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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

Venerable Sayadaws meet in fourth meeting of 6th State Central Working Committee

YANGON, 19 Feb—The first-day session of the fourth meeting of the 6th State Central Working Committee of the Sangha took place at Maha Pasana Cave on Kaba Aye Hill in Mayangon Township yesterday morning.

Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Kumara delivered a Saraniya Ovadakatha.

Secretary of SSMNC Ponnamayama Zay Monastery Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta

Osadhabhivamsa of Nyaungdon supplicated on the brief report of the committee.

Member Sayadaws of the Committee submitted the report of the committee.

The second-day session continued at the same venue today.

Joint Secretary Agga Maha Ganthavacaka Pandita Bhaddanta Samvara discussed the suggestions of the member Sayadaws of State Central Working Committee of the Sangha.

Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung supplicated on the religious affairs.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein greets Ambassador of the Republic of Korea Mr. Park Key Chong at Government Office.—MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein receives ROK Ambassador

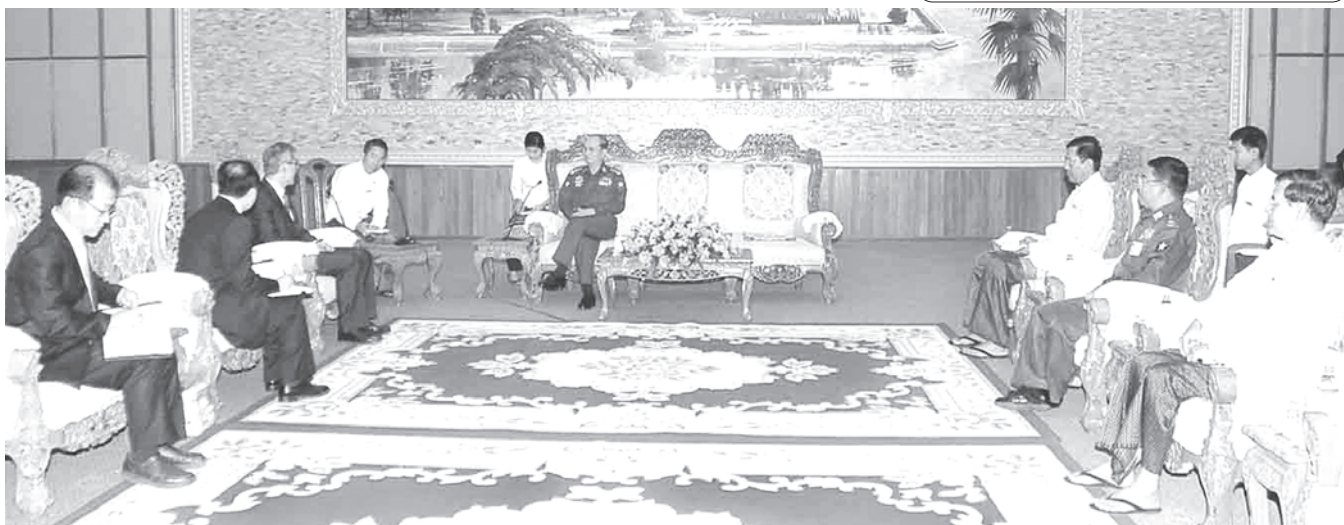
NAY PYI TAW, 19 Feb—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein received Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to the Union of Myanmar Mr. Park Key Chong, who had completed his tour of duty, at the hall of Government Office, here, at 10.30 am today.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister

for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, Director-General Col Thant Shin of the Government Office and Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of the Protocol Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The Ambassador of the Republic of Korea was accompanied by embassy officials.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein receives Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to the Union of Myanmar Mr. Park Key Chong at Government Office in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 20 February, 2010

Smooth transport, a driving force behind regional development

The government is working hard for all-round development of the Union in its bid to ensure equitable development of all regions. As part of the drive, the government has been implementing various projects in order of priority so as to improve the economic, education, health and social sectors of the regions concerned. Now, the whole country has seen a great number of new infrastructural buildings, as a result.

Improvement of the transport sector is a driving force behind regional development. Today, local goods can be transported from one region to any other else with convenience, which is a testament to swift commodity flow across the nation. With smooth transport, there has been a marked increase in trade between one region and another.

The inauguration of the Pontoon Bridge spanning the Gyaing (Kawkaireik) River on Hpa-an-Myawady Road in Hpa-an Township, Kayin State, took place the other day. The transport facility is of girder type. With a 629 feet long main bridge, the facility can withstand 60 tons of loads. Surely, the bridge will make significant contribution towards the transport sector of the state.

So far, Kayin State has witnessed over 2000 miles of roads inclusive of Hpa-an-Kawkaireik-Myawady Road. Now, the road sections are in the process of being upgraded to all-weather ones. Many more bridge projects are ongoing in the state. The projects for the three bridges over the Pata Creek, Winyaw River and Haungthayaw River in Kya-in-Seikkyi Township, for instance, are due to be completed on schedule.

Regional development has led to the emergence of Hpa-an University, Technological University, and University for Computer Studies. So, the youth of Kayin State now have easy access to higher education in their region. Local people enjoy better health care owing to the 200-bed General Hospital in Hpa-an, and the 100-bed hospital in Kawkaireik. Moreover, the midwifery school and the nurse training school produce medical staff.

Now, the roads, railroads and bridges have formed a transport network covering the whole nation. With large numbers of infrastructural buildings in the transport sector, there have been signs of national and regional development to a far higher degree.

Myanmar Open Tennis Tournament 2010 concludes

YANGON, 19 Feb—The final matches and prize-awarding ceremony of Myanmar Open Tennis Tournament 2010 were held at Theinbyu tennis court in Mingala Taungnyunt Township here yesterday.

Officials from Sports and Physical Education Department and Myanmar Tennis Federation presented medals and cash prizes to winners in singles event (above 60), double event (above 45), singles event (above 45), double event (above 35) and women's singles event (open).

General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General U Thaung Htaik of Sports and Physical Education Department presented medals and cash awards to winners in men's double event (open) and in men's singles event (open).—MNA

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

Yangon command commander focuses on smooth and secure transport

YANGON, 19 Feb—Work Coordination Meeting of Yangon Division Smooth and Secure Transport Supervisory Committee was held at the meeting hall of Yangon Command headquarters today with a speech by Chairman of Yangon Division Smooth and Secure Transport Supervisory Committee Chairman of Yangon

Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint.

Officials concerned reported matters related to ferries for Universities, control of traffic rules and smooth and secure transport, the commander fulfilled the requirements.—MNA

Myanmar, Nepal to enhance mutual cooperation

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Feb — Myanmar Delegation led by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win arrived back here today by air after paying goodwill visit to the Federal Democratic of Nepal at the invitation of Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Nepal Ms Sujata Koirala from 15 to 18 February.

On 15 February, Minister U Nyan Win held a bilateral meeting with the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs at Yak and Yeti Hotel in Kathmandu. The meeting focused on mutual interest to further strengthening the bilateral relations and cooperation including celebration of the golden jubilee of diplomatic



Minister U Nyan Win meets Nepalese Prime Minister Mr. Madhav Kumar Nepal.—MOFA

relations, promotion of religious tourism between the two countries and enhancing cooperation at

the regional and international affairs.

Myanmar delegation attended a dinner hosted

by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs at Yak and Yeti Hotel.

On 16 February, Minister U Nyan Win paid a courtesy call on Prime Minister Mr Madhav Kumar Nepal at Prime Minister's Resident in Kathmandu.

Minister U Nyan Win visited Lumbini Garden to pay homage to the birth place of Lord Buddha and Myanmar Golden Monastery and Panditayama International Vipassana Meditation Center. The delegation attended dinners hosted by Minister of Culture Dr Minendra Prasad Rajil and President of the Nepal - Myanmar Friendship Council Mr Rudra Man Pradhan. Minister U Nyan Win visited Myanmar Embassy in Kathmandu. —MNA



Minister U Nyan Win holds discussion with Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Nepal Ms Sujata Koirala.

MOFA

Manuscripts invited to WHD commemorative magazine

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Feb—A plan is under way to publish the World Health Day commemorative magazine.

Cartoons, poems, short stories and articles may be sent to the Director (Health

Education) of Central Health Education Division of Health Department under the Ministry of Health, Building No.4 in Nay Pyi Taw, not later than 1 March.—MNA

Afghan official says NATO airstrike kills seven policemen

KABUL, 19 Feb — The Afghan Interior Ministry says a NATO airstrike aimed at insurgents missed its target, killing seven policemen in northern Kunduz Province.

Interior Ministry spokesman Zemari Bashary said Thursday that a joint NATO-Afghan convoy near Imamsaheb town in Kunduz came under attack by militants

around 3 pm.

He said the two sides exchanged heavy fire and the allied troops called for an airstrike. However, the bomb dropped hit a police vehicle instead, killing seven and injuring two police officers.

Bashary said the investigation into what happened was continuing.

A NATO spokesman said the coalition is "aware of an incident" and trying to gather information before releasing a statement.—Internet

Grenade attack wounds 21 in SW Afghanistan

KABUL, 19 Feb — A grenade attack on Thursday evening wounded 21 civilians with one of them in critical conditions in Afghanistan's southwestern Nimroz Province, police said.

"A grenade was hurled by unknown men toward a vehicle driven by a government employee in Zaranj city, capital of Nimroz Province," provincial police chief Abdul Jabar Watandar told *Xinhua*. "As result, 21 civilians were wounded."

One of the injured was in critical conditions following the attack, which took place in a crowded area, he added.—*Xinhua*

Twin blasts wound 12 in E Afghanistan

KHOST, 19 Feb — Twin bomb blasts Thursday evening left 12 people, including six police officers, wounded in Afghanistan's eastern Khost Province.

A bomb planted by militants went off on Thursday evening near a police vehicle on a road beside Ghazi Babrak Khan Park in Khost city, capital of Khost Province, an eye witness who declined to be named told *Xinhua*.

"A second blast occurred as police officials rushed to the site," he added.

