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Mongnai-Kengtung railroad project — govt makes impossible dream come true for brethren in eastern Shan State

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Feb — Land preparation and construction of bridge and retaining wall for Kengtung-Yamlu railroad section of Mongnai-Kengtung railroad construction project are being carried out at full capacity. Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence visited the project and inspected it on 16 February.

In meeting with officials, social organization members, local people and servicemen and their fami-

lies at Mongkhok Station Hall, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing presented medicines, sports gear, clothes and foodstuff to them.

He also visited Mongkhok and Mongton, and presented gifts, clothes and foodstuff to servicemen and their families at Nakaungmu Station Hall and Mongton Station Hall separately.

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Ways and means sought to prevent against recruitment of minors

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Feb—Chairman of the Committee for Prevention against Recruitment of Minors for Military Services Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thura Myint Aung participated in 9th coordination meeting held at Adjutant-General's Office of the Ministry of Defence here today.

The chairman reviewed the reports by the Joint-Secretary on progress of implementation of the 8th meeting's resolutions and by the Secretary and members on arrangements for protection of child's interests.

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Yesagyo to produce abundant cold season crops soon

Myanmar is an agro-based country. Relying on natural resources and favourable climate, farmers have been engaging in agricultural task since long ago.

As a result of applying modern agricultural methods and using quality strains, the country achieves local food sufficiency and exports the surplus to the foreign market.

Out of over 22 million hectares of cultivable lands, Myanmar puts over eight million hectares of farmlands under paddy. Therefore, the country produces 18 million metric tons of rice. In addition, the cultivation and production of maize, beans and pulses, edible oil crops, kitchen crops and other crops are on the increase year by year.

Nowadays, the whole world is suffering from the impacts of climate change. In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, all-out efforts are being made in supplying water for agricultural purpose. So far, over 200 dams and sluice gates, river water pumping stations and underground water tapping works have been built across the nation to increase the irrigated sown acreage.

As Myanmar has a foreign market share for beans and pulses, all the farmers have to make efforts for carrying out the extended cultivation and production of the crops. In this regard, they should pay serious attention to exporting only high quality beans and pulses. Taking technological assistance of agriculturists, the farmers should grow beans and pulses with the use of natural organic fertilizers.

At present, the farmers extend cultivation of crops

**Article & Photos:
Pe Tun Zaw (Yesagyo)**



Thriving corn plantation seen at field No. 111 in Yesagyo Township.

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

in all regions of the nation the whole year. Yesagyo Township in central Myanmar is one of them.

Among three seasons namely summer, monsoon and cold season in the country, the growers can secure the benefit by a wide margin in cultivation of cold season crops at minimum cost.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Myanmar, land of tourist destination

Every nation in the world has placed a special emphasis on tourism as it is a business that can be successful. The countries in the Asia Pacific region, including Myanmar, have become one of the major tourist attractions in the world.

During the tourist season this year, the number of foreign visitors to Myanmar has increased and most of them enter the nation through Yangon, Mandalay, Bagan and border checkpoints. Last year, more than 700,000 tourists visited Myanmar.

Most of the tourists visit Bagan, the archaeological treasure house of Myanmar. The Inlay Lake and Pindaya in Shan State (South), with their scenic views and traditional handicraft industries, are also a magnet for tourists. Moreover, tourists are interested in traditional new year celebrations of national races and traditional festivals held in various regions.

As Myanmar has sanctuaries and national parks with rich bio diversity, it has the potential for development of eco-tourism. Snow-capped mountains in the northern part of Myanmar, tropical monsoon forests and beautiful beaches lined with coral reefs are favourable natural conditions for development of eco-tourism.

At the time when there is an influx of tourists, it is necessary to offer warm hospitality and to make preparations and meet requirements to be able to provide accommodation and transportation facilities of international standards.

With development of tourism, communications will develop among people of various regions. Increased eco-tourism will help generate more income for local people and contribute to regional development. As tourism is a lucrative business, we should strive for further development of the tourist industry of Myanmar by extending warm welcome and hospitality and offering the best possible services.

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

New fire station, staff quarters to emerge in Shan State (North)

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Feb—A ceremony to provide aids for regional development tasks took place at the hall of Namhsan Township on 13 February.

Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe presented a CDMA telephone, K 1 million donated each by Dana Aung Co and Shwe Supan Co, cash donation for reconstruction of Aryam village monastery ravaged by fire and sets of computer and CI sheets for basic education schools through the township chairman.

Officials and a wellwisher presented 150 CI sheets, medicines and iron tablets to responsible persons.

Next, the minister looked into construction of

MYANMAR GAZETTE

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Feb—The State Peace and Development Council has appointed Professor/Dean Professor Dr. Pe Thet Khin of Child Health Department of University of Medicine (Mandalay) under the Department of Medical Science of the Ministry of Health as Rector of University of Medicine (1) under the same department on probation from the date he assumes charge of his duties.—MNA

new fire station for Namhsan Township.

On 14 February, the minister visited Hsipaw, Kyaukme and PyinOoLwin Fire Stations and chose the sites for construction of staff quarters.—MNA

Works for greening of Magway, Mandalay Divisions in progress

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Feb—Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung oversaw thriving plants grown at Phan-khar-sein greening zone of Arid Zone Greening Department in Yenangyoung Township of Magway Division on 15 February.

On his inspection tour of Chauk, the minister visited 900-acre Shwepontaung neem plantation and 650-acre Shwepontaung greening site. While in Chauk and NyaungU, he inspected growing of teak and eucalyptus plants, land preparation for one-acre teak plantation, greening of Mya Lake, thriving 100-acre vegetable plantation



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung inspects production of gypsum powder in Chauk Township.—MNA

and nurturing of saplings.

After hearing reports on work progress and

follow-up tasks at Mt. Popa Park in Kyaukpadaung Township on 16 February,

the minister looked into plantations and nursery.

MNA

Thongwa Association to hold AGM

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Feb—Thongwa Township Association (Yangon) planned to organize the annual general meeting and to pay respects to older persons of over 75 years at Phayabyu Monastery in Pazundaung Township on

28 February.

In addition, the association will award the outstanding students of its members.

The outstanding persons in education, social, literary, sports and fine arts are to conduct

Chairman U Mya Thein (Tel: 661379), U Saw Hlaing of Hla Gabar Furniture Mart (Tel: 291311), U Aung Than Soe (Tel: 095171031), U Aung Than (Tel: 095101998) and executives.—MNA

Talks on C#.NET on 20 Feb

YANGON, 18 Feb—The talks on Microsoft C#.NET Hand on Training, organized by Myanmar Professionals Education Centre (MPEC), will be

held at No 407/408 of Zaygyo Plaza in Mandalay from 9 am to 12 noon on 20 February.

Topics on basic knowledge on Microsoft

net, application of Microsoft.NET framework and creation of C#.NET will be lectured at the talks.

Interested persons may dial 02-86234.—MNA



A tutor from Shwebo Degree College gives educative talks on high pass rate for Grade-11 students at Mawlu BEHS in Indaw Township of Sagaing Division on 27 January.—NLM

Take Fire Preventive Measures



One foreign troop killed in Operation Moshtarak in south Afghanistan

KABUL, 18 Feb — A servicemember with the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) was killed by

An Afghan soldier attempts to break open a door during an operation to search for weapons in the town of Marjah, in Nad Ali District of Helmand Province on 17 Feb, 2010. — XINHUA

small-arms fire in southern Afghanistan on Wednesday.

A Press release issued by the ISAF said the casualty was related to the ongoing massive Operation Moshtarak, or Togetherness, which involved around 15,000 ISAF and

Afghan soldiers in Marjah area in southern Afghanistan's Helmand Province.

The operation, which aimed at uprooting the Taliban in Marjah, has so far claimed over 40 lives of the militants.

Xinhua

Embattled Afghan Taliban rely on human shields

MARJAH, 18 Feb — Taliban fighters holding out in Marjah are increasingly using civilians as human shields, firing from compounds where US and Afghan forces can clearly see women and children on rooftops or in windows, Afghan and US troops said on Wednesday.

The intermingling of fighters and civilians also has been witnessed by Associated Press journalists. It is part of a Taliban effort to exploit strict NATO rules against endangering innocent lives to impede the allied advance through the town in Helmand Province, 610 kilometres (360 miles) southwest of Kabul.

Internet

Drone attack kills two in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 18 Feb — A drone attack targeting a suspected militant compound killed two people and wounded three others in Pakistan's northwest on Wednesday, officials said.

The attack took place in Tabbi Took Kil, a village near the city of Miranshah in North Waziristan. North Waziristan is one of seven districts in Pakistan's tribal region along the Afghan border. On Sunday, another attack in Miranshah killed six suspected militants.

