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Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to Kuwaiti Emir

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Feb — Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Emir of the State of Kuwait, on the occasion of the National Day of the State of Kuwait which falls on 25 February 2010.—*MNA*

Prime Minister General Thein Sein felicitates Kuwaiti counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Feb — General Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Highness Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, Prime Minister of the State of Kuwait, on the occasion of the National Day of the State of Kuwait which falls on 25 February 2010.—*MNA*

Target set on establishment of Putao District as tea district

Local people to work hard for better livelihood making use of infrastructures while maintaining them for durability

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Feb — On his inspection tour of Bhamo, Prime Minister General Thein Sein accompanied by Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence, Commanders Maj-Gen Myint Soe and Maj-Gen Soe Win, the ministers, the auditor-general, the deputy ministers and departmental heads viewed works of trainees who are taking basic domestic course, advanced tailoring course and rattan-craft course at Women's Vocational Training School (Bhamo) in Bhamo, Kachin State yesterday.

The Prime Minister met the principal and trainees and presented cash assistance to the school. Lt-Gen Tha Aye and Commander Maj-Gen Soe Win presented sets of TV and computer and cash assistance to the principal.

Next, the Prime Minister and party flew to Putao. After hearing reports on progress in paving concrete asphalt, extension of runway and arrival of construction materials and heavy machinery at the hall of the airport, the Prime Minister attended to the needs, and inspected the upgrading of the airport.

At the briefing hall of the tea nursery of May & Mark Co., Ltd, an official of the Biotechnology Department under the Ministry of Science and Technology reported to the Prime Minister on research conducted for propagation of tea, propagation process of tea saplings from branch and seed and collaborative efforts for development of the region by conducting research on propagation of tea saplings.

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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

***Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects extended runway of Putao Airport.*—MNA**

PERSPECTIVES

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Maintain transport facilities for their durability

Today, the government is working hard to shape the nation into a modern, developed one. As part of the lofty plan, it is improving all infrastructures for equitable development of all parts of the Union.

As smooth transport is the most fundamental requirement for regional development, the government is building networks of transport facilities throughout the nation to achieve the goal. It is also building road bridges. Katha and Bhamo are two of the regions where the government is constructing infrastructural buildings for national development.

Katha and Bhamo are far from transport ways, and in consequence, they once lagged behind other regions in development. Katha-Moetagyi Railroad has been put into commission recently. The railroad is due to be extended to Bhamo from Moetagyi. Katha-Sinkhan Road Project is ongoing now.

Ayeyawady Bridge (Sinkhan) is under construction in Katha District. The broad crest type bridge has a two-lane motorway and one railroad on it. When the projects are completed, the transport of the regions will get smoother.

With Bhamo University, University of Computer Studies, and Technological University, Bhamo is now in a position to make substantial contribution towards human resource development of the nation. The government has opened many health care facilities and upgraded many old ones including Bhamo General Hospital. So, local people now have easy access to better health care.

So far, the government has constructed great numbers of infrastructural buildings across the Union, regardless of location and size. In response, the people have to work together for maintenance and durability of the constructed infrastructural buildings in the transport, economic, education, health and social sectors, because they have begun to enjoy increased trade, which is the fruit of the hard work for better transport.

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**

Myanmar, China to develop industries

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Feb—Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein received Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Ye Dabo at the meeting hall of the Ministry here this morning.

They discussed promotion of friendships between the two countries and heavy industries. Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw, Director-General and office head. *MNA*

Foreign Minister felicitates Kuwaiti counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Feb — On the occasion of the National Day of the State of Kuwait, which falls on 25 February 2010, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Mohammad Al-Sabah Al-Salem Al-Sabah, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of the State of Kuwait.—*MNA*

Sri Lanka to join in Shwedagon Puja

YANGON, 24 Feb—Pagoda Board of Trustees of Shwedagon Pagoda and that of Buddha Tooth Relic Temple of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka have a close relationship.

Member of PBT of Sri Lankan temple Deputy Custodiam Mr. Mohan Tamabokke and party arrived here this morning, to participate in 2598th Buddha Pujaniya of Shwedagon Pagoda to be held soon.

They were welcomed by Sri Lankan Ambassador Mr. Newton Gunaratna, PBT members of Shwedagon Pagoda and officials from Yangon Division Religious Affairs Department at Yangon International Airport.—*MNA*

Deputy Custodiam Mr. Mohan Tamabokke and party being welcomed by officials at Yangon International Airport.

MNA

ISD golfers meet for 32nd time

YANGON, 24 Feb—The 32nd Inter-State/Division Golf Championship team event took place at Myanmar Golf Club, here, on 21 February.

On behalf of the Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee, General Secretary U Thaung Htaik, Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department, made an opening speech.

The general secretary, Vice-President of Myanmar Golf Federation U Aung Kyi and Club Captain U Soe Win of Myanmar Golf Club teed off to open the tourney. Yangon Division team secured the championship title last year.—*MNA*

***International branded products and accessories on display at Alliance Stars Showroom & Service Center.*—MNA**

Alliance Stars to descend on Bo Aung Kyaw

YANGON, 24 Feb—Alliance Stars will open a new showroom with sale & service centre at No. 379/ 383, Bo Aung Kyaw Street, Kyauktada Township on 27 February.

Brother Printer (Japan), Infocus Projector (USA) and international branded product accessories will be available at the new showroom. The showroom will open daily from 9 am to 6 pm.

For more information, contact Alliance Stars Showroom & Service Center (Bo Aung Kyaw), Ph: 388339, 379001.—*MNA*

Software & Solutions Exhibition 2010 on 26 Feb

YANGON, 24 Feb—Under the aegis of Myanmar Computer Federation, Myanmar Computer Professionals Association and Myanmar Computer Industrialists Association will hold Software & Solutions Exhibition 2010 at Myanmar Info-Tech in Hline University Campus here from 26 to 28 February.

Enthusiasts may have a chance to observe wide range of home-made software solution at the exhibition which will display 30 booths of 20 companies. During the exhibition, Chief Information Officers of governmental departments, UMFCCI and brother associations will organize product presentation and panel discussion.

Anyone interested in IT may visit the exhibition for free.—*MNA*

Afghan army kills two militants as massive operation goes on in Taleban hotbed

KABUL, 24 Feb—Two Taleban militants were killed and another one detained by Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers during a massive NATO-Afghan operation in Taleban bastion Marja District of southern Helmand Province, Defence Ministry said in a statement issued here on Tuesday.

"Troops fighting militants in Marja District came in contact with the rebels yesterday, as a result two militants were killed and another one detained,"the statement said.

Four anti-personnel mines planted by the enemy were discovered and defused by the troops in the same area, it added.

Five other mines were also found and defused by ANA elsewhere in Helmand and neighbouring Kandahar Province on the same day on Monday, the statement said.

The operation Moshtarak or "Together" launched in Marja on 13 Feb with the involvement of 15,000 troops is the biggest offensive since the collapse of Taleban regime in late 2001.

Xinhua

Bicycle bomb kills seven Afghan civilians in Taleban hotbed

***Afghan policemen inspect the site of a bomb blast in Lashkar Gah, the capital of Helmand Province. A bicycle bomb exploded in Taleban hotbed Helmand's provincial capital Lashkar Gah, killing seven civilians and injuring 14 others on Tuesday morning, police said.—*XINHUA**

KABUL, 24 Feb—A bicycle bomb exploded in Taleban hotbed Helmand's provincial capital Lashkar Gah, killing seven civilians and injuring 14 others on Tuesday morning, police said.

"The bomb planted on a bicycle and detonated by a remote control in Lashkar Gah this morning, leaving seven innocent civilians dead and injured 14 others," police chief in the province Assadullah Shirzad told *Xinhua*.

He put the attack on the enemies of peace, a term used against Taleban militants. However, the militants have yet to make comment.

Spokesman for provincial administration Daud Ahmadi also confirmed the casualties.

The bloody incident occurred while a major Afghan-NATO forces' operation with the involvement of 15,000 troops has been going on against Taleban fiefdom in Marja District of Helmand Province.—*Xinhua*

US death toll in Afghanistan hits 1,000

KABUL, 24 Feb—The number of American soldiers killed in Afghanistan has reached 1,000, an independent website said on Tuesday, a grim reminder that eight years of fighting has failed to defeat Taleban insurgents.

Icasualties.org said 54 US troops were killed this year in Afghanistan, raising the casualties to 1,000, compared to eight in Iraq, where the total has reached 4,378. The rise to 1,000 dead coincides with one of the biggest offensives against the Taleban, a NATO-led assault in the Marjah district of Helmand, Afghanistan's most violent province.

Marjah is a prime example of the challenge facing US troops and their NATO allies. They have taken over key areas, but still face pockets of stiff resistance from the Taleban, who have littered roads with hidden bombs.

Ultimately Marjah can only be stable once the local government provides enough jobs and economic opportunities to keep the local population on its side, eradicating conditions that breed militancy, analysts say.

