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Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to Sri Lankan President

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Feb — On the occasion of the 62nd Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka which falls on 4th February 2010, Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.—MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein sends message of felicitations to Sri Lankan counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Feb — On the occasion of the 62nd Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka which falls on 4th February 2010, General Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Ratnasiri Wickramanayaka, Prime Minister of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka. — MNA

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

Chaungmange Dam benefiting local farmers in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township

Article & Photos: *Khin Maung Than (Sethmu)*



Photo shows water control tower and storage of water at Chaungmange Dam.

Looking forwards to the increase of various agricultural produce and the greening of regions, the government is striving for implementation of small- and medium-scale dam and reservoir projects in a short time. In so doing, a dam was built near Pannyosan Village of Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township by damming Chaungmange Creek. The irrigation facility was named Chaungmange Dam.

The purpose of building Chaungmange Dam was to irrigate about 8,000 acres of farmland in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township of Nay Pyi Taw District and to generate 50 kilowatts for supply of electricity to surrounding villages of the dam.

We the news crew of Kyemon Daily, together with Staff Officer U Chan Nyein of Construction (5) of Irrigation Department made a trip to Chaungmange Dam. At the briefing hall, Staff Officer U Aye Kyu and Deputy Staff Officer U Maung Myint explained facts about the irrigation facility.

Chaungmange Creek was dammed with the earth embankment to store 91,770 acre-feet of water at its highest level. The dam supplies water to 8000 acres of farmlands in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township through 10 miles long main canal.

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PERSPECTIVES

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The longest bridge on Ayeyawady

Transport facilitation is a must for regional as well as national all-round development. Hence, the government has been building many new railroads and motor roads and bridges spanning natural watercourses large and small in the entire country. It is also building bridges on the Ayeyawady River to help boost trade between the west bank and the east bank.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein on 1 February 2010 inspected Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku) project encouraging workers to complete the project on schedule and making arrangements for timely arrival of construction materials.

Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku) will link Letpanchepaw village in NyaungU Township on the east bank and Pakokku on the west bank. As the main structure will be over two miles long it will become the longest bridge in Myanmar. It will be a reinforced concrete facility installed with steel frames supporting a railroad flanked by a one-way motor road on either side.

The bridge will be on Pakokku-Myingyaint-Letpanchepaw-Thithtauk-NyaungU railroad which is in planning stage. The facility will help accelerate commodity flow in the region thereby enhancing the marketability of local products.

Construction began with greater acceleration, and machinery and construction materials have already arrived at the project site. Bored piling is now under way. The project staff on their part are striving to complete the facility on schedule and in accord with the set standard.

Photo Contest to commemorate Ngwehsaung Beach 10th Anniversary

YANGON, 3 Feb—The sub-committee for organizing Ngwehsaung Beach photo contest of Myanmar Hoteliers' Association (Ngwehsaung Zone) will hold Ngwehsaung Beach 10th Anniversary Photo Contest with the sponsorship of Myanmar Photographic Society.

Each contestant may

submit four photos, not smaller than the size of (10"x14") and not larger than that of (12"x18"). The contest is open and the participants may claim responsibility on their works. Original negatives and files of the award winning photos may be submitted within seven days after declaring the winners. The first prize is K 300,000, the second K

Peoples' Desire

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

Minister visits cotton purchasing depots

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Feb—Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung inspected Ngwechi-6 long staple cotton purchase depot, Win Thuzar Shop, the four cotton milling machines, and storage of cotton at Cotton Mill (Taungtha) under the Myanmar Textile Industries in Taungtha Township, Mandalay Division, on 1 February.

On his inspection tour of Ngwechi-6 long staple cotton purchasing depot at Cotton Mill (Mahlaing), the minister called for minimizing the wastage and preventive measures against fire.

He also visited Pyawbwe Myoma cotton purchasing depot and Ngwechi-6 long staple cotton purchasing depot at Yamethin Cotton Mill.—MNA

Foreign Affairs Minister felicitates Sri Lankan counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Feb—On the occasion of the 62nd Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka which falls on 4th February 2010, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Rohitha Bogollagama, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.—MNA



Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung inspects products of Yamethin Cotton Mill.—MNA

IEM Co opens show room

YANGON, 3 Feb—The opening ceremony of the show room of IEM Co Ltd was held in conjunction with the get-together of sales agents at Room A-01 of No. 78 on Kyaikkasan Road in Tamway Township yesterday afternoon.

General Manager Mr. Dhananjay Sharma of Su-Kam Power Systems Ltd extended greetings. Manager Mr. Vikrant Malhotra and Senior Engineer Mr. Vijayant Singh explained Su-Kam brand UPS and Inverters to



Manager Vikrant Malhotra of Su-Kam Power Systems Ltd explains opening of IEM Co Ltd Show Room.—MNA

200,000, the third K 100,000 and the consolation prize is K50,000. The photos may be posted to the Myanmar Photographic Society at No (27-29) on 35th Street in Kyauktada Township, Yangon, not later than 1 March. One may contact MPS for further details.

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be used at factories, hospitals, houses and offices and LiOA brand products. Su-Kam brand pure sine wave home UPS, Inverter sealed maintenance free battery, online UPS, safeguard & torch light and LiOA brand regulars and automatic voltage stabilizer will be sold at the special

prices.

These products are available at IEM Co Ltd (Yangon Head Office) at No. 15 on East Horse Race Course Road in Tamway Township, Tel: 546064 and 543037, the show room at Room A-01 of No. 78 on Kyaikkasan Road in Tamway

Township, Tel: 430043 and 098553004, Room C-1/C-2 of the housing of Public Works on Yangon-Mandalay Highway near Chanmyathazi Airport in Mandalay, Tel: 02-71395 and 095010979 and shops of sale agents in countryside.

MNA



A doctor examines a wounded man at the hospital after Monday's suicide attack that targeted Shi'ite pilgrims, in Baghdad on 2 Feb, 2010.—INTERNET

Two US service members killed by bomb in Afghanistan

KABUL, 3 Feb—NATO forces say that two US service members were killed in a bomb strike in southern Afghanistan.

The international military coalition said the attack happened on Tuesday but did not provide further information. The military typically holds back details on attacks until families have been informed.

Volatile southern Afghanistan has seen increasing violence over the past 12 months with an increase in NATO forces, particularly deaths and

injuries from planted bombs targeting vehicles of international forces or soldiers on foot patrols.

President Barack Obama has ordered an additional 30,000 US troops to Afghanistan to turn back the resurgent Taliban. In all, three US service members have died this month. Thirty American troops died in January, compared with 14 in the same month of 2009.—*Internet*

Situation in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 3 Feb—Following are security developments in Iraq at 1530 GMT on Tuesday.

Mosul—Iraqi security forces backed by US troops killed one suspected insurgent and arrested two others in a raid southeast of Mosul, 390 kilometres (240 miles) north of Baghdad, the US military said. Gunmen shot dead one person inside his house in western Mosul, police said. Gunmen hurled a hand grenade at a police patrol, wounding three people including a policeman, in central Mosul, police said. Gunmen killed a driver inside his car in eastern Mosul, police said.

Baghdad—A roadside bomb wounded three Shi'ite pilgrims in the Zaafaraniya District of southeastern Baghdad, and Interior Ministry source said.

Taji—A bomb attached to a car wounded a policeman in the town of Taji, 20 kilometres (12 miles) north of Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source said.

Garma—A roadside bomb injured five policemen in the town of Garma, 30 kilometres (20 miles) northwest of Baghdad, police said.—*MNA/Reuters*

At least 20 killed in Iraq explosion

BAGHDAD, 3 Feb—A suicide bombing in the Iraqi city of Karbala has killed at least 20 pilgrims travelling to a Shia festival.

Scores were wounded in the attack on the route to an important Shia shrine, health officials said.

A bomber had driven a car into the crowd before it exploded, Iraqi police said.

On Monday a female suicide bomber killed at least 54 and wounded more than 100 people in north-east Baghdad.

The bombing raises fears of heightened sectarian violence before Iraq's March elections. — *Internet*



A suicide attacker on Wednesday ploughed a bomb-laden vehicle into Shiite pilgrims in central Iraq, killing 23 of them, including women and children, the second deadly assault on devotees this week.

INTERNET

US and allies kill, injure Iraqi people

BAGHDAD, 3 Feb—There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

Casualties of Iraqi people

The total number of casualties as from the day they invaded the country to 3 February reached 700205 and the total number of seriously injured people reached 1264402 according to the news on the Internet.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Death toll of Iraqi people	700205
2.	The total number of seriously injured people	1264402

Internet



People mourn for their relative during a mass funeral for victims of a suicide attack, northeast of Baghdad on 2 Feb, 2010.—XINHUA

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

KABUL, 3 Feb—The NATO troops led by the US have invaded Afghanistan and they are there for a long time.

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

Casualties of Afghan people

According to the Internet news, a total of 32556 Afghan people were killed and 38336 injured seriously as from the day when the NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan to 3 February.

