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Safety measures, every convenience of examinees stressed

NAY PYI TAW, 13 March — Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein called for safety measures for question and answer papers and every convenience of examinees in meeting with supervisors and assistant supervisors at the exam center of Sangyoung Township Basic Education High School No.(2) this morning.

The minister together with Director-General U Kyaw Thu of No.(1) Basic Education Department,

Director-General U Aye Kyu of No.(3) Basic Education Department and Chairman U Ohn Myint of Myanmar Board of Examinations inspected arrangements to facilitate matriculation examinations at exam centers of Dagon Township BEHS No.(2), Ahlon Township BEHS No.(4) where students including those with ear complaints were taking matriculation examinations for 2010, Lanmadaw Township BEHS No.(1) and Yangon General Hospital.—MNA

Kengtung-Monghsat railroad linking to all states and divisions

Byline: *Maung Maung Myint Swe*; Photos: *Lay Nwe (Mingaladon)*

Recently, I heard the news that Kengtung-Monghsat railroad in Kengtung of Shan State (East) is being built. It inspired me to visit it. So, I made a field trip to the place by car. After reaching Kengphaung village about three miles to the west of

Kengtung, I saw earth work there. Earth work of Kengtung railway yard was complete cent percent. "The area of Kengtung railway yard is 38.39 acres. Earth work is complete.

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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



Heavy machinery at work at Kengtung-Yanlu railroad section.

PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 14 March 2010

Participate in national environmental sanitation movements

It is essential for every human being to enjoy good health and longevity. Only strong and healthy citizens can participate in building up a modern, developed nation with physical and mental strengths.

The Health Ministry is scaling up health care services for the health and longevity of the people. Like treatment, prevention is important for providing health care. As the environment is directly related to public health, environmental sanitation movements are being launched on a national scale. The four cleans — adequate supply of clean water, systemic dumping of waste materials, hygienic foods and clean hands — are at the core of the movements. Worldwide, more than one million people, mostly children, die of diarrhea a year. To help reduce and eradicate such diseases, all people must know the four cleans.

Myanmar has been carrying out national environmental sanitation week movements since 1998 by adopting various mottos such as 'Let's build fly-proof latrines'; 'Let's use clean toilets for life-long good health'; 'Wash the hands after going to toilets'; 'Only clean water ensures good health'; and 'Keeping clean hands is the beginning of good health'. The public cooperation has contributed a lot to the healthy environment.

Health care services are concerned with the entire national people who need not only to take part in national environmental sanitation movements but also to follow the health rules. Particularly, they are to focus on clean foods, clean water, personal hygiene (clean hands) and clean environment (clean toilets). The Health Ministry is giving health education to all regions from urban to rural areas. It is trying to get the people to have good knowledge of health. All the people on their part are to carry out 'four cleans' tasks in accord with the mottos of national environmental sanitation movements so that they can enjoy good health and longevity.

KMD Computer Group awards sale agents

YANGON, 13 March—Direct Channel Distribution Co Ltd has been distributing Power Tree brand UPS since 1999. The company, a sole agent of Power Tree UPS held a ceremony to

select gold coin winners and to present prizes to sale agents at Park Royal Hotel in Alanpya Pagoda road here today.

KMD Computer Group Sale Director Daw Thin Thin Soe explained

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

Efficiency courses uplift staff capability



Minister Col Thein Nyunt speaking at concluding of 20th advanced administrative course and 10th international relations course.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 13 March—For 12 weeks staff of the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs and Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee were undergoing efficiency-enhancement training at their own ministry.

At the course conclusion ceremony held today at the ministry, 20 staff of PBANRDA Ministry and another 10 from Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee completed the 20th advanced administrative course

and 15 from the ministry and five from the committee attended the 10th international relations course. Both courses, conducted at the ministry, concluded today.

Minister for PBANRDA Col Thein Nyunt after giving an address presented gifts to outstanding trainees and course instructors, who were faculty members of Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree College.

MNA

Health Minister receives Chairman of Three Diseases Fund Board Mission

NAY PYI TAW, 12 March—Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint received Chairman Mr Phillippe Allen of Three Diseases Fund Board

the facts about quality of Power Tree UPS and servicing. After that, seven winners were selected out of Power Tree UPS customers. The company presented gifts to sale agents.

Product Manager Ko Soe Ngwe Ya of KMD Computer Group explained new products and advantages of warranty.

As a service programme, the company

replaces a defect UPS with good one. The company is selling Power Tree UPS whole sale and retail. For more information, contact No.73/75, 49th street, Pazundaung Township here (Ph-296579, 297332 and 291830). Those wishing to know Lenovo, ProLink, Verbatim, Microlab Product may enquire KMD Sales and Services (Ph-245180 and 204071).—MNA

Mission and party at the Ministry here today.

They discussed matters relating to filed trips findings on control tasks of three diseases (AIDS, TB and Malaria) in cooperation with Three Diseases Fund in Yangon, Kalay, Tamu and Tiddim from 8 to 10 March and implementation of Three Diseases Fund with the assistance of Global Fund.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Ministers Dr Mya Oo and Dr Paing Soe, directors-general and officials from departments under the Ministry.

MNA

Myanmar Nurse and Midwifery Association holds its AGM (2010)

YANGON, 13 March—The Myanmar Nurses and Midwifery Association held its annual general meeting 2010 at University of Nursing (Yangon) on Bogyoke Aung San Street, here, yesterday, with a speech by Chairperson of Myanmar Nurse and Midwifery Association Professor Dr Nan Htum Hla.