Obama announced in December he was adding 30,000 more US troops to the Afghan war effort. He hopes to start bringing US troops home from Afghanistan in the middle of 2011.—*Internet*

***Iraqi security members look at a destroyed vehicle at the site of a bomb attack in Ramadi, about 100 km (60 miles) west of Baghdad, on 22 Feb, 2010. A suicide car bomber targeting a police headquarters killed at least three people, including a policeman and wounded three in western Ramadi, police said.—*INTERNET**

US and allies kill, injure Iraqi people

BAGHDAD, 24 Feb— There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

Casualties of Iraqi people

The total number of casualties as from the day they invaded the country to 24 February reached 700388 and the total number of seriously injured people reached 1264732, according to the news on the Internet.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Death toll of Iraqi people	700388
2.	The total number of seriously injured people	1264732

Internet

***Afghan security men in civvies are seen through the remains of an auto-rickshaw used in an explosion near Jalalabad, Nangarhar Province, east of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 23 Feb, 2010.* INTERNET**

Casualties of Afghan people in invasion of NATO troops led by US

KABUL, 24 Feb—The NATO troops led by the US have invaded Afghanistan and they are there for a long time.

A number of Afghan people are killed and injured due to invasion of the NATO troops led by the US.

Casualties of Afghan people

According to the Internet news, a total of 32613Afghan people were killed and 28936 injured seriously as from the day when the NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan to 24 February.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Number of Afghan people killed	32613
2.	Seriously injured Afghan people	28936

Internet

Bomb blast kills five police officers in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 24 Feb—A bomb explosion has killed five police officers in Diyala province of Iraq, police say .

The bomb targeted a patrol of police assigned to protect power installations near Khanaqin, 140 km (86 miles) northeast of Baghdad, *Reuters* reported.

Iraqi officials expect an increase in violence ahead of the 7 March elections.

Iraq has been witnessing violence ever since the US invaded the oil-rich country under the pretext of finding weapons of mass destruction in March 2003.—*Internet*

People clear snow on the road in Kuitun City, northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, on 23 Feb, 2010.—XINHUA

L America, Caribbean should shake off US influence

PLAYA DEL CARMEN, 24 Feb —Bolivian President Evo Morales said on Tuesday that Latin America and the Caribbean should free themselves from US influence, which he regarded as destabilizing.

During a Press conference after the closure of the Latin America and the Caribbean Unity Summit, hosted on Monday and Tuesday in Cancun, Mexico, Morales said "this event is important to free all Latin America and the Caribbean from the United States."

"We have discussed the examples of many countries; where the United States is involved, there is no peace or social justice," Morales added.

He believed the summit extends hope to those fighting for social justice.

Morales said that the region can improve without the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the United States.

Internet

Rocket attack kills four Pakistan brothers

PESHAWAR, 24 Feb—Four young brothers were killed on Wednesday when Taleban militants fired a rocket into a residential area of Pakistan's northwest city of Peshawar, police said.

Rocket attacks are rare in Peshawar, but the city of 2.5 million on the edge of Pakistan's tribal belt bordering Afghanistan has been hit hard by bomb attacks blamed on Taleban and al-Qaeda-linked militants.

"The victims were all brothers, the eldest being 17 years old and the youngest was four," Peshawar city police chief Liaquat Ali said. He blamed the Taleban for the early morning strike.

"Taleban militants are responsible for this inhuman act. They targeted a residential area. The rocket hit a house and four children from the same family were killed and nine others wounded," he told *AFP*. Witnesses said the two-storey house was destroyed in the attack.

Internet

A Pakistani soldier scans the site of a bomb blast in Adezai village, some 40 kms from Peshawar, on 23 February.—INTERNET

Iran calls on foreign forces to leave region

TEHERAN, 24 Feb—Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki said the Middle East problems will not be solved until foreign forces leave the region, the English-language satellite Press TV reported on Tuesday.

The Middle East issue should be solved through regional cooperation, said Mottaki, reiterating that foreign forces must leave the region, the report said.

"We believe that problems in the region must be solved through a regional approach," Mottaki said during his meeting with Kenyan Assistant Foreign Minister Richard Onyonka on Monday.

Iranian officials have reiterated that the presence of Western forces in Iraq and Afghanistan is the root cause of problems in the Middle East.

Xinhua

Medium earthquakes shake southeast of Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 24 Feb—Two earthquakes measuring 5.2 and 5.4 magnitude on Richter Scale, shook the state of Chiapas in the southeast of Mexico, without report of victims or material damages, the National Seismological Service (SSN) said on Tuesday.

One of the earthquakes measuring 5.4 magnitude was registered at 9:16 am local time (1516 GMT). The epicentre was located 90 km southeast to Las Margaritas municipality with a depth of 25 km.

Xinhua

Two teens shot in middle school shooting near Denvor

LOS ANGELES, 24 Feb—An unidentified gunman shot and wounded two teenagers at a middle school near Denver, Colo on Tuesday, authorities said.

The incident was reported at 3:14 pm at Deer Creek Middle School in Littleton in the southern suburb of Denver, the *Denvor Post* said on its Web.

The suspected shooter, an adult male, was arrested, the report quoted Jefferson County Sheriff's Department as saying.

The two wounded juveniles have been transported to a hospital. One victim was shot inside the school, the other outside, but the wounds are not life-threatening although the man was using a "high-powered weapon," said Mark Techmeyer, spokesman for the sheriff's department.

Techmeyer said he did not know if the weapon was a rifle or handgun, though witnesses described it as a rifle.

He said a Jefferson County deputy sheriff was able to apprehend the adult male without firing a shot.—*Xinhua*

15 dead, 57 buried by Indonesian landslide

CIWIDEY, 24 Feb—Rescuers used heavy digging equipment on Wednesday to clear a muddy landslide that killed at least 15 people and left 57 buried on Indonesia's main island of Java, an official said.

Days of heavy rain prompted the landslide on Tuesday afternoon at a mountainous tea plantation near the village of Tenjoljaya in Ciwidey District of West Java Province, destroying scores of homes.

Scores of soldiers and police officers plus two excavators bolstered search efforts on Wednesday and 15 bodies had been recovered from a vast pile of clay by the afternoon, National Disaster Management Agency spokesman Priyadi Kardono said.

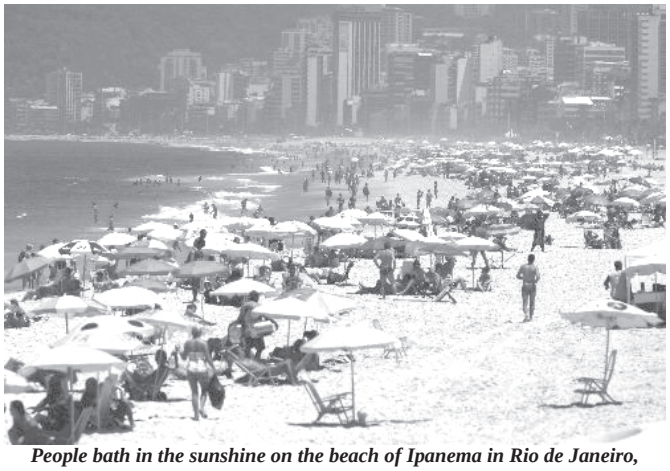
He said another 15 people had been injured, two of whom had been admitted to hospital.

The winding mountain roads made boggy by the days of heavy rain were hampering efforts to get equipment and rescuers to the scene, he said, adding that more landslides were possible.

Some 600 villagers from the region have been evacuated to temporary shelters in safer locations, Kardono said. Most of these were from unaffected nearby villages that were in landslide-prone areas.

Kardono said 25 people were believed to have died in the plantation's factory and office. It was not immediately clear where the six bodies were found.—*Internet*

In this on 23 Feb, 2010 photo, rescuers search for landslide victims in Ciwidey District, West Java, Indonesia. Days of heavy rain prompted the landslide on Tuesday afternoon at the mountainous tea plantation destroying scores of homes.—INTERNET



People bath in the sunshine on the beach of Ipanema in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on 23 Feb, 2010. The summer heat hit the city recently where the temperature reached 40 degree Celsius. —XINHUA

Indonesia's President officially opens UNEP conference on environment

BALI, 24 Feb—Indonesia's President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono officially opened the 11th Special Session of the UNEP (United Nations Environment Programme) Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum at 11:00 Bali times (0300 GMT) on Wednesday.

The President said that he hopes the event could find the right solution on economic development for current generation and in the same time saving the next one.

"With the theme of "One Planet Our Responsibility", the event stressed the importance of the Earth for our next generation. Let's find the best solution for this generation without sacrificing the next one," said the President in his opening speech.

Yudhoyono said that in the last 12 years, the Earth has been experiencing the highest temperature rise since 1850, prompting increase in sea level.

"One metre increase of sea level will impact negatively on millions of people," said the President.

That's why he stressed the importance of maintaining biodiversity.

"About 50,000 kinds of plants are already extinct and 40,000 species of endemic vertebrate are threatened to be disappeared," said the President.

Xinhua

Russian security delegation visits Panama for closer co-op

PANAMA CITY, 24 Feb—A Russian delegation met with Panamanian Interior and Justice Minister Jose Raul Mulino on Tuesday to discuss bilateral cooperation in security field.

The delegation was headed by Secretary of the Security Council of Russia Nikolai Patrushev and Russian Ambassador to Panama Alexei Ermakov.

