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Prime Minister sends message of felicitations to Brunei King

Nay Pyi Taw, 23 Feb—On the occasion of the 26th Anniversary of the National Day of Brunei Darussalam which falls on 23 February 2010, General Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Muizzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam.—*MNA*

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Yeywa Hydropower Station will be in service soon

PM visits Yeywa Hydropower Project

Nay Pyi Taw, 22 Feb—Prime Minister General Thein Sein flew to Yeywa Hydropower Project on Myitnge River, 31 miles south-east of Mandalay, yesterday to assist in implementing the project.

During the inspection tour of the project, the Prime Minister called for completion on schedule and instructed personnel concerned to keep photo records of any particular work of the project. Accompanied by Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence, ministers, the auditor-general, deputy ministers and heads of departments, the Prime Minister inspected generating power from the turbine No.1 on trial and installation of other generators.

The main dam, diversion tunnels Nos. 1 and 2, the spillway, the intake channel, the

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects Yeywa Hydropower Project from view deck of the briefing hall in front of the project.—MNA

PERSPECTIVES

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Extend railroad networks for trade and transport development

Myanma Railways is the most widely used means of transportation in Myanmar. Its ability to transport natural resources and products of various regions to markets in a short time contributes a great deal to domestic trade.

The government has given top priority to transport infrastructure for regional development. Accordingly, it is building new motor roads and railroads, including bridges, and extending the existing ones the length and breadth of the nation. Due to the extension of networks of railroads, various regions are now enjoying trade and transport development.

The 98-mile railroad that will link Katha in Sagaing Division and Bhamo in Kachin State is being constructed section-wise and the 16-mile Katha-Moetagyi section was commissioned into service on 20 February.

The Katha-Moetagyi section is a major part of the Katha-Bhamo railroad and, when the entire project is completed, it will be possible for people to go from Mandalay to Bhamo direct by train and for goods to be transported. There will be better and smoother transport in Katha, Shwegu, Mansi and Bhamo townsips that line along the new railroad.

Myanma Railways under the Ministry of Rail Transportation is maintaining and upgrading the existing railroad as well as building new ones. It is also producing carriages both for passengers and freight. Advanced carriages have been introduced on Mandalay-Yangon and Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay lines.

For the emergence of the Union railroad network, Myanma Railways has been extending the construction of railroads, and we believe that, new railroads will facilitate transport and boost trade between one region and another across the Union.

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**

Industry-1 eyes manufacturing quality products

YANGON, 22 Feb — Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung called for production of bicycles in large quantities and stressed the need to work harder to meet the target on his arrival at Bicycle Factory (Yangon) of Myanma General and Maintenance Industries in Setsan, Mingala Taungnyunt Township here yesterday.

While he was in the factory, the minister looked into production line of bicycle parts, electric motorcar, four wheeled and three wheeled trolley, bedstead, wheelchair and cupboard to be used in hospital, cycling gear, Maung Myanmar bicycle and bicycle for health purpose.

On his arrival at 20-ton Cardboard Factory Project (Yeni) being implemented by Myanma Paper and Chemical Industries in Yedashe Township of Bago Division this morning, the minister called for enhancement of sound quality and oversaw test running of machines.

Next, the minister visited 50-ton pulp and 80-ton packaging paper factory (Yeni).

At Nay Pyi Taw Brick Factory Project (Pantin) being implemented by Myanma Ceramics Industries, he inspected test running of machines installed at the main building and preparation for construction of kilns, and called for timely completion of works.

MNA

FM felicitates Brunei counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Feb—On the occasion of the 26th Anniversary of the National Day of Brunei Darussalam which falls on 23 February 2010, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Royal Highness Prince Haji Mohamed Bolkiah, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of Brunei Darussalam.—*MNA*

***Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung inspects Maung Myanmar bicycles produced by Bicycle Factory (Yangon) of Myanma General and Maintenance Industries.*—MNA**

Prize presentation timetable changes

YANGON, 22 Feb—The U Ohn Pe Literary Award, Scholarship Award, Pakokku Library Award will be held at 10.30 am instead of 9 am on 28 February at Grand Ballroom of Chatrium Hotel on Natmauk Road, here.

The rehearsal will be held at the hall of Sarpay Beikman at 529/531 on Merchant Street at 1 pm on 27 February. All winners are reminded to attend the ceremony without fail.

The literary award, scholarship award winners for National Culture and Fine Arts University and Pakokku Library Award winners are to contact Secretary of the Pakokku U Ohn Pe Literary Award Scrutiny Committee U Maung Hlaing (Tel: 01-391448 and 0980-21703) and scholarship award winners Director U Myo Thant (Tel: 067-407272) and Deputy Director-General U Tun Hla (Tel: 01-548540) of Education Planning and Training Department soonest.—*MNA*

Courts meet to seek work improvement

***Chief Justice U Aung Toe delivers a speech at work coordination meeting of judges of Supreme Court, States, Divisions and Districts.*—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Feb—The work coordination meeting of judges of the Supreme Court of Union of Myanmar, States, Divisions and Districts was held at the Supreme Court here this morning, with an address by Chief Justice U Aung Toe.

Judges of states and divisions hold discussions about juridical matters and function of the courts.

MNA

Take Fire Preventive Measures

A man on a wooden boat passes a flooded housing complex at the Baleendah district in Bandung, capital of Indonesia's West Java province 21 February, 2010.—INTERNET

Afghan officials says airstrike kills 19 civilians

KABUL, 22 Feb — Afghan officials say at least 19 civilians have been killed by a NATO airstrike on a convoy of vehicles in southern Afghanistan.

NATO confirms that it fired on Sunday on a group of vehicles that it believed contained militants, only to discover later that women and children were in the cars. NATO did not provide a figure of how many died.

The head of the provincial council for Uruzgan Province, Amanullah Hothaki, says 19 people were killed in the strike, which hit three minibuses as they drove down a main road.

Interior Ministry spokesman Zemeri Bashary said he had reports of 27 people killed. He said there were 42 people in the vehicles, all of them civilians.

The Afghan government and NATO have launched an investigation.—*Internet*

Eurostar train breaks down in England

LONDON, 22 Feb — A Eurostar train broke down in southeast England with hundreds of passengers trapped on board, the train operator said.

The cross-Channel rail operator said 740 travellers on the Paris to London service were trapped around 10:45 pm (2245 GMT) on Sunday near Ashford, in Kent, when the train ground to a halt.

Passengers said they had waited more than an hour before a replacement train arrived to take them to St Pancras station in London.

They said they were plunged into darkness after the breakdown, but the operator said emergency lighting eventually came on. A passenger called Oliver told Sky News television that the train suddenly stopped and the lights went out.

"It's getting fairly hot, but people are very calm, very relaxed," he said.

"We don't know exactly what happened or why at the moment," a Eurostar spokesman said.

"We are investigating what happened fully."

The service's departure from Gare du Nord in the French capital late Sunday had already been delayed after an unattended bag caused a security alert.

The operator said no disruptions to services between London and Paris were expected as a result of the breakdown.

Eurostar has recently been hit by a series of problems, the most serious being the breakdown of five trains carrying more than 2,000 passengers in the Channel Tunnel during the busy pre-Christmas period.

Internet

Passengers arrive on a Eurostar train from Paris to Kings Cross St Pancras station in London in December 2009. A Eurostar train broke down in southeast England with hundreds of passengers trapped on board, the train operator said.
INTERNET

Rich oil prospects in disputed islands raise Argentina-Britain tensions

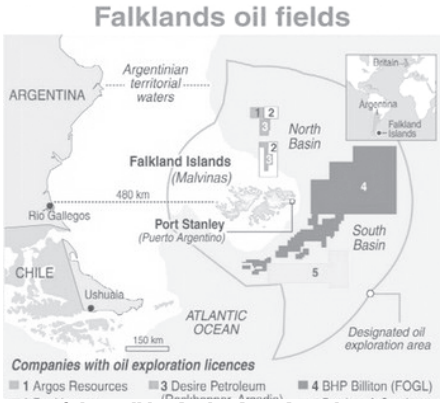
BEIJING, 22 Feb — Tensions between Argentina and Britain have been escalating over Britain's oil drilling plan in the disputed oil-rich Malvinas (Falkland) Islands. The two countries were locked in a new round of verbal skirmishes 28 years after their bitter war over the ownership of the archipelago.

Earlier this month, the British government approved Desire Petroleum, a British oil explorer, to drill around the disputed islands, drawing strong opposition from the Argentine side.

British Foreign Secretary David Miliband said last Thursday that the exploration was "completely in accordance with international law."

However, Argentina accused Britain of doing "an unilateral act of aggression and subduing" by deciding the hydrocarbon exploration in the South Atlantic archipelago.

The disputed islands lie in southern Atlantic, 450 km from the Argentine coast. They are called the Falklands by Britons and the Malvinas by the Argentines. The archipelago has been occupied by the British forces since 1833.—*Xinhua*



Map of the Falkland Islands and southern Argentina showing oil exploration areas. A British oil rig starts drilling off the Falklands on Monday, a move likely to ratchet up tensions with Argentina which claims the disputed islands, the BBC reported, citing the oil company.—INTERNET

Two US helicopter pilots killed in landing accident in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 22 Feb— Two US helicopter pilots were killed in an accident near a US base airfield in northern Iraq on Sunday, the US military said.

"The aircraft made a hard landing inside the base," the US force said in a statement, adding "there were no enemy forces present and no hostile fire was reported."

The accident is under investigation, it added.

Since the war in 2003, around 4,370 US soldiers have been killed in Iraq, according to the figures of the US force.

Internet

Five wounded in mortar attack on Baghdad Green Zone

BAGHDAD, 22 Feb— Two mortar rounds struck the heavily fortified Green Zone in central Baghdad on Monday, wounding five people, an Interior Ministry source said.