Those present viewed documentary photos on movements of State/Division Nurse and Midwifery Associations put on display at the hall.

The five resource persons submitted the papers on development of nursing education and nursing researches.—MNA



KMD Computer Group Sale Director Daw Thin Thin Soe explains quality of Power Tree UPS.—MNA

Beaware of fire

Russia dismisses US human rights report

MOSCOW, 13 March — Russia indignantly dismissed US criticism of its human rights record on Friday, saying the United States was guilty of its own abuses from Afghanistan to “the streets of America”.

In a statement laced with sarcasm, the Foreign Ministry said the main purpose of what it called the US State Department’s annual “opus” on human rights worldwide was to “solve

the internal political problems of the American establishment”. The Russia section of the State Department report, released on Thursday, cited problems and abuses ranging from corruption and unfair elections to the killings of journalists who reported critically on the government.

This year’s report

came amid efforts to mend Russian-US ties, which hit a post-Cold War low after Russia’s war with US-supported Georgia in August 2008. The Russian Foreign Ministry said that despite those efforts, the United States was using human rights as a tool “to forward quite concrete, material foreign policy interests”.

MNA/ Reuters

Suicide blasts in Pakistan’s Lahore kill 45

LAHORE, 13 March — Suicide bombers targeting the Pakistani military killed at least 45 people in Lahore on Friday, officials said, in a challenge to government assertions that crackdowns have weakened Taliban insurgents.

“Two suicide bombers attacked within the span of 15 to 20 seconds and they were on foot,” provincial police chief Tariq Saleem Dogar told reporters. Those killed in the attack, the bloodiest this year, in a military neighbourhood of the city near the border with India included nine soldiers, military officials said. Almost 100 people were wounded.—MNA/Reuters



Hundreds of families flee the renewed fighting in Mogadishu, Somalia, on 12 March, 2010.—XINHUA

Pakistani investigators inspect a car damaged by an explosion in the residential area of Lahore, Pakistan on 12 March, 2010.

XINHUA

Japan likely pay over 320m USD to US when Okinawa handed over

TOKYO, 13 March — Japanese Finance Minister Naoto Kan said on Friday that he believed Japan paid more than 320 million US dollars to the United States as part of a deal when the transfer of power in Okinawa between Tokyo and Washington happened in 1972, according to local media reports.

Kan said that the Japanese government made an interest-free deposit of 53 million dollars to a US Federal Reserve bank that remained until 1999. The revelation comes days after the Foreign Ministry revealed in a report on three secret pacts between the United States and Japan that an agreement had been made related to the transfer of power in Okinawa.—Xinhua

Tropical storm kills at least 14 in Madagascar

ANTANANARIVO, 13 March — At least 14 people have been killed in a tropical storm that hit Madagascar’s eastern coast on Wednesday, officials said on Friday.

Madagascar’s National Office for Disaster Preparedness said a total of 32,000 people have

been affected by Tropical Storm Hubert and ensuing flooding. There were also lots of property damage.

Located in a major storm path of the Indian Ocean, the island nation is hit by violent storms and cyclones in most years.—Internet

Suicide attack in northwest Pakistan kills 10

ISLAMABAD, 13 March — A suicide attacker set off a bomb at a security checkpoint in northwest Pakistan on Saturday, killing at least 10 people and injuring 52, officials and a doctor said, underscoring the relentless security threat to this Islamic nation.

It was the second attack in Pakistan in less than 24 hours. Suicide bombers killed 45 people in near-simulta-

neous blasts Friday in the eastern city of Lahore.

In the Saturday violence, an attacker driving a three-wheeled motorized rickshaw detonated explosives at a roadblock manned by soldiers and police in the town of Saidu Sharif in the Swat Valley, police official Qazi Farooq said.

No one claimed responsibility for Saturday’s attack, but

suspicion quickly fell on the militants, who have stepped up attacks against security forces in recent days.

The same loose network of insurgents were blamed for Friday’s attack in Lahore. Police official Chaudhry Shafique said Saturday that the death toll from that attack had risen to 55 after 12 more people died overnight.

Internet



A vehicle burns as bodies of victims lie near the site of a suicide bomb attack in front of the Circuit House in Mingora, located in Pakistan’s restive North West Frontier Province on 13 March, 2010.—INTERNET

Chile, China must make full use of trade deal

SANTIAGO, 13 March—Chile and China must make full use of their free trade agreement signed in 2005, which has already helped China become Chile's number one trade partner, Chilean President Sebastian Pinera said at a Press conference on Friday.

"Our free trade agree-

ment is still young. We have to take advantage of it in benefit of both nations," said Pinera during his first Press conference since taking office on Thursday. "We are looking forward to more trade, investment and cultural collaboration."

China was Chile's largest trade partner last year with Chilean exports to China rising more than 20 percent to around 11

billion dollars. Chile's trade surplus with China represented more than half of the nation's total.

"I am sure that China is going to be the most important country in the world sooner or later," said Pinera, while noting that the year 2010 will mark the 40th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

Xinhua

Shanghai GM recalls imported Captiva jeeps

SHANGHAI, 13 March—Shanghai General Motors (SGM) is contacting the owners of 2,065 Captiva jeeps to recall the vehicles for repair due to risk of steering malfunction, the company said on Friday.

The defected vehicles were manufactured by GM Daewoo Auto in the Republic of Korea between 18 Sept, 2007 and 31 Dec, 2008, said a spokesman with SGM.

