.3 billion years.

The scientists said they applied laser-generated shock waves to rapidly compress a diamond and found natural diamond crystals under shock-wave compression withstood nearly one million atmospheres of pressure, but collapsed and melted in one-billionth of a second under pressures between 1 million and 10 million atmospheres.

The authors said their experiments simulated conditions found on icy gas giant planets, such as Uranus and Neptune, where icebergs of diamond could float on seas of liquid carbon.

The study that included then graduate student Stewart McWilliams, the study's lead author, and Lawrence Livermore's Jon Eggert, appears in the journal *Physical Review B.— Internet*

Over 30 displaced women give birth in Nigerian camps

KANO, 29 Jan—More than 30 pregnant woman, among the thousands of people displaced by deadly ethnic and religious strife in Nigeria last week, have given birth in camps and mosques, officials said on Thursday.

"We have recorded some births in the camps. We have 31 mothers who have given birth in barracks and the Bukuru central mosque in Jos South," Binta Hassan, a midwife in the central Nigerian town told *AFP.*

"Many pregnant women have given birth in the last week in barracks and mosques they are staying after losing their homes in the recent violence," Auwalu Mohammed, head of the Nigeria Red Cross in Jos, also said by telephone.

"These women are among the internally displaced persons whose homes were destroyed in the violence," Mohammed added. According to the Red Cross official, the displaced people are sheltered in 17 camps in Jos, capital of central Plateau State. There are some other camps in neighbouring Bauchi State, relief officials said.—*Internet*

One US trooper killed by IED in southern Afghanistan

KABUL, 29 Jan—A United States serviceman with the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) was killed on Thursday in an IED (improvised explosive device) attack in southern Afghanistan. A Press release issued by the ISAF confirmed the death of the US trooper but failed to give any further detail.

The incident followed a number of IED strikes, roadside bombings and suicide attacks which the insurgents have launched since the start of the year, claiming the death of dozens of international soldiers most of whom were from the US.—*Xinhua*

Brown calls for support in delivering peace to Afghanisttan

LONDON, 29 Jan— Prime Minister Gordon Brown on Thursday called for international support in delivering peace and security to Afghanistan. Brown outlined the aims of the Afghanistan Confernece in London during an openiong adress, saying the aim of the confernece , co-hosted by Britain, the United Nations and Afghanistan, was to agree on a clear international plan for the next 18 months in the war-torn country.

Earlier, the prime minister met with Afghan President Hamid Karzai, UN Secreatry General Ban Ki-moon, NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen, and international representatives including US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

"This is a decisive time for international operation that is helping the Afghan people secure and govern their own country, Brown said. —*MNA/Xinhua*

A statue is covered with snow at a park in Berlin, capital of Germany, on 28 Jan, 2010. A storm front covered much of Germany with snow on Wednesday night into Thursday, adding to what has been an unusually cold and snowy winter.—XINHUA

Study shows dramatic rise in natural disasters over past decade

GENEVA, 29 Jan— There has been a "dramatic" rise in natural disasters during the past decade, the director of the Centre for Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters (CRED) said on Thursday.

"The number of events have gone up very, very dramatically," CRED Director Debarati Guha-Sapir said in Geneva.

During the 2000 to 2009 period, there were 385 disasters, an increase of 233 percent since 1980 to 1989, and of 67 percent since 1990 to 1999, according to CRED data.

Though earthquakes made up 60 percent of natural disasters from 2000 to 2009, climate-related events, such as droughts, storms and floods, have made up the majority of disasters overall, increasing tenfold since data was first collected in 1950.

"Have climate-related disasters increased? The answer is yes," Sapir said, adding, "But it is not clear that climate change itself is an important factor." Sapir said that CRED lacked sufficient research to determine the role of global warming in the increase in climate-related natural disasters.

CRED, an international nonprofit, was created in 1971.

It is part of the Universite catholique de Louvain in Brussels, and has been a collaborating centre with the World Health Organization since 1980.— *Internet*

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, wife

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On behalf of wellwisher Aye Mya Soe Foundation, U Kyaw Nyunt handed over documents related to the hospital to Minister Dr Kyaw Myint.

To mark the 10th Buddha Pujaniya of Maha Shwesigyi Pagoda of Kanbalu, Sagaing Division PDC, Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Sagaing Division MCWSC, Sagaing Division Women's Affairs Committee, Aye Aye Khaing Gems Co and Tin Win Tun Co donated cash to the funds for providing free health care to the patients with eye complaints.

Wellwishers also donated cash to the funds of the hospital to the commander.

After the ceremony, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San visited the hospital.

Next, they comforted the eye patients from Kanbalu, YeU, KhinU, Shwebo, Katha, Kyunhla, Tamu, Mogaung, Banmauk, Kawlin, Wuntho, Pinlebu, Wetlet and Monywa townships. Afterwards, they viewed surgical operations of professors and specialists at the operation theatre.

Eye specialist Lt-Col Daw Yupa Aung of No. 2 Military Hospital (500-bed) and specialists, Project Manager Deputy Director Dr Daw Khin Nyein Lin of Ministry of Health, eye specialists led by Prof U Than Aung and Prof U Mya Aung Associate Professor Dr Ye Lwin of Mandalay EENT and eye specialists from hospitals of Sagaing Division gave eye care to 8150 patients and performed surgical operations on 581 patients from 25 to 28 January at the new hospital. During the period, a total of 331 patients were undergone minor operation and 4,000 patients were presented optical glasses and 6,000 tubes of eye drops.