Mulino expressed his satisfaction about the visit of the Russian delegation, who is interested in knowing about Panama's situation of security and having the opportunity to strengthen bilateral ties.

Mulino and Patrushev discussed issues such as technical assistance and the exchange of commercial information regarding security.—*Xinhua*

Mafia's grip spreads across Italy, says report

ROME, 24 Feb—The Mafia's empire is spreading dangerously across Italy, from the poor south to the richer north, according to a paper issued by the government's National Economy and Labour Council (Cnel). Italian organized crime is getting stronger and has seized control of many parts of the local northern economy by diversifying its activities, ANSA news agency reported on Tuesday.

Aside from traditional drug trafficking, loan sharking and extortion, the Mafia has penetrated as well the construction sector, public works projects and finance, while at the same time laundering money and creating ties with local politicians.

The Mafia's infiltration in Italian society, economy and political world is so deep and invisible that several commentators have come to call it the "White Mafia."

In Italy, there are three main Mafia regional groups: Sicily's Cosa Nostra, the Neapolitan Camorra and Calabria's 'Ndrangheta, considered today the most dangerous.—*Xinhua*

A visitor enjoys artworks of ceramics made by Chinese craft masters during a Chinese ceramics show in Tokyo, capital of Japan, on 23 Feb, 2010. The show including 150 artworks will last to 28 Feb. —XINHUA

All Items from Xinhua News Agency

French hostage released by al-Qaeda wing in Mali

PARIS, 24 Feb—A French citizen held captive by al-Qaeda's North African wing for three months has been released, the French government said on Tuesday.

The French Foreign Ministry said Pierre Camatte was on his way to the Mali capital of Bamako, where he would leave for France. Malian officials have confirmed the release.

Camatte, who had been in Mali for fighting malaria, was kidnapped in November from a hotel in the northern Mali town of Menaka, some 1,500 kilometres from the capital Bamako.

The release was widely seen as an apparent prisoner swap between the Mali government and the al-Qaeda wing. Last week, Mali released four Islamist prisoners al-Qaeda demanded for the release of Camatte.

Xinhua

One killed in US military base shooting

WASHINGTON, 24 Feb—One person was killed and another was taken to the hospital in a shooting and crash at Luke Air Force Base in US state of Arizona on Tuesday, local media reported.

The incident occurred at 11 p.m. local time on Monday night in the city of Litchfield Park, Arizona, and investigators were still on the scene hours later, Fox News quoted Capt Gonzales, spokesman at Luke Air Force Base, as saying.

Two men attempted to drive through the Base gate with their reported stolen car, and drove directly at a security officer who wanted to stop them peacefully by setting up a road block, according to the spokesman.—*Xinhua*

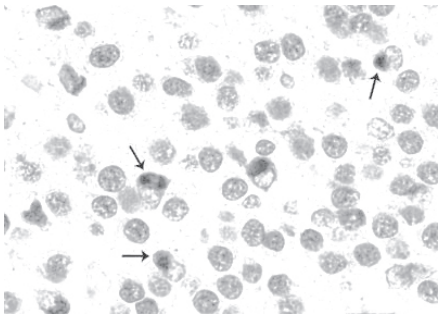
Injured coal mine workers receive treatment at a hospital near Dursunbey town of Balikesir Province, Turkey, on 23 Feb, 2010. Seventeen people were killed in a gas explosion in a coal mine in Balikesir province of northwest Turkey on Tuesday. XINHUA

17 killed in gas explosion in Turkey's coal mine

ANKARA, 24 Feb—Seventeen people were killed in a gas explosion in a coal mine in Balikesir Province of northwest Turkey on Tuesday, the semi-official *Anatolia* news agency reported.

Balikesir Governor Yilmaz Arslan was quoted as saying that 11 miners and an engineer died when a methane gas explosion ripped through the coal mine near Dursunbey town of Balikesir Province. "Five miners lost their lives after being taken to hospital with severe burns, bringing the death toll to 17," said Arslan.

"All bodies were recovered from the mine. We called off search- and-rescue efforts. I offer my deepest condolences to those who lost their beloved ones," he added. In December, 19 workers were killed when a coal mine in northwest Bursa Province caved in after the workers set off some dynamite.—*Xinhua*



The identification of misfolded TDP-43 proteins in neurons of brain tissue (brown structures indicated by arrows) was a criterion for entry into this genome-wide study. The homogeneity of the pathologically-defined cohort is felt to be a major reason for the study's success. —INTERNET

Massive blaze in New Zealand's Otago burns hundreds of hectares

WELLINGTON, 24 Feb—A huge fire in a forest block northwest of New Zealand South Island's southern city of Dunedin was burning out of control on Wednesday, and has scorched more than 400 hectares of land, city officials said.

The fire began on Tuesday afternoon in a logged area of Mt Allan Forest owned by Wenita Forest Products, then spread to a tree plantation.

Dunedin City Council rural fires manager Neil Brown said firefighters might have to wait until the blaze reaches to terrain where fire-breaks can be created, in order to bring it under control.

"At the moment we're mainly using helicopters," he told Radio New Zealand on Wednesday morning. "Because it's not safe or practical to get ground crews in to parts of the fire."

Brown said 10 helicopters with monsoon buckets are fighting the fire on three flanks, but it is not safe for them to fly above the head of the fire, where it is progressing. The blaze fire covers more than 400 hectares of land, he added.

Internet

Taleban kill two alleged US spies in NW Pakistan

MIR ALI, 24 Feb— The bullet-riddled bodies of two alleged US spies were found on Wednesday in a Taleban stronghold in northwest Pakistan, the latest victims of an intelligence war that a top American general indicated is tilting in Washington and Islamabad's favour.

The men's bodies were found together in Mir Ali town in North Waziristan tribal region.

Each had a note attached accusing the victim of spying for the Americans and warning other informants they faced the same fate, area resident Akram Ullah said.

Another witness, Sana Ullah, said one man was a local tribal elder and the other was Afghan.

Militants in recent years have killed scores of people they suspected of aiding the US and Pakistani governments.

Internet

Intel heads $3.5 billion Invest in America Alliance

SAN FRANCISCO, 24 Feb— Intel chief executive Paul Otellini on Tuesday unveiled an initiative to invest 3.5 billion dollars in innovative US businesses and get bright college graduates into technology jobs. "Strong, enduring economies grow out of a culture of investment and a commitment to innovation," Otellini said in a release. "We simply must have a clear, consistent strategy to promote innovation, investment and start-up companies."

Intel is leading an Invest in America Alliance of venture capitalists and corporations to back breakthroughs and talent in fields such as clean energy, biotechnology, and information technology, according to Otellini.

The billions of dollars being committed by the alliance should also help create jobs in new industries including molecular diagnostics, bioinformatics, electric vehicle ecosystem and wireless infrastructure, according to Intel.

"Venture capital investments have played an important role in creating jobs at home and keeping America at the leading edge of technology globally," said Intel Capital president Arvind Sodhani.

"With 3.5 billion dollars of equity capital to invest in the most promising new ventures in the country, our collective goal is to continue to drive technology innovation and stimulate economic activity."—*Internet*

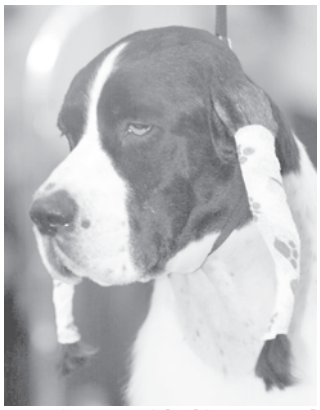
Egyptian police arrest suspect in synagogue attack

CAIRO, 24 Feb—Egyptian police on Tuesday arrested a man suspected of throwing a suitcase containing a makeshift bomb at Cairo's main synagogue, describing him as a criminal previously involved in violence, drugs and forgery.

During his interrogation, the man said he was heading to the US embassy to seek asylum when he was arrested, according to the official statement.

The Ministry of Interior, which manages all security services, said the 49-year old suspect, entered a downtown hotel on Sunday, tossed a suitcase containing explosive materials out of the window at the synagogue across the street before fleeing. During his flight he burned his face with sulfuric acid in his possession, the statement added. The suitcase fell on to the sidewalk of the hotel and briefly caught fire, but it was across the street from the historic synagogue, known as Shaar Hashamayim, or the Gate of Heaven. The hotel was not damaged and no one was injured in the attack.—*Internet*

Dog survives 300-foot cliff jump



A Springer spaniel (this one named Victor) is shown at a New York City dog show on 14 Feb, 2005.

Two dogwalkers said they feared the worst when their springer spaniel leaped from a 300-foot cliff, but the dog bounced off a wave and swam to shore.

Lia Markwick and Stephen Winslade, who were walking Poppy as a favour for Lia's brother, said the canine was chasing a seagull and made a flying leap from the cliff in Seaford, England, *The Sun* reported on Monday.

Markwick and Winslade said they expected to look down and see Poppy's body, but instead the dog had managed to avoid hitting the rocks below and landed in the high tide, allowing her to swim to a nearby beach.