China's General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (GAQSIQ) released a bulletin on Friday, approving SGM's application for the recall.

SGM had received no customer reports on the defect, the spokesman said.—Xinhua



A journalist displays recycled-paper-made pens, which are served at the Great Hall of the People, venue of the annual sessions of the 11th National People's Congress and the 11th National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) in Beijing, China, on 10 March, 2010. Low-carbon lifestyle has found support during China's "two sessions" by means of NPC deputies' motions and CPPCC members' proposals as well as low-carbon measures operated by the staff member who serve for the "two sessions".—XINHUA



Tourists turn a huge prayer wheel in Dukezong ancient city of Shangri-la County, southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 12 March, 2010.—XINHUA

Russia, Italy to jointly produce helicopters

Moscow, 13 March—Russia and Italy have planned to jointly produce helicopters within two months, local media reported on Friday.

The new plant is scheduled to launch production by 2012.

In July 2008, Russian Oboronprom and Italian Agusta Westland signed a deal to jointly manufacture AW 139 helicopters within Russia, with an annual output between 20 and 30.

The AW 139 helicopters are particularly suitable for operations around oil fields.

Russian experts said cooperation between Russian production plants and Western companies is conducive to the modernization of Russia's helicopter manufacturing.—Xinhua

Greek GDP declines 2.5 percent in 4th quarter of 2009

ATHENS, 13 March—Greek gross domestic product (GDP) declined by 2.5 percent during the fourth quarter of 2009, the Greek National Statistics Service announced on

Friday. The downturn is less than analysts expected, as Greece is hit hard by the economic crisis. Greek economy contracted by 2 percent in the same period of 2008.

A more encouraging sign is that the public revenues in the first two months of 2010 increased

by 13.1 percent, higher than the 10.8 percent target set for the year by the government, the General Accounting Bureau said.

Public expenses in the same period dropped by 9.6 percent, far exceeding the 2.8 percent target set in the government budget.

Xinhua

Canada's economic action plan to support young entrepreneurs, creates jobs

TORONTO, 13 March—Canada will invest in the business leaders of tomorrow by supporting the Canadian Youth Business Foundation (CYBF), Minister of State for Small Business and Tourism Rob Moore said here on Friday.

The funding will enable an estimated 500 new Canadian businesses to launch over the next year, generating approximately 2,500 new jobs and 63 million Canadian dollars in revenues within three years.

"By opening businesses across the country, young entrepreneurs help create jobs while strengthening Canada's economic recovery," said Moore. "Through year two of Canada's Economic Action Plan, our government is continuing to support the business leaders of tomorrow."—Xinhua

A worker holds the new Apple iPad during an Apple Special Event on January 2010 in San Francisco, California. Apple fans flocked online on Friday to be among the first to order iPad tablet computers slated to begin shipping in the United States on 3 April.—INTERNET



Brown, Sarkozy call for global economic cooperation

LONDON, 13 March—British Prime Minister Gordon Brown and visiting French President Nicolas Sarkozy on Friday called for global economic cooperation.

The two leaders met on Friday at Downing Street No. 10 to discuss the economy and nuclear power issue.

Brown has spoken of the close relationship between Britain and France and the two governments' determination to work together to promote global

economic recovery.

At a joint Press conference with Sarkozy, Brown said the two countries were cooperating more closely than at any time since the Second World War, and praised Sarkozy's presidency of the EU in 2008 as a "demonstration of leadership at its very best."

The two leaders called for nations around the world to work together more closely and speedily to ensure economic recovery.—Xinhua

India, Russia ink 19 pacts on defence, nuclear energy and space cooperation

NEW DELHI, 13 March —India and Russia on Friday inked 19 deals, including a 2.34 billion US dollar agreement on the purchase of aircraft carrier *Admiral Gorshkov* and a 1.5 billion US dollar deal on the supplies of 29 more MiG-29K carrier-based fighter jets to the Indian Navy.

Meanwhile, two nuclear pacts under the civil nuclear cooperation and a pact on civilian space exploration were also the highlights of the agreements signed in the presence of Indian Prime

Minister Manmohan Singh and visiting Russian Premier Vladimir Putin.

"An agreement on supplying an additional set of MiG-29K fighter jets has been signed, the start of supplies is scheduled for 2012. Russia will fulfill the previous contract on supplies of singleseat MiG-29K fighters to India by 2010," Mikhail Pogosyan, the head of the Russian Aircraft Corporation MiG, told the media.

Putin held a two-hour-

long discussion with Singh during which both reviewed bilateral relations and talked about a spate of regional and global issues, including counter-terrorism, the situation in Afghanistan and Pakistan, the upcoming Nuclear Summit in Washington and the global financial crisis.

Xinhua



Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh (R) shakes hands with Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin at Hyderabad House in New Delhi, capital of India, on 12 March, 2010.—XINHUA

Chilean President estimates earthquake damage at 30 billion dollars

SANTIAGO, 13 March—Chilean President Sebastian Pinera said on Friday

that the property damage caused by the 8.8-magnitude earthquake that hit the country on 27 Feb, was estimated at 30 billion US dollars, when announcing the budget readjustment for this year.

"There are not definite amounts, but the property losses caused by the earthquake and (the ensuing) tsunami are estimated at 30 billion dollars," Pinera said at a Press conference.

"The damage is present on houses, hospitals, schools, infrastructure and production systems, among others," Pinera said.

Pinera announced a change of the country's budget for this year and a readjustment in his government's programme due to the latest events.