The attack on Monday morning also damaged several civilian cars in the Green Zone which houses the Iraqi government and some foreign embassies, including the US embassy, according to the source.

The 10-square-kilometre Green Zone is located in central Baghdad on the west side of the Tigris River that bisects the Iraqi capital.

The vast area has frequently been targeted by Iraqi militant attacks during the past years since the 2003 invasion.

Xinhua

Four police killed, two wounded in central Iraq attack

BAQUBA, 22 Feb — Four policemen were killed and two others wounded on Sunday when a homemade bomb engulfed their vehicle as they prepared to secure an electricity site in central Iraq, a security official said.

The blast occurred in Imam Wais, 70 kilometres (43 miles) from Baquba, the capital of Diyala Province, which is one of Iraq's disputed areas and was a hotbed of Sunni militants in the wake of the 2003 US-led invasion.

The casualties were members of Iraq's electricity police, whose job is to guard the war-torn country's power plants, said an official from Baquba's operational command headquarters.

Internet

Workers assemble steel rods on a construction site in Ho Chi Minh city. Formosa Plastics Group has said it plans a stainless steel plant in Vietnam, with local media citing a budget of over three billion US dollars.—INTERNET

Indonesian firm seeks loans to finance power plant projects

JAKARTA, 22 Feb—A senior official at Indonesia's state run power firm, PT Perusahaan Listrik Negara (PLN), said on Monday that it still seeks 9 trillion rupiah (about 964.6 million US dollars) worth of debts to finance the power transmission projects in its first phase of fast-track power plant project with total capacity of 10,000 Mega Watt (MW), a local media reported.

"We have secured 1.1 million US dollars from the total funds needed to finance the transmission network in the first phase of power plant fast-track programme that requires 2 billion US dollars,"the PLN's Financial Director Setio Anggoro Dewo was quoted by the Detik.com as saying after signed some agreements with 41 domestic banks and Indonesia's postal office.

He expected that the debts to plug the remaining funds needed to finance the transmission project would be obtained from domestic banks this year.

According to the PLN's financial director, the state power firm has secured the whole funds needed to finance the first phase mega power plant project requires 5 billion US dollars.

The first phase of mega power plant project with total capacities of 10,000 MW was expected to be completed by 2013.

The PLN also plans to seek 19 trillion of funds (about 2.03 billion US dollars) in the second half this year to finance its capital expenditure, he said.—*Xinhua*

Thailand's GDP for 2009 contracted 2.3%

BANGKOK, 22 Feb—Thailand's gross domestic product (GDP) for 2009 contracted 2.3 percent year on year, Thailand's government think-tank National Economic and Social Development Board (NESDB) announced on Monday.

The GDP for quarter 4 (October-December), 2009, which posed a positive growth rate of 5.8 percent year on year for the first time in 2009, helped prevent the sharp contraction of the GDP for the whole 2009, NESDB Secretary-General Ampol Kitti-ampon, reported by the *National News Bureau of Thailand (NNT)* under the state-owned Public Relations Department.

Xinhua

File photo shows a goat, wearing a cover made from cloth and wool to keep warm, stands beside another that died from the cold weather at a sheepfold in Arkhangai Province.—INTERNET

Peru, Chile, Bolivia to develop mega tour circuit

LIMA, 22 Feb—Peru, Chile and Bolivia on Sunday proposed to create a regional mega tour circuit linking tourist sites in 18 cities in these countries.

The proposal was put forward by representatives attending an Andean and Central Pacific Region Commonwealth meeting in Arequipa, Peru.

Commonwealth technical secretary Angel Vizcarra said participants agreed to create a route to showcase tourist attractions in each and all of these cities.—*Xinhua*

S Korea ranks 5th largest auto-manufacturer in 2009

SEOUL, 22 Feb— South Korea has ranked fifth in global auto-production rankings for five consecutive years in 2009, an industry report showed on Monday.

According to a report by the Korea Automobile Manufacturers Association (KAMA), South Korea produced a total of 3.5 million vehicles last year, accounting for 5.7 percent of total global auto-output.

China surpassed Japan as the world's largest auto-manufacturer last year by producing 13.7 million vehicles, which was a 48.3 percent increase from the previous year and 22.5 percent of the global market, whereas Japan's total output was 7.9 million units in the same period, or a 31.4 percent decline from 2008, KAMA said.

Xinhua

Greece aims to attract investments from Abu Dhabi

ATHENS, 22 Feb—The Greek government has agreed to establish a bilateral working group between Athens and Abu Dhabi, the Greek Ministry of Economy, Competitiveness and Shipping announced on Sunday.

The first meeting of the group will take place in Athens in the following weeks. The two sides will explore the possibilities of economic cooperation and the possible involvement of Abu Dhabi in the Greek Development Fund, as well as the European Investment Bank and other international financial institutions.

"The aim of the Ministry is to strengthen economic cooperation between the two countries to attract investment from Abu Dhabi and the active presence of Greek businesses in the development at the emirate," according to the announcement.

Xinhua

France's Areva gets Jordan uranium mining rights

AMMAN, 22 Feb—Energy-poor Jordan on Sunday signed an agreement with France's nuclear giant Areva giving it exclusive uranium mining rights, during a visit by French Prime Minister Francois Fillon.

Fillon and his Jordanian counterpart Samir Rifai attended the signing of the agreement which will grant Areva the exclusive right to extract and mine uranium in the central parts of Jordan.

Jordan, which is poor in energy and water resources, is seeking to develop nuclear energy to generate power and desalinate water.

Fillon said he spoke with Rifai, about prospects of building nuclear plants by French firms in the Gulf of Aqaba on the Red Sea.

"Our goal is to create a full partnership with Jordan on training and obtaining nuclear technology... or with any other country in the region that seeks civilian nuclear technology," he told reporters.

Internet

Children warm up before a taekwondo exhibition in Sagua La Grande, Province of Villaclara in central Cuba, some 350 km (217 miles) from Havana on 21 Feb, 2010.—INTERNET

Sudan says not to relinquish principles in dialogue with US

KHARTOUM, 22 Feb—Sudan affirmed on Sunday that it would not relinquish its principles or top interests in any dialogue with the United States on the normalization of bilateral relations.

"We have affirmed more than once that we are keen on (our) principles and on Sudan's common interests in any dialogue with the US," Ghazi Salahuddin, Sudanese presidential adviser for the Darfur file, told reporters following a meeting with US Special Envoy to Sudan Scott Gration in Khartoum.

"At the same time we welcome any sincere effort that would help in resolving the Sudanese issues. We are looking forward to an American stance that will help find solutions to all Sudan's issues," he added.

Salahuddin said his talks with Gration reviewed the issues hampering the normalization of the Sudanese-American ties.

"I have briefed the US envoy on the current developments in Sudan, in particular the agreement we signed yesterday with Justice and Equality Movement," he said. "The US envoy welcomed the developments in the Darfur issue, represented in the framework agreement together with the ongoing arrangements to organize the elections as scheduled," he added.

The US special envoy to Sudan on Sunday commenced talks in Khartoum with a number of Sudanese Government officials. —*MNA/Xinhua*

People look on as a street with vehicles is engulfed by heavy flooding in downtown Funchal, Madeira on 20 Feb, 2010. —XINHUA

Egypt beefs up security after explosion

CAIRO, 22 Feb—Egyptian police beefed up security around a Jewish synagogue in downtown Cairo on Sunday after a man threw a small home-made explosive device there.

Members of security forces questioned the staff of the hotel, from which the attacker threw the makeshift bomb at the synagogue, in a bid to draw an initial photo of the criminal.

"No one is allowed to enter the hotel nor to take photos for the synagogue," a security official at the hotel gate told *Xinhua*.

"I am upset, the attacker threw the rest of the explosions on my shop," Ibrahim, a shop owner near the crime scene told *Xinhua*.

"The criminal run through this narrow street in the early morning," Ibrahim added.

In early Sunday morning, the small home-made explosive bottles went off outside the Jewish synagogue in central Cairo, but no injures were reported.

The explosive device was made of four containers of petrol attached to a one-litre bottle of sulphuric acid, a piece of cotton, a match and a cigarette lighter, officials said.

The attacker hurled the bag containing the makeshift bomb at the synagogue and the glass bottles broke, causing the materials inside to mix and get the fire alight.

Xinhua

Two Bactrian camels walk at the Lop Nur Bactrian Camel Nature Reserve in northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, on 19 Feb, 2010. —XINHUA

All Items from Xinhua News Agency

Malaysia to train foreign maids, employers for better relations

KUALA LUMPUR, 22 Feb—Foreign maids and their employers are urged to take a compulsory training to know better about their rights and responsibilities before the employment, local media reported on Monday.

Newly-employed foreign maids and their employers must attend the half-day course since the end of March, called the Seminar and Dialogue for Foreign Maids, the *Sin Chew* Daily quoted Human Resources Minister Subramaniam as saying here on Monday.

Foreign maids have to take part in the course six months since their entry into Malaysia, he said, adding that representatives of employment agencies should also join the training for an increasing number of complaints against them, he said.

Xinhua

Philippines holds two Malaysian fishing boats

KUALA LUMPUR, 22 Feb—The Philippines authorities are still holding two Malaysian fishing boats after releasing eight trawlers said to have encroached into the country's waters, according to local media on Monday.

The Star, a local daily, reported that the eight trawlers were released after their owners paid "fines" ranging from 13,000 ringgit (3,823 US dollars) to 40,000 ringgit (11,765 US dollars).

The daily quoted industry sources in Sandakan, the second largest city in Sabah State of East Malaysia, as saying that two more trawlers were detained at Taganak Island, a Philippines' island in the Tawi Province.

The island is 60 km or an hour speedboat ride from Sandakan.