Internet

US hails capture of Taliban leader

WASHINGTON, 18 Feb — The White House said on Wednesday that the capture of the Taliban military leader, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar, is a "big success" for joint efforts by the United States and Pakistan.

"It is a big success for our mutual efforts in the region," White House spokesman Robert Gibbs told reporters, but did not offer details on the capture and the following interrogation. In a statement issued early on Wednesday, the Pakistani military said that the Afghan Taliban's number two leader was arrested from the south Pakistani port city of Karachi, while Taliban claimed that Baradar is safe and leading fight in Afghanistan.

Pakistani analysts believe the arrest of the top Taliban commander will be a huge shift in the policy toward Taliban, and US officials say it is a breakthrough in the cooperation between Pakistan and the United States on the fight against terrorism. —Xinhua



Cluster bomb convention to become law

WASHINGTON, 18 Feb — A convention banning cluster bomb munitions will become law after being ratified by 30 countries in just 15 months, a rights group in Washington said. Burkina Faso and Moldova were the 29th and 30th countries to ratify the convention, which will become binding international law on 11 Aug, Human Rights Watch said in a release on Tuesday.

The Convention on Cluster Munitions was opened for signatures in December 2008; 30 ratifications were necessary for it to become binding, HRW said. The 2008 Convention on Cluster Munitions prohibits the use, production and shipment of cluster munitions, provides deadlines for clearing affected areas and destroying cluster munition stockpiles and requires assistance be given to victims, HRW said.

"The short time it took to reach this milestone shows that governments have a strong desire never to see these terrible weapons used again," said Steve Goose, HRW arms division director and Cluster Munition Coalition co-chairman. "But every signatory needs to ratify, and those who haven't signed need to come on board to keep more civilian lives and limbs from being needlessly lost." —Internet

A destroyed building in Marjah, Helmand Province, south of Kabul, Afghanistan seen on 17 Feb, 2010.

INTERNET

Saudi Arabia arrests al-Qaeda-linked suspect

RIYADH, 18 Feb — Saudi security authorities have arrested a al-Qaeda-linked suspect in the western province of Yanbu, the Interior Ministry said on Wednesday. Ahmed Quteim al-Huzali was the No 10 on a list of 85 wanted militants published by the Gulf Arab kingdom last year, an Interior Ministry spokesman was quoted by the state-run SPA news agency as saying.

"The security apparatus is taking all measures necessary that will lead to tracking down all the wanted men, arresting them and bringing them to justice," said the unidentified security spokesman. Yet, the spokesman said that there is still a chance for the remaining militants to surrender and "return to the right path." If they do so, it will be taken into consideration when they are under interrogation, he said. —Xinhua

Israel says no proof it carried out Dubai killing

JERUSALEM, 18 Feb — Israel's Foreign Minister said on Wednesday the use of the identities of foreign-born Israelis by a hit squad suspected of killing a Hamas militant in Dubai did not prove the Mossad spy agency assassinated him. Britain summoned the Israeli ambassador to a meeting on Thursday to explain how several British citizens living in Israel found their passport details used by the alleged killers.

"There is no reason to think that it was the Israeli Mossad and not some other intelligence service or country up to some mischief," Israeli Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman told Army Radio when asked about the operation and alleged passport subterfuge. But Lieberman did not deny outright Israeli involvement in the killing of Hamas's Mahmoud al-Mabhouh in a Dubai hotel last month, saying Israel has a "policy of ambiguity" on intelligence matters and there was no proof it was behind the assassination. — Internet

Pakistani policemen search a vehicle at a security checkpoint in Karachi on 16 February. — INTERNET



Toyota to recall Corolla?

BEIJING, 18 Feb — First it was gas pedals, then brakes.

Now Toyota and the US government are looking into complaints that the popular Corolla is difficult to steer straight.

Reuters reported that US safety regulators will launch a formal investigation of steering complaints in certain newer model Toyota Motor Corp Corolla vehicles, for the National Highway Traffic

Safety Administration has received more than 150 complaints about possible steering problems in 2009 and 2010 Corolla models.

Xinhua



ZTE, Telefonica to launch "Movistar" handsets in Latin America

BARCELONA, 18 Feb — The Chinese communication giant ZTE Corporation and Spanish telecom operator Telefonica announced on Wednesday that a full range of "Movistar" branded handsets will be launched in 12 Latin American countries this year. The two companies have signed an agreement for ZTE to manufacture the above handsets exclusively available for Telefonica in Latin America, in their first strategic cooperation in the handsets space.

The handsets will be available during 2010 starting in the second quarter in Mexico, Colombia, Venezuela, Peru, Ecuador, Argentina, Uruguay, Chile, Guatemala, El Salvador, Panama and Nicaragua. "Consumers in Latin America are becoming increasingly demanding and have specific requirements in terms of handset design and desired features," said Luis Miguel Gilperez, director of Mobile Business, Telefonica Internacional.

"By customizing a complete range of handsets, ZTE will enable Telefonica to meet the requirements of its Latin American customers and further build the Movistar brand," he said.

ZTE is the world's 6th largest mobile phone manufacturer and the world's second largest supplier of data cards.

By the end of last year, the company had cooperated with eight of the world's top 10 operators in the handsets space.

Xinhua

Deal nears to save European military plane

PARIS, 18 Feb — Airbus parent EADS looked close on Wednesday to clinching a long-awaited deal with European governments to rescue the A400M military transport plane, boosting its shares and lifting a shadow from over 10,000 jobs.

EADS is ready to give broad backing to a package of multinational support worth 3.5 billion euros (3 billion pounds) to bail out the loss-making project, a source familiar

with the matter said. An agreement in principle should be finalized, the source said.

"It is 90 percent okay. The basics are there. It clarifies things a lot," the source said, asking not to be identified because the talks remain confidential. A second source with knowledge of the matter said EADS and buyers were still in talks over the plane, but characterized

these now as a "clarification" exercise rather than negotiation.

This source said EADS would back the take-it-or-leave-it deal offered by seven nations, but declined to give a timetable and cautioned that final details were among the most complex. An EADS spokesman declined to comment on its response to the offer and said it was still being studied.

Internet

Singapore, US to develop pixel micromirror for high definition display

SINGAPORE, 18 Feb — A Singapore research institute on Thursday partnered Silicon Quest Inc, a US-based company to de-

velop the world's smallest pixel micromirror array device for high definition display.

The Institute of Micro-

electronics, a research institute of Singapore's Agency for Science, Technology and Research, will develop the technology platform for the vertical silicon-based hinges that support the micromirrors in collaboration with the US firm, a statement by the institute said.

These micromirrors, which form the image on a display screen by reflecting the incident light in a controlled manner with an applied voltage, will be used in digital projectors, viewfinders and exposure systems.

The current collaboration aims to develop a 2-megapixel micromirror array device. — Xinhua

Japan's crude steel production increases on year in January

TOKYO, 18 Feb — Japan's production of crude steel increased by 36.8 percent in January, the Japan Iron and Steel Federation said on Thursday. The rise is the third in as many months.

Production of crude steel for Japan stood at 8.72 million tons for the month, a 2.5 percent drop on December's output. Pig iron production also rose by 23.4 percent compared to the previous year, with 6.78 million tons produced in January. — Xinhua

Indonesian floods inundated part of Jakarta, East, West Java

JAKARTA, 18 Feb — Flood waters have inundated western and eastern parts of Indonesia's key island of Java on Thursday with the deepest level of 3 meters in the capital city recorded in East Jakarta, a local media reported here. The deepest flood occurred in Kampung Pulo, East Jakarta located in the bank of Ciliwung, the landmark river that lined the capital city.

The flooding forced residents to abandon their work for the day because they needed to evacuate and rescue their valuables.

However, parents decided that their children should attend school where it would be safer because the building was not flooded. Some people had gone to shelters, but some others chose to stay in their homes, fearing that their belongings could be looted.

In Indramayu, West Java, hundreds of houses and hectares of shrimp farms were flooded after the Cimanuk river dam burst due to heavy rain, which has been falling since Wednesday afternoon. The residents of Jatibarang and Pilang Sari

tried to stop the water using sandbags, but were unsuccessful.

In Bojonegoro, East Java, four hours of rain caused hundreds of houses to flood. The one meter high flood affected four villages. Most residents chose to stay in their homes and wait for the water to recede. The Indonesian Red Cross (PMI) was prepared to handle the yearly flood, said Jusuf Kalla on the sidelines of his meeting with lawmakers at the Commission IX in the parliament.

Internet

Indonesia will no longer renew LNG export contracts

JAKARTA, 18 Feb — Indonesian government may no longer extend the existing liquefied natural gas (LNG) contracts in the future to meet the surge in the domestic demand, a local media reported here

on Thursday. "It has been agreed (within the government) that the national interest is number one," Industry Minister Muhammad S Hidayat was quoted by the *Jakarta Post* as saying on the sidelines of an industry ministry coordination meeting on Wednesday.