"Some 12 people including six policemen were evacuated to provincial hospital this evening, and most of them sustained minor injuries," Amir Badshah, head of provincial health department and a doctor of the hospital, told *Xinhua*.—*Xinhua*

13 killed in attack on govt building in west Iraq

BAGHDAD, 19 Feb — A suicide car bomb exploded on Thursday outside the gate of the main government compound in the capital of Iraq's Anbar Province, killing at least 13 people, including four police, a health official said.

The attacker detonated his explosive-packed car at the compound housing the governor's office, police headquarters and courts in downtown

Ramadi.

The province, where al-Qaeda-backed Sunni militants once held sway, has seen a rise in attacks against security forces and government officials

in recent months. The incident also comes amid fears that next month's elections will stoke political violence.

Internet

The site of a bombing in Ramadi, 70 miles (115 kilometres) west of Baghdad, Iraq, Thursday, 18 Feb, 2010.

INTERNET



A small aircraft crashed into a building next to an FBI office in the Texas state capital of Austin on 18 February, 2010, local officials said. The plane crashed into a seven-storey building at about 10 am CST, said Helena Wright, a spokeswoman for the Austin Police Department. —XINHUA

Austin small plane crash not act of terrorism

WASHINGTON, 19 Feb — Officials have ruled out the possibility of terrorist attack in a plane crash into an office building that occurred in Austin, the US state of Texas on Thursday.

"We do not yet know the cause of the plane crash," said Matt Chandler, a Department of Homeland

Security spokesman in Washington. "We have no reason to believe it was connected to any ... terrorist activity."

Local police also said that the crash of the small plane into the building was just a separate incident and there was no reason for public panic.

However, federal officials also noted that the pilot may have crashed the plane intentionally in a suicidal move.

Initially identified as Joseph Andrew Stack, the pilot, said to be a disgruntled engineer, allegedly left an anti-government note on the Internet before crashing his small plane into the office building that houses the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).—*Xinhua*

Rain and mud pours over Haiti's quake homeless

PORT-AU-PRINCE, 19 Feb — A heavy downpour sent the throngs living beside Haiti's shattered national palace cowering under tarps on Thursday as the rush of water made much of the

camp of earthquake victims impassable — an ominous foretaste of the rainy season to come. Amputees struggled to manoeuvre through mud on crutches and wheelchairs.

Many in the makeshift tent cities housing nearly 600,000 people in Haiti's capital still live without even plastic tarps, which the international community is trying to get to everyone by May 1.

So when the rain comes,

bed sheets spread on sticks as protection from the sun quickly get soaked and people move in temporarily with neighbors who have waterproof tents. The lucky actually have beds off the ground.

"It's hard to keep my kids clean. There's too much rain, too much dirt," said Joseph Dukens, 25, at the camp beside the national palace.—*Internet*

Car bomb wounds 22 in northern Iraq

MOSUL, 19 Feb — A car bomb on Thursday struck a police patrol in Iraq's northern city of Mosul, capital of Nineveh province, wounding 22 people including policemen, a provincial police source said.

A booby-trapped car parked on a road in Bab Sinjar neighbourhood in western Mosul detonated before sunset, wounding 15 policemen and seven civilians, the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

The blast destroyed two police vehicles and caused damages to several nearby cars, shops and buildings, the source said.

Mosul, some 400 km north of Baghdad, has been a stronghold of insurgent groups and al-Qaeda fighters in the war-torn country.

Xinhua

Singapore expects 2010 GDP to grow up to 6.5 pct

SINGAPORE, 19 Feb—Singapore raised its 2010 GDP forecast and now expects the city-state's economy to grow as much as 6.5 percent after contracting last year.

Gross domestic product will likely expand between 4.5 percent and 6.5 percent this year, up from a previous forecast of between 3 percent and 5 percent, the Trade and Industry Ministry said on Friday.

The economy shrank 2 percent last year, the ministry said.

Singapore — which relies on trade, finance

LG Electronics aims for top spot in Japanese monitor market by 2012

SEOUL, 19 Feb—South Korea's LG Electronics, the world's second largest liquid crystal display (LCD) manufacturer, is aiming for the top spot in computer and TV monitor sales in the Japanese market by 2012, with a target of reaching 100 million US dollars in sales revenue, the company said on Friday.

In order to claim the top selling position in Japan, LG Electronics has released seven new models this year, including screens with high-definition and three-dimensional capabilities, the company added.—Xinhua

and tourism to fuel one of Asia's richest nations — expects to benefit from increased demand for its exports and services from regional neighbours as Asia leads the global economy out of recession.

"Asia is expected to experience a strong recovery in 2010," the ministry said in a statement. "Financial markets have stabilized, and trade

flows and industrial production have also picked up strongly."

"The recovery in the G3 economies, however, is expected to be weaker."

The ministry said the economy fell an annualized seasonally adjusted 2.8 percent in the fourth quarter, a smaller drop than the ministry's initial estimate last month of a 6.8 percent contraction.—Internet



Singapore has raised its economic growth forecast this year as countries that buy most of its exports emerge from recession.—INTERNET



A coffee farmer carries bags of the beans in Ciudad Bolivar, in Colombia. Combined coffee production in nine Latin American countries fell 28.2 percent in the first four months of the 2009-2010 growing season, the National Coffee Association of Guatemala has said.—INTERNET

Farm produce accounts for 42% of Brazil's exports

RIO DE JANEIRO, 19 Feb—The exports of farm produce accounted for 42 percent of all Brazilian exports in 2009, Brazilian Agriculture Minister Reinhold Stephanes announced on Thursday.

According to the minister, the percentage

means a highest share of Brazil's agricultural exports in three decades. He stressed, however, that the figures do not reflect a sharp increase in agricultural production.

"It does not mean that Brazil's agribusiness sales increased. Rather, it

was a result that the exports of other sectors fell due to the global financial crisis," said Stephanes.

In 2009, Brazil's agricultural exports generated a total income of 65.8 billion US dollars, down 9.8 percent from 2008.

In 2010, Stephanes expects Brazil's agribusiness exports to increase by 10 billion US dollars due to negotiations to remove barriers erected by 25 countries against Brazilian exports.

Xinhua

Latin American coffee output falls 28 percent

GUATEMALA CITY, 19 Feb—Combined coffee production in nine Latin American countries fell 28.2 percent in the first four months of the 2009-2010 growing season, the National Coffee Association of Guatemala said on Thursday.

From October to January, Colombia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Mexico, Peru and the Dominican Republic exported a combined 5.6 million sacks of coffee weighing 60 kilogrammes (132 pounds) each, against 7.8 million the same time last year, Anacafe said in a statement.

Only three nations in the group saw an increase in coffee production: Honduras (by 47.5 percent), Guatemala (by 18.1 percent) and Mexico (by 16.1 percent).

Internet

Australian airline Qantas to pack up to 100 more on its A380s

CANBERRA, 19 Feb—A380 superjumbo's reputation for luxury and extra room has given way to commercial reality at Australian airline Qantas, the Sydney Morning Herald reported on Friday.

It will increase the number of seats on its flagship aircraft by as many as 100 because of a long-term trend of passengers preferring to fly closer to the back, the newspaper reported.

When the A380 was unveiled in France five years ago, airlines trumpeted that the superjumbo would offer passengers bigger seats, inflight lounges, double beds and even showers.

But Qantas's decision to squeeze more passengers on its A380s confirms the long-held suspicions that the early euphoria about the flying cruise liners would eventually give way to the bottom-line.

Xinhua

Oil falls to near \$78 on US dollar rally

SINGAPORE, 19 Feb—Oil prices fell to near \$78 a barrel on Friday in Asia after the US Federal Reserve's unexpected hike to interest rates for emergency loans to banks boosted the dollar, making commodities less attractive to investors.

Benchmark crude for

March delivery was down 91 cents to \$78.15 a barrel at midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

The contract added \$1.73 to settle at \$79.06 on Thursday.

The Federal Reserve said late Thursday it will

bump up the so-called "discount" lending rate by one-quarter point to 0.75 percent effective on Friday. The surprise move, which doesn't affect consumer lending rates, helped weaken the euro to \$1.3482 on Friday from \$1.3529 the previous day.

Internet



A tunnel drilling machine is seen at the construction site of a natural gas transfer station for the gas pipeline OPAL in Lubmin, northern Germany, on 18 Feb, 2010.—INTERNET

Russia says ready to help Turkey build nuclear power plant

ISTANBUL, 19 Feb—Visiting Russian Deputy Prime Minister Igor Sechin on Thursday voiced readiness to help Turkey build its first nuclear power plant, reported the semi-official *Anatolia* news agency.

With Turkish Energy and Natural Resources Minister Taner Yildiz at his side, Sechin said at a Press conference at Istanbul's Ataturk Airport that experts are about to finalize the feasibility works over

the Turkish plan in April and that the conclusions would be satisfactory. Stressing that Russia attaches great importance to the cooperation with Turkey, Sechin said the Turkish nuclear project "entails a close cooperation" between the two countries.

A consortium of Russia's Atomstroyexport and Inter RAO, together with Turkish company Park Teknik, have registered the sole bid to build the nuclear power plant at

Akkuyu on Turkey's east Mediterranean coast.

Slated to eventually comprise four separate 1,200-megawatts units, the project is expected to help meet Turkey's rapidly growing power demand.

Referring to Turkey's Samsun-Ceyhan oil pipeline, Sechin said, "this project is one of the issues of priority. Both Turkey and Russia have established working groups."

Xinhua



People perform dragon dance on street in Yijiang Tujia and Miao Autonomous County, southwest China's Guizhou Province, on 17 Feb, 2010. XINHUA

Hamas frees 20 Fatah prisoners in Gaza

GAZA, 19 Feb—Hamas on Thursday freed 20 prisoners affiliated with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah movement in the Gaza Strip.

The detainees came out on Thursday afternoon from the central prison in the west of Gaza City.

