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Railroad, road projects ongoing for smooth transport in Bago Division

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Feb—Lt-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence, together with Vice-Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Sein Myint, inspected the plantation of sunflower grown as a mixed-cropping of farmer U Thein Tun of Ngarmyethnar Village in Padaung Township, Pyay District, on 8 February.

The following day, he inspected the site chosen for construction of the railway station at Technological University (Pyay) and groundwork on Pyay (Shwedagar)-Paukkhaung railroad section. At the briefing hall of Paukkhaung Station yard Project, Lt-Gen Ko Ko gave instructions on

the project and inspected construction tasks.

Next, Lt-Gen Ko Ko inspected Pyay-Paukkhaung road section under construction. At the briefing hall of Kyetmanit Station of the Project for Upgrading Pyay-Paukkhaung-Toungoo Road, he heard a supplementary report by Chairman of Bago Division PDC Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Hla Min. He also stressed the need of meeting the set standards.

Lt-Gen Ko Ko in a motorcade inspected the upgrading of Pyay-Paukkhaung-Toungoo Road between mile post Nos 94/7 and 95/0 and between 105/6 and 107/3.

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Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, 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

Today's vehicles and motorways in Myanmar (13)

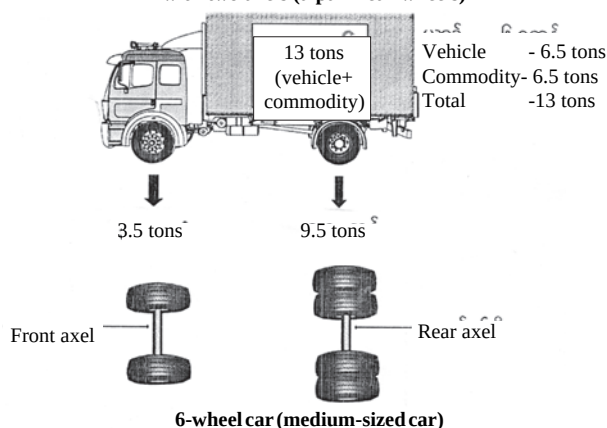
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I have written bylines No. 1 to No. 12 entitled "Today's vehicles and motorways in Myanmar" that appeared in the newspapers in September and November last year.

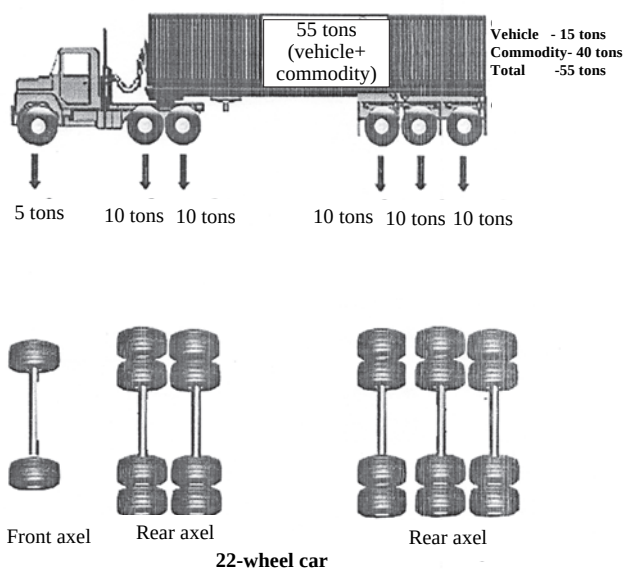
Now a days, vehicles are mostly used

for social and commercial purposes. The transport cost shares 12 per cent for road construction, (See page 6)

Weight on axle and total weight of vehicle+commodity for 13-ton truck with two axles (a pair rear wheels)



Weight on axle and total weight of vehicle+commodity for 55-ton truck with six axles (a pair rear wheels)



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I would like to make a suggestion that they give up their lifestyle of being minions of opportunist politicians, and certain countries that are desperate to destabilize our country. It is time they quit sticking to old stereotypes, realized the objective conditions, and chose the correct path, as aspired by the public.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Try to open more import-substitute product factories

The State is striving for industrial development by tapping rich natural resources in the country and enlisting the strength of the people. With the extended establishment of industrial zones and factories and workshops, production of import-substitute items has increased.

The Ministries of Industry-1 and -2 are manufacturing consumer goods, medicine and foodstuff, diesel engines, heavy machinery and machine parts. Due to the emergence of more heavy industries, percentage of industrial sector involvement in GDP has increased year by year.

No (2) Tyre and Rubber Products Factory (Bilin) of the Ministry of Industry-2 was opened on 10 February. It can produce 300,000 tyres of eleven kinds a year and other rubber products, including penstock rubber pipes and gloves for hospital use.

The nation has acquired modern production techniques as a result of establishing more industrial regions and zones, modern factories and import-substitute product factories, thereby contributing to regional development with job opportunities.

Nowadays, measures are being taken to be able to increase export items and build more import-substitute product factories by reducing import items. So it is necessary to manufacture products that are good in quality and quantity and that are in demand.

Myanma industrial sector will develop significantly if each and every factory tries to run at full capacity, manufactures quality products as targeted and gets full supply of raw materials.

Want to be a JAVA programmer?

YANGON, 13 Feb—For those studying Information Technology and wishing to work as a successful programmer at home and abroad, Gusto Computer Technology Training school will conduct Software Solution with JAVA course soon.

JAVA Programming Language is widely used in software industry. Nowadays, it is a major subject in the international

universities. The course will be more beneficial to students from Universities of Computer Studies and Technological Universities, those who are studying computer technologies and intend

to study in foreign universities. The course includes advanced language features, namely generics, annotations, threading and collection as well as core programming techniques of JAVA.

The course will start on 24 February and last for three months. The

number of trainees is limited to 15. Those wishing to attend the course may register at Gusto Computer Technology Training school, No.26, 14th road (Lower block), Lanmadaw Township, here, (Ph-222052 and 224496) not later than 20 February.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Feb—At a meeting held at the Ministry of Health, here, on 11 February, Minister for Health Dr. Kyaw Myint together with Project Manager Mr. Chrisan Thuraisingham and Project Officer Ms. Izaskun Gaviria of the Global Fund, and Resi-

dent Representative Dr. Sun Gang of UNAIDS focused on the fund for preventive measure in Myanmar against malaria, tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS.

Present on the occasion were Deputy Minister Dr. Mya Oo and officials.

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People's Desire

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

MoU on implementation of coal-fired Thermal power plant (Yangon) signed

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Feb—A ceremony to sign MoU on implementation of coal-fired Thermal power plant (Yangon) among Department of Hydro Power Planning under Ministry of Electric Power No.1, Htoo Group of Companies and Huaneng Lancang River Hydropower Co., Ltd of the People's Republic of China was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry here on 11 February.

It was attended by Minister for Electric Power No.1 Col Zaw Min, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Deputy Minister for Electric Power No.1 U Myo Myint, heads of departments and officials concerned, chairman and officials of Htoo

Group of Companies and president and officials of Huaneng Lancang River Hydropower Co., Ltd.

Minister Col Zaw Min made an opening speech on the occasion. Chairman U Teza of Htoo Group of Companies and president Mr Yuan Xianghua of Huaneng Lancang River Hydropower Co., Ltd spoke words of thanks.

Afterwards, director-general U Gyi Soe of Hydro Power Planning Department, the chairman of Htoo Group of Companies and the president of Huaneng Lancang River Hydropower Co., Ltd signed MoUs and exchanged documents. They had the documentary photo taken.

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Ceremony to sign MoU on implementation of coal-fired Thermal power plant (Yangon) among Ministry of Electric Power No.1, Htoo Group of Companies and Chinese Huaneng Lancang River Hydropower Co., Ltd in progress.

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Myanmar to beef up control of malaria, TB, HIV/AIDS

Minister Dr. Kyaw Myint receives Project Manager Mr. Chrisan Thuraisingham and Project Officer Ms. Izaskun Gaviria of the Global Fund and UNAIDS Resident Representative Dr. Sun Gang.

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NATO says militants killed; family says civilians

KABUL, 13 Feb—A joint Afghan-NATO force killed several militants during a raid on a compound where troops discovered the bodies of two men and two bound and gagged women, NATO said on Friday. Family members accused US soldiers of killing innocent civilians.

Afghan officials in Paktia Province confirmed Friday they are investigat-

ing the deaths of five people in a home near the provincial capital of Gardez.

Police Chief Gen Azizudin Wardak said the five — two men and three women — were killed Thursday night during a party. One of the men worked for the police, while the second man worked for the attorney general's office, he said.

"Who killed them? We still don't know," he said, adding the investigation is under way.

Civilian deaths during military operation are a hot-button issue in Afghanistan, and US commanders have issued strict orders to limit the use of force when civilians are at risk. President Hamid Karzai has also called on NATO to stop night raids into private homes because they offend Afghan culture and help turn people away from the government and its allies.

The Interior Ministry sent a team Friday to Paktia to investigate the incident, indicating the high level concern over new allegations of civilian casualties.—Internet



A resident pushes a cart on a flooded street in Baghdad's Sadr City on 7 February, 2010.

INTERNET

A string of explosions killed six Iraqis including a woman and child on Friday in coordinated attacks in the holy Shiite city of Najaf, emergency services said.—INTERNET



Honduras declares emergency for El Nino

TEGUCIGALPA, 13 Feb —The Honduran government on Friday declared a state of emergency for the agriculture sector against possible impacts of the climate phenomenon El Nino, and ordered the adoption of measures to avoid a possible lack of basic grains.