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Internet



Firefighters extinguish a burning oil tanker, which was attacked early morning on the outskirts of Peshawar, located in the Northwest Frontier Province 1 February, 2010. Militants blew up an oil tanker carrying fuel supply for Afghanistan where western forces are fighting Taliban militants, police said.

INTERNET



Tourists enjoy South Korean foods at a Korean restaurant in 2001. Astronauts could soon be eating seaweed soup and spicy, garlic-laden meat dishes after South Korea won approval to send several national dishes into space.—INTERNET

Indian Navy to induct MiG 29K on 19 Feb

NEW DELHI, 3 Feb—The Indian Navy is to induct Russian-made MiG 29K combat jets into its marine fleet for aircraft carrier *Admiral Gorshkov* on 19 Feb in the western state of Goa, where the ship is currently docked, Defence Ministry sources said.

“On 19 Feb, a squadron of four fighter jets will be deployed on *Admiral Gorshkov*. The squadron has been codenamed *Black Panthers*. The Navy acquired the fighter jets in December last year.

The induction ceremony will take place at Goa’s INS Hansa naval base. A Russian team is in the base to help with the induction,” the sources said.

Xinhua

US drone aircraft kills ten in Pakistan’s Waziristan

ISLAMABAD, 3 Feb—American drones on Tuesday rained volley of missiles in the Pakistani tribal region, killing at least 10 people, according to local people.

A tribal elder said on phone from Mian Shah, the centre of North Waziristan, that several US drone aircraft fired at least 11 missiles at three places.

Missiles were fired in Datta Khel area, some 45 km from Miranshah, he said.

Officials said that the missiles struck hideouts of the suspected Taliban but locals said that civilians were among the dead.

Witnesses said that tribesmen also fired at the drones but could not hit the aircraft.

US has stepped attacks in Waziristan tribal regions after a suicide bomber struck the CIA centre in Afghanistan.—Xinhua

Argentina protests British plan for oil drilling in Malvinas Islands

BUENOS AIRES, 3 Feb—The Argentine Foreign Ministry lodged a protest with Britain on Tuesday over the European country’s drilling plan in the north of the disputed Malvinas (Falkland) Islands. Argentina “strongly rejects the UK’s attempts to authorize exploration and exploitation operations of hydrocarbons in the Argentine continental

platform area,” said the protest issued by the Foreign Ministry.

It also said “Argentina reaffirms its right of sovereignty on the Malvinas Islands, Georgias of the South, and Sandwich of the South, and the maritime spaces around them, which are integral part of its national territory.”

According to the protest, the British “new uni-

lateral move” is just like the actions of Britain in 2007, which caused Argentina to end a joint declaration with Britain over cooperation activities outside the South Atlantic coast. The Argentine Foreign Ministry, however, called on Britain to “restart negotiations in order to find as soon as possible a solution to their dispute.”—Xinhua

Medvedev calls for improved investment climate in Russia

MOSCOW, 3 Feb—Russian President Dmitry Medvedev on Tuesday called on the government to work out measures to improve the country’s investment climate, Russian news agencies reported.

Capital investment in Russia dropped 17 percent in real terms adjusted for inflation and foreign direct investment fell 41 percent, Medvedev told a meeting on investment environment.

Medvedev said the global economic recovery will create favourable conditions for a rise in foreign investment.

“Our economy will be able to receive it in the necessary amounts if investment conditions in our country are better than those of our competitors,” Medvedev was quoted as saying by *RIA Novosti*.

In particular, the President proposed to scrap quotas on skilled foreign

specialists, offer tax refunds to construction and exports, and ease Customs clearance for engineering and hi-tech companies. Russia, whose economy is heavily dependent on energy resources, was hard hit by the global economic downturn as oil prices collapsed late 2008.

Latest data from the Federal State Statistics Service showed Russia’s gross domestic product contracted 7.9 percent last year.—Xinhua

Somali violence uproots 80,000 civilians in January alone

UNITED NATIONS, 3 Feb—The United Nations refugee agency on Tuesday reported that a sharp rise in violence in Somalia in January left nearly 260 civilians dead, in addition to uprooting over 80,000 and causing widespread destruction.

According to local sources, intense clashes between government forces and militia groups fighting in the strife-torn central regions have also left 253 civilians wounded. All of this “makes January the deadliest month since last August,” Andrej Mahecic, spokesperson for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), told reporters.—Xinhua



People try to extinguish the fire in Bakara Market, where fuel in barrels and tanks is sold, in Mogadishu, capital of Somalia, on 2 Feb, 2010. The fire destroyed hundreds of thousands of dollars’ worth of goods, mainly petrol and diesel.—XINHUA

UN chief urges for joined hands in nuclear disarmament efforts

UNITED NATIONS, 3 Feb—UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on Tuesday praised the role of international political, military, business and faith leaders in pushing for the phased elimination of all nuclear weapons with a global campaign to build public and political support.

“Your efforts are a

crucial part of this bigger picture,” he said in a video message to the Global Zero World Summit in Paris. “You are helping to create real public pressure for change.” Some 200 dignitaries are expected to

attend the three-day meeting, including former US Secretary of State George Shultz, Swedish Foreign Minister Carl Bildt, Brazilian Foreign Minister Celso Amorim, and Queen Noor of Jordan.—Xinhua



Guests learn to make Chinese dumplings during a cultural presentation of the Chinese lunar new year at the European Parliament headquarters in Brussels, capital of Belgium, on 2 Feb, 2010.—XINHUA



A poster of movie actress Gong Li is seen on a street in Berlin, capital of Germany, on 2 Feb, 2010. The 60th Berlin International Film Festival (Berlinale) will kick off in Berlin on 11 Feb. —XINHUA

UN food programme reaches 850,000 quake-hit Haitians

PORT-AU-PRINCE, 3 Feb—The food distribution programme organized in quake-hit Haiti by United Nations agency the World Food Programme (WFP) has reached 850,000 people, WFP spokesman Marcus Prior told *Xinhua* on Tuesday.

"We distributed to 112,000 on the first day and 212 by the end of Monday," Prior said over telephone. "We had 14 sites opened on Tuesday, up from 12 yesterday," he said.

The WFP is distributing 25 kilogramme bags of rice to female heads of households across Port-au-Prince, via a 15-day programme that began on Sunday. The programme aims to reach 2 million people during two weeks.

Haiti was hit by an earthquake measuring 7.3 on the Richter Scale on 12 Jan which killed 170,000 according to government estimates, and also wrecked infrastructure making it impossible for many residents to earn money to buy food. In the 18 days from the earthquake to the start of the expanded programme, the WFP reached 650,000 people, or 200,000 less than it has reached this week alone.

Prior said that the WFP is conducting assessments of vulnerable groups alongside the distribution and will use the sites established during this 15-day period, to make more targeted deliveries to those who most need food beginning in the latter half of February. —*Xinhua*

Indonesia, S Korea agree on citizen protection

JAKARTA, 3 Feb—Indonesia and South Korea have signed an agreement on citizens protection that will allow both Indonesians living in Korea and South Koreans living in Indonesia to file complaints regarding local public service to their host country's ombudsman office, local media reported here on Tuesday.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed in Jakarta on Monday by chairman of Indonesia's Ombudsman, Antonius Sujata, and his South Korean counterpart, Lee Jae-oh, of the Anti-Corruption and Civil Rights Commission (ACRC), *The Jakarta Post* said.

Xinhua

US submarine to join search of crashed Ethiopian airliner

BEIRUT, 3 Feb—A US submarine will join the search work of an Ethiopian airliner which crashed into the Mediterranean Sea off Lebanon's coast a week ago, Lebanese daily *An-nahar* reported on Tuesday.

The Lebanese government has formally asked the US-based Odyssey Marine Explorations to send a submarine to help in recovering the plane and its black boxes, according to the newspaper. The passenger plane crashed into the sea shortly after takeoff from Beirut in a fierce storm on 25 Jan, killing 90 people on board.

The report quoted Lebanese Transportation and Public Works Minister Ghazi Aridi as saying that the submarine has set off and should be in Lebanese waters in the next few days. —*Xinhua*

Russia launches cargo spaceship to 'ISS'

MOSCOW, 3 Feb—Russia launched a cargo spaceship from the Baikonur space centre in Kazakhstan early on Wednesday, the Mission Control Centre outside Moscow said. The *Progress M-04M* freighter atop a *Soyuz-U* carrier rocket blasted off at 06:45 am Moscow Time (0345 GMT), said spokesman for the Mission Control Valery Lyndin.

The freighter will separate with the rocket some nine minutes after blastoff and begin a two-day flight in automatic mode, said the spokesman. It is expected to dock with the *International Space Station (ISS)* on Friday. The *Progress M-04M* freighter is to deliver some 2.5 tons of food, water, fuel and scientific equipment to *ISS* astronauts. —*Xinhua*

China, India stoke energy bond

BEIJING, 3 Feb—To ensure their rapid economic development and rise in international status, both China and India have paid great attention to energy security in recent years.