Markwick said they called Coast Guard authorities, who recovered the canine after it made its way to dry land.

The dog's owners, Ben Markwick and Kelly Ixter, said Poppy suffered a collapsed lung but is expected to make a full recovery.

Round-the-world girl sailor on home stretch

Australian sailor Jessica Watson, seen here before her departure from Sydney Harbour.

An Australian schoolgirl bidding to become the youngest person to sail solo around the world hit the home stretch on Wednesday, passing South Africa's Cape of Good Hope for her final Indian Ocean leg.

Jessica Watson passed the Cape, a rocky headland near the point where the Atlantic and Indian Oceans meet, shortly after midnight GMT, marking the last landmark of her journey before she returns to Australia.

"I'm really thrilled to have another Cape down and to be in the Indian Ocean. Next target is Australia," Watson, 16, wrote on her blog. Spokesman Andrew Fraser said the teen was in her highest spirits since leaving Sydney Harbour on 18 October, and would cross the 15,000-nautical-mile mark of her 23,000-nautical-mile trip later this week, bearing directly for Western Australia.

She was travelling well ahead of schedule and on track to cross the finish line in Sydney before late May, one month ahead of deadline, he said.

Argentine stolen at birth, now 32, learns identity

The search is finally over for Abel Madariaga, whose pregnant wife was kidnapped by Argentine security forces 33 years ago.

After decades of doubt and loneliness, of searching faces in the street in hopes they might be related, Madariaga has found his son.

"I never stopped thinking I would find him," the 59-year-old father said, squeezing his son's arm during a packed news conference on Tuesday.

"For the first time, I know who I was. Who I am," the young man said, still marveling at his new identity: Francisco Madariaga Quintela, a name he only learned last week.

The Grandmothers of the Plaza de Mayo rights group believes about 400 children were stolen at birth from women who were kidnapped and killed as part of the 1976-1983 dictatorship's "dirty war" against political dissidents, which killed as many as 30,000 people.

Francisco Madariaga Quintela, centre, is welcomed by his father Abel Pedro Madariaga and Estela de Carlotto, President of the Grandmothers of Plaza de Mayo organization, during a Press conference in Buenos Aires.

NEWS ALBUM

A container ship passes in front of the Sydney skyline as it departs from Port Botany terminal on 24 February, 2010. Australia and China resumed free trade talks on Wednesday, after a delay of more than a year.—INTERNET

Australian researchers find drug link to heart problems

SYDNEY, 24 Feb—Australian researchers have found that a common drug used to treat osteoporosis could be placing people at increased risk of blood clots and stroke.

Associate Professor Gustavo Duque from the University of Sydney revealed on Wednesday that the research team had investigated the suspected unintended side-effect of the drug alendronate, and they found laboratory evidence that it could prompt an irregular heart beat.

"Population studies had already shown that using this osteoporosis drug ... was associated with a higher incidence of arrhythmia, or atrial fibrillation," he said.

"What we've found for the first time in laboratory experiments is a cause and effect."

"It appears that these drugs trigger the heart's atrial cells to become agitated and overexcited, causing a pacemaker-like effect."

Atrial fibrillation can allow blood to pool in areas of the heart and, eventually, these form clots. A stroke occurs if one of these clots breaks free and then blocks an artery leading to the brain.

Duque's research has identified the first evidence linking alendronate to arrhythmia at the cellular level.—*Xinhua*

Still premature to announce end of swine flu peak in world

GENEVA, 24 Feb—World Health Organization (WHO) experts have decided after on Tuesday's assessment that it was still early to pronounce the H1N1 swine flu pandemic as having peaked in all parts of the world.

The emergency committee advised that it was premature to conclude that all parts of the world have experienced peak transmission of the H1N1 pandemic influenza, said WHO spokesperson Gregory Hartl, quoted by media reports.

The WHO is planning a Press conference for Wednesday to announce the assessment result.

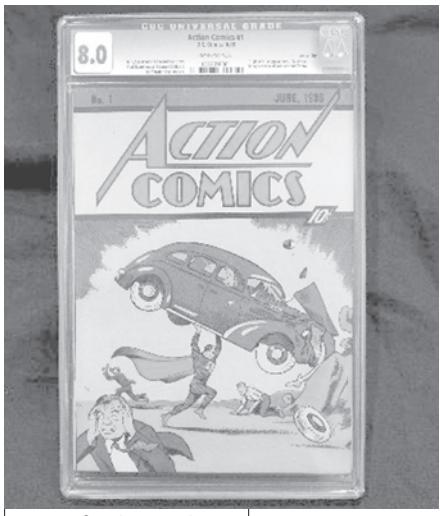
The spokesperson said that a final decision would be taken by WHO Secretary-General Margaret Chan.

Since April 2009, the flu spread from Mexico and the United States into 210 countries and regions with over 15,000 deaths confirmed by laboratories.

The WHO emergency committee on Tuesday held a confidential teleconference and the result of the conference will be made public on Wednesday after having been issued to health officials in the WHO member states a day earlier.

Reported cases of the flu were seen declining of late in most of the northern hemisphere as several countries have already been scaling down their costly precautions in recent weeks.

Xinhua



A copy of Action Comics #1, which introduced Superman to the world, is shown in this undated publicity photo released to Reuters on 22 Feb, 2010. An issue in top condition sold on Monday for a record 1 million US dollars in a public sale held by website ComicConnect.com.
XINHUA

Four die, 29 injured after bus overturns in northwest China's Xinjiang

URUMQI, 24 Feb—Four people were killed and 29 injured after a bus overturned on Tuesday in northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, local authorities said on Wednesday. The accident happened at around 4 pm in Hoboksar Mongol Autonomous County. Three died at the scene while one died at 10:30 pm en route to Karamay Workers Hospital, said the general office of the county's Communist Party of China (CPC) committee in a statement.

Three seriously injured were taken to Urumqi, capital of Xinjiang, for medical treatment, the statement said. The bus with two drivers and 33 passengers was travelling from Hoboksar County to Tacheng City. Police are investigating the cause of the accident.

Xinhua

Japan's exports grow 40.9% on year in Jan

TOKYO, 24 Feb—Japan's exports grew by 40.9 percent in January compared to the same month in the previous year, according to statistics released by the Finance Ministry on Wednesday.

The total value of the nation's exports stood at 4,902 billion yen (54.3 billion US dollars) for the month.

The figures were buoyed by goods sold to Asia, which account for more than 50 percent of all Japanese exports.

Japan's imports also increased for the first time since October 2008, standing at 4,817 billion yen (54 billion dollars).

Xinhua

Spyker finalizes purchase of Saab from GM

STOCKHOLM, 24 Feb—After months of negotiations and setbacks that left Saab's fate in limbo, Dutch sportscar maker Spyker said on Tuesday it had finalized the purchase of the iconic Swedish brand from General Motors.

Spyker's CEO Victor Muller told reporters in Stockholm it was hard to imagine that the process his company, a minnow in the car industry, had started three months ago to acquire Saab was finally over.

"Its been a very rough ride ... to come to the point that we are today, that we have actually bought Saab and Saab is now saved," he said.

Saab Automobile and Spyker Cars will operate as sister companies going forward, both held by holding company Spyker Cars NV, which is listed on the Amsterdam Euronext exchange, Spyker said in the statement.

Saab "will become more entrepreneurial, it will become a company that has to stand on its own legs and that has to determine its own future," Muller said, adding Saab, owned by GM since 1990, would have "no more lifelines to a big conglomerate and that is a very important step."

Muller said his immediate goals for the company were "to actually start building cars again, to revamp the energy in the dealer body, to demonstrate to the market that we are for real, there to stay, and coming out with incredible projects."

Internet

A Saab car (L) and a Spyker car in Stockholm. Dutch sportscar maker Spyker said on Tuesday it had finalized the purchase of Swedish carmaker Saab from General Motors.
INTERNET

Prime Minister General Thein Sein views tea nursery of May & Mark Co Ltd.—MNA

Target set on establishment of Putao District…

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After hearing reports on the plan for growing of tea in the district, progress on cultivation of tea and assistance for tea growers presented by the secretary of Putao District USDA, the Prime Minister stressed the need to educate the growers to pursue propagation and cultivation methods of the research, to provide them with necessary assistance, to encourage them to meet achievement in tea cultivation, to realize the target of establishing Putao District as a tea district and to make parallel efforts on setting up of tea factory and tea purchasing center.

At model cow breeding farm, the Prime Minister heard reports on the aim and advantages of breeding pedigree milchcows and fulfilled the requirements.

(See page 9)

People are enjoying the fruitful results of the collaborative efforts of three major forces of the nation, namely, the government, the people and the Tatmadaw. The Prime Minister urged local people to work hard for better livelihood making use of infrastructures while maintaining them for durability, to cultivate Union Spirit that was the genuine patriotic spirit as national brethren are residents of the same Union, and to join hands with government and the Tatmadaw for regional security and development.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein presents clothes, medicines and utensils to townselders of Machanbaw.—MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein meets townselders, departmental personnel and members of social organizations at Lonmoung Hall of Nagmon.—MNA

Target set on establishment of Putao District…

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The Prime Minister then viewed the pedigree milch cows.