"We will use some international credits because Chile has a very low external debt," Pinera noted. He said: "When the circumstances change, the priorities change, and the governments have to change their priorities." He announced the creation of a fund for the country's reconstruction. Pinera was sworn into office just on Thursday.

Xinhua

Strong quake rocks Papua, Indonesia, no casualties

JAKARTA, 13 March —An earthquake with the magnitude of 6.0 struck Papua in easternmost of Indonesia on Saturday, the Indonesian Meteorology and Geophysics Agency reported, but there were no reports of damage or casualties, officials said.

The quake struck at 09:53 am Jakarta Time (0253 GMT) with the epicentre 342 km northwest of Manokwari of Papua and with the depth 30 km, the agency reported.

Spokesman of the Indonesian Disaster Management Agency Priyadi Kardono told Xinhua by phone that so far there were no reports of building damage or casualties.

Indonesia has been frequently hit by quake as it sits on a quake-vulnerable zone called the Pacific ring of fire.

Xinhua



Photo taken on 11 March, 2010 shows the Romania Pavilion for the 2010 World Expo in Shanghai, east China. The preparation of 2010 World Expo has entered into the final phase of decoration and exhibition installation at present.—XINHUA

All Items from Xinhua News Agency

UN aid agencies on alert for potential floods in Southern Africa

UNITED NATIONS, 13 March—The United Nations is gathering supplies for some 130,000 people in southern Africa on alert for potential evacuation from flood-risk zones following weeks of torrential rains in northern Mozambique and neighbouring Angola, Namibia, Zambia and Zimbabwe, UN officials said here on Friday.

The torrential rains have swollen rivers, forcing authorities to discharge water from the Kariba Dam in Zimbabwe and the Cahora Bassa Dam in Mozambique, the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) reported.

The Mozambican government on Tuesday declared a Red Alert, signifying imminent danger. Over the past week, between 50 and 100 millimetres of rainfall was reported in the Northern and Central regions of Mozambique, particularly in areas located on the Zambezi River such as Tete, Manica, Sofala, Zambezia, Nampula and Inhambane Provinces, said the officials.

The United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF) has said the government and its aid partners have pre-emptively relocated at least 13,000 people to safe areas. In Zambia, of the 4,800 estimated people living in the affected area, at least 900 have been taken to Independence Stadium in northern Lusaka, where the Government has set up temporary shelter.—Xinhua

The photo taken on 12 March, 2010 shows a performance-tuned cross-country vehicle exhibited at the performance-tuned vehicle exhibition in Beijing, China. The 10th China International Automotive Aftermarket Industry Fair and Performance-Tuned Vehicle Exhibition opened in China National Agriculture Exhibition Center on Friday.—XINHUA

FAO asks public to donate fruit trees for Haiti school yards

ROME, 13 March—A UN agency unveiled an initiative on Friday asking people to donate fruit trees, which would be planted in school yards across quake-hit Haiti in order to lend a hand to children there.

The Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO)'s programme "Fruit Trees for Haiti" aims to provide teachers with a hands-on education tool for children in Haiti, which suffers the worst rates of deforestation in the world, the agency said in a statement. Fruit trees were chosen also because, once fully grown, they will also help improve local children's nutrition. The agency's director-general, Jacques Diouf, who is on a three-day mission to Haiti to raise awareness about the need for international support to agriculture in the Caribbean country, planned to launch the initiative with a symbolic tree-planting at a school in a town outside of Port-au-Prince, the Haitian capital.—Xinhua



Man detained after causing bomb scare in US city of Seattle

SAN FRANCISCO, 13 March — A man was arrested on Friday morning in the US city of Seattle after he appeared in downtown area with a possible explosive device taped to his body, local media reported.

The man was found across the street from the main entrance to the King County Courthouse with some type of suspicious device taped to his arm, making threatening comments to people, *The Seattle Times* newspaper reported on its website.

After receiving a call at about 8:00 am local time, police and the bomb squad responded, approaching the man with caution and examining him by remote-controlled robots.

Xinhua



Tourists visit the Hukou Fall on the Yellow River in northwest China's Shaanxi Province, on 11 March, 2010. As the weather gets warmer, ice at the Hukou Fall is melted.—XINHUA

EIB lends 280 million euros to Spain for infrastructure, research

BRUSSELS, 13 March — The European Investment Bank (EIB), the European Union (EU)'s financial arm, granted 280 million euros (386 million US dollars) on Friday to Spain's Madrid region for improvement of infrastructure and research.

Among the total amount, two loans of 200 million euros (275 million dollars) would be used for

renovating municipal infrastructure and 80 million euros (11 million dollars) for building a few research centres.

EIB Vice President Carlos da Silva Costa said the Luxembourg-based lender provided this money to support the Madrid region's efforts to improve people's quality of life and develop local businesses by renovating

infrastructure and setting up new research centres.

Under the contracts signed on Friday, the 200-million-euro loan would be used to upgrade municipal infrastructure in some 170 municipalities spread throughout the region, comprising projects in the areas of urban renewal, energy efficiency, schools, sports facilities and transport.—Xinhua

Russia expects 6-percent growth of meat production in 2010

MOSCOW, 13 March — Russian meat production is expected to surge 6 percent to reach 10.5 million tons, said the Ministry of Agriculture in a Friday report.

The Russian government has increased its funding on domestic meat producers, particularly on poultry meat producers, said the report, aiming to meet domestic demand while realizing meat exportation.

Some 4.7 billion roubles (around 160.5 million US dollars) from federal and regional finances has been used to spur poultry meat production, statistics showed.