Kanbalu People's Hospital (100-bed) is located on an area of 28 acres at the corner of Tabinshwehti Road and

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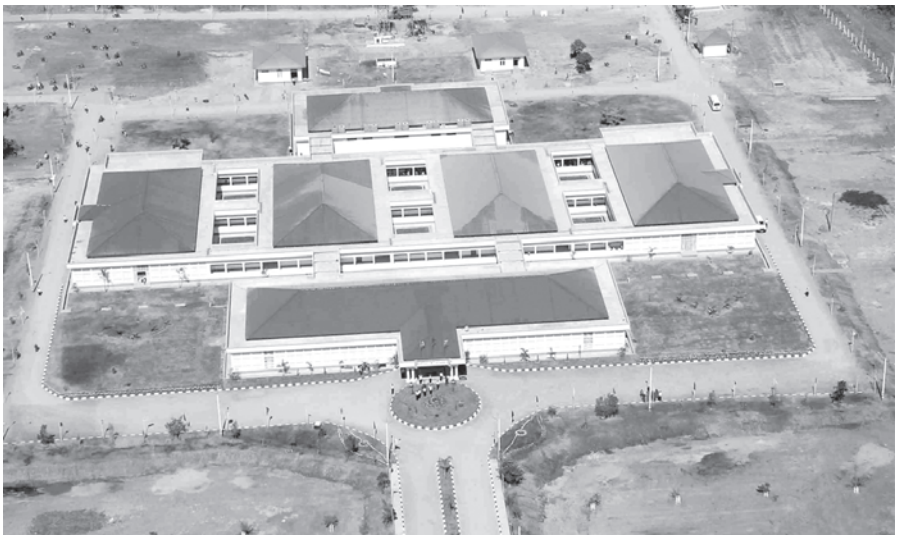
Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San attend opening ceremony of Kanbalu People's Hospital (100-bed).—MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye attends inauguration of Kanbalu People's Hospital (100-bed).—MNA

Kanbalu People's Hospital (100-bed) is located on an area of 28 acres at the corner of Tabinshwehti Road and the detour in Ward 3 of Kanbalu. The hospital is formed with out-patient ward, child ward, maternal and delivery ward, surgical and orthopaedic ward, medical ward and operation theatre in addition to the staff quarters.



A bird's eye view of Kanbalu People's Hospital (100-bed).—MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye…

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been a granary in upper Myanmar with the rice sufficiency like Ayeyawady Division. Kyunhla Myothit was shifted from inundated area. The Government would continue to render assistances in the drive for improving transport and agriculture in the township.

Local people and officials at different levels were to make efforts to further strengthen regional economic development based on the State's assistance. It was required to extend farmlands and increase per acre yield using various ways for the development of agricultural production. It is necessary to correctly know facts and figures of sown acreage and per acre yield for different crops and seek ways how to improve agriculture sector. The Government, in its part, would provide assistance as much as it could.

After Vice-Senior General Maung Aye had cordially greeted local people, he paid homage to Secretary of Division Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Presiding Sayadaw of Settawya Kyaungtaik Bhaddanta Naradhipati and members of the Sangha at Laykyun Manaung Buddha Wihara Beikmantaw in Myoma YoneU Kyaungtaik in Kyunhla and donated alms to them as well as supplicated religious matters to the Sayadaw.

After viewing thriving crops in the town and measures of increasing water supply to the farmlands by helicopter, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party arrived in Kanbalu in the evening.

Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein and Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint accompanying Vice-Senior General Maung Aye attended to the needs for basic schools and people's hospital in Kyunhla after asking officials concerned about the necessities.

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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye offers provisions to members of the Sangha in Kyunhla.

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***Vice-Senior General Maung Aye meets with departmental officials, townselders, members of social organizations and local people in Kyunhla.*—MNA**

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, wife…

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the detour in Ward 3 of Kanbalu.

The hospital is formed with out-patient ward, child ward, maternal and delivery ward, surgical and orthopaedic ward, medical ward and operation theatre in addition to the staff quarters.

The new hospital was sponsored by Aye Mya Soe Co and built by Htoo Trading Co Ltd. The construction started on 10 May 2009.

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***Eye specialists from No-2 Military Hospital (500-bed) perform surgial operation on eye patients at Kanbalu People's Hospital (100-bed).*—MNA**

Myanmar Medical Research Conference concludes

YANGON, 29 Jan – The fifth day programme of Myanmar Medical Research Conference (2009) continued at the meeting hall of Medical Research Department (Lower Myanmar) in Dagon Township here yesterday morning.

Resource persons read out 13 papers at three paper reading sessions presided by rectors, professors/heads of departments and directors.

Director-General Dr Khin Pyone Kyi of Medical Research Department (Lower Myanmar) read out the message sent by the Minister for Health at prize awarding ceremony to the best basic research award winner, the best applied research award winner, the best health system research award winner and the best poster award winner. Professor/Dean Dr Kyi Kyi Thin of Microbiology Department submitted report of the award scrutinizing sub-committee and revealed the award winning papers. Officials later presented prizes to the winners.

MNA

South Africa probes World Cup price fixing by airlines

JOHANNESBURG, 29 Jan—South Africa's Competition Commission said on Thursday it has opened an investigation into possible price-fixing by airlines during the football World Cup.

The investigation targets British Airways and its local partner Comair, South African Airways and its partners SA Airlink and SA Express, as well as discount carriers 1Time and Mango, the commission said in a statement.

They are suspected of colluding on prices and pricing strategies during the World Cup, which kicks off on 11 June, it said. "The soccer World Cup tournament provides South African business with a good opportunity to showcase our international competitiveness, an opportunity which could have positive and lasting benefits," said Commissioner Shan Ramburuth.

"But it is also possible that some firms might want to exploit the situation by engaging in anti-competitive conduct. The Commission is obliged to investigate all legitimate complaints in such instances."

President Jacob Zuma's office asked the commission to look into concerns about airlines raising prices for the World Cup, the statement said.

Airfares during the World Cup have sparked a public uproar for months.—*Internet*

People wait to sign some of the 32 four-metre high Goodwill Balls, representing all the qualified nations for the 2010 FIFA World Cup in Johannesburg. South Africa's Competition Commission said on Thursday it has opened an investigation into possible price-fixing by airlines during the football World Cup.— XINHUA

Algerian court sentences drug traffickers

ALGIERS, 29 Jan—The Oran criminal court in western Algeria has sentenced eight people to jail terms ranging from 20 years to life imprisonment for drug trafficking, the *APS* news agency reported on Thursday.