The Prime Minister visited construction site of Government Technical High School (Putao) and Government Technical Institute (Putao) and heard reports on salient points of the projects and regional development undertakings and coordinated essentials.

***Prime Minister General Thein Sein cordially converses with local people of Nagmon.*—MNA**

***Prime Minister General Thein Sein at Women's Vocational Training School (Bhamo).*—MNA**

While in Nagmon, the Prime Minister met senior citizens, departmental personnel and locals. The Prime Minister and Lt-Gen Tha Aye presented clothes, medicines and utensils to senior citizens. The Prime Minister also comforted the patients at Nagmon People's Hospital and presented cash donation to the hospital.

At Machanbaw, the Prime Minister also met townselders, departmental officials and social organizations of the town and presented clothes, medicines and utensils to them.

The Prime Minister in meeting departmental personnel and community elders of Nagmon and Machanbaw noted that people are enjoying the fruitful results of the collaborative efforts of three major forces of the nation, namely, the government, the people and the Tatmadaw. He urged local people to work hard for better livelihood making use of infrastructures while maintaining them for durability, to cultivate Union Spirit that was the genuine patriotic spirit as national brethren are residents of the same Union, and to join hands with government and the Tatmadaw for regional security and development saying that every Myanmar citizen was for Myanmar and must not be the stooge of any alien nation.

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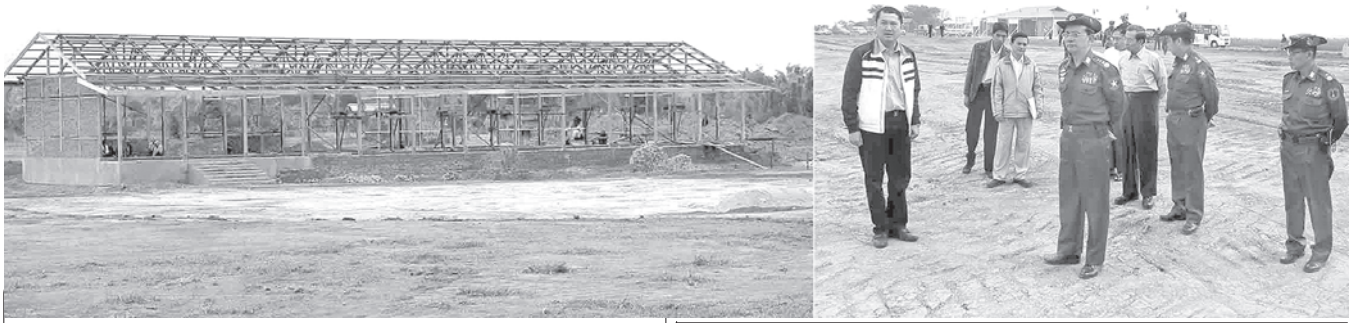


***Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects construction of Government Technical High School (Putao) and Government Technical Institute (Putao).*—MNA**

Fight against fire

YANGON, 24 Feb—Fire preventive measures are jointly carried out by departments concerned as the fire is the most dreadful threat to Myanmar.

A meeting for preventing fire outbreaks in Yangon was held at the meeting hall of Yangon City Development Committee on 22 February. Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe addressed the meeting, calling for taking actions against fire.

The meeting, attended by officials from Fire Services Department and YCDC, Townships Development Affairs Committee and contractors, came to an end with the concluding remarks by the minister.—*MNA*

Dams and lakes in Yamethin trigger betterment of locals

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Feb—Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo on 22 February inspected the completed repair of Inn Lake, upgrading from the lake into a small dam undertaken by Irrigation Department that can supply irrigation water to 300-acre of farmlands. The dam situated near Inngon Village, Yamethin Township measures 1600 feet long and 11 feet high.

The minister said in meeting with local farmers that the government, social organizations and farmers are collectively striving to emerge large scale dams and lakes so as to improve the socio-economic status of farmers and to gear up agricultural production in addition to irrigation and safe water.

The minister also oversaw repairing Laetha Lake and spillway near Hnatthaik Village. There are three lakes built by Irrigation Department namely Inn, Laetha and U Min Naing lakes in Yamethin Township.—*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**

MWAF works reviewed

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Feb—Works of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation were reviewed at its annual general meeting at MWAF office in Nay Pyi Taw Dekkhinathiri here this morning.

The meeting was opened this morning with a ceremony, attended by Patrons of MWAF Daw Ni Ni Win, Daw Khin Mi Mi and Daw Mya Theingi, President Dr Daw Myint Kyi and CEC members, President of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Nilar Thaw and CEC members and guests.

The attendees viewed the documentary photos of the federation. The first day session of the meeting, presided over by President Dr.Daw Myint Kyi, started at 10 am. Joint General Secretary Daw Khin Htar May of the federation read out the report of CEC. The chairpersons from state and division WAOs submitted reports which were reviewed by the president. General Secretary Dr. Daw Thet Thet Zin presided over the afternoon session of the meeting and heard reports submitted by the chairpersons from state and division WAOs . The meeting will last till tomorrow.—*MNA*

President Dr Daw Myint Kyi speaks at annual general meeting of MWAF.
MNA

Skill, expertise promotion for trainees

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Feb—Director U Tun Oo of Progress of Border Areas and National Races Department under the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs visited Border Region National Youths Development Training School (Sittway) and Women's Vocational Training School (Maungtaw) in Sittway, Buthidaung and Maungtaw Townships in Rakhine State from 12 to 14 February.

In his visits to the training schools, the director gave necessary instructions.

MNA

Myanmar still has hope for third place

YANGON, 24 Feb — In the second semifinal of AFC Challenge Cup 2010, organized by the Asian Football Confederation, in Colombo of Sri Lanka this evening, Democratic People's Republic of Korea hammered Myanmar 5-0 and cruised into final.

The first semifinal between Turkmenistan and Tajikistan ended at 2-0.

Myanmar will play against Tajikistan at 4.30 p.m. Myanmar Standard Time on 27 February for third place.—*MNA*

Four women, one man arrested for human trafficking

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Feb—The two anti-human trafficking special squads of the two neighbouring countries, in cooperation with Shweli Anti-Human Trafficking Special Squad, arrested two human traffickers: Ma Aye Aye Hlaing of Aungmyethazan Township, Mandalay, and Ma Myint Myint Win of Dawbon Township, Yangon, following the information given to Muse Anti-Human Trafficking Special Squad by a duty-conscious citizen that human traffickers trafficking young Myanmar women to the other country, were at No. 94, Lonchan Ward, Shweli, in the other country.

In response to the interrogation made by Muse Anti-Human Trafficking special Squad, Ma Aye Aye Hlaing admitted that she had been trafficking young Myanmar women to the other country, making Shweli the base of operation, since 2009; that she received victims from such human traffickers as Ma Myint Myint Win, Ma Than Sein and Tun Tun Win of Dawbon Township, Ma Aye Aye San and Ma Khaing of Hlinethaya Township, and Ma San Shwe and Ma Htay of Thanlyin Township; that she had to pay 1.2 million kyats for per victim—700,000 kyats to the transporter, and 500,000 kyats to the victim; and the victims were sold to men in Fujian Province, the other country.

So far, three offenders: Ma Aye Aye Hlaing, Ma Myint Myint Win, and Tun Tun Win have been under arrest, and the rest are still at large. Now, officials are dealing with Muse-Shweli Border liaison Office to receive the Myanmar women who have been sold to Fujian Province.

In another case, a combined team exposed two human traffickers: Ma Mya Thida Naing of Hlegu Township, Yangon, and Ma San San Aung of Dagon Myothit (South) Township, in the search of a Van en route from Lashio to Muse at about 5.30 pm on 17 February at Yepusan Checkpoint in Lashio Township. The two took a woman, 15, to forcibly marry her to a man in the other country, deceiving her that she would be given a job in Bago.

Now, the victim has been handed over to her parents, and officials are rendering necessary assistance.

Human traffickers organize and take young women to the other country, giving false incentives such as they will be appointed in a garment factory in the neighbouring country, they will be given a well-paid job in Muse, they will be given a remunerative job inclusive of all expenses, and they will get a job in Shweli sugarcane farm. After being trafficked, the victims are forcibly married to native men. Authorities are giving educative talks on human trafficking in order that young women will not be deceived and trafficked by human traffickers.—*MNA*

New brand battery for all

YANGON, 24 Feb— ATLAS BX Company of Republic of Korea has been the global battery supplier since 1994. Best Battery Trading Co Ltd as the sole agent of Myanmar market imports and distributes ATLAS, DUPEX, E-NEX and ABX-AGM types leatteries.