In all, 124 relevant projects are currently underway in Russia, with the total production estimated at 646,000 tons.

According to a food security doctrine approved in February, the share of domestic meat and meat products in the country's market should be no less than 85 percent.—Xinhua

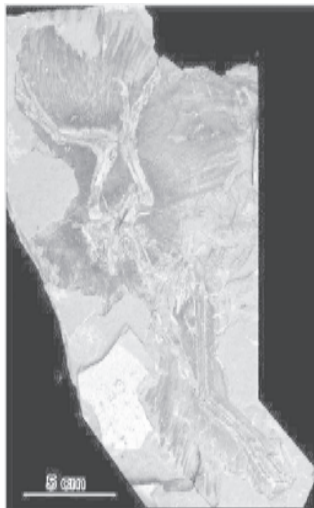
Sandstorm shrouds prefecture in Xinjiang

URUMUQI, 13 March — A severe sandstorm hit Xinjiang's Hotan Prefecture in northwest China on Friday, reducing visibility to zero in some areas, local meteorological observatory said.

The fierce sandstorm swept through the prefecture from west to east in the morning, said a spokesman with Hotan's meteorological observatory.

The sandstorm, though reducing in severity, would continue to plague the area till 16 March, leading to a temperature drop of 5 to 8 degrees Celsius, he added.

The sandstorm had affected local traffic and agriculture, according to a statement from the Hotan government.—Xinhua



The fossil of *Anchiornis huxleyi*: Scientists for the first time decode the full-body colour pattern of a 155-million-year-old *Anchiornis huxleyi*, a kind of small-size beastly-foot class dinosaurs. Scientists of the Beijing Natural History Museum and those on dinosaurs, modern birds, ancient birds of the Peking University, Yale University, University of Texas and University of Akron finished the project in cooperation.

NEWS ALBUM

New Zealander auctions "ghosts" in a bottle

A New Zealand woman sold two vials that she said contained the ghosts of an old man and a young girl for almost NZ\$2,000 (\$1,410) after a fiercely contested online auction, local media reported. Avie Woodbury from Christchurch told TVNZ that she captured the spirits after an exorcism session of her house and for which she paid roughly \$100.

Woodbury then put the ghosts into holy water and stored them in separate vials before deciding to auction them.

The web page for the sale attracted more than 200,000 views before the auction ended on Monday after a week.

Woodbury said all proceeds from the auction, minus the exorcist's fee, would be donated to an animal charity.

"I would get things like the jug boiling itself, touching on the back of my neck, voices from other rooms, and items going missing then turning up in weird places," she said.



Students compete at robot soccer

Organizers of a robotics competition in Wisconsin said dozens of teams are competing to see whose creation makes the best soccer player.

The FIRST organization's Robotics Wisconsin regional tournament — on Friday and Saturday at US Cellular Arena in Milwaukee — features teams comprised largely of high school students from Wisconsin and nearby states. They are competing to see which team can create the robot with the most skills in a specialized soccer game, the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* reported.

Chocolate-powered racecar makes sustainability sexy

Fuelled by leftover chocolate and with components made from carrots, potato starch and flax, the world's first sustainable Formula 3 racing car has a top speed of 135 miles per hour and can go from zero to 60 in 2.5 seconds.

Sound nuts? Not yet — brake pads made from cashews are still under development.

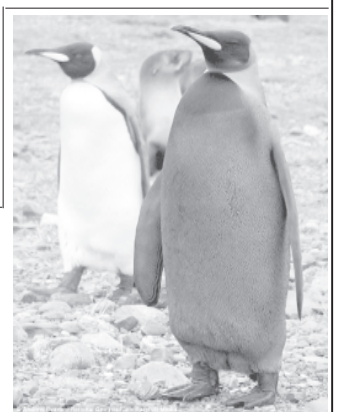
Meet Lola, the England's University of Warwick's blend of muscle and eco-friendliness and the world's first racing car retrofitted with renewable and sustainable materials.

Researchers from the British university showed off their prize possession at the Massachusetts Institute of Tech-

nology's (MIT) energy conference in Boston.

"She's incredibly green, taking materials that would otherwise have ended up in a landfill.

It lets people engage with recycling without the finger-wagging," said Kerry Kirwan, one of the car's designers at the university.



A black penguin stands out from the crowd. The penguin, photographed by Andrew Evans, is believed to be suffering from a condition known as melanism. He was spotted on Fortuna Bay, a sub-Antarctic island of South Georgia, about 860 miles off the Falklands.

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

MHA to hold annual golf tour

YANGON, 13 March—The Myanmar Hoteliers Association will organize the annual golf tournament 2010 and the dinner at Royal Mingaladon Golf & Country Club, here, on 21 March.

Any person may take part in the tournament. Those wishing to participate in the golf tour may contact No. 201 of Bo Myat Tun Street in Botahtaung Township, here, Tel: 397259 and 098515106, and E-Mail mhacentral@gmail.com not later than 19 March.—MNA

Myanmar, Iran to enhance cooperation

NAY PYI TAW, 13 March—A delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint arrived back here yesterday after paying a goodwill visit to the Islamic Republic of Iran at the invitation of Iranian Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Mohammad Ali Fathollahi from 8 to 11 March 2010.

On 9 March, a bilateral meeting between Myanmar and Iran took place at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Iran. Both sides exchanged views on promotion of friendly relations between the two countries, further cooperation at international organizations including the UN and other regional forums and mutual interest.

