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Senior General Than Shwe felicitates Serbian President

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Feb—Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Boris Tadic, President of the Republic of Serbia, on the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Serbia, which falls on 15 February 2010.—MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein sends message of felicitations to Serbian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Feb—General Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Mirko Cvetkovic, Prime Minister of the Republic of Serbia, on the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Serbia, which falls on 15 February 2010.—MNA

Lt-Gen Tin Aye attends birthday ceremony of National Defence Commission Chairman Mr. Kim Jong Il of DPRK



Lt-Gen Tin Aye and wife Daw Kyi Kyi Ohn being welcomed by DPRK Ambassador Mr. Kim Sok Chol and wife.—MNA

YANGON, 14 Feb—Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Kyi Kyi Ohn attended the ceremony to mark the birthday of Chairman of the National Defence Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea Mr. Kim Jong Il at Chartrium Hotel here yesterday evening.

They were welcomed by Ambassador of the DPRK to the Union of Myanmar Mr. Kim Sok Chol and wife.

Also present on the occasion were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and wife, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo and wife, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and officials.—MNA

Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * National reconsolidation
- * Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Sittway Township DAC striving for regional development

Article & Photos: Reporter Singu Soe Win

On a recent trip, I left Yangon for Sittway.

At Sittway Airport, I met Deputy Director U Tin Nu of Rakhine State Development Affairs Committee, Assistant Engineer Daw Khin Swe Aye of Sittway Township DAC and Junior Engineer-2 Daw Hnin Hnin Yi who were at the airport to welcome U Myo Kyi, new Director of Rakhine State DAC. They introduced me to Sittway Township DAC Executive Officer Deputy Director U Win Naing and Senior Engineer U Aung Than.

The township executive officer explained efforts of the committee for all-round development of Sittway, water supply and storage of water.

"Sittway is surrounded by seawater. The natural environment plays an important role in tapping underground water. Fortunately, fresh water is available at almost all the tube-wells in Sittway. The committee built the tanks for storing rainwater to be supplied as drinking water to the local people. Creeks do not flow into the tanks," said Executive Officer U Win Naing.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Fire—good servant but bad master

Fires mainly break out in the dry season, so each and every person needs to be well aware of and prevent the danger of fire. Local authorities concerned are to cooperate with the people in taking fire preventive measures.

A total of 89 fires broke out in the nation in January due to negligence, electric short circuit, arsons and forest fire. Most of the fires broke out because of negligence.

The Fire Services Department is conducting a public campaign for fire prevention. It is also collaborating with development affairs committees in preventing fires at markets and high-rise buildings. Moreover, people are being informed about the danger of fire and preventive measures through media such as radio, TV, newspapers and journals. Fire prevention talks are also being given in townships, wards and villages.

The department is carrying out fire drills and door-to-door fire inspections. As authorities concerned are taking nationwide fire preventive measures extensively to reduce fire breakouts, the people on their part are to follow and respect rules and regulations.

Every one is duty-bound to take fire preventive measures. Townships, wards and villages and markets are to build a 5000-gallon brick tank each and always fill it with water without fail. Every house and building is to have fire extinguishers and equipment, water buckets and bags of sand. Fire check-points are to be set up systematically and the people need to cooperate with the fire brigade in fire preventive measures.

All cities, wards and villages will be able to thwart the danger of fire only when they use fire carefully and systematically by taking measures such as putting out fire remnants and mosquito coils when going to bed and avoiding the use of plastic containers in filling petrol in the hot, dry season.



Hnin Hnin Maw (CAE) Education Services donates two GS batteries to Staff Officer U Mya Kyaing of District Fire Services Department under Mandalay Division Fire Services Department on 24 January.—NLM

PEOPLES DESIRE

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

Emphasis placed on boosting forest products

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Feb—The Ministry of Forestry is striving for boosting production of its factories and departments across the nation.

Employees of No. 21 Sawmill in Kyweshin of Nay Pyi Taw of Domestic Trade and Sawmill Division under Myanma Timber Enterprise are striving for meeting the targeted production.

On his inspection tour of Nay Pyi Taw, Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung looked into thriving 1000 acres of teak plantations being nurtured by the Forest Department in Ngalaik Forest Reserve of Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Township.

The department is placing emphasis on increasing the sown acreage of teak plantation. As part of efforts to implement the Bago mountain range greening

project, a total of 300 acres of teak plantation, established in 2007, is thriving in Kinmontaung Forest Reserve in Taungdwingyi Township. Staff of the department are



working in concert for conservation of forest plantations and fire preventive measures.

MNA

Foreign Minister felicitates Serbian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Feb—U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Vuk Jeremic, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia, on the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Serbia, which falls on 15 February 2010.—MNA

Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung inspects 1,000 acres of teak plantation in Ngalaik Forest Reserve of Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Township.—MNA

Dy Minister inspects fire stations, departments

YANGON, 14 Feb—Vice-Chairman of the Myanmar National Committee for Child Rights, Chairman of the Working Committee

Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint inspected fire stations, departments under the ministry in Magway and Mandalay Divisions from 8 to 10 February.

On 11 February, he explained matters on “UN Convention on Child Rights”; and Director U Myo Set Aung of the Social Welfare Department, “Prevention against Recruitment of Minors for Military Service” in

meeting with chairmen of the Mandalay Division, District and Township Committees for Child Rights and departmental officials at Mandalay Division General Administration Department.

MNA

Japan donates hospital equipment to Jivitadana Hospital (Mandalay)

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Feb—As part of Japan’s Grass Root Grant Assistance, Japanese people donated 88,250 US dollar worth of hospital equipment to Jivitadana Sangha Specialist Hospital (Mandalay) on 21 January.

Officials from Japanese embassy in Myanmar and resident representative Dr Daw

Khin Khin Htar of the Friendly Asians Home handed over equipment and documents.

Chairman of Hospital Upathaka Thiha Thudhamma Manijotadharma Dr Chit Tun and Secretary Saddhamma Jotikadaza U Thant Zin and medical superintendent Dr Nyan Tun and officials accepted the donation.

Those wishing to make donation may contact ph-02-36436 and 09-2002569. And For those who want to donate K 1,000 monthly, contact Dr Win Thant (Ph-09-6801350) in Mandalay, Dr Daw Khin Khin Htar (Ph-09-5014933), U Tin Tun (01-228242), Daw Mya Mya and Daw Hlaing (Ph-01-540496) in Yangon.—MNA



US helicopters fly over the suicide attack site in Kandahar province, southern Afghanistan, on 13 Feb, 2010. Three US soldiers died in an improvised bomb attack in southern Afghanistan, NATO said, as thousands of American troops led an assault on an insurgent stronghold in the region. —XINHUA

Three US soldiers killed in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 14 Feb — Three American soldiers with the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) were killed in a roadside bomb in south of Afghanistan on Saturday, a Press release issued by the alliance said.

“Three ISAF service members from the United States died following an IED (Improvised Explosive Device) strike in southern Afghanistan today,” the press release said. However, it did not give more details.

A suicide bomber riding a motorbike, according to a local official Captain Abdul Rahman, targeted a joint patrol of Afghan and NATO soldiers in Taliban birthplace Kandahar this morning inflicting casualties on US troops and civilians.

Today’s attack occurred in the wake of Afghan and US-led NATO forces launched a major operation against Taliban militants in the neighbouring Helmand Province on Friday night which has left five insurgents dead so far.—Xinhua

Egypt to manufacture first fighter, drone plane

CAIRO, 14 Feb — Egypt is set to produce its first fighter and drone “in cooperation with a foreign side”, official MENA news agency reported on Saturday.

“Talks and negotiations are underway about a project to produce Egypt’s first fighter and drone plane,” MENA quoted Lt General Hamdy Waheba, Chairman of Arab Organization for Industrialization (AOI), Egypt’s state-owned company specialized in producing civilian goods as well as military products.

The official did not name the foreign party which will take a hand at the process.

“Local production of the aircraft will meet the demand of the Egyptian

Armed Forces, as it will be sold at a very competitive price,” Waheba added.

The AOI was established in 1975 with the aim of building an advanced technology industrial base.

Xinhua

27 Taliban militants killed as massive operation going on in S Afghanistan

LASHKAR GAH, 14 Feb — As the joint NATO-Afghan military operation entered its third day in Taliban bastion Marja district of Helmand province in south Afghanistan, over two dozen Taliban insurgents have been killed so far, commander of Afghan 205th Corps in the region said on Sunday. “During the cleanup operation until now, 27 insurgents were killed and 11 others detained by joint forces,” Shir Mohammad Zazi told a press conference here in Lashkar Gah capital of Helmand province.

There has been a little resistance but the operation will go ahead until the security is ensured in the area, he said, adding “a women caught in cross fire and was injured.”

Marja, a town with a population of 80,000, is a Taliban stronghold in Helmand while military analysts are of the view that over 1,000 insurgents including some 100 foreign fighters might be hiding in the town.

He also added that two international troopers had been killed in operation dubbed as “Mushtarak” or together in both Dari and

Pashto languages spoken in Afghanistan.