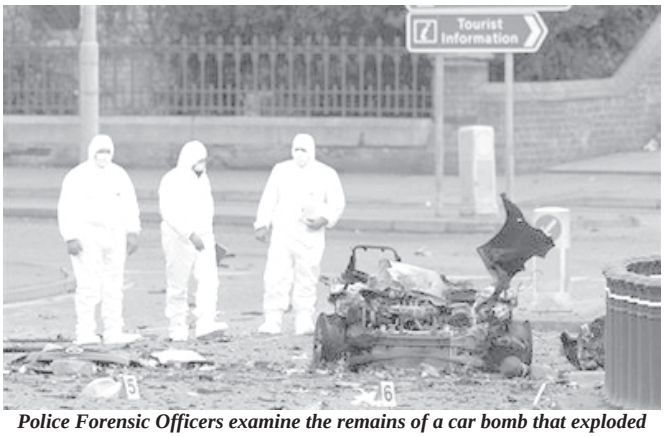
All the types are maintenance free batteries that don't need to be filled with rainwater or rain water-acid compound fluid. The average life-span of those types is around two or three years. It will cost 20 to 50 per cent more than ordinary batteries.

The showroom is opened at No 316 on Maha Thukhita Road, East Gyogone Ward, Insein Township here. The contact number is 09-8030565, 646363 and 642721 and e-mail address is tosmo-@mptmail.net.mm.

MNA

Corrigendum

Please read Charge d' Affaires ai Mrs. Fdzllyani Annuar and husband of the Embassy of Brunei Darussalam instead of Charge d' Affaires ai Mr. Ahmad Azian Haji Sabtu and wife reported at the caption news on page-10 of the New Light of Myanmar Daily issued on 24 February.—*MNA*



***Police Forensic Officers examine the remains of a car bomb that exploded outside Newry courthouse late on Monday, Northern Ireland, on 23 Feb, 2010.—*INTERNET**

N Ireland police decry bombers' 17-minute warning

DUBLIN, 24 Feb— Northern Ireland's police commander denounced Irish Republican Army dissidents on Tuesday for giving his officers just 17 minutes to evacuate the centre of a border town before a car bomb detonated.

Monday night's attack on the courthouse in Newry, between Dublin and Belfast, was the first of its kind in nearly a decade.

Police said they still were trying to steer people away from the bomb when it exploded, causing little damage to the heavily fortified courthouse and injuring no one. Nearby residents said their homes shook like an earthquake from the blast but their windows did not shatter, and traffic continued to pass by the flaming remains of the car until police shut down the road.

Police said the bomb contained 100 kilogrammes (225 pounds) of homemade explosive — much smaller than typical IRA car bombs. It appeared to catch police off guard because, unlike more than a dozen previous similar threats across Northern Ireland, this one actually detonated.

Internet

Mexico captures Sinaloa cartel cocaine trafficker

MEXICO CITY, 24 Feb—Federal police have captured a man described as a key operator of the powerful Sinaloa cartel who served briefly in the US Army before taking on the trafficking of 2 tons of cocaine a month into the United States.

Jose Vasquez Villagrana, 40, was arrested on Sunday in his home town of Santa Ana, Sonora, which borders Arizona, authorities said on Monday.

He joined the US military in Arizona in 1990 and deserted a year after getting his US citizenship, according to Mexico's federal Public Safety Department. He is believed to have returned to Mexico, where he began trafficking.

Vasquez is accused of smuggling Colombian cocaine through Panama and other countries to the northern Mexican state of Sonora. The drugs were stored at his ranch and then sent to the United States.

US officials could not immediately confirm Vasquez's citizenship nor his role in the US military.

Police described Vasquez as a key player in the Sinaloa cartel, although he does not appear on a list of Mexico's most-wanted traffickers.

Vasquez slowly built up his operation in Sonora, eventually buying planes that he put at the service of Sinaloa kingpin Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman, police said. He initially worked with the Beltran Leyva gang but sided with Guzman when the two organizations split, the police statement said.

Internet

***A worker climbs down from a combined harvester on a road after cutting sugar cane in fields near the village of Sitio Grande, Province of Villa Clara, some 360 km (224 miles) from Havana on 22 Feb, 2010.—*INTERNET**

ESA delays launch of CryoSat-2

PARIS, 24 Feb— The European Space Agency says the scheduled on Thursday launch of its *CryoSat-2* satellite from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan will be delayed.

ESA officials said the delay is due to concern related to the second stage steering engine of the Dnepr launcher. Although the fuel supply of the second stage engine should be sufficient to get *CryoSat* into orbit, the ESA said the fuel reserve is not as large as it would like it to be.

Kosmotras, the launch provider, said it will inform the ESA of a new launch date shortly. *CryoSat-2* will fly in a highly inclined polar orbit at an altitude of slightly more than 435 miles, precisely monitoring changes in the thickness of sea ice and variations in the thickness of the ice sheets on land. Those data are urgently needed by scientists to understand exactly how Earth's ice is changing in response to climate change, the space agency said.

Internet

Italian police break up Mafia clan, 24 suspects arrested

ROME, 24 Feb—Italian police said on Monday they have broken up a Mafia clan and arrested 24 Mafia suspects, local news agency *ANSA* reported.

According to the police, the clan belonged to "Cosa Nostra," the most infamous Mafia organization in Sicily.

The clan was involved in extortion, loan-sharking, money transfer fraud and other illegal activities in Milan and some other northern Italian cities.

It also tried to expand its activities to Belgium, said the police.

During Monday's operation, the police closed down 11 Mafia-related enterprises including an auto repair plant and a sport centre.—*Internet*

***Residents stand next to a crime scene where a man was gunned down at his home in Ciudad Juarez on 19 Feb, 2010.—*INTERNET**

Ugandan rebels kidnap 40 in Central Africa

BANGUI, 24 Feb— Ugandan rebels kidnapped at least 40 people and wounded a soldier during an attack in the southwest of the Central African Republic, a Central African soldier said on Monday.

The soldier said the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) swept through the town of Rafai early on Friday evening going "door to door, taking at least 40 people hostage and stealing property."

The soldier, who asked not to be named but is based in nearby Bangassou, said a Central African army unit responded.

"During the clash that followed, a Central African soldier was wounded and several Tongo-Tongo (the local name for the rebels) were wounded. But the rebels managed to flee with the hostages."

The soldier added that the FACA, or Central African army, was in pursuit of the rebels.

Last week the LRA carried out two attacks in the same region, kidnapping at least 10 people in a raid on the village of Kamandare, a military source said.

Residents of the village of Gbangomboro fled in advance of a similar looting attack two days later.

Internet

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV BANGKAJA VOY NO (57) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 25.2.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W 4 where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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3000-year-old city wall discovered in Jerusalem

JERUSSALEM, 24 Feb— Israeli archaeologists discovered a section of an ancient city wall in Jerusalem that is believed to be built by Biblical King Solomon around the tenth century BC, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem said on Monday.

"A comparison of this latest finding with city walls and gates from the period of the First Temple, as well as pottery found at the site, enable us to postulate with a great degree of assurance that the wall that has been revealed is that which was built by King Solomon in Jerusalem in the latter part of the tenth century BC," said the excavation director Dr Eilat Mazar.

The revealed city wall, 70 metres long and six metres high, is located near the Mount Temple in the Old City of Jerusalem.

Archaeologists also found a royal building and a gatehouse at the site over the three-month excavation. Mazar and her colleagues discovered a large amount of pottery shards, remnants of 1.5-meter-high storage jars, at the ground floor of the royal building.

They noted an inscription in ancient Hebrew on one of the jars, which indicates that it belonged to a high-level government official, as well as seal impressions on jar handles with the word "to the king." Archaeologists believe they are proofs that the jars were used by the monarchy.

Xinhua

***The new excavation site outside the old city walls in Jerusalem. A section of city wall that enclosed ancient Jerusalem and was probably built by King Solomon in the 10th century BC was found during recent digs, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem said on Monday.*—INTERENT**

S Korea to obtain eight revamped P-3C maritime patrol aircraft from US

SEOUL, 24 Feb — South Korea obtained eight revamped *P-3C* maritime patrol aircraft from the United States, as part of its effort to improve maritime protection and surveillance against outside forces, the Navy said on Monday.

The newly acquired aircraft, named *P-3CK*, is a refurbished model of *P-3C* aircraft that includes electro-optical and infrared sensors, high-definition turrets, tactical sights, plasma displays, and laser designations for air, land and sea, which will have the ability to detect submarines and fire at the country's coastline bases in emergency situations, the Navy said.

"These refurbished planes will contribute greatly to our weapons development technology field," the Navy said in a statement. The South Korean Navy has doubled the number of *P-3C* reconnaissance planes it owns following this deal, as its first delivery of eight *P-3Cs* was done in 2008. The new *P-3CK* project is valued at 550 million US dollars, which is considered to be the world's largest in the *P-3* reconfiguration field, according to South Korea's weapons procurement agency. —*Xinhua*

Four Palestinians killed in southern Gaza Strip

GAZA, 24 Feb— Four Palestinians, including three children were killed on Monday night in two separate incidents in southern Gaza Strip ruled by Islamic Hamas movement, medics in Gaza said.

They said that three children, all are brothers, were killed at their home in the village of Abbassan, east of the southern Gaza Strip city of Khan Younis, when an electric generator exploded, adding that five family members were injured.—*Xinhua*

Folk performers present a traditional stilts walking show at Yangcheng Village in Jishan County, north China's Shanxi Province, on 21 Feb, 2010.
XINHUA

China to release pollution-fighting fish in lake

SHANGHAI, 24 Feb — Authorities in eastern China have said they will release 20 million algae-eating fish into one of the nation's most scenic lakes that has been ravaged by pollution.