Afterwards, Iranian Foreign Minister Mr Manochehr Mottaki



Meeting between Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister U Maung Myint and Iranian delegation led by Deputy Minister Mr. Mohammad Ali Fathollahi in progress.

MOFA

received Deputy Minister U Maung Myint at his office.

They discussed promotion of friendly relations between the two countries. Deputy Minister U Maung Myint attended a luncheon hosted by the Iranian Deputy Minister at the Ministry of Foreign

Affairs. During his visit, Deputy Minister U Maung Myint also called on Deputy Minister of Petroleum Mr H Noghrehkar Shirazi and Deputy Minister of Commerce Mr Mostafa Sarmadi at their offices in respective ministries. They exchanged views on matters of cooperation

between the two countries.

The Deputy Minister met with Vice President Dr Mehdi Fakheri of the Iranian Chamber of Commerce, Industries and Mines. Both sides discussed promotion of economic cooperation between the two countries.—MNA

Kengtung-Monghsat railroad linking to all states and divisions

Byline: Maung Maung Myint Swe; Photos: Lay Nwe (Mingaladon)



Ten-foot-tunnel-type bridge at Kengtung-Yanlu road section.

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Plans are under way to build 87 miles long Kengtung-Monghsat railroad," said Project Engineer U Min Chan Mon when interviewed about the construction of the railroad and Kengtung station. Kengtung-Monghsat railroad sec-

tion is a part of Mongnai-Kengtung railroad. The 226 miles long Mongnai-Kengtung rail road comprises 67 miles long Mongnai-Tahsan section, 72 miles long Tahsan-Monghsat section and 87 miles long Monghsat-Kengtung section. "There are 18 stations and 461 bridges

along Monghsat-Kengtung railroad," he added. Construction of railroads in Shan Yoma mountain ranges faces many difficulties. Construction of Kengtung-Monghsat section starts at Kengtung. Earth work of the railroad is carried out with bulldozers and excavators out of great difficulties.

Earth work of six miles long road section from Kengtung station to Yanlu village is being carried out as the first phase. Building of the alignment is complete

cent percent. Earth work is being carried out with the use of 15 heavy machineries and 24 dump trucks. Kengtung station is next to Namkhin creek. So, a retaining wall is built there. Upon completion of Kengtung-Monghsat railroad, it will be linked with Mongnai-Kengtung railroad. People can travel to Taunggyi by train as well as to all states and divisions through Taunggyi.

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Myanma Alin
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Photo shows earth work at Kengtung-Yanlu railroad section.

POSCO sets sight on Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku)

NAY PYI TAW, 13 March—At the Ministry of Construction, here, yesterday, Regional Director Mr Lim, Seung Subh and Director Kim, Hyeon Kyeom of POSCO Corporation of the Republic of Korea called on Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint and discussed construction of Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku).

Also present at the call were Director-General U Aung Win of Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development, Deputy Managing Director (Admin) U Kyin Maung of Public Works, Deputy Managing (Works) Director U Kyaw Lin, Deputy Man-



aging Director (Projects) U Win Tint, Head of Office U Kyaw Win, Chief Engineer (Bridge) U Sein Maung and officials.

MNA

Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint receives Regional Director Mr Lim, Seung Subh and Director Kim, Hyeon Kyeom of POSCO Corporation of the ROK.

CONSTRUCTION

A new road emerges in Thingangyun Township

YANGON, 13 March — Hailing the 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day, the opening of six-lane Laydaunkan Concrete Road was held at the archway of the road in Thingangyun Township here this morning.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint and Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin formally opened the new road.

After hearing reports on sanitation works and dredging of drains for proper flow of water at the office of South Okkalapa Township Executive Officer, the commander and the mayor gave necessary instructions, and looked into sanitation works, spraying of insecticide and giving educative talks and conducting preventive measures against DHF.—MNA

Minister Dr Chan Nyein views students taking examination at Ahlon Township BEHS No (4). (News on Page-1)—EDUCATION

Quarry, AC factory manufacturing quality products

NAY PYI TAW, 13 March—Near Kyaukchaw Village of Patheingyi Township, Mandalay City Development Committee established a quarry and asphalt concrete factory and it manages to operate them

daily.

On 18 February, MCDC Chairman Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han and officials visited the quarry and AC factory and viewed their functions. The quarry is producing various

sizes of gravels for construction of roads and the factory is manufacturing 36-48 tons of AC per hour.

AC factory is being operated with the computer-aided applications.

NLM



Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han inspects production of asphalt concrete with the use of computer-aided applications.

NLM

Bird flu knowledge for poultry farmers

YANGON, 13 March—Deputy Director-General Dr Aung Gyi of Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department and officials on 7 March gave talks on prevention against bird flu, raising awareness for bio-

security, establishment of livestock breeding farms and facts about bird flu and new influenza A(H1N1) at Basic Education Middle School in Thayetgan Village of Yinmabin Township in Sagaing Division.

They presented pamphlets on control of bird flu and equipment to the poultry farming entrepreneurs.

On 8 March, they held the talks on control of bird flu in Monywa and Mandalay.—MNA

Take Fire Preventive Measures



Talks on leadership and results through good human relations on 17 March

YANGON, 13 March—At 9.30 am on 17 March, Advisor to Association of Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Malaysia (ACCCIM) Tan Sri Dato Siew Hoong will give talks on Leadership and Results through

Good Human Relations.

The talks will be jointly organized by Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and Myanmar Industries Association at the hall of UMFCOI Office Tower

in Lanmadaw Township.

The organizers invited chairmen, executives and members of brother associations of UMFCOI and interested persons to attend the talks.