As two major developing countries in the world, China and India are working to cooperate in the energy sector in line with common benefits. This relationship helps to avoid

bitter competition between the two, reduce unnecessary use of diplomatic and economic resources and dilute impacts from the global financial recession. Ultimately, this bond could ensure their economic recovery and growth in the post-crisis era.

Heading into this year, the global recession - triggered by the United States

financial meltdown—seems to be nearing its end. In the new year, new emerging economies such as China and India will lead the recovery, becoming the engine of global growth. The energy cooperation between China and India is going to attract more eyes again.

India, however, has very poor energy resources. —*Xinhua*

Rescuers wait in Moluccas Islands in eastern Indonesia, on 2 Feb, 2010. Rescuers continued to search for the 23 missing passengers of the sunken Dolphin speed boat off Moluccas Islands on Tuesday. —XINHUA



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Tigers devour their meal—a yak—in a wild animal park in Changzhou city, East China's Jiangsu Province, on 28 Jan, 2009. A frightened yak ran out of its breeding area and entered that of the fierce animals by accident. It jumped into a pool for cover, but still couldn't escape the fate though zoo staff arrived immediately for its rescue. —XINHUA

Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics ceremony podium unveiled

VANCOUVER, 3 Feb—The natural wood and acrylic glass podium designed for the Vancouver 2010 medal presentations was unveiled on Tuesday in downtown Vancouver, along with the dramatic "haute-couture-meets-sport" costumes medal presenters and athlete escorts will wear.

The individual and team podiums, 23 in all, have a fluid and organic design, echoing the undulating peaks and ridges of the Coast Mountain Range.

Each one is assembled from more than 200 pieces of precision-cut wood hewed

from the forests of British Columbia, renowned internationally for their towering red cedars and Douglas firs.

"When the best winter athletes in the world step onto these magnificent podiums in mere days, they will also be standing on the shoulders of countless people who've helped them achieve their dreams," explained John Furlong, CEO of the Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games (VANOC).

Xinhua



Resting whooper swans are seen at the Yellow River wetland in Pinglu County, north China's Shanxi Province, on 1 Feb, 2010. The World Wetlands Day 2010 is celebrated on 2 Feb.
XINHUA

Vietnam, Czech vows to reach new height of cooperation

HANOI, 3 Feb— Tran Quang Dung, an official of Vietnam's southern Ho Chi Minh City municipal government said on Tuesday that Vietnam and Czech will renew cooperation commitments and figure out new targets for the friendship relations between the two countries, the *Vietnam News Agency* reported.

Dung made the statement at a reception to mark the 60th anniversary of the establishment of Vietnam-Czech diplomatic relations held at the Ho Chi Minh City of Vi-

etnam. Dung expressed thanks to the kindly support of Czech in fields of education, healthcare and providing official development assistance.

Dung spoke highly of Czech's decision to name Vietnam in the list of 12 prioritized foreign countries having economic diplomatic relations with Czech in 2010. It will help the bilateral cooperation come out with more fruitful and practical results.

Dung expected that the two countries will reach high consensus on the es-

tablishment of official development strategic partnership between Ho Chi Minh City of Vietnam and Brno, capital city of Czech.—Xinhua

40 injured in hospital fire in S India

NEW DELHI, 3 Feb—At least 40 people were injured as fire broke out at a hospital in Hyderabad in southern India on Tuesday, said police.

Fire fighters evacuated all the people trapped in the five-storey hospital building and put out the fire two hours later.

Police said the fire might have started on the ground floor due to an electrical short circuit.

Xinhua

Crew in hijacked UAE ship seek global intervention

NAIROBI, 3 Feb— Crew members in a hijacked Panama-flagged cargo ship being held off Somaliland's port of Berbera port are appealing for international intervention to have them released, a maritime official said on Tuesday.

Andrew Mwangura, East Africa's Coordinator of Seafarers Assistance Programmes (SAP) said the 14 seafarers in the UAE-owned *Ro-Ro MV Leila* have run out of food and one crew member had to be taken already to Hargeisa for medical

treatment.

"The crew had run out of food and one crew member had to be taken already to Hargeisa for medical treatment. The harbour master of Berbera is helpful, but the court order to hold the ship still stands," Mwangura told Xinhua.

The UAE owned Panama-flagged *MV Leila* is being held at the

Somaliland port of Berbera since 15 Sept, 2009 at gunpoint and under a court order in a legal dispute between Somaliland authorities, cargo owners and the ship-owner. According to Mwangura, the roll-on-roll-off vessel *MV Leila* is owned by AL ALEELY GMGH in Dubai.

Xinhua

Suspect making false bank-bomb threat calls caught in N Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 3 Feb—Police in northern Malaysian state of Penang on Tuesday arrested a man suspected of making several false bomb threat calls to banks in the state.

The unemployed 40-year old man was suspected of making 13 such calls to local banks, said the state's police chief Ayub Yaakob on Tuesday.

He said that a special team got him through investigation with two handphones and several SIM cards he used to make the calls, all registered in his name.

Ayub said initial investigation showed the man had several criminal records including for arms possession and robbery made the calls to extort money from the banks.

The man has been remanded and the case is being investigated, he added.

Several banks in Penang were tensioned after receiving bomb threat calls in January.—Xinhua

China to find "language teacher" for panda from US

A panda breeding centre in south-west China is looking for a "Chinese language teacher" and a "boyfriend" to welcome a female panda from the United States later this week.

Three-year-old Mei Lan will be flown to the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding in Sichuan from Washington, together with Tai Shan, a 4-year-old male panda.

"Mei Lan has been living in the United States since she was born, and she must be unfamiliar with Chinese, especially the Sichuan dialect," said Huang Xiangming, director of the base's animal management department.

"So we will find a Chinese language teacher for her, in addition to an exclusive keeper, and help her adapt to her new life faster," he said.



Giant panda Tai Shan enjoys a cake during a farewell party at the National Zoo in Washington DC, the United States.

Meanwhile, the base is asking the public to choose a "boyfriend" for Mei Lan as she had reached mating age, he said. "We have created web pages on popular Internet portals to post images and introduce Mei Lan and a number of male pandas. We are inviting panda fans to vote for the best 'boyfriend' for Mei Lan according to their physical appearance, character, living habits and experts' suggestions on the match," he said.

Suspects called police for help with flat

North Carolina authorities said two suspected robbers were arrested after they called police for help with a flat tire a few hours after their alleged crime.

Catawba County police said Mark Franklin, 46, of Conover, and James Jennings, 31, of Claremont, allegedly entered a Cubbard Express store about 11 pm on Sunday and demanded money from a cashier, The Charlotte (NC) Observer reported.

Investigators said one of the men indicated he was armed, but no weapon was displayed during the robbery. The men fled in a four-door tan Chevrolet.

Police said Franklin and Jennings called them from a Hardee's restaurant about 3 am on Monday and a responding officer recognized the men from security camera footage of the robbery and arrested them.

8.1m pounds for Picasso work not seen since 1967

A Picasso masterpiece not seen in public for more than four decades has sold at auction for 8.1 million pounds — more than twice the expected price.

"Tete de Femme (Jacqueline)", a portrait of the Spanish artist's second wife, had not been seen in public since 1967 and was expected to fetch up to four million pounds at the sale on Tuesday in London, said Christie's auctioneers.

The 1963 painting had never been offered at auction and remained in the same collection since 1981.

"Tete de Femme (Jacqueline)" fetched 8,105,250 pounds, said Christie's, and was just one of a string of masterpieces up for sale which also included works by Renoir



Two white whales blow heart-shaped bubbles in the water at the Harbin Polarland in Harbin, capital of northeast China's Heilongjiang Province.



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and Matisse.

Picasso's wife Jacqueline was said to have had a short neck and the painter would often exaggerate its size in portraits.

Christie's would not reveal the identity of the buyer.

NEWS ALBUM

Australian scientists claim breakthrough in infant death syndrome

SYDNEY, 3 Feb—An Australian-led study of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) on Wednesday announced a major breakthrough by confirming a lack of serotonin was the common factor with babies who die from the condition.

Researcher Dr Jhodie Duncan, of the Melbourne-based Florey Neuroscience Institutes, studied cases of infant deaths from confirmed SIDS and

other causes.

The SIDS babies were found to have lower levels of serotonin, a neurotransmitter which regulates the body's basic life-sustaining functions.

"Things like heart rate, blood pressure, sleep cycles, respiration, serotonin plays a very important role in all these things that you need to stay alive," Duncan told *Australian Associated Press*.

"Our study has proven

that in infants dying of SIDS there is lower TPH2 (a related enzyme) levels and reduced serotonin production."

The research also provides a new insight into another of SIDS known risk factors — women who smoke during pregnancy or smoking at home with a newborn.

Exposure to nicotine was also known to affect serotonin levels in the body, Duncan noted.

Xinhua

Parents see their children skinnier

GRONINGEN, 3 Feb—Dutch researchers say parents often see their children as leaner than their child's actual measurements indicate.

Researchers at the University Medical Centre in Groningen, the Netherlands, asked parents to choose their child's body shape from seven different sketches.

Among the parents with normal weight children, 97 percent chose a "lighter" sketch than the data provided indicated.