"So (we) will stop (ex-

tending) international contracts that have expired and will allocate (the gas) to the domestic market.

The surplus can be exported," he added.

The country's industrial sector has been hit by the acute shortage of natural gas.

Xinhua



EADS staff stand near a life-size scale display of the interior of the Airbus A400M military transport plane, at the EADS display area at the Singapore Airshow.

INTERNET



People wearing masks and splendid garments attend the 2010 Venice Carnival in Venice, Italy, on 16 Feb, 2010. The 2010 Venice Carnival ended on Tuesday, with a grand closing party held on the St Mark's Square. Lots of tourists and local people got their fun during the party.—Xinhua

Philippines among top 10 countries at risk from terrorists

MANILA, 18 Feb—The Philippines is among the top 10 countries in the world most at risk from terrorist attacks, according to global analyst Maplecroft. The Philippines ranked the 10th in Maplecroft's annual Terrorism Risk Index of 162 countries.

The Terrorism Risk Index (TRI) has been developed by Maplecroft for companies to assess terrorism risks to their international assets. Iraq remained the most dangerous country in the world for the second year running. Nearly 4,500 civilians were killed in the war-torn country last year.

Other countries on the list include Afghanistan, Pakistan, Somalia, Lebanon, India, Algeria, Colombia and Thailand. Maplecroft said the global rankings are based on analyses of terrorist incidents every six months for their frequency, intensity and number of victims.—Xinhua

An 8.2-metre optical telescope which forms part of the VLT (Very Large Telescope) at the European Southern Observatory in Chile. Astronomers at the facility have said they had uncovered the oldest stars in our galactic neighborhood thanks to the massive telescope.—INTERNET



China should lead Asia in achieving millennium targets by 2015

MANILA, 18 Feb—China, with its huge resources and success in reducing poverty, should lead developing Asian countries in attaining the Asia-Pacific region's Millennium Development Goals (MDG), a senior official of the United Nations Development Programme said on Wednesday. "China is the champion of the Millennium Development Goals," UNDP Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific Ajay Chhibber told a briefing

after the launch of the regional report entitled "Achieving the Millennium Development Goals in an Era of Global Uncertainty". The report was prepared by the UNDP, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP).

China has been on track in attaining most of its MDG targets including slashing poverty rate from 60 percent to 16 percent in 2005, reducing malnutrition, halting the spread of

HIV and AIDS and providing universal primary education. China has also allocated a quarter of its fiscal stimulus package to social protection programmes such as allocating for low rent housing and improving rural living standards. Chhibber noted that China has set "very important positive example" to other countries who are yet to fulfill their MDG commitments. But more than that, China, owing to its substantial resources, can also help other developing countries attain MDG targets.—Xinhua

UNESCAP ministerial conference in Indonesia to support PPP Projects

JAKARTA, 18 Feb—The Indonesian government hopes that the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) ministerial conference scheduled on 14-17 April will produce a declaration to support the region's public-private partnership (PPP) projects, a minister said here on Wednesday.

The Minister for National Development Planning Armida S Alisjahbana said that Indonesia, like other Asia Pacific countries, has done many things to compose policies and clearer law, to build enlarged financing mechanism and high capability institutions. "That's why we believe that cooperation between Asia Pacific countries will help Indonesia in preparing public-private partnership projects," said Armida.

She said Indonesia has proposed capability enhancement of personnel and institutions, creating a regional infrastructure fund and aligning cooperation network of PPP central unit based on understanding and commitment of Asia Pacific countries.—Xinhua

All Items from Xinhua News Agency

Panama waits for 200,000 A/H1N1 flu vaccine dosages

PANAMA CITY, 18 Feb—Panama waits for 200,000 dosages of vaccines to prevent the A/H1N1 influenza, to arrive before the end of February, chief of Epidemiology of the Panamanian Health Ministry, Gladys Guerrero said on Tuesday.

The purchase of the vaccines was done through the Pan American Health Organization, and it is part of a pack bought by the Panamanian government to be used with the groups of most vulnerable people.

Guerrero said that the first to get these vaccines will be those children un-

der 5 years old, the senior citizens and those patients with chronic diseases. Guerrero said that last year the country received

100,000 vaccines, and 83 percent of them were already used during the first stage of sanitary campaign.—Xinhua

Magnitude 6.5 earthquake jolts China, Russia border

BEIJING, 18 Feb — A magnitude 6.5 earthquake jolted border region between China and Russia on Thursday morning, according to China Earthquake Networks Centre (CNEC). So far no casualties are reported. The CNEC said that the quake struck at 9:13 am. Its epicentre was located at 42.6 de-

grees north Latitude and 130.8 degrees east Longitude, with a depth of 540 km.—Xinhua

A girl gives direction to her father while touring a temple fair to celebrate the Chinese Lunar New Year at a crowded park in Beijing, China, on 18 Feb, 2010.—INTERNET

Israel tightens vice on Gaza Strip, UN reports

UNITED NATIONS, 18 Feb — The ability to bring essential commodities into Gaza was further cut in January by more crossing closures by Israel, the latest United

Nations report said on Wednesday, noting that Gaza has been already under the Israeli blockade which is undermining health care, the economy and rehabilita-

tion after last year's devastating Israeli offensive.

The UN and other humanitarian organizations have repeatedly called on Israel to immediately open all border crossings not only for basic necessities, which it allows in limited amounts, but for the reconstruction material needed to rebuild the scores of buildings destroyed by the offensive, which Israel says it launched to halt rocket attacks by Palestinian militants in Gaza.

Xinhua



S Williams travels to Kenya for new school project

NAIROBI, 18 Feb — Female tennis world number one Serena Williams will visit Kenya for three days next week to inaugurate a school built with her funds and several other partners, local media reported on Thursday.

The school, which is located in Makueni district of eastern Kenya, was built through partnership between Hewlett Packard (HP), one of the world's largest technology firms, and Build African Schools (BAS) initiative — an American non-profit making organization. The school will give chance to hundreds of primary school pupils in the area to continue with their education and an opportunity to pursue secondary school education.— *Xinhua*



Carnival revellers dressed as "Peliqueiros" are seen in a street in Spain's northwestern village of Laza on 16 Feb, 2010.— XINHUA

TV chef dropped in the stew for cat casserole dish

ROME, 18 Feb — A top Italian food presenter has been suspended indefinitely from the country's version of 'Ready Steady Cook' for recommending stewed cat to viewers as a

"succulent dish". RAI, the public broadcasting network, said that it had dropped Beppe Bigazzi (77), for offering the recipe on 'La Prova del Cuoco' ('The Proof of the Cook'), which is broadcast at midday on the main channel.

Its switchboard was inundated with complaints from viewers and animal rights groups.

Mr Bigazzi said that 'casserole of cat' was a famous dish in his home region of Valdarno, in Tuscany.

"I've eaten it myself and it's a lot better than many other animals," he told viewers. "Better than chicken, rabbit or pigeon."

He said that for optimum flavour the meat should be "soaked in spring water for three days" before being stewed.

Elisa Isoardi, the programme's presenter — tried to steer Mr Bigazzi off the subject.

Internet

China's high-speed railways hit 3,300 km

BEIJING, 18 Feb — China's operational high-speed railways have exceeded 3,300 kilometres, leading the world in both length and technologies, the Ministry of Railways said on its official website on Thursday. Last year China finished two high-speed railways between Wuhan-Guangzhou and Zhengzhou-Xi'an, with an operating speed of 350 km/h. Before that, China had built high-speed railways between some of its major cities, including Beijing-Tianjin, Shijiazhuang-Taiyuan, Qingdao-Jinan, Hefei-Wuhan and Hefei-Nanjing.

A number of new high-speed railways are being built and will be finished in the coming few years, of which the Beijing-Shanghai line has a length of 1,318 km and a designed travel speed of 350 km/h. Construction of the line started in April 2008 and would finish in around five years.

It would cut travel times between the two cities to only five hours from about 12 hours. China's railway links had expanded to 86,000 kilometres by the end of 2009, the world's second longest only after the United States.

Railway passengers topped a record 1.53 billion last year. Cargo transportation hit 3.32 billion tonnes, according to the ministry.— *Xinhua*

NASA releases first images of WISE

LOS ANGELES, 18 Feb — NASA on Wednesday released the first images of cosmic characters from the Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer, or WISE. "These first images are proving the spacecraft's secondary mission of helping to track asteroids, comets and other stellar objects will be just as critically important as its primary mission of surveying the entire sky in infrared," said Ed Weiler, associate administrator of the Science Mission Directorate

at NASA Headquarters in Washington.