MNA

Japanese professors to give talks on disaster risk management

YANGON, 13 March—Japanese Professors from Kyoto University will give talks on disaster risk management at Myanmar Engineering Society building in Hline Township here at 10 a.m. on 17 March.

Professor Dr. Towhata will share his knowledge on simple early warning system of slope failures caused by heavy rain fall and Professor Dr. Mirsu Okamura on risk assessment of retaining walls in moun-

tains areas. The talks, organized by Geotechnical Engineering Technical Division of MES, are open to all. Those interested may dial MES (ph: 519676) for further details.

MNA



YCDC functioning construction tasks

YANGON, 13 March—With all-out efforts to uplift the living standard of the city dwellers, Yangon City Development Committee is constructing roads in its area.

Preparations are

being made to tarmac Aungchantha Road in Ward 13 and Thukha Yeiktha Road in Ward 15 of Yankin Township.

Htinshumyaing Road is being prepared to upgrade the road into the concrete one in Ward

9, and a concrete bridge across Kanbe Creek is under construction.

Chairman of YCDC Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspected construction of the roads and bridge today.—MNA

MOC Chairman's Cup Volleyball Tournament-2010 opened

YANGON, 13 March— General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaung Htaik attended opening of 10th Myanmar Olympic Committee Chairman's Cup-2010 at Aung San

gymnasium yesterday evening.

After the director-general opened the tournament, debut matches kicked off. The 10th Myanmar Olympic Committee Chairman's Cup Volleyball Tournament-2010 was organized by Myanmar Volleyball Federation.—MNA

MPPE staff get SSB health care

NAY PYI TAW, 13 March — A group of specialists, doctors and nurses visited Division Office of Myanmar Petroleum Products

Enterprise in Mandalay on 9 March. The team, led by Medical Superintendent Dr Daw Khin Phyu Win of Mandalay Workers' Hospital of Social Security

Board under the Ministry of Labour, gave free medical treatment to staff. The group leader explained health care services given by the board.—MNA

Myanmar, Vietnam on path towards mutual development



Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win receives Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of SRV Mr. Doan Xuan Hung and party.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 13 March — With the aim of cementing bilateral ties, boosting political and economic cooperation and investment between Myanmar and Vietnam, a Vietnamese delegation led by Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Doan Xuan Hung called on Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win at the ministry here this morning.

Also present at the call were directors-general of the departments under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The Vietnamese deputy minister was accompanied by the director-general of State Protocol and the director-general of Southeast Asia, South Asia and Pacific of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Vietnam and delegation members.—MNA

Hilly regions of eastern Nay Pyi Taw Pynmana ...



Thriving tea saplings seen in tea nursery of Mepauk Village-tract.

(from page 16)
the office of of Nay Pyi Taw District Myanmar Agriculture Service Manager and interviewed hilly region tea farming in-charge U Aung Kyi Sein.

He explained, "The main plants we are growing in hilly regions of eastern Nay Pyi Taw Pynmana are Cardamom Plant, Djenkol bean and betel vine. Since 2009, the Head of State has given guidance that these hilly regions are to be a

tea producing and growing area of Nay Pyi Taw like Chin State. Now we are growing tea in line with the guidance of the Head of State. We grew 200 acres of tea plantation last year. We plan to grow 3000 acres of tea plantation in this region from 2009 to 2014 by growing 700 acres annually."

There are 58 villages of seven village-tracts in hilly region of eastern Nay Pyi Taw Pynmana. Tea was grown in this region starting from

2009—nearly 200 acres in five village-tracts.

Over 700 acres are planned to be grown in

seven village-tracts for the next rainy season. And tea saplings have been nurtured in village-tracts.

We went to Mepauk Village-tract to observe tea nursery there. Mepauk Village lies on the road linking Paunglaung of Nay Pyi Taw Pynmana and upper Paunglaung Hydropower project, with just 47 houses but all are fine ones. All villagers are Kayin nationals. We witnessed thriving tea

nursery and summer paddy plantations grown on terraces.

At Pyidaungkoe Village-tract, we saw tea plantations mixed with pigeon pea that was grown last year. The purpose of growing pigeon peas is to provide shade and loam for tea plantations.

Our news crew stopped off in Myathida Village where tea was put into cultivation since ages. The villagers grow tea within their capacities.

We then proceeded to Pyadar-chaung Village. Farmer U Htay Myint said that he had two tea plantation acres and then he had been

picking tea leaves. He extended two acres last year.

While in Waithali Village which is merely a small one located on a ridge, gorgeous mountains around the village fascinated us. The village has CDMA telephone communication access.

We proceeded to Koe Village where there are a few houses. There, we took a look at tea nursery in the village. We also got to tea nurseries in Aungbeiktheik and Seikphutaung Villages.

The road starting from junction of Nay Pyi Taw Pynmana Hlyat-sit ends near Taungsinaye sugar plant. The total

length of the road is 80 miles.

Due to the improvement of tea production, shifting cultivation came to an end, thereby raising the conservation of environment.

Local villagers residing on hilly regions therefore are to extend their tea plantations year by year to meet targeted tea growing rate on hilly regions of eastern Nay Pyi Taw Pynmana. Furthermore, they are to make concerted efforts to make Nay Pyi Taw into a tea land.

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Photo shows Seikphutaung tea nursery.

Eight youths die in attack on party in western Mexico

CULICAN, 13 March — Gunmen burst into a party in western Mexico and killed eight youths and left another person wounded on Friday.