The same was true of 95 percent of the parents of overweight children and 62 percent of the parents of obese children.

Parents of normal weight children tended to think their child was one sketch slimmer than the child's measurements indicated and parents of obese children often chose sketches that were three slimmer.

Half of the mothers of the obese children in the study said their obese child was normal weight as did 39 percent of the fathers.

"Our findings point to the need for health education programmes that encourage parents to recognize what is a normal healthy weight for their children and work with health professionals to tackle any weight problems," study researcher Pieter Sauer said in a statement.

The study, published in *Acta Paediatrica*, involved 800 parents of 439 children.

Five percent of the children were overweight, 4 percent were obese and the rest were normal weight.

Internet

Genetic link to navigational skill found

BALTIMORE, 3 Feb—US researchers say genes play a role in the navigational skill of "reorientation."

Study leader Barbara Landau of The Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore says reorientation is a skill shared by human toddlers, rats, birds and fish, and involves the ability to mentally visualize surroundings and figure out location.

Landau and colleagues

tested people with a rare genetic disorder — Williams syndrome — and found they cannot use this basic navigational skill. Named for its discoverer — Dr JCP Williams of New Zealand — the syndrome occurs when a small amount of genetic material is missing from one human chromosome.

People who have the syndrome show extreme sociability and verbal

adeptness but have difficulties assembling simple puzzles and copying basic patterns.

"Although we are quite far from understanding the links between the specific genes that are missing in Williams syndrome and the behaviour they show, such as failure to reorient, it is clear that the missing genes ultimately have some effect on the brain," Landau said in a statement.—*Internet*

New Zealand, US researchers to jointly explore underwater volcanoes

WELLINGTON, 3 Feb—Two New Zealand Crown Research Institutes are to research a South Pacific chain of underwater volcanoes in partnership with a United States organization.

The New Zealand Institute of Geological and Nuclear Sciences (GNS

Science) and the National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research (NIWA) will use equipment provided by the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution in Massachusetts, to explore a chain of volcanoes stretching more than 1000 km northeast from White Island, located in the Bay of Plenty, New Zealand.

The Kermadec Arc is where some of the world's most active submarine volcanoes and hydrothermal vents are located, as well as a wide range of marine life, Radio New Zealand reported on Wednesday.

A joint statement said it was hoped the first survey will be undertaken in 12-18 months.—*Xinhua*

Scientists map the soybean genome

COLUMBIA, 3 Feb—University of Missouri scientists say they've mapped the soybean genome and identified 1.1 million base pairs of DNA, including more than 90 distinct traits.

The researchers say their accomplishment could lead to extensive crop improvements to soybeans that represent a nearly \$3 billion industry in the United States alone.

"The genome sequence will be a new tool for plant breeders, industrial engineers, geneticists, biochemists, technologists, nutritionists and anyone else who uses soybeans worldwide," said Henry Nguyen, director of the National Centre for Soybean Biotechnology at the university.

Internet

Stem cells can rescue nerve cells by direct contact

STOCKHOLM, 3 Feb—The Swedish medical university Karolinska Institutet (KI) announced on Tuesday that its scientists had shown how transplanted stem cells can connect with and rescue threatened neurons and brain tissue.

"The new report, co-authored by several international research groups and led by KI, shows that stem cells transplanted into damaged or threatened nerve tissue quickly

establish direct channels, called gap junctions, to the nerve cells," said KI in a statement.

The research found that stem cells can actively bring diseased neurons back from the brink via cross-talk through gap junctions, the connections between cells that allow molecular signals to pass back and forth, said the statement.

It pointed out that the study also found that the nerve cells were pre-

vented from dying only when these gap junctions were formed.

The results were obtained from mice and human stem cells in cultivated brain tissue, and from a series of rodent models for human neurodegenerative diseases and acute brain injuries, the statement said, adding that the results point the way to new possible treatments for brain damage and neurodegenerative diseases.—*Xinhua*



A snowplough clears snow on a road in Tekirdag, central Turkey, on 2 Feb, 2010. Heavy snowfall swept Tekirdag on Tuesday, paralyzing the traffic.

XINHUA

Story-telling foreign radio stations (1)

The Dabwint

I am one of the ordinary people. I am complacent about my lifestyle: leading a peaceful life with my private business. I read, listen to the radio, and watch TV regularly on account of my habit of learning internal and international affairs. So, I somewhat keep in touch with what is going on at home, and in the world.

I have noticed that these days, BBC, VOA, RFA and DVB are stepping up their broadcasts designed to break up the Tatmadaw. Besides, they have begun to drive a wedge among the members of the Myanmar Police Force. **The nearer the 2010 election is drawing, the more the internal axe-handles in complicity with certain foreign radio stations air a wide variety of fabricated stories with the intention of disrupting the 2010 election, peace, stability and national development. I believe that has posed a grave danger to the nation and the people. Therefore, I feel I have come under a responsibility to write this article in order that such groundless news stories will come to the light of the people.**

In the meantime, they are found desperate to unsettle the talks to transform the peace groups into border guard forces for lasting peace, by airing complete fabrications. In like manner, they are airing news stories on political prisoners, human rights, freedom of press, and affairs of anti-government political parties very

regularly and repeatedly. The theme of their broadcasts remains unchanged: the government is bad; the nation and the people are living below the poverty line; and the government is oppressing a certain political party.

Here, I notice that **there is no element of truth in their broadcasts about the government. Apparently, why they are doing so is nothing more than deceiving the people into misunderstanding the government, discouraging the people, and creating public panic. With great relish, they are entertaining and adding exaggerations to the stories provided by internal axe-handles in spite of their knowledge that the stories are baseless. In my opinion, they are pursuing a long-term plot to neo-colonize our country.**

To be honest, those story-teller radio stations are not happy with the people leading a peaceful life with a prosperous future. They are anxious to make the people stay in a state of panic under doubts; create public outrage, stemming from crises; to weaken and eliminate the Tatmadaw which, in collaboration with the people, guards the motherland against dangers; to see the people taking to the streets under the leadership of some people who rely on external elements, and even the nation facing an 88 unrest-like incident. So, the people are to notice the fact that behind their broadcasts are clever schemes to achieve their goals and serve their own interests.

Now, internal axe-handles and certain for-

eign radio stations are trying to hinder the 2010 election. It has become clear that they are speeding up their efforts to disrupt the important turning point of the nation and the people. Only if they can disrupt the election will it be possible for them to keep their hopes alive. So, they seem determined to make the election unsuccessful. The people can visualize easily the point that the closer the election is to its course the greater attempts they will make.

If my memory serves me correct such story-telling radio stations as BBC, VOA, RFA and DVB have never ever aired authentic news stories. To be frank, they have hardly stood the side of the truth since 1988. The true stories they have aired in the period are not associated with Myanmar affairs, such as news stories about other countries, and Champions League football. The news stories on Myanmar affairs they have aired up to now are all false. The people are well convinced of that point.

In general, news is a true, interesting story. Purported and made-up news stories are black ones. I have learnt that black journalism is "reporting fabricated news to mislead the people", and disinformation is "reporting made-up stories, instead of true stories". According to my review, the 1988 unrest was completely due to story-telling radio stations such as BBC and VOA with black journalism and misinformation in airing their news stories about Myanmar.

Among the foreign correspondents, BBC's Christopher Gunness could rock our country most. BBC and he used black journalism and misinformation methods to the best of their ability to ravage the country. I believe there are so many profound evidences that support that point, and it has come to the knowledge of the majority of the people.

In fact, the 88 unrest was merely a political game well organized by BBC and Christopher Gunness. Many people placed too much reliance on, and danced to the broadcasts of BBC and Christopher Gunness, and in the end the unrest grew into the 88 unrest. Thus, I would say that BBC and Christopher Gunness killed a great number of innocent civilians and destroyed a great deal of public property, without using any weapons.

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Chaungmange Dam benefiting local farmers in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township

Article & Photos: *Khin Maung Than (Sethmu)*



A small-scale hydropower plant at embankment of Chaungmange Dam to supply power to nearby villages.

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The implementation of the dam project commenced in October 2004 and it was put into service on 12 July 2006. Officials explained salient points of the dam, and they said that the dam has a catchment area of 103 square miles and 75,000 acre feet of inflow water on average annually.

The dam has two sections of 96 feet high earthen embankments—2150 feet long main embankment and 450 feet long saddle dike. The dam can store 15,300 acre feet of still water and 3148 acres of water surface area. The irrigation facility completed in November 2006 has 10

miles long main canal with 126 canal structures. The main canal can supply water to the farmlands through farming drains.

Staff Officer U Chan Nyein explained that a plan was adopted to irrigate 1452 acres of farmlands against the target of 3000 acres of summer paddy. After harvesting monsoon paddy, local people will grow mung bean, he added. They cultivate summer paddy in March after harvesting mung bean. With a view to achieving success in production of summer paddy, irrigation water will be supplied to farmlands in March, he said.