Speaking at a press conference, Helmand’s provincial governor Gulab Mangal said that the troops found and defused over 2,500 kg of explosive device which has been planted by militants in Marja’s bazaar and roads to target the security forces.

The operation Mushtarak, launched on late Friday night with the involvement of nearly 15,000 Afghan, NATO and US Marines, aims to pave the way for reestablishing government control in the area. —Xinhua

Woman, 60, in serious condition after shark bite

BRISBANE, 14 Feb — A 60-year-old woman is in serious condition after being bitten by a shark off northeastern Australia and losing several pints (liters) of blood.

A spokeswoman for the Department of Community Services says the woman has severe lacerations to her buttocks from the Saturday afternoon attack.

She was being transported by dive boat from Dent Island in the Whitsunday Islands of Queensland state to the Australia mainland where she will be airlifted to a hospital, the spokeswoman said on condition of anonymity because she was not authorized to talk to the media.

No other information was immediately available.

It is the second shark attack in Australia this week. On Thursday, a man was bitten in the leg at a Sydney beach and was treated for minor injuries.—Internet

At least 20 killed by electrocution in Nigeria

PORT HARCOURT, 14 Feb — At least 20 bus passengers were killed in Nigeria on Saturday when a cable fell onto the bus and electrocuted people inside, police said.

Police confirmed 20 deaths, but spokeswoman Rita Abbey said the toll could climb further.

An Associated Press cameraman saw more than 10 bodies, some charred beyond recognition, at a local hospital in the provincial capital of Port Harcourt. Another 10 people were seen being treated for gashes and burns.

Most of the dead had been passengers aboard the bus, though some had been passing nearby when the cable came tumbling down during heavy rains that have pummeled southern Nigeria.—Internet

Deficit forces LA schools to cut school days

LOS ANGELES, 14 Feb — Due to an estimated 640-million-dollar deficit, six school days will be cut off from the school year in Los Angeles, it was reported on Saturday.

The move, proposed by Los Angeles schools Supt. Ramon C. Cortines, was designed to avoid the need for widespread layoffs in the nation’s second-largest school system, according to the *Los Angeles Times*. Cortines said the move would save the district 90 million dollars and could spare up to 5,000 jobs.

The alternative to this drastic action, he said, would be to let the district go bankrupt. “Do I think (this) is good edu-

cation policy? No,” he said. “But we are in a real crisis.” Cortines has repeatedly said that he did not want to shorten the school year. This is the first time in recent history that a Los Angeles school superintendent has made such a suggestion.

Five of the affected days would be classroom days and the sixth would be a noninstructional day, according to the report.

Union leaders would have to agree to the move. Nonunion employees, including senior district staff, have been ordered to take four furlough days by May, and Cortines criticized groups that have not been willing to make concessions, said the paper.

Xinhua

Blast kills three in S Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 14 Feb — At least three persons were killed and 15 others were injured as a powerful blast occurred in a rickshaw in south Pakistan on Sunday morning, local TV channels reported.

The blast shattered the windowpanes of closely located shops and buildings on New Chowke area in Dadu, a town of Sindh province, the private Geo news reported. The residents of the areas caught a suspected person from the blast site and handed him over to police, eyewitnesses said.

Xinhua

In this image from video, a victim is seen inside an ambulance after being electrocuted on Saturday 13 Feb, 2010, in Port Harcourt, Nigeria, when an electrical cable fell onto a passenger bus, electrocuting those inside the bus, and other people nearby, killing at least 20 people, police said.—INTERNET





Cattle drink from a basin near the village of Merine Dakhar in Senegal. Senegal has three million cattle, but it is imported European powdered milk that is found at the breakfast table, in coffee or local yoghurt as poor infrastructure keeps fresh milk from consumers.—INTERNET

Senegal's cattle sidelined for imported powder milk

DAKAR, 14 Feb—Senegal has three million cattle, but it is imported European powdered milk that is found at the breakfast table, in coffee or local yoghurt as poor infrastructure keeps fresh milk from consumers.

In a Dakar suburb, "milk powder with vegetable fat content" from France is poured into large tanks and mixed with filtered water at the Jaboot factory to make local favourites like curdled milk and yoghurt and

cereal mix, or "thiakri."

Reducing dependence on imported foodstuffs is a challenge on the continent, and new African Union leader, Malawi President Bingu wa Mutharika has prioritised food security to ensure "Africa is able to feed Africa."

In five years, Senegal has more than doubled its bill for imported milk from 25 billion CFA Francs (38 million euros, 52 million dollars) in 2002 to 58 billion in 2007, said Djiby Dia, researcher with the Senegalese Institute of Agricultural Research.

Internet

Salmonella concerns prompt pet food recall

LINCOLN, 14 Feb—Nature's Variety of Lincoln, Neb said it has voluntarily recalled certain pet food products amid concerns the items may contain Salmonella.

The company said in a release Thursday the recall is for Chicken Formula Raw Frozen Diet products for dogs and cats. The products either contain chicken medallions, patties or chubs, and each features a "Best If Used By" date of 10 Nov.

The recalled products may be returned for full refund or replacement to local retailers, the company said.

A consumer complaint alerted Nature's Variety to the possibility of Salmonella contamination in the named products, but no people or pets have been reported sickened by the products.—Internet

Unsafe conditions prompt 4.9 million pound meat recall

CHICAGO, 14 Feb—Unsafe conditions have prompted a California meat company to recall another 4.9 million lbs of beef and veal, expanding its previous recall to nearly 5.8 million lbs, the Agriculture Department said on Saturday.

No illnesses have been linked to the meat, produced as early as January 2009, but US Department of Agriculture said the expanded recall was in connection with a criminal investigation.

Huntington Meat Packing Inc of Montebello, California, initially recalled 864,000 lbs of beef on 18 January due to suspected E. coli contamination. The recall was expanded because the beef and veal were not produced in accordance with the company's food safety plan, US Department of Agriculture said.—Internet

Yanukovich says to form gas consortium with Russia, EU

MOSCOW, 14 Feb—Ukraine will seek to establish a gas consortium with Russia and the European Union, Viktor Yanukovich, who won the country's presidential polls, told a Russian TV on Saturday. Yanukovich, who beat incumbent Ukrainian Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko last Sunday in the run-off by a narrow margin, told the state TV channel Russia-24 that gas relations with

Russia did not move in the right direction during the last five years.

He hoped that the Ukraine-Russia relationship would be restored to a friendly strategic one and Ukraine would properly handle its gas relations with Russia and the EU.

Ukraine, along with Russia, should become major gas suppliers of EU countries, said Yanukovich. Ukraine and EU countries are consum-

ers of Russian gas.

A gas consortium will help update Ukraine's gas pipeline network, while the EU will get energy security guarantees, he said.

Russia and the EU, which gets a quarter of its gas supplies from Russia, have begun to build new pipelines to reduce gas transit through Ukraine due to repeated gas disputes between the two former Soviet neighbours in recent years.—Xinhua



French transport and utility group Veolia was given the green light on Saturday to run passenger trains in France in competition with national rail operator SNCF.

INTERNET

Profits in China's non-ferrous metal sector fall in 2009 despite rising output

BEIJING, 14 Feb—Profits in China's non-ferrous metal industry declined in 2009 despite rising output due to low prices, according to statistics from the Ministry of Industry and

Information Technology (MIIT). Output of 10 kinds of non-ferrous metals, including copper, alumina, zinc and lead, increased 5.8 percent in the country from a year earlier to 26.81 million tonnes last year.

However, combined profit of 70 major enterprises in the sector totaled 17.6 billion yuan (2.58 billion US dollars), down 1.46 percent year on year, the MIIT said. Although the industry maintained a good development momentum in 2009, many challenges remained, including the problems of excess capacity and outdated production capacity.—Xinhua

Air Arabia announces \$123 m 2009 net profit

SHARJAH, 14 Feb—Sharjah-based Air Arabia posted a net profit of 452 million dirhams (123.1 million dollars) for 2009, the company said on Saturday.

The Emirati airline served 4.1 million passengers in 2009, up 14.2 percent from 3.6 million in 2008, a statement on the company's website said.

The company's turnover for all of 2009 was two billion dirhams (544 million dollars), down 4.5 percent from the company's 2.066-billion-dirham (562-million-dollar) turnover in 2008, it said.

"The previous 12 months represented one of the most challenging periods in the history of the global aviation sector," the company's chairman Sheikh Abdullah bin Mohammed al-Thani said in the statement.

"During that time of great instability, Air Arabia nevertheless continued to chart a path to profitability," he said.—Internet



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Carnival goes on at the flooded St Mark's Square in Venice, Italy, on 12 Feb, 2010, during the annual Venice Carnival.—XINHUA

All Items from Xinhua News Agency

Business area in NY's Queens Borough catches big fire

NEW YORK, 14 Feb—A bustling business area in Queens Borough of New York City caught a big fire Saturday, when the city is bracing for Valentine's Day.

No one was injured, according to fire department officer.