Six of the convicted men were sentenced on Wednesday to 20 years, a seventh to life and the eighth, who was on the run, was also sentenced to life, after the seizure in 2008 of two tonnes of cannabis resin at Bechar in the southwest.

Border guards from Hassi Khebi near Bechar intercepted a convoy of drug traffickers in March 2008, but the suspects then managed to escape towards Morocco, abandoning their vehicles and their contents.

Two tonnes of cannabis, 4,520 cartons of foreign cigarettes and three brand new all-terrain vehicles were seized in that operation, *APS* said.

During a separate operation, the security services later arrested one of the suspects and seized weaponry including *Kalashnikov* assault rifles, ammunition, fuel, mobile phones and global positioning system (GPS) equipment.

Internet

Worst drought in 50 years hits southwest China, affects three million people

BEIJING, 29 Jan—More than three million people faced water shortage as a worst drought in 50 years hit parts of south and southwest China, according to local meteorological officials.

The drought affected 2.91 million people and 1.48 million large livestock in Yunnan, while up to 57.5 percent of crops, or 21.24 million mu (about 142 hectares), in the southwestern province were also affected.

Yunnan's rainfall since last July was 207 millimetres lower than the perennial average, whereas the temperature was 1.7 degrees higher, said Ma Lianxiang, chief forecaster of Yunnan Provincial Meteorological Department.

He said the provincial meteorological department issued a drought alert on Wednesday.

In neighbouring Guizhou Province, where about 250,000 people suffered drinking water shortage, the government mobilized 61,000 people, 1,140 water transporting vehicles to tackle the problem, according to Guizhou Provincial Flood Control and Drought Relief Headquarters.—*Xinhua*

Saudis drive Yemeni rebels out of border region

RIYADH, 29 Jan—Saudi forces have driven Yemeni rebels out of the border region between the two countries, a top Saudi defence official said on Wednesday, suggesting that the three month conflict along the mountainous frontier may be winding down.

The announcement by Assistant Defence Minister Prince Khaled bin Sultan came a day after the rebels themselves announced a unilateral cease-fire.

Yemen's Hawthi rebels have been battling their own government since 2004 over neglect and discrimination, but when they crossed the border and killed two guards in November, Saudi Arabia launched a massive counteroffensive using artillery and airpower.Speaking to reporters in the southern city of Jazan, Prince Khaled said most of the 133 Saudi soldiers killed in the battles died in the fierce fighting during the first three weeks of the offensive against a string of strategic mountains on the border.

Saudi forces captured some 1,500 Yemenis during the course of the conflict, though some were just smugglers rather than rebel fighters, Prince Khaled added.—*Internet*

Spanish police arrest two suspected ETA members

MADRID, 29 Jan—Spanish police say they have arrested two suspected members of Basque separatist group ETA in northern Spain and discovered a hidden cache containing explosives and bomb-making equipment. Basque regional police said in a statement that the two men were arrested on Thursday on suspicion of belonging to ETA.

They were identified as Zunbeltz Bedialauneta and Urtza Alkorta. The arrests and explosives find happened in the Basque fishing port of Ondarroa where a car bomb explosion blamed on ETA injured 10 people on 21 Sept, 2008.

Police arrested five ETA suspects on Tuesday, three of them in Ondarroa.

Internet

World's second-largest chipmaker Hynix to be sold through block sale

SEOUL, 29 Jan—Creditors of South Korea's Hynix Semiconductor Inc. are mulling a variety of options, including a block sale, in case the sale of the world's second-largest memory chipmaker nears a failure, the head of the state-run financial agency said on Thursday.

"If the attempt to sell the chipmaker fails, creditors will have to consider various options such as a block trade," Ryu Jae- han, President of the Korea Finance Corp, told a Press conference. The creditors in mid-January decided to put their 28 percent stake, amounting to 4 trillion won (3.8 billion US dollars), on sale for the second time after its previous attempt to sell the stake went in vain.

Hyosung Group, the only bidder for Hynix, withdrew its bid in November due to growing rumours in the market that the in-law relations between President Lee Myung-bak and the Hyosung chairman may have affected the group's takeover bid.

The creditors this time say they are considering to take a flexible approach, such as selling the stakes in smaller bundles.—*Xinhua*

Spent ammunition on 27 Jan, 2010 on Mt Doud, a high strategic position occupied by houthi rebels from Yemen that was retaken by the Saudi military a week ago. Mt Doud is in the southern Saudi province of Jizan, near the border with Yemen. INTERNET

An apartment building collapses in the city of Liege, Belgium. INTERNET

Belgium apartment building collapses after gas explosion

LIEGE, 29 Jan—A five-storey apartment building collapsed after an apparent gas explosion early on Wednesday, injuring at least 20 people and leaving at least two caught under the rubble, officials said. It remained unclear whether those trapped in the debris of the century-old building were still alive, officials said.

Firefighters heard at least two different voices under the rubble when they looked for survivors after the ornate facade of the building collapsed, some five hours after the 2 am (0100 GMT) blast. "It is likely there was a gas explosion," Liege Mayor Willy Demeyer said. There was a gas alert in the building over the weekend but no leak was discovered, he said.

Immediately after the blast, a fire raged through the building and thick smoke billowed into the air from the top windows. The blast shattered windows in the city hall, 100 meters away and spread debris and dust throughout the adjacent streets in downtown Liege.

Internet

Paraguayan Cabanas health condition worsen

MEXICO CITY, 29 Jan—The health conditions of Uruguayan soccer player Salvador Cabanas worsen as swelling around the brain area after being shot in the head in a Mexico City on Monday early morning, his doctors said on Wednesday. Cabanas' doctor in charge, Ernest Martinez Duhart said on Wednesday that they have increased the sedation dosage for Cabanas.