On Wednesday, deposed Hamas Prime Minister Ismail Haneya announced that he ordered the release of the 20 prisoners during a good-bye ceremony to a group of Arab members of Parliament.

Haneya, whose government controls Gaza since Hamas took over the coastal enclave in 2007, said the release of the prisoners was aiming at supporting stalled Egyptian efforts to broker reconciliation between Hamas and Fatah.

Xinhua

Indonesia to pay back local taxes to oil, gas firms

JAKARTA, 19 Feb—Indonesian Finance Minister Sri Mulyani Indrawati said that the government was drafting a new government regulation on the cost recovery scheme that would allow the reimbursement of indirect taxes including regional taxes and levies, a local media reported here on Friday.

"This is actually in line with what is written in existing contracts. Oil and gas contractors will no longer need to allocate separate additional payments both to regional and central governments," the minister was quoted as saying by the *Jakarta Post* in a hearing with lawmakers in the parliament on Thursday.

Indonesia's oil and gas Production Sharing Contract (PSC) system requires the government to reimburse all cost items covered by the cost recovery payment rules. Reimbursements are made once contractors enter the production stage.—*Xinhua*

WHO recommends pandemic A/H1N1 virus as seasonal flu vaccines

GENEVA, 19 Feb—The World Health Organization (WHO) recommended here on Thursday that the pandemic A/H1N1 virus should be used for making seasonal influenza vaccines in the northern hemisphere.

Besides the pandemic A/H1N1 virus, the A/H3N2 virus and the influenza B virus should also be included in making influenza vaccines in the 2010-2011 northern hemisphere influenza season, the UN agency said in a statement. The recommendation was announced following a four-day closed-door meeting of influenza experts, which was meant to select the seasonal flu vaccine strains for the northern hemisphere.—*Xinhua*

Nurses attend newborn babies at the maternity department of No 1 People's Hospital in Xiangfan City, central China's Hubei Province, on 17 Feb, 2010. XINHUA



Indian Navy to induct Mig-29K fighters to fleet in Goa

GOA, 19 Feb—The Indian Navy will on Friday induct its first four Russian-built MiG-29K combat jets that will be deployed on the aircraft carrier *Admiral Gorshkov*, rechristened *INS Vikramaditya*, when it is commissioned into the fleet three years from now, said Navy officials.

Indian Defence Minister AK Antony is expected to attend the induction ceremony.

The fighters will conduct shore-based sorties from the Dabolim Naval Air Station till *INS Vikramaditya* arrives in 2012. The jets were purchased by the Indian Navy as part of a 1.5 billion US dollar deal signed with Russia in January 2004 for the carrier.

Of this, 740 million US dollars were meant for 16

MiG-29s and the balance for refitting the carrier. The Russians have now raised the price to between 2.2 billion and 2.9 billion US dollars and negotiations are currently under way on this.

Of the 16 jets, 12 will be single-seaters and four will

be twin-seater trainers.

"The jets were received in knocked-down condition and were assembled here. Russian pilots initially flew them to check them out. They will be formally inducted on Friday," an Indian Navy officer said.—*Xinhua*

All Items from Xinhua News Agency

Yemeni Shiite rebels to hand over another four Saudi captives

SANAA, 19 Feb—Yemeni Shiite rebels on Thursday are preparing to hand over another four Saudi captives to the Yemeni ceasefire committee in the northern province of Saada, a Houthi rebel spokesman told *Xinhua*.

Mohammed Abdel Salam, the Houthi rebel spokesman, said the process of freeing four Saudi soldiers is underway and the soldiers will be handed over to the Yemeni-Houthi joint ceasefire committee. He declined to give further details on the matter.

Houthi rebels handed over on Monday a Saudi captive identified as "Yehya bin Abdullah bin Amir al-Khuzaiie", who was one of the five Saudi soldiers held captive since their three-month border war.—*Xinhua*



Visitors learn the planning of the 2010 Shanghai Expo at the Expo Exhibition Centre in Shanghai, east China, on 16 Feb, 2010. The Expo Exhibition Centre attracted many citizens and tourists during the Spring Festival holidays.—XINHUA



A United Airlines 757 sits on the tarmac at the Salt Lake International Airport as officials search the aircraft after the plane was diverted during a flight from Denver to San Francisco on 18 Feb, 2010.—INTERNET

Flight diverts to Salt Lake after threatening note

SALT LAKE CITY, 19 Feb—A United Airlines jetliner that made an emergency landing on Thursday after a threatening note was found in the galley resumed its flight after seven hours on the ground.

Flight 741, carrying 168 passengers and six crew, was en route from Denver to San Francisco a flight attendant found the note and the pilot decided to divert to Salt Lake City.

Police searched the 757 for explosives, although airline spokeswoman Robin Urbanski said early reports that the threat contained a reference to a bomb were incorrect.

"I can't tell you what was in it, but I can tell you what wasn't," Urbanski told *The Associated Press*.

Urbanski said she could not disclose the contents of the note, but

said the threat was considered credible by the pilot and crew.

Salt Lake City International Airport officials and the local FBI office initially cited reports of a bomb threat.—*Internet*

New START pact to set low level for nuke inventory

Moscow, 19 Feb—A new arms control treaty between Russia and the United States will set an "unprecedentedly" low level for nuclear weapon inventory, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said on Thursday.

"The results that the negotiators in Geneva are approaching will allow us, for the first time in the past decades, to agree on an unprecedentedly low

level of strategic offensive arms (inventory)," Lavrov said at a meeting with Russian non-governmental organizations.

"It is necessary to conclude a parity-based and efficient agreement on further cuts and limitations on strategic offensive arms," he was quoted as saying by Russian news agencies.

Russia and the United States have been working

Market bomb, US missiles kill 20 in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 19 Feb—A bomb attack and a US missile strike killed 20 people in northwest Pakistan on Thursday as Islamabad raised fresh concerns about knock-on instability from a major US-led offensive in Afghanistan.

The bomb exploded in a market controlled by Islamist militants in Khyber, which is part of a NATO supply route to troops in Afghanistan and has been branded an al-Qaeda headquarters by Washington.

A militant commander

and 15 others were killed in the explosion in the village of Dars in the Upper Tirah valley. The blast also damaged a mosque and some shops, leading security officials to suspect it might result from a feud between rival Islamist factions.

In total 16 people were killed and more than 20 injured, a local security official told *AFP*.

A witness who runs a private telephone ex-

change in the area told *AFP*: "It was a huge blast. I saw 16 dead bodies. I saw a lot of injured people lying on the ground."

Azam Khan, a deputy leader of the Lashkar-e-Islam militant group, was among the dead, local residents and an intelligence official told *AFP*.

Other details on whether it was a planted bomb or suicide attack could not immediately be confirmed.—*Internet*

Two arrested for ambush on UN-AU Darfur peacekeepers

KHARTOUM, 19 Feb—A spokesman for the international peacekeeping mission in Darfur says Sudanese authorities have arrested two people in connection with an ambush earlier this week on joint UN-African Union forces.

Noureddine Mezni said on Thursday government troops captured the two suspects outside the south Darfur capital of Nyala a day earlier. Authorities also recovered one of two UN-AU vehicles stolen in the attack.

The arrests come after gunmen attacked a police convoy outside Nyala on Tuesday, wounding seven Pakistani police officers serving with the UN-AU force. Four of them are in critical condition.

The 26,000-strong UN mission in Darfur has a mandate to help protect civilians, ensure the delivery of humanitarian aid, and bring peace and security to the territory.—*Internet*

Obese woman gives birth in Romania

A 25-year-old woman weighing 528 pounds (240 kilogrammes) gave birth to her first baby on Thursday in what one expert called a rare and risky case. "I wanted this child with all my heart, whatever the sacrifice," the *Adevarul* newspaper quoted the mother, Victoria Lacatus, as saying.

Her healthy baby girl, born by cesarean section, weighed 6.4 pounds (2.9 kilogrammes), said Bogdan Popescu, a spokesman at Bucharest University Emergency Hospital, which is equipped to treat obese people.

Dr Dagbani Rasasingham, of Brit-

ain's Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists in London, said the case was rare, given the mother's weight and height of 5.25 feet (1.6 metres), and that she would be at risk of clots, diabetes, post-birth bleeding and infection.

Popescu said Lacatus was being carefully monitored because she suffers from a thyroid problem and post-surgery complications could develop because of her morbid obesity.

Florin Costandache, who helped perform the operation, said: "It was a real challenge because she needed four times the anesthetic a normal person needs."

Oldest Canadian vet of WWI dies at 109

The oldest Canadian veteran of World War I has died at the age of 109.

John Babcock died on Thursday in Spokane, where he has lived since 1932, according to a statement from Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

"I was deeply saddened to learn today of the death of John Babcock, Canada's last known First World War veteran," Harper said. "As a nation, we honour his service and mourn his passing."

Babcock had become a celebrity in recent years, especially in Canada.

"John Babcock was Canada's last living link to the Great War, which in so

Police capture escaped zebra in downtown Atlanta

An Atlanta highway turned into a circus on Thursday afternoon when an escaped zebra galloped along a busy section of interstate with police in hot pursuit.

The 12-year-old animal, named Lima, was exercising outside a downtown arena in preparation for an evening show when something spooked him, said Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus spokeswoman Crystal Drake. The zebra broke away from his trainers and bumped up against a fence, then wriggled through an opening.

"We're not sure what it was that star-

tled him, but we're looking into that," she said. He was spotted by people in downtown Atlanta around 4:30 pm, said Georgia Department of Transportation spokeswoman Monica Luck.

Daniel Nance said he saw the zebra near the downtown MARTA transit station. "All of a sudden a freaking zebra comes running down the street like a car," Nance told *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*. "Five or six police cars were in hot pursuit."

And a bunch of officers on foot. But then I got scared, thinking ... what else is loose?"



Workers try to contain a zebra that broke loose from the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus, on 18 Feb, 2010, in downtown Atlanta. The animal made its way through downtown to the interstate highway that cuts through the centre of the city.