The fire began at 10 am in a row of stores on 37th Avenue and the affected businesses include a furniture store, a frame

shop, an art supply store, a packaging store, a liquor store, a grocery store and a beauty supply store.

Maria Lalita, the owner of a grocery store, told *Xinhua* that she was bringing flowers and toys to the outside when she noticed the fire. She yelled and dragged her husband out of the basement to safety.

"All is gone," she said, with tears in her

eyes.

Firemen, numbered at dozens, are still struggling to control the fire, which is still burning when the story is filed. One helicopter was hovering above the affected area and left afterwards.

Huge clouds of smoke can be seen from kilometres away.

The cause of the fire is still unknown.

Xinhua



Firefighters work on the scene as a bustling business area catches a big fire in Queens Borough of New York City, the United States, on 13 Feb, 2010.—XINHUA

European missile defence system must be conceived together with Russia

BUCHAREST, 14 Feb—The issue of missile defence system must be discussed primarily at European level and the deal must not draw anger from Russia, visiting French

Deputy Foreign Minister Pierre Lellouche said here on Friday.

"I would like to primarily see Europe interested in and debating this issue at its level," said the offi-

cial at a press conference, stressing that "a defensive system against proliferating countries is not meant to affect our Russian neighbour. On the contrary, a shield must be conceived together with Russia and I would like to see us working together in this problem."

Romanian President Traian Basescu announced on 4 February that Romania decided to participate in the development of the United States' missile defence system and host components on its territory, adding that the system would be operational by 2015.

Xinhua

Two Yemeni soldiers killed in the south

SANAA, 14 Feb—Two Yemeni soldiers were killed and four others wounded in an ambush southeast of the country on Saturday, security officials said.

The incident occurred in Yemen's southeast province of Shabwa when gunmen ambushed an army patrol, officials said.

"This kind of unrest was not related to the separatist Southern Movement, but rather it's a sort of attacks that al-Qaeda always stands behind, said an official of the Interior Ministry, who asked not to be identified because he is not authorized to speak to media.

The official confirmed two Yemeni army soldiers had been killed in the ambush.

Meantime, death toll from the clashes between security forces and demonstrators that took place Saturday during a protest in southern Yemeni province of Lahij rose to two, according to witnesses and local sources.

Xinhua

Singaporeans must remain vigilant in 2010

SINGAPORE, 14 Feb—Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong on Saturday urged Singaporeans to remain vigilant in the year of the tiger.

"We must remain vigilant in the year of the tiger. The tiger is a force of nature, and this year holds some risks and uncertainties," Lee said in his Chinese new year message.

The year of the ox began on a challenging note as Singapore faced the worst economic crisis

since its Independence, he said, adding that in the first quarter of 2009, the city state's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) fell 10 per cent, but its economy pulled back up so that for the whole year GDP only declined 2.1 per cent.

Lee praised Singaporeans for facing the difficulties with resolution and fortitude.

"We were apprehensive, but did not panic. Instead, we calmly made a collective effort to find

practical solutions, to keep companies viable and get workers properly skilled to hold on to jobs. Because we responded as one people, we prevailed, Lee said. However, he warned that although economies have largely stabilized, there may still be surprises and close calls. For example, property values in Dubai have fallen sharply. Greece is in severe financial distress, and Spain and Portugal are under pressure too.—*Xinhua*

Nine killed, 45 injured in major bomb attack in India

NEW DELHI, 14 Feb—At least nine people, four of them female foreigners, were killed when a powerful bomb exploded in a terrorist attack on a restaurant popular with tourists in the western Indian city of Pune on Saturday evening, police said.

This is the first major

terror attack in India since the November 2008 Mumbai attacks, said officials.

Meanwhile, more than 45 people were rushed to hospital with varying degrees of injury in the attack caused by a homemade improvised explosive device, said Indian security officials.

The blast took place at 19:15 pm local time when the restaurant was full of people, many of them foreigners.

Indian Home Secretary G K Pillai told local media there was an unattended packet which exploded when a waiter tried to open it.

Xinhua



Police gather at the site of a bomb blast in Pune on 13 Feb, 2010. A bomb ripped through a packed restaurant in the Indian city of Pune on Saturday.—XINHUA

20 million children in Bangladesh to be vaccinated against measles

DHAKA, 14 Feb — More than 20 million children will be vaccinated against measles during a two-week measles campaign across Bangladesh, starting Sunday and ending on 28 February.

All children aged nine months to less than five years will be given measles vaccines, while all children aged 0 to five years will be given two drops of polio vaccines, leading English newspaper *The Daily Star* reported on Sunday.

More than 50,000 health staff, 600,000 volunteers and NGO workers have been mobilized in order to carry out the campaign. They will work in 120,000 vaccination sites.

To cover all the 20 million children through this fortnightly campaign, 23 million doses of measles vaccines, 29 million doses of polio vaccines, 23 million auto-disabled syringes, 2.3 million reconstitution syringes and 150,000 safety boxes have already been procured and distributed.

Xinhua



A boy stands under a poster promoting the vaccination campaign on the first day of Vaccination Week in the Americas sponsored by UNICEF in Asuncion on 25 April, 2009. The campaign includes widespread vaccination against measles, German measles and polio.—XINHUA

Dazzling car extravaganza captivates auto enthusiasts at Chicago Auto Show

CHICAGO, 14 Feb — Bustling with car lovers, McCormick Place's 1.3 million square feet of exhibition space was jammed with enthusiasts test-driving, admiring, touching — even smelling — the nearly 1,000 new vehicles on display at the 102nd Chicago Auto Show on Friday.

Finally opening its doors after two days of media hype and public anticipation, America's largest and longest-running auto show began its 10-day run to an excited crowd craving a first look at the rich variety of new models, along with freshly "tweaked" versions of existing lines and a good number of hybrids.

The show featured multiple world and North American introductions, including a complete range of domestic and imported passenger cars, trucks, sport-utility vehicles, minivans, and experimental and concept cars.—Xinhua

Cyclone misses American Samoa, turns toward Tonga

PAGO PAGO, 14 Feb — A powerful tropical storm missed American Samoa early Saturday morning, causing heavy rains and high winds but sparing more devastation to the US territory battered by a deadly autumn tsunami.

Tropical Cyclone Rene was about 110 miles south of Pago Pago and moving southwest on a track that will take it into central and southern Tonga, said cyclone forecaster Alipate Waqaicelua of the Nadi Tropical Cyclone Center in Fiji. The storm center was about 485 miles northeast of the island chain.

Strong winds from the

storm were still expected to batter American Samoa, which prompted forecasters to replace the hurricane warning with a gale warning that predicted winds of 30 to 45 mph, said meteorologist Mase Akapo Jr with the National Weather Service in Pago Pago.

"The public still needs to continue to take precautionary measures due to the strong winds," Akapo said, adding that the high surf will continue, with waves of 15 to 18 feet expected through Saturday evening.

"We are still faced with high waves," he said.

Internet



EU approves HP's bid for 3Com

BRUSSELS, 14 Feb —

The European Commission has approved US technology giant Hewlett-Packard (HP)'s bid for 3Com, a US network equipment provider.

The European Union (EU)'s antitrust watchdog said in a statement on Friday that the deal would not significantly impede effective competition in the European market.

HP is a leading provider of products, technologies, software, solutions and services to individual customers and businesses, including the public and education sector, while 3Com is active in the research and development, production and marketing of communications equipment that provide network solutions for businesses.—Xinhua

A teenager walks around the town area with his umbrella during a drizzling rain as Tropical Cyclone Rene approaches American Samoa on 12 Feb, 2010.—INTERNET

Man, 73, robbed three banks unarmed

Police in Florida said a 73-year-old man managed to rob three banks before he was arrested on a tip resulting from surveillance video.

Tampa police said James Bruce, 73, who walks with a slow shuffle, robbed a Bank of America 15 Jan, a SunTrust bank 1 Feb and a second Bank of America 10 Feb, the *St Petersburg (Fla.) Times* reported.

Each time, police said the unarmed Bruce handed a teller a note asking for \$600.

Bruce was arrested Thursday after he was recognized from surveillance video released to the public Wednesday night. He was charged with three counts of bank robbery and jailed in lieu of \$22,500 bond.



Photo taken shows a large-scale "porcelain tiger" on a square in Jingdezhen, east China's Jiangxi Province. The "porcelain tiger", consisting of various porcelain dishes, plates, cups and bowls, has become a unique decoration in the city, also known as China's porcelain capital, for the upcoming Lunar New Year of the Tiger.

A giraffe foal tries to stand shortly after being born at Aalborg zoo in northern Jutland.

Rare white jackdaw in Ukraine spurned by flock

In a story that could have come straight out of Aesop's Fables, a rare white jackdaw in eastern Ukraine has been spurned by its flock.

The albino bird, called Katya, was spotted by Lutsk resident Alexander Moiseyenko, who tosses her scraps of bread from his apartment window.

"She flies together with other jackdaws, but stays apart. The black jackdaws usually steal the food and fly away," Moiseyenko said. Ornithologists say there have been only 15 confirmed sightings of white jackdaws in the world over the past three decades. And this is the first time that one has been seen in Ukraine.