"Cabanas has been clinical stable, however, we have had some problems because the brain edema has grown," Martinez said in a Press conference. "We are going to keep him with sedation and the risk continues being high, because the pressure in his brain is increasing, so we will be observing him and inform any change in his condition," Martinez added.

Martinez said that on Thursday it will be the 72 critical hours, so the doctors will be able to see the maximum peak, and he added that to the moment, Cabanas will not have another surgery.—*Xinhua*

Amazon 4Q profit climbs 71 pct on strong holidays

SANFRANCISCO, 29 Jan— Amazon.com Inc.'s fourth-quarter earnings skyrocketed 71 percent, as shoppers spent more than ever during a holiday season that improved over the previous year for retailers on and off the Web.

Despite the sluggish economy, Amazon did well throughout the year, drawing shoppers with its Kindle e-reader and deals on an immense selection of goods ranging from alarm clocks to stuffed zebras.

Amazon reported Thursday that this behavior carried through the holiday season, which is typically the busiest time of the year for retailers. And Amazon doesn't expect growth to slow: The company predicted first-quarter revenue that exceeds analyst expectations.

Amazon said it earned $384 million, or 85 cents per share, in the October-December period.

Internet

***Brahminy Kites (Haliastur indus), also known as the Red-backed Sea-eagle, rest inside a cage at Pulau Kotok bird rehabilitation centre in the Thousand Islands, north of Jakarta on 27 January.*—INTERNET**

Obesity problem alarming in Samoa

WELLINGTON, 29 Jan—Statistics about obesity in the Pacific island nation of Samoa were alarming and the Ministry of Health was moving to tackle the problem. According to a survey done in 2002, some 85.2 percent of the population is obese. Christine Quested, Principal Nutritionist with the Ministry of Health (MOH), said the survey of chronic disease was most relevant to date, the Samoa Observer reported on Thursday.

The survey showed 81.1 percent of men were obese or overweight and 89.8 percent of women were obese or overweight. It means two out of three women between 25-64 years were obese or overweight. Only 9.9 percent of females fit the normal weight category and 18.7 percent of men. The survey showed none of the population is underweight. Quested said health officials were working on ways to lower the percentage of obese and overweight among the population.—*Xinhua*

Two Filipinos killed in explosion in Cyprus

NICOSIA, 29 Jan—Cyprus Police identified on Wednesday two victims who died on Wednesday morning in an explosion which was followed by a fire in an apartment in Nicosia, capital of Cyprus. They are Nardy Nuguid, a male aged 39, and Salibia Mairosecastanas, a female aged 35, both from the Philippines.

They both died when a fire broke out early this morning in a flat in the old part of Nicosia, a run-down area enclosed by mediaeval Venetian walls, where thousands of immigrants working in Cyprus have taken residence. Acting on exhibits recovered from the burned out flat, the police have launched a murder investigation. "Certain clues found on the scene, among them a liquid fuel plastic container, appear to indicate foul play," said Nicosia District Police Chief Kypros Michaelides.

Their room in a flat in a nine-storey apartment building was burned out, but a Coroner said the bodies did not bear any burns. The bodies were found under a bed.

Xinhua

Justine Henin of Belgium signs autographs for fans after beating Zheng Jie of China to win their Women's singles semifinal match at the Australian Open tennis championship in Melbourne, Australia, on 28 Jan , 2010. INTERNET

New King Kong attraction debuts this summer

LOS ANGELES, 29 Jan—A newly-constructed King Kong attraction will make its debut this summer after the original one was burned down in a massive fire 19 months ago, it was reported by *The Los Angeles Times* on Wednesday. Dubbed as "King Kong: The 8th Wonder of the World", the attraction will replace the old one at the same plot and setting, only it will be based on the Academy Award-winning director Peter Jackson's King Kong which will include a new element recreating the fight between Kong and a T-Rex in the beginning of the attraction from the King Kong film.

"After the 2008 fire, we knew we had to bring him back to the back lot studio tour, but in a way that has never been experienced before," Universal Studios Hollywood President Larry Kurzweil was quoted as saying.The new, 3-D Kong has been taking shape in the old Howard Hughes Spruce Goose hangar in Playa Vista, where Peter Jackson led a team in designing the attraction.—*Xinhua*

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV DIBENA HAPPY VOY NO (116)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV DIBENA HAPPY VOY NO (116) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 31.1.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W.2 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 PHULSAWAT SHIPPING CO,LTD

Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV SANG THAI QUARTZ VOY NO (02)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SANG THAI QUARTZ VOY NO (02) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 30.1.2010 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: SANG THAI SHIPPING CO LTD,

Phone No: 256924/256914

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, Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, Civil Society Engagement and Interaction with ASEAN Associated Entities
5. Assistant Director, Macroeconomic and 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.

China's anti-piracy role off Somalia expands

BEIJING, 29 Jan—China has agreed to join an international naval operation to fight piracy off the coast of Somalia. China has been focusing on protecting its own shipping in the area, but it will now join the naval forces of the US, Nato and the European Union.

This grouping, the Shared Awareness and Deconfliction (Shade), protects a shipping corridor in the western Indian Ocean. This is the area where pirate attacks are most frequent. Members of the international naval task force say that although attacks there have increased, fewer have been successful.

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV XIANG XIU VOY NO (1014)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV XIANG XIU VOY NO (1014) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 30.1.2010 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.