Xinhua

Jordan, France ink several cooperation agreements

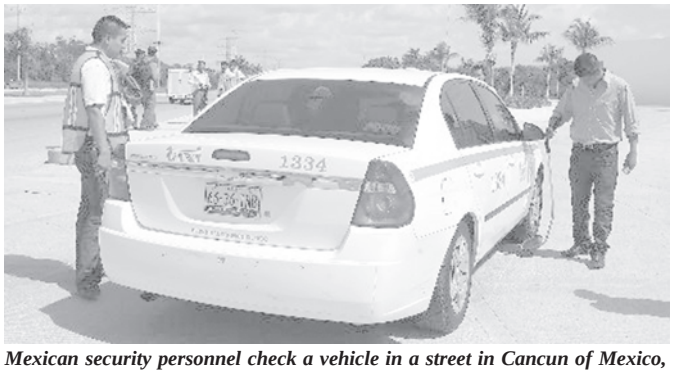
AMMAN, 22 Feb—Jordan and France on Sunday signed several agreements to foster ties between the two countries in a variety of fields, the state-run *Petra* news agency, reported. In the presence of visiting French Prime Minister Francois Fillon and Jordan's Prime Minister Samir Rifai, officials from the two countries signed an agreement to create an excellent center for energy and mega projects in Jordan, in addition to another deal to explore and utilize uranium in the Arab kingdom. Jordan is abundant in uranium reserves with an estimate of some 140,000 tons. It is also home to other nuclear materials such as zirconium and the country is expected to produce annually 2,000 tons of yellowcake and about 300 tons of phosphate as of 2013.—*Xinhua*

Colombia culture centre appreciates China' support

BOGOTA, 22 Feb—The authority of a Colombia-based culture centre expressed thanks on Sunday for China's support and announced plans for its Chinese-language students to tour China. Diana Gomez, co-founder of the Asia Centre, hailed the support from the Chinese embassy to the South American nation.

Gomez also announced that Chinese-language students at the centre will make a series of trips to China to learn about traditional Chinese medicine and culture. The Asia Centre had also sought the support from the Colombian government in order to promote cultural exchanges between the two countries, Gomez said.

Xinhua



Mexican security personnel check a vehicle in a street in Cancun of Mexico, on 20 Feb, 2010. The Summit of Latin America and the Caribbean and the annual Rio Group Summit will be held in Cancun on 22 and 23 Feb. —XINHUA

A visitor looks at an Israeli air force unmanned plane in the Tel Nof base, central Israel, on 21 Feb, 2010. Israel's air force has introduced a fleet of large unmanned planes that it says can fly as far as Iran.—INTERNET

Israel launches new generation unmanned aircraft

JERUSALEM, 22 Feb— A new generation of unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) was put into use by Israel Air Force (IAF) on Sunday.

"The launching of this air plane is another substantial landmark in the development of unmanned aerial vehicles," said IAF Commander Ido Nehoshtan in a speech at the delivering ceremony held on Sunday in Tel-Nof Airforce Base, south of Tel Aviv.

The newly introduced unmanned aircraft, with the name of Eitan, is among the most advanced UAV of its kind in the world, said Eyal, an IAF lieutenant colonel in charge of its development.

"Above and beyond," just as the plane's slogan says, Eitan flies higher and faster than any other UAV owned by IAF currently.

The aircraft, which has a length of 13 metres and a wingspan of 26 metres, is capable of flying above the altitude of 12,000 metres and at a maximum speed of 240 km per hour.

The new unmanned plane is specially designed for IAF to perform versatile operations, said Captain Omer, deputy commander of a newly established squadron to operate the new drone.

Equipped with a turbo jet engine, Eitan is able to carry various payloads weighing up to hundreds of kilogrammes, Omer told *Xinhua*.

Xinhua

Taleban kill Six police in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 22 Feb—Six Afghans were killed and two others sustained injures as Taleban militants opened fire in Afghanistan's southern Helmand Province on Saturday, the Interior Ministry said in a statement issued here on Sunday.

"A unit of police force was busy in destroying poppy farms in Nahr-e-Saraj District yesterday when militants opened fire, as a result six policemen were martyred and two others sustained injures," the statement added. It blamed the enemies of Afghanistan, a term used by Afghan officials against Taleban militants for organizing the attack.

Notorious for growing poppy and militancy, Helmand has been regarded as the stronghold of Taleban fighters in south Afghanistan. The war-torn country produces over 90 percent of the raw material used in manufacturing heroin in the world. Majority of the contraband, according to media reports, was produced in Helmand Province.—*Xinhua*

25 militants lay down arms in N Afghanistan

KUNDZU, 22 Feb— A group of armed anti- government militants laid down their arms and resumed normal life in Kunduz Province north of Afghanistan, police spokesman in the Province Lal Mohammad Ahmadzai said on Monday.

"Twenty five Taleban fighters under the command of Sayed Noork gave up militancy and handed over their arms to authorities in Chardara District on Sunday," Ahmadzai told *Xinhua*.

Joining these people to peace process and their reintegration to society would strengthen government control in Chardara District and adjoining areas, the official further said.

The Taleban fighters have not made comments.

Taleban militants have suffered setback over the past two weeks as the outfit's second-in-command Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar and their shadow governor for Kunduz, Mullah Abdul Salam have been arrested in Pakistan while a massive operation of Afghan and NATO- led troops against their bastion in Marja district of Afghanistan' s southern Helmand Province is in full swing since 13 February.—*Xinhua*

Haitian President says quake toll could reach 300,000

PLAYA DEL CARMEN, 22 Feb—Haitian President Rene Preval said here on Sunday that as many as 300,000 people died in the devastating earthquake that rocked the country on 12 Jan.

In his opening speech to the first Mexico-Caricom Summit held in Playa del Carmen, a Caribbean coast resort in Mexico, Preval said: "More than 200,000 bodies have been recovered from the streets, (and) with those under the rubble that figure could reach 300,000."

Xinhua

NEWS ALBUM

Khagendra Thapa Magar waves to the media before leaving for Europe in Kathmandu on 21 Feb, 2010. Magar's family claimed that he is the shortest man of the world measuring 56 cm (22 inches) at the age of 18, and they are on their way to a campaign to put his name in the Guinness World Records.

Nepal's shortest man in quest for world record

A man who is only 22 inches (56 centimetres) tall left his home country of Nepal on Sunday in a quest to be recognized as the world's shortest man. Khagendra Thapa Magar is traveling to Europe to campaign for the *Guinness World Record* title. He applied to London-based group for a place in the record book in October, soon after turning 18, but said he has not received any response.

Magar's family initially filed a claim when he was 14, but it was rejected because he was not an adult and there was a chance he might grow.

They say doctors in Nepal have not been able to explain why Magar is so small.

"We are going to Italy to try to record his name in the *Guinness Book of World Records,"* his father, Rup Bahadur Thapa Magar, told reporters in Katmandu. They plan to appear on an Italian television show to talk about his bid for the title.

Once in Italy, Magar, his father and a supporter will decide on their next destination. His supporters saw him off from the Nepalese capital on Sunday, offering flower bouquets and garlands.

Most 'test tube' kids are healthy

More than 30 years after the world greeted its first "test-tube" baby with a mixture of awe, elation and concern, researchers say they are finding only a few medical differences between these children and kids conceived in the traditional way.

More than 3 million children have been born worldwide as a result of what is called assisted reproductive technology, and injecting sperm into the egg outside the human body now accounts for about 4 percent of live births, researchers reported Sunday at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

The majority of assisted reproduction children are healthy and normal, according to researchers who have studied them. Some of these children do face an increased risk of birth defects, such as neural tube defects, and of low birth weight, which is associated with obesity, hypertension and Type 2 diabetes later in life, the researchers said.

Student shot during gun safety class

A gun safety class attendee in Orlando, Fla, was accidentally shot in the foot by his instructor, police reported.

Robert Frauman Jr, 50, was one of three students at a concealed weapons certification class at Summit Church on Saturday, when he was struck by the stray bullet, a church spokeswoman told the *Orlando Sentinel*, adding he was "doing well" and the bullet did not hit any bones.

Instructor Michael Phillips could not be reached for comment, the Sentinel said, but another National Rifle Association instructor told the newspaper it is forbidden to take ammunition to classes.

Socrates, a 20-year old male tiger undergoes dental treatment to remove a broken tooth at the Villa Lorena animal refuge centre in Cali on 21 February, 2010. The refuge takes in injured animals abandoned by circuses.

File photo shows a man stands inside a house destroyed by category 4 Hurricane Ike on the island of Grand Turk in the Turks & Caicos Islands. Top researchers now agree that the world is likely to get stronger but fewer hurricanes in the future because of global warming, seeming to settle a scientific debate on the subject.—INTERNET

Warming to bring stronger hurricanes

WASHINGTON, 22 Feb—Top researchers now agree that the world is likely to get stronger but fewer hurricanes in the future because of global warming, seeming to settle a scientific debate on the subject. But they say there's not enough evidence yet to tell whether that effect has already begun.

Since just before Hurricane Katrina hit Louisiana and Mississippi in 2005, dueling scientific papers have clashed about whether global warming is worsening hurricanes and will do so in the future. The new study seems to split the difference. A special World Meteorological Organization panel of 10 experts in both hurricanes and climate change—including leading scientists from both sides—came up with a consensus, which is published online Sunday in the journal *Nature Geoscience*.

"We've really come a long way in the last two years about our knowledge of the hurricane and climate issue," said study co-author Chris Landsea, a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration top hurricane researcher. The technical term for these storms are tropical cyclones; in the Atlantic they get called hurricanes, elsewhere typhoons.

The study offers projections for tropical cyclones worldwide by the end of this century, and some experts said the bad news outweighs the good. Overall strength of storms as measured in wind speed would rise by 2 to 11 percent, but there would be between 6 and 34 percent fewer storms in number. Essentially, there would be fewer weak and moderate storms and more of the big damaging ones, which also are projected to be stronger due to warming.—*Internet*

Californa train derails, toxic cloud forces evacuations

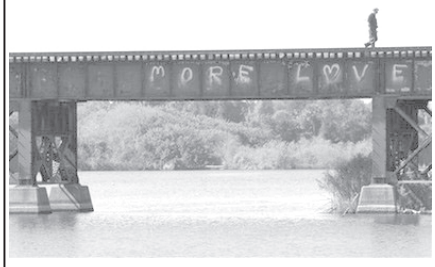
KEENE, 22 Feb—Several homes in central California remained evacuated on Sunday after the car of a freight train that derailed at a tunnel entrance near a small town burned and choked the area with thick, black smoke. A day after the derailment, about seven homes were evacuated and the residents of 30 other houses were advised to stay indoors with the windows closed, said Kern County Fire Department Engineer Justin Corley.

There were no serious injuries in the derailment about 9:30 pm Saturday near Keene, about 15 miles east of Bakersfield. Two cars from the long Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corp freight train went off Union Pacific tracks at a tunnel entrance on the well-known Tehachapi Loop south of Keene.—*Internet*

Train kills three teen girls crossing Florida bridge

MELBOURNE, 22 Feb—After goofing around downtown, four teenagers marched past a "no trespassing" sign and braved a railroad trestle that spans 200 feet over a creek. As they joked around and took pictures at the bridge's halfway point, an oncoming train barreled down the tracks, its whistle howling alarm.

Onlookers yelled for the teens to run or jump into the slow-moving water 20 feet below, but only a young boy could sprint to safety. The three others, all girls, were killed Saturday as the sun set over Crane Creek, police and witnesses said.—*Internet*



A police officer inspects the tracks on the bridge where three teenagers were walking when hit and killed by a train in Melbourne, Fla, on 21 Feb, 2010.—INTERNET

Genetic test reduces babies with inherited diseases

BEIJING, 22 Feb—Are you afraid of having a baby because of inherited diseases? There is good news that using genetic testing can decide whether to have children. *The Associated Press* found births of babies with cystic fibrosis, Tay-Sachs and other less familiar disorders seem to have dropped since the genetic testing came into wider use.

Although many of these diseases are little known, they can lead to disability and are often fatal during childhood. Now more women are being tested as part of routine prenatal care, and many end pregnancies when diseases are found.

Media reports said one study in California found that genetic testing reduced by half the number of babies born with the severest form of cystic fibrosis. Moreover, more couples with no family history of inherited diseases are getting tested before starting families to see if they carry mutations that put a baby at risk.

Xinhua

Scientists report on way to derail spread of AIDS

SAN DIEGO, 22 Feb—A successful AIDS vaccine remains elusive, but researchers say aggressive, early anti-viral therapy might provide a way to derail the spread of disease.

The goal is to catch new AIDS cases early and administer therapy to reduce the amount of virus in the patient's system. Antiretroviral therapy has increased in the past five years. But it's been given too late in the course of infection. By the time people start therapy they have infected most of those that they would have infected anyway. That's according to Brian Williams of the South African Centre for Epidemiological Modeling and Analysis.— *Internet*

Cat food latest weapon against Australia's cane toads

SYDNEY, 22 Feb—A tin of cat food may be the solution to reducing the number of toxic cane toads in Australia, one of the country's major pests which environmentalists have tried for years to stop from killing off the native wildlife.

Scientists from the University of Sydney said that putting cat food close to ponds inhabited by baby cane toads attracts carnivorous ants that are also immune to the toads' poisonous skin. The ants then attack the baby toads and eat them."In one spot we tested, 98 percent of the baby toads were attacked within the first two minutes," researcher Rick Shine told *Reuters*. "It was a bit like a massacre."

Scientist have spent years — and a significant amount of money — trying to find ways to get rid of the toxic toad that has plagued Australia's flora and fauna for decades and which is considered one of the country's worse environmental mistakes.

The toads, introduced from Hawaii in 1935 in a bid to control native cane beetles, have led to dramatic declines in populations of native snakes, goanna lizards and quolls, a cat-sized marsupial.

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Graeme Sawyer, founder of the Northern Territory group known as Frog Watch, holds a cane toad after he removed it from his trap at a billabong located 120 km (75 miles) south of Darwin on 11 May, 2005. — INTERNET

Yeywa Hydropower Station…

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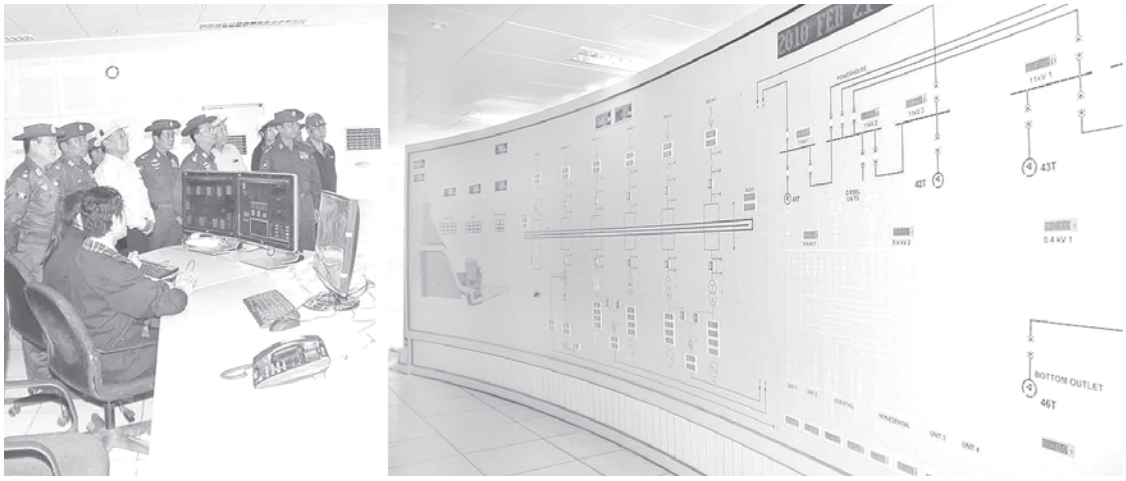
switch yard and Power Supply Station of the project have been completed, Minister for Electric Power No. 1 said in his report to the Prime Minister.

Yeywa Hydropower Project is erected with four intake structures and one spillway, and is equipped with four turbine generators each with a capacity of 197.5 megawatts. Upon completion, the project will generate 790 megawatts.

Of the four turbines, the first one is on trial run and the other three is under installation. Electricity generated from turbine No. 1 will be transmitted to the national power grid.

The Prime Minister and party then looked round the construction site in a motorcade.

The Prime Minister and party went to Mandalay and visited the site chosen to open a 550-bed Mandalay Children's Hospital between 27th Street and 28th Street and between 66th Street and 67th Street in Chanayethazan Township. During the visit, the Prime Minister heard reports presented by Minister for Health Dr. Kyaw Myint and fulfilled the requirements for renovation of buildings for the hospital.—*MNA*



***Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects control room in Yeywa Hydropower Project.*—MNA**

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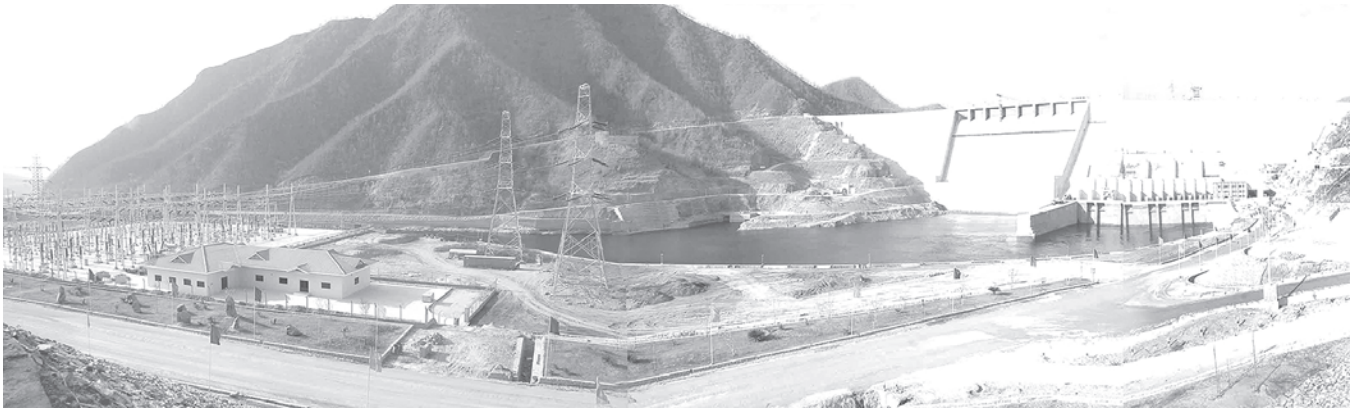
***Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects buildings in which Children's Hospital will be opened in Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay.*—MNA**

***Photo shows Yeywa Hydropower Project being implemented by Construction No. 2 of Hydropower Planning Department under Ministry of Electric Power No. 1.*—MNA**



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence speaking at ceremony to donate cash to funds of renovating basic education schools in Bawlekyun region of Htantabin Township.
(News on page 16)—MNA

Free eye care going on well in Thaton of Mon State

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Feb—Mobile eye specialists team formed with eye specialists from People's Hospital of Yangon, Thaton, Mawlamyine and Bago rendered free treatment to patients with eye complaints in Mon State.

Secretary of National Health Committee Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo on 18 February went to Thaton District to encourage the eye specialist and to fulfill the needs.

Mon State Peace and Development Council Chairman South-East Command Commander Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win and the deputy minister provided the patients who had undergone surgery with sunglasses and cash.

The field eye care programme in Thaton enabled 3,309 patients had their vision tested, 475 with catract to restore normal sight and 1,525 got free spectacles.

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Kungyangon natives praise elders

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Feb—Kungyangon natives in Yangon paid respect to the aged and presented prizes to outstanding students at annual general meeting of Kungyangon Township Association (Yangon) at Dhammayon of the Ministry of Energy on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road here yesterday.

Honorary Patron of the association Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi extended greetings at the meetings and Chairman U Kyaw Khine expressed gratitude.

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32nd coordination meeting of Attorney-General's Office held

Attorney-General U Aye Maung meets State/Division and District law officers at 32nd coordination meeting.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Feb— Attorney-General U Aye Maung discussed matters on laws at the 32nd coordination meeting of Attorney-General's Office with State/Division and District level law officers at of Attorney-General's Office here today. Also present at the meeting were Deputy Attorneys-General Dr Tun Shin, U Myint Naing and U Tun Tun Oo, Director-General (Duty) Daw Kyin San, Deputy Directors-General, directors, officers from States and Division, deputy directors and district-level officers.

Officers from States and Division presented reports. In 32nd preliminary coordination meeting, Deputy Attorneys-General Dr Tun Shin and U Myint Naing left necessary instructions. The meeting will go on tomorrow.—*MNA*

Winners of 5th Thuta Sweson Literary Award announced

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Feb — Under the patronage of the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, the award scrutinizing and selection board of Sweson Media Group declared the winners of the fifth Thuta Sweson Literary Award today.

Those who won the awards are Tekkatho Sein Tin for arts genre, Ko Ko (Sethmu Tekkatho) for belles-letters genre, Dr. Chit for socio-economics genre, Kyi Min for translation genre, Kyaw Win for reference genre, Professor Dr. Tin Soe for youth literature genre, Ye Htut for international affairs genre and Dr. Soe Lwin for applied science genre. Writer Saya Chit San Win won Thuta Sweson Lifetime Achievement Award.

Winners will be presented K 300,000 each and the life-time achievement award winner, K 500,000.

The prize-presentation ceremony will be held at 1 p.m. at Traders Hotel in Yangon on 1 March.

Winners are to contact MWJA Secretary Dr Tin Tun Oo (Ph: 252417, 374400 and 385293).

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UMFCCI Vice-President U Zaw Min Win receives Consultant, Program Coordination and Communications Mrs Joy Ogan of Mekong Institute and party.
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UMFCCI sees greater involvement in GMS

YANGON, 22 Feb— Vice-President U Zaw Min Win of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI), Secretary General Dr Maung Maung Lay, Joint Secretary General Dr Pwint Hsan, CEC members and executives received a delegation led by Consultant, Program Coordination and Communications Mrs Joy Ogan of Mekong Institute and party of Khon Kaen of Thailand at UMFCCI office on 16 February.

The two sides discussed matters relating to courses on human resources development in Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS), discussions and workshop on trading and investment and development of tourism industry.—*MNA*

Waterway closed for installation of power grid across Chindwin River

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Feb—The Power Supply Project of Myanma Electric Power Enterprise under the Ministry of Electric Power No. 2 is carrying out installation of Chindwin River crossing 230-KV Ohndaw-Nyaungbingyi power grid near Natluhteikpan Ward of Monywa on the east bank of Chindwin River and Palaung Village of Salingyi Township on the west bank.

While the power grid is being installed from 6 am to 6 pm daily from 20 February to 2 March, the waterway will be closed.

Vessels of the supervisory group will close the waterways upstream and downstream. For ensuring smooth flow of commodities, the watercrafts will be allowed to run along the waterway during the worksite safety period. Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems reminded the vessels to follow the instructions of the supervisory group.

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Roads upgraded in three townships

YANGON, 22 Feb — Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin assisted in upgrading roads and bridges in three townships in Yangon Division today.

He went to Dalla Township in Yangon South District yesterday and inspected works on upgrading the 5-mile long road, a bridge across Kanaung Creek and Bayintnaung Road in Dalla Township and works for improvement of drainage system in the township.

He also inspected upgrading of roads in Dagon Myothit (North) Township and North Okkalapa Township.

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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**

Border youths receive engineering, financial skills

YANGON, 22 Feb—To uplift the livelihoods of the national people from border regions, vocational training courses have been conducted for the local youths of the remote areas.

Yesterday morning, Deputy Director-General Dr Soe Thein of Education and Training Department addressed the occasion of opening the Advanced Engineering Course No. 4, the Financial Rules Special Course No. 22 and the Basic Engineering Course No. 10 at the training school of Education and Training Department in Dagon Myothit (North), here.

Altogether 60 trainees from Development Affairs Department are attending the Advanced and Basic Engineering Courses and 60 trainees from DAD and ETD at the Financial Rules Special Course. All the courses will last 6 weeks.—*MNA*

Aung Thabye Modern Cinema: a new relaxation facility...

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Installation of machines and sound equipment are in progress as 80 per cent of construction works have been completed so far.

It is planned to name the cinema, "Aung Thabye Cinema". Upon completion, the cinema will have a seating capacity of 300. Three times a day will be shown at the cinema with air-conditioned and 24-hour electricity facilities. Audiences can enjoy the 2D films and also the 3D with the use of 3D goggles. The 3D film can make the audiences feel as if they too are in the play, he added.

He said that construction of three-storey building is underway together with the cinema. The building will comprise the cinema hall with a seating capacity of 200, the 3D, 4D cinema hall with a seating capacity of 100, sales centers, hair salons and Internet cafes, he added.

Regarding the cinema, he said that it is situated in front of the Water Fountain Garden where it is crowded with Nay Pyi Taw dwellers at the weekend. With the aim of offering another leisure facility for holiday-makers, the construction of the cinema has begun under the supervision of the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs.

He continued that G-4 group of companies continues to implement the construction works of Nay Pyi Taw development after Mount Pleasant Hotel was inaugurated on 19, December, 2009. He explained to us that the purpose of building the cinema is for better public recreation and relaxation.

As part of the drive for development of Nay Pyi Taw in all sectors by the government, Aung Thabye modern cinema featuring modern design that will offer international standard 2D, 3D films to the Nay Pyi Taw dwellers will be opened in the not too distant future.

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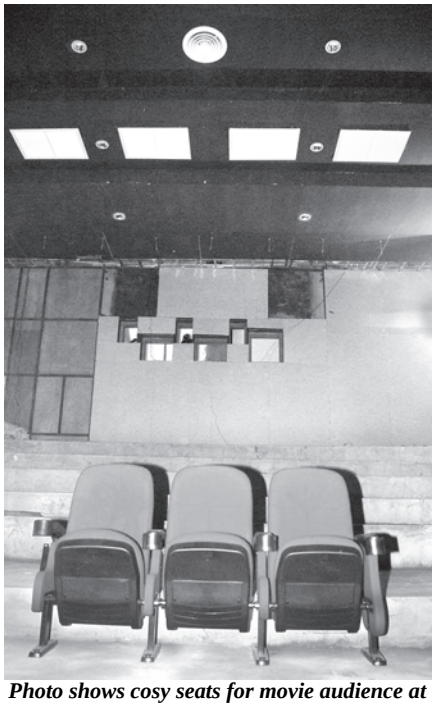
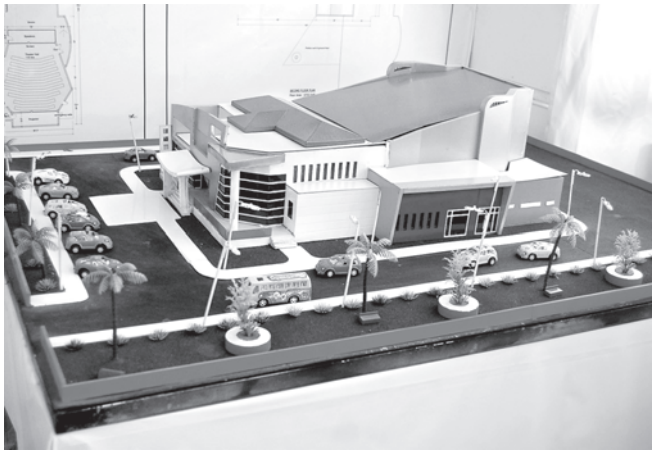


Photo shows cosy seats for movie audience at Aung Thabye modern cinema equipped with state-of-the-art technology .

"Purpose of building the cinema is for better public recreation and relaxation."
U Tha Htay
Member of the board of directors, G-4 group of companies.

Advanced sound system installed at Aung Thabye modern cinema.



The scale model of Aung Thabye modern cinema.

Mexico-Caricom summit pledges fight against crime, climate change

PLAYA DEL CARMEN, 22 Feb—The inaugural summit between Mexico and the Caribbean Community (Caricom) concluded on Sunday with participants pledging further efforts to fight organized crime and redress climate change.

Participants also agreed to have their next summit in two years in Barbados.

"We have agreed to implement a mechanism that shows what all the nations in the region are doing to fight organized crime," Mexican President Felipe Calderon told the closing session.

Participants have also agreed to work more closely to fight climate change, the president added.

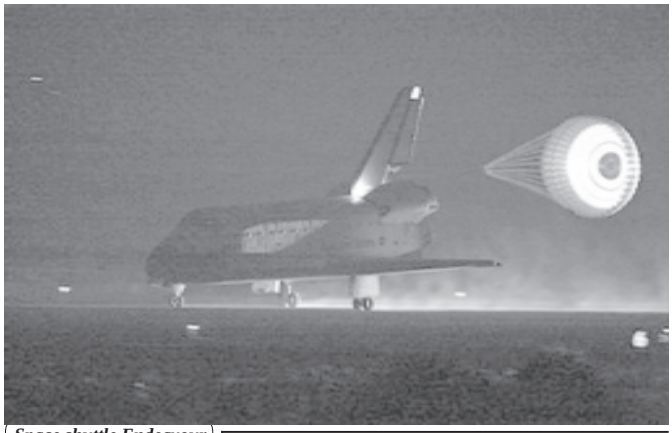
"We are aware of the need to revert the negative effects of climate change and the need to join forces to do so," Calderon said.