"There is a certain set of genes that leads to albinism," said Mikhail Khimin, an ornithologist and conservationist in the Volyn regional government. "These kinds of birds are a result of degeneration and gene mutation." Katya's plight bears shades of Aesop's tale about the envious jackdaw that painted himself white to fit in with the well-fed farmyard pigeons. As soon as the deception was exposed, he was chased away, but then shunned by his fellow jackdaws, who no longer recognized the bird as one of their own.

Man fined \$50 for sniffing bakery cakes

A Canadian man in Regina, Saskatchewan was fined \$50 Friday for sniffing and touching cakes in a supermarket bakery department.

Alexander Rodrigue, 23, was also ordered to make restitution for the cakes and stay away from the supermarket for four months, the *Regina Leader-Post* reported.

He had previously pleaded guilty to a mischief charge relating to the June 15 incident in which staff claimed he had been licking the cakes, the newspaper said.

However, at his sentencing, Rodrigue told the judge he had not licked the cakes, but admitted to sniffing and touching them, but did not explain why.

If he pays the fine, the offense won't be recorded as a conviction, the report said.



A snowboarder sails through the Olympic rings during the opening ceremony for the Vancouver 2010 Olympics in Vancouver, British Columbia.

NEWS ALBUM

Sittway Township DAC striving for regional development

Article & Photos: Reporter Singu Soe Win

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Kandawgyi Lake, dug in 1906, is located two miles northwest of Sittway and its lowest water level is at an altitude of 44 feet and nine inches. The lake is 136.74 acres and it stores 409.46 million gallons of water. The lowest water level of the lake is 25 feet.

At present, Sittway formed with 32 wards is home to 150,000 population. As the Kandawgyi Lake alone



**Deputy Director
U Win Naing,
Executive Officer of
Sittway Township
DAC.**

water and the 3.44-acre extended lake to store 2.31 million gallons of

manages to supply 1.2 million gallons of water to 27 wards daily. Daily water consumption is three million gallons. Therefore, the plan is underway to build a reservoir by damming Hsatyokya Creek to north of Sittway.

In the time of Tatmadaw Government, many regions with scarcity of water in Sagaing, Magway and Mandalay Divisions get enough water thanks to concerted efforts of the



**Clock tower standing at the corner of main road and
Meyu Road in Sittway.**

wellwishers.

The local authorities sanctioned the Sittway Township DAC to spend K 179.7 million including K 79 million

donated by Shwe natural gas exploration enterprise on 28 tasks related to the supply of water for 2009-2010 financial year.

roads, gravel roads and earth roads in Sittway Township in addition to rural bridges.

Large and small bridges were built in



A nursery seen in the compound of Sittway Township DAC.

could not supply water adequately for the local people, the 7.44-acre Kandawlay Lake to store 12.48 million gallons of

water were reclaimed to store 454.25 million gallons of water on 172.49 acres.

The committee

Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs and goodwill of the State and



**Local people waiting to fetch water at Kandawgyi Lake in Shwebya
Ward of Sittway.**



"Point" a well-known site of relaxation in Sittway.

A total of 22 wells in the wards store 65.14 million gallons of water and 14 earthen lakes, 12.26 million gallons, totaling 77.40 million gallons.

While in Sittway, I together with Director U Myo Kyi, Deputy Director U Win Naing, Assistant Engineer Daw Khin Swe Aye and JE-2 Daw Hnin Hnin Yi observed storage of water at Kandawgyi Lake and other water tanks and water pumping stations.

To have city characteristics, the Township DAC has equipped Sittway Township with tarred

Wunphaik mangrove forest through the united strength of the local people. Moreover, railroads and railway stations were constructed there.

In addition, hydropower projects are being implemented in Sittway Township.

With the relentless efforts, Sittway Township DAC is striving for enhancement of the living standard of the local people.

Translation: TTA

Myanma Alin:

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Commander, mayor attend opening of tarred roads

YANGON, 14 Feb—Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint and Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin arrived at the meeting hall of Thakayta Township Development Affairs Committee yesterday. The commander and the mayor heard the reports presented by officials concerned on preventive measure against DHF and cholera, and sanitation tasks and drainage system.

The commander gave necessary instructions. Then, they looked into undertakings by departments, social organizations and people for preventive measure against DHF, better drainage system, and giving educative talks in No.7 market road.

Afterwards, they attended opening of Ngwezinyaw tarred road in No.88 ward, Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township.

The mayor and officials opened the road. The

commander and the mayor sprinkled the stone inscription with scented water, and strolled along the road.

They attended opening of Dhammayadana tarred road in No.89 ward. They sprinkled the stone inscription with scented water, and strolled along the road.

They attended opening of Shweli tarred road in No.89 ward.

They attended the opening of two-storey new school building of No. 2 Basic Education High School, and looked round it.

The handing over ceremony was followed at the school. The mayor made a speech on the occasion and handed over documents related to the school to the Ministry of Education.

The school head accepted school uniforms donated by a wellwisher. The township education officer spoke word of thanks.

MNA

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

Dances of brethren at Open Air Theatre

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Feb—National races representatives, who attended the 63rd Anniversary Union Day ceremony, presented traditional dance of national races at Open Air Theatre of Nay Pyi Taw City Hall here this night.

Among the spectators were departmental heads of the ministers, officers, service personnel and locals. National races cultural troupes from all states and

divisions performed the traditional dances and variety songs.

The performance will be continued tomorrow.—MNA

National races cultural troupes performing traditional dances.

MNA



Hinthada Association at new building

YANGON, 14 Feb—Hinthada Township Association opened its new building this morning. The opening ceremony was attended by Honourable Patrons of the Association Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Tin Htut, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo and Chairman of the Sanghadana Association U Than Shwe formally

opened the building.

The Chairman and the Honourable Patrons extended greetings at the ceremony and responsible persons presented financial concerns, objectives and future plans and programme for extended construction of the building.

The Honourable Patrons and members donated K 12 million to the association.—MNA

Priority given to construction of bridges

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Feb—Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe heard reports on progress of Bago Bridge and future

tasks presented by Senior Engineer Daw Than Yi of Bridge Construction Group-2 at the briefing hall of Bago Bridge

Construction Project in Bago on 8 February.

Deputy Chief Engineer U Khin Maung Swe of Public Works and Deputy

Managing Director (Works) U Kyaw Lin gave supplementary reports.

The deputy minister gave instructions on timely completion of construction and priority to be given to worksite safety.

On 9 February, the deputy minister inspected conditions of roads in Taninthayi Division and progress of Lawthaing Bridge.—MNA



Aungmyethazan Township WJA holds coordination meeting on 17 January 2010.

NLM

MGH to provide reliable health care

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Feb—Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe called for improving medical science to meet international standard and providing warm and reliable health care in meeting with staff in Mawlamyine General

Hospital on 9 February.

The deputy minister later visited the hospital and attended to the needs. On 8 February, he inspected Kyaikto Township Hospital, Yinnyein Station Hospital and Paung Township Hospital.—MNA

Take Fire Preventive Measures

Offshore natural gas to satisfy domestic demand

YANGON, 14 Feb—Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi inspected Alinyaung Test Well No. 3 of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise in Hlegu Township this afternoon.

Officials reported on drilling of the test well, geological conditions of Hlegu and Indaing

regions, prospects of oil and gas deposits, conducting of seismic survey in Hlegu region and future task.

The minister stressed the need to timely complete the drilling of test well. The government is striving for boosting production of offshore natural gas

to satisfy the demand of the nation and efforts are to be made for increasing production of inland natural gas, he said.

From the Gefco IV drilling platform, the minister looked into drilling works at Alinyaung Test Well No. 3 and left necessary instructions.—MNA

Botanists pay respects to faculty members

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Feb—The graduates for 1967-2009 academic years of the Botany Department of Yangon University held the second ceremony to pay respects to old faculty members at the Universities' Dhammayon, here, on 12 February morning.

Old students paid

respects to 77 old faculty members and presented gifts to them.

In memory of the late faculty members, the old students donated K 500,000 to the funds of Jivitadana Sangha Hospital.

Chairperson of the organizing committee Professor/Dean Dr Thet Thet May extended

greetings. The faculty members gave advice. Professor U Aye Pe presented gifts to laboratory staff of over 64 years old.

Patron of the organizing committee Brig-Gen Nay Win (Retd) and Daw Hla Hla Yi and U Aye Min, on behalf of the old students, spoke words of thanks.

MNA

Today's vehicles...