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S Korea sees "green vision" as growth engine

SEOUL, 29 Jan—As South Korean president Lee Myung- bak continues to express his deep-hearted zeal for green growth in a number of side meetings with global business and political leaders at the 2010 World Economic Forum (WEF), South Korea's proactive approach to take a lead in creating a low carbon society is garnering mounting attention from the international community. With projections to generate additional economic output worth 206 trillion won (162.7 billion US dollars) and around 1.8 million new jobs overall, South Korea is vehemently encouraging its people as well as other countries to follow steps in its effort to push for eco-friendly growth. Lee first proclaimed his plan to push forward with eco-friendly policies in his speech on 15 Aug, 2008, the 60th anniversary of the founding of South Korea.— *Xinhua*

Russia's 5th-gen fighter makes first flight

MOSCOW, 29 Jan—A new jet fighter seen as Russia's response to US advances in military aviation made a successful first test flight on Friday, planemaker Sukhoi said. The "fifth-generation" fighter—Russia's first all-new warplane since the Soviet collapse—flew for about 45 minutes, Sukhoi spokeswoman Olga Kayukova said on Rossiya 24 television.

"The plane performed very well. All our expectations for this first flight were met," Kayukova said. "The premiere was a success."Analysts have said it would probably be five to seven years before Russia's military gets to fly the first of the new fighters. The plane took off from Komsomolsk-on-Amur in Russia's Far East, Kayukova said. Authorities had initially promised the maiden flight last year.

The fighter, which Rossiya 24 said has been tentatively dubbed the *T-50* by its makers, is crucial to demonstrating that Russia can hold its own and even challenge US technology. It is seen as Moscow's answer to the US-built *F-22 Raptor* stealth fighter, which first flew in 1997. Fifth-generation jets are invisible to radar, have advanced on-board flight and weapons control systems and can cruise at supersonic speeds.— *Internet*

A new Russian T-50 fighter lands at an airfield of the Sukhoi aircraft manufacturing plant in Komsomolsk-on-Amur on 23 Jan, 2010. — INTERNET

A cell phone shows the conditions at the Sugarbush ski resort in Warren, Vt on 20 Jan, 2010. Economists Jonathan Zinman and Eric Zitzewitz, skiers who took offense to a fluffed-up claim, studied snow reports from 2004 to 2008 and compared them to area government weather stations.
INTERNET

Eleven die in heavy fighting in Mogadishu

MOGADISHU, 29 Jan—At least eleven people were killed and almost 25 others were wounded on Friday in an early morning fighting in the Somali capital Mogadishu between militants and Somali government forces backed by African Union (AU) peacekeeping forces, emergency sources and residents said.

The fighting which began in the small hours of Friday morning erupted after rebels waged coordinated attacks on a number of positions of Somali government forces and AU peacekeepers.

The attacks, which broke days of relative stability in the city, were followed by heavy shelling that mainly hit residential areas in south and north of the restive Somali capital Mogadishu, leaving a number of civilians dead and others wounded, according to local emergency services.

"Nine people all of them civilians died as a result of the shelling while 22 others mostly women, were wounded," Ali Muse, a head of local ambulance service told *Xinhua.* Many of the wounded were trapped in their homes as ambulance vans could not move around during the dark hours and some have died of blood loss, emergency officials said.—*Xinhua*

Overweight septuagenarians live longer

WASHINGTON , 29 Jan— Overweight septuagenarians are less likely to die within 10 years than people of "normal" weight in the same age group, an Australian study said on Thursday. The study in the *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society* followed 4,677 men and 4,563 women aged 70 to 75 for a ten-year period from 1996. In addition to their "body mass index," or BMI, which estimates a person's body fat, the researchers also took into account the state of their health and their lifestyle.

Participants whose body mass index was classified as overweight were 13 percent less likely to die than those classified as being of normal weight. The benefits, however, were seen only in those who were overweight but not obese. "These results add evidence to the claims that the WHO (World Health Organization) BMI thresholds for overweight and obese are overly restrictive for older people. It may be timely to review the BMI classification for older adults," said Leon Flicker, of the University of Western Australia and the lead researcher.

Internet

Egyptian workers make beds of sand to protect their palm trees in the Nile Delta region of Rosetta, northwest of the captial Cairo. **INTERNET**

Archaeologists clear stones in a newly discovered tomb at the Mayan Tonina archeological site near Ocosingo village in Mexico's Chiapas State, on 27 Jan, 2010. Archaeologists from Mexico's National Institute of Anthropology an History (INAH) announced they discovered in Dec 2009 the ancient sarcophagus in a tomb dated 840-900 BC.— INTERNET

Children who are at risk for ear infection

WASHINGTON, 29 Jan—Ear infections are common in children, and may be chronic. The American Academy of Family Physicians offers this list of risk factors for ear infections in children:

* Being around smokers.
* Having had a prior ear infection or a family history of ear infection.
* Going to day care.
* Being born prematurely or having a low birth weight.
* Having frequent colds or other infections.
* Going to bed with a bottle, or using a pacifier.
* Being a boy.
* Having allergy-related nasal congestion.
* Having nasally speech.—*Internet*

High vitamin D levels, lower colon cancer risk?

NEW YORK, 29 Jan—Higher levels of vitamin D in the blood may help protect both men and women from cancers of the colon and rectum, confirm results of the largest study ever conducted on the topic. Among more than 1200 people who developed colorectal cancer and an equal number who did not, researchers found that those with the highest levels of vitamin D in their blood had a nearly 40 percent reduced risk of developing colorectal cancer compared to those with the lowest levels.

The findings from the EPIC study — short for European Prospective Investigation into Cancer and Nutrition—confirm previous findings from smaller studies conducted largely among North American populations. —*Internet*

Egypt's fertile Nile Delta falls prey to climate change

ROSETTA, 29 Jan—The Nile Delta, Egypt's bread basket since antiquity, is being turned into a salty wasteland by rising seawaters, forcing some farmers off their lands and others to import sand in a desperate bid to turn back the tide. Experts warn that global warming will have a major impact in the delta on agriculture resources, tourism and human migration besides shaking the region's fragile ecosystems.

Over the last century, the Mediterranean Sea, which fronts the coast of the Nile Delta, has risen by 20 centimetres (six inches) and saltwater intrusion has created a major challenge, experts say. A recent government study on the coast of Alexandria, Egypt's second largest city, expects the sea to continue to rise and flood large swathes of land.