In the past, Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township grew

mung bean after monsoon paddy. At that time, the local farmers were unable to put their farmlands under summer paddy. At present, they are enjoying fruits of triple cropping such as monsoon paddy, mung bean and summer paddy thanks to Chaungmange Dam. Hsinohn Lake, a regulating irrigation facility for Chaungmange Dam, is located near DY-3 and DY-4. Therefore, a plan is under way to store water from Chaungmange Creek for agricultural purpose. Moreover, water supply canals will be dug

in 2010-2011 to irrigate 5000 acres of farmlands.

In Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township, the irrigated area of Yanaungmyin Dam is next to that of Chaungmange Dam. The irrigated area of Madan Dam in the township will extend to the south of Yonbin Creek. Likewise, the irrigated area of Chaungmange Dam can be extended to the north of Yonbin Creek.

Furthermore, we saw a 50-kilowatt hydropower plant on the canal to supply electricity to the surrounding villages.

Chaungmange Dam contributes to the local people in producing grain of triple cropping on the increasing farmlands in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township, to the better transportation and to the uplift of living standard of the local farmers by enabling them to earn more income. As such, all the local people are to help maintain Chaungmange Dam and other irrigation facilities for their durability.

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A canal of Chaungmange Dam.

Story-telling foreign radio stations (1)

The Dabwint

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While the unrest was gathering momentum, Christopher Gunness conducted a made-up interview to fuel the riots of mobs. The broadcasts about the interview are featured in detail in the book "Skyful of lies of, BBC, VOA, AIR Broadcasts, and rubettals Against Them". The truth is that on 28 July 1988, BBC correspondent Christopher Gunness conspired an interview in collusion with Nay Min, Htay Aung, Htay Kywe, and Ko Ko Latt who claimed themselves as 88

generation students. They deceived and took student Ma Aye Nyein Thu of Kamayut Township, who at that time was serving as a voluntary Red Cross member at Yangan General Hospital, to Sangyoung and introduced her to Christopher Gunness. Then, they pressured her to play a role in the question and answer programme as they had already planned.

So, she had to comply with their wish, saying in the interview that she was a student, and was put behind bars in Insein Jail; and that there other female students and her

were raped by jail warders. The well-planned interview was aired on the evening of 6 August 1988 by BBC. The interview was so effective that the mobs out of control, thus culminating in the 8-8-88 unrest, which absolutely tarnished the image of the nation. It is, therefore, fair to say that the 1988 mass protest was completely due to the fabrications manufactured by internal axe-handles and certain foreign radio stations to disgrace Myanmar, and bring about untold miseries to the nation and the people.

Translation: MS

Workshop on Review of Forest Management Project held



Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung addresses the opening of Workshop on Review of Forest Management Project.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Feb—The opening of Workshop on Review of Forest Management Project organized by Forest Department of the Ministry of Forestry took place at Ingyin Hall of the Office of the Director-General of the department here this morning with an address by Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung.

Acting Director-General U Aye Myint Maung presided over the workshop. Retired Director-General U Shwe Kyaw, Director U Sein Tun, Director Dr Nyi Nyi Kyaw and Deputy General Manager U Myo Myint read out the papers and held discussions with the participants.

In the afternoon session, Retired Director-General U Tin Hla presided over the meeting and assistant directors of Toungoo, Katha and Thayawady District Forest Departments presented the papers on forest management project. It was also attended by directors-general, rectors, deputy directors-general, pro-rectors of the ministry, officials of FREDa, ECCDI, BANCA and WCS, chairman and members of Myanmar Timber Entrepreneurs Association and guest. The workshop will continue tomorrow.

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63rd Anniversary Union Day Objectives

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

Those from US and British embassies visited NLD (HQ) 34 times in January

YANGON, 3 Feb—The National League for Democracy (Central) has kept in touch with the US and British Embassies and is following their instructions. The people are criticizing such act of the NLD and keeping a watchful eye on it.

Those from US and British embassies visited the NLD (Headquarters) on West Shwegondine Street here 34 times in January 2010. During their visits, they met with CEC members of the party and gave small and large envelopes and parcels to the latter.—MNA

Nippon Noodle Factory opened

YANGON, 3 Feb—The opening of Nippon Noodle Factory was held at the factory in Shwepyitha Industrial Zone, Shwepyitha Township on 26 January.

Managing Director U Thein Htwe of Ngu Shwewah Co. Ltd and Director U Soe Win Tun opened the factory.

The managing director extended

greetings and gave accounts of the factory.

Next, the managing director and party conducted those present round the factory.

The production capacity of the factory is 50,000 boxes of noodle per day.

MNA

KSS special menu 2010 introduced

YANGON, 3 Feb—KSS Group of Companies held Special Menu 2010 introduction ceremony along with lucky draw programme at Traders Hotel here on 30 January evening.

Managing Director U Tun Myint of KSS Trading & Manufacturing Co Ltd extended greetings and explained about new special food menus for 2010.

The managing director, Director Daw Aye Aye Nyunt and guests picked out six lots to nominate the luckiest

persons to enjoy Chaungtha vacation.

KSS Trading & Manufacturing Co Ltd, manufacturing and distributing nutritious and fresh foods, have won International Quality Crown Award 2005 (London), 25th Golden Europe Award for Quality New Millennium

Award 2010 (Paris) and QC 100 Certified Company awards.

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Managing Director U Tun Myint and Director Daw Aye Aye Nyunt choosing lucky draw winners by chance.—MNA



Toddy palm, a gift to arid regions in Myanmar

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Pacific regions. Toddy palm is of two groups: female palm and male palm, from both of which juice can be extracted. A toddy palm is 60 to 100 feet high.

In Myanmar, toddy palm thrive in Ayeyawady, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi divisions, and Mon State apart from Magway, Mandalay and Sagaing divisions in central Myanmar. In particular, it grows thickly in arid regions.

All five parts of toddy palms are beneficial to Myanmar people. It is a reliable perennial palm for tropical regions. Now, it is also grown on a commercial scale in hilly regions in far-flung areas.

A toddy palm yields juice when it is at the age of 15 years in wet areas, and at the age of 18 years on the sandy and gravel soil. Its lifespan is more than 100 years.

In arid regions, a grove of toddy palms has 100 female and male palms. On average, 15 to 20 viss of jaggery can be produced from the juice of toddy palm a year. About 13 tons of firewood is used to boil the juice from 100 toddy palms to make 2000 viss of jaggery. A viss of jaggery is sold for about 400 kyats in jaggery-producing regions.

Toddy palm leaf is used in roofing buildings; toddy palm seed, in making snacks such as faluda;

inner part of its fruit, in making traditional Myanmar snack; its root can be consumed after being boiled or baked; and young toddy palm leaf, in making mats, baskets, and hats. Toddy palm stem is very hard and it becomes harder if it is soaked in water, so it is used to build boats, and it can be used as a pillar of large buildings. Toddy palm is resistant to harsh climate patterns and soils.

Indeed, arid regions are blessed with toddy palms. So, further research on toddy palm should be done in the interest of country people.

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Japan gets 14 complaints over Toyota Prius brakes

TOKYO, 3 Feb—The Japanese government said on Wednesday it has received 14 complaints in Japan about brake problems with Toyota's popular Prius hybrid, the latest in a spate of quality troubles for the automaker as it grapples with massive recalls in the US.

The Japanese company's sales are being battered in the US after recalls of top-selling models to fix a gas pedal that can stick in the depressed position. The new Prius gas-electric hybrid, which went on sale last year, is not part of the

recalls, which extend to Europe and China and cover nearly 4.5 million vehicles.

The 14 complaints included an accident in July 2009, in which a Prius crashed head on into another car at an intersection. Transport Ministry official Masaya Ota said two people were slightly injured in the accident.

"The complaints involve the new Toyota Prius model, and the vehicles were all made in Japan," Ota said. "Prius drivers complained brakes were not so sharp."

The US National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has received about 100 complaints involving the brakes of the Prius new model. Two involved crashes resulting in injuries. The ministry ordered Toyota Motor Corp, the world's No 1 automaker, to investigate the complaints. The other 13 cases happened from December to January 2010.

Ota said the ministry has yet to receive a formal report on the complaints from Toyota.

Internet



A Toyota Motor Corp worker gives the final examination on an newly assembled Prius at Toyota Tsutsumi Plant in Toyota, central Japan.

INTERNET

News Corp reports 2Q profit on ad recovery

LOS ANGELES, 3 Feb—News Corp, whose 20th Century Fox movie studio is still riding the tail wind of "Avatar" in movie theatres, said on Tuesday it earned \$254 million in the most recent quarter, thanks to an advertising recovery.

"Avatar" was released late in the just-ended fiscal second quarter, so the company booked much of the costs of releasing it, but little of the profit. News Corp said half of the film's profits — which analysts expect could hit around \$400 million — will boost results in the current and following quarter.

The movie's \$2 billion-plus box office gross is the

biggest in history, and it has maintained the No 1 spot at the box office for seven straight weeks.

That, plus a recovery in the local TV advertising market, prompted News Corp to increase its operating profit outlook for the fiscal year ending in June. Its shares were down 23 cents, or 1.8 percent, at \$12.53 in after-hours trade.