Victoria Lacatus, a 25-year-old pregnant woman weighing 528 pounds (240 kilogrammes), is lifted by firefighters out of an ambulance in Bucharest, Romania on 17 Feb, 2010. Lacatus gave birth to her first baby on 18 Feb, 2010, at a hospital equipped to treat obese people.

NEWS ALBUM

F&R officers in practice of spoken English

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Feb—The Spoken English Course No. 1/2009 concluded at the Ministry of Finance and Revenue this morning.

As part of round table discussion, five officer trainees of Central Bank of Myanmar and Myanmar Economic Bank discussed the topic on all-round development of our country. Two officer trainees from Budget Department and Pension Department conversed facts about Nay Pyi Taw. Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun and Deputy Minister Col Hla Thein Swe presented prizes to outstanding trainees and gifts to instructors. Altogether 50 trainees attended the 16-week course.

MNA



Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun speaking at concluding ceremony of Spoken English Course No. 1/2009.—MNA

Minister inspects main factory, training school in Pyinmana

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Feb—Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung visited the main workshop of Engineering Department (Pyinmana) of Myanmar Timber Enterprise, here, this morning. An official of the factory reported on repairing of vehicles and machines, learning of training at mechanic course, and the minister gave necessary instructions and inspected repairing of vehicles and heavy machines, engine

room, servicing room of diesel pump, press and cutting machines and store.

At the No. 2 Training School of Myanmar Timber Enterprise (Pyinmana), Principle Assistance General

Manager U Ohn Maung reported on opening course and preparation for next year course.

The minister gave necessary instructions and viewed the learning of the trainees.

MNA



Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung visits Main Workshop (Pyinmana) of Engineering Department under Myanmar Timber Enterprise.—MNA

Awareness raising workshop for phase-out of Ozone depleting substances held

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Feb—The National Commission for Environmental Affairs (NCEA) of the Ministry of Forestry organized an awareness raising workshop for the phase-out of the Ozone depleting

substances, provided by United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and with the assistance of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee, at Nay Pyi Taw City Hall.

Secretary of NCEA, Director-General U Sann Lwin of the Planning and Statistics Department of the Ministry of Forestry delivered an opening speech on the occasion.

Also present on the occasion were rectors,

deputy directors-general and directors of departments under the Ministry of Forestry, officials concerned Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee, resource persons, delegates of the ministries and organizations, refrigerator and aircon shops, students from University of Forestry and Basic Education High School Nos. 5 and 6 in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

Hugo paints available in market

YANGON, 19 Feb — Jointly organized by Hugo United Group International (Singapore) and Tet Nay Aung Co. Ltd (Sole Distributor), a ceremony to introduce a new Hugo paint imported from Singapore took place at Traders Hotel here on 5 February.

Hugo High Performance Interior Paint and Hugo Emulsion Paint with long-lasting quality are designed to protect covering of moisture, bacteria and mould on the wall.

Acrylic Spray Paint is available in three different colours— metallic, golden and pearl. It is specially designed to be used in painting wooden and metal surfaces.

Plan is underway to distribute Hugo Wood and Metal Paint, Hugo Marine Paint and Hugo exterior Paint.

Those who want to buy Hugo paint may contact near Chaungwa jetty on Bayintnaung Road in Hline Township (Ph: 537852, 530921, 701229 and 501905 and Fax: 558219.—MNA

Innocent civilians wounded in KNU-planted mine blasts in Htantabin, Kyaukkyi, Kawkaraik Townships

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Feb—In February, 2010, there were incidents in Htantabin and Kyaukkyi townships of Toungoo District in which innocent people were wounded after stepping on the mines planted by the insurgents of KNU Brigade-3. Ko Win Soe of Padaukwin Village, Htantabin Township, and U Tin Htoo of Kinponchon Village stepped on mines on 6 and 12 February respectively while both were in the forests for collecting bamboo. And they lost their left ankles. On 7 February, U Tin Oo of Mone Ward-1 of Kyaukkyi Township stepped on a mine on his way to farm work and wounded his left thigh and right buttock. On 15 February, Saw Tha Khway of Talo Village lost his right lower leg after stepping on a mine while gathering firewood in the forests. The injured were sent to people's hospitals and are being provided medical treatment and necessary assistance by local authorities, social organizations and local

people.

Similarly, a time bomb planted by KNU insurgents exploded under a grocery of the outer stalls of West Myoma Market in Kawkaraik, Kayin State, at 10.55 am today. Natives Daw Naw Ae Wa, Daw Ana Ray, Daw Aye Aye Khaing, Ma Zin Mar Htwe and U Hsan Naing were seriously wounded in the bomb blast. They are now receiving treatment at Kawkaraik People's Hospital. While security guards were conducting thorough search, they found another bomb in the market at 12.05 pm and defused it.

Realizing such subversive acts, the local people have expressed abhorrence to the KNU insurgents and are cooperating with Tatmadaw columns by sending information about insurgents' operations and their hideouts. The Tatmadaw columns are also in hot pursuit of the KUN insurgents.

MNA

Get-together for E-major graduates

YANGON, 19 Feb—English major graduates from 1981 to 2000 will meet at a get-together at White Rice Restaurant, here, at 5 pm on 2 March.

The old students are to contact Ko Win Maung, Tel: 09-8023975, Ko Myat Thu Win, Tel: 222923, Ko Ohn Wan, Tel: 375856, Ext: 509, Ko Tun Lin, Tel: 09-5134525, Ko Aung Naing Moe, Tel: 549644 and 09-5020478, Ko Arthur, Tel: 202046 and 09-5044267, Ko Zaw Win, Tel: 522073 and 09-5128859, Ma Kathaline Thein, Tel: 09-5026470 and Ma Aye Mon (a) Alice, Tel: 09-5119858. Those who got degrees in other academic years may attend the get-together.

MNA



The fourth meeting of sixth State Central Working Committee of the Sangha in progress at Maha Pasana Cave on Kaba-Aye Hill in Mayangon Township.—MNA

Yangon South District...

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After meeting with local people in Wabalaukhauk Model Village of Kawhmu Township, he looked into construction of a Cyclone Shelter and a hillock in Lakkhokkon Village in Kungyangon Township.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe presented refreshments to patients at Lakkhokkon Station Hospital.

At the construction site of a concrete bridge at the entrance to Kungyangon, he heard reports on progress of the concrete bridge.

Later, he visited Kungyangon Auto-exchange of Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications. MNA



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence inspects broadcasting of fertilizer at summer paddy plantation in Kungyangon Township.—MNA

UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights concludes visit

YANGON, 19 Feb—United Nations Special Rapporteur on Human Rights in Myanmar Mr. Tomas Ojea Quintana and party left Yangon and arrived in Sittway on 16 February morning.

They met departmental officials at Rakhine State General Administration Department in Sittway.

In the afternoon, the Special Rapporteur visited Sittway Jail and met four inmates. In the evening, he met responsible persons of international social organizations and social organizations of Rakhine State in Sittway separately.

On 17 February morning, he arrived at Buthidaung by speed boat and met officials. Next, he met five inmates at Buthidaung Jail. In

the afternoon, he met local people from Buthidaung and Maungtaung at the hall of Buthidaung Township GAD, and left for Sittway in the evening.

Yesterday morning, the UN Special Rapporteur met six inmates at Insein Jail separately and visited there.

In the afternoon, he met U Tun Kyaw and party of Kayinni National People's Liberation Front (Ka La La Ta), U Waw Law Houg Khong and party of NDAK Kachin Special Region (1), U Tha Htoo Kyaw and party of DKBA and Pado Aung San and party of Phayagon Special Region at Mya Yeik Nyo Hotel.

In the evening, he met U Tin Oo of National League for Democracy and U Khin Maung Gyi of National

Unity Party separately.

This morning, the UN Special Rapporteur and party arrived at Nay Pyi Taw by air and called on Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi, Chief Justice U Aung Toe and Attorney-General U Aye Maung. In the afternoon, he met the Myanmar Human Rights Committee led by Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo, MPF Chief Brig-Gen Khin Yi and Deputy Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin. In the evening, he left for Yangon by air.

After meeting with diplomats at Yangon International Airport, he held the press conference at the hall of the airport.

In the evening, the UN Special Rapporteur and party left there by air.—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

Venerable Sayadaws meet in fourth...

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In the afternoon, representative Sayadaws from all Ganas and from States and Divisions discussed Vinichchaya, reli-

gious and education affairs included in the report submitted by the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee.

Today, wellwishers U

Tin Win-Daw Thein Thein Oo and daughter Dr. Thin Yu Aung of Thuwunna offered meals to the Sayadaws.

MNA

Delta shaping road network

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Feb—Public Works of the Ministry of Construction is implementing the Ayeyawady Delta network development project.

In meeting with officials at the hall of Pyapon District Senior Engineer of Public Works yesterday, Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein stressed the

need to timely complete the construction works meeting set standards and make preparation tasks for the rainy season.

MNA

Dy Township Judges urged to maintain dignity of court

YANGON, 19 Feb—The Job Training Course No. 20 for Deputy Township Judges was opened at the training of the Supreme Court in Hlinethaya Town-

ship this morning.

In his address, Deputy Chief Justice U Thein Soe urged the trainees to try their best to be qualified judges for serving interest of the

State and the people by observing State policies and maintain the dignity of the courts. Altogether 55 trainees are attending the 12-week course.—MNA

Who won Pakokku U Ohn Pe Library Book Award?

YANGON, 19 Feb — Winners of Pakokku U Ohn Pe Library Book Award-2010 were announced today.

Library Book Awards went to "My mother and I" written by

Writer Prof. Dr Khin Maung Win (Liver) and "The first-ever sermon of the Buddha" written by Writer Nawrahta Win.

Prize presentation ceremony will be held in conjunction with

Pakokku U Ohn Pe Literary Award and prize-giving ceremony at 9 a.m. on 28 February at the Grand Ballroom of Chatruium Hotel on Natmauk Street.