Dominican Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerrit demanded that the international community make good its promise to help poorer countries cope with effects of climate change.

"At the Conference of the Parties (COP) we want to see a fund that can make the remedial measures needed concrete," Skerrit said.

Mexico will host the 16th COP in November and the country is a key promoter of a 10-billion-US-dollar fund to facilitate remedial measures in less developed countries.

The Dominican Prime Minister also expressed the region's solidarity with Haiti.—*Xinhua*



Space shuttle Endeavour returns to the Kennedy Space Centre in Cape Canaveral, Fla, on 21 Feb, 2010, after a 14-day mission to the International Space Station. INTERNET

Malaysia consular worker killed in Sydney attack

SYDNEY, 22 Feb—A Malaysian consular employee was stabbed to death in a "fer ocious attack" outside his Sydney home in a suspected road rage incident, officials said on Monday.

The 43-year-old man, who worked as a driver for the Malaysian consul general, was beaten and stabbed in inner-city Leichhardt by two men late on Sunday despite an attempted intervention by a female passer-by.

"It was a ferocious attack, there's no doubt about that," Detective Inspector Shane Woolbank said. Authorities said they were examining whether the attack stemmed from a road rage incident moments earlier. "Police are trying to determine whether the victim's car was involved in a traffic incident with a dark-coloured sedan," police said in a statement.—*Internet*

Brava, Madeira Island. A Briton has died after flash floods on the Portuguese tourist island of Madeira, the Foreign Office said on Sunday, the first confirmed death of a foreign national in the disaster.—INTERNET

Briton dead in Madeira floods

LONDON, 22 Feb—A Briton has died after flash floods on the Portuguese tourist island of Madeira, the Foreign Office said, the first confirmed death of a foreign national in the disaster.

"We can confirm that one British national has died in Madeira," said a Foreign Office statement on Sunday. Next of kin had been informed, said the statement, adding no further details would be released at the present time.

British newspapers reported on Monday the victim was a female tourist, 50-year-old Pamela Gaines. She had been travelling between hotels with her husband and another British couple when their taxi was swept away by water from a swollen river, said the *Daily Telegraph* and the *Times*.

Her husband and the other couple escaped but Pamela Gaines and the taxi driver were swept away, said the *Telegraph*.—*Internet*

New Latin America group likely to emerge at summit

PLAYA DEL CARMEN, 22 Feb—Latin American Foreign Ministers say their nations are close to forming a new regional organization that would not include the US or Canada.

Representatives of 32 countries are gathering on Mexico's Caribbean coast for the Unity Summit of Latin America and the Caribbean starting on Monday. Ecuadorean Foreign Minister Ricardo Patino said on Sunday the new group has yet to be named, but is envisioned as the premier political forum for Latin American nations. It would be launched next year.—*Internet*

Iran kills four Kurdish rebels

TEHERAN, 22 Feb — The Public Relations of Iran's Intelligence Ministry said its agents killed four Kurdish rebels in the west of the country, the state IRIB TV reported on Sunday. The agents of Intelligence general office in the province of West Azerbaijan detected and killed in an ambush the four members of "Komeleh terrorist grouplet," the report said citing a statement by the Public Relations of Iran's Intelligence Ministry.

In the operation against the armed group some weapons and grenades were seized, the report said. Iran's West Azerbaijan accommodates a population of Kurd alongside Azeri Iranians.

In the past, Iran's western provinces was the hotbed of regular armed clashes between Iranian security forces and Kurdish militant rebels.—*Xinhua*

Samsung Electronics voted as favourite place to work

SEOUL, 22 Feb— Samsung Electronics Co, the world' s top memory chip maker, was picked as the most preferred place to work for by local college students for the seventh straight year, a survey showed on Monday.

In a survey conducted by South Korea's online job portal Incruit, 14.5 percent of the total 1,059 respondents picked Samsung Electronics as their favourite place to work for post-graduation, as 31 percent of those who selected Samsung cited reasons based on the company's sufficient salary and fair reward system.

The second choice was Kookmin Bank, South Korea's top lender, garnering 6.1 percent of the total votes, followed by CJ Cheil Jaedang Corp, a local food distributor, and the country's top Internet portal, NHN Corp, with 6 percent and 4.2 percent respectively, according to the survey.—*Xinhua*

A 76-year-old herdsman removes carcasses of goats who died from cold weather, in Arkhangai province in this 23 Jan, 2010 file photo. As Mongolia cowers under the brutal thrall of its worst winter in decades, questions are being asked as to whether the country should end its reliance on nomadic herders and dig deeper into its mineral reserves instead.—INTERNET

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MV KOTA TEGAP VOY NO (498)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TEGAP VOY NO (498) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 22.2.2010 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.

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Developing countries face health problem caused by e-waste

BALI, 22 Feb—Developing countries face health problem caused by electronic waste (e-waste) dumped by rich ones, a UN official said here on Monday. "Developing countries will also face rising environmental damage and health problems if e-waste recycling is left to vagaries of informal sector," Achim Steiner, the United Nations' Under Secretary and the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Program told a press conference in Nusa Dua of Indonesia's Bali Province.

He added that boosting developing country e-waste recycling rates can have the potential to generate decent employment, cut greenhouse gas emission and recover a wide range of valuable metals, including silver, gold, palladium, copper and indium. "By acting now and planning forward, many countries can turn an e-challenge into an e-opportunity," said Steiner.

Steiner said that the aim of the report titled "Recycling from E-Waste to Resources" was not to prevent people to buy electronic equipment any more. "That's not our goal. We just want to say that this report gives new urgency to establishing ambitious, formal and regulated processes for collecting and managing e-waste via setting up of large, efficient facilities," said Steiner.

The report cites a variety of sources to illustrate the e-waste problem, adding that global e-waste generation is growing by about 40 million tons a year.

Xinhua

A child sleeps at an orphange in Buzau, Romania. A study conducted by researchers in California has revealed that differing age groups need varying levels of sleep and that the amount of rest a person got affected their mental abilities.

INTERNET

Supermarkets in Japan see sales drop in January

TOKYO, 22 Feb—Japan's supermarkets saw sales fall both compared to the same month in the previous year and to December, according to statistics released on Monday. The data, released by the Japan Chain Stores Association, showed that sales adjusted for location were down by 4.9 percent compared to the same month in the previous year, and by 11.6 percent compared to the previous month. Supermarkets sold 1.1 trillion yen (12 billion dollars) worth of goods in January.

The number of supermarkets also fell compared to January in the previous year by eight, with 570 remaining through Japan.—*Xinhua*

Vietnam bear cub dies, mother freed at bile farm

HANOI, 22 Feb—A bear cub died at the weekend after its unexpected birth to a bear rescued with 18 others from an illegal bile farm in Vietnam, according to an animal welfare group.

The week-old moon bear cub, named "Tiger" for the new Lunar Year, died on Sunday morning despite attempts to treat it at the Moon Bear Rescue Center near Hanoi, said Hong Kong-based Animals Asia Foundation, which runs the facility.

Tiger's mother is one of 19 bears rescued in January from 40-foot (12-meter) cargo containers in Binh Duong Province near southern Ho Chi Minh City.

"Our veterinary team was taken by surprise by the birth, as Vietnamese farms don't breed," an Animals Asia statement said.

The birth suggested that Tiger's mother was probably taken from the wild, against Vietnamese law, the group said.—*Internet*

A bear is transported on a truck in the southern Vietnamese province of Binh Duong en route to the Moon Bear Rescue Center in Tam Dao District.

INTERNET

S Korea's STX Group announces not to bid for Daewoo E&C

SEOUL, 22 Feb—South Korea's STX Group said on Monday that it decided not to bid for Daewoo Engineering & Construction (E&C) Co, a construction unit of cash-strapped Kumho Asiana Group.

"After reviewing over the takeover, we reached a decision not to bid for Daewoo E&C," STX Corp said in its regulatory filing, revising its earlier remarks on 17 Feb that it sought to purchase a stake in Daewoo E&C.

"We never confirmed on whether we will take part in the bid,"an official at STX told local *Maeil Business Newspaper*, adding that the group decided to focus on beefing up its existing business line instead of tapping into the M&A market.

According to media reports, the move reflected various risk factors in the industry, including a prolonged recession in shipbuilding sector and difficulty in financing.—*Internet*

US scientists warn of fraud of stem cell 'banks'

SAN DIEGO, 22 Feb—Clinics that offer to "bank" stem cells from the umbilical cords of newborns for use later in life when illness strikes are fraudsters, a top US scientist said here Saturday.

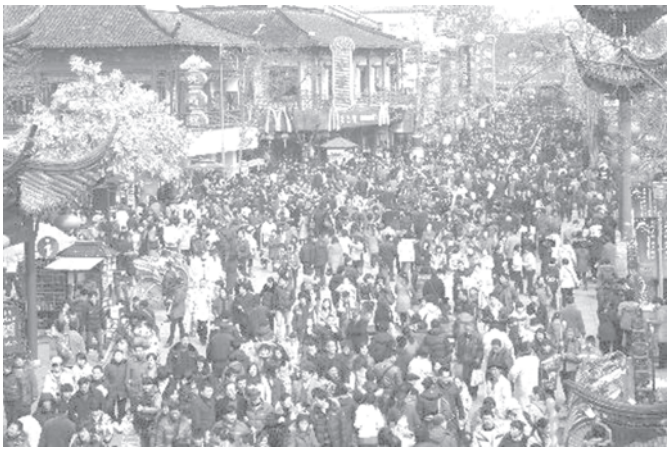
Clinics in many countries allow parents to deposit stem cells from their neonate's umbilical cord with a view to using the cells to cure major illnesses that could occur later in life.