Taihu Lake, which straddles Zhejiang and Jiangsu Provinces, has been severely polluted by sewage as well as industrial and agricultural waste, triggering a blue-green algae plague.

Authorities started using fish to try to clean up the lake in February last year when they released 10 million mostly green and silver carp into the water, after the algae tainted the drinking supply of millions of residents.

Over the next few days, around 20 million more algae-eating fish will be released into the water, the Taihu Lake Fisheries Management Committee said in a statement on Monday.

The campaign, funded by the government and public donations, cost a total of 8.6 million yuan (1.3 million dollars), according to the statement.

A silver carp can consume 50 kilogrammes (110 pounds) of algae and other plankton in its lifetime while gaining only one kilogramme in weight, authorities have said.

Millions of algae-eating fish have been used in the past to clean up Taihu and other lakes, with previous efforts hailed as a boon for the local fishing industry despite concerns over consumption of fish that have feasted on toxins.—*Internet*

Green and silver carp are released into the Taihu Lake in Suzhou, eastern China's Jiangsu Province. Authorities in the region have said they will release 20 million algae-eating fish into one of the nation's most scenic lakes that has been ravaged by pollution.—INTERNET

Householder of Expo Family No.1 Cheng Shuchu (R) shows the special doorplate in Shanghai, east China, on 9 Feb, 2010. To welcome the guests of Shanghai World Expo which will be held from 1 May to 31 Oct, the city has confirmed the first community for family hotel services. A total of 47 families of Linfen Community of Zhabei District have become the first batch of Expo Families which will provide their rooms for visitors during the expo. The selected families are all warmhearted and good at cultural communication. Many householders have voluntarily bought new furniture and prepared delicate gifts for the visitors from far away.—XINHUA

Green tea may fight eye diseases

HONG KONG, 24 Feb — Chinese researchers say green tea may help fight glaucoma and other eye diseases.

The study, published in the *American Chemical Society's Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry*, finds the "catechins" in green tea — responsible for much of its strong anti-oxidant effect — pass from the stomach and gastrointestinal tract into the tissues of the eye and raise the possibility drinking green tea may help prevent eye diseases.

Chi Pui Pang of The Chinese University of Hong Kong and colleagues analyzed the eye tissues of laboratory rats that drank green tea. They found the retina absorbed the highest levels of the catchin gallocatechin, while the aqueous humor tended to absorb another known as epigallocatechin.

The effects of green tea catechins in reducing harmful oxidative stress in the eye lasted for up to 20 hours, the study says.

"Our results indicate that green tea consumption could benefit the eye against oxidative stress," the study authors say in a statement.—*Internet*

"Test and Treat" strategy could halt HIV in 5 years

BEIJING, 24 Feb— By testing and immediately treating people in high risk areas with antiretrovirals, the spread of HIV could be halted in five years, an expert has said at a meeting held by the American Association for the Advancement of Science in San Diego.

We could stop HIV spreading in five years and eliminate HIV/AIDS altogether in 40 years with the "test and treat" strategy, Dr Brian Williams of the South African Centre for Epidemiological Modeling and Analysis told the meeting over the weekend, according to media reports.

For years, people have been using drugs to save lives, but people living longer with HIV increases the potential for spreading the disease. While the search for a vaccine is important, "it's time to look beyond that," Williams said.—*Xinhua*

Short-term memory protein discovered

COLD SPRING HARBOR, 24 Feb — US neuroscientists say their experiments with fruit flies have led to the discovery of a protein that regulates the erasure of short-term memories.

The Cold Spring Harbor (N.Y.) Laboratory researchers say they've discovered that three kinds of forgetting — all involving the erasure of short-term memory — are regulated within neurons by the activity of a protein called Rac.

The team, led by Professor Yi Zhong, examined the molecular basis of three different types of memory erasure. One kind of erasure is associated with gradual short-term memory loss; another entails an acute, rapid removal of short-term memory, and the third involves a kind of erasure associated with new information that interferes with an existing short-term memory.

In all three the team found the process of forgetting is mediated by a mechanism dependent upon the activity level of Rac, a type of protein known to act, among other things, as regulators of the cytoskeleton, the superstructure of cells.

"The molecular basis of short-term memory really has been overlooked by the neuroscience community," Zhong said. "It has been widely assumed that such memory is degraded through passive cellular processes. Our experiments challenge the notion by providing evidence of a dedicated mechanism for removing several kinds of short-term memories."—*Internet*

A boy cries as he receives a measles vaccination at a health centre in Abad Santos, metro Manila on 23 February, 2010. The Department of Health (DOH) on Monday warned of a measles outbreak as cases shot up to more than 600, including two deaths, within the span of one month.—INTERNET

Music training helps children to read

SAN DIEGO, 24 Feb— Cash-strapped school districts are making a mistake when they cut music from the kindergarten to 12 curriculum, a US researcher said. Nina Kraus of the Northwestern University said that music training has profound effects that shape the sensory system and should be a mainstay of K-12 education.

"Playing an instrument may help youngsters better process speech in noisy classrooms and more accurately interpret the nuances of language that are conveyed by subtle changes in the human voice," Kraus said in a statement.

Internet

SPORTS

Bordeaux seize advantage against Olympiakos

AEHENS, 24 Feb—Bordeaux took a big step towards the Champions League quarter-finals after beating Greek champions Olympiakos 1-0 in the first leg of their last-16 clash here on Tuesday.

"We're happy to score away from home, perhaps we could have scored a second but at least we got the victory," Bordeaux coach Laurent Blanc said after the game. "There are only a handful of clubs that have the experience of playing in the Champions League quarter-finals. Experience comes by playing matches," he added. *Internet*

Bordeaux's Michael Ciani celebrates after scoring against Olympiacos during their round of 16, UEFA Champions League football game at the Karaiskaki stadium in Athens. Bordeaux won 1-0.—INTERNET

Milan looking to re-open title race

ROME, 24 Feb—AC Milan will be hoping to spark renewed life into the Serie A title race when they travel to Fiorentina on Wednesday to play their game in hand on leaders Inter Milan.

Milan sit third in the table, seven points behind the champions but would go second, a point ahead of AS Roma, if they were to win in Florence.

However, the match is as vital for their hosts who need three points to propel them back into the race for a top four finish and Champions League football for a third season in a row.

Inter moved top of the table at the beginning of October and have stayed there ever since, enjoying at times a lead of up to nine points on the rest but that was cut to five at the weekend following their third draw in a row and Roma's seventh successive success.—*Internet*

AC Milan's Pato (2nd left) jubilates with teamates after scoring against Bari during their Serie A match in Bari's S Nicola stadium on 21 February.—INTERNET

Li out, Dementieva wins at Malaysia Open tennis

KUALA LUMPUR, 24 Feb—China's Li Na was knocked out by Germany's Tatjana Malek in the first round of the Malaysian Open here Tuesday.

Li, 27, who is determined to be the first Asian star to win a Grand Slam title and be ranked world number one, lost due to a series of unforced errors.

Second seed Li came under pressure from Malek and gave an erratic performance in humid conditions on an outdoor court in the inaugural 250,000-dollar Malaysian Open women's tournament. Unseeded Malek displayed brilliant footwork and won 6-1, 5-7, 6-2 in two hours in a game delayed for almost 90 minutes by tropical rain. *Internet*

China's Li Na returns the ball to Israel's Shahar Peer in the Dubai Tennis Championships quarter-final match in the Gulf emirate, on 18 February.—INTERNET

Stuttgart's Matthieu Delpierre (left) vies for the ball with Barcelona's Zlatan Ibrahimovic during their UEFA Champions League round of 16 first leg match in the southern German city of Stuttgart. The match ended in a 1-1 draw.—INTERNET

Barcelona boss demands more from champions

STUTTGART, 24 Feb—Barcelona coach Pep Guardiola has demanded his side improve if they want to retain their Champions League title after being held to a 1-1 draw by Germany's Stuttgart in the last 16 clash.

"We had to fight, it was a hard game," Guardiola said after Tuesday night's match at Stuttgart's Mercedes-Benz Arena.

"In the second half we were able to free ourselves up and it was a good result. But if we want to go for the title in this competition, we are going to have to work hard and get better."

Striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic, scorer of Barca's crucial second-half equaliser, agreed that it was a hard game, but predicted an improved performance in the second leg at their Camp Nou fortress on 17 March. "Stuttgart is a good team, they showed that today," he said. *Internet*

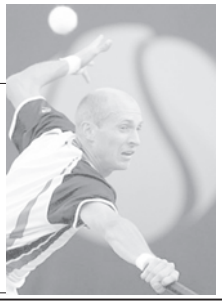
Tennis ace Davydenko dodges Dubai embarrassment

DUBAI, 24 Feb—Nikolay Davydenko, the ATP World Tour champion, escaped from the brink of his worst defeat for nearly two years before reaching the second round of the ATP Dubai Open here on Tuesday.

The Russian was twice within a point of going a break of service down in the second set against Florent Serra, the world number 59 from France, either of which might well have led to the flat-hitting Frenchman closing out a straight sets win.