"A 30-centimetre rise in sea level is expected to occur by 2025, flooding approximately 200 square kilometres (77 square miles). "As a result, over half a million inhabitants may be displaced and approximately 70,000 jobs could be lost," the study said. Environmental damage to the Nile Delta is not yet one of Egypt's priorities, but experts say if the situation continues to deteriorate, it will trigger massive food shortages which could turn seven million people into "climate refugees" by the end of the century.

Internet

Too much alcohol impairs seniors' thinking

WASHINGTON, 29 Jan—Elderly people who are heavy drinkers are more likely to suffer memory and cognitive problems than mild-to-moderate drinkers, a new study shows.

Brazilian researchers examined drinking and memory/cognition in 1,145 volunteers aged 60 and older. The participants included 419 men and 726 women from different socioeconomic levels.

"We found that heavy alcohol use among the elderly people we investigated was high, at 8.2 percent, and affected principally men from low socioeconomic levels.

Internet

Australian scientists to study whales alive

CANBERRA, 29 Jan—Australian Environment Minister Peter Garrett said on Thursday that whales can be studied alive in their natural habitat and harpoons were not necessary. "We do not need to kill whales to study them," he told *Australian Associated Press.* Garrett revealed Australian scientists will sail for Antarctica on Friday as part of the federal government's whale research programme.

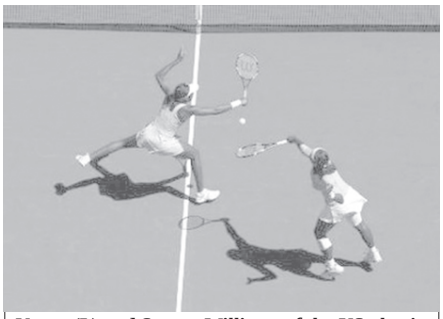
They are collaborating with colleagues from New Zealand on a six-week field trip to demonstrate you do not need to kill whales to study them. The researchers will investigate the feeding behaviour of whales and their interaction with pack ice, along with the population structure of whale populations.

The research programme has the motto of "respect for the oceans and the creatures that make their home in the vast waters of our planet". Commercial whaling is banned but Japan hunts whales in the name of scientific research, measuring the carcasses and assessing the stomach contents and dead foetuses.— *Xinhua*

A man looks at a mobile phone at the Microsoft booth during the 2010 International Consumer Electronics Show (CES) in Las Vegas, Nevada. — **INTERNET**

SPORTS

Williams sisters win doubles title



Venus (L) and Serena Williams of the US play in the women's doubles final against Cara Black of Zimbabwe and Liezel Huber of the US at the Australian Open tennis tournament in Melbourne on 29 Jan, 2010.— INTERNET

MELBOURNE, 29 Jan— Venus and Serena Williams won their fourth Australian Open women's doubles title, beating Cara Black and Liezel Huber 6-4, 6-3.

The Williams broke Huber's serve to open the second set Friday and won the match when they again broke Huber, ending it on Serena's winning reflex volley.

The sisters high-fived each other at the side of the court after the match.

The Williams sisters won the Australian title for the first time in 2001 and added championships in 2003 and last year.

Black, from Zimbabwe, and Huber, a South African-born American citizen, won the 2007 title.

"I have to congratulate Venus and Serena for a great tournament — you guys are too good," Black said.

Internet

Cypress Mountain will host despite little snow

VANCOUVER, 29 Jan — Snow or no snow, freestyle skiing and snowboarding at Cypress Mountain will go forward.

Crews are working around the clock using natural and man-made snow to ensure courses are ready, Tim Gayda, vice president of sport for the Winter Games, said on Thursday.

"We are running these events at Cypress," Gayda said. "We have no intention of moving from that venue.

We have enough people and enough snow to get the job done."

Unseasonably warm, wet weather in the Vancouver area has been a worry for organizers in recent weeks.

Cypress Mountain was closed to the public 2 1/2 weeks earlier than planned to protect the snow. More than 300 dump trucks of snow have already been used to create courses, and straw and wood are being laid to create bases for the snow.

Internet

In this 22 Jan , 2010, file photo, a closed sign is displayed in front of a parking lot at at the mogul and aerial 2010 Vancouver Olympic venues at Cypress Mountain in West Vancouver, British Columbia.— INTERNET

Wilson, Dredge share 1st-round lead in Doha

DOHA, 29 Jan —Oliver Wilson of England shot a 5-under 67 on Thursday despite gusting wind to share the first-round lead with Bradley Dredge of Wales at the Qatar Masters. Tied for second were Robert Karlsson, Alexander Noren, Lee Westwood and Marcel Siem.

Wilson had a chance to take the lead on the 18th, where he missed a 5-foot birdie putt. The wind reached 40 mph early in the day before dying down. Karlsson had one of the most spectacular shots of the round when he holed an 8-iron from 182 yards for an eagle.—*Internet*

Sweden's Robert Karlsson lines up a putt on the 18th green during the Qatar Masters at the Doha Golf Club, in Doha, Qatar, on 28 Jan, 2010.

INTERNET

Last-gasp Balotelli helps Inter pile on Juve agony

ROME , 29 Jan—Mario Balotelli scored a last-gasp winner to help Inter Milan add to Juventus's misery on Thursday with a 2-1 comeback win at the San Siro that takes them into the semi-finals of the Italian Cup. The forward, so often the target of racist abuse from Juve fans, thumped in the rebound of a Thiago Motta shot, one minute before the end after Lucio's 71st-minute goal had cancelled out Diego's early opener for the visitors.

Inter will face Fiorentina in a two-leg semi-final, the first of which will take place next week. The match could be Ciro Ferrara's last in charge of Juve as Italian media say the club intend to sack him after a dreadful run of form. Thursday's defeat leaves his side with little real chance of winning a trophy this season as they are already out of the Champions League and have dropped to sixth in Serie A, 16 points behind leaders Inter, after losing five of their last six league games.