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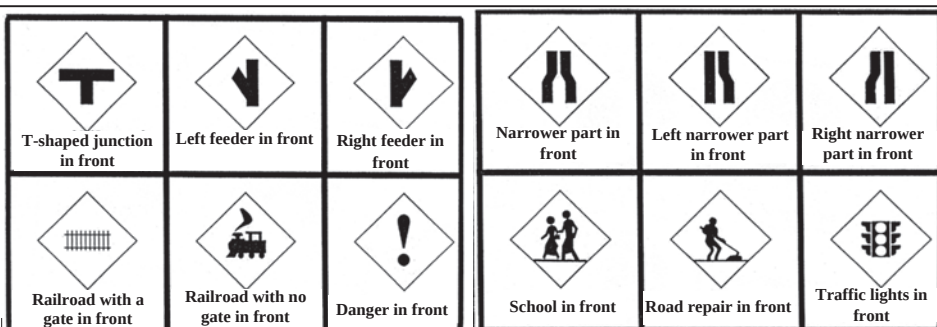
The agreement reached at the 5th ASEAN Transport Ministerial Meeting held at Hanoi in Vietnam on 15 September 1999 carries an important resolution: to set up traffic signboards.

The speed limit of 120 kmh is designated for first-class ASEAN highways, each of which comprises the central line between the two lanes, along with traffic diversion systems. The speed limits for urban areas are as follows:-

First-class highways	80-100 kmh
Class (1) highway	60-80 kmh
Class (2) highway	50-60 kmh
Class (3) highway	40-50 kmh

That is according to the special limits on road/bridge designs and construction in Appendix (11) of Greater Mekong Sub-Region Treaty.

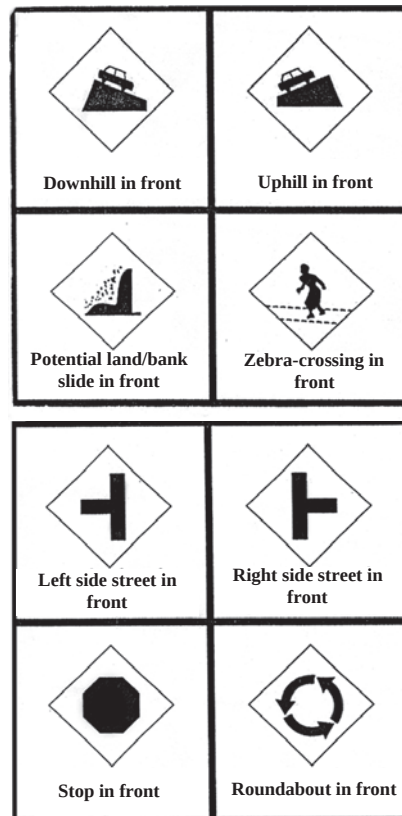
If trucks, highways and traffic structures meet the standards, standards for total weight of truck, and number of axis and weight of the truck, and speed limits are honoured, and drivers and



road users comprehend the traffic signboards, there will be many benefits as follows:-

- road safety
- maintenance of road quality
- smooth trade
- better relations between national races (between ASEAN countries) due to the fact that transportation service can be carried out with convenience in a short time

36 Instructions



- improvement of political, economic and social sectors.

In compliance with the resolutions passed at the UN Convention on Vienna Traffic in Australia in 1968, and the traffic signboards were designated everywhere necessary according to the following categories.

- (1) 8 directives
- (2) 24 prohibitions and restrictions
- (3) 36 instructions (attached with pictures)

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Myanma Alin: 14-2-2010

Italian police seize tonnes of counterfeits



Top labels like Gucci are common in Italy and stopping the trade is unlikely.—INTERNET

ROME, 14 Feb — Police in Italy have made a major seizure of counterfeit goods. The haul included clothes and leather goods, which officers say are of amazing quality.

The fake goods were discovered in eight industrial hangars east of Rome.

They included clothes, shoes, leather goods and other accessories.

Police say they could

have come from Asia. Italy has had a series of counterfeit scams in recent years.

It is believed that the items would have been given Italian designer labels and sold in markets and on the streets of Italy's cities, where fake handbags, wallets and belts can be seen around tourist attractions.

It is the latest in a massive haul of counterfeit goods in recent years. Italy's national retailers association say around 6.9bn euros (£6bn) of fake products are sold each year.

Internet

Train fire shuts down NE Corridor line

MORRISVILLE, 14 Feb — A fire on a train carrying passengers from Atlantic City, NJ, to New York shut down the busy Northeast Corridor rail line for two hours north of Philadelphia. The ACES train is a special service operated by New Jersey Transit under contract to a group of Atlantic City casinos. It was running behind schedule when the fire was reported in the engine at about 5:45 pm EST, *The Philadelphia Inquirer* reported.

The fire in the engine damaged the overhead electrical line in Morrisville, Pa, across the Delaware River from

Trenton, NJ and about 30 miles from Philadelphia, officials said. Penny Bassett Hackett, a spokeswoman for New Jersey Transit, said 62 passengers and the four members of the train crew were evacuated. Three people were taken to a hospital.

An Amtrak spokeswoman, Karin Romero said the line was completely closed for just over two hours.

Two of the four tracks reopened at 7:55 pm. Amtrak owns the rail line, which is also used by local trains from Trenton, NJ, to Philadelphia and the ACES service.

Internet

A woman carries a heart-shaped rose bouquet on the eve of Valentine's Day in the northern Indian city of Chandigarh on 13 Feb, 2010.—INTERNET



Spectators hurt by waves at US surfing contest

MAVERICKS BEACH, 14 Feb — Thirteen spectators at a leading surfing contest in California have been hurt, some seriously, after big waves hit the seawall they were standing on. Two 6m (20ft) walls of water crashed into the breakwater at Mavericks Beach, destroying scaffolding and sweeping dozens of people onto the rocks below. The most serious injuries involved broken bones, emergency personnel said.

After the incident, one stretch of the

beach was evacuated and the main viewing area was closed to newcomers. Hundreds of people nevertheless remained to watch South African Chris Bertish win the \$50,000 (£32,000) first prize. The Mavericks Surf Contest is the most lucrative big-wave contest in the world, but is only held when conditions are ideal, such as on Saturday. Some of the waves were reportedly 12m (40ft) high.

Internet



Bystanders scramble as a rogue wave washes over the beach during the Mavericks Surfing Contest on 13 Feb, 2010 in Pillar Point, Calif.—INTERNET

Study urges start obesity prevention in the cradle

WASHINGTON, 14 Feb — A team of US doctors has urged that obesity screening start in the cradle after a study they conducted showed that half of US children with weight problems became overweight

before age two.

The "critical period for preventing childhood obesity" in the children observed in the study would have been in "the first two years of life and for many by three months of age," said the study, published in *Clinical Pediatrics*.

"Unfortunately, the chubby healthy baby myth is alive and well despite the high prevalence of childhood obesity, with only 20 percent to 50 percent of overweight children being diagnosed and even fewer receiving documented or effective treatments," the authors of the study said.

For the study, which was conducted to try to pinpoint the "tipping point" for when a child first became overweight, researchers looked at 480 medical records for patients between the ages of two and 20 at a private medical practice and a teaching hospital, both in Virginia.—Internet



Truck recall adds to Toyota's troubles

TOKYO, 14 Feb — Toyota was facing more unwanted publicity Saturday after the world's

biggest automaker said it was voluntarily calling in about 10,000 pickups in North America, the latest in a series of recalls.

The Japanese giant has recalled millions of vehicles worldwide in past months due to problems linked to accelerator and brake functions, sullying the company's safety reputation.

The latest vehicle cast into the spotlight is the 2010 model of Tacoma four-wheel drive pickups in the North American market, including 8,000 in the United States and 1,500 in Canada.

The voluntary recall was to inspect their front drive shafts, which may

include a component that contains cracks that developed during the manufacturing process, the company said.

Earlier global Toyota recalls covered models with "sticky accelerators" that can cause cars to race out of control, a defect cited in several deadly crashes, and later widened to brake system problems in the Prius and other hybrid models.

On Friday a US woman filed a federal lawsuit in Los Angeles against Toyota, blaming the company for the death of her husband when the Prius she was driving suddenly accelerated.

Internet

Four sea lions, one seal shot near Seattle

SEATTLE, 14 Feb — A harbour seal and at least four sea lions, including one listed as endangered, were shot to death near Seattle, authorities said on Friday. One was a Steller sea lion protected by the federal Endangered Species Act. The others were smaller, more common California sea lions listed under the Marine Mammals Protection Act.

National Marine Fisheries Service spokesman Brian Gorman said an investigation was under way because it's illegal in most cases to shoot any kind of sea lion or seal. Shooting these mammals can result in fines of up to \$50,000, he said.

Wildlife photographer Robin Lindsey

said she was shocked at the sight of the dead male Steller sea lion that appeared to be 8 to 10 years old and weigh about 1,200 pounds. "It's really heartbreaking to think anybody would shoot a creature because they're out there trying to survive," said Lindsey, who also volunteers with a group called Seal Sitters. "I hope to God it's not a trend."

Seal Sitters gets calls from federal officials when a seal or sea lion death is reported. Lindsey is often asked to check out the animal and take photographs. West Seattle residents have reported at least one other sea lion carcass was floating in Puget Sound, Gorman said.

Internet



In this undated photo provided by Robin Lindsey, a team of biologists from the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife perform a necropsy on an adult male California sea lion, estimated to be 8-10 years of age, at Constellation Park.—INTERNET

Space station cupola offers panoramic view

CAPE CANAVERAL, 14 Feb — US astronauts aboard the International Space Station say they're putting the finishing touches to a module that offers a 360-degree view of space.

"We will have the most spectacular view of the Earth anyone's ever had from the inside of the station," astronaut Steve Robinson said of the module Tranquility.

The \$400 million Tranquility and its Italian-built cupola — a domed-shaped annex with seven windows — is the last major US addition to the station, which is now 98 percent complete.

Internet

Small farmers key to global food security

NAIROBI, 14 Feb — Helping the world's smallest farms stay abreast of climate change and competition is key to feeding the planet's growing population, scientists in Kenya said.

Small farmers are neglected by agricultural aid policies, yet collectively they feed most of the world's 1 billion low-income people, said the Kenyan-based International Livestock Research Institute.

Small farmers need help in understanding and coping with climate change, which will alter growing conditions, institute officials said in a recent issue of Science. They also need help in dealing with finite natural resources, including water, arable land and fossil fuels needed to produce fuel and fertilizer.—Internet



A child stands among makeshift tents at a refugee camp in the Cite Soleil neighbourhood in

Port-au-Prince, on 13 Feb, 2010.

INTERNET

A woman assembles a box of dark chocolates at a store in Miami in 2003. Cabernet and chocolate are potent medicine for killing cancer, according to research presented on Wednesday.

INTERNET



Homeless Haiti quake victims get tarps, want tents

PORT-AU-PRINCE, 14 Feb—Ask any of the hundreds of thousands of earthquake victims living outdoors in Haiti's shattered capital and you're apt to get the same plea: "Give us a tent."

Few will get one. Aid agencies and Haitian officials have given up plans to shelter the homeless in tents, even if that means many will likely face hurricane season camped out under flapping sheets of plastic. Tents are too big, too costly and too inefficient, aid groups say. So Haitians must swelter under flimsy tarps until fixed shelters can be built — though no one believes nearly enough can be will be up in time for spring storms.

"A tent would give us more space. There are too many people in here," said Marie-Mona Destiron, sweating under the hot blue light of her family's donated plastic tarp. When it rains, she said, water slides through the gaps and turns the dirt floor to mud.

Destiron, 45, got her tarp from US soldiers with the 82nd Airborne Division. Her husband, Joselin Edouard, tied it to a thin mahogany tree on a dusty slope below the country club that the soldiers use as a forward-operating base. It is home to them and their six children.

Internet

Lack of sleep increases disease risk

BOSTON, 14 Feb — If people usually wake up groggy and grumpy, they're probably not getting enough sleep and increasing their risk of disease, a US report says.

A newly updated report from Harvard Medical School, "Improving Sleep: A guide to a good night's rest," explains how lack of sleep does more than make a person bleary — it can put a person at risk for heart disease, diabetes, obesity and other health problems.

For some people, late-night TV watching or Web surfing is to blame, but for many others, the culprit is insomnia or sleep apnea, a condition in which the airway closes and breathing stops or becomes shallower hundreds of times each night. "Sleep apnea can also wreak havoc on the cardiovascular system, because the heart must work harder every time the brain sends out a 'wake up and breathe' signal," the report said.

"People with sleep apnea are prone to high blood pressure, heart failure and stroke. Although more than half of the estimated 18 million American who have sleep apnea are overweight, many are not. By age 65, about one in 10 people has sleep apnea."—Internet

Volkswagen recalls 20,000 cars in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 14 Feb — German automaker Volkswagen said it was recalling some 20,000 cars in Mexico, a day after it announced the recall of nearly 200,000 cars in Brazil over potential wheel malfunctions.

The company said the recall in Mexico had been ordered over the "possibility that the rear wheel bearings could be insufficiently lubricated, causing them to make noise."

"If the situation is not addressed, it could cause the wheel bearings to lock," the company said in a statement released by its Puebla factory.

The company said it was recalling "approximately 20,000 cars," all of them Gol and Gol Sedan models, the statement said.

A day earlier, the company said it was recalling nearly 200,000 of its Novo Gol and Voyage model cars in Brazil over the same issue.—Internet

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV KOTA TAMPAN VOY NO (309)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TAMPAN VOY NO (309) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 15.2.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T. where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claim Day.

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Beer may help prevent osteoporosis

DAVIS, 14 Feb—Researchers at the University of California, Davis, said beer may help prevent osteoporosis—the loss of bone density that can result in fractures.

Lead author Charles Bamforth says the study suggests that beer is a significant source of dietary silicon, a key ingredient for increasing bone mineral density.

Bamforth and colleagues studied commercial beer production to determine the relationship between beer production methods and the resulting silicon content.

Silicon is present in beer in the soluble form of orthosilicic acid, which yields 50 percent bioavailability, making beer a major contributor to silicon intake in the Western diet.—*Internet*

Hair sample reveals picture of ancient man

COPENHAGEN, 14 Feb—Scientists from the University of Denmark say they've reconstructed the first detailed genome of an ancient human by analyzing a tuft of hair.

The hair was found in Greenland in the 1980s and its owners nicknamed "Inuk," meaning "man" in Greenlandic.

"Inuk's receding hairline, brown eyes, dark skin and shovel-shaped front teeth are all dictated by his 4,000-year-old genetic coding," said Nuka Godfredtsen, who used the genome results as a blueprint to put together a picture of how Inuk might have looked.

The genome results indicate Inuk's ancestors crossed into Greenland from northeastern Siberia between 4,400 and 6,400 years ago, The Copenhagen Post reported on Friday.

Internet

Drug halts tumour growth in mice

SAN DIEGO, 14 Feb—Scientists in California say they've developed a drug that stops the growth of kidney and pancreatic tumors in mice.

The drug binds to a molecular "switch" found in cancer cells to keep it in the "off position," researchers at the University of California, San Diego, said in a recent issue of the

Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. The drug halts a growth signaling enzyme, known as kinase, which can foster growth in tumors and cancer-associated blood vessels, said David Cheresch, a pathologist who led the research for the university's Moores Cancer Centre.

The research combi-

ned chemistry with supercomputer technology to allow for rapid screening and development of drugs that selectively target tumors, Cheresch said.

The novel approach, which custom designs molecules, could be a useful strategy in developing future cancer drugs, Cheresch said.

Internet

Toy makers' crystal ball: High-tech on the cheap

NEW YORK, 14 Feb—If the Zhu Zhu Pets taught a lesson, it's that a bit of technology and a low price tag can go a long way. Toy makers are taking that experience to heart.

From a digital Scrabble game that checks the words to a hovering UFO to miniature radio-control cars, toy makers are amping up the tech quotient but not prices.

Zhu Zhu Pets, the furry mechanical hamsters that zoom around, were the runaway hit of the holiday season. One key to their success: a price tag under

\$10. The American International Toy Fair begins Sunday. This is the annual event where toy makers show off new offerings that will make their way into next year's stockings. Previews from toymakers and interviews with analysts make clear that the focus is on innovation and price. Few toys will retail for more than \$100, and most will be priced below \$30.

"There's still going to be some hesitancy to raise prices too much," said Needham & Co analyst Sean McGowan. "Last year the feeling was under \$30

is where you needed to be. This year there may be more willingness to be \$30 to \$50. But I don't think we'll see a wave of \$300 stuffed horses again."—*Internet*



Triple H, a superstar wrestler with World Wrestling Entertainment, poses with his FlexForce action figure, on 12 Feb, 2010 at the New York Toy Fair.—INTERNET

Kuwait City's banking complex is decorated with lights and the national flag in 2009. OPEC member Kuwait is projecting a 22.4 billion dollar budget deficit for the 2010-2011 fiscal year after raising spending by more than 33 percent, according to a draft budget seen on Tuesday.—INTERNET



Report blames Eurostar for not winterizing trains

LONDON, 14 Feb—A review concluded Friday that Eurostar must do more to protect electronic gear on its high-speed trains from melting snow to avoid debacles like one that stranded five trains in the undersea tunnel between France and Britain.

The review said fil-

ters apparently failed to prevent moisture from causing short circuits in the December incidents and needed to be improved. It also said the company had to improve communication during emergencies in the tunnel.

Eurostar said it planned to spend euro 30 mil-

lion (\$41 million) to deal with the issues, including euro12 million already earmarked for new communications systems in the tunnel.

"Our duty now is to ensure that we quickly regain the trust of our customers," said Eurostar Chief Executive Richard Brown.—*Internet*

Chocolate may lower stroke risk

HAMILTON, 14 Feb—Eating chocolate may lower your risk of having a stroke, but more research is needed, Canadian researchers found.

Study author Sarah Sahib of McMaster University in Hamilton and colleagues examined three studies involving stroke and chocolate.