Instead Davydenko hung on, made his first break of the match himself in the next game with the help of a dramatic Hawkeye appeal, and opened the floodgates to winning six successive games and the match, 6-7 (5/7), 6-4, 6-1.

"The ball was very fast, control was very difficult, and I made too many mistakes," said Davydenko.—*Internet*



Russia's ATP World Tour champion Nikolay Davydenko returns a backhand to France's Florent Serra during the first round of the Dubai Open. Davydenko won 6-7 (5/7), 6-4, 6-1. INTERNET

I turned down England job, says Mourinho

MILAN, 24 Feb—Inter Milan coach Jose Mourinho revealed on Tuesday that he was once offered the England manager job but had turned it down.

Speaking ahead of his team's Champions League clash against Chelsea on Wednesday at Milan's San Siro, Mourinho was asked about John Terry being removed from the England captaincy but then went on to reveal other information.

"I'm not England manager so I don't want to comment (on Terry) just as I'm not the Cheslea president so I don't comment on (Roman) Abramovich's decisions," he said.—*Internet*

Inter Milan's Portuguese coach Jose Mourinho, seen here addressing the press in Milan, revealed on Tuesday that he was once offered the England manager job but had turned it down.—INTERNET

Ferdinand and Anderson injuries take shine off United win

MANCHESTER, 24 Feb—Sir Alex Ferguson has been hit with a double injury blow ahead of Sunday's League Cup final against Aston Villa after Rio Ferdinand was ruled out of the Wembley clash and Anderson suffered a serious knee injury.

Ferguson said after Tuesday's 3-0 win over West Ham that Ferdinand had aggravated a back problem which is also likely to cause him to miss England's friendly with Egypt at Wembley next week.

It is a major blow for both United and Ferdinand. He had hoped to make his return from suspension against West Ham but was forced to miss out after tweaking his back in training.

Brazilian midfielder Anderson could also be sidelined for the League Cup final after limping out of United's sixth successive home league win with a suspected twisted knee.—*Internet*

Manchester United's Anderson leaves the match injured during their Premier League match against West Ham United at Old Trafford in Manchester, north-west England, on 23 Feb. Man United won 3-0.—INTERNET

Tiger Woods owes public no apology for marital errors

BEIJING, 24 Feb—It was the oddest of apologies.

The words "deeply irresponsible" and "selfish" were used, as was a hand-on-the-heart gesture that had commentators skeptically raising their eyebrows.

Indeed, when top golfer Tiger Woods finally reappeared before the world to say "sorry" for his repeated extramarital affairs, the only apology he really owed us was for whoever put him up to this needless and too obviously orchestrated television spectacle.

The intention was sincere, but it came off the wrong way. Days before, the media was baying for blood after being told that while Woods would speak, he would only do so to a pool camera with no questions allowed after a brief statement.—*Internet*

Italy convicts 3 Google execs in abuse video case

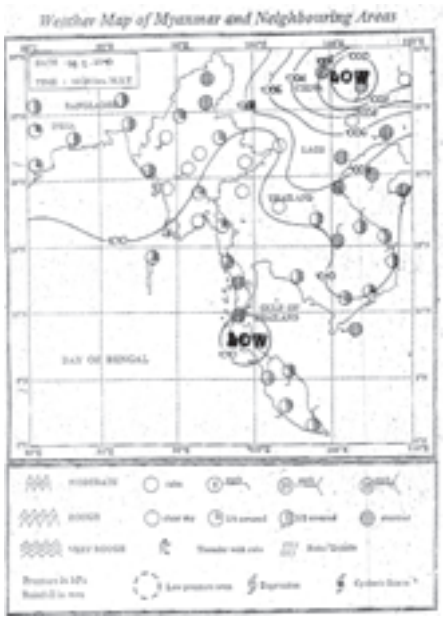
MILAN, 24 Feb—An Italian court convicted three Google executives of privacy violations on Wednesday because they did not act quickly enough to pull down an video online that showed bullies abusing an autistic boy.

The case was being closely watched around the world due to its implications for Internet freedom.

Internet

Photo illustration. Australian scientists are hoping to add some truth to the old adage by using curiosity to kill some of the country's millions of wild cats.

INTERNET



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Programme Schedule
(25-2-2010) (Thursday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am~11:00am) MST
Europe	- (15:30pm~23:30pm) MST
North America	- (23:30pm~07:30am) MST
Oversea Transmission	- (25-2-10 11:30 am ~ 26-2-10 11:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

* Signature Tune
* Ancient City Mrauk-U
* Discovering Imaw Bum Area (Part - I)
* Traditional Dance of National Races"Beautiful Yamanya Choral Dance"
* Moyungyi Wildlife Sanctuary
* Nipa Palm Forest
* Record Album
* Formation of Sand Stupa in Unity
* The King of Musical Instruments
* The Gok Hteik Viaduct
* Hot Springs in Lashio and Namhkam
* Enjoy our Shan Food

Oversea Transmission

* Signature Tune
* Ancient City Mrauk-U
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* Traditional Dance of National Races "Prosperous Rakhine State"
* Moyungyi Wildlife Sanctuary
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* Hot Springs in Lashio and Namhkam
* Enjoy our Shan Food
* Culture Stage
* A Day in Yangon(Zoological Garden)
* Music Gallery
* Myanma Green Tea
* Pickled Herbal Tea Leaves of Myanmar
* Music Icon "Violinist U Tin Yee"
* Ancient Architectural Heritage of Taungthaman Kyauktawgyi Pagoda
* Hsinbyushin Temple, Stone Carving and Monasteries
* Myanmar Earthen Pots
* Ayeyawady Dolphin Expedition (Part-II)

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Myanmar TV

Thursday, 25 February
View on today

7:00 am
1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြုဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am
2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am
3. Morning News

7:40 am
4. အောင်တော်မူ (စောမင်းနောင်စိုင်းညိုမင်း၊ တေးရေး-ဗိုလ်ကလေး တင့်အောင်)

7:50 am
5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:05 am
6. အကပဒေသာ

8:15 am
7. Song of National Reaces

8:25 am
8. "ကုသမနှေးတီဘီဘေး"

8:40am
9. International News

8:45am
10. Musical Programme

3:15 pm
1. တက္ကသိုလ်၊ဒီဂရီကောလိပ် လက်ရွေးစင်အသင်းဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲ(နောက်ဆုံးဗိုလ်လုပွဲ) အထက်မြန်မာပြည်ရှိန် လက်ရွေးစင်အသင်းနှင့် အောက်မြန်မာပြည်ရှိန် လက်ရွေးစင်အသင်း)

5:00 pm
2. Musical Programme

5:15 pm
3. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေးရပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ဒုတိယနှစ် (ဥပဒေပညာ အထူးပြု) (ဥပဒေပညာ)

5:30 pm
4. Songs For Uphold National Spirit

5:35 pm
5. ချစ်စရာအရွယ်ကကြိုးသွယ်

5:45 pm
6. မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများနေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

6:00 pm
7. Evening News

6:15 pm
8. Weather Report

6:20 pm
9. ပျော်ရွှင်စေသောနေ့ရက်များ "စွေးသည်"(အပိုင်း-၁၄) (မိုးမိုး၊သူရလင်း၊သဇင်၊ မေမျိုးသင်း)(ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောင်ကျော်သူရ)

6:40 pm
10. ထူးဆန်းထွေလာများကိုသိပ်ဖြင့်ချဉ်းကပ်ခြင်း

7:00 pm
11. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "နှောင်ဖွဲ့မေတ္တာ"(အပိုင်း-၁၃)

8:00 pm
12. News
13. International News
14. Weather Report
15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ကိုယ်ရဲတော်"(အပိုင်း-၂၀)
16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်တေးသံသာ"(အပိုင်း-၂၄)

WEATHER

Wednesday, 24th February, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin, Shan and Rakhine States, Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above February average temperautre in Kachin State, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions, (3°C) to (4°C) below February average temperatures in Kayin State and Bago Division, and about February average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant night temperatures were Namsang and An (4°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 23-2-2010 was92°F. Minimum temperature on 24-2-2010 was 64°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 24-2-2010 was 44%. Total sun shine hours on 23-2-2010 was (9.3) hours approx.

Rainfall on 24-2-2010 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 (6) mph from East at (15:30) hours MST on 23-2-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 25th February 2010: Weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin and Shan States, Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions.

State of the sea: Seas will be slight to 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 25-2-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 25-2-2010: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 25-2-2010: Partly cloudy.

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★ 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

Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo receives Vietnamese delegation

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Feb—Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo received a delegation led by Lt-Gen Bui Van Nam, Deputy Minister of Public Security of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, at the meeting hall of State Peace and Development Council Office, here, at 12:30 pm today.

The two sides cordially discussed mutual cooperation between the two countries.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Phone Swe and Director-General of the State Peace and Development Council Office Col Kyaw Kyaw Win.

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Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo greets Deputy Minister of Public Security Lt-Gen Bui Van Nam of Vietnam.

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Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo receives Vietnamese Deputy Minister of Public Security Lt-Gen Bui Van Nam at the SPDC office in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA