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The entire people have to work hard together

The State Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has been approved with the support of the great majority of the people. The entire people have to work hard together in doing their bit in building a peaceful, modern and developed nation in conformity with the new constitution.

Senior General Than Shwe
Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council
Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services
(From the message sent on the occasion of the 62nd Anniversary Union Day)

Better Transport for Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Feb—Accompanied by Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe, Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Thaung Aye and departmental officials, Lt-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence heard reports on maintenance of Ngathainggyaung-Gwa-Thandwe-Taungup Road and future tasks presented by officials at Bayda Hall at the border of Ayeyawady Division and Rakhine State on 3 February afternoon.

The commanders gave supplementary reports. Lt-Gen Ko Ko gave instructions on timely completion of the task.

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Rakhine State enjoying fruit of development, peace and stability

Article & Photos: *Reporter Singu Soe Win*

Min Creek Bridge linking Taungup and Thandwe for ensuring better transportation of local people in Rakhine State. **(See pages 6+7)**

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Prevent against avian influenza

Avian flu usually is a disease infected to animals with wings. The disease occurs most common among, birds, chickens and ducks. We should be aware that it can also be transmitted to human beings.

If poultry are infected with bird flu, they become lethargic, and layers can suffer a decline in laying eggs. Symptoms of severe flu include difficult breathing, tears-dropping and runny nose, inflammation of head and face, bleeding of legs and joints and rash, and death rate can increase sharply.

Receiving information about suspicious bird flu deaths in a poultry farm in Mayangon Township, Yangon, where over 2,000 broilers are bred, Livestock and Veterinary Department visited the farm and took surveillance measures. The animal disease screening lab confirmed that severe avian flu was detected in the dead chickens of the farm and sent information about it to UNFAO, World Animal Health Organization and other related organizations.

Control measures are being taken against the remaining poultry, eggs and feedstuff of the farm and those of nearby farms. Public cooperation is necessary to stop the spread of bird flu in the country.

If we fail to systematically control and prevent the flu, it can be transmitted directly to humans. Particularly, it is wise to avoid exposure to infected poultry and equipment and farms infected with the virus.

Overall, we are to try to prevent against avian flu by taking precautionary measures such as using insecticide in poultry farms for bio-security, washing hands with soap after touching chicken meat and eggs and making sure that dealers keep personal hygiene.

Three ladies to express emotion

YANGON, 9 Feb — Three female artists — May Moe Thu, Sandy and Kyu Kyu — from Yangon will express their feelings at Emotion 2010 Art Exhibition to be organized at Lawka Nat Art Gallery on Pansodan Street from 10 to 14 February. Time for the exhibition will be fixed from 9 am to 4 pm on these days.—*NLM*

Artist : May Moe Thu
Title : Emotion 1
Size : 30in x 48in
Medium : A/C

Donate Blood

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**

Myanmar, Total E&P Myanmar to cooperate in energy sector

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Feb—Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi received Exploration and Production Director Mr. Jean-Marie Guillermou of Total E&P Myanmar and party at his office here this evening.

They held discussions on cooperation in energy sector.

Present also were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Than Htay, departmental heads and officials.

MNA

Hsipaw Bridge developed by Asia World

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Feb—Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut and Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint yesterday heard reports on construction of Hsipaw Bridge being undertaken by Asia World Co on Mandalay-PyinOoLwin-Lashio Road presented by the engineer-in-charge of Asia World Co.

At Pontoon Bridge, they viewed the passing of trucks with loads and maintenance of the bridge.

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***Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi receiving Director Mr. Jean-Marie Guillermou of Total E&P Myanmar.*—MNA**

Myanmar promotes relations with Egypt, Sudan

***Myanmar delegation attending 3rd Round of Myanmar-Egypt Bilateral Consultations.*—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Feb—Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint attended the 3rd Round of Myanmar-Egypt Bilateral Consultations on 2 and 3 February in Cairo, and the First Myanmar-Sudan Bilateral Consultations from 5 to 7 February in Khartoum, the Republic of the Sudan.

On 2 February, the deputy minister and party together with Assistant Foreign Minister for Asian Affairs Ahmed Fatahllah of Egypt attended the 3rd Round of Myanmar-Egypt Bilateral Consultations at the hall of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Egypt in Cairo.

They discussed further strengthening the existing friendly relations as well as promotion of bilateral cooperation between the two countries in trade and investment, culture, education, technical cooperation and tourism. They exchanged views on enhancing cooperation in regional and international forum including the United Nations and the Non-Aligned Movement.

On 3 February, Deputy Minister U Maung Myint met with Minister for Tourism of Egypt Mr. Mohamed Zoheir Garranah at his office and discussed possibilities of bilateral cooperation in the tourism industry.

On 4 February, the Myanmar delegation left for Khartoum of Sudan to attend the 1st Myanmar-Sudan Bilateral Consultations.

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A stockpile of snow brought in by helicopter waits to be spread at the site on the Cypress Mountain where the Freestyle Skiing and Snowboarding Winter Olympic events will be held, north of Vancouver, on 6 February. Winter Olympic host city Vancouver saw its warmest January on record, marked by a lack of snow and daffodils in bloom just days before the start of the Games.—INTERNET

Military death toll in Afghan war passes Falklands

LONDON, 9 Feb — London vowed to stand firm in Afghanistan after the death toll passed the number killed in the 1982 Falklands War — amid warnings of a new surge in casualties as a new offensive is launched.

The politically symbolic figure was passed as Prime Minister Gordon Brown battles to persuade a sceptical public that the Afghan conflict is worthwhile, months ahead of an election he is tipped to lose.

Deaths of three soldiers over two days took the British toll in Afghanistan since 2001 to 256, one more than the number killed in the Falklands.

On Monday a bomb disposal expert was killed by a blast as he cleared a path in southern Helmand Province.

"It is my sad duty to inform you that a soldier from 36 Engineer Regiment... was killed by an explosion this morning in Nad-e-Ali District," said military spokesman Lieutenant Colonel David Wakefield. Two soldiers, from the Royal Scots Borderers, 1st Battalion The Royal Regiment of Scotland, were killed by an explosion in Sangin in Helmand Province on Sunday.

"They were on a foot patrol bringing security to local people... when the explosion caught them," said a spokesman. The news is a new blow to Brown, who recently pledged 500 extra troops and hosted a London conference on Afghanistan, but is struggling to avoid defeat to the main opposition Conservatives in elections due by June.—*Internet*

Quake shakes southern Mexico, felt in capital

OAXACA, 9 Feb — A magnitude 5.7-earthquake shook southern Mexico near the Oaxaca coast on Monday, setting off evacuation alarms and swaying buildings as far away as Mexico City.

The quake was centered 35 miles (55 kilometres) north of the fishing and resort town of Puerto Angel, according to the US Geological Survey's Earthquake Hazards Programme.

It struck at 6:47 pm local time and was felt 280 miles (455 kilometres) away in Mexico City.

Oaxaca state's civil protection agency said it had received no reports of damage or injury.

"Here in Puerto Angel is was pretty quick. There wasn't enough time to go out into the street," said Florencia Peliconi, manager of the seaside Hotel Villa Serena Florencia.

She saw no damage to buildings. "It was more noise (than shaking). Like a truck was coming," she said.

Internet

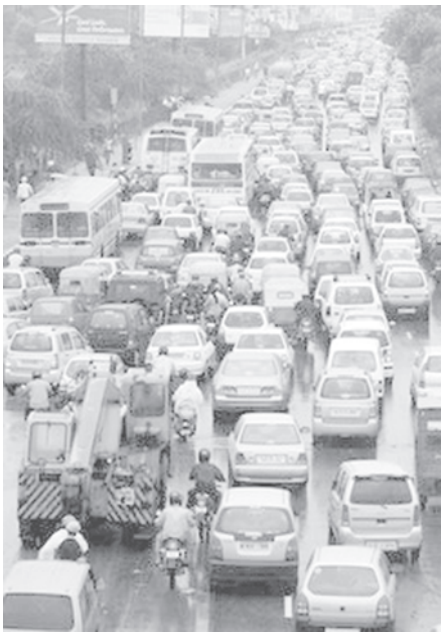
Police constable kills one colleague; explosion claims two lives in W Afghanistan

KABUL, 9 Feb — A police constable opened fire killing one of his colleagues and wounding four others in Afghanistan's western Herat Province while explosion claimed the lives of two civilians there, officials said on Monday.

In the first incident, according to police spokesman in west Afghanistan Abdul Rauf Ahmadi, a police constable opened fire on his colleagues on Sunday night killing one police constable and injuring four others.

Ahmadi also added that the culprit after opening fire and killing a police constable run away but on the way his car rammed into a tree and badly injured.

In another incident, an explosion rocked a bazaar in Shindand District on Sunday and wounding two brothers, governor of Shindand District Lal Mohammad Omarzai told *Xinhua.—Xinhua*



Vehicles wait in a traffic jam in New Delhi. India's car sales rose more than 32 percent year on year in January as demand was boosted by cheap loans and an economic recovery, an industry group said on Tuesday.—INTERNET

International express train derails near Sofia

SOFIA, 9 Feb — Three carriages of the international express train "Bulgaria Express" from Moscow to Sofia derailed at the Kourilo station, some 12 kilometres north of Sofia, on Monday morning, the Bulgarian State Railways (BSR) said.

Nobody was hurt in the incident and all passengers have been transferred to another train, the BSR said. It remains unclear what caused the train cars to go off the tracks. Investigation is underway.

The train had eight passenger carriages: four Bulgarian carriages with 30 passengers and four Russian with 19 passengers.—*Xinhua*

Initial design for China's first three inland nuclear power stations completed

BEIJING, 9 Feb — China's State Nuclear Power Technology Corp (SNPTC) had completed the initial design for the country's first three inland nuclear power stations, the *China Daily* reported on Tuesday. Responsible for the development of third-generation nuclear power technology in China, SNPTC said it has finished its preliminary safety analysis report on the Taohuajiang plant, one of the three projects.