Internet

Egyptians wipe out Algeria to face Ghana in final

Wael Gomaa (left) of Egypt vies for the ball with Karim Matmour of Algeria during their semi final match in the African Cup of Nations at the Ombaka stadium in Benguela.

INTERNET

LUANDA, 29 Jan—Africa Cup of Nations' kings Egypt walloped eight-man Algeria 4-0 on Thursday to set up a fascinating clash with Ghana's youngsters in on Sunday's final.

Egypt's charmed run to what would be a seventh title looks all but assured if they mete out the same treatment to Ghana as they have done to Nigeria, Mozambique, Benin, Cameroon and now bitter rivals Algeria.

Egypt assistant coach Chaouki Gharib said: "We've played against three World Cup qualifiers in our five matches here, we've beaten them all and scored ten goals against all of them.—*Internet*

Man City confirm Robinho to join Santos on loan

MANCHESTER, 29 Jan —Robinho, Manchester City's unsettled Brazilian forward, is to join his first club Santos on a six-month loan, the English Premier League side confirmed on Thursday. In a statement on their official website, City said the Brazilian club had agreed to pay all of the player's wages and bonuses for the period, which begins immediately and ends on 4 August. Robinho reportedly earns 160,000 pounds a week.

Manager Roberto Mancini said: "Robinho is someone who needs to be playing regularly and we wish him well for the period of his loan." The 26-year-old, who began his career at Santos, will leave for Brazil on Sunday. Signed from Real Madrid in 2008 for a British transfer record of 32.5 million pounds, Robinho has failed to make a major impression on English football.

Internet

Smalling completes United switch

LONDON , 29 Jan— Manchester United on Thursday completed the signing of highly-rated Fulham defender Chris Smalling on a four-year deal, the English champions announced.

The 20-year-old, who only two years ago was playing non-league football, completed his medical and will move to Old Trafford in July.

Manchester United on Thursday completed the signing of highly-rated Fulham defender Chris Smalling, on a four-year deal, the English champions announced.

INTERNET

"Chris is an extremely talented young defender, who we have been monitoring for some months," said United manager Sir Alex Ferguson.

"He is very quick and reads the game well. He will be a great asset to the club, playing alongside some of the best defenders around and we are delighted to have secured his signature."

Smalling said: "Joining Manchester United is an unbelievable opportunity for me.

"My time at Fulham has been great and I have learned a lot about the game from Roy Hodgson and the coaching staff.

"But the chance of coming to the biggest club in the world is something I just couldn't turn down."

Internet

Ghana down Nigeria, into Africa Cup of Nations final

LUANDA , 29 Jan— Ghana are into the Africa Cup of Nations final for the first time in 18 years after a 1-0 defeat of Nigeria at the 11 November stadium here on Thursday. In form striker Asamoah Gyan got the priceless first half goal to claim the honours as Ghana moved to within one win of a fifth continental crown. The Black Stars' opponents in Sunday's 2010 climax will emerge from Thursday's second semi-final in Benguela between holders Egypt and Algeria.

"It's unbelievable," said Gyan. "We are a young team and not many people gave us a chance of making the final." Ghana coach Milovan Rajevic added: "I told my boys we were not going to play beautiful football today, we were going to play for a result. "Nigeria had a few good chances but my team are very young and sometimes due to inexperience it led them (Nigeria) to create chances."

Internet

Apple's new tablet PC is not the first product to be called the "iPad" — Fujitsu said its US subsidiary launched an "iPad" mobile device (pictured) in 2002.—INTERNET

Criminal suspect escorted back to China from Thailand

BEIJING, 29 Jan — A Chinese national suspected of embezzling more than 13 million yuan (1.9 million U.S. dollars) has been escorted back from Thailand where he had stayed 11 years, China's Ministry of Public Security (MPS) said on Friday.

Chen Zhiming, a former manager of securities business with the Shanghai branch of the Hainan SEG International Trust and Investment Corporation, escaped to Thailand after investing the money he embezzled from his company in stocks in 1998. In October 2009, Chen was persuaded by the Chinese police liaison officer in Thailand to return to China and confess his crime. He was escorted back on Dec. 29.

The MPS said the ministry will strengthen international communication and cooperation with foreign police in law enforcement and go deeper to seize criminal suspects at large overseas.

Xinhua

MRTV-3
Programme Schedule
(30-1-2010) (Saturday)

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

Local Transmission

* Signature Tune
* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
* Nan Pan Market Day
* Glazed Earthen Pot
* Myanmar Movies Impact
* Myanmar Modern Song
* Mind... the essene of Love!
* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

* Signature Tune
* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
* Nan Pan Market Day
* Glazed Earthen Pot
* Myanmar Movies Impact
* Silk-Ware from Amarapura
* Myanmar Modern Song
* Mind... the essene of Love!
* Woods Finishing Industry
* Memorial Stones from Chin Mountain Ranges
* Culture Stage
* Starry Emperor Breeding Camp
* Myanmar Modern Song
* Amrapura Bargaya Monastery
* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

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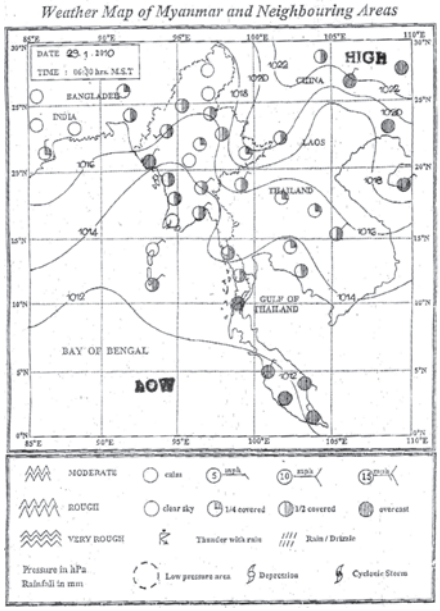
Myanmar TV