MNA

Infrastructural development enhances Kengtung's fire fighting capability

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Feb — With the aim of upgrading and updating the infrastructure and fire fighting capability of Shan State (East), a new fire station of Myanmar Fire Services Brigade was inaugurated in Kengtung of Shan State (South) on 17 February.

Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence unveiled the signboard of the station and inspected fire engines.

On his arrival in Kengtung, Mongpan and Homein, he called for boosting agricultural production with the effective utilization of natural resources and



Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing unveils signboard of Myanmar Fire Brigade in Kengtung.—MNA

stressed the need to seek ways and means for an increase in production.

In meeting with departmental officials,

members of social organizations and local people at Bayintnaung Hall in Bawlake of Kayah State, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing

fulfilled the requirements on education, health and agricultural sectors of the township.

Next, he oversaw

construction of 50-bed Hospital (Annex) and comforted patients at the People's Hospital in Bawlake. On his inspection

tour of Shan State (South) and Kayah, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing presented foodstuff to servicemen and their families. —MNA



Education Minister inspects schools in Nay Pyi Taw



Minister for Education Dr. Chan Nyein visits classroom of Basic Education High School in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Feb—Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein inspected students sitting for second-semester examination at No.5 Basic Education High School

here today.

The minister gave suggestion on undertakings of high pass rate in meeting with school heads and teachers at BEHS Nos.6, 7, 8, 9, 10

and 11.

The minister looked into students who were learning lessons and taking second-semester examination at the schools.—MNA

Myanmar, Laos to uplift sports standards

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Feb—In a meeting held at the Ministry of Sports on 7 February, Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint and Chairman of National Sports and Physical Education Committee Minister at the Prime Minister's Office

Dr Phouthong Seng Akhom and party of the Lao People's Democratic Republic focused on cementing friendly relations between the two countries, development of sports, exchange and training of sports teams, organizing the friendly matches, exchange of the sports

techniques, match commissioners and qualified coaches and cooperation in successfully holding the XXVII SEA Games.

In the evening, the Minister for Sports hosted a dinner to the guest minister and party at Thingaha Hotel.

MNA

Pakokku U Ohn Pe Scholarship Award winners come out

YANGON, 19 Feb—The list of the names of outstanding students who won the Pakokku U Ohn Pe Scholarship Award were announced today.

First, second and third prizes in Myanmar subject went to Maung Kaung Zeya, son of U Zeya, of Kyauktada BEHS, Maung Kyaw Khine Htet, son of U Maung Maung, of BEHS (6) in Patheingyi and Ma Nann Kham Htwe, daughter of U Shan Sein, of BEHS (23) in Chanayethazan Township. In English subject, Ma Htoo Mon Khine (external), daughter of U Tun Lin, from Monywa stood first, Ma Chit Chit Hsaung Oo, daughter of U Ohn Myint Oo, of BEHS (1) in Myittha, second and Ma Htaik Nanda Paing, daughter of U Zaw Win, of BEHS (1) in Monywa, third. In Mathematics subject, Ma

Myat Su San, daughter of U Ohn Lwin, of BEHS (1) in Dagon secured first prize, Ma Swe Zin Linn, daughter of U Htein Lin, of BEHS (18) in Aungmyethazan Township, second prize and Ma Su Myat Yadana Lwin, daughter of U Soe Lwin, of BEHS (2) in Lanmadaw Township, third prize. Ma Htut Myat Noe Aung, daughter of U Ko Ko Aung, of BEHS (2) in Sangyoung Township stood first in Physics, Chemistry and Biology subjects. Ma Hninn Yu Khine, daughter of U Thein Tun, of BEHS (2) in Thathon, Ma Akari Soe (external), daughter of U Khway Maung, from Gangaw and Maung Zaw Ye Aung, son of U Myint Soe, of Inbin BEHS in Myanaung Township won first prizes in Economics, Geography and History subjects respectively.

Ma Tin Zar Naing, daughter of U Kyi Naing, Ma Thin Lei San, daughter of U Win Myint Tun, Maung Thiha Aung, son of U Naing Win, and Ma Khin Moe Aye, daughter of U Hla Min, who are majoring in Myanmar in Bago Degree College, Yadanabon University, Shwabo Degree College and Kalay University respectively were awarded Pakokku U Ohn Pe Excellent Award in Myanmar.

Prize-giving ceremony will be held in conjunction with the Pakokku U Ohn Pe Literary Award presentation ceremony at 9 am on 28 February at Chatrium Hotel on Natmauk Street. All winners are invited to take part in the rehearsal that will be held at the hall of Sarpay Beikman Building on Merchant Street here at 1 pm on 27 February.

MNA

AFC CHALLENGE CUP 2010:

Myanmar sees glittering future in Challenge Cup

YANGON, 19 Feb—Myanmar National Team took a huge step towards the last four after a narrow 2-1 win over Bangladesh in the second match of Group A yesterday evening.

The AFC Challenge Cup 2010 organized by AFC continued at

Colombo of Sri Lanka yesterday evening.

Myanmar led a 2-0 at the break thanks to goals from Tun Tun Win at the 13th minute and Paing Soe at the 32nd minute. In the second half, Bangladeshi players pulled one back for their team but Myanmar put the rival

under its thumb through counter attacks in the remaining minutes.

Myanmar National Team has six points with two wins in two matches in the Group (A). Tomorrow evening, Myanmar will compete against Tajikistan in the third group match.—MNA

Global cyber attacks hit firms, govts

SAN FRANCISCO, 19 Feb—Hackers have created a “dangerous new” network of virus-infected computers in 2,500 businesses and government agencies around the world, a US Internet security firm warned on Thursday.

NetWitness dubbed the army of 75,000 zombie machines the “Kneber botnet” and said it was made using malicious ZeuS software that lets its masters steal information

ranging from passwords to corporate or government secrets. ZeuS malware has been increasingly used to siphon cash from financial institutions, with kits for customizing the larcenous programmes hawked in the cyber underworld.

The code is usually slipped onto machines by tricking people into opening booby-trapped email attachments or clicking on tainted Internet links.

“These large-scale

compromises of enterprise networks have reached epidemic levels,” said NetWitness chief executive Amit Yoran, a former national cyber security division director at the US Department of Homeland Security.

“Cyber criminal elements, like the Kneber crew quietly and diligently target and compromise thousands of government and commercial organizations across the globe.”—*Internet*



An Internet cafe in the South Korean capital, Seoul. Hackers have created a “dangerous new” network of virus-infected computers in 2,500 businesses and government agencies around the world, a US Internet security firm has warned.—INTERNET

Death toll in Brazilian road accidents up 13% during Carnival

RIO DE JANEIRO, 19 Feb—The death toll of motor vehicle accidents in Brazil’s highways during the Carnival holiday was up 13 percent compared with the same period last year, the country’s Federal Highway Police (PRF) said on Thursday.

According to the PRF, 143 people died in accidents within six days during the Carnival holidays, up 13 percent from 127 deaths in 2009 Carnival.

The number of accidents totalled 3,233, also up 13 percent from the 2,865 accidents in the same period a year earlier, and 1,912 people were injured in the accidents, a seven-percent increase from last year. Southeastern Minas Gerais state reported the highest casualties, with 493 accidents, 26 deaths and 378 injured. The state has the largest highway network in Brazil. To reduce road accidents during the holidays, the PRF increased patrols in federal highways nationwide. It also made available some 2,000 breathalyzers and 400 speed radars to crack down on drunk driving and speeding.—*Xinhua*

The logo for Japanese auto maker Isuzu pictured on the wheel of a vehicle displayed at the South Florida International Auto Show in Miami Beach, Florida, in 2006.
INTERNET



Avalanche kills at least 30 in NW Pakistan

PESHAWAR, 19 Feb—At least 30 dead bodies were recovered on Thursday morning as an avalanche hit a remote village in northern Pakistan, local residents said.

Local people told *Xinhua* that the incident happened late on Wednesday night when an avalanche hit dozens of houses in Saheri village in Kohistan District, North West Frontier Province (NWFP), about 200 km north of the capital Islamabad.

Locals said that about 40 people are stranded while 30 dead bodies have been recovered by villagers. The death toll could rise. The small village was destroyed during the avalanche, villagers said.

Search operation for the trapped people is underway. Local officials have requested authorities in NWFP to send helicopter and heavy machinery for rescue operation.

Rescue team are facing difficulties as roads have been blocked due to landslide.—*Xinhua*

Amazon routes Kindle books to BlackBerry smartphones

SAN FRANCISCO, 19 Feb—Amazon released a free Kindle for BlackBerry application that makes the online shop’s electronic books available for reading on the Research In Motion smartphones.

“Since the launch of our popular Kindle for iPhone app last year, customers have been asking us to bring a similar experience to the BlackBerry,” said Amazon Kindle vice president Ian Freed on Thursday.

“We are thrilled to make it available today.”

The application available for download online at HYPERLINK “http://us.rd.yahoo.com/dailynews/afp/tc_afp/storytext_usinternet-bookstelecom-companyamazonrim/35174663/SIG=10sueugun/*http://amazon.com/kindlebb” amazon.com/kindlebb lets BlackBerry users access an online bookstore with more than 420,000 digital works. Amazon technology lets readers switch between smartphones, iPod Touch devices, computers, and Kindle electronic tablets without losing their places in digital books.

Internet



Amazon released a free Kindle for BlackBerry application that makes the online shop’s electronic books available for reading on the Research In Motion smartphones.—INTERNET

Japanese auto industry suffers new recall blow

TOKYO, 19 Feb—The Japanese auto industry suffered a fresh blow to its reputation on Thursday as the Transport Ministry announced the recall of 4,000 Isuzu trucks, after Toyota said it was checking a fault with its top model.

Isuzu Motors, which is part owned by Toyota Motor Corp, was to recall the 4,286 natural-gas powered trucks in Japan from on Friday, due to a natu-

ral-gas fuel leak that could result in fires in the cab, the transport Ministry said.

Toyota is facing a new US probe into complaints of steering problems with its Corolla, the world’s best-selling car, in a fresh setback to the crisis-hit auto giant’s efforts to restore trust in its brand.