One study involved 44,489 people who ate one serving of chocolate per week were 22 percent less likely to have a stroke than people who ate no chocolate. A second study found that 1,169 people who ate 50 grams of chocolate—about 5 ounces—once a week were 46 percent less likely to die following a stroke than people who did not eat chocolate.—*Internet*

A Eurostar train arrives in northern French town Coquelles after coming out the Channel Tunnel, 2008.—INTERNET





Children show a snowman made by themselves on a coal carrier in the Zaozhuang section of the Beijing-Hangzhou Grand Canal in Zaozhuang, east China's Shandong Province, on 13 Feb, 2010.—XINHUA

Obese mom-to-be may risk preterm birth

BOSTON, 14 Feb — US researchers say pre-pregnancy obesity and gestational weight gain increase preterm birth risk in African-American women.

The researchers at Boston University looked at mothers of 1,000 babies born at less than 37 weeks and mothers of more than 7,000 full-term infants. All mothers were part of the Black Women's Health Study.

Scientists find way to stop cell migration

ADELAIDE, 14 Feb — Australian medical researchers say they've found a new way to block the movement of cells that can spread cancer and produce autoimmune diseases. The University of Adelaide researchers led by Professor Shaun McColl said they have identified molecular "receptors" on the surface of cells that are involved in helping a cell migrate to sites where it can cause disease.

"Our research shows that these receptors ... can be blocked pharmacologically, preventing the cell migration which causes the disease," said McColl, who added his team has identified a number of such receptors in multiple sclerosis and have developed potential therapeutic drugs that could control the disease, and other autoimmune diseases.—Internet

The study, published in the journal *Epidemiology*, found weight gain within the range of Institute of Medicine recommendations — between 0.4 to 0.6 pounds per week in the second and third trimesters — was optimal in reducing the risk of having a baby born at less

than 37 weeks.

"Our data suggest that it is especially important for obese women to adhere to the Institute of Medicine guidelines for pregnancy weight gain to reduce their risk of preterm birth," study lead author Lauren Wise said in a statement.—Internet

Self-cannibalizing cancer cells studied

PRINCETON, 14 Feb — US cancer researchers say they have started a major study to determine the role of self-cannibalizing cancer cells found in tumours.

The scientists from Princeton University and The Cancer Institute of New Jersey said such cells become dormant and self-cannibalize to apparently survive periods of stress. The researchers said their work might help produce new cancer therapies to stem changes that render cancer cells dangerous and resistant to treatment.

"We want to know: What role is this self-cannibalization playing in the middle of a tumour?" said Princeton Assistant Professor Hilary Collier. "To treat cancer, it may be that you want to get rid of this ability in tumor cells, so we're searching for inducers and inhibitors of this process."

Internet



Rhubarb shows promise in fighting cancer

SHEFFIELD, 14 Feb — Rhubarb, especially when cooked, shows potential for killing or preventing cancer cells, researchers at Britain's Sheffield Hallam University said.

As with many red vegetables, rhubarb contains cancer-fighting polyphenols, The Daily Telegraph reported Saturday.

Baking rhubarb for 20 minutes, as is done with some recipes, increases

the concentration of polyphenols, Nikki Jordan-Mahy, a Sheffield biomedical researcher, wrote in a recent issue of the journal *Food Chemistry*.

Oriental medicinal rhubarb has been used in traditional Chinese medicine for thousands of years. Now, Jordan-Mahy said, garden rhubarb grown in Britain has shown medicinal promise, especially a va-

riety grown in South Yorkshire.

Jordan-Mahy's team is studying a combination of rhubarb polyphenols and chemotherapy agents needed to kill leukemia cells.

"Cancer affects one in three individuals in (Britain) so it's very important to discover novel, less toxic, treatments, which can overcome resistance," she said.

Internet



A Palestinian checks washing machines imported from China, in Gaza, on 13 Feb, 2010. Chinese goods such as clothes, toys and home appliances are popular in Gaza for their lower prices and good quality. — XINHUA

Young dancers perform in the samba parade in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on 12 Feb, 2010. The Rio de Janeiro Carnival 2010 kicked off on Friday. XINHUA

Smoking, low IQ top cardio risk factors

GLASGOW, 14 Feb — Researchers in Scotland say lower intelligence was second only to smoking as a predictor of cardiovascular disease.

The study, published in the *European Journal of Cardiovascular Prevention and Rehabilitation*, quantified the associations of cardiovascular disease and nine risk factors, including cognitive ability assessed using a standard test of general intelligence.

The researchers found the Top 5 risk factors predicting cardiovascular death were smoking, low IQ, low income, high systolic blood pressure and low physical activity.

"It may also be worthwhile for health promotion campaigns to be planned with consideration of individual cognition levels," Dr David Batty of the Medical Research Council in Glasgow and the University of Edinburgh said in a statement.

Batty also noted intelligence may well be one important factor behind the place of social class as a fundamental determinant of inequalities in health.

Batty and colleagues analyzed data collected for the West of Scotland Twenty-07 Study — a population study investigating the influence of social factors on health. The researchers looked at data collected in 1987 of 1,145 men and women about age 55 and tracked for 20 years.—Internet

SPORTS

Mancini praises England hope Bridge after Stoke draw

MANCHESTER, 14 Feb—Manchester City manager Roberto Mancini praised the performance of Wayne Bridge after the full back impressed in his team's 1-1 FA Cup draw with Stoke in front of England coach Fabio Capello. Bridge has been at the centre of media attention after allegations that his former partner had an affair with John Terry.

But an injury to Ashley Cole, who could miss the World Cup after suffering a fractured ankle, means that Bridge is likely to be Capello's first choice if he puts himself forward for selection. Bridge has only recently returned from his own ankle problem but Mancini has been impressed with his displays. He said: "Wayne played very well. I think that

Wayne is always improving. He played very well and he needs to train and play and he will improve.—Internet



Manchester City's English defender Wayne Bridge

Brighi sends irrepressible Roma second

ROME, 14 Feb—Unstoppable Roma roared back up to second in Serie A after a 4-1 home success against Palermo extended their unbeaten run to 20 games. Claudio Ranieri's team have now won 17 and drawn three of their last 20 matches in all competitions and show no signs of letting up. Matteo Brighi scored a brace while Brazilian substitute Julio Baptista and Norway left-back John Arne Riise added the others with Fabrizio Miccoli scoring a late consolation for the Sicilians from the spot.—Internet

Real Madrid wins in Xerez to pressure Barcelona



Real Madrid's Alvaro Arbeloa (L) celebrates after scoring a goal with team-mate Cristiano Ronaldo during their Spanish first division soccer match against Xerez at the Chapin stadium in Jerez, on 13 Feb, 2010.—XINHUA

MADRID, 14 Feb—A goal from defender Alvaro Arbeloa and two from Cristiano Ronaldo gave Real Madrid a 3-0 win away to bottom of the table Xerez in the Spanish soccer league. The result takes Real Madrid temporarily to within two points of league leaders FC Barcelona, who plays on Sunday away to Atletico Madrid, but the win was not as easy as expected against the bottom team of the table.

Madrid coach Manuel Pellegrini included Cristiano Ronaldo back in his starting 11 following the end of the striker's suspension. Xerez was never going to get back into the game after that double blow and Real Madrid takes three valuable points back to the capital.

Xinhua

Van Nistelrooy at the double, Bayern make it nine

BERLIN, 14 Feb—Former Real Madrid and Manchester United striker Ruud van Nistelrooy was in double form on only his second run out since joining Hamburg on Saturday. The Dutch forward scored in the 75th and 77th minutes to add to Marcus Berg's first-half opener to lift Hamburg to a 3-1 win over VfB Stuttgart that maintained their hold on fourth place.

Van Nistelrooy left Real Madrid on a free transfer in the January transfer window and has made an instant impression for his new team despite being well short of full fitness after spending much of the season in Spain on the bench. Later Bayern Munich stretched their winning run in the league to nine games and 12 overall with a 3-1 victory over Borussia Dortmund to draw level on points with Bayer Leverkusen, who remain top by the slenderest of margins on goal difference — 30 to 29.—Internet



Hamburg's striker Ruud van Nistelrooy is congratulated by his teammate after scoring during the Bundesliga football match VfB Stuttgart vs Hamburg SV in Stuttgart, southern Germany. Hamburg won 3-1.

INTERNET

US Open to have another late finish

PEBBLE BEACH, 14 Feb—The US Open is planning for another prime time finish this year. Mike

Davis, the senior director of rules and competition for the USGA, said on Saturday evening that the US Open at Pebble Beach will be televised until 11 pm

EDT on Saturday, with a 10 pm EDT finish for the final round.

The last time the US Open went into prime time on the East Coast was in 2008, when it was held at Torrey Pines in San Diego. Two years ago, third-round television coverage went until 10 pm EDT, with the fourth round ended at 9 pm EDT. Tiger Woods and Rocco Mediate tied for the lead, and Woods won in a Monday playoff. The US Open returns to Pebble Beach for the fifth time on 17-20 June.—Internet

Cristiano Ronaldo confident of Champions League success

MADRID, 14 Feb—Real Madrid striker Cristiano Ronaldo is optimistic that his side can overcome its Champions League in this year. Real Madrid has not got into the quarter-finals of the competition for five years and now faces Olympic Lyon in the first leg of its last 16 tie on Tuesday night.

With this season's final to be played in Real's Santiago Bernabeu stadium, Ronaldo is confident this year will be different, although the club has never won away to Lyon. "We had not won away to Deportivo La Coruna in 18 years and we won there this season. We are changing things like that this year," said Ronaldo.—Internet

Hiddink to leave Russia job after contract expires

BRUSSELS, 14 Feb—Guus Hiddink will leave as Russia coach when his contract expires on June 30. Hiddink led the Russian team to the 2008 European Championships semifinals but the team didn't reach the 2010 World Cup finals in South Africa. Hiddink wrote in a Dutch newspaper that he had spoken with Russian soccer chief Sergei Fursenko on his departure after the expiration of the contract.—Xinhua

Verdasco books San Jose final slot

SAN JOSE, 14 Feb—Second seed Fernando Verdasco of Spain qualified for the final of the ATP San Jose tournament after beating Uzbekistan's Denis Istomin here on Saturday. Verdasco, 26, won 6-3, 2-6, 6-4 in one hour 43 minutes and will meet the winner of the other semi-final between American top seed Andy



Second seed Fernando Verdasco

Roddick and his seventh-seeded compatriot Sam Querrey in Sunday's final.—Internet

Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle



Chelsea's Portuguese defender Ricardo Carvalho (L) vies with Cardiff City's English striker Jay Bothroyd (R) during the FA Cup fifth round football match between Chelsea and Cardiff

City.—INTERNET

Wilkins salutes Chelsea's focus

LONDON, 14 Feb—Chelsea assistant manager Ray Wilkins praised his side's professionalism after they put aside off-the-field distractions to reach the FA Cup quarter-finals with a 4-1 win over Championship club Cardiff. Blues captain John Terry was absent for the match at Stamford Bridge on Saturday after flying to Dubai to see his wife in a bid to solve his marital problems following reports of an affair with the ex-girlfriend of England teammate Wayne Bridge.

Ashley Cole was also missing through injury, but his private life has been thrust into newspaper headlines too over reports of text picture messages which were sent from his phone to a glamour model. While those issues could be a problem for a less experienced squad, Chelsea are showing no signs that any of it will hinder their push for trophies as they bounced back from a mid-week defeat at Everton. Carlo Ancelotti's side are already top of the Premier League table, and soon resume their Champions League campaign with a two-leg clash against Inter Milan, led by former Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho.—Internet

Asleep in Jesus Bernd Bieger (58 Years)

Representative,
Fritz Werner Industrie-Ausrustungen
Yangon Branch Office

Beloved husband of Diyah Bieger and loving father of Sally Bieger passed away suddenly at 9 pm on Thursday 11 February 2010. Funeral Service on Tuesday 16-2-2010 at St Augustines Church, 64, Inya Road at 9:30 am. Then to Yayway Crematorium at 12:00 noon. (Buses will leave Micasa Hotel, Dagon Centre at 9:00 am + From St Augustine's Church to Yayway at 10:30 am).

R.I.P
Family Bieger

Mr. Bernd Bieger (58 Years) Director, Myanmar Fritz Werner Industries Co. Ltd

With Deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences to family of late Mr. B Bieger, passed away suddenly at 9 pm on Thursday, 11 February 2010.

From: The Management and staff of
Myanmar Fritz Werner Industries
Co. Ltd. Ministry of Industry (2)

*The best time to plant a tree
was 20 years ago.
The second best time is now.*

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (15-2-2010) (Monday)

Transmissions

Times

Local	- (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
- * Sightseeing Around Mandalay and Sagaing (Amarapura, Inn Wa, Sagaing, Mingun)
- * News
- * Culture Stage
- * Traditional Chin Clothes
- * News
- * Thiri Zeya Buhmi Bagan Golden Palace and Museum of King Anawrahta
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Life-time achievement National Literary Award (2008)
- * News
- * Unique Biodiversity of Indawgyi Lake (Part-III)

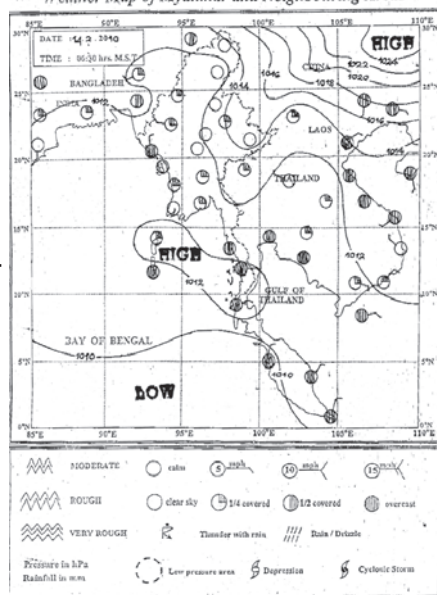
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- * News
- * Sand Sculptures on Beautiful Beach
- * Chaung Tha
- * Let's Speak Myanmar (Mingalabar)
- * News
- * Let's grow orange commercially!
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Flower Buds of Union (Mon)
- * News
- * Village of "EN"
- * The Beauty of Zweigabin and Livelihood of Kayin National
- * Buddha Sasana Flourishes in Bawdhitagang

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Monday, 14th 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, Rakhine States and Taninthayi Division and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Night temperatures were (6°C) above February average temperatures in Taninthayi Division, (3°C) to (4°C) above February average temperatures in Kachin and Mon States, Mandalay Division, (3°C) to (4°C) below February average temperatures in Chin State, upper Sagaing and Bago Divisions and about February average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Loilem (2°C) and Namhsan (4°C).

Maximum temperature on 13-2-2010 was 97°F. Minimum temperature on 14-2-2010 was 68°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 14-2-2010 was 64%. Total sun shine hours on 13-2-2010 was (10.1) hours approx.

Rainfall on 15-2-2010 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 (16:30) hours MST on 13-2-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 15th February 2010: Weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions.

State of the sea: Seas will be slight in Myanmar waters. **Outlook for subsequent two days:** Weather is generally fair in the whole country.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 15-2-2010: Fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 15-2-2010: Fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 15-2-2010: Fair weather.

Myanmar



Monday, 15
February
View on today

7:00 am

- မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရား
ကြီး၏ဝိပဿနာတရားတော်
- To Be Healthy
Exercise
- Morning News
- အဝတ်လဲမယ်လို့

(ယဉ်ကျေးမှုနှင့်အနုပညာ-
ဂီတစာဆိုများနှင့်အဆွေ)

7:50 am

- Nice & Sweet Song

8:05 am

- Cute Little Dancers

8:10 am

- "မိတ်လက်အပန်းဖြေ
နေပြည်တော်ရေပန်းဥယျာဉ်
မှာလေ"

8:20 am

- အတိုးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:30 am

- "ချောင်းကမ်းဘေးက
ရွာကလေး"

8:40 am

- International News

8:45 am

- Musical Programme

4:00 pm

- Martial Song

4:10 pm

- အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:20 pm

- Dance Of National
Races

4:30 pm

- Musical Programme
(The Radio Myanmar
Modern Music
Troupe)

4:40 pm

- Dance Of Variety

4:50 pm

- ၂၀၁၀ခုနှစ်၊ တက္ကသိုလ်ဝင်
စာမေးပွဲဘာသာရပ်ဆိုင်ရာ
သင်ခန်းစာ
(အင်္ဂလိပ်စာဘာသာရပ်)

5:20 pm

- Song For Uphold
National Spirit

5:25 pm

- Musical Programme

5:40 pm

- စုပေါင်းသံသရာဓမ္မအယ်ဒီတာ

6:00 pm

- Evening News

6:15 pm

- Weather Report

6:20 pm

- Sing & Enjoy

7:00 pm

- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ
"အဆိပ်သင့်တဲ့အချစ်"
(အပိုင်း-၃၄)

8:00 pm

- News

- အမျိုးသားအထိမ်း
အမှတ်ဥယျာဉ်
(နေပြည်တော်)

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(ရခိုင်ပြည်နယ်)

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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

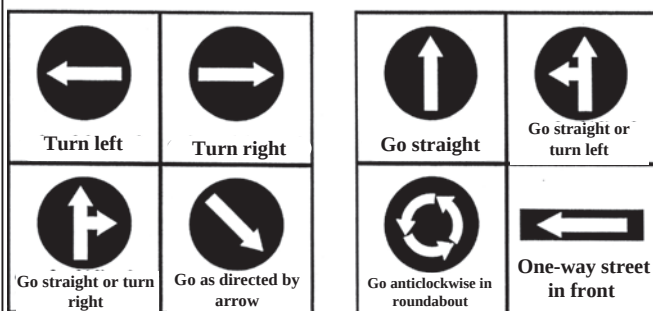
- ★ VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
- ★ RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
- ★ Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Today's vehicles and motorways in Myanmar (14)

Article: *Kayan Soe Myint*; Photos: *Ministry of Construction*

There will be cross-border trade between ASEAN countries in the near future. So, it will call for road safety, and internationally comprehensible traffic signboards in addition to designation of vehicle sizes, and limitation of load weight. (See page 9)

Eight directives



24 prohibitions and restrictions