The images revealed a glowing comet, a star-forming cloud, a new view of the Andromeda galaxy and a dense galaxy cluster. "We've got a candy store of images coming down from space," said Edward (Ned) Wright, the principal investigator for WISE. "Everyone has their favourite flavors, and we've got them all." Launched in December, WISE began its scan of the entire sky in infrared light on 14 Jan.

Since then, the space telescope has beamed back more than a quarter of a million raw, infrared images. NASA processed several of them for the public.

During its survey, the mission is expected to find perhaps dozens of comets, including some that ride along in orbits that take them somewhat close to Earth's path around the sun. WISE will help unravel clues locked inside comets about how our solar system came to be.— *Xinhua*

Malaria, bone diseases killed King Tut

Egypt's King Tutankhamun likely died from malaria and a degenerative bone disease, a German study has found.

Researchers at the Institute of Human Genetics at the University of Tübingen reported on Tuesday the boy king likely did not suffer from gynecomastia, the excessive development of breasts in men resulting from a hormonal imbalance, despite the pictorials found in his tomb, *The New York Times* reported.

The results, published in the *Jour-*

nal of the American Medical Association, are part of a study of a number of mummies, all of whom suffered from a number of deformities, including club foot, cleft palate and deformed bones.

The study found no evidence of foul play or such diseases as Marfan syndrome.

King Tut, known as the boy king, died at age 19 around 1324 BC. The study found he suffered from Kohler disease II, along with avascular bone necrosis, which leads to serious weakening or destruction of bone tissue because of diminished blood supply.

Ancient copper workshop big find in Ill

Archaeology professors have discovered in Illinois what they said appears to be a coppersmiths' workshop from the American Stone Age.

Ancient Mississippian-era hammered-copper decorations, including headdress ornaments, jewellery and clothing embellishments, have been unearthed near the Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site in Collinsville, the *Bellville News-Democrat* reported on Tuesday.

The site was the location of Cahokia, a large, prehistoric city of perhaps 20,000 inhabitants, the *News-Democrat* said.



Brides participate in a mass wedding ceremony in Goyang, South Korea, on 17 Feb, 2010. The Unification Church organized the biggest mass wedding in a decade, which about 14,000 people around the world attended.

NEWS ALBUM

Birth on Bolivian plane; baby gets free flights

A Bolivian airline is giving free flights to a child born on one of its airliners.

Spokesman Jerry Holters says the girl was born two weeks early as the Transportes Aereos Militares plane headed toward La Paz at an altitude of 24,000 feet on Sunday. A doctor and a nurse who were passengers on the flight helped out.

Holters says the military-run commercial airline known as TAM will give the child free domestic flights until she reaches age 21. She'll also get a scholarship through high school at a Bolivian Air Force school.



Lolo, a black Jaguar, plays with her newborn spotted cub inside their cage at Jordan's zoo in Yaduda on 16 Feb, 2010. The two-month-old cub made his first public appearance on Tuesday after being born to Lolo and Falah, who originate from South America.



A replica of the death mask of Egyptian pharaoh Tutankhamun is on display in 2009 at an exhibition in southern Germany. Tutankhamun had a club foot, walked with a cane and was killed by malaria, a study that harnessed modern genetic testing and computer technology to lift a veil on the secrets of ancient Egypt showed.



Local sculptors sculpt the Maori canoe in Rotorua, New Zealand, on 18 Feb., 2010. The New Zealand government held a ceremony on Thursday to give a Maori canoe as a gift of 2010 Shanghai Expo to China.—XINHUA

Driver jumped out of train before disaster

BRUSSELS, 18 Feb — The driver of the Belgian commuter train that missed a red light and crashed into an oncoming express train, killing 18 people, was found sobbing by rescuers after he jumped from his cabin just before impact.

The 32-year-old, named only as Robin, frantically sounded his locomotive's whistle and hit the brake before he scrambled away from his cab down the train's corridor.

Luciaan Spiessens, a retired station manager at Buizingen, a suburban station outside Brussels where the crash happened in Monday's rush hour, described the driver's desperate efforts to avert the disaster. Mr Spiessens was a passenger in the first carriage of the commuter train travelling from Leuven, which struck the Mons to Liege express.—Internet

Improved medical technology helps prolong Americans' lives

LOS ANGELES, 18 Feb — Americans live longer due in large part to the surging use of improved medical technology, according to a national report released on Wednesday. Advanced medical technology also drives down rates of major killers such as heart disease and cancer, said the annual report issued by the US National Center for Health Statistics, part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Americans are living longer than ever before — 77.9 years on average, according to the report.

Improved medical technology has become a driving force of the nation's medical system.—Xinhua

Death toll rises to 9 in Ramadi suicide car bombing

RAMADI, 18 Feb — The death toll of suicide car bomb attack in western Iraqi city of Anbar on Thursday rose to nine, while 15 people were injured, a provincial police source said. "The latest reports said nine people were killed and 15 injured by the suicide car bomb attack in Ramadi," the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity. Four policemen were among the killed and four

others were among the wounded, the source said.

Earlier, the source put the toll at six killed and 10 injured. The attack occurred at about 11:00 a.m. (0800 GMT) when a suicide car bomber struck a police and Iraqi army checkpoint near the provincial government office in central Ramadi, some 100 km west of Baghdad, the source added.

Iraqi security forces

sealed off the scene while dozens of them deployed in the surrounding area and blocked the main roads leading to the scene, the source said. Anbar province which has been relatively calm in the past few years after Sunni tribes and anti-US insurgent groups turned to co-operate with the US troops and Iraqi security forces against al-Qaida in Iraq network. —Xinhua

Lebanon asks France to end Israeli threats

BEIRUT, 18 Feb — Lebanese President Michel Suleiman on Wednesday called on France to interfere and exert pressure on Israel to put an end to its threats against Lebanon. Lebanese President's office announced in a statement that when meeting with visiting French senate President Gerard Larcher, Suleiman spoke about the issue of Israeli threats which constitute a clear

violation of resolution 1701 and which affect the country's interests on economic and investment levels.

Suleiman also stressed Lebanon's determination to implement UN Resolution 1701, which ended the 2006 war between Israel and the Lebanese armed group Hizbollah. Tensions between Israel and Lebanon have raised in recent weeks, as Israel said Lebanese govern-

ment would hold responsibility for any violence along the border, while Hizbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah said on Tuesday that the group would retaliate Jewish state's infrastructure if Lebanon's were attacked.

Xinhua

UN report urges greater green efforts in Latin America, Caribbean

UNITED NATIONS, 18 Feb — A new United Nations report on Wednesday called for greater efforts to advance environmentally sustainable development in Latin America and the Caribbean, a region that has witnessed the constant reduction of forest areas and the sustained increase of carbon dioxide emissions, UN officials said here.

According to the report, entitled "Millennium Development Goals: Advances in Environmentally Sustainable Development in Latin America and the Caribbean," the rate of deforestation in the region is double the global average, said the officials.

Xinhua



A Qantas jet is seen at the international terminal of Sydney's airport on 18 Feb, 2010. Australia's national carrier, Qantas Airways Ltd, upset investors with an uncertain outlook, dashing hopes for a resumption of dividends and sending its stock skidding to a two-month low.—INTERNET

LA to host biggest travelling show of mummies

LOS ANGELES, 18 Feb — Hollywood horror film lovers now have a chance to take a close look at the real mummies in Los Angeles beginning this summer as the city is chosen to host the first and the largest global travelling exhibition of preserved human bodies, the Ameri-

can Exhibition Inc said on Wednesday.

Sponsored by the American Exhibition Inc, the show will begin on 1 July at the California Science Centre as part of the three-year tour that also

descend at museums and science centres in six other prominent cities in the United States and is expected to attract a record-breaking attendance.

Xinhua



Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) expert shows an unexploded World War II vintage Japanese bomb and other explosives found in one of the archaeological diggings on 18 Feb, 2010 at Manila's Intramuros walled city, Philippines. The government is rebuilding the famous Spanish walled city which were used by Japanese during WWII.—INTERNET

Mongnai-Kengtung railroad...

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While in Mongton, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing presented publications and cash for the fund of library at the office of the township Information and Public Relations Department. After giving instructions on regional development, he urged officials to make a plan to widen the scope of knowledge of local people by offering more publications.

Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing called for successful realization of regional development tasks in meeting with officials, social organization members and local people at Thiri Yadana Hall in Monghsat.



At Women's Vocational Training School in Monghsat, Lt-Gen Min

Aung Hlaing observed learning of trainees at basic tailoring and knitting

courses, and presented cash for the fund of the school.

MNA

Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing visiting library of Information and Public Relations Department in Mongton.—MNA

Commander's visit to tea nursery, summer paddy plantation

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Feb — Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin inspected tea nursery at Me Pauk village-tract in Nay Pyi Taw Pynmana

Township and summer paddy plantation at Gamontaung village, and attended the opening of new building for rural health center this morning.