In Thailand, for example, parents pay in the region of 3,600 dollars to make a deposit in a stem cell bank, thinking they are taking out a sort of health insurance for their child.

But Irving Weissman, director of the Institute of Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine at Stanford University in California, said the well-meaning parents were being fleeced by the stem cell bankers.

"Umbilical cords contain blood-forming stem cells at a level that would maintain the blood-forming capacity of a very young child," Weissman told reporters at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).

"They could also have derived mesenchymal cells — fiberglass-like cells that have a very limited capacity to make scar, bone, fat — but they don't make brain, they don't make blood, they don't make heart, they don't make skeletal muscle, despite what various people claim," he said.—*Internet*



People crowd the Dachengdian Square at the Confucius Temple area in Nanjing, capital of east China's Jiangsu Province, on 19 Feb, 2010. China's retail sales hit 340 billion yuan (49.8 billion US dollars) during the "golden week" of Spring Festival, up 17.2 percent over the same period of last year. And the country recorded more visits during the holiday, up 23.1 percent in expenditure over the previous period.—XINHUA

Diabetes drug linked to heart attacks

WASHINGTON, 22 Feb—The US Senate Finance Committee released a 334-page report on Saturday showing a link between the Type 2 diabetes drug Avandia and thousands of heart attacks. The committee's report, which reviewed more than 250,000 pages of documents provided by drug maker GlaxoSmithKline, the US Food and Drug Administration and research institutes, also criticized the FDA for ignoring safety concerns about Avandia (rosiglitazone) brought up by its staff, *CNN* reported.

The Wall Street Journal said confidential studies showed FDA officials recommended Avandia be removed from the market because of a risk of heart attacks and heart failure.

The FDA is the federal agency charged with regulating food, tobacco and medications.

"Americans have a right to know there are serious health risks associated with Avandia, and GlaxoSmithKline had a responsibility to tell them," committee chairman Sen Max Baucus, D-Mont, said. "Patients trust drug companies with their health and their lives, and GlaxoSmithKline abused that trust."—*Internet*

Chardonnay vines are seen at a vineyard in New South Wales, Australia. Australian drinks giant Foster's Sunday warned one quarter of the nation's grape vines needed to be pulled up to reverse a damaging wine glut forcing growers to let their fruit wither on the vine.—INTERNET

Water replaces fat in chocolate bar

BIRMINGHAM, 22 Feb—British scientists say a new generation of low-fat foods includes a chocolate bar that is nearly two-thirds water yet tastes the same as regular chocolate.

Researchers at the University of Birmingham have discovered ways to replace fat particles with calorie-free water, air or gel, *The Daily Telegraph* reported on Saturday. The chocolate bar, which connects water particles to cocoa butter crystals, contains about 60 percent water yet has the taste, smell and texture of regular chocolate, lead researcher Philip Cox said.

Cox and his team also are working on a new "super porridge" that would help dieters feel full because it remains in the stomach for up to six hours when liquid changes into a gel after coming into contact with stomach acid.—*Internet*

Couple enjoys wedding with Apple theme

NEW YORK, 22 Feb—A New York man said he and his new wife chose to get married in an Apple store after initially getting to know each other while shopping for an iPhone.

Josh Li said his wife, Ting, was the first to suggest the couple embrace his love of Apple by holding their wedding in a store dedicated to the computer company's products, *The Daily Telegraph* reported on Saturday.

"I used to joke that the Apple Store is my church because I am not religious, and I loved everything Apple," Li said.

The couple's unauthorized Valentine's Day wedding was attended by nearly 30 guests, as well as a priest dressed as Apple Chief Executive Officer Steve Jobs.—*Internet*

Eyes of the tiger : Performers dressed as tiger cubs entertain spectators prior to the start of the Chinese Lunar New Year Twilight Parade in Sydney.
INTERNET

Where dust comes from

TUCSON, 22 Feb—Most indoor household dust that collects on furniture and floors actually comes from outdoors, University of Arizona researchers found.

David Layton and Paloma Beamer said that household dust consists of a potpourri that includes dead skin shed by people, fibers from carpets and upholstered furniture and tracked-in soil and airborne particles blown in from outdoors.

The dust also includes lead, arsenic and other potentially harmful substances that migrate indoors from outside air and soil. Those substances can be a special concern for children, who put dust-contaminated toys and other objects into their mouths.

The scientists used a computer model that tracked distribution of contaminated soil and airborne particulates into residences from outdoors.—*Internet*

SPORTS

Higuain double hands Pellegrini win over old team

Real Madrid's Argentinian forward Gonzalo Higuain celebrates after scoring a goal against Villarreal during their Spanish League football match at Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid.— INTERNET

BARCELONA, 22 Feb—A double from Argentinian striker Gonzalo Higuain helped Real Madrid coach Manuel Pellegrini celebrate a 6-2 victory over his former team Villarreal as the winners kept up the pressure on Spanish league leaders Barcelona on Sunday.

Real — who are just two points behind Barcelona — started like a dream with Cristiano Ronaldo scoring from a brilliant freekick and dedicated it to the flood victims of his home island of Madeira, and then Brazilian star Kaka puit them 2-0 to the good with a penalty.

Internet

Niang, Bastos trebles keep pressure on Bordeaux

PARIS, 22 Feb—Seasoned Senegalese international striker Mamadou Niang and Brazilian Michel Bastos both scored hat-tricks on Sunday for Marseille and Lyon respectively to maintain some pressure on French champions Bordeaux.

Niang's hat-trick in a 3-1 victory over Nancy took him to the top of the goalscoring charts as he racked up 14 for the season six of which have come in February alone as Marseille moved to within six points of Bordeaux.

Internet

Roma and Milan close in on leaders Inter

ROME, 22 Feb—AS Roma closed the gap to leaders Inter Milan at the top of Serie A to just five points with a narrow 1-0 win over Catania at the Stadio Olimpico in the capital on Sunday. And AC Milan stayed in the hunt as well, bouncing back from Tuesday's 3-2 Champions League defeat at home to Manchester United with a 2-0 success at Bari. Montenegro forward Mirko Vucinic scored the only goal of the game as Roma took their unbeaten run in the league to 15 matches with their seventh Serie A win in a row.

It means Roma have now shaved six points off Inter's lead over the last three matches with the champions having drawn three in a row, including Saturday's 0-0 stalemate at home to Sampdoria, in

AS Roma's midfielder captain Daniele De Rossi jubilates at the end of the match after defeating Catania 1-0 in their Serie A football match AS Roma vs Catania at Olimpico Stadium in Rome.— INTERNET

which Jose Mourinho's team were reduced to nine men after just 38 minutes following the dismissals of centre-backs Walter Samuel and Ivan Cordoba. Roma had three wins, two draws and five defeats in their first 10 games of the season but have since taken 39 from a possible 45 points.— *Internet*

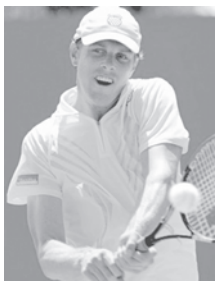
Leverkusen pip Bayern to top spot

BERLIN, 22 Feb—Bayer Leverkusen equalled a Bundesliga record of 23 straight games unbeaten on Sunday as they overhauled Bayern Munich on goal difference at the top of the table with a 2-2 draw away to Werder Bremen. Following a disappointing 1-1 draw away at lowly local rivals Nuremberg, Bayern are one goal behind Leverkusen, who were left to rue a lack of concentration that allowed Bremen to score an agonising last-minute equaliser.

Despite drawing two games the in-form leaders would have hoped to win, they nevertheless stretched their lead over third-placed Schalke to four points after they slipped up 2-1 to last season's champions Wolfsburg. But Leverkusen coach Jupp Heynckes dismissed what he described as premature talk of lifting the Bundesliga crown.— *Internet*

Querrey rallies to beat Isner for Memphis title

MEMPHIS, 22 Feb—Sam Querrey rallied for a 6-7 (3/7), 7-6 (7/5), 6-3 triumph over fellow American John Isner on Sunday in the final of the ATP Tour's Memphis tournament. Isner, the sixth seed, overpowered his doubles partner and newly named Davis Cup teammate in the first set, but faltered after taking a 5-2 lead in the second-set tiebreaker. Eighth-seeded Querrey, who upset top-seeded Andy Roddick in the quarter-finals, battled back to claim the third title of his career and first of 2010. Querrey, who was never broken in the match, won two straight points on Isner's serve to take a 6-5 lead in the second-set tiebreaker and rolled from there.



Sam Querrey in a previous match last month. Querrey rallied for a 6-7 (3/7), 7-6 (7/5), 6-3 triumph over fellow American John Isner Sunday in the final of the ATP Tour's Memphis tournament.—INTERNET

He broke Isner for a 2-1 lead in the third, and broke again to seal the match. Isner had been in firm control, taking a 5-2 lead in the second-set tiebreaker when Querrey mis-hit a return.—*Internet*

Miyazato wins season-opening LPGA Thailand

Ai Miyazato of Japan

PATTAYA, 22 Feb—Japanese star Ai Miyazato rallied to win the season-opening Honda PTT LPGA Thailand on Sunday, holing a 30-foot birdie chip on the final hole for a 9-under 63 and a one-stroke victory over Norway's Suzann Pettersen. Miyazato, six strokes behind Pettersen after the third round, was 6 under in a six-hole stretch midway through the round, then birdied three of the last six holes to match the tournament record of 21 under set by Pettersen in October 2007.

"I didn't think of winning. I was just focused on my game and tried to do my best in the final round," Miyazato said. "It was my lucky day as no matter what I did was right. This victory is a good start of the season for me."Pettersen finished with a 70 Siam Country Club's Old Course. She had a chance to force a playoff on the par-5 18th, but missed a 23-foot eagle try.