News Corp shared expenses and thus profits on "Avatar" and the company expects to share about half of the risk with investors again on a sequel to the 3-D film that is being discussed but has not been agreed upon yet.

Internet

A man visits the 12th International Exhibition & Conference of Cable and Satellite, TV and Radio Broadcasting, Broadband (CSTB) in Moscow, capital of Russia, on 2 Feb, 2010. The 12th CSTB kicked off here on Tuesday. —XINHUA



German retail sales keep declining during slow economic recovery

BERLIN, 3 Feb—German retail sales fell 1.8 percent in 2009 and are expected to fell 0.5 percent in 2010, even the whole economy is on a way of recovering, according to the data released on Tuesday.

German retail sales decreased by 1.8 percent

in 2009 compared with 2008, according to provisional statistical results, German Federal Statistical Office (Destatis) said.

Retail sales for 2010 in Germany is expected to fell 0.5 percent compared with 2009, said Stefan Genth, Chief executive of German retail industry

group HDE at a Press conference in Berlin.

The turnover of retail sales in 2009 amounted to 392.1 billion euros, 6.5 billion euros less than in 2008, said Genth.

"The result is a little bit better than we could expect in light of the crisis," Genth said.—Xinhua

Consumer prices in OECD zone up 1.9% in December 2009

PARIS, 3 Feb—The Paris-based Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) announced on Tuesday that consumer prices in the OECD zone had risen by 1.9 percent by December 2009.

On a month-on-month basis, prices remained sta-

ble in December, compared with a rise of 0.1 percent in November 2009, the organization said in a report.

By December 2009, consumer prices for energy had gone up by 8.5 percent, following a rise of 2.4 percent in November, while the prices of food

had fallen by 1.0 percent, less than the figure of 1.1 percent in November. Excluding food and energy, consumer prices rose by 1.6 percent in the period, compared to a rise of 1.5 percent in November 2009, the report said.

In the United States, the consumer price index had increased by 2.7 percent by December 2009. Consumer prices in Japan had decreased by 1.7 percent by December while in the OECD area the figure rose by 0.5 percent on average between 2008 and 2009 after a growth of 3.7 percent between 2007 and 2008. The OECD said consumer energy prices declined by 10.5 percent between 2008 and 2009, after an increase of 12.3 percent between 2007 and 2008.—Xinhua



Airbus CEO Tom Enders speaks to media during a Press conference at the Singapore Airshow on 3 Feb, 2010 in Singapore. —INTERNET

Airbus sees recovery in air traffic in 2010

SINGAPORE, 3 Feb—Europe's aerospace giant Airbus said on Wednesday it sees a recovery in global traffic volume in 2010, saying the global economy has already recovered from a recession.

"Everybody was talking about recession... but we actually think we are coming out the other side," Airbus sales chief John Leahy told reporters at the Singapore Airshow.

A drop in global passenger demand led Airbus, a unit of Aerospace and Defence giant EADS (EAD.PA), and rival Boeing (BA.N) face their worst annual orders last year in at least 15 years.—Internet

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Image from WGRZ-TV in Buffalo, New York shows firefighters at the scene after a commercial plane crashed into a house on 12 Feb, 2009 in Clarence Centre, New York. A pilot who pulled instead of pushing a control column and an inattentive crew led to the crash last year which killed 49 people on board and one on the ground, a probe said on Tuesday.
INTERNET

Pilot mistake caused deadly US plane crash

WASHINGTON, 3 Feb—A pilot who pulled instead of pushing a control column and an inattentive crew led a US commuter flight to crash last year, killing 49 people on board and one on the ground, a probe showed.

The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) said in a report on

Tuesday that the pilot's "inappropriate response" to a warning mechanism on a Continental commuter flight from Newark, New Jersey to Buffalo International Airport in New York state on 12 February caused the plane to plummet to the ground.

"When the stick shaker

activated to warn the flight crew of an impending aerodynamic stall, the captain should have responded correctly to the situation by pushing forward on the control column," the NTSB said in its report on the accident.

"However, the captain inappropriately pulled aft on the control column and placed the airplane into an accelerated aerodynamic stall from which the airplane did not recover."—Internet

The picture taken on 2 Feb, 2010 shows new houses about to be completed in Guantun Village in Yao'an County, southwest China's Yunnan Province. The construction of new houses for the quake victims has sped up in the county as Spring Festival approaches. People in Yao'an County in the mountainous Chuxiong Yi autonomous prefecture, Yunnan Province, suffered a magnitude-6.0 earthquake on 9 July, 2009.—XINHUA



Russia eyes leading position in manned space exploration

Moscow, 3 Feb—Russia should establish its position as a leader in manned space exploration, with the United States considering ditching its plans to return to the moon, a senior Russian scientist said.

US President Barack Obama on Monday sent Congress a budget proposal that grounds the US mission to return to the moon.

Yury Kara, an expert at the Russian Academy of Cosmonautics, said Obama's proposal served as a golden chance for Russia to sparkle in space exploration.

Russia would be the only country able to ferry astronauts to the International Space Station within five to seven years, he said.—Xinhua

The Lancet retracts autism/vaccine study

LONDON, 3 Feb—The Lancet, a British medical journal, retracted a 1998 study that linked the childhood measles, mumps and rubella vaccine to autism.

The retraction follows an investigation by the General Medical Council, which oversees doctors in Britain, that found the study's lead author Dr Andrew Wakefield acted unethically and dishonestly conducting the research, CNN reported.

"There was a biased selection of patients in The Lancet paper" and Wakefield's "conduct in this regard was dishonest and irresponsible," the council said.

The General Medical Council said Wakefield paid children for blood samples for his research at his son's birthday party. He also subjected some children in the study to various invasive medical procedures such as colonoscopies and magnetic resonance imaging scans.

Internet

Beijing's top tourism sites opening for free

BEIJING, 3 Feb—With a few clicks, Beijingers will be able to get an electric ticket sent to their mobile phones that will let them visit one of the capital's top 32 tourist attractions during Spring Festival.

The city's tourism authority is planning to distribute 300,000 free e-tickets via its official website, www.visitbeijing.com.cn.

The big give-away will begin 12 Feb.

Applicants will need to visit the website, fill in personal information, including their cell phone number and choose their three preferred tourist attractions.

Each cell phone number can only be registered once, and winners will be picked at random and announced once a day. Winners can expect to receive their e-ticket within 48 hours. Tickets must be used between 14 Feb and 15 March.

"The e-tickets are our way of sharing the charm of Beijing, which is on the way to becoming a digital city e-tickets can reduce cost, act environmental-friendly and facilitate data-gathering and analysis," said Sun Weijia, deputy head of Beijing municipal tourism bureau.—Xinhua

HK holds int'l aeronautical meteorology meeting

HONG KONG, 3 Feb—More than 100 world experts in aviation meteorology are taking part in the 14th session of the Commission for Aeronautical Meteorology (CAeM) of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) which began in Hong Kong on Wednesday.

The session, which continues until 10 Feb, marks the first time a major international meeting on aeronautical meteorology has been held in Asia.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, Secretary-General of WMO Michel Jarraud highlighted issues that had significant impact on providing aviation weather services in the 21st century.

These included the development of the New Terminal Forecast for the wider terminal area of busy airports, the implementation of a quality management system for aviation weather service and addressing the link between aviation and climate.

Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development of Hong Kong

Rita Lau commended the Hong Kong Observatory for its dedication to the provision of quality aviation weather services which upheld Hong Kong's position as a leading aviation hub in the region.

CAeM is a technical commission of WMO looking after the application of meteorology to aviation with the objective of providing meteorological support to meet the requirements of aviation for safe, economic and efficient air navigation.

The commission is held every four years to discuss the progress and future development in the provision of aviation weather services.—Xinhua

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Explosive devices float onto Israeli beaches

JERUSALEM, 3 Feb — At least two explosive devices have washed up on Israeli beaches in what security officials described on Tuesday as an attempt by Palestinian militants in the Gaza Strip to attack Israel.

On Monday, sappers detonated one such device on a Mediterranean beach in the southern city of Ashkelon a few kilometres (miles) north of the Gaza Strip, police said.

Another was discovered further north on a beach in the port city of Ashdod.

"These devices are being treated as intended for use in attacks in Israel," police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said, but he declined to give details of their nature. A source in Islamic Jihad in the Gaza Strip said the explosives were part of a joint operation with two other militant groups, the Salahudeen Brigades and

al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades, an offshoot of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas's Fatah movement.

"These seaborne explosive devices were aimed at (Israeli) ships and other targets. The resistance factions are telling the enemy that they are continuing to think up new means to hurt them in defence of the Palestinian people," the source said.