After delivering an address at BEPS (9), the commander handed over cash awards and CDMA telephones to responsible persons.

MNA

Labutta establishes buffalo farm

YANGON, 17 Feb—A Buffalo Breeding Farm was established in Labutta Township recently. A total of 10-acre pasture land is being nurtured there. The plan is underway to

breed about 300 buffalos at the farm for satisfying the cattle demand of agriculture sector.

Dr Aung Gyi, Deputy Director-General of Livestock Breeding and

Veterinary Department, together with officials of the department, looked into Buffalo Breeding Farm in Labutta on 13 February.

MNA



Fire fighting course No. 5/2009 was opened at Mandalay Division Fire Services Department on 29th Street in Chanayethazan Township on 5 February. The Commanding Officer of Auxiliary Fire Battalion Commander of Township Police Force speaking at opening ceremony of the training course. — NLM

Water, Water everywhere in arid zone

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Feb — In order to meet the instruction given by the Prime Minister on his inspection tour of Mandalay Division in August 2009, new tube wells were opened yesterday separately at Intaw, North Kanlun and Kanthaya villages in

Kyaukpadaung Township where local people once lived with water stress.

The Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs made all-out efforts for supply of safe drinking water to 3500 dwellers of the villages.

Chairman of

Mandalay Division PDC Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe and Deputy Minister for PBANRDA Col Tin Ngwe opened the tube wells and cordially conversed with those who were there to enjoy water sufficiency.

MNA

Repaved roads emerge one after another in Tamway

YANGON, 18 Feb—Maugon Lankye in Maugon Ward of Tamway Township was repaved as an asphalt concrete and inaugurated recently.

Tamway Township of Yangon is making preparations for upgrading the roads to AC facility on 164th street and Sethmu

Yadana street. In Thingangyun Township, tarmacking of a road linking the ring road around Youth Training Centre of Thuwunna and construction of

Khunnapinle Creek RC Bridge are in progress. Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin made an inspection tour of the two townships on 16 February.—MNA

Leadership and Management for Medical Professionals on 22 Feb

YANGON, 18 Feb—To uplift efficiency of

medical professionals, the Project Management Unit of Myanmar Medical Association will conduct the Basic Course on Leadership and Management for Medical Professionals at its hall of No. 249 on Theinbyu Road in Mingala Taungnyunt Township on 22 February noon.

Those wishing to join the course may enlist at MMA, Tel: 380899 and 394141 (extension 119).—MNA

MTEA to organize AGM

YANGON, 18 Feb—Myanmar Timber Entrepreneurs Association plans to organize the 16th Annual General Meeting at its office in Nay Pyi Taw Uttarathiri on 5 March.

To attend the meeting, members of the association and companies may enlist at the office of the association at 29, Min Ye Kyawswa Road in Lanmadaw Township, not later than 12 noon on 3 March.

The attendees in two groups for the meeting will leave here by car at 1 pm on 4 March and 3 am on 5 March.—MNA

Ways and means sought to prevent...

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Also present at the meeting were Secretary of the Committee Judge Ad-

vocate-General Lt-Gen Soe Maung and members deputy ministers, the Deputy Chief Justice, the

Deputy Attorney-General, senior military officers and guests.

MNA

Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thura Myint Aung addresses the 9th coordination meeting of Committee for Prevention against Recruitment of Minors for Military Services.

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

Dagon Myothit (North) gets library

YANGON, 18 Feb—AyonU Library was opened in Ward 37 of Dagon Myothit (North) Township on 12 February to broaden the horizon of local people. Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Hla Hla Htay gave talks about development of the library and its durability.

On the occasion, wellwishers donated periodicals and books to the library.

MNA

New concrete roads inaugurated in Insein, Hline Townships

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Feb—Honouring the 63rd Anniversary Union Day, the opening of new concrete roads were held in conjunction with a

ceremony to launch the transformer at the designated places in Taungthugon Ward in Insein Township on 12 February.

Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin opened the new roads and inspected them.

He sprinkled scented water on stone inscriptions of the roads.

Next, the mayor, together with officials, opened two concrete roads

namely Aungmyitta concrete road and 1st Aungmyitta Street in Ward 1 in Hline Township of Yangon West District.—MNA

Yesagyo to produce abundant...

(from page 1)

Water is essential for undertaking cultivation of summer crops.

In the arid region of the nation, the farmers use natural water sources in growing monsoon crops when the raining season is over.

Cold season crops are cultivated as double cropping pattern on the farmlands maintaining moisture after monsoon crops have been harvested. Therefore, the



Cold season groundnut plantation thriving at field No. 111.



Photo shows 45-day old mung bean and sunflower mixed cropping plantations at field No. 111.

farmers need to spend less for cultivation. The alluvial lands are the best for cold season crops.

Yesagyo Township of Magway Division grows 26 kinds of cold season crops, namely edible oil crops, beans and pulses, maize, kitchen crops and others.

The township has cultivated 137,522 acres of cold season crops against the target of 145,017 acres in 2009-2010. Therefore, the township is striving for exceeding the target of crops cultivation this year.

A total of 40 vil-

lage-tracts located in the alluvial lands of the township are reliable areas in cultivation of crops.

During my visit, I asked Assistant Officer Ko Teza of Township Settlement and Land Records Department to know the sown acreage and cold season crops at the field No. 111 in Nyaungdaw Village-tract. He explained that at field No. 111, a total of 529 acres of land is put under beans and pulses, 375 acres under cold season groundnut, 125 acres under corn, 620 acres under cold season sunflower as mixed

cropping, 50 acres under niger, 310 acres under kitchen crops, 133 acres under vegetables, 22 acres under other crops and 60 acres as pasture land.

I saw thriving one-month-old crops plantation. In the near future, beans and green grocery brokerages would be packed with sellers and buyers. Likewise, the local consumers can buy fresh vegetables and kitchen crops at Yesagyo Myoma Market in the near future.

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Dy Transport Minister receives Executive Director of Asia-Europe Foundation



Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung receives Executive Director of Asia-Europe Foundation Ambassador Mr Dominique Girard.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Feb—Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung received Executive Director of Asia-Europe Foundation Ambassador Mr

Dominique Girard at the meeting hall here this morning.

Also present on the occasion were Director-General U Win Pe of Transport Department,

Director-General U Hla Myint Thein (Attached) of Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems and officials.

MNA

Deputy Minister undertakes religious affairs in Chin State

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Feb—In meeting with officials from six religious associations in Kanpetlet of Chin State on 10 February, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura

Aung Ko provided necessary assistances.

On 11 February, he met with responsible persons of religious associations in Kanpetlet Township. On 12 February, he paid homage

to Ngarawkyin missionary sayadaw in Ngarawkyin village and offers provisions.

From 14 to 16 February, he visited villages of Mindat Township.—MNA

Cash donations for annual meeting of MWAFF

YANGON, 18 Feb — A ceremony to contribute K 38.27 million to the fund of organizing the annual general meeting-2009 of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation by 37 wellwishers took place at the meeting hall of MWAFF in Bahan Township on 16 February.

Patrons and the president of the

federation accepted cash donations and presented certificates of honour to wellwishers and Asia World Co. who gave helping hands in transportation.

Next, MWAFF President Dr Daw Myint Kyi spoke words of thanks.

MNA

Basic Tailoring Course on 1 March

YANGON, 18 Feb—The Basic Tailoring Course No. 1/2010, conducted by Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, will be opened at No. 005 on 5th floor of Building-P on Setyon

Road between Sabei Road and Aungthabye Road in Mingala Taungnyunt Township on 1 March.

The course limits to admit 20 trainees. Those wishing to join the course may contact KSS

Nathokda Biriani Shop at 101 on Setyon Road of Thayagon Ward in Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Tel: 203289, not later than 28 February.

MNA

Gyaing (Kawkareik) River crossing Pontoon Bridge put into service

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Feb—The Gyaing (Kawkareik) River crossing Pontoon Bridge was inaugurated yesterday morning.

Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe together with officials formally opened the archway of the bridge.

The pontoon bridge, 300 feet north of Hpa-an-

Myawady Road and Gyaing (Kawkareik) Bailey Suspension Bridge in Hpa-an Township, has a 629 feet long main bridge with 2400 feet long approach on Kyondo bank and 2200 approach road on Hpa-an bank. It has 13 feet and 7 inches wide motor way. It is a steel pontoon bridge. Its clearance is 4.5 feet high

and 12 feet wide. The facility can withstand 60-ton loads.

After attending the opening ceremony, the deputy minister checked maintenance of Gyaing (Kawkareik) bailey suspension bridge, Gyaing (Zathabyin) bridge, Attayan Bridge and Thanlwin (Mawla-mine).—MNA

Seeing is believing:...



Neat and tidy road in Muse.