The Japanese maker, already recalling more than eight million cars worldwide over defects

linked to more than 30 deaths, said on Wednesday it was looking into the issue and would recall the Corolla if it found a dangerous flaw.

Another recall would deal a heavy blow to efforts by the world’s biggest automaker to bounce back from a string of safety issues and criticism that it was slow to recall potentially dangerous vehicles.—*Internet*



Daimler suffers steep loss in 2009

FRANKFURT, 19 Feb — The German auto giant Daimler shocked markets on Thursday with a sharp 2009 loss after an “exceptionally bad” year for its luxury cars and heavy trucks.

The group hopes to recover this year and chairman Dieter Zetsche said he was aiming for a 2010 pre-tax profit of 2.3 billion euros (3.1 billion dollars),

despite “a difficult environment,” compared with a pre-tax loss of 1.5 billion last year.

That did not reassure investors however, and Daimler shares showed a loss of 4.75 percent at 31.47 euros in afternoon trade on the Frankfurt stock exchange, while the DAX index of German blue-chips was 0.47 percent higher

overall.

Zetsche told a Press conference that 2009 was “an exceptionally bad year for the economy, the auto sector and for Daimler.”

Sales fell by 20 percent and the company suffered a net loss of 2.64 billion euros, compared with a profit of 1.4 billion euros a year earlier. “The lower result was mainly the result of lower sales, but also of stiffer competition and a fall in market prices,” Zetsche said.

NordLB auto analyst Frank Schwöpe told AFP that “Daimler disappointed because it did not do as well as other automobile manufacturers.” —Internet



(From L) Dieter Zetsche, CEO of German auto giant Daimler AG, and members of the board of management pictured before annual results press conference in Stuttgart, southern Germany, on 18 February. Daimler suffered a sharp loss last year that surprised markets on Thursday and pushed its share price lower as the group reported results from one of the auto sector's most challenging years. —INTERNET

Air India gets \$173M government cash injection

MUMBAI, 19 Feb — India approved a cash infusion for ailing national carrier Air India on Thursday, part of an expected \$432 million bailout of a company many once considered a proud symbol of the nation.

The \$173 million injection “would not only ease the cash flow situation of the company but would also preclude borrowings from the markets at a high cost,” the Ministry of Civil Aviation said in a statement.

Other carriers have stumbled in the wake of the global financial crisis — notably Japan Airlines which filed for bankruptcy in January. Analysts say many of Air India's problems are homegrown, born of decades of mismanagement and under investment. —Internet

Brazil's Petrobras announces oil discoveries in Angola

RIO DE JANEIRO, 19 Feb — Brazil's state-owned oil and gas giant Petrobras announced on Thursday two oil discoveries in Angola. According to the company, the discoveries were made in wells of Nanza-1 and Cinguvu-1, which are located in Block 15/06, some 350 kilometres northwest of Angola's capital city Luanda. The oil was found in a water depth of some 1,400 metres.

Petrobras holds a five percent stake in Block 15/06 while local company Eni Angola a 35 percent stake in it. Other participants in the consortium are Sonangol P&P, with a 15 percent stake, SSI Fifteen Limited, with a 20 percent stake, Total, with a 15 percent stake, Falcon Oil Holding Angola AS, with a five percent stake, and Statoil Angola Block 15/06 AS, also with a five percent stake. —Xinhua



SAS aircraft are parked at the gates at Arlanda airport, north of Stockholm in 2009. The Swedish government sought parliamentary approval on Thursday to be allowed to sell its stake in loss-making SAS Scandinavian Airlines at an “opportune moment.” —INTERNET

Swedish govt seeks clearance for SAS sale

STOCKHOLM, 19 Feb — The Swedish government sought parliamentary approval on Thursday to be allowed to sell its stake in loss-making SAS Scandinavian Airlines at an “opportune moment.”

“There is no immediate sale in view but we do not see any use in our being a shareholder in an airline and that is why we are asking Parliament to be able to reduce our stake when we can do so most profitably,” Enterprise Minister Maud Olofsson said in a statement.

The Swedish government is the single largest shareholder in SAS with a 21.4 percent stake, while Denmark and Norway each hold 14.3 percent. The rest is privately held.

The centre-right government of Prime Minister Fredrik Reinfeldt aims to sell state assets that it believes are better off in private hands.

The government confirmed on Thursday that it would still take part in SAS' planned 500-million-euro (700-million-dollar) cash raising exercise to help it cope with the slump in air travel sparked by the global financial crisis. —Internet



A News Corp. sign is seen outside of its offices in New York. Media giant News Corp said on Thursday it has agreed to sell its Bulgarian terrestrial TV business, bTV, for 400 million dollars (294 million euros) in cash to leading regional broadcaster CME. —INTERNET

News Corp sells Bulgarian TV for 400 million dollars

SOFIA, 19 Feb — Media giant News Corp. said on Thursday it has agreed to sell its Bulgarian terrestrial TV business, bTV, for 400 million dollars (294 million euros) in cash to leading regional broadcaster CME.

“Under the terms of the agreement, CME will pay 400 million dollars in cash for 100 percent of the terrestrial free-to-air TV channel, bTV,” News Corp. said in a statement emailed to AFP in the Bulgarian capital Sofia.

Central European Me-

dia Enterprises (CME) is the main broadcaster in Central and Eastern Europe. News Corp said the sale was part of its plan to exit its free-to-air broadcasting business assets in the region.

CME “will also take control of the two genre channels, bTV Comedy and bTV Cinema, along with News Corporation's 74-per-cent interest in Radio Company C.J which operates five radio stations,” the statement added.

News Corp. — which

has most of its operations in the United States — earlier this month reported a 254-million-dollar profit in the October-December quarter, compared to a 6.4-billion-dollar loss in the same quarter a year ago.

“bTV was a News Corporation start-up which went on to become clear market leader for the past eight years,” News Corp. stations Europe chief operating officer, Gary Davey, was cited as saying in the statement.

Internet

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 - (f) Generators, Motor, Engines & Agriculture Machine
3. Export (Manager) Male (2) Posts
(Pulses & Beans, Rice, Marine Products, Rubber, Teak)
4. Business Development (Manager & Executives) Male (2) Posts
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5. Translators & Interpreter (Foreign relations, Overseas Survey) Officer Male/Female (2) Posts
(Chinese/ English/ Japanese/ Korea Translations)
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(Whole Sales & Retail Sales/ Promotor)
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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV OEL SINGAPORE VOYNO ()

Consignees of cargo carried on MV OEL SINGAPORE VOYNO () are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 20.2.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV XIANG DA VOYNO (1006)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV XIANG DA VOYNO (1006) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 20.2.2010 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

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The logo of Swiss food giant Nestle at the company's headquarters in Vevey, Switzerland.

INTERNET

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV BANGSAPHAN VOYNO (80)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV BANGSAPHAN VOYNO (80) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 21.2.2010 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

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Anglo American profits halve on economic downturn

LONDON, 19 Feb—Global mining giant Anglo American on Friday said that its net profit more than halved to 1.575 billion pounds in 2009 as last year's economic downturn slashed the prices of metals.

The London-based company said it would not pay a dividend for a second year running as profit after tax slumped 53.5 percent from 3.388 billion pounds in 2008.

"The impact of the global economic downturn on realised platinum group metals, iron ore, export coal, nickel and diamond prices has been the key driver of the decline in earnings, coupled with falling demand," Anglo American, the biggest mining company in South Africa, said in a statement.

Anglo American said revenue dropped by a quarter last year to 16 billion pounds.

Group chief executive Cynthia Carroll said "the medium and long term outlook for the mining industry remains strong" as emerging economies such as China ramp up demand for raw materials.

"Demand for commodities is expected to remain robust with the continuing shift in the pattern of economic growth towards fast-growing emerging economies," Carroll said. "In order to sustain its growth potential, we anticipate that China will continue to upgrade and develop its infrastructure, while the longer term potential of India and Brazil is expected to provide further support.—Internet

Nestle posts big drop in annual net profit

GENEVA, 19 Feb—The world's biggest food company Nestle on Friday posted a 42 percent drop in annual net profit in 2009 to 10.4 billion Swiss francs, largely in line with analysts' expectations.

The net profit equivalent to 7.1 billion euros or 9.6 billion dollars marked a retreat to the Swiss group's performance in 2007.

Overall net sales declined slightly over the 109.9 billion francs reported in 2008, a boom year, to 107.6 billion Swiss francs in 2009.—Internet



Breast cancer growth gene identified

HOUSTON, 19 Feb—US medical researchers say they have identified the gene that enables breast cancer growth and metastasis. Baylor College of Medicine scientists say they've discovered a master gene called SRC-3 (steroid receptor co-activator 3) not only enhances estrogen-dependent growth of cancer cells by activating and encouraging the transcription of a genetic message into a protein, but it also sends a signal

to the cell membrane to promote cell motility or movement.

The researchers, led by Dr Bert O'Malley, said their finding not only uncovers a new activity for SRC-3, it also explains how the epidermal growth factor receptor at the membrane gets a signal to the enzyme that tells the cell to move — and ultimately grow — allowing the cancer to invade surrounding tissue.

"Now we have a final

picture as to why epidermal growth factor receptor and the estrogen receptor are the most dangerous combination of molecules overproduced in breast cancer," O'Malley said. "When they are both over functioning, people die quickly and are resistant to therapy."

The study that included scientists from the George Washington University Medical Centre appears in the journal *Molecular Cell*.—Internet



Toyota Motor Corp's newest Prius hybrid car is seen at a test course in Tokyo on 19 Feb, 2010. The head of Toyota Motor Corp will testify to US lawmakers next week after bowing to pressure to explain the company's worst ever safety crisis, becoming the highest profile Japanese executive to face a such a grilling from Congress.—INTERNET



A shopper makes her way to her car at Wal-Mart in Brunswick, Maine on 18 Feb, 2010. Wal-Mart Stores Inc, one of the recession's biggest beneficiaries, felt the pinch during the fourth quarter as quarterly sales fell at US Wal-Mart stores for the first time.—INTERNET

Rosemary may cut cancer-causing agents

MANHATTAN, 19 Feb—The addition of rosemary extract to ground beef reduces cancer-causing agents that can form upon cooking, US researchers said.

Heterocyclic amines are mutagenic compounds that form when meat and fish are cooked at high temperatures — especially meats that are grilled, pan-fried, broiled or barbecued—and are categorized as human carcinogens, the researchers said.

Kansas State University researchers Kanithaporn Puangsombat and J Scott Smith compared five rosemary extracts with varying concentrations of water and ethanol for their ability to inhibit heterocyclic amines formation in cooked beef patties.

The rosemary extracts were isolated with ethanol concentrations ranging from 10 percent to 40 percent.

The extracts — containing rosmarinic acid, carnosol and carnosic acid — were added directly onto the ground beef patties and cooked at two different temperatures: 400 degrees F for 5 minutes each side and 375 degrees F for 6 minutes each side.

Internet

Synthesized compounds kill cancer cells

NEW HAVEN, 19 Feb—Yale University scientists say they've updated the process for synthesizing a family of compounds with the potential to kill cancer and other diseased cells.

The researchers said the compounds, known as the kinamycins, are naturally produced by bacteria during metabolism and are known for their potent toxicity. For years scientists have guessed a core structure common to the different compounds was responsible for the toxicity, but the core could not be studied because there was no simple way to create it in the laboratory. Now the Yale scientists say they've developed a method to recreate the structure that allows them to synthesize the kinamycins with much greater efficiency than previously possible.—Internet

US researchers find way to detect cancers through DNA changes

BEIJING, 19 Feb—US researchers unveiled a new way to detect cancers by identifying the unique changes that occur in the DNA of cancerous cells, *AFP* reported on Friday.

Researchers at Johns Hopkins University in the US used the cutting-edge DNA sequencing and identified the radical genomic rearrangements that occur only in tumors, not in healthy cells.

The DNA rearrangements that occur in cancerous cells are unique, which makes it easier for scientists to detect them.

The new method to detect the DNA rearrangements was dubbed PARE, for Personalized Analysis of Rearranged Ends, said Victor Velculescu, an associate professor of oncology at Johns Hopkins University and senior author of the study.

PARE could also be used to determine if a patient's cancer was completely removed by surgery, said the researchers.

Xinhua

Butterfly vision, wing colours linked

IRVINE, 19 Feb—A US-led team of scientists says the long-held theory that butterfly vision and wing colour diversity are linked is true — at least in nine species.

Researchers led by University of California-Irvine biologists said they discovered butterflies that have a duplicate gene allowing them to see ultraviolet colours also have UV-yellow pigment on their wings.

Associate Professor Adriana Briscoe, researcher Seth Bybee and colleagues posit the UV-yellow pigment helps the butterflies survive by facilitating the search for appropriate mates, which leaves more time for reproducing, eating and thriving.

After researchers discovered the copied gene, they examined thousands of wing-colour patches and found butterflies with just one UV-vision gene had yellow wing pigment that was not UV. However, the pigment was UV in butterflies with both genes.—Internet



Police officers from a bomb disposal unit conduct an anti-terrorism drill in preparation for the upcoming G20 Summit, at Incheon Airport, west of Seoul on 19 Feb, 2010. South Korea will host the G20 Summit in Seoul from 11-12 November.—INTERNET

Baby-care course drops stillbirth rate

ROCKVILLE, 19 Feb—The stillbirth rate in Argentina, Democratic Republic of Congo, Guatemala, India, Pakistan and Zambia dropped after training was offered, researchers say. The study, funded by National Institutes of Health and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, tracked more than 120,000 births in the developing countries.

The researchers, led by Dr Waldemar A. Carlo of the University of Alabama at Birmingham, tested the efficacy of a three-day Essential Newborn Care training regimen that covers basic newborn care techniques, the importance of early breastfeeding, how to keep infants warm and dry, and signs of serious health problems.—Internet

SPORTS

Vieira set for ban after accepting FA charge

LONDON, 19 Feb—Patrick Vieira is set to be banned for three matches by the Football Association (FA) on Friday after “reluctantly deciding” to accept a violent conduct charge.

The Manchester City midfielder was charged by the FA on Wednesday after appearing to kick Stoke's Glenn Whelan between the legs during Tuesday's 1-1 Premier

League draw at the Britannia Stadium.

A City statement issued Thursday said: “Patrick Vieira has reluctantly decided not to contest the FA charge of violent conduct.”

Vieira added: “At no time did I intend to injure Glenn Whelan. I apologised to him at the time. My foot did make contact with him but I carried no malice at all toward him.”

France star Vieira, who was making only his second start for City following a January transfer window move from Italian giants Inter Milan, is now set to miss league matches against Liverpool and Chelsea as well as the FA Cup fifth round replay at Stoke.

Tony Pulis, the Stoke manager, was enraged Vieira escaped on-field punishment from referee Alan Wiley.—*Internet*



Manchester City's veteran French midfielder Patrick Vieira

Gerrard predicts away day joy against Unirea



Liverpool's Dirk Kuyt (right) vies with Unirea Urziceni's Marius Bilasco during their UEFA Europa League round of 32 first leg match at Anfield, Liverpool, on 18 February.

INTERNET

LIVERPOOL, 19 Feb—Steven Gerrard insists Liverpool will find Unirea Urziceni much easier opponents when they travel to Romania next week.

Roni Levy's side made life difficult for the Reds at Anfield here on Thursday with Liverpool only winning 1-0 in the first leg of their last 32 Europa

League tie thanks to David Ngog's goal nine minutes from time.

Having been knocked out of the Champions League in the group phase, Liverpool were expected to coast past Unirea.

But Liverpool captain Gerrard is adamant that the Romanian champions' need to be more positive in the return leg will play into the Merseysiders' hands.

And the England midfielder reckons Liverpool can go all the way in the competition and lift their first trophy since 2006. “They were very stubborn but we expected that,” Gerrard said. “Maybe we needed to be a bit more clinical but we'll get more joy away from home against them. “We had to be patient but the breakthrough came. Away from home they'll have to come out and we'll kill them off.—*Internet*

Emil Hegle Svendsen wins men's 20 km for Norway

WHISTLER, 19 Feb—Norway's Emil Hegle Svendsen won men's 20 kilometers of biathlon Thursday in the 2010 Vancouver Olympics Games.

Svendsen, who previously won a silver medal in the men's 10 kms sprint, finished first in 48 minutes and 22.5 seconds. His compatriot, Ole Einar Bjoerndalen, took the silver medal, 9.5 seconds behind Svendsen.—*Xinhua*

Maria Riesch wins ladies' super combined slalom for Germany

WHISTLER, 19 Feb—Germany's Maria Riesch won on Thursday the title in the ladies' super combined slalom in the 2010 Vancouver Olympics Games.

Riesch won the gold medal ahead of Julia Mancuso of the United States, who earned her second silver after the ladies' downhill on Wednesday.

Anja Paerson of Sweden occupied the third place, this bronze medal is her sixth Olympic medal.

Favorite of the competition, Lindsey Vonn of the United States, winner of the ladies downhill, didn't finish the slalom after a crash.—*Xinhua*

Evan Lysacek wins men's singles figure skating for United States

VANCOUVER, 19 Feb—Evan Lysacek of the United States defeated his arch-rival defending champion Evgeni Plushenko of Russia to win the men's singles figure skating at the Vancouver Olympic Winter Games on Thursday.

Lysacek, who was second after short program, had the title at 257.67 points after free program, the first gold for the United States in the event since Brian Boitano won in 1988 Calgary winter Olympics.

Plushenko, gold medal winner in Torino, who gave a near-perfect performance in free program, had to be content with the silver at 256.36.—*Xinhua*

Nesbitt claims women's 1000m speed skating victory for Canada

VANCOUVER, 19 Feb—Though almost tumbled at the finish line, Christine Nesbitt claimed the first speed skating gold for the host country when she lifted the women's 1000 meters trophy at the 21st Winter Olympic Games here on Thursday.

In front of 6529 crazy home fans at the Richmond Olympic Oval, Nesbitt had a rusty start but surged back in the last 200 meters, winning in one minute 16.56 seconds when she almost tumbled at the finish line.

Ranked No.1 of the event, Nesbitt said: “I can't believe it's the Olympics, it doesn't feel real. I can't believe, it was too close for comfort.”—*Xinhua*

Tora Berger wins women's biathlon 15km for Norway

WHISTLER, 19 Feb—Norway's Tora Berger won on Thursday the title in the women's 15 kilometers of biathlon in the 2010 Vancouver Olympics Games.

Berger finished first in 39 minutes 52.8 seconds, 20.7 seconds faster than Elena Kaz Khrestaleva of Kazakhstan, who who the silver.

“It's so good. Really, I don't know what to say. It's really, really good. It's probably the biggest dream I've dreamed about,” said Berger on her feelings about being an Olympic champion.

Berger's gold is the 100th medal for Norway in the history of Winter Olympics.

Darya Domracheva of Bulgaria came in third with 28.2 seconds behind the champion.—*Xinhua*

Hamburg wins, Berlin ties at Europa League



Hamburg SV's Ruud van Nistelrooy controls the ball during their Europa League last 32 first leg soccer match against PSV Eindhoven in Hamburg on 18 February, 2010.

XINHUA

BERLIN, 19 Feb—Hamburg will take a one goal advantage to Eindhoven after Marcell Jansen scored the only goal against the Dutch team in the Europa League on Thursday. Berlin tied with Lissabon thanks to an own goal.

Hamburg and Eindhoven staged an

unspectacular first half, both teams kept their defence tight to neutralize offensive actions.

Hamburg needed 26 minutes to mark the opener by a penalty, which was awarded when Eindhoven defender Stanislav Manolev tackled Hamburg striker Mladen Petric inside the box. Defender Marcell Jansen converted into bottom left to bring his team up front.