The three projects, namely Taohuajiang in Hunan Province, Xianning in Hubei province and Pengze in Jiangxi province, will use AP1000, a third-generation technology developed by US-based Westinghouse. Future inland nuclear projects in China would also use the technology, said the newspaper.—*Xinhua*

Photo taken on 7 Feb, 2010 shows a refugee in Bagrame District, north of Kabul, Afghanistan. Thousands of refugees from Kapisa lived in Bagrame District to avoid conflicts between NATO army, Afghan National Army and Taleban militants.— XINHUA

Two soft drinks per week raises pancreatic cancer risk

BEIJING, 9 Feb — US researchers have found people who drink two or more sweetened soft drinks a week have a much higher risk of pancreatic cancer, media reports said on Tuesday quoting findings in Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers & Prevention.

Researchers tracked 60,524 participants in the Singapore Chinese Health Study over 14 years. Over that time, 140 of the volunteers developed pancreatic cancer. Those who drank two or more soft drinks a week had an increased risk — or nearly twice the risk — of pancreatic cancer compared to individuals consuming little or no sugar-sweetened beverages.

To be exact, the risk is 87 percent higher, even after accounting for factors like age, obesity, diabetes and cigarette smoking.

Xinhua

China, Costa Rica hold 6th round of FTA talks

SAN JOSE, 9 Feb— China and Costa Rica held their sixth round of talks on the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) here on Monday.

During the three-day meeting, the two sides will mainly discuss issues such as market access, the rule of origin, and intellectual property rights.

"We have agreed in more than 90 percent of issues we talked in last five round of negotiations. I think it is a substantial progress," said Costa Rican External Commerce Minister Marco Vinicio Ruiz at the beginning of the talks.

Chinese Vice Commerce Minister Yi Xiaozhun said at the negotiations that the two economies are complementary and have great potential for further economic and trade cooperation. According to him, bilateral trade between the two nations reached 2.89 billion US dollars and 3.18 billion dollars in 2008 and 2009, respectively.

Bilateral trade has been growing fast since the two nations established diplomatic relations in June 2007. Costa Rica is now one of China's important trade partners in Central America while China is the second largest trade partner of Costa Rica.—*Xinhua*

Six female members of the Chinese medical team pose for a group photo before leaving at the international airport in Port-au-Prince, capital of Haiti, on 8 Feb, 2010. The Chinese medical team Monday left Port-au-Prince for home after winding up a two-week emergency aid and epidemic control mission in the quake-stricken Caribbean country. —INTERNET

US aircraft carrier visits Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 9 Feb—The nuclear-powered *USS Nimitz* aircraft carrier has arrived in Malaysia for a four-day visit.

The United States aircraft carrier is paying a regular visit to the country for bilateral exchanges, an American official said here on Monday.

The aircraft carrier arrived in Port Klang last Sunday and will leave on Thursday. Local newspapers said that the *Nimitz* came to Malaysia for military exchanges with the Malaysian air and Navy forces.–*Xinhua*

A Palestinian pottery worker shapes clay to make an earthenware pots at his traditional mill in Jaba village, southern the West Bank city of Jenin on 7 Feb, 2010. —XINHUA

Nigeria plans new hydroelectric dam

KADUNA, 9 Feb— The government of Nigeria announced plans to move forward with a hydroelectric dam project in the central state of Kaduna, local officials said.

Namadi Sambo, the governor of Kaduna, said the federal government approved a plan to build a major hydroelectric project in his state, *Nigeria's Next* newspaper reports.

He added the project was intended originally as a water-supply facility, but plans for electricity generation were added later to the project.

The plans emerged as militant activity and underfunding drag on oil and gas productivity in Nigeria. Sanusi Barkindo, the managing director of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corp, said the government was to blame for the declines because of budget shortfalls.

In January Odein Ajumogobia, the Nigerian Minister of State for Petroleum resources, said in a rare showing of culpability that there was a national shortage of petroleum products.

Internet

OECD jobless remains at 8.8% in December 2009

PARIS, 9 Feb— The unemployment rate for the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) area remained at 8.8 percent in December 2009, the same with last month, but 1.8 percentage points higher from a year earlier, OECD said on Monday.

In the euro area, the jobless rate rose to 10.0 percent in the last month of 2009, 1.8 percentage points higher than last year. In Japan, the rate declined to 5.1 percent, 0.1 percentage point less from November 2009, but 0.8 percentage higher than last year.—*Xinhua*

French primary energy consumption falls by 5 percent in 2009

PARIS, 9 Feb—The French consumption of primary energy decreased 5 percent in 2009, mainly due to economic recession, the General Commission for Sustainable Development said on Monday in an economic report. The report said France has consumed 251 million tons of oil equivalent (Mtoe) last year, as adjusted for climate, and the energy production also fell by 7 percent compared to 2008, standing at 114 Mtoe.

Economic regression sharply brought down the industrial consumption, but increased household consumption of electricity and fuels partially offset the trend, the commission pointed out in its report.

Xinhua

Supply trucks wait in line after a road closure due to rain and snow in Chaman, located in Pakistan's Balochistan province along the Afghanistan border on 8 February, 2010.
INTERNET

Google's Gmail to challenge Facebook, Twitter

BEIJING, 9 Feb— Google plans to make Gmail more social by allowing users to exchange status updates with friends and share Web content links, features that moves its popular e-mail service into more direct competition with Facebook and Twitter, media reports said on Tuesday.

Gmail users will gain a module that displays status updates from selected Google contacts, a form of interaction popularized by Facebook and MySpace and also embraced by Yahoo.

These status updates will eventually include content shared by one's Google contacts through other Google properties, such as YouTube and Picasa.

Google is also expected to create strong ties between Gmail and its YouTube video site and Picasa photo gallery service.

It plans to unveil the changes to Gmail this week.

This simple tweak to Gmail will let Google mimic the status updates that have driven much of Facebook and Twitter's success, as people return to the services again and again to check out what their friends and co-workers are doing.

Facebook's walled-off form of social computing is seen as one of the few forces that threatens Google's online advertising empire.

In response to that threat, Google has spent the past few years adding social features to encourage social interaction among users of its services. After Google Search, Gmail is one of Google's most popular products.—*Xinhua*

China and Japan to boost bilateral relations

BEIJING, 9 Feb—China says the country's growth is an opportunity for the development of the world and provides room for deepening Sino-Japanese relations.

Brainstorming future ties of east Asia's super powerhouses. Delegates from the China-Japan Friendship 21st Century Committee are gathering in Beijing for a three-day discussion on how to further bilateral ties.

Tang Jiaxuan, Chief Delegate of Chinese Delegation, said, "Both sides should seize the current opportunity to enlarge positive factors in developing bilateral ties while offsetting negative ones. Enhancing a mutually-beneficiary strategic relations and pushing for more achievements in bilateral ties are the common goal for both of the two countries."

During Monday's talks, Japanese Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama China explains China's peaceful development. China spoke highly of Prime Minister Yukio Hatayama's government in their efforts to develop bilateral relations. Both sides agree that the directions of policies concerning bilateral ties that the two countries are adopting are basically the same. Delegates from the two countries say this is conducive to improving political trust and pushing foward an all-round development of bilateral ties.

Xinhua

A worker assembles a mini car at an assembling line in Harbin Hafei Automobile Industry Group Co LTD (Hafei), northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, on 18 Jan, 2010. Hafei put out and sold 245,000 cars in 2009, 30% more than the previous year.—XINHUA

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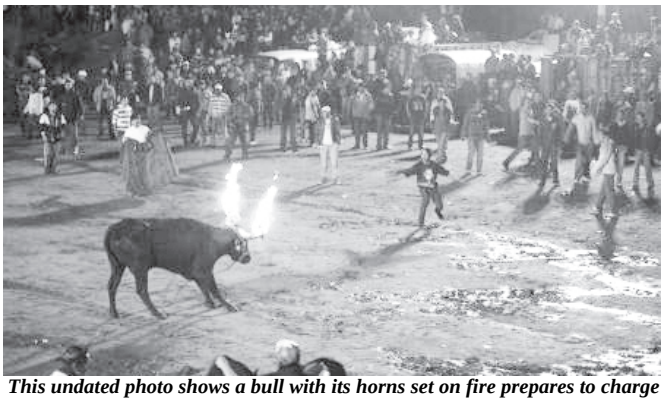

This undated photo shows a bull with its horns set on fire prepares to charge at a spectator during the El Novillo de Bombas festival in Mira, north of Quito.—XINHUA

Iran unveils home-built flight simulator for Boeing 737

TEHERAN, 9 Feb—Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad on Monday unveiled the flight simulator for *Boeing 737* which has been produced by Iranian experts for the first time in the country, the official *IRNA news* agency reported. Ahmadinejad attended the 2nd National Festival on Innovations and Prosperity of the Islamic Revolution which is aimed at publicly introducing one thousand new and innovative projects designed and developed by Iranian experts and scientists.

Referring to the country's scientific achievements, he said that "The enemy doesn't want Iran to be equipped with science...(but) the enemy is not able to break Iran's progress," he was quoted as saying by the satellite Press TV without further elaboration.

The festival was held to mark the anniversary of the Islamic Revolution victory in Iran in 1979. To mark the occasion, Iran has launched a number of civil and military projects and inaugurated some others. On Monday, Iran's first home-built twin-engine single-person *Faez (Victor)* aircraft was unveiled in the presence of Defence Minister Brigadier General Ahmad Vahidi, *IRNA* said—*Xinhua*

24 killed as tractor trolley falls into ditch in India

NEW DELHI, 9 Feb—Twenty-four people died in an accident on Monday in the northern Indian state of Uttar Pradesh when a tractor-trolley skidded off a road and fell into a deep, water- filled ditch, said the *Indo-Asian News Service* on Tuesday.

The dead were 15 children and nine women who died at Pisawan town in Sitapur District, around 80 km from state capital Lucknow, said the report quoting police sources.

Eight others, including the driver of the tractor-trolley, were seriously injured in the accident and were being treated in hospital, said the report.

The riders on the tractor trolley were relatives who were returning from a family function.—*Xinhua*

China delivers 25 tons of medical aid to Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE, 9 Feb—The government of the People 's Republic of China on Monday delivered 25 tons of medical aid to quake-stricken Haiti, which included multiple types of epidemic prevention medicine.

Wang Shuping, head of the China Trade Development Office in Haitian capital Port-au-Prince, formally delivered the aid to Haitian authorities, which thanked China for showing solidarity with the 1.1 million Haitian people left homeless by the 12 Jan earthquake. The magnitude-7.3 tremor has killed more than 200,000 people, according to Haitian government statistics.

Wang said that this was the third shipment of medical aid from China to Haiti, with the previous two arriving on 17 Jan 26 and, respectively. To date the Chinese government has delivered aid worth a total of 4.4 million dollars.

Monday's shipment included medicine needed to fight infectious diseases, as well tablets, rehydration liquids, gauze and medical alcohol. The shipment consists of 1,790 boxes with a total volume of some 120 cubic metres.

Xinhua

Russia extends loan to Sri Lanka for arms purchases

MOSCOW, 9 Feb—Russia and Sri Lanka have signed a loan to buy Russian military equipment, *RIA Novosti* news agency cited the Russian Deputy Finance Minister as saying on Monday.

The 300-million-US-dollar loan has a term of ten years, Deputy Finance Minister Dmitry Pankin told the news agency. The finance deal came as Russian President Dmitry Medvedev held talks with his Sri Lankan counterpart Mahinda Rajapaksa at the Kremlin.

The deal will cover not only purchases but also extensive repairs of Russian arms previously supplied to Sri Lanka, *RIA Novosti* reported.—*Xinhua*

Euro 2012 on track, insist co-hosts

BEIJING, 9 Feb—Joint Euro 2012 hosts Poland and Ukraine on Sunday brushed aside concerns about their readiness for Europe's top football tournament, as the qualifying draw marked their first real-time test.

"It's three years since UEFA awarded the hosting of the 2012 European football championships to Poland and Ukraine," Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk said.

"These three years have been a period of hard work in both countries," Tusk told an audience of top officials from the continent's football governing body and its 53 national associations assembled for the draw.

"Euro 2012 infrastructure is being constructed, including stadia, airports, motorways and hotels," the ardent football fan and Sunday league player insisted.—*Xinhua*

Carnival goers dressed in a costume walk past onlookers at San Marco square in Venice, Italy on 7 Feb, 2010, during the annual Venice Carnival. —XINHUA

Hailing the 63rd Anniversary Union Day

Rakhine State enjoying fruit of development, peace and stability

Article & Photos: *Reporter Singu Soe Win*

Technological University (Sittway) built in Rakhine State to enable local youths to pursue modern technology.

As a significant characteristic, Union national races Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Bamar, Mon, Rakhine, Shan and minorities have been residing in amity and unity in the Union of Myanmar. They have lived in the Union through thick and thin since time immemorial.

In consequence of the Divide-and-Rule policy practiced by the colonialists, doubts occurred among the national races and the consolidated national unity disintegrated. Therefore, some regions of the nation were lacked peace and stability. Due to misunderstanding among the national brethren, unity and amity weakened.

Due to natural barriers such as rivers, creeks and seas, relationship among the national races was cold. As emphasis could not be placed on undertaking of development tasks in the absence of peace and stability, the border regions had lagged behind in development.

At present, the whole Union has developed, as the government, the people and the Tatmadaw adopted the future plans and are joining hands in implementing the current plans by reviewing the past events.

In this regard, many roads and bridges were built as a network for ensuring better transportation across the nation. It is known to all that infrastructures such as economic, education, health and social sectors are being built to fulfill the requirements of the local people.

Nowadays, the dreams of the people have come true that river crossing bridges, Union Highways, new airports and new ports are under construction with a view to enabling the national people to have easy access to other regions.

All the national races are enjoying fruits of peace and stability. At the same time, the people of Danyawady Rakhine State, located along the west coast of the nation, are also enjoying fruit of peace, stability and development.

Rakhine State shares border with Chin State in the north, Magway and Bago divisions in the east, Ayeyawady Division and the Bay of Bengal in the south, the Bay of Bengal in the west and Bangladesh in the northwest.

Having the significant geographical conditions, Rakhine State is constituted with four districts and 20 townships. The state has an area of 14,200.08 square miles or 9,088,053 acres including 360 miles long coastal area.

Sittway District is formed with Sittway, Yathedaung, Ponnagyun, Kyauktaw, MraukU, Minbya, Pauktaw and Myebon townships where a population of 1,522,040 of 221,127 households reside.

Maungtaw District is formed with Maungtaw, Buthidaung and Taungpyoletwe townships which are home to 724,491 people of 96,825 households.

Kyaukpyu, Yanbye, Manaung and An townships are included in Kyaukpyu District and a total of 560,349 people from 84461 households are living in the region.

Thandwe District is constituted with Thandwe, Taungup, Gwa, Maei and Kyeintali townships, and a total of 376,450 people from 61,741 households are residing in the district. Rakhine State is home to 3,183,331 people of 464,154 households.

In the time of Tatmadaw Government, all-round progress can be seen in Rakhine State. As a result of giving priority to development undertakings with peace and stability, better transportation reflects smooth travelling of the people and speedy flow of commodities in a short period.

Rakhine State has over 200 inches of rainfall annually. In the agriculture sector, Rakhine State has 16,86,267 acres of forest reserves and protected public forests, 3,532,299 acres of wild forests and 2,300,041 acres of uncultivable lands with abundant hills, rivers and creeks. At present, the state extended arable lands for development of agriculture task.

The State Peace and Development Council has built bridges in 56,633 acres of Wunphaik mangrove forest, forest reserves and swamp areas.

In accord with the motto: "To meet national brethren, let us build roads and bridges", 36 bridges of over 180 feet long have been constructed in the state by spending K 280,309.43 million and US$ 7.27 million. Moreover, reconstruction and maintenance tasks were carried out for some bridges built before 1988.

The Ministry of Transport started placing of four-inch thick asphalt concrete on the runway, the taxiway and the apron of Sittway Airport on 11 December 2008 and the new runway was opened on 20 May 2009.

F-27 (Fokker), F-28 (Jet), ATR 42 and ATR 72 of Myanma Airways and sometimes chartered flights safely land at and take off from Sittway Airport. It is an airport where y-8 aircraft can land and take off.

In the Second World War, Sittway Airport was built for the military purpose. In 1960, the 6000 feet long and 150 feet wide asphalt concrete runway was constructed at the airport.

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Kyaukpyu Education College turning out efficient education staff for enhancement of education sector in Rakhine State.

Development of Rakhine State in the time of Tatmadaw Government

No.	Subject	Unit	1988	2009	Progress	Remarks
1.	Arable land	acre	860937	1289002	428065	
2.	Dam (large/small)	number	2	59	57	
3.	River water pumping station	number	-	4	4	
4.	Protected public forest	sq/mile	-	1833.94	1833.94	
5.	Railroad	mile	-	11.46	11.46	
6.	Over 180-foot bridge	number	19	47	28	
7.	Post office	office	12	82	70	
8.	Telegraphic office	office	18	27	9	
9.	Telephone office	office	16	45	29	
10.	Microwave station	station	7	16	9	
11.	Hydrpower plant	plant	-	3	3	underway
12.	Basic education school	school	2391	2710	319	
13.	University/college	number	1	2	1	
14.	Technological university/college	number	-	1	1	
15.	University of computer studies	number	-	1	1	

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Salin Bridge in Salin Township of Minbu District linking southern and northern Myanmar and Rakhine State.

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In 2001-2002-2003, the runway of the airport was tarmacked, and the 120 feet by 60 feet airport building was extended to the 200 feet by 60 feet facility.

Beginning 1 December 2006, asphalt concrete was placed on the 6000 feet by 150 feet runway, the 525 feet by 75 feet taxiway and the 575 feet by 300 feet apron. Moreover, the five inches by five inches concrete posts were erected for fencing the 18,300 feet long barbed wires at the airport.

As Sittway Airport has been renovated in all aspects, the local people can rely on aviation all the year round.

No one expected the emergence of railroads considering the large number of natural barriers located in the state. Now, their dreams have come true one after another.

For gaining development momentum in the Union to ensure equitable development of all the regions, the State Peace and Development Council built railroads. On 19 May 2009, an 11.46 miles long railroad from Sittway (Pyidawtha) station to Yegyanbyin station (Technological University) was put into service.

The train runs four times a day from 7.30 am to 5 pm by stopping over at Pyidawtha Station, Sittway Station, Zawpuja Station, Yegyanbyin Station, Sittway University halt station, Dahpaing halt station and Mezali halt station. The fare for the passenger is K 100 per head for the whole trip. At present, the local people, students and faculty members of Sittway University and Technological University (Sittway) are enjoying fruits of rail transportation. Moreover, the local people can carry the commodities by saving money. Especially, two locomotives and two passenger coaches transport about 1,000 passengers every Sunday and two locomotives and one coach from Mondays to Saturdays.

In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, 257-mile Minbu-Sittway railroad with 28-mile Minbu-Padan section, 54-mile Padan-An section, 76-mile An-Minbya section, 16-mile Minbya-MraukU section, 23-mile MraukU-Kyauktaw section, 34-mile Kyauktaw-Ponnagyun section and 26-mile Ponnagyun-Sittway section, is being constructed. Among them, the plan is under way to construct 99-mile Sittway-Minbya section, 76-mile Minbya-An section and 82-mile An-Minbu railroad section to complete on schedule. At present, the 11.46-mile Sittway-Yegyanbyin section on Sittway-Minbya railroad has been completed.

To inaugurate the 22.72-mile railroad from Kwantaung Station of Ponnagyun Township beyond Min Creek Bridge to Yoetayok Model Village of Ponnagyun Township, workers and staff of Myanma Railway are constructing the stations and yards, placing rail tracks and carrying out earthworks with the use of heavy machinery.

Along the Sittway-Kyauktaw section, it is necessary to build six over-180-foot-long bridges namely 300-foot Nayikan Creek Bridge, 452-foot Kyauktan Creek Bridge, 2003-foot Min Creek Bridge, 440-foot Kin Creek Bridge, 420-foot Yoe Creek Bridge and 360-fot Pikauk Creek Bridge. Moreover, the plans are under way to construct six 40-160 feet long bridges and 174 under-40-foot long bridges. The State built roads and bridges as a network in the hilly, forest riverside areas of Rakhine State.

Thanks to construction of 13 block stations and 11 halt stations, the local people can easily travel to Minbu. In a short period, the people can visit the regions on the east and the west banks of Ayeyawady River by train at fair fare.

Nowadays, the Government is striving for all-round development of the nation by upholding the national policy: Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of national solidarity and Perpetuation of sovereignty.

In line with the State's seven-step Road Map, all-out efforts are being made for building a modern and developed democratic nation that all the people long for.

It is important to maintain peace and stability, unity and development in all States and Divisions of the Union. Thus, the entire national people are to harmoniously safeguard the nation for perpetual existence of unity and development by forging the Union Spirit.

Translation: TTA

Photo shows Yegyanbyin Railway Station on Sittway (Pyidawtha)-Yegyanbyin station (Technological University) railroad.

Projects to be implemented for development of Rakhine State

No.	Subject	Location	Remark
1.	**Agriculture** Tharichaung Dam Project	Kyauktaw Township	3000 acres of benefited area
2.	**Transport** Constructing over-180-foot Thayupepadon suspension bridge	An Township	
3.	**Railroad** Sittway-An-Minbu	Rakhine State	22.72-mile Kwantaung-Yoetayok railroad section
4.	**Offshore oil and natural gas** Shwe (1) (A-1) Shwephyu (A-3) Mya natural gas deposit	near Sittway Township near Kyaukpyu Township near Kyaukpyu Township	
5.	**Electric Power** **(a) Ongoing projects** (1) Anchaung hydropower Project (2) Thahtaychaung hydropowe project **(b) Projects to be implemented** (1) Saidin hydropower project (2) Laymyochaung hydropower plant	 An Township Thandwe Township Buthidaung Township MraukU Township	

Hailing the 63rd Anniversary Union Day

Express stronger sense of patriotism, Union Spirit

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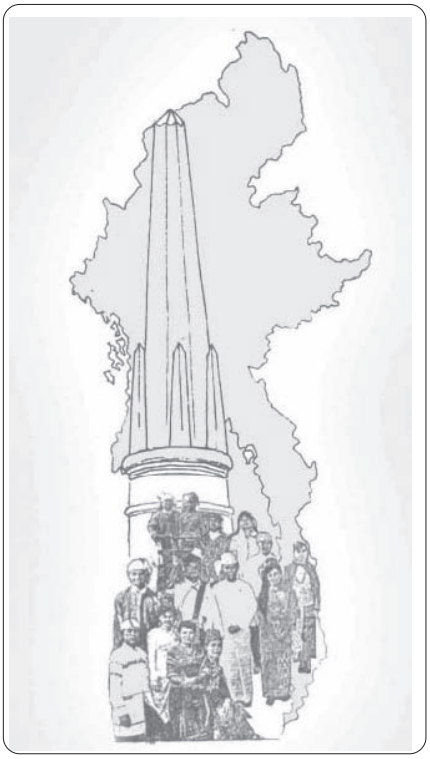

The Union of Myanmar is a state where various national races make their home together through thick and thin with nationalistic spirit (Union Spirit).

With an area of 261,228 square miles, Myanmar stretches for more than 1300 miles from north to south, and for more than 600 miles from east to west. Over 100 national races inclusive of Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Bamar, Mon, Rakhine and Shan live in the Union. They live in different regions in highlands and plains the length and breadth of the nation, but they share the strong sense of Union Spirit.

In the course of the history of Myanmar, national brethren have upheld consolidated national unity which is certainly the national prestige to be proud of for them. Only after building consolidated national unity could King Anawrahta unify the whole country into the First Myanmar Empire (Bagan Dynasty), King Bayintnaung, the Second Myanmar Empire (Toungoo Dynasty), and King Alaungphaya, the Third Myanmar Empire (Konbaung Dynasty).

Consolidated national unity is the driving force behind why Myanmar had stood tall as a sovereign independent nation with own monarchs in the international community for thousands of years.

However, the colonialists annexed Myanmar late in the 19th century. Casting covetous eyes to rich natural resources of the nation, they exercised two administrative patterns: one for hilly regions and another for mainland, to undermine the national unity in its plot to prolong their colonial rule.

There is strong evidence in the Myanmar history that all national races engaged in cohesion in anti-aggressive wars launched by the colonialists in 1824, 1852, and 1885, and in the independence struggles launched from 1885 until 1948 for national liberation, flourishing of the Sasana and regaining independence by Young Men's Buddhist Association (YMBA), General Council of Burmese Associations (GCBA), Our Burmese Association, Anti-Fascist People's Liberation Front, Anti-Fascist People's Freedom League (AFPFL), Thirty Comrades, Burma Independence Army, Burma Defence Army, and Myanmar Tatmadaw.

When they had no other choices except to grant independence, the colonialists said that they would grant independence to the mainland, exclusive of highlands. Despite the wedge constantly driven among national races by the colonialists, highlanders who were under deception of the colonialist in the end agreed to regain independence together with the mainland in recognition of genuine goodwill of State leaders. It was at 10 am on 12 February 1947 when the representatives of the national races signed an agreement for consolidated unity between highlands and plains to build the sovereign independent Union of Myanmar after throwing off the yoke of colonialism. So, they could reach the Panglong Agreement or the resolution for national unity. The consolidated national unity and Union Spirit conceived the Union Day on 12 February 1947.

In relation to national reconsolidation, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe in his address to the Golden Jubilee Armed Forces Day Parade said:—

"We will have great difficulty in ensuring stability, community peace and development of the nation if the political forces of our country are divided. Due to disunity among the political forces, our country lagged far behind other countries in development. We have known well that if such conflicts persist, the conditions of our country will go from bad to worse. Therefore, the Tatmadaw is under a duty to build national reconsolidation."

The Tatmadaw was confident that it was needed to draw an enduring constitution that could guarantee perpetuation of the Union in the democratization process in compliance with the aspiration of the people, and in the process, only with national reconsolidation, would it be possible to formulate an enduring constitution. As a result of the combined efforts made by the Tatmadaw and the people, the State Constitution (2008) of the Union of Myanmar has now been approved to achieve the national goal of building a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

Practising the policy "Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of national solidarity, and Perpetuation of sovereignty", the government has built trust with national race armed groups, thus achieving remarkable success in restoring stability, peace and the rule of law and boosting development in border areas. In addition, the government is taking measures systematically to transform the national race peace groups into legally-armed border guard forces to improve State stability and peace.

With the aim of scaling up the progress of border areas that lagged behind other regions in development because of lack of stability and peace for over 40 years, the Tatmadaw government has been pursuing the following objectives:—

(1) to ensure progress of the national races in border areas who have stood stresses and strains of the internal armed strife that came into being following independence,

(2) to carry out tasks with the policy "Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of national solidarity, and Perpetuation of sovereignty" for progress of the national races in border areas that lagged behind other regions in development,

(3) to eradicate poppy production in the regions that used to grow poppy in the time of Burma Communist Party (BCP) by encouraging local farmers to grow alternative crops in place of poppy.

In order to expedite the tasks for progress of border areas and national races, the government formed the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races on 24 September 1992. Then, it was reconstituted into the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs on 30 January 1994.

Then, the state promulgated many laws for progress of border areas and national races, and has been implementing the following objectives.

(1) To improve the economic, social, and transport sectors of the national races in border areas in

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Poem

Union Spirit

* **Unity in times of emergency**
Blood thicker than water
Ever with amity the national races
United ever, divided never
Showing the strong Myanmar spirit
Strength reinvigorated in Panglong
So noble is the Union Spirit

* **Sacrificing lots of blood, sweat, lives**
Restoring independence and sovereignty
They in unity
Winning victory ever
Brethren of Myanmar family
In harmony they enhance strength
So noble is the Union Spirit

* **Unity in entire Myanmar**
Ensuring peace and tranquility
Progress for all regions
Mines, agriculture, education and health
Development in trade and social sectors
States, divisions, and even border areas enjoy
Beautiful like a variety of flowers
So noble is the Union Spirit

* **Anywhere in Union they are living**
People born in the Union
In mind they must keep
With firm trust and belief
Strong and noble will of nationalities
And the consolidated strength
So noble is the Union Spirit

(Hailing the 63rd Anniversary Union Day)
Phoe Yan Naing (Kyaukkyi)

Hailing the 63rd Anniversary Union Day

Express stronger sense of patriotism, Union Spirit

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accordance with the policy "Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of national solidarity, and Perpetuation of sovereignty".

(2) To encourage national races to develop their culture, literature, customs and traditions.

(3) To cement amicable relations between one national race and another.

(4) To eliminate poppy farming by establishing businesses.

(5) To ensure security, the rule of law, and community peace in border areas.

In order to achieve those objectives, the government improved economic infrastructural buildings in the transport, construction and energy sectors to fulfil urgent and long-term requirements of national races, and to boost the social, economic and administrative systems, and social infrastructural buildings in the education, health and public relations sectors. It also implemented systematically the economic enterprises such as agricultural farming, livestock farming, forestry and mining.

As to the drive for elimination of narcotic drugs, many campaigns are underway as a national duty with own human and natural resources under the leadership of the government in order to eradicate the poppy farming that persisted in border areas for over 100 years as the evil legacy left by the colonialists. In that regard, the government has been implementing the project since 1999-2000 fiscal year to generate alternative ways for former local poppy farmers to earn money. Now, the international community has recognized the drastic fall in poppy farming and production in border areas.

Furthermore, the government has been applying the three tactics namely supply elimination, law enforcement, and demand elimination in combination in order that not only border areas but also the whole nation will be free from narcotic drugs by 2014. Simultaneously, it is pursuing the 15-year Drug Elimination Plan in cooperation with UN agencies, international organizations, and non-governmental organizations for border areas to be free from narcotic drugs. As a result, there has been a significant fall in poppy farming and drug production, and some of the regions have been declared poppy-free zones.

Such fruitful results are largely due to the active participation of the people with Union Spirit in the tasks the government is carrying out for elimination of narcotic drugs.

So, it can be deduced from the past events and objective conditions of the nation that Union Spirit is necessary for ensuring Our Three Main National Causes and national development.

In fact, Union Spirit covers the spirit of doing correct acts of courage with national outlook, no jealousy, the sense of cherishing and safeguarding motherland, own race, religion, literature, culture, customs and traditions, family spirit among national races, the fervour of mutual help and national unity, remaining united in times of emergency, and opposing decadent alien culture.