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We then proceeded to Hsenwi and saw border goods inspection gate before reaching Hsenwi. The gate is called hot spring inspection gate. Hsenwi is surrounded by many acres of farm lands. It is a beautiful town with Shan mountain ranges in the distance. We arrived at Kutkai which

is about 15 miles away from Hsenwi. However, we had to pass many mountains before reaching Kutkai.

We saw express buses and vans plying from Mandalay as well as lorries on Lashio-Muse Union road. We arrived at Mongyu before reaching Muse. Mongyu is a village in which Muse 105th mile border trade

camp is located. Lorries have to stop at the camp. At the camp, goods from Myanmar are to be loaded onto lorries from China. And goods from China are to be loaded onto lorries from Myanmar too.

In Muse, we visited Muse Township Peace and Development Council Office and had an interview with

chairman of Muse Township SPDC, U Mya Han.

He said that the town is a border town sharing border with China. It is formed with nine wards and a district town. It is surrounded by Gongyan township in the east, Kutkai in the south, Namkham in the west and China in the north. Mongko and Manhero also include in Muse Township. Mongko is formed with seven wards and Manhero, with three wards.

The major livelihood of the region is

agriculture. Paddy, beans and pulses, corns, tea and coffee are grown in the region. There are five Basic Education High Schools, two BEHS (Branch), two BEMS (Branch), two BEMS (branch), 44 BEPS, four BEPS (branch), 12 post-primary schools. In Muse, roads are good. We saw three-wheeled motorcycles running for transportation and beautiful motor cars that are from China. The place where Muse market and clock tower are located is busier than any other ones. In the

markets, we saw farm produce from Shan State, clothing shops and stores.

In Muse, one can see beautiful houses, buildings, hotels and motels. Muse is becoming developed in parallel with Jwekhaung in the south of China.

Nowadays, Muse has become a border tourism town due to better transport, being developed into a border trade town and economic development.

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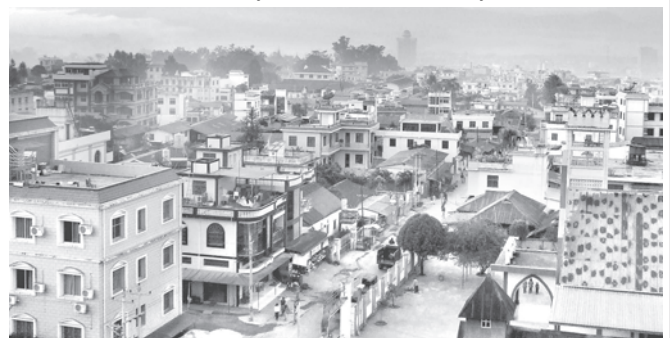


Photo shows a view of Muse.

Brain control can be a neural workout

SEATTLE, 18 Feb—University of Washington scientists say they've discovered interacting with brain-computer interfaces can produce stronger brain signals.

The research team, consisting of computer scientists, physicists, physiologists and neurosurgeons, said harnessing brain signals to control keyboards, robots or prosthetic devices is an active area of medical research. And

now they've discovered a human brain hooked up to a computer shows the two can quickly adapt to each other — possibly to the brain's benefit.

The scientists said they studied signals on the brain's surface while a person used imagined movements to control a cursor and found that watching a cursor respond to one's thoughts prompts brain signals to become stronger than those gener-

ated in day-to-day life.

"Bodybuilders get muscles that are larger than normal by lifting weights," said doctoral student Kai Miller, the study's lead author. "We get brain activity that's larger than normal by interacting with brain-computer interfaces. By using these interfaces, patients create super-active populations of brain cells."

Internet



Snakes are draped on a woman's body during a performance at the Ditan Temple Fair held to celebrate the Lunar New Year in Beijing on 18 Feb, 2010.

INTERNET

Mitsubishi Motors Corp President Osamu Masuko smiles as he introduces the Japanese automaker's new compact crossover RVR in Tokyo, Japan, on 17 Feb, 2010.



Aspirin cuts breast cancer survivors' risk

BOSTON, 18 Feb—Taking an aspirin two days a week significantly reduced breast cancer survivors' risk of metastasis — cancer spread — and death, US researchers said.

Dr Michelle D Holmes of the Channing Laboratory at Harvard and Brigham and Women's

Hospital in Boston, and colleagues found an aspirin at least two days a week significantly reduced breast cancer death risk by 64 percent to 71 percent, *Medpage Today* reported on Tuesday.

The analysis included responses from 4,164 female registered nurses di-

agnosed with early stage breast cancer from 1976-2002 with follow-up through death or June 2006. Holmes said aspirin use assessments in the first year after the breast cancer diagnosis were excluded since the drug is discouraged during chemotherapy.

For the women who survived for more than a year after diagnosis, those who used aspirin more were less likely to subsequently die from breast cancer, the study said.

The findings, published in the *Journal of Clinical Oncology*, were "all the more notable because the Nurses' Health Study did not find an association between aspirin use and breast cancer incidence."

Internet

New device aims to hike solar power output

WASHINGTON, 18 Feb—Amid a global scramble to invest in solar power as a viable renewable energy option, pressure is mounting on manufacturers to maximize electricity output with minimum outlay.

Mitsubishi Electric Corporation announced it has developed the world's first technology to maximize output power in photovoltaic systems in poor weather conditions.

Mitsubishi said the PV systems' output would be enhanced through the inclusion of a new maximum power-point tracking system in PV inverters.

The technology, which works with a single PV inverter, achieves the maximum power point even when part of a PV array is hidden by shadow or dust, Mitsubishi said. Solar power as a renewable energy of the future has gained ground worldwide but with its popular-

ity pressure has built on both energy producers and plant manufacturers to extract maximum results at minimum cost. Industry analysts said solar energy output and cost efficiency increasingly would depend on the quality of equipment supplied.

Internet

Hormone therapy increases heart risk

BETHESDA, 18 Feb—Analyses from the Women's Health Initiative confirm combination hormone therapy increases heart disease risk, US researchers said.

Researchers from the Harvard School of Public Health and the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute re-analyzed data from the landmark Women's Health Initiative clinical trial of the effects of combination hormone therapy — progesterin in combination with estrogen — in 16,608 post-menopausal women with an intact uterus, ages 50-79 years at enrollment.

The study, published in the *Annals of Internal Medicine*, found a trend toward an increased risk of heart disease during the first two years of hormone therapy among women who began therapy within 10 years of menopause, and a more marked elevation of risk among women who began hormone therapy more than 10 years after menopause.

"Today, most women who take hormone therapy for menopausal symptoms begin therapy shortly after menopause.

Internet

Peru's Inca ruins site to reopen in April

LIMA, 18 Feb—Machu Picchu, a renowned ancient Inca ruins site, will reopen to the public from April, Peru's Minister of Trade Martin Perez announced on Tuesday.

"From 1st April we hope to receive millions of tourists who have always come to Cusco", the minister said after highlighting the progress of the railway rehabilitation that was damaged by heavy rains in Cusco Province.

Perez said that the level of Vilcanota River has decreased to its normality, and this situation has allowed the work to continue.

The access to Machu Picchu has been restricted until April because of the repairing work, he said.

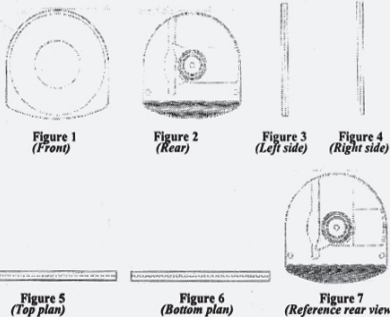
However, the minister stressed that despite the torrential rains which caused flooding and great losses to the tourism sector in southern Peru, the famous Inca City is still intact.—Xinhua



A view of the village of Aguas Calientes with the flooded Vilcanota River, near Machu Picchu archaeological site in Cuzco, Peru on 28 Jan. Heavy flooding in southern Peru, which trapped thousands of tourists visiting the Inca city of Machu Picchu, has killed 20 and left at least five missing, Peru's Civil Defence force said on Saturday.—INTERNET

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Bus crash in India kills 22

NEW DELHI, 18 Feb—A bus loaded with people travelling to a wedding fell into a river on Wednesday in India's northern Uttar Pradesh state, killing at least 22 people, police said. Thirty other passengers were injured in the incident in the village of Maharajpura in the Jalaun District, the *Times of India-IANS* reported.

Police said the bus plunged in the Pahuj River shortly after midnight while using a makeshift bridge. "We believe now no one is trapped inside the bus."—*Internet*

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

500,000 people vaccinated against A/H1N1 flu in Mexican capital

MEXICO CITY, 18 Feb—At least 500,000 residents of Mexico City have got vaccinated against the A/H1N1 flu, the city's health official told media on Wednesday. The city has launched a vaccination campaign in the main stations of its metro, light railway and its largest markets.

Armando Ahued, head of Mexico's health department, urged the residents to get vaccinated because a series of cold spells were passing over the city raising risks for respiratory illnesses, including the A/H1N1 virus.

The A/H1N1 flu had killed 780 people and infected more than 67,200 others in the country till the end of 2009 since its outbreak in mid-April. —*Xinhua*

Three dead in small plane crash in US state of California

SAN FRANCISCO, 18 Feb — A small plane crashed on Wednesday morning in a residential neighbourhood in East Palo Alto in the US state of California, killing three people on board, local media reported.

A house was damaged in the crash and the plane also destroyed three cars, but there were no reports of injuries on the ground, the *San Francisco Chronicle* newspaper said in a report on its website.

The plane was a twin-engine *Cessna 310* that had taken off from Palo Alto Airport and was bound for Hawthorne Municipal Airport in Los Angeles County, Ian Gregor, a spokesman for the US Federal Aviation Administration, was quoted as saying.

The cause of the crash was not immediately known, but there were reports that the plane hit an electrical tower or wires on takeoff, causing power outages in the area. —*Xinhua*

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV RATHA BHUM VOY NO (510)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV RATHA BHUM VOY NO (510) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 19.2.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S VARAMAR**

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA RESTU VOY NO (011) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 19.2.2010 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 Claims Day.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S ADVANCE CONTAINER
LINES**

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV INTAN VOY NO (02/10)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV INTAN VOY NO (02/10) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 19.2.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W (2) where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S KM INTERTRANS**

Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

US airports to use new flexible explosives screeners

WASHINGTON, 18 Feb—US aviation security authorities will begin using portable screeners at airports to check for explosives from passengers and their carry-on bags, the *USA TODAY* reported on Wednesday. Sterling Payne, spokeswoman of US Transportation Security Administration (TSA), said that the portable machines have already been tested at five

airports after the failed Christmas bombing attempts and will be rolled out nationwide in a few weeks.

The explosives detectors are usually fixed at airport checkpoints. Screeners take chemical swabs from passengers and their bags to check for explosives under sensors, which are so sensitive that even passengers who have recently taken heart pills containing nitroglycerin

can ring the alarm. It marks the first time that explosives screeners, whose size is like a microwave oven, will be used outside checkpoints. Screeners can use those machines to take random checks on passengers waiting in lines for boarding an airplane.

The new explosives screeners will fill the security hole under current metal detectors widely used at all airports. —*Xinhua*

23 taken to hospital in US school carbon monoxide incident

WASHINGTON, 18 Feb—Twenty-three students and teachers were taken to a hospital in a US high school carbon monoxide incident on Wednesday, local media reported. The incident occurred at St Thomas Aquinas High School in Derry, New Hampshire.

One student and one teacher fainted when fire officials arrived, and many others also showed symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning, local WMUR-TV reported. The building has been evacuated. Firefighters and ambulances have come to the scene for emergency response. —*Xinhua*



In this handout image released by Yves Marre on 17 February, French sailor Corentin de Chatelperron (centre) prepares to set sail. Chatelperron has set sail from Bangladesh in an "unsinkable" eco-friendly boat partly made of jute in a bid to promote the natural fibre and highlight the plight of Bangladeshi fisherman.— INTERNET

Foot-long surgical tool left in woman's abdomen

IVANCEICE, 18 Feb—Czech medical staff are being disciplined after a foot-long surgical instrument was found in the abdomen of a woman who was operated on five months ago. The patient, 66-year-old Zdenka Kopeckova, repeatedly complained of severe abdominal pain following a gynaecological operation at a hospital in the south-eastern town of Ivanceice.

"I said that nobody helps me and I cannot

live like this till the end of my life. I'll get pills, have a glass of an alcohol and hang myself," she said after the spatula-like instrument was discovered a week ago and successfully removed. Kopeckova is seeking compensation over the error, claiming staff initially tried to cover up the mistake by saying there was nothing they could do but recommend pain killers. "I told the head surgeon that if I had no

pain I would not be complaining. I'm not a hypochondriac," she said, adding she had requested an x-ray but was told this would needlessly expose her to radiation.

Jaromir Hrubec, Ivanceice hospital director, said strict operation procedures should have been followed by medical staff and an unnamed hospital official told Reuters Television that those concerned would be disciplined.

Internet



A cat jumps over ancient Roman ruins in central Rome. Italy has marked "national cat day" amid a storm of controversy over a television host's insistence that feline meat is a "delicacy" to be savoured.— INTERNET

Photographer in the frame over track soaking

WHISTLER, 18 Feb—A photographer caused a delay during a crucial moment of the women's luge competition on Tuesday when he accidentally knelt on a switch that sent water spurting on to the track.

Germany's bronze medalist Natalie Geisenberger was just about to push off for her fourth run down the Whistler course when a red warning light flashed at the starting gate—causing a two-minute delay.

"It was a hold put on the track as a result of a hydrant being accidentally activated, spraying water on the track. It was a obviously a matter of safety for the athlete," race director Ed Moffat said.

Internet

Gardasil protects older women, gay men

WASHINGTON, 18 Feb—Gardasil, the vaccine that protects against the cervical-cancer-causing human papilloma virus, may soon be approved for women over age 27. New clinical trial data involving more than 3,800 women ages 24 to 45 showed that the shot was nearly 90 percent effective at preventing persistent HPV infections—which are sexually transmitted—over the study's four-year duration, according to manufacturer Merck, which released the study today. (The vaccine protects against two strains

of the virus responsible for 70 percent of cervical cancers and two strains that cause genital warts.)

Merck is hoping that the Food and Drug Administration will grant the company permission to expand its product label to include women over 27; it's currently approved only for those ages 9 to 26. The agency deferred a decision on Merck's application for expanded use in June 2008 and again last year. The FDA asked Merck for longer-term efficacy data out to four years, according to Merck spokesperson

Pamela Eisele. She says the company expects an FDA decision by June.

Single women could benefit big time from an expanded approval of this vaccine—especially if they're back on the dating scene after a long hiatus. Many, warned by their doctors against the risk of HPV infections, are currently footing the bill for the \$360 cost of the three injections since insurance usually won't cover vaccines or drugs that doctors administer "off label."

Internet



A woman and two children make their way down a slope on an inflatable tube in Berlin in January 2010. Kids in Berlin are free to make as much din as they like from now on after changes to the city's noise pollution laws which now "tolerate" their racket.— INTERNET

Australian state issues whooping cough warning

CANBERRA, 18 Feb—Queensland Health on Thursday renewed its call for parents and carers of babies to be immunized against whooping cough with the illness still on the rise. More than 700 have been recorded since January this year following the reporting of about 6,000 cases last year. Dr Jeanette Young said whooping cough can be fatal for babies, and parents and carers need to have a booster dose of the vaccine.

"The most important group that we need to look after are young babies because they can't be vaccinated until they're at least two months of age and they don't get full protection until they've had their third shot when they're six months of age," she said. —Xinhua

Suicide car bomber kills six in western Iraq

RAMADI, 18 Feb—At least six were killed and 10 others injured in a suicide car bomb attack on Thursday in Ramadi, the capital of Anbar Province, a provincial police source said. The suicide bomber drove his explosive-laden car into a checkpoint near the provincial government office in central Ramadi, some 100 km west of Baghdad, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity. Most of the victims were civilians as the blast hit several civilian cars at the checkpoint, the source said. Iraqi security forces sealed off the scene while dozens of them deployed in the surrounding area and blocked the main roads leading to the scene, the source said.— Xinhua

Taleban commander killed in N Afghanistan

KABUL, 18 Feb—Afghan troops, during operation against Taleban militants in northern Kunduz Province, eliminated their commander and detained three militants, a local newspaper reported on Thursday. "A Taleban commander called Mullah Zabihullah was killed and three of his armed were arrested," *Daily Afghanistan* reported.

Quoting the provincial governor Mohammad Omar, the newspaper added that security forces raided Taleban hideout in Chardara district Wednesday night as a result Mullah Zabihullah was killed and three of his men were caught.

Xinhua

SPORTS

Europe's giants make last-ditch bid for glory

PARIS, 18 Feb — Italian giants Juventus will take a stab at European glory for the second time this season when they meet Dutch heavyweights Ajax in the first-leg of their Europa League tie on Thursday.

The last 32 clash is a rematch of the 1996 Champions League final, which saw the Italian club triumph over then holders Ajax in a penalty shootout 4-2 after it finished 1-1 at the end of normal time.

With the Amsterdam side nine points off league leaders PSV Eindhoven and Juventus trailing first-placed Inter Milan by 16 points, the Europa League represents their last chance at winning a major title in 2010.