Internet

Angry Mancini wants Tevez back at City

MANCHESTER, 22 Feb—Manchester City manager Roberto Mancini has ordered Carlos Tevez to return from Argentina, where he has been on compassionate leave, after the forward ignored repeated requests to give the club a date for his expected return. City missed the Argentine striker as they drew 0-0 with Liverpool at Eastlands on Sunday and Togo international Emmanuel Adebayor is now Mancini's only fully match-fit senior striker.

Manchester City's Argentinian striker Carlos Tevez

Tevez has been in his homeland for over a week since his girlfriend gave birth to a child one month prematurely and has ignored repeated questions from City management about his return date. The player's girlfriend, and the child, are now out of danger but Tevez is yet to return, or indicate when he can be expected back.

Internet

Redknapp demands more from goal-hero Pavlyuchenko

Tottenham Hotspur's Russian striker Roman Pavlyuchenko

WIGAN, 22 Feb—Tottenham manager Harry Redknapp warned unsettled striker Roman Pavlyuchenko that his two-goal blast in his side's 3-0 win at Wigan will mean nothing unless he gets down to some hard work. Pavlyuchenko had attacked Redknapp in the Russian media last week in a rant which included the claims that his boss treated him as a joke and had gone back on his promise to play him more often.

But the Russian international, who had looked set to return to his homeland with Lokomotiv Moscow last month, was given a chance to do his talking on the pitch on Sunday when Redknapp sent him on as a late substitute and he responded with his first league goals of the season. With Jermain Defoe also on target, Tottenham moved above Manchester City and Liverpool into fourth place in the Premier League table and now hold the lucrative final Champions League spot.—*Internet*

Ferguson defends United owners

LONDON, 22 Feb—Sir Alex Ferguson has insisted he has never had any issues with Manchester United's owners the Glazer family. The Americans have been the target of fans' criticism recently, United supporters unhappy with off-field matters including the scale of the club's debt. But Ferguson told Sunday's Observer newspaper: "I'm never against protest. "It's everyone's right, there's no doubt about that. "But my problem with it, being manager of Manchester United, is that I've got owners who have never caused me any bother.

Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson

"Any time I've asked for money they have given it to us."

Ferguson then turned to striker Wayne Rooney, whose red-hot form has helped compensate for the departure of Cristiano Ronaldo to Real Madrid last summer. "What we're seeing now is a terror of a player," said the Scot.

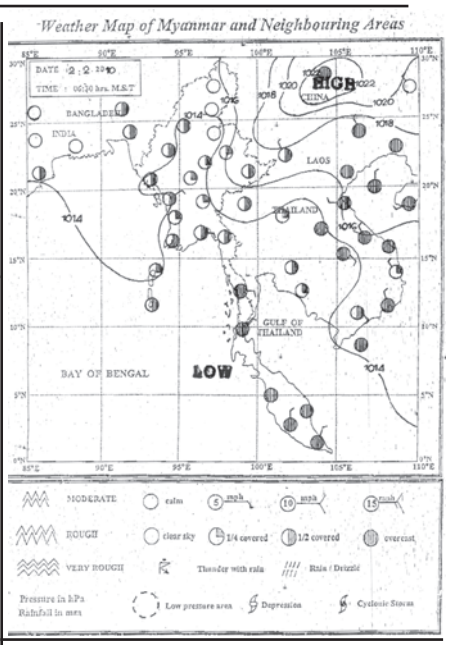
Internet

Blast kills six in Pakistan's Swat

MINGORA, 22 Feb—At least six people were killed and several others were injured Monday in an explosion in northwest Pakistan's Swat, police said.

The blast at Nishat chowk in Mingora, the main town of Swat, also damaged six shops and destroyed at least eight vehicles.Swat police and hospital sources said at least six people were killed, including two security officials and four civilians.—*Xinhua*

This NASA handout shows astronauts Nicholas Patrick and Robert Behnken working outside the International Space Station on 14 February . Working with the five astronauts on the station, the shuttle crew outfitted the new module with critical life support systems, exercise equipment and a roomy observation deck.—INTERNET



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(23-2-2010) (Tuesday)

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North America	- (23:30pm~07:30am) MST
Oversea Transmission	- (23-2-10 11:30 am ~ 24-2-10 11:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

* Signature Tune
* Beach Resort of Chaung Tha
* National News
* Novitiation Ceremony(Northern Shan State)
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* Songs for you "No more I wanna stay Away from you, Don't call me"
* National News
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* The National Museum(II)
* The National Museum(III)
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* Mant Hero, Beauty Queen on Shweli River

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Myanmar TV

Tuesday, 23 February
View on today

7:00 am
1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြုဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:15 am
2. မြတ်ဂုဏ်တော်သခင် (သန်းမြတ်စိုး၊တေးရေး-မောင်မောင်လတ်)

7:25 am
3.To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am
4.Morning News

7:40 am
5.Nice & Sweet Song

7:50 am
6.အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:10 am
7."ရင်ခုန်ပန်းတို့လန်းစေချင်"

8:20 am
8. ဆွာချောင်းတံတား

8:30 am
9.ပြန်ကြားရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန နိုင်ငံတော်ဆိုင်းပိုင်းကြီးဖျော်ဖြေတင်ဆက်မှုအစီအစဉ်

8:40am
9.International News

8:45am
10.Songs Of Yester Years

4:00 pm
1. Martial Song

4:10pm
2. Dance Of National Races

4:20 pm
3.အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:30 pm
4. The Mirror Images Of The Musical Oldies

4:40 pm
5.၂၀၁၀ခုနှစ်၊ တက္ကသိုလ်ဝင်စာမေးပွဲဘာသာရပ်ဆိုင်ရာသင်ခန်းစာ(စိတ်ကြိုက်မြန်မာစာဘာသာရပ်)

5:10 pm
6. Songs For Uphold National Spirit

5:15 pm
7. Musical Programme

5:30 pm
8."မျှော်သူမမောစေချင်"

5:45 pm
9. ရင်မှာစွဲထင်တေးအလှသံစဉ်

6:00 pm
10. Evening News

6:15 pm
11. Weather Report

6:20 pm
12. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ ရင်ခုန်သံ

6:30 pm
13.ဆိုလိုက်ကြစို့.

7:00 pm
14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အဆိပ်သင့်တဲ့အချစ်" (အပိုင်း-၃၇)(ဇာတ်သိမ်းပိုင်း)

8:00 pm
15. News
16. International News
17. Weather Report
18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဆူးလွှမ်းသောချစ်နှင်းဆီ" (အပိုင်း-၂၈)
19.ရုပ်ရှင်ပေါင်း

WEATHER

Monday, 22nd February, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin, Rakhine, Mon States, Upper Sagaing, Mandaly,Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below February average temperatutes in Kachin, Shan, Rakhine, Kayah and Kayin States, Mandalay and Bago Divisions, (7°C) below February average temperatures in Chin State, (4°C) above February average temperatures in Taninthayi Division and about February average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant night temperatures were Haka and Loilem (0°C) each, Pinlaung (3°C), Lashio and An (4°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 21-2-2010 was 94°F. Minimum temperature on 22-2-2010 was 63°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 22-2-2010 was 71%. Total sun shine hours on 21-2-2010 was (8.8) hours approx.

Rainfall on 22-2-2010 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 West at (19:30) hours MST on 21-2-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 23rd February 2010: Light rain are likely to be isolated in Kachin and Rakhine States, Taninthayi Division, weather will be party cloudy in Southern Shan and Kayah States, Magway and Mandalay Divisions and fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Genearlly fair weather in the whole county.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 23-2-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 23-2-2010: Genearlly fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 23-2-2010: Partly cloudy.

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★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop

★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

★ Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
★ Riots beget riots, not democracy
★ Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People's Desire

■ We favour peace and stability
■ We favour development
■ We oppose unrest and violence
■ Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

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

Htantabin gets more infrastructures

YANGON 22 Feb—Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence together with Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint today visited Gyogong river water pumping station in Htantabin Township and inspected supply of irrigation water.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party then attended the stake-driven ceremony for construction of a 16-bed station hospital in Bawle village-tract of the township.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe presented cash to basic education schools of the village-tract for renovation.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party visited farm of Dagon Group and Ngwepinle Farming Enterprise. He also viewed cultivation of summer paddy in Shwekyawpyat region and construction of concrete bridge on Yedwingon-Myochaung-Tawlati Road.

MNA

Aung Thabye Modern Cinema: a new relaxation facility for Nay Pyi Taw dwellers

Article: *Win Kyaw;* Photos: *Khin Maung Win (Kyemon)*

Every body has to work and it is necessary to do something for relaxation after work.

People try to relax for pleasure and relieving stress. When we, Myanma Alin news crew, heard the news about an advanced cinema is under construction and efforts are being made to open it in the not too distant future as a recreation facility for the people around Nay Pyi Taw, we went to the construction site of the cinema near Thabyegon Roundabout, in front of Water Fountain Garden, on Zabu Thabye Road in Nay Pyi Taw Zabuthiri for a byline. We had an interview with U Tha Htay, member of board of directors of G-4 group of companies. He explained to us that the cinema which is under construction is a 2D, 3D cinema. Work on construction of the cinema began on August, 2009, and it will be opened during March of this year.

(See page 10)

Photo shows the front view of Aung Thabye Modern Cinema.

Three hospital exam centres for matriculation students

YANGON, 22 Feb—According to the coordination between the Department of Health and the Myanmar Board of Examinations, arrangements have been made to open three hospital examination centres at Yangon General Hospital, Central Women's Hospital and Waibagi Specialist Hospital for the students who will sit for the matriculation examination to be held from 10 to 19 March.

The students (in-patient) may contact the medical public relation officers assigned at those hospitals.—*MNA*