With respect to Union Spirit, in his address to the meeting with officials from the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, the Civil Service Selection and Training Board, and the Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) in PyinOoLwin on 16 December 2006, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe said that **the spirit he meant was Union Spirit that inspired the people to have great love of own race and Union; that every citizen had to not only love their country and race but also safeguard the Union; that in addition, the people had to equip themselves with the spirit of making sacrifices apart from patriotism and Union Spirit; that with Union Spirit, a citizen was ready to sacrifice his life and property in the interest of the nation; and that patriotism could be kept alive only if combined with sacrificing spirit.**

Regarding the important role of Union Spirit, Chairman of the SPDC Comamnder-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance at the meeting with the trainees of B.Ed Course No (37) of the University for Development of National Races, saying that **the trainees were to further rekindle the sense of Union Spirit of the people; and that only with strong sense of Union Spirit of the people would it be possible for the Union to last perpetually.** And in his message to mark the 59th Anniversary Union Day, the Senior General gave guidance that **stability, peace, prosperity, development and perpetuity of the Union of Myanmar completely rested on national unity and national people's dynamism of patriotic spirit.**

Today, certain powers are driving a wedge among national races to break up national unity and revive armed conflicts with the intention of boosting their political domination over the Union of Myanmar. They are also imposing economic sanctions against the nation and interfering in the internal affairs in the political area to disrupt the economic growth rate of the nation. Accordingly, the people should be well aware of such evil acts. All the people armed with patriotic spirit have to do their bit with Union Spirit and the spirit of national unity in the drive for building a new, modern and developed nation.

Besides, the entire people have to maintain the unprecedented national solidarity, adhering to Union Spirit in order that the Union of Myanmar will be able to stand tall in the global family. The government, the people and the Tatmadaw are to work hard in harmony with consolidated national unity for accomplishment of the projects the nation has been implementing to keep abreast of other countries.

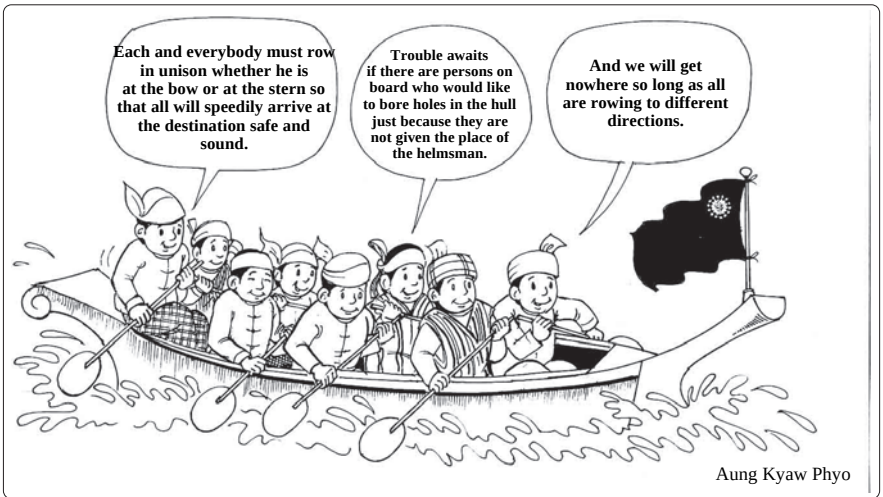
In conclusion, I would like to exhort the entire people to see to the objectives of the 63rd Anniversary Union Day regarding them as Panglong resolution to shape the nation into a modern, developed land, while arming themselves with a stronger sense of patriotism and Union Spirit.

Translation: MS

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**

Travelling in the same boat



Aung Kyaw Phyo

Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay being welcomed by Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Myanmar Mr Ye Dabo and wife at the Chinese Traditional Spring Festival 2010 on 9 February.—MNA

Better Transport for Rakhine...

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Together with Commander Maj-Gen Thaung Aye, Lt-Gen Ko Ko inspected construction of the retaining walls along Ngathainggyaung-Gwa Road and thriving ironwood plantations.

On 4 February, Lt-Gen Ko Ko met servicemen and family members at the hall of Gwa Station and presented gifts to them.

In meeting with local people at Aungmingala Hall in Gwa, Lt-Gen Ko Ko and the commander presented corrugated iron sheets, cement, exercise books and periodicals to them.

On his tour, Lt-Gen Ko Ko viewed the site for construction of the approach road to the jetty of Gwa and maintenance works. At Kyeintali Bridge, an official reported on extension of the approach road to Kyeintali Bridge.

After meeting with local people at the office of Kyeintali General Administration Department, he cordially conversed with servicemen and family members at the hall of the local station.

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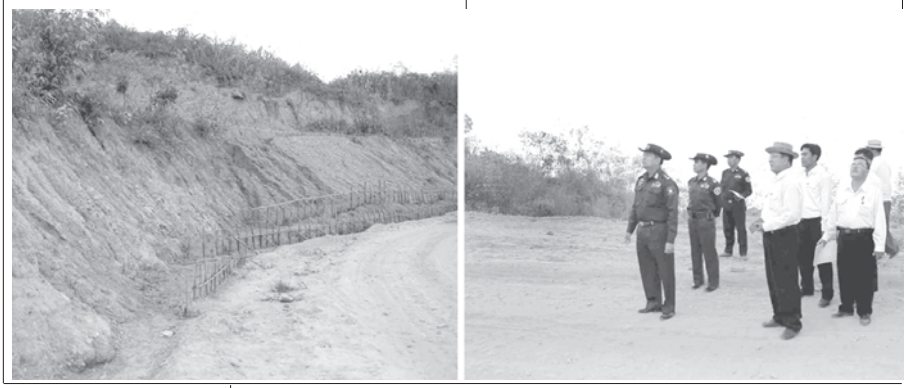

Lt-Gen Ko Ko of Ministry of Defence looking into progress in construction of retaining walls along Ngathainggyaung-Gwa Road.

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EP-1 Minister receives Vice-President of CPIC

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Feb—Minister for Electric Power No. 1 Col Zaw Min received Vice-President Mdm Zhang Xiaolu and party of China Power Investment Corporation (CPIC) of the People's Republic of China at the ministry yesterday evening.

Also present at the call were departmental heads and officials.

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Minister for Electric Power No. 1 Col Zaw Min receives Vice-President Mdm Zhang Xiaolu and party of China Power Investment Corporation (CPIC).—MNA

Champion Construction wins most beautiful showroom award at Housing & Building-2010

YANGON, 9 Feb— Champion Construction Materials Co Ltd, (Member of Naing Group), wins the most beautiful showroom award at the Housing & Building-2010 at the Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road, here, from 5 to 8 February.

Manaing Director U Thet Lwin Shwe of IEMS presented the prize of honour to Deputy General Manager Daw Mu Mu Hsan.

Myanmar New General Design of Naing Group created the booth of Champion.

Champion Construction Materials Co Ltd introduced new champion products to the visitors and sold Malaysia-made White Horse tiles, Singapore-made toilet & basin, tap ware, steel security doors & stainless steel doors elevator, Thai-made steel tank, ABS & PVC doors at 17-36 percent discount.

Champion products are available at Showroom-1, No. 2 Sagawa Housing, Mogaung Road in Yankin Township, Tel: 400563, 400564 and 400565, Showroom-2, No. 408, Theinbyu Road, Tel: 200290, Mandalay Branch, No. 33 on 78th street between 34th and 35th streets in Chanayethazan Township, Tel: 02-33488 and 095042583 and Nay Pyi Taw Branch at 1/68, Bo Tauk Htein Road, Mingala Ward, Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana, Tel: 067-21454.—*MNA*

Gifts for MWJA

YANGON, 9 Feb — Officials of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association accepted 300,000 donated by Publisher U Zaw Min Aye (Moe-hsampan) of Messenger Journal and K 400,000 by Publisher Kai Zar (a) U Nyi Nyi Win (Thidadaewi Services Co. Ltd) of Princess Magazine on 4 and 8 February.

MNA

Negligence remains root cause of fire outbreaks

YANGON, 9 Feb—Myanmar faced 89 fires in January 2010: 65 due to careless use, one natural fire, 11 due to wire shock, 11 arsons, and one forest fire, having 130 buildings and houses burnt down.

Yangon Division encountered fires most, followed by Ayeyawady Division and Mandalay Division.

Surveys show that many of the households still fail to follow strictly the rules and regulations on fire prevention, thus causing fires incidentally owing to careless use.

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Take Fire Preventive Measures

Managing Director U Thet Lwin Shwe of IEMS presents prize of honour to Deputy General Manager Daw Mu Mu Hsan for securing most beautiful showroom award at the Housing & Building-2010.

MNA

Good heart health would lead to big savings for Canada

OTTAWA, 9 Feb—Canada could save 76.4 billion Canadian dollars (about 71.46 billion US dollars) between 2005 and 2020, an average of about 5 billion Canadian dollars a year in health savings, if some of the targets set out by the Canadian Heart Health Strategy and Action Plan (CHHS-AP) are met, according to a Conference Board of Canada report released on Monday at a Press conference in Ottawa.

The report, The Canadian Heart Health Strategy: Risk Factors and Future Cost Implications, estimates the impact on future health expenditures if Canada were to meet the targeted reductions in heart disease and stroke risk factors outlined in the CHHS-AP report, Building a Heart Healthy Canada. The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada and the Canadian Cardiovascular Society joined with the Conference Board to release the findings.

"By 2020, the lower prevalence rate in risk factors will contribute to a reduction of 452,000 cases of ischemic heart disease and 150,000 cases of cerebrovascular diseases," said Louis Theriault, author of the report for the Conference Board. "The cost burden of these diseases will decrease substantially, leading to cost savings for the health system, governments and the Canadian economy."

Xinhua

Genetic testing should involve counsellors

CHICAGO, 9 Feb— Anyone considering a direct-to-consumer genetic test should ensure a genetics professional is involved, US genetic counsellors advise.

Officials with the National Society of Genetic Counsellors say without a genetics professional or healthcare provider test results may be misinterpreted.

Elizabeth Kearney, president of the organization, says all genetic tests can reveal life-changing information, both positive and negative.