After interval both teams staged an evenly balanced match. Hamburg continued to search for the second goal while Eindhoven was short on accuracy and unable to turn around within the final whistle. The two teams will meet again in Eindhoven on 25 February.

Drop zone team Berlin was held to a 1-1 draw at first leg against Benfica Lissabon. Lissabon remains undefeated in 13 matches while Berlin waits for their first victory after five matches.

Xinhua

Sharapova into Memphis semis, Roddick reaches quarters



Top seed Maria Sharapova (pictured in January) continued her march through the WTA Tour event in Memphis, reaching the semi-finals with a straight-sets victory over Elena Baltacha, 6-2, 7-5.—INTERNET

MEMPHIS, 19 Feb—Top seed Maria Sharapova continued her march through the WTA Tour event here, reaching the semi-finals with a straight-sets victory over Elena Baltacha.

Sharapova, ranked 16th in the world, on Thursday defeated her British opponent 6-2, 7-5. She hasn't dropped a set and has lost only 11 games in three matches in her first tournament since fall-

ing in the first round of the Australian Open last month.

It was another story for second-seeded American Melanie Oudin, who fell 6-1, 6-3 to Swedish qualifier Sofia Arvidsson.

Arvidsson, ranked 139th, had to hurry from a minor tour event in Midland, Michigan, to play in qualifying and barely made it.

“I didn't arrive until an hour and a half before my qualifying,” she said. “I almost didn't make it into the tournament. I've been lucky this week. I've been fighting through my matches. It has been unbelievable.”

Sharapova next faces fifth-seeded Czech Petra Kvitova, who rallied to beat third-seeded Estonian Kaia Kanepi 1-6, 6-3, 7-6 (7/0). Arvidsson will face Britain's Anne Keothavong, a 6-4, 6-3 winner over Croatian Karolina Sprem.—*Internet*

Tiger Woods to make public apology

PONTE VEDRABEACH, 19 Feb— Superstar golfer Tiger Woods, whose stunning fall from grace late last year captivated the sports world, is set to make a public apology on Friday and speak about his playing future. The world No. 1 has been in hiding since admitting in December he cheated on his wife — his private life having unraveled after a bizarre minor car accident in the middle of the night outside his Florida home the previous month.—Internet



US golfer Tiger Woods and his wife Elin Nordegren in 2009. Speculation reached fever pitch ahead of the first public appearance by Woods since a slew of tawdry revelations that led to his stunning fall from grace.

INTERNET

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (20-2-2010) (Saturday)

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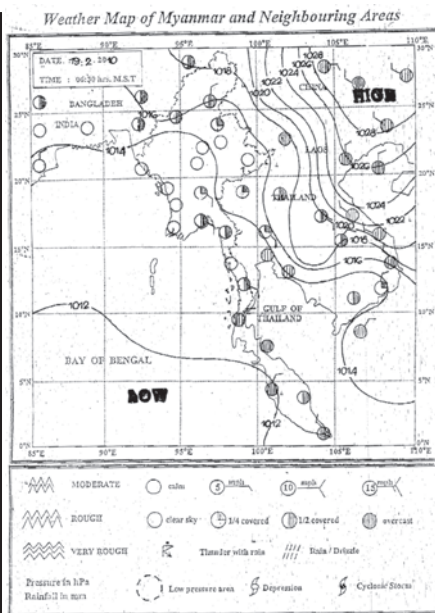
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WEATHER

Friday, 19th February, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, light rain has been isolated in Kachin, Shan and Chin States, lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, weather has been partly cloudy in Rakhine and Mon States, upper Sagaing, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Night temperatures were (7°C) below February average temperatures in Kachin State, (3°C) to (4°C) above February average temperatures in Shan and Rakhine States, Mandalay, Bago and Yangon Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) above February average temperatures in Kayah and Mon States, Magway and Taninthayi Divisions, and about February average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant night temperatures was Putao (3°C) and Haka (5°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded was Haka (0.28) inch.

Maximum temperature on 18-2-2010 was 99°F. Minimum temperature on 19-2-2010 was 71°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 19-2-2010 was 73%. Total sun shine hours on 18-2-2010 was (7.6) hours approx.

Rainfall on 19-2-2010 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 (5) mph from South at (21:30) hours MST on 18-2-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 20th February 2010: Like rain are likely to be isolated in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division weather will be partly cloudy in Chin, Shan and Rakhine States and Mandalay Division and fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Generally fair weather in the whole country.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 20-2-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 20-2-2010: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 20-2-2010: Partly cloudy.

Weather outlook for last weekend of February 2010: During the coming weekend, weather will be partly cloudy in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay Divisions.



**Saturday, 20
February
View on today**

7:00 am

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရား
2. ခြားနားသောအခါ

7:20 am

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရား
2. ခြားနားသောအခါ

7:25 am

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရား
2. ခြားနားသောအခါ

7:30 am

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရား
2. ခြားနားသောအခါ

7:40 am

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရား
2. ခြားနားသောအခါ

7:55 am

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရား
2. ခြားနားသောအခါ

8:10 am

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရား
2. ခြားနားသောအခါ

8:25 am

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရား
2. ခြားနားသောအခါ

8:40 am

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရား
2. ခြားနားသောအခါ

8:45 am

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရား
2. ခြားနားသောအခါ

11:00 am

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရား
2. ခြားနားသောအခါ

11:10 am

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရား
2. ခြားနားသောအခါ

11:25 am

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရား
2. ခြားနားသောအခါ

11:50 am

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရား
2. ခြားနားသောအခါ

12:05 pm

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရား
2. ခြားနားသောအခါ

12:20 pm

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရား
2. ခြားနားသောအခါ

1:20 pm

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရား
2. ခြားနားသောအခါ

1:30 pm

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရား
2. ခြားနားသောအခါ

1:40 pm

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရား
2. ခြားနားသောအခါ

1:40 pm

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရား
2. ခြားနားသောအခါ

1:40 pm

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရား
2. ခြားနားသောအခါ

1:40 pm

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရား
2. ခြားနားသောအခါ

2:00 pm

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရား
2. ခြားနားသောအခါ

2:35 pm

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရား
2. ခြားနားသောအခါ

2:45 pm

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရား
2. ခြားနားသောအခါ

4:00 pm

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရား
2. ခြားနားသောအခါ

4:10 pm

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရား
2. ခြားနားသောအခါ

4:20 pm

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရား
2. ခြားနားသောအခါ

4:35 pm

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရား
2. ခြားနားသောအခါ

4:45 pm

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရား
2. ခြားနားသောအခါ

5:05 pm

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရား
2. ခြားနားသောအခါ

5:20 pm

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရား
2. ခြားနားသောအခါ

5:30 pm

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရား
2. ခြားနားသောအခါ

6:00 pm

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရား
2. ခြားနားသောအခါ

6:15 pm

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရား
2. ခြားနားသောအခါ

6:15 pm

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရား
2. ခြားနားသောအခါ

6:15 pm

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရား
2. ခြားနားသောအခါ

- ★ 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

Yangon South District grasps development

YANGON, 19 Feb—At the opening ceremony of Thuta Byuha Library in Peinnegon Village of Kawhmu Township yesterday, Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence stressed the need to strive for durability of the library and to open it both day time and evening for broadening the horizon of the people.

Yesterday morning, Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspected

progress of Hlinethaya-Dalla-Twantay Road and construction of earth road linking five villages in Twantay Township.

In Htamanaing Village of Kawhmu Township, Lt-Gen Myint Swe viewed cultivation of summer paddy and visited Basic Education High School branch.

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What caused Earth to hold its last breath?

SCIENCE DAILY, 19 Feb—When Earth was young, it exhaled the atmosphere. During a period of intense volcanic activity, lava carried light ele-



Evolutionary game of rock-paper-scissors may lead to new species.

ments from the planet's molten interior and released them into the sky. However, some light elements got trapped inside the planet. In the journal *N*, a Rice University-based team of scientists is offering a new answer to a longstanding mystery: What caused Earth to hold its last breath? For some time, scientists have known that a large cache of light elements like helium and argon still reside inside the planet. This has perplexed scientists because such elements tend to escape into the atmosphere during volcanism. However, because these elements are depleted in the Earth's upper mantle, Earth scientists are fairly certain the retained

elements lie in a deeper portion of the mantle. Researchers have struggled to explain why some gases would be retained while others would rise and escape into the air. The dominant view has been that the lowermost mantle has been largely isolated from the upper mantle and therefore retains its primordial composition.—*Internet*

Health Ministry urges people to follow advice on A(H1N1)

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Feb—Myanmar dailies have carried new influenza A (H1N1) cases broke out in the country. A(H1N1) cases were reported in Tiddim Township, Chin State, in Kyaukse Township, Shan State and in the townships of Bahan, Tamuay, Dagon Myothit (North), Dagon Myothit (East), Shwepyitha, Hlinethaya and Hmawby in Yangon Division.

In 2009, there were 69 people infected with the virus and from January 2010 to date, there were 56 infected people. A total of 100 people with flu-like symptoms were hospitalized this year and among them, 24 were discharged. The remaining patients are on the mend and under surveillance as the treatment period has not yet been over. But there have been no death.

Virus control and preventive measures are being taken with added momentum through the cooperation between the central and local authorities. People are to strictly follow the reminders and warnings of the Health Ministry and participate in the preventive measures in order to stop the spread of the disease.

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Students may take out identity cards for matriculation exam

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Feb—The students who will take the matriculation examination for 2010 are to take out the identity cards from the supervisors of respective examination centres beginning 25 February. The roll numbers and exam centres will be posted at the respective Township Education Offices on 1 March for the students who will take the exam in the townships of Yangon municipal area.

The students from the Yangon municipal area are to take out the identity cards beginning 4 March. The students from Basic Education High School (Branch) and (Affiliated) are to draw the identity cards from the school heads of respective schools. The external students are to take out the identity cards from supervisors of their respective examination centres.

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