MNA/Reuters



Two Haitian police officers sit next to Charisa Coulter, 24, of Boise, Idaho, one of the 10 Americans who were arrested while trying to bus children out of Haiti without proper documents or government permission, as she rests on a cot at the University of Miami's field hospital, near Port-au-Prince's International Airport, on Monday 1 Feb, 2010. —INTERNET



A southern Sudanese girl collects sorghum grain spilled from split bags that were earlier airdropped from the United Nations World Food Programme in the state of Jonglei, in 2009. The number of hungry people in southern Sudan has quadrupled since last August to some 4.3 million because of conflict and drought, the UN emergency food agency said on Tuesday. —INTERNET

Half population of south Sudan short of food

JUBA, 3 Feb — Almost half the population of south Sudan is facing food shortages because of conflict and drought, a four-fold rise in the numbers needing aid since last year, officials said on Tuesday. "Internal conflict and incursions from the (Ugandan rebel) Lord's Resistance Army together with drought have made almost half the population of the south short of food," southern Sudan Agriculture and Forestry Minister Samson Kwaje said in a statement.

A total of 4.3 million need food aid in the oil-

producing south, up from around 1 million last year, the UN said.

A surge in tribal fighting has killed more than 2,500 people since the beginning of 2009, aid groups say, and seasonal rains were weak across much of the underdeveloped region.

A census released last year showed a total Sudanese population of 39.15 million, with 30.89 million living in the mainly Muslim north and 8.26 million in the south. The south contests the census saying it undercounts southerners.

The UN's World Food

Programme (WFP) said violence had forced 350,000 to flee their homes in 2009, leaving them dependent on food aid.

Last year's poor seasonal rains also destroyed harvests, and the area was bracing for this year's rains which could disrupt transport, it added.

"This spike in the number of hungry people in southern Sudan comes just ahead of the rainy season when roads become blocked and communities are cut off from food assistance," Leo van der Velden, coordinator for the UN's World Food Programme (WFP) in the south, said in a statement.

Internet

Journalist killed in Mexico, 3rd this year

ACAPULCO, 3 Feb — Gunmen have slain a Mexican journalist — the third such killing so far this year — and a top prosecutor said on Tuesday there are few clues.

Albertano Guinto, the acting attorney general in the Pacific coast state of Guerrero, said it was not yet clear if the death of Jorge Ochoa Martinez was linked to his work as director of El Sol de la Costa, a small newspaper that covers mostly local politics and community issues south-east of Acapulco.

Ochoa Martinez was shot in the face as he left a food stand in the town of Ayutla on Friday.

Two other Mexican journalists were killed in early January, and 12 reporters were killed in Mexico during 2009. The governmental National Human Rights Commission said that 60 journalists have been killed since 2000, with eight others kidnapped or vanished.

"In Mexico, increasing numbers of journalists are the victims of threats, intimidation, persecution attacks and kidnappings in the course of performing their work," the commission said in a statement on Monday.

The Guerrero section of the National Union of Reporters said six of those killings since 2000 have been in that state, where drug gangs, rural disputes and illegal logging gangs are active. —INTERNET

African leaders wrap up summit

ADDIS ABABA, 3 Feb — African leaders wrapped up a three-day summit on Tuesday, calling for action on coups and increasing pressure on Madagascar's political foes to honour deals

meant to end a prolonged crisis.

The newly elected chairman of the 53-member African Union, President Bingu wa Mutharika of Malawi, called on his peers to stand against

conflicts and toppling of governments.

"We must say 'never again' to conflict and war in Africa," said Mutharika, who took the bloc's leadership from Libyan leader Moamer Kadhafi, whose controversial stance on the continent's issues was often at odds with pan-African body.

"We must declare war on unconstitutional change of government on the African soil and resolve to take strong and necessary punitive action against all authors of coup d'etat and those that provide them the means to unseat duly elected governments," Mutharika said.

Internet



Participants stand up for the African Union anthem during the closing ceremony of the 14th summit of AU in Addis Ababa, capital of Ethiopia, on 2 Feb, 2010. The 14th summit of AU concluded here on Tuesday with African leaders pledging that they would take concrete measures to development Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) in the continent. —XINHUA

UN chief pleased to see next formal talks on Western Sahara to be held next week

UNITED NATIONS, 3 Feb — UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said on Tuesday that he is pleased that the parties have agreed to meet in the next set of informal talks on Western Sahara on 10-11 Feb and "he encourages the parties to make further progress and urges focused and productive discussions."

"The Secretary-General is pleased that the parties have agreed to the proposal made by his Personal Envoy, Mr Christopher Ross, that the next set of informal talks on Western Sahara be held on 10-11," Feb said a statement issued here by Ban's spokesman. "The meeting will take place in Westchester County (New York) and will be based on the guidance provided by Security Council Resolution 1871 (2009) and earlier resolutions." "He encourages the parties to make further progress and

urges focused and productive discussions," the statement said.

Several rounds of UN-led talks, bringing together representatives from Morocco and the Frente Polisario, held in 2008 resulted in the parties agreeing to continue negotiations in good faith toward a solution to the issue. However, such talks failed to bridge their differences.

Fighting broke out between Morocco and the Frente Polisario after Spain's colonial administration of Western Sahara ended in 1976.

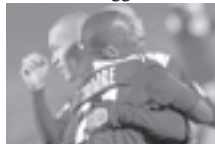
Morocco has presented a plan for autonomy, while the Frente Polisario's position is that the territory's final status should be decided in a referendum on self-determination that includes independence as an option.

Xinhua

SPORTS

Bordeaux beat Sedan to set up repeat of 2002 final

PARIS, 3 Feb—French champions Bordeaux will play fellow First Division side Lorient in the League Cup semi-finals in what is a rematch of the 2002 final after beating Second Division strugglers Sedan



Bordeaux's forward Yvan Gouffran (L) and Abdou Traore celebrate after a goal during their French League cup football match at the Chaban Delmas stadium in Bordeaux. Bordeaux won 1-0 and will play Lorient in the semi-finals.—INTERNET

1-0 here on Tuesday.

A 50th minute goal by Yvan Gouffran - who was one of 11 changes to the starting line-up made by coach Laurent Blanc following the league leader's 0-0 draw with Boulogne-sur-Mer last Saturday - was enough to see off the 'Wild Boars' who had ousted Bordeaux at the same stage on penalties in 2008.

There was to be no repeat of those heroics this time especially after the visitors were reduced to 10 men in the 61st minute when Sedan's Australian defender Ante Rozic was sent-off for a second bookable offence, just two minutes after his first offence.—*Internet*

Top seed Monfils serves warning at S Africa Open

JOHANNESBURG, 3 Feb—Top seed Gael Monfils lost the toss and first two games before unleashing his service power to crush Dominik Hrbaty 6-2, 6-1 and reach the second round of the South African Open on Tuesday.

The 23-year Frenchman ranked 13 in the world was clearly stung by the early form of the veteran Slovak and lost just one of the remaining 13 games at the Montecasino entertain-



Top seed Gael Monfils of France

ment centre in a leafy, upmarket northern suburb.—*Internet*

County march on as Palace sink Wolves

LONDON, 3 Feb—League Two's Notts County continued to fly the flag for English football's fourth tier by dumping



Notts County's English defender Stephen Hunt (L) celebrates with Notts County English midfielder Ben Davies at the final whistle after Notts County had beaten Wigan Athletic 2-0 during the FA Cup Fourth round replay football match at The DW Stadium, Wigan.—INTERNET

Premier League side Wigan out of the competition on Tuesday with a 2-0 victory. Wolves also tumbled out of the world's oldest knockout competition with Mick McCarthy's side going down to a 3-1 defeat by the Championship's Crystal Palace, for whom Danny Butterfield scored a six-minute hat-trick.

Notts County were on the back foot for most of their match at Wigan.

But with 15 minutes left, Stephen Hunt headed home from a Ben Davies corner to give them the lead and, three minutes later, Wigan's recently-signed Scottish defender Gary Caldwell deflected another Davies cross into his own net.

That sealed a 2-0 victory and County's reward was a fifth round trip to another Premier League side, Fulham.

Internet

Chelsea held 1-1 at Hull in English Premier League

LONDON, 3 Feb—Chelsea's lead in the English Premier League was limited to just two points when they were held 1-1 at Hull City on Tuesday.

Defender Steven Mouyokolo gave Hull a surprise lead in the 30th minute and Didier Drogba scored in his 20th goal to equalize 12 minutes later.

The draw kept Chelsea on top of the 20-team standings with 55 points, two points clear of defending champions Manchester United. Arsenal were third with 49. Hull were still in the relegation zone but levelled on 21 points with the three teams immediately above it.

Also on Tuesday, Premier League strugglers Wolverhampton Wanderers and Wigan were knocked out of the FA Cup after losing fourth-round replays to lower-league sides.

Crystal Palace defender Danny Butterfield scored a hat trick in seven second-half minutes to give the League Championship side a 3-1 win over Wolves, while Wigan were humiliated 2-0 by visiting Notts County of the fourth tier.—*Xinhua*

Raul resigned to life on the Real bench

MADRID, 3 Feb—Real Madrid captain Raul Gonzalez said Tuesday he has come to terms with his new role as a substitute.

"It's not an ideal situation for any player. For 15 years I have won practically everything, and in the last three months I have played less. Sooner or later I had to come to this point," he told a news conference.