The Honduran Council of Ministers assigned 600,000 US dollars to aid 7,000 agriculture producers in the country, in order to get the harvest of 20,000 tons of beans, to cover the demand of July and August.

Honduran Agriculture and Livestock Minister, Jacobo Regalado, said

that they had set the goal of producing 20,000 tons of beans in 2010.

Regalado added that the harvest should be ready before the raining season, the last days of May, and the beans will be commercialized between June and July.

Meanwhile, Honduras Vice President Samuel Reyes, also Agriculture sector coordinator, said that the "El Nino climate phenomenon is affecting some beans and other grains harvests, and it will impact the supply. The emergency declaration aims to avoid such a problem."

The goal is guarantee

market supply and avoid runaway increase of basic grain prices, Reyes added.

Xinhua

Mexican soldiers discover tunnel near US border

TIJUANA, 13 Feb — Mexican troops have found an unfinished tunnel apparently designed to burrow under the US border starting from a Mexican customs facility. Drug smugglers and human traffickers often use such tunnels. Mexico's customs service has been beset by corruption for decades.

A statement issued Friday by Mexico's army says soldiers found the 16-yard-long (15-meter) tunnel at Mexican federal customs in Tijuana. The army says the tunnel is 3 feet (1 meter) across but provides no other details. US Immigration and Customs Enforcement spokeswoman Lauren Mack says the Mexican army has told US officials that the tunnel was about 160 feet (50 meters) from reaching the border.—Internet

Seven killed in Iraqi, US raid of village

BAGHDAD, 13 Feb — Seven people were killed and another was wounded after Iraqi and US forces raided a village in Iraq's southeastern province of Missan, an Iraqi official said on Friday.

Major General Mohammed al-Askari, spokesman for the Iraqi Defence Ministry, said 12 others were detained in the joint raid operation targeting wanted militants in the village near the border between Iraq and Iran in the early hours on Friday.

The joint forces came under fire when they entered the village and then returned fire, killing seven people, the spokesman said in a statement to the state-run Iraqiya TV.—Xinhua

Four killed, 35 wounded in Iraq's Najaf blasts

BAGHDAD, 13 Feb — Four Iraqi Shiite pilgrims were killed and 35 others injured in three attacks Friday evening near southern Iraqi city of Najaf, an Iraqi Interior Ministry source said.

The first was conducted by a female suicide bomber. The other two were roadside explosive devices. They occurred on a road that links Najaf, some 160 km south of Baghdad, to Kufa, about seven km east of Najaf, the source said.

Shiite pilgrims were often attacked by militants. Earlier this month, more than 60 Shiite pilgrims were killed in explosions targeting them in Baghdad and Karbala when they were observing their religious Arbaceen ritual.—Xinhua

Motorcyclists ride past a poster warning people about bird flu in Ho Chi Minh City in 2009. Thousands of ducks and chickens have been slaughtered in Vietnam as the government tries to contain an outbreak of bird flu ahead of the Lunar New Year, the government said Wednesday.—INTERNET



Despite uncertainties, Asian economies heading towards full recovery in 2010

HONG KONG, 13 Feb—The global recession, which started late 2008, hit Asia hard as its economies were mainly powered by manufacturing sector that exports most of the products to industrialized economies.

Thanks to swift government response — including reduction of interest rates, decreasing bank reserve requirements and stimulus spending — Asian economies led the

global recovery from the worst recession in decades. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) said the region's GDP would grow by 4.5 percent last year, a rate higher than many other parts of the world.

Experts, however, also warned that early signs of growth will not necessarily translate to a long term recovery, especially as export-reliant Asian economies were still

hinged on the performance of developed countries in 2010. And there are no indications yet that the crisis that crippled the US and Europe is finally over.

A question is thus raised for Asian governments in 2010 on how and when to implement their exit strategies. It would be one of the key issues affecting Asia's sustained recovery.

Xinhua



People walk past decorative landscapes in front of the National Stadium, also known as the "Bird's Nest", in Beijing, capital of China, on 12 Feb, 2010.—XINHUA



Workers prepare for a float in the Sambadrome Anhembi of Sao Paulo, Brazil on 11 Feb. The national fest Carnival 2010 will kick off in Brazil.—XINHUA

Mexico should boost trade with EU

MEXICO CITY, 13 Feb—Mexican President Felipe Calderon said Friday that his country must reduce its economic dependence on neighbouring United States and seek greater trade opportunities with Europe.

Standing beside visiting Prince Andrew of Britain, Calderon said that "a key strategy for Mexico is to diversify its trade and investment (and) reduce its dependence on the United States.

"The opportunity is

primarily in the European Union," Calderon told reporters.

The president confidently stated that the Duke of York's three-day visit would help "strengthen the bonds of cooperation and promote better mutual investment" between Mexico and Britain.

Internet

Eurozone industrial production down by 1.7 percent in December

BRUSSELS, 13 Feb—Industrial production in the euro zone dropped by 1.7 percent in December compared with the previous month, indicating recovery remained fragile, the European Union (EU)'s statistics bureau Eurostat said on Friday.

In December, eurozone production of intermediate goods decreased by 2.4 percent on monthly basis. Capital goods fell by 1.6 percent. However, durable

consumer goods and non-durable consumer goods rose by 0.7 percent and 1.0 percent respectively. Energy increased by 2.1 percent.

Compared with December 2008, industrial production in the 16 EU nations that use the euro declined by 5.0 percent.

For the whole year of 2009, the average production index fell by 14.9 percent from the previous year.—Xinhua

China, Russia to open new transport service line

HARBIN, 13 Feb—Northeast China's Heilongjiang Province has planned to open a new transport line linking the province with Birobidzhan, capital of Russia's Jewish Autonomous Oblast.

Li Xiaohao, road transport official with the provincial communications and transport bureau, said earlier this week that both passenger and cargo services will be opened on the 410 km route linking Yichun City, Heilongjiang with Birobidzhan.

He said Heilongjiang has 48 road transport routes with Russia, covering Russia cities of Vladivostok, Khabarovsk, Chita and Ulan-Ude.—Xinhua

Baku wants new gas pipeline to Iran

BAKU, 13 Feb—The State Oil Co of the Azerbaijan Republic said it would start construction this year of a 124-mile natural gas pipeline to Iran, gas officials said.

Nazim Samadzade, the deputy chief at Azerigas PU, said SOCAR is set to build the Sangachal-Azadkend-Astara pipeline, Azerbaijan's *Trend* news agency reports.

"It is expected that construction of the new pipeline will begin in 2010," he added.

Samadzade said the

decision was made to expand its pipeline options to Iran because current infrastructure was inadequate for increased gas exports.

Iran said the mountainous terrain in its northern provinces prevents transits from energy-rich regions in the south of the country, forcing it to rely on imports.

The 916-mile Kazi-Magmoed-Astara gas pipeline delivers 353 billion cubic feet of Azeri gas to northern Iran each year.—Internet



A junk food machine is pictured in a subway station in Bucharest. A project of the Romanian government to tax the fast food restaurants and junk food to fight against obesity has triggered groans from the food industry and skepticism about its efficacy.—INTERNET



A government spokesman said on Friday that President Demetris Christofias, who is the leader of the Greek Cypriot community, had proposed four more meetings before the April 18 vote.

Last month, they held a series of intensive talks which culminated in a visit to Cyprus by UN Secretary-general Ban Ki-moon. Ban announced

The United Nations are concerned that the April 18 elections for a new Turkish Cypriot leader may result in a win by right-wing nationalist politician Dervis Eroglu, who advocates a hardline policy.

Xinhua



All Items from Xinhua News Agency

The agreement is the law umbrella consisting space research, nanotechnology, advanced technology and remote sensing. Adi said that NASA's offer was submitted by Michael F O'Brien, the agency's Assistant Administrator for External Relations.—Xinhua

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According to the spokesman, five of the victims, including all three of those killed and two of the injured, were faculty members of the university. The third injured was a staff member. No students were involved in the incident.

The Huntsville campus, which has more than 7,000 students, was closed Friday night and all students were advised to go home.

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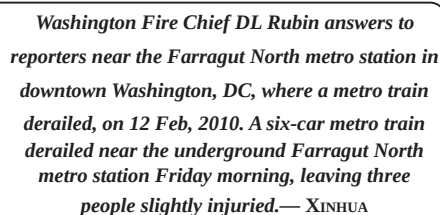
The Canadian National Railway Company (CNR) train, bound for the United States, came off the tracks 16 km west of Rivers, Manitoba, at about 9:30 am local time. CNR spokeswoman Kelly Svendsen said late Thursday that no one was injured and the cleanup was continuing after 56 cars on the east-bound potash train

She said there was no word on how long the cleanup of potash, normally a non-dangerous commodity, would take and trains were being re-routed in the interim.

Xinhua

The preliminary investigation showed that the front wheels of the lead car is the one coming off the tracks, said the statement.

Xinhua



SANAA, 13 Feb—Two Yemeni soldiers were killed and four others injured in clashes between government troops and Shiite rebels in the north, breaching a ceasefire between the two sides just hours after it came into

The Houthi rebels opened fire on Friday at a convoy of the commander of military operations in Saada province, an official at the Yemeni government told *Xinhua*.

The military official survived the "assassination attempt" by the Houthis, but the attack left two soldiers killed and four others injured, the official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, said.

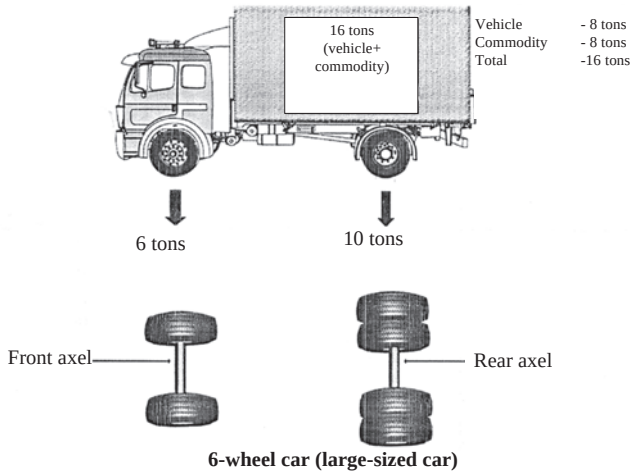
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Today's vehicles and motorways...

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3 per cent for road maintenance and 85 per cent for the use of vehicles. Therefore, the

follow the prescribed designs and standards. Moreover, the vehicles carrying 40 per cent more than the prescribed load necessary to create the smooth bends and clear vision for the roads in line with the prescribed standards on the width of

Weight on axle and total weight of vehicle+commodity for 16-ton truck with three axles (a pair rear wheels)



road maintenance costs the least amount.

Due to heavy damages of roads within 10 years, not only cost of the vehicle use but also the cost of road maintenance is high.

In the countries of Africa and the Middle East, some roads caused got damaged within two years after the construction of the roads due to the vehicles with overloads. According to the findings of engineering societies of international community, the roads were also damaged by the vehicles that did not

can destroy the roads by 300 per cent more than those carrying the prescribed weight.

Only when the measurement of vehicle body and weight of loads follow the prescribed conditions, disciplines and norms of automobile manufacturers and road designers, will the vehicles and road users be free from traffic accidents and the roads be less damaged.

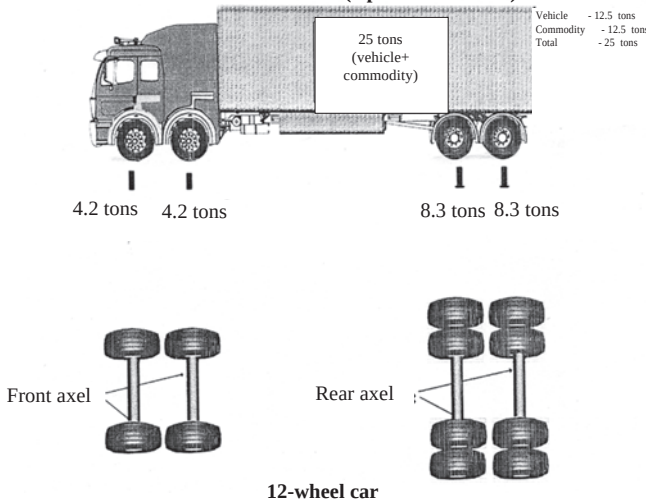
The creation of road design is interrelated with the design of vehicle. Depending on length, width and height of the design vehicle, it is

traffic islands and the breadth of motor roads.

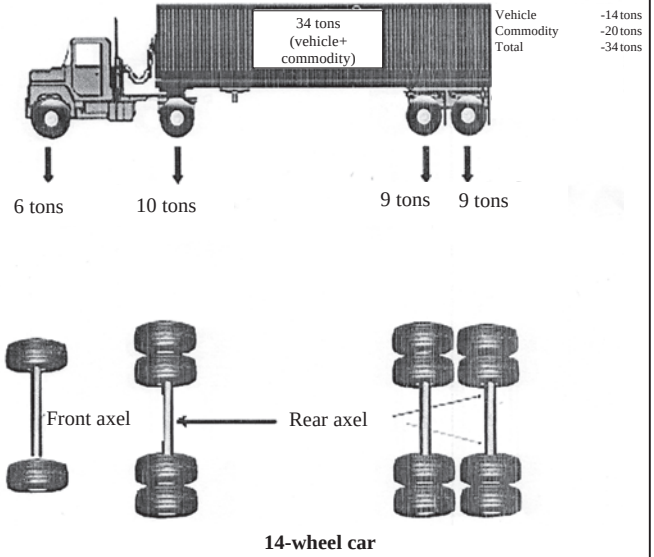
The vehicles failing to meet the set standards destroy the roads. Moreover, these vehicles delay the runs of small cars and cause damages to the engines and body parts. Therefore, the cost of repair is greater than the expected.

In the international traffic rules, the trucks with loads are allowed to drive along the side lane of the road. When the trucks take over each other, they are allowed to drive on the middle lane of the road. After overtaking other vehicle,

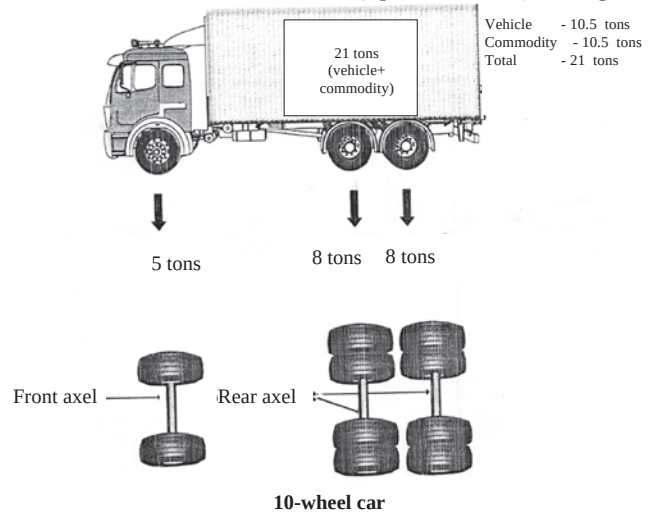
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the truck has to re-enter the designated lane.

Thus, the small cars can quickly take the middle lane for their run. In Myanmar, the small cars cannot drive speedily on the road since the trucks are on the middle lane. The traffic rules mention that the vehicle wishing to overtake another one must pass it from the left lane. Therefore, the breach of trucks in traffic rules is very dangerous for the small cars. The vehicle that overtakes another one from the right lane breaks the traffic rules. If the vehicle in the front suddenly enters the side lane, the traffic accident will happen. In overtaking the truck on the left lane

in line with the traffic rules, the front scene of the vehicle will be blocked by the truck. Therefore, the vehicle may collide with the small car on the opposite lane. Especially, it will be more dangerous on the narrow hilly roads.

If the trucks are allowed to drive on the side lane of the road in accordance with the international traffic rules, it is necessary to create the design of side lane for the trucks and the inner lane for the small cars. If so, the road layer of the side lane will be thicker than that of the lane for small cars. That is meant to save road construction costs.

The role of motor

road is the most important in the transport sector of Myanmar. With the aim of developing the transport and production sector and enhancing the livelihoods of the people, the government has constructed the roads and bridges. Up to November 2009, the Ministry of Construction built and maintained 21,154 miles and 2 furlongs, up 7519 miles and two furlongs from 13,635 miles in 1998. The government has provided the funds to construct more roads annually. Maintenance of roads for all-weather use will contribute to secure and smooth transport.

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Lt-Gen Ko Ko of Ministry of Defence inspects earth work between Innagawa station and Paukkhaung station in Pyay (Shwedagar)-Paukkhaung railroad section.

(News on page 1) —MNA

Objectives of 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day

1. To uphold Our Three Main National Causes at risk to life as the national policy
2. To work hard with national people for successful completion of elections due to be held in accordance with the new constitution
3. To crush internal and external subversive elements through the strength and consolidated unity of the people
4. To build a strong, patriotic modern Tatmadaw capable of safeguarding the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the nation

EP-1, YUPD ink Supplementary Agreement for Shweli-1

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Feb—Minister for Electric Power No. 1 Col. Zaw Min received Chairman Mr. Huang Guangming and party of Yunnan United Power Development Co. Ltd (YUPD) of the People's Republic of China at the Ministry on 9 February on 11 February

Present on the occasion were Deputy Minister U Myo Myint and officials, and President Mr. Jiang Diwei and

officials of YUPD.

In the presence of the minister, the deputy minister and officials, Director-General U Myint Zaw of Hydropower Planning Department and Chairman Mr Huang Guangming of YUPD signed the Supplementary Agreement for implementing Shweli-1 Hydropower Project and exchanged notes.

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The Director-General of Hydropower Planning Department and Chairman Mr. Huang Guangming of YUPD seen in signing ceremony of Supplementary Agreement for Shweli-1 Hydropower Project.—MNA

Today's vehicles and motorways...

(from page 6)

Being an ASEAN member nation, Myanmar must follow the disciplines on maximum weight on the axle, total weight and prescribed measurement of vehicle body agreed by the ASEAN.

The maximum weight on each axle is designated as 10 tons. Therefore, it is necessary to prohibit the run of vehicles with overloads on the motor roads owned by the Ministry of Construction. The road damage caused by a vehicle with three axles weighing 40 tons in total is equal to that of 18 vehicles with two axles weighing 13 tons each.

Only when the trucks follows payload mentioned in the catalogue of automobile manufacturer, will the vehicle and road users be free from traffic accidents. The roads are to be constructed in accord with the rules of road designers for their durability. The total weight of vehicle and axles for the roads in Myanmar is to be designated as follows:-

Six-wheel truck with two axles 13 tons (6.5 tons for truck+6.5 tons for goods) (medium-sized car)

Six-wheel truck with two axles 16 tons (8 tons for truck+8 tons for goods) (large-sized car)

10-wheel truck with three axles 21 tons (10.5 tons

for truck+10.5 tons for goods)

12-wheel truck with four axles 25 tons (12.5 tons for truck+12.5 tons for goods)

20 feet container trailer with 4 axles 34 tons (14 tons for trailer+14 tons for goods)

40 feet container trailer with 6 axles 55 tons (15 tons for trailer+40 tons for goods)

It is found that the weigh on an axel was not heavier than 10 tons. The followings are points to be followed before this system is used according to the international standards.

- (a) A departmental road institution and a company which is responsible for road construction and maintenance work are to understand this system, and they will have to organize the public to follow it the point cooperation with the traffic police.
- (b) It is necessary to set up offices in order to deal with system management and road maintenance works.
- (c) It is required to install devices to measure the weigh of the axle at the toll gates. This device must withstand 45-ton loads. Weighing machine must be usable while the car is in non-motion or moving at 5-10 kph. It must be a simple device without applying electronic equipment. The portable devices must be used for surprise conducting check on trucks with overloads and

for inspecting the one assuring equipment at toll gates.

The system will help ensure traffic safety, minimize road damage and maintenance cost of vehicle. The following points will disseminate knowledge to the people through articles on today's vehicles and motorways in Myanmar

- to explain facts about the traffic rules to the vehicle owners and transport organizations, and
- to practise such system and to cooperate with road construction and maintenance organizations and companies in implementing the proper traffic system.
- Moreover, it is necessary to fix the standards and norms for expected vehicles in the future.
- It is true that overloaded and under loaded cars will pass through the toll gate. The flexible international traffic rules are as follows:-
- The places of commodities are to be adjusted onboard the vehicle.
- Overloads are to be allowed till reaching the designated weight and the fact should be taken into account in the creation of roads construction.
- Rate for excessive load must be fixed.
- The excessive load must be loaded on other trucks.
- Reloading is not required for perishable goods and animals. Only a fine must be imposed.

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Which way, KNU?

Saw Po Si

In previous article, I gave answer to the question "What is KNU?" Now, there has been a popular question "Which way, KNU?"

To reply to that question, it is needed to identify where KNU is now, and then which way KNU is taking. To be able to give a correct answer in that regard, we have to find out to what extent KNU has achieved its initial goal of working for the liberation and a prosperous future of Kayin nationals.

The phrase "liberation of Kayin State", which came into existence about 60 years ago, is now absolute nonsense. The armed struggle line KNU practises to secede from the Union due to dissension sowed by the colonialists and its narrow-minded attitude has been found fruitless. Those who really suffered a wide variety of evil consequences of its armed insurgency most are local people. That point is supported by a great number of events Kayin State has encountered so far. According to the terrible experiences of local people, KNU has to give up its old stereotype of secession from the motherland without fail.

From time immemorial, Kayin nationals have lived in the Union together with other national races, sharing joys and sorrows. They also have to make the Union their home in harmony with other national races as long as the world exists. National races differ in name such as Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, Shan and Bamar. Various national races live in amity in each of the regions across the Union. Therefore, in each and every region, there should no longer be any prejudiced attitudes with which a national race demands for unnecessary privileges in its interest.

Therefore, KNU's attempt for Kayin State liberation is unacceptable not only to local Kayin nationals in Kayin State but also to other national people. The armed insurgency KNU practises under the pretext of liberation of Kayin State is repugnant to the entire people.

No one has trust in KNU's goal of creating a better future for Kayin nationals. What has KNU done in over past 60 years in the interest of their country and people? KNU has constructed no dams and bridges, but destroyed numberless facilities in Kayin State, which has come to common knowledge. Its subversive acts have strong negative impact not only on Kayin

nationals but also on many innocent civilians physically and mentally.

Our Kayin nationals are by nature open-minded and willing to lead a peaceful life, and love peace. They have immense attachment to their native land and value and adore their customs and traditions. Nevertheless, **Kayin State lacked stability and peace for more than 60 years due to the fact that KNU sticks to armed strife which it claims for a better future of its own race. So, the black sheep's misbehavior has cast a shadow over Kayin nationals' characteristics of openness and honesty. Many of Kayin nationals have come under pressure to flee their native state for refugee camps in a neighbouring country because of KNU. According to my firsthand experience, there, their traditions and customs have become dim, and they are under suppression as refugees in a foreign country.**

As a matter of fact, Kayin refugee camps in the past were to provide temporary accommodation for those local people who fled their state on the ground of battles. Later, KNU leaders, politician expatriates, and organizations under the name of relief organizations came to exploit the refugee camps to gain funds of US dollars. Vividly clear, they are resorting to various means to force Kayin nationals to flee for the camps, because the more refugees there are in camps, the more dollars they will earn.

To be blunt, refugee camps are the places where KNU troops of us stay to temporarily keep themselves away from military attacks. But now, the camps have become a place where outlaws anxious to exploit refugees rights set up their bases. Refugees are troops and their family members of KNU, those who were relocated due to mines planted in their villages, non-Kayin criminals who absconded from the nation, and trafficked people who enter the neighbouring country with fake visas with the hope of migrating to a third foreign country. In that regard, what is the worst is that KNU has to accommodate massive influx of aliens from the southern part of Thailand as refugees, despite its knowledge that they are so-called refugees. **The number of real refugees is very low, and the majority of the refugees are those who are there for economic gains from refugee camps. They are trying to earn dollars at the expense of the dignity of their people. According to**

the objective conditions, it can be found that KNU's policy of better future for Kayin nationals is in reality making its own people the downtrodden in foreign countries through refugee camps.

That is why Kayin nationals in the nation hate and abhor KNU. Our Kayin nationals' real desire of a better future is development of our native land and life security. We hate to be in a state of panic, and we have a great hunger for a peaceful lifestyle with dignity.

I am sure that the supporters of KNU are not Kayin nationals. They are indeed ideologists in foreign countries, opportunist politicians who rely on and exploit KNU in their interest, aliens who wish to destabilize the nation, and foreign opportunist businessmen doing well in business due to KNU. In particular, anti-government political activists in foreign countries are under deep fear that KNU and the government will reach a peace agreement. So, they drive a wedge between KNU and the government, and brand KNU's armed insurgency as revolution to reinforce the armed insurgency. I have faced many times that whenever KNU holds peace talks with the government, there are problems stirred up by external elements.

Many of the KNU members have no wish to hand down the armed insurgency to their younger generations. Some KNU leaders struggling for their survival in the nation, and the majority of subordinates have said that they are wary of armed conflicts. The majority of the people have strong desire for peace and do not wish to face evil consequences.

In my opinion, peace talks are aimed at fulfilling the wishes of the people, not deciding on the result: win or loss. It will be virtually impossible for KNU members to escape from the circle of terrorist acts, if they let themselves swayed by the words of anti-peace elements that making peace is a means of surrender. They should have realized the value of peace, comparing their living conditions and that of other national race groups that have made peace.

The democratization process has taken its shape that can guarantee equal rights for all national races under the State policy of non-disintegration of the Union and non-disintegration of national solidarity. The State constitution approved with the massive support of the people guarantees rights with which national races can develop their characteristics, customs and traditions without infringing the goal of non-disintegration of the Union. To be frank, they should not waste the golden opportunity to hold arms legally.

I would like to make a suggestion that they give up their lifestyle of being minions of opportunist politicians, and certain countries that are desperate to destabilize our country. It is time they quit sticking to old stereotypes, realized the objective conditions, and chose the correct path, as aspired by the public.

So, the people of us will have to watch and see which way KNU will choose: the way of honouring the people's desire of regional stability and peace, or clinging on to armed struggle line at the instigation of expatriate politicians and aliens.

Translation: MS

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236th bridge in the nation...



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Soe and Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint stroll along Thiri Mingala Overpass.—MNA

(from page 16)
made to construct Ayeyawady River Spanning Bridge (Singu-Kyaukmyaung). Thanks to government's efforts for swift flow of

commodities in all parts of the nation including border region, it can be witnessed that the socio-economic life of the people has developed, he said.

The commander called for durability of the overpass and expressed thanks to the government and the Ministry of Construction for building the overpass that can

enable the local people to travel Sagaing Division through the overpass, thereby contributing towards remarkable progress in the region.

Next, Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint and

officials opened the overpass and the commander unveiled the stone inscription.

The broad crest type overpass is 485 feet long. The four-way lane facility has 48 feet wide motorway and four feet

pedestrian each. Its clearance is 52 feet wide and 17 feet high. It can withstand 60-ton load.

The overpass is 236th bridge of above 180 feet long in the nation and the 17th in Sagaing Division.

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Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint formally opens Thiri Mingala Overpass.—MNA

Commander and ministers visit 2nd horticultural exhibition



Commander Maj-Gen Thaung Aye, Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung and Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe at 2nd horticultural exhibition in Sittway.—MNA

YANGON, 13 Feb—The 2nd horticultural exhibition in honour of 63rd Anniversary Union Day was held at Waithali Sports Ground in Sittway, Rakhine State yesterday. Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western

Command Maj-Gen Thaung Aye together with Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung and Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe visited the exhibition and viewed the booths displayed there.

The commander and the ministers then went to

1st Rakhine traditional cloth weaving contest where they viewed the booths and encouraged the participants.

A total of 21 booths from the ministries and producers were put on display in the horticultural exhibition from 7 to 13 February.—MNA

63rd Anniversary Union Day observed in Laukkai

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Feb—A ceremony to mark 63rd Anniversary Union Day was held at the compound of Tonchain Hotel Zone in No.1 Ward, Laukkai of Shan State (North) yesterday.

It was attended by senior military officers of Laukkai station,

chairmen of District and Township Peace and Development Council, departmental officials, the chairman of Kokang Region Provisional Leading Committee and members, local people and members of social organization.

Attendees saluted

the State Flag, and then Laukkai District Peace and Development Council Chairman U Khine Htun Oo read out the message sent by the Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council on the occasion of the 63rd Anniversary Union Day.

MNA

Armanthit Trawlergyi on sale



Armanthit Trawlergyi distributed by Ever Smile Group seen in a row.

MNA

YANGON, 13 Feb—Ever Smile Group is distributing Armanthit Trawlergyi with China-made engine.

Armanthit trawlergyi can be used in all hilly and plain regions and spare parts can be available easily at reasonable prices. It is good not only for agricultural purpose but

for general use. Price for such kind of vehicle is K 8.2 million and ESG has arranged installment programme.

One may buy Armanthit trawlergyi at the factory at No. 229, Kanaung Minthagyi Street, No (2) Industrial Zone, Hlinethaya Township, Yangon;

Showroom (1) at No. 381, Lower Kyimyindine Road, Yangon; and Showroom (2) at No. 423, Lower Kyimyindine Road, Yangon (Ph: 217379, 224765, 220502, 682814, 098650144, 095135380, 095138223, 095030336 and 098030336).

MNA

Barrister U Nat Kyaw and selected short stories comes out

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Feb—Following the book entitled "Life of a lawyer", "Barrister U Nat Kyaw and selected short stories" by lawyer as well as writer Chit Ko Ko Yu, creator of "Bad guy with golden

heart" which won five academy awards has been published recently.

The book which is the ninth work of Chit Ko Ko Yu comprises 15 short stories, all of which are based on fictionalized

experiences of the author.

The book is available at Soe Publishing House, No. 55 (E), West Horse Race Course Road, Bahan Township, Yangon, and other book shops with K 1,500 per copy.—MNA

Gadgets don't cause teenagers' headaches

MUNICH, 13 Feb—German scientists say they've determined the use of most electronic media is not associated with headaches, at least not in adolescents.

Astric Milde-Bush from Ludwig-Maximilians-University in Munich, Germany, studied 1,025 13- to 17-year-olds and found no association between their use of computer games, mobile phones or television and the occurrence of headaches or

migraines.

But the scientists did find listening to one or two hours of music every day was associated with headaches.

"Excessive use of electronic media is often reported to be associated with long-lasting adverse effects on health like obesity or lack of regular exercise, or unspecific symptoms like tiredness, stress, concentration difficulties and sleep disturbances," Milde-Bush

said. "Studies into the occurrence of headaches have had mixed results and for some types of media, in particular computer games, are completely lacking."

The researchers interviewed 489 teenagers who claimed to suffer from headaches and 536 who said they did not. When the two groups were compared, no associations were found for television viewing, electronic gaming, mobile phone usage or computer usage.—Internet

Scientists reverse blood stem cell aging

BOSTON, 13 Feb—US scientists say they have reversed the aging of blood stem cells through the influence of bone-forming cells known as osteoblasts.

Principal Investigator Amy Wagers of the Joslin Diabetes Centre in Boston said aging leads blood stem cells in bone marrow to produce an aberrant array of blood cell types that enhances vulnerability to disease. An earlier study at Joslin by postdoctoral fellow Shane Mayack revealed bone-forming cells known as osteoblasts have a critical role in the maintenance and regeneration of blood stem cells.

Wagers said her team found blood factors from osteoblasts influence the aging of blood stem cells, making them less able to produce the right mixture of blood cells.

Wagers' team conducted tests in which two mice shared a common blood circulation. When old mice were paired with young mice, osteoblasts and existing stem cells of the older mice showed signs of rejuvenation, so that the older mice had blood-forming abilities more characteristic of younger mice.—Internet

Spectators are seen getting information at a ticket box office for the 2010 Winter Olympics in Whistler, on 8 February. Whistler hosts skiing, ski jumping and the sliding events of the 12-28 February Olympics.

INTERNET



Memory drug may help Huntington's patients

ROCHESTER, 13 Feb—US researchers suggest a medication studied in Alzheimer's patients may benefit those with Huntington's disease.

Researchers at the University of Rochester in New York, led by Dr Karl Kiebertz, found Huntington's disease patients taking the Alzheimer's medication latrepirdine had improved scores for thinking, learning and memory skills.

Current treatment for Huntington's disease — a hereditary neuro-

degenerative disorder leading to death within 20 years of onset — treats motor symptoms but not the loss of cognitive abilities that occur early on in the disease.

"Taken together, our data suggest that latrepirdine, at a dosage of 20 milligrams three times daily, is well tolerated for 90 days in patients with Huntington's disease and may have a beneficial effect on cognition," the study authors say in a statement. Kiebertz and colleagues randomly as-

signed 46 patients with mild to moderate Huntington's disease to latrepirdine treatment and the other 45 to a matching placebo and found 87 percent of latrepirdine patients completed the study vs. 82 percent in the control group.

The study, reported in the Archives of Neurology found adverse event rates were 70 percent in the treatment group vs. 80 percent in the placebo group.

Internet



Zebras run at the Soysambu Conservancy, 25 km from the Rift Valley town of Nakuru, on 10 Feb, 2010.—XINHUA

Institutionalizing affects young brains

MADISON, 13 Feb—US researchers have linked length of time in institutional care and child brain development.

Researchers at the University of Wisconsin, Harvard Medical School/Children's Hospital Boston and the University of Minnesota found children adopted early from foster care didn't differ from

children raised in their birth families. However, children adopted from institutional care performed at developmentally appropriate levels on tests involving sequencing and planning, but worse than those raised in families, on tests measuring visual memory and attention, learning visual information and impulse control.

The researchers said the study, published in *Child Development*, suggested children make tremendous advances

cognitively once in their adoptive families, but the impact of early deprivation on their brains' development is difficult to reverse completely.

Study leader Seth Pollak of the University of Wisconsin and colleagues looked at 132 8-to-9 year-olds adopted by US families for more than six years — some of whom had been adopted after spending a year or more in institutions in Asia, Latin America, Eastern Europe and Africa.—Internet

Depressed people see gray not blue

MANCHESTER, 13 Feb—People with anxiety and depression are most likely to use a shade of gray to represent their mental state than blue, researchers in Britain say.

Peter Whorwell of the

University Hospital South Manchester worked with a team of researchers from the University of Manchester to create an instrument that would allow people a choice of colours in response to questions.

"Colours are frequently used to describe emotions, such as being 'green with envy' or 'in the blues,'" Whorwell said in a statement. The researchers created a wheel of colours of various intensities, including shades of gray. They then asked a control group of non-anxious, non-depressed people to describe which colour they felt most "drawn to."

When the test was repeated with anxious and depressed people, most chose the same drawn-to colour as the healthy participants, yellow, and the same favourite colour, blue.—Internet

Many older adults need pneumonia shot

WASHINGTON, 13 Feb—More than 30 percent of US adults ages 65 and older had not been immunized against pneumonia in 36 states as of 2008, researchers found.

The report by the Trust for America's Health, the Infectious Diseases Society of America and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation said nationally, 33.1 percent of seniors had not been immunized against pneumonia.

Oregon, the state with the highest immunization

rate, has 27 percent of seniors not immunized, while Washington, DC, had the lowest number of seniors immunized, with 45.6 percent of seniors not immunized for pneumonia.

The US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that all seniors should be vaccinated against pneumonia, which is a one-time shot for most individuals, since seniors who get the seasonal flu are at risk for developing pneumonia as a complication.—Internet

Samoa, Tonga, Fiji on high cyclone alert

WELLINGTON, 13 Feb—Cyclone Rene gathered strength between Samoa and Tonga on Saturday as the Fiji Meteorological Office warned that the tropical cyclone was likely to be upgraded to a category-3 storm as it tracks south.

Fiji's forecaster Daini Donu said extremely high waves and damage to coastlines can be expected as water is pushed onto land by winds of up to 85 knots, Radio New Zealand reported on Saturday.

American Samoa, Samoa and Tokelau are already feeling some of the effects, he said.

Red Cross New Zealand's international operations manager, Andrew McKie, said staff in Tonga, Samoa and Fiji have been warned to prepare.

Xinhua

Despite rain, California still fighting over water

LOS ANGELES, 13 Feb—California has been deluged with rain and snow this winter, but its epic tug-of-war over water rages on, this time in the form of a plan by US Senator Dianne Feinstein to divert more water to the state's farmers.

Feinstein has infuriated environmental activists, fishing groups and even fellow California Democrats by drafting federal legislation that would ease Endangered

Species Act restrictions to allow more water to be pumped out of the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta for growers in the state's Central Valley.

Drastic cutbacks in irrigation supplies this year alone from both state and federal water projects have idled about 23,000 farm workers and 300,000 acres of cropland, according to University of California at Davis researchers.

"The unemployment rate is 40 percent in some valley towns and people are standing in bread lines," Feinstein said in a statement released through her office.

"I believe we need a fair compromise that will respect the Endangered Species Act while recognizing the fact that people in California's breadbasket face complete economic ruin without help," she added.

Internet

EU to start training of 2,000 Somali troops in Uganda in May

NAKASEKE, 13 Feb—The European Union (EU) will start the training of 2,000 Somali troops in Uganda in May, a senior French army official said here on Friday. Brigadier General Thierry Caspar-Fille-Lambie, the commanding officer of the French Forces based in Djibouti said the Somali troops will be trained with the necessary military skills to help pacify and stabilize the volatile country.

The Somali troops will be trained for six months in Bihanga in western Uganda.

"As France was one of the countries stressing the need for the involvement of EU in training Somalia forces, around 30 French trainers shall be part of that mission," said Lambie at the closing ceremony of four-week French operational training of 1,700 Ugandan troops to be deployed in the lawless country in May for peacekeeping mission.—Xinhua

Airlines cancel flights as winter storm hits South

ATLANTA, 13 Feb—Airlines canceled nearly 1,900 flights Friday as snow pounded parts of the South and dumped several inches of white on Atlanta, home to the world's busiest airport.

Light to moderate snow fell steadily throughout the afternoon in Atlanta and its northern suburbs. It wasn't expected to taper off until late evening. There was a chance of more snow for the area on Monday, a fed-

eral holiday when many workers will have the day off. Snow totals weren't expected to be big by mid-Atlantic and Northeast standards, but for a region of the country that rarely gets snow and doesn't budget snow and ice removal the way other parts of the country do, airlines weren't taking any chances. That left thousands of passengers looking for other travel options. Airline passengers were

encouraged to check the status of their flights online before leaving for airports. Passengers seemed to be heeding that advice. Officials reported short lines at ticket counters at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. Other flights early in the day before the snow hit were taking off on time and the airport was pretreating taxiways and runways to slow the buildup of snow and ice.—Internet



File photo, a Delta airplane is de-iced at Washington's Ronald Reagan National Airport. Delta Air Lines, based in Atlanta, and its feeder partners canceled 1,100 flights in anticipation of 2 to 4 inches of snow in the metro Atlanta area on 12 Feb.—INTERNET

Freud self-portrait fetches 2.8 million pounds

A self-portrait of Lucian Freud nursing a black eye after a fight with a taxi driver sold for more than 2.8 million pounds (3.2 million euros, 4.4 million dollars) at a London auction.

Self-Portrait With A Black Eye, an oil on canvas from around 1978, was described by Sotheby's as "the artist's most important self-depiction ever to appear at auction".

Aged almost 60 when he did the work, Freud is shown with a swollen left eye after being struck in the face by a taxi driver during a row.

Rather than seeking medical treat-

ment following the brawl, the artist is said to have retreated to his studio and used his crumpled features as inspiration for the painting.

The portrait, which had not been displayed before in public, was the star lot in a group of works by Freud that have been in a private European collection.

The artist, now 87, previously discussed his habit of getting into scrapes, saying: "I used to have a lot of fights."

"It wasn't because I liked fighting, it was really just that people said things to me to which I felt the only reply was to hit them."



A painting entitled 'Self-Portrait with a Black Eye' by artist Lucian Freud is displayed at Sotheby's auction house in central London, in January. The self-portrait of Freud has sold for more than 2.8 million pounds at a London auction.

NEWS ALBUM

Dog rescued from icy Baltic waters returns to sea

Baltic, the Polish dog rescued from the frigid Baltic Sea after a long journey on an ice floe, is again braving those waters — this time safely onboard the ship that saved him.

Wearing a bright orange lifejacket, Baltic embarked on a three-day mission alongside his new owner Adam Buczynski, a seaman who pulled him to safety from an ice sheet in the Baltic Sea last month.

Buczynski said the dog seemed stressed by the commotion of preparing for the trip. In footage shown on Polish TV, Baltic sat on his lap, his head nes-

tled between Buczynski's legs.

Ewa Baradzkiej-Krzyzankowska, spokeswoman for the Sea Fisheries Institute in Gdynia, co-owner of the ship, said the crew had anti-nausea pills for Baltic in case he gets seasick.

She said the crew is also taking other precautions to keep the dog safe and comfortable during the voyage, whose purpose is to collect samples of fish and sea plants for an aquarium in Gdynia.

As for answering the call of nature while at sea, Baltic quickly learned that he was to only use one spot on an outdoor deck that gets hosed down regularly, Baradzkiej-Krzyzankowska said.



Baltic, a Polish dog that survived an ordeal of several days on an ice floe, is seen with his new owner Adam Buczynski just before they head out on a three-day mission at sea, in Gdynia, Poland.

Byzantine-era street uncovered in Jerusalem

With the help of an ancient mosaic map, Israeli archaeologists said they have unearthed a section of an old flagstone street in Jerusalem that provides important new evidence about the city's commercial life 1,500 years ago.

The 20-foot (6-meter) section of

the street passes from the west into the center of Jerusalem's Old City, and stands upon a large cistern that supplied water to the city's 30,000 to 40,000 residents. Pottery, coins and bronze weights



A worker for the Israel Antiquities Authority stands at an archaeological dig in the Old City of Jerusalem.

used to measure precious metals from Byzantine times also were found.

The discovery conforms to the layout of the city depicted in a famous 6th-century mosaic map discovered more than 100 years ago in a Jordanian church, said excavation director Ofer Sion.

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV GATI MAJESTIC VOYNO ()

Consignees of cargo carried on MV GATI MAJESTIC VOYNO () are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 14.2.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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UN to build peacekeeping force's training centre in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 13 Feb—The United Nation (UN) will build a peacekeeping force's education and training centre in Indonesia's Bogor of West Java Province, *Kompas.com* online news quoted a regent as saying on Thursday.

"This is an honor for Indonesia, especially for us as Bogor residents as the UN trusted us to build education and training centre for its peacekeeping force. This is not a military base," said Bogor's Regent Rachmat Yasin at regency capital city of Cibinong.

He said that Defence Ministry will supervise the construction that has already approved by President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono.

Rachmat said that he had met Defence Ministry's envoys to talk about the training centre location.

He said that they had observed the location that is a 200 hectare-land. The training centre will be completed with runway facility to accelerate peacekeeping force's movement and to reduce reliance on Halim Perdana Kusuma Airport in Jakarta.—*Xinhua*

Yemen declares ceasefire with rebels

SANAA, 13 Feb—Yemen declared Thursday ceasefire and end of the war against Shiite rebels in its northern province of Saada, a well-informed senior official told *Xinhua*.

The Yemeni government and Shiite rebels

have reached on Thursday night an agreement to end their months-long conflict after the rebels accepted the government's six conditions, the senior official told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

"Eventually, the deal was announced after

Moderate quake hits eastern Cuba

HAVANA, 13 Feb—A magnitude-5.4 earthquake hit eastern Cuba early Friday, rattling nerves but causing no reported injuries or damage.

The tremor hit just after 7 a.m. Friday, centered about 35 miles (55 kilometers) southeast of Baracoa, near the easternmost tip of the island, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. That is just 160 miles (255 kilometers) from Port-au-Prince, Haiti, where a Jan. 12 quake destroyed much of the city and killed countless thousands.

"Yes we felt it. We felt it strong," said Maira Legra, whose son runs a home offering lodging to tourists in the colonial beach-side city of Baracoa. "There was no problem. I was in bed because it was early, but I didn't get up."—*Internet*

ITU to help Haiti build wireless networks to re-establish communications

GENEVA, 13 Feb—The International Telecommunication Union will help earthquake-stricken Haiti build wireless networks to re-establish reliable communications, the ITU said

Heat wave kills 56 in southeastern Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, 13 Feb—At least 56 elderly died this week because of a heat wave which has scorched Sao Paulo state in southeastern Brazil, officials said on Thursday.

In the coastal city of Santos, 32 elderly died. Seventeen of them died at home and 15 in hospitals

due to complications related to the high temperatures. Last year, there was a total of 24 deaths in February.

According to local authorities, the victims had underlying health conditions which were exacerbated by the extreme heat, such as hypertension, dia-

betes or heart disease.

The temperature in the coast of Sao Paulo state had been around 40 degrees Celsius (104 degrees Fahrenheit) in the past days. In some places, the air temperature reached 45 degrees Celsius (113 degrees Fahrenheit).—*Xinhua*



Bulgarian visitors look at the photo exhibition at the art salon "Two Cultures, One World" in Sofia, capital of Bulgaria, on 11 Feb, 2010.—*XINHUA*

Fatah urges Hamas to sign reconciliation file before AL summit

CAIRO, 13 Feb—A high-ranking official of Palestinian Fatah movement Thursday in Egypt urged Hamas to sign the Egyptian-brokered reconciliation file before the yearly Arab summit next month.

Nabil Shaath, a member of the Fatah central committee, made the remarks in a statement carried by the state-run MENA news agency.

"The movement (Fatah) will not hold any discussions with Hamas unless Hamas accepts an Egyptian-sponsored paper on inter-Palestinian reconciliation," Shaath said in the statement.

Moreover, Shaath urged Hamas to sign the Egyptian reconciliation paper before the 22nd Arab summit, which will be held in Libya in late March. So far, Hamas has balked at any deadline of the moribund reconciliation.

Earlier in the day, Shaath met with Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Abul-Gheit and intelligence chief Omar Soleiman, Egypt's point man of Mideast peace negotiations and inter-Palestinian reconciliation talks.

The meetings with Egyptian officials were "important," said Shaath, who briefed them on the results of his latest visit to Gaza.—*Xinhua*

Russia launches US communications satellite

Moscow, 13 Feb—Russia launched a carrier rocket carrying a US telecommunications satellite from the Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan early on Friday.

The Proton-M carrier rocket with the *Intelsat-16* satellite atop lifted off at around 03:39 am Moscow Time (0039 GMT), ac-

cording to the Khrunichev Aerospace Centre.

The satellite is expected to separate from the *Briz-M* booster and take the position at 58 degrees West in the geostationary orbit about nine hours after the launch.

The *Intelsat-16* satellite was developed by Orbital Sciences Corporation for the Intelsat Ltd, a leading

provider of satellite services worldwide. Equipped with 24 transponders, the satellite will provide telecommunications services for customers in Brazil and Mexico.

Intelsat operates the world's most extensive satellite network, comprising more than 50 satellites.

Xinhua



Herdsmen unload herbage subsidized by government in Xilingol League of north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, on 10 Feb, 2010.—*XINHUA*

Record of Mars geological changes found

PASADENA, 13 Feb — Geologists using NASA's Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter say they've found evidence of major environmental changes that occurred on Mars billions of years ago.

That historic evidence is located near the center of Mar's Gale Crater. There hundreds of exposed rock layers form a mound as tall as the Rockies, revealing a record that matches what has been proposed in recent years as the dominant planet-wide pattern for early Mars.

"Looking at the layers from the ...oldest to the youngest, you see a sequence of changing rocks that resulted from changes in environmental conditions through time," said Ralph Milliken of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif. "This thick sequence of rocks appears to be showing different steps in the drying-out of Mars."

The scientists, using instruments on the NASA spacecraft, determined clay minerals, which form under very wet conditions, are concentrated in

layers near the bottom of the Gale stack. Above that, sulfate minerals are intermixed with the clays. Sulfates form in wet conditions and can be deposited when the water in which they are dissolved evaporates, the researchers said. Higher still are sulfate-containing layers without detectable clays. And at the top is a thick formation of regularly spaced layers bearing no detectable water-related minerals.—*Internet*

Showgoers try out games at the 2009 E3 Expo in Los Angeles, California. US videogame sales in January slipped to 1.17 billion dollars, a 13 percent drop from the same month last year, according to figures released Thursday by market-tracker NPD Group.

INTERNET



Med diet may lower thinking problems

NEW YORK, 13 Feb — People who eat a Mediterranean-like diet are less likely to have brain infarcts, small areas of dead tissue linked to thinking problems, US researchers say.

Researchers assessed the diets of 712 people in New York and divided them into three groups based on how closely they were following the Mediterranean diet.

The Mediterranean diet is high in vegetables, legumes, fruits, cereals, fish

and monounsaturated fatty acids such as olive oil, and is low in saturated fat, dairy products, meat and poultry and moderate amounts of alcohol.

Dr Nikolaos Scarmeas, the study author from the Columbia University Medical Center in New York, and colleagues conducted magnetic resonance imaging brain scans of the people an average of six years later. A total of 238 people had at least one area of brain damage.

Internet

Early stress may predict heart disease

AUGUSTA, 13 Feb — Early life stress — such as separation from mothers — may be a risk factor for cardiovascular disease in adulthood, US researchers report.

Dr Jennifer Pollock of the Medical College of Georgia said the studies involved a proven model of chronic behavioral stress — separating rat pups from their mother three hours daily for two weeks. The rat pups showed no long-term impact on key indicators of cardiovascular disease such as increased blood pressure, heart rate or inflammation in blood vessel walls.

However, when the rats reached adulthood, an infusion of the hormone angiotensin II resulted in rapid and dramatic increases in all key indicators in animals that experienced early life stress. Stress activates the renin-angiotensin system, which produces angiotensin II and is a major regulator of blood vessel growth and inflammation — both heavily implicated in heart disease.—*Internet*



The "mud volcano" and its surrounding area in Sidoarjo, East Java, in 2008. Scientists Friday unveiled fresh evidence that gas drillers were to blame for unleashing a mud volcano in Indonesia's East Java that claimed 14 lives and displaced tens of thousands of people.—INTERNET

Early eczema linked to problems later

DRESDEN, 13 Feb — German researchers have linked early eczema with psychological problems by age 10.

Study leader Jochen Schmitt of Dresden University Hospital, along with Dr. Christian Apfelbacher of Heidelberg University Hospital and Dr. Joachim Heinrich of Helmholtz Zentrum Munchen, found children with eczema during the first two years of life were more likely than same-age

children without eczema to demonstrate psychological abnormalities, in particular emotional problems, as 10-year-olds.

Also, children whose eczema persisted beyond the first two years of life were more likely to have mental health problems than children who had eczema only in infancy.

"This indicates that eczema can precede and lead to behavioral and psychological problems in children," Heinrich said in a

statement.

The study, published in the Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology, tracked 5,991 children born between 1995-1998. It was part of a prospective birth cohort study conducted by researchers at Helmholtz Zentrum Munchen, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität and Technische Universität München, all in Munich, as well as colleagues at Marien-Hospital in Wesel, North Rhine-Westphalia.—*Internet*

People with anorexia have fat in bones

BOSTON, 13 Feb — People with anorexia nervosa have strikingly high levels of fat within their bone marrow, US researchers found.

Researchers at Children's Hospital Boston said their findings are based on MRI imaging of the knees

of 20 girls with anorexia and 20 healthy girls of the same age.

"It's counter-intuitive that an emaciated young woman with almost no subcutaneous fat would bestowing fat in her marrow," Dr Catherine Gordon, the senior investigator and direc-

tor of the bone health program at Children's Hospital Boston, said in a statement. For the study, the knee magnetic resonance imaging images were read by radiologists who were unaware of the patient's clinical status.

Compared with controls, the patients with anorexia had markedly increased fat content — visualized as "yellow marrow" — and less than half as much healthy red marrow in the lower thigh bone and upper shinbone.

"Bone formation is very low in girls with anorexia, and that's a particular problem because they are growing adolescents who should be maximally forming bones," Gordon said. "But because of the hormonal alterations induced by malnutrition, the bone marrow stops yielding the needed cells to form bone. Instead the stem cells are pushed toward fat formation."

Internet



Performers play drums during a temple fair to celebrate upcoming Chinese New Year in Beijing on 12 Feb, 2010. The Lunar New Year begins on 14 February and is traditionally a time when Chinese return home to visit their family. Sunday marks the start of the Year of the Tiger according to the Chinese zodiac.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Real Madrid sign Canales on six-year deal

MADRID, 13 Feb—Real Madrid have agreed to sign Racing Santander's 18-year-old midfielder Sergio Canales, the two Spanish clubs said in a statement on Friday.

"Real Madrid CF and Real Racing Club Santander have reached a deal for the transfer of player Sergio Canales Madrazo.

"The contract will take effect as of 1 July 2010

and will keep Canales at Real Madrid for the next six seasons," the statement said.

Spanish media reports say Real Madrid will pay Racing Santander some five million euros for Canales' signature, who will then be loaned back to the Los Verdiblanco for one year.

Canales has played eight matches this season, starting four and scoring five goals.

Internet



Sergio Canales

Benitez expects Torres to miss City clash

LONDON, 13 Feb—Liverpool manager Rafael Benitez admits reports that Fernando Torres will return to action in next weekend's match at Manchester City are wide of the mark.

Torres is currently

sidelined with a knee injury suffered in Liverpool's shock FA Cup loss to Reading last month.

But the Spain striker was reported to be making quick progress in his recovery, fuelling speculation that he may feature against city. However,

Benitez insists Torres, who is Liverpool's top goalscorer with 12 this season despite making only 21 appearances, is unlikely to be risked at Eastlands because he is still not taking part in full training.

Internet

Liverpool's Spanish forward Fernando Torres (R) leaves the field after being injured in January. INTERNET



Capello rocked by Cole injury news



England national soccer team coach Fabio Capello

LONDON, 13 Feb—England boss Fabio Capello has admitted that the potential loss of Ashley Cole from his World Cup squad is a severe blow to his preparations for South Africa.

Chelsea left-back Cole will be sidelined until early or mid-May after

suffering a fracture of his left ankle, leaving him with only a few weeks to prove his fitness before the World Cup gets under way in mid-June.

"It is sad news for me because he is a very important player," Capello acknowledged. "He is good when he defending and really dangerous when we go forward. I hope this problem will not be so serious."

Cole's injury, suffered in a defeat by Everton on Wednesday, is also a major setback for Chelsea, for whom Cole had been in superb form, as they pursue a Champions League, Premier League and FA Cup treble.—Internet



Russia's Elena Dementieva celebrates after defeating German Andrea Petkovic in their Paris indoors WTA open quarter final tennis match. Dementieva beat Petkovic 3-6, 6-4, 6-2.—INTERNET

PARIS, 13 Feb—Russian top seed Elena Dementieva marched into the semi-finals of the WTA Paris Indoor Open on Friday by beating Germany's Andrea Petkovic 3-6, 6-4, 6-2. The world number seven struggled to hit top form from the start, dropping the first set against the unseeded 22-year-old.

Petkovic fought hard in the second but the 28-year-old Russian's first serve was too strong and Dementieva went on to win in three sets for a last four match-up against unseeded American teenager Melanie Oudin.

Internet

Ronaldinho inspires Milan to Udinese win

ROME, 13 Feb—Ronaldinho was at his inspirational best as AC Milan ended a four-game winless streak with a 3-2 success against Udinese at the San Siro to move up to second in Serie A.

Klaas-Jan Huntelaar scored a brace and Pato marked his injury comeback as a substitute with a goal as Milan closed the gap on leaders Inter Milan to eight points.

And the win was a much needed boost ahead of the resumption of Champions League duties next week but if there was any concerns that Milan would have one eye on Manchester United, they were quickly dispelled.

Two-goal hero Huntelaar said he hoped



AC Milan's forward Ronaldinho celebrates after he helped Milan's forward Klaas-Jan Huntelaar to score a goal during their Italian Serie A football match against Udinese at San Siro Stadium in Milan. AC Milan won 3-2.—INTERNET

his strikes would help him claim a regular starting berth while he demonstrated that Milan are more concerned with the team immediately below them rather than Inter.

Internet

Murray, del Potro, pull out of Marseille

MARSEILLE, 13 Feb—Australian Open finalist Andy Murray and US Open champion Juan Martin del Potro have both pulled out of the Marseille Open, organisers announced on Friday.

World number three Murray blamed his defecation on fatigue, telling his personal website that he needed "another week of rest to recover after five weeks of competition in Australia".