When test results indicate a lower risk for certain conditions, some people will be falsely reassured because the test may only detect some of the individuals at risk.

Consumers need to be aware of these possibilities, Kearney says.

"Genetic testing can be very helpful in determining a person's chance to develop or pass on hereditary diseases to their offspring.

However, the most important first step is to understand what can or cannot be learned from a test," Kearney says in a statement. "DTC genetic tests can deliver powerful information. A trained genetic counsellors can help prepare you for what you might learn and be there for you to interpret results.

They can also help you decide if having a genetic test is a good choice."

Internet

Dancers perform during a float parade of the annual carnival held in Villarrica, 180 km away from Paraguay's capital Asuncion, on 7Feb, 2010.— XINHUA

Beijing aims at 6 bln USD materialized foreign investment in 2010

BEIJING, 9 Feb— Beijing would strive to secure 6 billion US dollars of actually utilized foreign investment this year, an official said on Monday.

Lu Yan, head of the Beijing Municipal Commission of Commerce, said foreign investment actually utilized by the capital city rose 0.6 percent in 2009 to 6.12 billion US dollars despite the global financial crisis.

He also set 5 billion US dollars as the minimum target for the city's actually utilized foreign investment in 2010.

China attracted 90.03 billion US dollars in FDI in 2009 amid the global downturn, down 2.6 percent from that in 2008, according to the Ministry of Commerce in January.–*Xinhua*

12 feared dead in Yangtze River shipwreck

SUZHOU, 9 Feb—Twelve people were feared dead after their ship sank in the Yangtze River, China's longest waterway, on Monday evening, local maritime authorities in the eastern Jiangsu Province said.

"Pengxiang 9" registered in the northern port city of Tianjin, sank in the Zhangjiagang section of the Yangtze River at 7:25 pm, after a collision with motor vessel *"Jintai 618"*, a spokesman with the maritime rescue centre of Zhangjiagang City confirmed.

Fourteen people were on board *"Pengxiang 9"*, of whom only two were rescued on Monday night.

Maritime authorities imposed a traffic ban in the section and searched for the missing through the night. But none of the missing people had been found as of 9 am on Tuesday. The cause of the accident is under investigation.

Xinhua

NEWS ALBUM

Invasive lionfish a menace in Florida Keys

The red lionfish has invaded the waters in and around the Florida Keys, wreaking havoc on the island cluster's native fish populations, experts say.

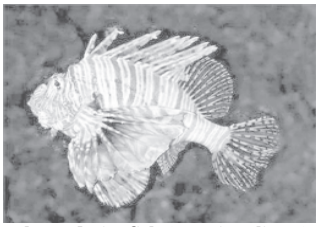
Marine life collector Pete Kehoe said the primary issue regarding the appearance of the lionfish species in the Florida Keys is the creature's voracious appetite, The *Miami Herald* said on Monday.

"I think a lot of people underestimate what the problem can be," Kehoe said. "I'm amazed. They are like the perfect eating machine. They eat until they are about to explode."

Since lionfish first appeared in the Florida Keys a year ago, more than 80 members of the invasive species have been spotted in the region.

Lad Akins, special projects manager for the Reef Environmental Education Foundation based in Key Largo, Fla, said it is unlikely experts will be able to completely eliminate the presence of lionfish from the Florida Keys.

"Control is possible in the Keys, especially if we pick important areas because they are utilized as tourist destinations or are ecologically important because of the diversity of fish," he told the *Herald*.



The Red Lionfish (Pterois volitans) is venomous coral reef fish from the Indian and western Pacific oceans.

A hunting eagle attacks a chained wolf during the Kyrgyz traditional Hunters' Festival Salburun, near the town of Cholpon-Ata, some 250 km (155 miles) east from the capital Bishkek on 7 February, 2010.

Online programmes boost produce consumption

An apple day online — or at least an Internet programmes that provides tips for eating more produce — may keep the doctor away, US researchers found.

Senior author Christine Cole Johnson of Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit found that when given access to an online programme about fruits and vegetables, participants increased their daily fruit and vegetable intake by more than two servings.

"People already know the health benefits of fruits and vegetables, but they often don't know how to incorporate them into their diet," Johnson said in a statement.

Fewer than 25 percent of US adults eat five servings of fruit and vegetables per day, even though doing so reduces the risk of chronic disease and cancer, the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention said.

The 12-month study recruited members of Health Alliance Plan and four other HMOs in Seattle, Denver, Minneapolis and Atlanta, ages 21-65.

Class ring found after nearly 20 years

A Florida graduate who lost his 1989 class ring when it fell from a cruise ship 21 years ago said an Ohio woman called to say she found the ring.

Tom Whitney of Orlando, who accidentally dropped the 1989 West Orange High ring from a Port Canaveral-based cruise ship the year of his graduation, said he received an e-mail last Monday from a woman who said she believed the ring had been found, The *Orlando (Fla) Sentinel* reported on Monday.

"It was just this Monday, and I got a message from a woman who said she has my ring," Whitney said. The message said the ring was found by the woman's metal detector-wielding father along Florida's Daytona Beach.

Indian forest workers watch as a rescued tiger leaps into the river Sundarikati on being released from a cage at Sunderbans, some 150 kms south of Kolkata. WWF-India has been working since 1973 to protect tigers, leading to the creation of special reserves and protected areas in national parks and wildlife sanctuaries.

The Union of Myanmar
Civil Service Selection and Training Board
Vacancy Announcement
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(2 February 2010)

1. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has issued an announcement of vacancies for the following position -

Position	Vacancy	Educational Qualification
Head of Branch -2/Third Secretary	25	Any graduate

2. The applicants -
   (a) must be citizens of the Union of Myanmar.
   (b) must not be over 25 years of age(30 years if service personnel)on 3 March 2010.
   (c) must not be over 30 years for the Master Degrees holders.
   (d) must be physically fit and possess well intact limbs, must be in good health and capable of serving the duty at any assigned place.
3. Candidate shall attach a copy of degree or diploma certificate for his/ her completion in other foreign languages proficiency course if any, in addition to English Language.
4. Applications must be sent to Office No. (17) of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board , Nay Pyi Taw in person, or by expedited Mail Service , or by registered letter not later than 3 March 2010.
5. With regards to filling in the application form , documents to be attached , mode of payment of Ks.500/ for examination fee , subjects to be studied for written examinations and personal interview , candidates applying for the vacant positions will have to follow the instructions manifested in the Guide Booklet published under Letter No. 1440/Selection (Main) / 2009, dated 6 August 2009(Amendment).
6. **For service personnel**, his or her original application altogether with the recommendation of the ministry concerned and a passport photo of the applicant must be sent to Office No. (17) of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board in Nay Pyi Taw through the Head of Department by 3 March 2010. An extra copy of the application together with photo must also be attached .
7. Written examinations will be held in Nay Pyi Taw.
8. Examinations will be held on 24 and 25 April 2010. The question paper No.(2) for English Language will take 3 hours (from 12 00 to 15 00 p.m) and the rest of the question paper No.(1) for Myanmar and question paper No .(3) for General Knowledge will take 2 hours each. Identity cards for candidates sitting for the examination will be issued at Office No.(17) of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board in Nay Pyi Taw commencing 22 April 2010.
9. For more information, applicants may contact Office No.(17)of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board in person or by phone(067-409052 , 067- 409430).
10. This announcement and the guide booklet for applicants may be browsed on Websites: csstb.imis.com.mm and www.csstb.gov.mm.

Romanian schools, highways closed over blizzards

BUCHAREST, 9 Feb—Heavy snow and blizzards have forced the closure of schools and highways and delayed trains in Romania, police said on Monday.

Heavy snowfall has struck since on Saturday evening southern and eastern Romania, including the capital city of Bucharest. As many as 16 national roads and the country's only two highways are still closed due to snow and blizzards, according to the Police Info-traffic Centre.

National Railway Company CFR SA on Monday announced train delays of up to 60 minutes, although there are no closed lines yet because of heavy snowfalls and blizzards.

As many as 37 car collisions have been recorded over the past 24 hours in the capital, said Bucharest Police spokesperson Christian Ciocan, adding that Road Brigade teams assure entrance to and exit from the city by banning the passage of heavy motor vehicles, in order to avoid traffic jams.

Kindergartens and elementary and secondary schools in Bucharest and eleven counties countrywide are closed on Monday over frosty weather, Prime Minister Emil Boc announced on Sunday after a meeting of the Emergency Committee.

Xinhua

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

U Maung Maung Khin & Daw Tint May
and
U Hla Maung & Daw Hla Hla Win
have the honor of announcing the marriage
of their children
Thet Naing Oo
A.A.S (M.L.T), B.S.(M.T). (University of Alaska Anchorage)
1st. Yr.B.S. (Biomed.Lab.Diag.) (Michigan State University)
Medical Technologist
Alaska Regional Hospital, Anchorage AK, USA
and
Moe Pwint Phyu (a) Juni
B.C.Sc. (Hons.),M.C.Sc. (U.C.S.Y.)
on Sunday, in the afternoon, the 24th of January 2010
at
YUZANA GARDEN HOTEL
Yangon, Myanmar

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV FRIENDLY SEA VOY NO (35)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV FRIENDLY SEA VOY NO (35) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 10.2.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W 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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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: EASTERN-CAR LINER (SINGAPORE) PTE LTD

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Australian traveller arrested in New Zealand over bomb joke

WELLINGTON, 9 Feb—A traveller from Sydney was arrested in New Zealand on Tuesday after telling security staff at Hamilton International Airport his bag contained a bomb.

The man's bags were collected by airport staff after they were found unattended following a trans-Tasman flight early on Tuesday morning, Radio Newstalk-ZB reported.

When staff cautioned the man, he told them one of his bags contained a bomb and asked could they "not hear it ticking?"

Despite admitting he was joking, police were called in and the man was charged with breaching Aviation Act offenses. A search of his bags was conducted and no bomb was found, however a Swiss Army knife was recovered. —*Xinhua*

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UAE's ADCO targets 1.8 million bpd oil output by 2017

ABU DHABI, 9 Feb—Abu Dhabi's state-owned oil firm ADCO is to invest billions of dollars to hike onshore production by 400,000 barrels per day to 1.8 million bpd by 2017, its general manager Abdel Monim al-Kindy said on Monday.

Initially, the Abu Dhabi Company for Onshore Oil Operations expects to invest 5.3 billion dollars between now and 2012, Kindy said at a press conference.

Two 1.5-billion-dollar contracts and another 300-million-dollar contract will be "signed within two weeks" to expand and develop onshore oil fields in the emirate, the wealthiest in the seven-member United Arab Emirates.

Internet

Intel, IBM roll out new computer network chips

SAN FRANCISCO, 9 Feb—US technology titans IBM and Intel have rolled out powerful new computer chips designed for businesses continually demanding more from networks and data centres.

Intel introduced an Itanium processor 9300 series developed under the code name "Tukwila" that it touts as delivering twice the performance of prior generation chips.

The 9300 series features two billion transistors per chip and four "cores," mini-brains that process data.

"With the Gartner Group predicting a 650 percent growth in IT data over the next five years, businesses need increasingly powerful and scalable enterprise servers," Intel said in a release.

Intel also said the chips are built to improve the ability of computer systems to recover from otherwise fatal errors.

IBM launched new Power7 servers built to manage intensely demanding computing environments such as smart electrical grids or real-time financial markets analysis.

Internet

Artificial pancreas for type one diabetes patients

BEIJING, 9 Feb—Researchers at the University of Cambridge have developed an artificial pancreas device that can improve overnight blood sugar control, which brings new hope for type 1 diabetes patients, media reported on Monday.

One problem facing type 1 diabetics is hypoglycemia; a condition in which blood sugar drops to dangerously low levels after the use of insulin.

Type 1 diabetics must use insulin; however, it is difficult for patients to know the exact dosage they need. When too much of insulin is used, blood sugar drops quickly, potentially leading to hypoglycemia.

The artificial pancreas is a matchbox-sized monitor and a similar sized pump with a tube to deliver the insulin to the body. The device can calculate the appropriate amount of insulin to deliver based on real time blood sugar readings.

Researchers said the study patients, aged 5 to 18, spent twice as much time during the night at targeted glucose levels when they used the device, compared to the manual approach.

Dr Hovorka said "Our results show that commercially-available devices, when coupled with the algorithm we developed, can improve glucose control in children and significantly reduce the risk of hypos overnight."—*Xinhua*

Dancers from the Art Troupe of the High School Affiliated to Renmin University (RDFZ) of China perform dance "Youth Ambition" in Wellington College, Crowthorne of Berkshire, Britain, on 8 Feb, 2010.
XINHUA

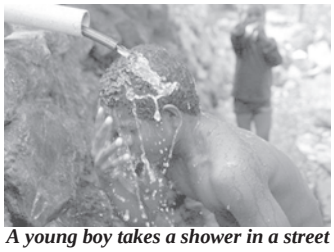
2,000 hit by Papua cholera outbreak

SYDNEY, 9 Feb—Papua New Guinea's cholera outbreak has spread to 2,000 people, a World Health Organization official said on Monday as he warned that poor water sanitation was making the disease hard to contain.

The country's first cholera outbreak in 50 years emerged in northern Morobe province last July and within months had spread along the north coast to Madang and East Sepik, WHO representative Eigil Sorensen said. "We have seen the ongoing transmission in all these three provinces at the moment so it is gradually spreading," Sorensen told *AFP*.

"We have now more than 2,000 confirmed cases of cholera."

Sorensen said the number of deaths so far remained modest at fewer than 50, but the disease continued to spread due to poor water supplies and as infected people, including those with no symptoms of the sickness, travelled around.—*Internet*



A young boy takes a shower in a street among traditional stilt homes near Port Moresby in Papua New Guinea.
INTERNET

Snow removing equipment are busy at work clearing the runways after a heavy snowstorm at Washington Reagan National Airport in Washington, DC, on 7 Feb, 2010. Saturday's snowstorm shut down the National Airport completely.
XINHUA

Diarrhea deaths lead to hygiene campaign in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 9 Feb—The Ministry of Health has launched a nationwide sanitation and hygiene awareness campaign following a series of deaths across the country caused by diarrhea, local media reported on Monday.

Ly Sovann, deputy director of the ministry's Communicable Diseases Control Department, said that as part of the campaign, which began on Saturday, officials had been stationed on the ground in every province to treat cases of diarrhea.

He said that diarrhea is of particular concern during the dry season because people are driven to drink unsanitary water.

"We are concerned about diarrhea this month, and for this campaign we have scattered expert officers to all 24 provinces in Cambodia," he was quoted by the *Phnom Penh Post* as saying.

A 11-year-old boy in Ratanakkiri province died after a bout of diarrhea last Thursday, and another person died of diarrhea the following day, said Pon Pun, the chief of Lonk Khon commune in Borkeo district, where the deaths occurred.

A series of reports of diarrhea and suspected cholera cases have recently sprung up in Prey Veng, Takeo and Kandal provinces, the newspaper reported.

Xinhua

Compromised family better than institution

LEIDEN, 9 Feb—The quality of care and the relationship between children and caregivers play a key role in development for HIV-infected children, Dutch researchers say.

The researchers at Leiden University looked at 58 Ukrainian 4-year-old children, with and without human immunodeficiency virus. Some lived in institutions shortly after birth while others lived with their biological families.

The study, published in Child Development, found the quality of the relationships between the children and their caregivers had a bigger impact on children's physical growth and cognitive performance than the presence of the HIV infection or the quality of the physical environment. In addition, the study found for both children with and without HIV, even compromised family care was better for the children than institutional care.

Internet

Snow-covered cars are seen on a street in Bucharest on 8 February, 2010.
INTERNET

Enzyme may protect from inflammation

SAN FRANCISCO, 9 Feb—US researchers say an enzyme could protect obese people against diabetes and heart disease.

Scientists at the Gladstone Institute of Cardiovascular Disease in San Francisco found overeating can cause cells to fill up with dietary fats and begin to die.

When macrophages—"eater" white blood cells—come into clear away the dead cells, exposure to large amounts of dietary, especially saturated, fats can cause an inflammatory response where macrophages secrete cytokines, proteins that encourage insulin resistance and heart disease.

Xinhua

SPORTS

Terry thanks Chelsea's fans for backing

LONDON, 9 Feb—Chelsea's John Terry has thanked the club's fans for their support after allegations about his private life that cost him the England captaincy.

England manager Fabio Capello took a matter of minutes on Friday to tell Terry his time as captain of the national side was at an end following the central defender's alleged affair with Vanessa Perroncel, the ex-girlfriend of former Chelsea team-mate Wayne Bridge.

Chelsea's English defender John Terry

But the 29-year-old Terry remains the captain of Chelsea, where he has had the unstinting backing of manager Carlo Ancelotti, and the ongoing publicity over his private life appears to have had no adverse effect on his on-field performances.

Internet

Edman homeward bound after leaving Wigan

WIGAN, 9 Feb—Wigan confirmed on Monday that they had reached an agreement with Erik Edman to cancel his contract in a move that frees the Swedish defender to return to his first club, Helsingborg. Edman, who joined Wigan from Rennes in January 2008, had been under contract until the end of the season but saw little future at the club, where he is second-choice left back behind the highly-rated Maynor Figueroa.

Erik Edman

The 31-year-old suffered a serious knee injury soon after his arrival at the club and has played just four times this season, making only two Premier League starts. In one of those, he was run ragged by Aaron Lennon as Tottenham thrashed Wigan 9-1 in November.

"We found an agreement to allow Erik to go back home as I believe that is what he wanted to do," Wigan manager Roberto Martinez said.

Internet

Ballack hits back at Wenger sniping

LONDON, 9 Feb—Michael Ballack has hit back at Arsene Wenger's sniping at Chelsea's perceived lack of flair by accusing the Arsenal manager of sour grapes over his side's faltering Premier League title challenge. Arsenal enjoyed plenty of possession when the two clubs met at Stamford Bridge but it was Chelsea who ran out 2-0 winners with Wenger complaining post-match that "we didn't get a demonstration of football".

Chelsea's German midfielder Michael Ballack

Ballack's response was to point out that Arsenal's pretty football was not achieving the results they would like.

"We knew the way Arsenal play," the Germany captain said. "It is always the same style. If you play tactics like we did, you can beat them. "This season and the season before they showed they weren't able to win the league.

Internet

Two Premier League stars in trouble with police

LONDON, 9 Feb—Ricardo Fuller, the Jamaica striker who plays for Stoke City in the English Premier League, has been arrested on suspicion of assaulting a man in a nightclub at the weekend, police said on Monday.

Staffordshire Police said a 21-year-old man had suffered minor facial injuries that did not require hospital treatment following an incident in a nightclub in the Stoke area at around 0100GMT on Sunday.

Fuller, 30, has not been charged with any offence and was bailed until next month pending the outcome of enquiries by the police, who have appealed for witnesses.

Newcastle striker Andy Carroll, meanwhile, was charged on Monday with assault over an incident in which he allegedly attacked another man in a nightclub in the city in December.—*Internet*

Sunderland's Ghanaian defender John Mensah (right) confronts Stoke City's Jamaican striker Ricardo Fuller, on 1 February. INTERNET

Vieira set for home debut as City aim to revive campaign

MANCHESTER, 9 Feb—Manchester City are set to hand home debuts to Patrick Vieira and Adam Johnson as they look to revive their faltering Premier League campaign against Bolton on Tuesday.

A surprise 2-1 defeat away at struggling Hull on Saturday has dented City manager Roberto Mancini's hopes of sealing a top four Premier League finish and a spot in next season's Champions League.

But City entertain relegation-threatened Bolton at Eastlands knowing a win will see them leapfrog Tottenham and Liverpool into fourth spot.

Mancini is set to make changes to his team after suffering the second league defeat since he took over from Mark Hughes in December.

Internet

***Hull City's Stephen Hunt (right) vies with Manchester City's Adam Johnson during their Premier League match at the KC Stadium, Kingston upon Hull, England, on 6 February. A surprise 2-1 defeat away at struggling Hull has dented City manager Roberto Mancini's hopes of sealing a top four Premier League finish and a spot in next season's Champions League.*—INTERNET**

Sampras loses exhibition game to Verdasco at SAP Open

WASHINGTON, 9 Feb—Former world number one Pete Sampras demonstrated that he still has some playing knacks in the game against a top player 12 years his junior in the second set of his 6-3, 7-6(2) exhibition loss to Spain's Fernando Verdasco on Monday at the SAP Open.