The 32-year-old Real icon, who with 66 goals is still the Champions League's top scorer, had been a regular in the first team since he made his debut with the club at 17.

But coach Manuel Pellegrini has left him on the bench in recent months in favour of France's Karim Benzema and Ar-



Real Madrid captain Raul Gonzalez

gentine Gonzalo Higuain, and he has scored only five goals in 26 matches this season.—*Internet*

Luck works for 'Black Cats' with Benjani loan deal

SUNDERLAND, 3 Feb—Struggling Premier League side Sunderland added some much needed firepower to their out of form strikeforce on Tuesday with the loan signing of Zimbabwean international Benjani Mwaruware from rivals Manchester City. 'The Black Cats' got the benefit of the doubt from the Premier League over signing the 31-year-old even though they failed to process the required paperwork before Monday's 1700 GMT transfer deadline.

Sunderland boss Steve Bruce - whose side have been in freefall after a winless run of 11 games - had blamed technical problems for the delay.

Internet



Chelsea's Ricardo Carvalho (R) challenges Hull City's Amr Zaki during their English Premier League soccer match in Hull, northern England on 2 Feb, 2010.—INTERNET

Kone goes on loan to Hanover

HANOVER, 3 Feb—Sevilla's Ivorian international striker Arouna Kone has joined struggling Bundesliga club Hanover on a six-month deal, the German club said Tuesday.

The 26-year-old arrives on a 1.2-million-euro loan deal as Hanover - who are third from bottom - look for a boost after five straight losses. He joins compatriots Didier Ya Konan and Constant Djakpa at the north German club.

Hanover have also signed Brazilian midfielder Elson on loan from Stuttgart until the end of the season.

Internet



Sevilla's Ivorian international striker Arouna Kone, seen here in 2009, has joined struggling Bundesliga club Hanover on a six-month deal, the German club said Tuesday.—INTERNET

Murray, Del Potro confirmed for Marseille

MARSEILLE, 3 Feb—World number three Andy Murray and US Open champion Juan Martin del Potro will top the bill at the 512,750-euro ATP Marseille event on February 15-21, organisers announced on Tuesday. France's Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, last year's champion, will compete alongside countrymen Gael Monfils and Gilles Simon, the 2007 winner, and Swedish world number eight Robin Soderling.

"We first chose young French players and we have the top three of the moment," said tournament director Jean-Francois Caujolle.

"Afterwards, we wanted the top five players in the world. Knowing that (world number one Roger) Federer is unavailable, we opted for Murray, who in my opinion is the best on this (indoor hard) surface, where he's better than (Rafael) Nadal.

"Del Potro is also very strong on this surface and he preferred to play in Marseille than in the Argentine Championship (in Buenos Aires)."—*Internet*



World number three Andy Murray (pictured) and US Open champion Juan Martin del Potro will top the bill at the 512,750-euro ATP Marseille event on February 15-21, organisers have announced.—INTERNET

Militant killed in gunfight in India-controlled Kashmir

SRINAGAR, 3 Feb — Indian Army troopers and police in a joint operation Wednesday killed a militant in a gunfight in Indian-controlled Kashmir, defense officials said.

The gunfight broke out late Tuesday night in Chattral-Nadal forest area of Mendhar area of Poonch district, 220 km northwest of Jammu, the winter capital of India-controlled Kashmir.

"So far one militant has been killed in the operation and gunfight is still on," said an army official posted in the area.

According to defense officials the

operation was launched on a tip-off about the presence of militants in the area.

"The gunfight broke out after militants fired upon the contingents of army and police. The fire was retaliated and the confrontation is going on since morning," the official said.

The official also claimed recovery of an assault rifle and some ammunition from the possession of the slain militant.

January has witnessed a spate in violence and militant activities across the region.

Xinhua



A cycle-rickshaw puller moves the wreckage of a car to a scrap yard in the eastern Indian city of Siliguri on 2 February 2010.

INTERNET

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (4-2-2010) (Thursday)

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

Local Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * The Source of The River Ayeyawady
- * Mother O'pearl Mosaic Painting
- * Myanmar's Pride; The Art of Carving
- * National Dance
- * A Day In Yangon (Myanmar's Shwedagon)
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Export Products of Fish & Prawn
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- * Export Products of Fish & Prawn
- * Myanmar Melody on Screen
- * Coconut Jaggery
- * Traditional Bamboo Utensils of Myanmar
- * Culture Stage
- * In All the Ananda's Glory
- * Mandalay, A Close distance
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * PaO National's Traditional Long Drum
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm



A white whale blows a bubble in the water at the Harbin Polarland in Harbin, capital of northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, 2 Feb, 2010. The white whales in the Polarland gained the skills as a new year gift for visitors after one-year of training.—INTERNET

WEATHER

Wednesday, 3rd February, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below February average temperatures in Kachin and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing, Bago and Yangon Divisions, (8°C) below February average temperatures in Chin State, (3°C) to (4°C) above February average temperatures in Taninthayi Division and about February average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Haka (-2°C), Loilem (0°C), Nansam (2°C) and Pinlaung and An (3°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 2-2-2010 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 3-2-2010 was 58°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 3-2-2010 was 61%. Total sun shine hours on 2-2-2010 was (10) hours approx.

Rainfall on 3-2-2010 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 North at (15:30) hours MST on 1-2-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 4th February 2010: Light rain are likely to be isolated in Kachin State, weather will be partly cloudy in Shan, Chin and Mon States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in remaining areas. 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 or thundershowers in the extreme Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 4-2-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 4-2-2010: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 4-2-2010: Partly cloudy.

Myanmar



Thursday, 4
February
View on today

7:00 am

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရား
ကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်
ယောဆရာတော်ဟောကြား
တော်မူသော ဥပ္ပါဒ်သန္တီ
ပရိတ်တော်

7:25 am

2. Morning News

7:30 am

3. အောင်တော်မူ

(စောမင်းနောင်ရိုင်းညိုမင်း)

တေးရေး-ဝိုင်းကလေး
တင့်အောင်)

7:50 am

4. Dance Variety

8:00 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:10 am

6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:20 am

7. Dance Of National
Races

8:30 am

8. (၆၇)နှစ်မြောက်ပြည်ထောင်

စုနေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

8:40 am

9. International News

8:45 am

10. စေတနာ့သားကာကုသပေး

ပြည်သူများရဲ့ကျန်းမာရေး

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:05 pm

2. Cute Little Dancers

4:15 pm

3. Musical Programme

4:25 pm

4. ၂၀၁၀ခုနှစ်၊ တက္ကသိုလ်ဝင်စာ

မေးမြန်းဘာသာရပ်ဆိုင်ရာ

သင်ခန်းစာ

(မြန်မာစာဘာသာရပ်)

4:55 pm

5. Songs For Uphold
National Spirit

5:05 pm

6. "ဘဝသစ်ရဲ့စာမျက်နှာ"

5:20 pm

7. မြန်မာ့ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားရုပ်ရှင်

ထူးချွန်ဆုစာမျက်နှာများ

(အပိုင်း-၂)

5:45 pm

8. (၆၇)နှစ်မြောက်ပြည်ထောင်

စုနေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

6:00 pm

9. Evening News

6:15 pm

10. Weather Report

6:20 pm

11. ပျော်ရွှင်စေသောနေ့ရက်များ

"မျှားငါးကြင်း" (အပိုင်း-၁၁)

(သရုပ်ဆောင်-မိုးမိုးသလင်း၊

သူရလင်းမေမျိုးသင်း)

(ဒါရိုက်တာ-

အောင်ကျော်သူရ)

6:30 pm

12. ထူးဆန်းထွေကားများကိုသိပွဲ

ဖြင့်ချဉ်းကပ်ခြင်း

7:00 pm

13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

"နောင်ဖွဲ့မေတ္တာ"

(အပိုင်း-၇)

8:00 pm

14. News

15. International News

16. Weather Report

17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

"ကိုယ်ရဲတော်"

(အပိုင်း-၁၄)

18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

"ချစ်တေးသံသရာ"

(အပိုင်း-၁၇)



- ★ 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

Toddy palm, a gift to arid regions in Myanmar

Byline & Photo: Win Hlaing Oo (MPCE)

In the Myanmar society, jaggery (palm sugar) is used as an ingredient in making foods such as snacks and jams and in compounding traditional medicines. Toddy palm juice is also used in making sugar, in place of sugarcane. Myanmar people, especially rural folks take the liquid made by boiling ginger and

jaggery, when they are sick.

Mon and Shan nationals call toddy palm, Tan. Toddy palm is of about 1500 species including coconut, areca nut, dani (nipa palm), salu, and date, and they are native to Asia, Africa, America, and
(See page 10)



A toddy palm grove in an arid region.

Significant night temperatures (3-2-2010)

Haka	(-2° C)
Loilem	(0° C)
Namsang	(2° C)
Pinlaung and An	(3° C)

INSIDE

BBC, VOA, RFA and DVB have never ever aired authentic news stories. To be frank, they have hardly stood the side of the truth since 1988.

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