Del Potro is reportedly suffering from a wrist injury.



Australian Open finalist Andy Murray

One of the two vacancies could be filled by Russian world number six Nicolai Davydenko.

Internet

Chelsea and Portsmouth into FA Cup last eight

LONDON, 13 Feb—Holders Chelsea eased into the quarter-finals of the FA Cup with a 4-1 home victory over Championship side Cardiff City on Saturday while Portsmouth won by the same score at local rivals Southampton.

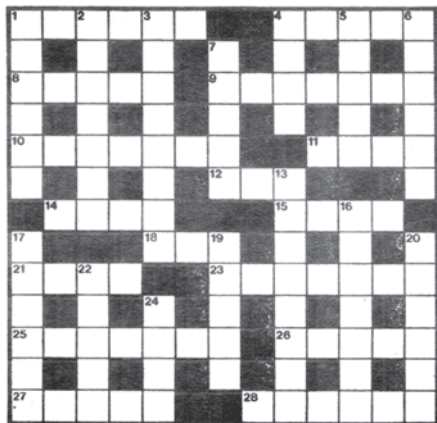
Chelsea were up and running early in their noon kick-off with in-form Didier Drogba running on to a long ball from Jon Obi Mikel to tuck in the opener after two minutes.

The west London club looked comfortable but, with centre back John Terry off duty on special leave, their vulnerability to the cross was exposed again after 34 minutes when Michael Chopra was left unmarked to head the equaliser for the second division promotion hopefuls.

Chelsea were similarly quick out of the blocks in the second half when Drogba played in Michael Ballack and the German midfielder finished calmly seven minutes after the restart.

Daniel Sturridge tucked in the third after 69 minutes and Kalou finished it off with a header four minutes from time.—Internet

CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 1 Plant with aromatic seeds
- 4 Culinary herb
- 8 Advantage
- 9 Type of bean
- 10 Captivated
- 11 Commotion
- 12 Female sheep
- 14 Torn
- 15 Designation
- 18 Before
- 21 Gown
- 23 High churchman
- 25 Frenzied
- 26 Constellation
- 27 Spring flower
- 28 Amalgamation

DOWN

- 1 Opportunity
- 2 Communication
- 3 Familiar
- 4 Sharp-tasting
- 5 Cathy (anag.)
- 6 Whole
- 7 Ghost
- 13 Wrapper
- 16 Significance
- 17 Gain
- 19 Era
- 20 Discoverer of vaccination
- 22 Affray
- 24 Cease



A male lion and a female white tiger celebrate Valentine's Day amid Spring Festival at the Hongshan Forest Zoo in Nanjing on 13 Feb, 2010.
INTERNET



Nikolay Davydenko of Russia is prepared for a battle royale after setting up a semi-final with Swede Robin Soderling.
INTERNET

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (14-2-2010)(Sunday)

Transmissions

Local	Times
-	(09:00am~10:00am)MST
Europe	- (19:30pm~21:30pm)MST
North America	- (23:30pm~07:30am)MST
Oversea Transmission-	(13-2-10 11:30 am ~ 14-2-10 11:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Colourful Sky! Thrilling Night!
- * News
- * Glimpse at the Architecture (The Dhammayangyi)
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Leisurely Cruise Along The Coast (Mawlamyaing to Myeik)
- * Easily Cooked Tasty Dishes "Squid & Corns"
- * News
- * VCD Center
- * News
- * Unique Biodiversity of Indawgyi Lake (Part-II)

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- * Unique Biodiversity of Indawgyi Lake (Part-II)
- * Traditional Dances of National Races (Bamar) "Unity is Strength"
- * News
- * Myanmar Culture Profile "Myanmar Longyis & Changing Fashion Trend (Part-1)"
- * Greening Area in Mandalay
- * News
- * Fashionable and Beautiful Silk Fabric
- * Topic on Journal (Drug)
- * News
- * A Picturesque resort Among Shan Mountain Ranges
- * News
- * Culture Stage "Beautiful Sagawah Land"
- * A Visit to Lwe Nations

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm



WEATHER

Saturday, 13th February, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin and Mon States, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Night temperatures were (4°C) below February average temperatures in upper Sagaing Division, (3°C) above February average temperatures in Kayah and Mon States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions and about February average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant night temperatures were Putao, Heho, Namhsan and An (6°C) each and Lashio (7°C).

Maximum temperature on 12-2-2010 was 98°F. Minimum temperature on 13-2-2010 was 66°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 13-2-2010 was 55%. Total sun shine hours on 12-2-2010 was (10.0) hours approx.

Rainfall on 13-2-2010 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 Northwest at (15:30) hours MST on 12-2-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 14th February 2010: Isolated light rain are likely in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division and weather will be partly cloudy in Shan and Rakhine States and Mandalay Division and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of light rain in the extreme Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 14-2-2010: Fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 14-2-2010: Fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 14-2-2010: Partly cloudy.



Sunday, 14
February
View on today

7:00 am

- မင်းတုန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရား
- ခြံအိပ်ရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

- To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

- Morning News

7:40 am

- မြတ်ဂုဏ်တော်သခင် (သန့်မြတ်စိုးတေးရေး-မောင်မောင်လတ်)

7:45 am

- Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am

- ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မော်(၃၈)ပြာမင်္ဂလာ

8:15 am

- အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:25 am

- Musical Programme

8:40 am

- International News

8:50 am

- "ဗြိတိသျှလက်ဝါ"

11:00 am

- Martial Song

11:10 am

- Musical Programme

11:25 am

- Round Up Of The Week's International News

11:35 am

- နိုင်ငံခြားလက်လမ်းတွဲ "ဟာသကဏ္ဍာ" (အပိုင်း-၇၂)

12:25 pm

- Golf Magazine (TV)

12:45 pm

- ဗိုလ်ချုပ်တော်လမ်း "စိတ်မာတ်" (နေထိုးမင်းခမေတဌာ)

စောနန္ဒာတင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-တိန်းဇော်)

2:15 pm

- လက်ပဲလွှတ်တား

2:40 pm

- International News

2:50 pm

- Dance Of National Races

4:00 pm

- Martial Song

4:10 pm

- Musical Programme

4:20 pm

- အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:30 pm

- ၂၀၁၀ခုနှစ်၊ တက္ကသိုလ်ဝင် စာမေးပွဲဘာသာရပ်ဆိုင်ရာ သင်ခန်းစာ (မြန်မာစာဘာသာရပ်)

5:05 pm

- Song For Uphold National Spirit

5:10 pm

- Sing & Enjoy

6:00 pm

- Evening News

6:15 pm

- Weather Report

6:20 pm

- တစ်မျက်နှာတစ်ကွက်စာ "မရှိမကောင်း၊မရှိမကောင်း" (ထွန်းထွန်းဝင်း၊မင်းမိုးမိုးအေး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မေတင် (MMG))

6:40 pm

- Musical Programme

7:00 pm

- နိုင်ငံခြားလက်လမ်းတွဲ "တောင်ငူလွှဲသား" (အပိုင်း-၁၂)

8:00 pm

- News

- အမျိုးသားအထိမ်းအမှတ်ဥယျာဉ် (နေပြည်တော်)

- အမျိုးသားအထိမ်းအမှတ်ဥယျာဉ် (ချင်းပြည်နယ်)

- International News

- Weather Report

- ကတုန်းအစီအစဉ် "တောကောင်းငယ်သိုင်း ညီနောင်လေးများ"

- နိုင်ငံခြားလက်လမ်းတွဲ "ရွှေစာလည်"

- ရုပ်သံကြယ်ပွင့်များ

- ★ 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

236th bridge in the nation on Mandalay-Sagaing-Shwebo-Myitkyina road put into use

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Feb — The inauguration ceremony of Thiri Mingala Overpass built by Bridge Construction Special Group(4) of Public Works under the Ministry of Construction took place at the pandal near the bridge on Mandalay-Sagaing-Shwebo-Myitkyina Road in Sagaing Township,

Sagaing Division this morning with an opening address by Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Myint Soe.

In his address, the commander said the construction works started on 19 December, 2008.

Thanks to emergence of the overpass, 30 down-and up-trains running along Mandalay-Shwebo-Myitkyina railroad daily and vehicles on Mandalay-Shwebo-Myitkyina road and Mandalay-Monywa-Gangaw-Kalay road and local people enjoy safe and sound. Construction

of Yama Creek Bridge on Patheingyi-Monywa Road, Phaungku Bridge on Kalay-Kyikon Road and Tamu Bridge on Tamu-Zedi are underway, he added.

In compliance with the guidance given by the Head of State, arrangements are being

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New Influenza A (H1N1) cases reported

Public urged to cooperate with Ministry of Health to control virus

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Feb—Some cases of New Influenza A (H1N1) have been reported in Chin State, Yangon Division and Shan State since the beginning of February. Ministry of Health in collaboration with authorities concerned is taking preventive measures against the pandemic disease.

In the recent outbreak in a hostel in Dagon Myothit (North), Yangon, two more patients were hospitalized, raising the number of hospitalized patients to 49. Ministry of Health is trying to keep the epidemic under control.

In another case, two more persons in Mingaladon Township, Yangon Division were tested virus positive while two patients were found to be infected with the virus in a religious school in Dagon Myothit (North), all of whom were hospitalized. Other 197 living in the school are being kept in quarantine and under surveillance.

Ministry of Health has urged the people to strictly follow the warnings on preventive measures against the virus and to partake in the campaign against the epidemic.—MNA

Thiri Mingala Overpass on Mandalay-Sagaing-Shwebo-Myitkyina Road.—MNA