Saturday, 30 January
View on today

7:00 am
1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြုဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော် ယောဆရာတော်ဟောကြားတော်မူသော ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော်
7:25 am
2. To Be Healthy Exercise
7:30 am
3. Morning News
7:40 am
4. မြတ်ဂုဏ်တော်သခင် (သန်းမြတ်စိုးတေးရေး-မောင်မောင်လတ်)
7:45 am
5. Nice & Sweet Song
7:55 am
6. ကဗျာပန်းဥယျာဉ်
8:05 am
7. Song Of National Races
8:10 am
8. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
8:30 am
9. ပဲခူးမြစ်ကူးတံတား(ကဝ)
8:40 am
10. International News
8:45 am
11. Musical Programme
11:00 am
1. Martial Song
11:05 am
2. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက
11:15 am
3. Game For Children
11:40 am
4. Round Up Of The Week's TV Local News
11:45 am
5. Yan Can Cook
12:10 pm
6. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဟာသကမ္ဘာ" (အပိုင်း-၆၇)
12:55 pm
7. "မွေးကင်းစကလေးပြုစုစောင့်ရှောက်ရေး" (အပိုင်း-၁)
1:10 pm
8. Musical Programme
1:25 pm
9. "ဖန်ခါးမြေမှရထားလမ်းသစ်"
1:40 pm
10. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
1:55 pm
11. "ဇမ္ဗူဒီပါမှာထွန်းတဲ့ကျွန်း" (လွင်မိုးမင်းဦးခန့်စည်သူ၊ စိုးမြတ်နန္ဒာ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်သီ)
2:30 pm
12. International News
2:40 pm
13. ဂီတသံစဉ်အလှဆင်
4:00 pm
1. Martial Song
4:05 pm
2. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
4:20 pm
3. Musical Programme
4:30 pm
4. နားဝင်ပိယံသူလက်သံ
4:45 pm
5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရပ်မြင် သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ဒုတိယနှစ် (ဓာတုဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ဓာတုဗေဒ)
5:05 pm
6. Songs For Uphold National Spirit
5:10 pm
7. "တစ်သက်စာ"
5:35 pm
8. ကြိုဆင်းဘိလပ်မြေစက်ရုံ
5:45 pm
9. သူရွေးသီရာတေးကဗျာ
6:00 pm
10. Evening News
6:15 pm
11. Weather Report
6:20 pm
12. အလှရှာမယ်၊ အလှကမ္ဘာဝယ်
6:45 pm
13. ယဉ်တစ်ကိုယ်မယ် "ဆောင်းရဲ့ဆည်းဆာအလှ" (အမရာမောင်)(ဒါရိုက်တာ-ခေတ်ဘုန်းမို့)
7:00 pm
14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "တော်ဝင်နှလုံးသား" (အပိုင်း-၈)
8:00 pm
15. News
16. International News
17. Weather Report
18. "ဗိုင်နီဆောမိသားစုစွန့်စားခန်း" (အပိုင်း-၈၁)
19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရွှေဖူးစာလည်" (အပိုင်း-၃)
20. ဂီတတံခါးလေးဖွင့်ပါဦး

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Friday, 29th January, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Rakhine State and Taninthayi Division and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Night temperatures were (5°C) to (6°C) below January average temperatures in Chin State and upper Sagaing Division, (3°C) below January average temperatures in Rakine State, (5°C) above January average temperatures in Taninthayi Division and about January average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Loilem (-1°C), Haka (0°C), Namsam and Heho (2 °C) each.

Maximum temperature on 28-1-2010 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 29-1-2010 was 61°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 29-1-2010 was 49%. Total sun shine hours on 28-1-2010 was (9.6) hours approx.

Rainfall on 29-1-2010 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 Northeast at (15:30) hours MST on 28-1-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 30th January 2010: Likelihood of isolated light rain in Rakhine State and Taninthayi Division, weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin, Shan and Kayah States, Ayeyawady, Magway and Mandalay Divisions and generally fair in 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: Likehood of slight decrease of night temperatures in the Eastern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 30-1-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 30-1-2010: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 30-1-2010: Partly cloudy.

Weather outlook for first weekend of February 2010: During the coming weekend weather will be partly cloudy in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay Divisions.

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★ 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

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye on inspection tour of Kyunhla

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Jan—Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye who was in Kanbalu, Shwebo District, Sagaing Division, together with Secretary-1 of the SPDC General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, commanders, ministers and heads of department, arrived at Kyunhla, Shwebo District by helicopter at 1.15 pm yesterday.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party were welcomed there by Director-General of General Administration Department of the Ministry of Home Affairs U Myat Ko and departmental officials at division, district and township levels.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party viewed the development of Kyunhla in a motorcade.

At the meeting hall of Kyunhla Township PDC Office, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye met departmental officials, members of social organizations and local people. Chairman of Kyunhla Township PDC U Aye Naing reported to Vice-Senior General Maung Aye on the population of the town, economic, social , education and health sectors and requirements of the town to be fulfilled, and a local on the status of development and requirements after Kyunhla has been shifted.

Next, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Soe reported to Vice-Senior General Maung Aye on developments of Kyunhla Myothit, the organizational set-up of the township, population, agriculture and requirements.

Afterwards, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo reported to Vice-Senior General Maung Aye on measures of improving agricultural sector and feasibility study on water resources such as Minmyin creek, Kyunpinle creek and Thaik creek for seeking irrigation water.

In response to the reports, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye said that requirements presented by local officials would be fulfilled after being reviewed. The Government was focusing on the development of the whole Sagaing Division including Kyunhla Township. Thaphanseik dam was built to improve the agriculture sector in Sagaing Division with regional rice surplus after damming Mu River. Now, Sagaing Division has

(See page 9)

***Vice-Senior General Maung Aye cordially greets departmental officials, members of social organizations and local people in Kyunhla.*—MNA**