Sampras received a standing ovation when the 56-minute match was over.

He waved and hit three balls into the crowd before telling everybody he "felt a little old" out there.

Xinhua

Swedish ace Soderling too good for Serra

ROTTERDAM, 9 Feb—Robin Soderling shrugged off a slow start, firing 26 races as he lifted his game to earn a 4-6, 6-4, 6-1 win over Frenchman Florent Serra Monday and reach the second round of the Rotterdam Open.

The Swede showed no signs of the elbow complaint which knocked him out of the Australian Open first round. But the third seed admitted that he could have used a quicker start.

"The first match of the week is always the most difficult for me," said the 2009 Roland Garros finalist. "I could have had a better start.

"But my game got better and better. I know I can play a lot better. I'm satisfied with the win but not really with my form."

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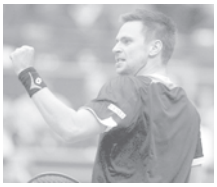


Swedish tennis player Robin Soderling cheers after defeating the French player Florent Serra at the ABN Amro Tennis Tournament in Rotterdam. Soderling won 4-6, 6-4, 6-1. INTERNET

***Bolton Wanderers Gary Cahill (right) vies with Blackburn Rovers David Dunn during their Premier League match at The Reebok stadium in Bolton, 2009. Cahill's chances of going to the World Cup with England have been destroyed by a blood clot in his arm which is likely to mean he misses the rest of the season.*—INTERNET**

Cahill could miss World Cup after blood clot

BOLTON, 9 Feb—Bolton defender Gary Cahill's chances of going to the World Cup with England have been destroyed by a blood clot in his arm which is likely to mean he misses the rest of the season. Cahill, 24, missed his club's goalless draw with Fulham on Saturday after his arm swelled up on the morning of the match.

"There was no way he could play so we took him straight off to hospital," Bolton manager Owen Coyle reported. "It turns out he had a blood clot in his arm, so he is going to be out for a number of months."

Cahill was due to be released from hospital on Monday but the treatment for his condition will prevent him playing for the forseeable future. "It is a severe blow for the boy but our main concern is his welfare," Coyle added. "We have to make sure Gary is fit and well.

Internet

Autism risks detailed in children of older mothers

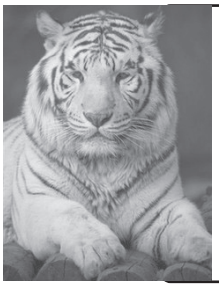
ASSOCIATED PRESS, 9 Feb—A woman's chance of having a child with autism increase substantially as she ages, but the risk may be less for older dads than previously suggested, a new study analyzing more than 5 million births found.

"Although fathers' age can contribute risk, the risk is overwhelmed by maternal age," said University of California at Davis researcher Janie Shelton, the study's lead author.

Mothers older than 40 were about 50 percent more likely to have a child with autism than those in their 20s the risk for fathers older than 40 was 36 percent higher than for men in their 20s.

Even at that, the study suggests the risk of a woman over 40 having an autistic child was still less than 4 in 1,000, one expert noted.

The new research suggests the father's age appears to make the most difference with young mothers. Among children whose mothers were younger than 25, autism was twice as common when fathers were older than 40 than when dads were in their 20s. The findings contrast with recent research that suggested the father's age played a bigger role than the mother's. Researchers and other autism experts said the new study is more convincing, partly because it's larger. —*Internet*



A white tiger rests inside an enclosure at Beijing Zoo in Beijing, China, Monday, on 8 Feb, 2010. There are fewer than 50 wild tigers left in China today, living in Yunnan, Tibet, Jilin and Helongjiang.
INTERNET

MRTV-3
Programme Schedule
(10-2-2010) (Wednesday)

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
* Myanmar's Ancient City Bagan
* Union Day Programme; Hundred Fruits from a Common Stem, Our Union (Rakhine State)
* Myanmar Movies Impact; Shadows of the Past (Part - 3)
* Smokeless Industry (Mandalay Zone)
* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

* Signature Tune
* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
* Myanmar's Ancient City Bagan
* Hill Resort Town (Thandaung)
* Union Day Programme; Hundred Fruits from a Common Stem, Our Union (Rakhine State)
* Myanmar Footwear "Ponedaw" Famed in Successive Eras
* Myanmar Modern Song
* Smokeless Industry (Mandalay Zone)
* Myanmar Modern Song
* The art of Sculpture from Sagyin hill
* A Birthplace of New Artists
* Beans and Pulses
* Culture stage
* Art of Carving On Fruits
* Myanmar Modern Song
* Expedition of Rare Crocodile Species Inhabiting In Fresh And Seawaters (Part-4)
* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

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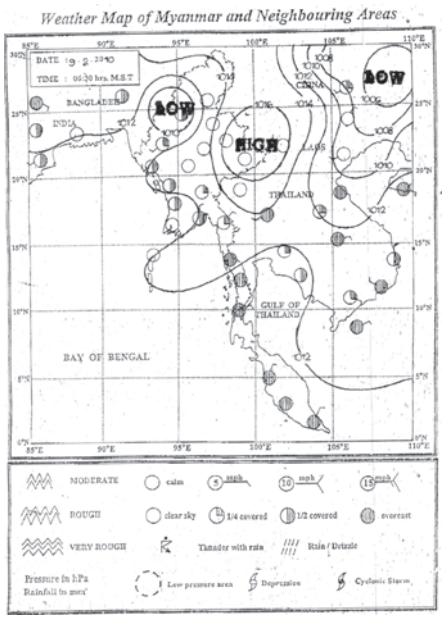

WEATHER

Tuesday, 9th February, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Rakhine and Mon States, upper Sagaing, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below February average temperatures in upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Bago Divisions, (5°C) below February average temperatures in Chin and Rakhine States, (4°C) above February average temperatures in Mon State, (5°C) above February average temperatures in Taninthayi Division and about February average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Loilem (-2°C), Namhsan (-1°C), Haka and An (1°C) each and Pinlaung (2°C).

Maximum temperature on 8 -2-2010 was 97°F. Minimum temperature on 9 -2-2010 was 62°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 9-2-2010 was 54%. Total sun shine hours on 8-2-2010 was (9.6) hours approx.

Rainfall on 9-2-2010 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 West at (15:30) hours MST on 8-2-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 10thFebruary 2010: Weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin, Rakhine and Mon States and Taninthayi Division and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions.

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of slight increase of night temperature in the upper Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 10-2-2010: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 10-2-2010: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 10-2-2010: Generally fair weather.

Myanmar TV

Wednesday, 10 February
View on today

7:00 am
1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am
2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am
3. Morning News

7:40 am
4. အောင်တော်မူ (စောမင်းနောင်၊စိုင်းညိုမင်း၊ တေးရေး-ဗိုလ်ကလေး တင့်အောင်)

7:50 am
5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am
6. မြန်မြန်းကြွကြွ ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက

8:10 am
7. "ကြားညှပ်သီးနှံဖရဲ"

8:15 am
8. (၆၃)နှစ်မြောက်ပြည်ထောင်စုနေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

8:40 am
9. International News

8:45 am
10. "ကြိုတင်ပြင်ဆင်ဆောင်ရွက်လျှင် အန္တရာယ်ကင်းစင်မွေးမိခင်"

3:30 pm
1. ပြည်ထောင်စုဗိုင်းပြည်နယ်နှင့်တိုင်း(အလွတ်တန်း)

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5:00 pm
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5:25 pm
3. စုပါတေးသံရှင်ရွှေးချယ်ပွဲ

5:50 pm
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6:00 pm
5. Evening News

6:15 pm
7. Weather Report

6:20 pm
8. မြန်မာ့ဓလေ့မိုးရာသက်ဝေ့

6:35 pm
9. ထက်မြက်ဟော်ရွှင်အိမ်ထောင်ရှင်

7:05 pm
10. ရသပေါ်လွင်သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်

7:35 pm
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8:00 pm
11. News
12. "ပြည်ထောင်စုစိတ်ဓာတ်မပြတ်ရင့်သန်ခိုင်မာရန် မှာဖို့ဝန်တာ" ("ပြည်ထောင်စုရဲ့နေပြည်တော်")
13. International News
14. Weather Report
15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်စေးသံသာ" (အပိုင်း-၁၉)
16. မြန်မာရုပ်ရှင် "နေကျောက်ခဲ" (ကျော်ဟိန်း၊ခင်သီတာထွန်း၊ ဆွေဇင်ထိုက်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-သင်းသင်းယု)

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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 killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

The Ministry of Transport started placing of four-inch thick asphalt concrete on the runway, the taxiway and the apron of Sittway Airport on 11 December 2008 and the new runway was opened on 20 May 2009.

Momentum added in preventive measures against A/H1N1

Eight more patients found with A/H1N1

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Feb—A release recently mentioned that the virus of New Influenza A (H1N1) was found in eight children of the student boarding in Ward 43 of Dagon Myothit (North) Township.

A field study team comprising specialists of Yangon Division Health Department examined those who are in contact with the patients, the houses of patients and those from the wards in contact with the patients and searched new patients. They found infectious of fever and flu at some students of Basic Education High School No. 4, BEMS No. 1 and BEPS No. 23 in Dagon Myothit (North) Township.

The patients are kept in quarantine. After approving the laboratory results, the specialist team confirmed that New Influenza A (H1N1) was found in eight more students.Two patients are undergoing treatment at Waibagi Specialist Hospital and another six at North Okkalapa General Hospital. They are all in good condition.—*MNA*

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In fact, Union Spirit covers the spirit of doing correct acts of courage with national outlook, no jealousy, the sense of cherishing and safeguarding motherland, own race, religion, literature, culture, customs and traditions, family spirit among national races, the fervour of mutual help and national unity, remaining united in times of emergency, and opposing decadent alien culture.

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Poem

Union Spirit

* Unity in time of emergence
Blood thicker than water
Ever with amity the national races
United ever, divided never
Showing the strong Myanmar spirit
Strength reinvigorated in Panglong
So noble is the Union Spirit

Cartoon