Juve's French midfielder Jonathan Zebina conceded that another Serie A title is out of the club's reach but that his team would give their all to win the trophy. "We have to continue now as the season is still long and there are objectives.

It might not be the Scudetto, but it won't be bad if we win the Europa League," Zebina told the official Juventus website.

Internet

Wenger blames ref over controversial Porto goal

PORTO, 18 Feb — Arsene Wenger accused referee Martin Hansson of gifting Porto the winning goal in the Portuguese side's 2-1 victory over Arsenal in the first leg of their Champions League last 16 tie.

The Swedish official allowed Porto to take a quick free-kick in the 52nd minute of Wednesday's game here after Arsenal goalkeeper Lukasz Fabianski handled a back-pass, allowing Falcao to score what proved to be the winner.

Hansson came under fire in November after failing to spot a clear handball by Thierry Henry in the build-up to France's winning goal in their World Cup qualifying play-off with the Republic of Ireland.

"It is better than a penalty. It is unbelievable that he allows Porto to play straight away and put the ball in the net. I've been in football for a long time and I'd never seen something like that," Wenger said.

Wenger also queried the decision to award the free-kick, arguing that Sol Campbell had not deliberately passed the ball back to his goalkeeper, and said Arsenal should have been given a penalty for a foul on Tomas Rosicky shortly before Porto's second goal.

Internet



Arsenal's French coach Arsene Wenger is seen during their UEFA Champions League match against FC Porto at the Dragao Stadium in Porto, on 17 February.

INTERNET

Sharapova cruises into Memphis quarter-finals

MEMPHIS, 18 Feb — Top-seeded Russian Maria Sharapova cruised into the quarter-finals of the WTA Tour event here, crushing American Bethanie Mattek-Sands 6-1, 6-1.

The Russian remained on course for a clash with second-seeded American Melanie Oudin, who beat compatriot Lilia Osterloh 6-2, 6-1. Oudin needed just 61 minutes to win through, despite having won her opener late on Tuesday.

"I didn't have much time to recover from my first match, but my recovery was good.

I got to sleep in this



Top-seeded Russian Maria Sharapova.

morning and I felt good out there today," Oudin said. In the ATP tournament, top-seeded American Andy Roddick had a tougher time but snapped a three-match losing streak to fellow American James Blake with a 6-3, 4-6, 7-6 (7/3) first-round victory.

Internet

Bolton stay in relegation zone after stalemate at Wigan

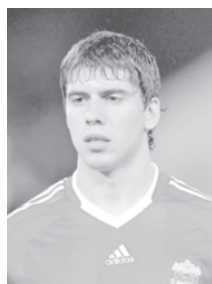
WIGAN, 18 Feb — Bolton remained in the Premier League relegation zone after grinding out a 0-0 draw against fellow strugglers Wigan on Wednesday. Owen Coyle's 18th placed team moved up one spot as a result of the stalemate at the DW Stadium, but they missed a chance to climb out of the bottom three. Wigan are also still in trouble and lie just two points above the drop zone after their fifth league game without a win.

Latics boss Roberto Martinez handed a first start to Bolivian striker Marcelo Moreno, signed on loan from Ukraine's UEFA Cup winners Shakhtar Donetsk, while Bolton named an unchanged side following Sunday's FA Cup draw against Tottenham. With Bolton in the bottom three and Wigan just above the relegation zone, there was more than just Lancashire pride at stake for both teams in this local derby.—Internet

Insua grateful for Reds run

LIVERPOOL, 18 Feb — Emiliano Insua feels this season has seen him solidify his place as a regular in the Liverpool side despite a campaign of disappointments at Anfield. The 21-year-old Argentinian left back has been a regular in Rafael Benitez's teams this season, playing 24 games in the Premier League. Liverpool were knocked out of the Champions League in the group phase and, having been tipped to challenge for the English title, are now battling for fourth place.

They now face Romanian side Unirea in the first leg of the round of 32 at Anfield here on Thursday as they begin their Europa League campaign. Insua has made the most



Emiliano Insua.

of constant injuries to Fabio Aurelio and the poor form of Andrea Dossena, who joined Napoli last month, to carve out a regular place in the Liverpool line-up.

And he admitted even he had been surprised by his emergence, which led to him winning an international cap in a 2-1 win over Peru in September.—Internet

On fire Wendel hits double to dump Lorient out of cup

PARIS, 18 Feb — Bordeaux's Brazilian midfielder Wendel struck his second double in as many games as defending French League Cup holders Bordeaux beat 10-man Lorient 4-1 in their semi-final clash on Wednesday.

Much of the pre-match hype had centred on the father and son match-up between Bordeaux playmaker Yohann Gourcuff and Lorient coach Christian, who is still chasing the first piece of silverware of his managerial career.

However, the fate of the match was effectively decided in the 24th minute when Lorient were leading 1-0 but their goalscorer Laurent Koscielny was harshly adjudged to have fouled Marouane Chamakh and was also sent-off while Wendel converted the ensuing penalty. Gourcuff senior said that the manner of the defeat had left a bitter taste in his mouth.—Internet

Bayern leave it late against 10-man Fiorentina

MUNICH, 18 Feb — Bayern Munich left it late to beat a dogged 10-man Fiorentina with a controversial last-minute goal to hand the German giants a 2-1 win, making it 13 in a row in all competitions. German international striker Miroslav Klose headed home in the 89th minute after the ball went loose from a long distance shot from Dutch international Arjen Robben, but he was in a clear offside position.

The strike gave the Bundesliga outfit a slender advantage when the two sides head to Florence for the second leg on 9 March, with the Italians clinging to a precious away goal. After the game, Klose admitted that he was offside, saying: "I haven't seen the replay but it felt like I was offside." Shown the replay, he acknowledged that the goal should not have been given.—Internet



Bayern Munich's striker Miroslav Klose celebrates scoring during the 1st leg UEFA Champions League football round of 16 match FC Bayern Munich (Germany) vs Fiorentina (Italy) in the southern German city of Munich.—INTERNET

Dalglish claims Celtic face do or die Old Firm clashes

GLASGOW, 18 Feb — Kenny Dalglish admits Celtic have to win their two remaining Old Firm games against arch rivals Rangers if his former club are to win the Scottish Premier League title. Celtic currently trail Rangers by 10 points with 13 games remaining, but they can claw back six of those points by defeating their Glasgow neighbours twice - starting with the visit to Ibrox at the end of February.

Dalglish knows all about the pressure of fighting Rangers for the title after an eight-year spell as a Celtic player. The Liverpool legend also had a brief spell as Celtic director of football and, speaking in Glasgow at the launch of a new football youth initiative on Wednesday, he said: "Celtic have to get 11 more points than Rangers before the end of the season.—Internet





- ★ 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

Seeing is believing: Go Muse

Due to better transport in the time of Tatmadaw government, Muse in Shan State (North) has developed into a border tourism town.

Having a more consolidated relationship between Myanmar and China, it becomes a border tourism town. In the past, Muse has difficulties in transport sector due to transport and security barriers.

Being a border trade centre of Myanmar, trade between Myanmar and China has increased. In order to write articles on regional development, Myanmar Alin daily news crew made a trip to Muse, a border

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Photos: *Myo Min Thein (Mayangon)*

town, through Lashio.

It was about 8 am when we left Lashio. We saw trucks and motorcycles heading for Muse 105th mile border trade camp on Lashio-Muse Union Road. Soon after leaving Lashio, we saw Hopeik and Sanlaung villages. These villages have developed into towns due to restoration of peace.

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Archway reading "Welcome to Muse" at the entrance to Muse, in Shan State (North).

Patients with A/H1N1 given systematic medical treatment

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Feb

— No new patients were found infected with New Influenza A/H1N1 in Kyaukse of Shan State (North) and Dagon Myothit (North) Township of Yangon Division and patients with the virus have recovered from their illness. They have to stay at hospital before a period of quarantine is over. New cases of A/H1N1 were reported two days ago—two persons were found with the virus at a private school in Dagon Myothit (East), three at a factory in Shwepyitha Township and six at a religious school in

Hmawby Township. They were sent to the hospital and surveillance measures are being taken by the health departments concerned. No outbreak of A/H1N1 was reported in states and divisions. Disease control measures are being taken with added momentum by central and local authorities.

The Ministry of Health urged the people to follow the preventive measures against the virus in order to avoid spread of virus in the public and to take part in the campaign to prevent the disease.

MNA

Yangon Division preserves traditional cane-ball sport

YANGON, 18 Feb—In line with one of the Social Objectives: Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation, Yangon Division Peace and Development Council organized the inter-township traditional cane-ball contest 2010 recently.

On 14 February, officials awarded prize winning teams in the skills demonstration event and the point-score event.

Best outstanding award went to Ye Win Htut (Thakayta) and the best player award to San Yu (a) Doe Lay (Hlinethaya).—MNA