It was the second such attack in two days. On Thursday, gunmen in the border city of Ciudad Juarez shot dead six young men and a woman at a wake, and seriously wounded a 10-year-old girl.

Friday's massacre occurred in the Pacific coast township of Navolato, near

the Sinaloa state capital of Culicán.

Sinaloa prosecutors' spokesman Martin Gastelum said he did not have details on the identity of the victims, but confirmed that there were eight dead and at least one wounded.

Local media reported that the attackers arrived in a convoy of vehicles and opened fire with assault rifles — tactics favoured by Mexico's drug gangs.

The motive was not immediately clear. But the state is home to some of

Mexico's most powerful cartels, and gunmen have taken to staging mass attacks on gatherings they believe might be attended by rival gang members.

The death toll in Thursday's Ciudad Juarez shootings rose to six on Friday after a woman died of wounds suffered in the attack on the wake, which was being held at a private home for a young man shot to death in his car earlier in the week.

Internet



Mexican Navy Marines escort an injured man after he was detained at a clinic during an operation on the outskirts of the northern city of Monterrey, Mexico, on 12 March, 2010.—INTERNET

Two months after Haiti quake, housing still elusive

PORT-AU-PRINCE, 13 March — Trash and sewage are piling up at the squalid tent camps that hundreds of thousands have called home since Haiti's devastating earthquake — and with torrential rains expected any day, authorities are not even close to providing the shelters they promised.

Two months since the 12 Jan. quake, the government has yet to relocate a single person, despite a pledge that people would be moving into resettlement areas by early February. Aid groups say they're ready to build but don't have the land. Government officials insist they are making progress on finding sites in closed-door negotiations with private landowners.

But time is running out for 600,000 people living under tarps, tents or simply bed sheets as the rainy season has the makings of a second major crisis.—Internet



Second US woman probed in plot to kill Swede

WASHINGTON, 13 March — Authorities in Ireland are investigating whether a second American woman was involved in a suspected international plot to kill a Swedish cartoonist, *The Wall Street Journal* reported on Friday. According to the *Journal's* online report, a 31-year-old mother from Colorado named Jamie Paulin-Ramirez was one of seven people detained in Ireland on Tuesday.

Irish police said they were arrested in connection with a plot to kill cartoonist Lars Vilks because of his 2007 drawing. The US Justice Department said on Tuesday it had charged a Pennsylvania woman, Colleen LaRose, who went by the pseudonyms "Fatima LaRose" and "JihadJane," with plotting to kill a Swedish man. Officials at the Justice Department were not immediately available for comment on *The Wall Street Journal* report. The *Journal* said one of the people detained in Ireland was an Algerian man who was the main contact for LaRose. That man "has a relationship with Ms. Paulin-Ramirez according to a person close to the matter," the newspaper reported.—Internet

Haitians march in remembrance of their friends that died during the earthquake in Port-au-Prince, on 12 March, 2010. A 7.0-magnitude earthquake hit Haiti on 12 Jan, killing and injuring thousands.

INTERNET



Alaska wolves 'kill' woman's teacher out jogging

ANCHORAGE, 13 March — Wolves in Alaska are suspected of killing a teacher in an isolated village while she was out jogging. An autopsy has revealed that Candice Berner, 32, died of injuries sustained in an animal attack, officials said.

Her body was dragged off a rural road, leaving a bloody track, into the nearby bush and was surrounded by wolf tracks. Police said wolves in the area had been aggressive recently. If confirmed, it is believed to be the first fatal wolf attack in the US in 50 years.

The Alaska State Medi-

cal Examiner said Ms Berner's cause of death was "multiple injuries due to animal mauling". Her body was found on Monday evening by snowmobilers after she was last seen that

afternoon at her school in Chignik Lake, a community of about 100 people 474 miles (760km) south of Anchorage.—Internet



Colleagues said Candice Berner was determined to experience Alaska.—INTERNET

Ivory and bluefin tuna top agenda at UN wildlife summit

DOHA, 13 March — Sales of ivory and a possible ban on trading bluefin tuna top the agenda for the two-week CITES meeting that opens this weekend in Doha, Qatar. CITES — the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species — will set a precedent if it votes to

ban trading in a lucrative fish such as bluefin.

The US and EU back the proposal, but Japan is set against. Conservation groups are also hoping for increased protection on sharks, coral, polar bears, lizards and amphibians. The ivory and tuna issues are both potentially controversial.

International ivory trading was banned in 1989. But countries considered to have well-managed stocks of elephants and reliable systems for tracking tusks have three times been allowed to sell consignments from government stockpiles.

Zambia and Tanzania are now seeking permission for a further sale. But other African nations led by Kenya and Mali want a 20-year ban on all ivory exports. They argue that the legal trade stimulates poaching, which has been on the rise in recent years.

Internet

A further two African nations are bidding for ivory sales.—INTERNET

NATO accused of cover up over killing of pregnant women

KHATABA, 13 March — The survivors of a night raid in eastern Afghanistan in which five people, including two pregnant women, died have accused Nato of trying to cover up the atrocity. In a statement issued after the raid last month, it was claimed NATO staff found the women's bodies "tied up, gagged and killed", and hidden in a room. The statement was headed: "Joint force operating in Gardez makes gruesome discovery".

However, more than a dozen survivors, local officials, police chiefs and a religious leader inter-

viewed at and around the scene of the attack maintain the women were killed by the same unknown US and Afghan gunmen who killed two male relatives and another woman during a botched pre-dawn assault on a policeman's compound a few miles outside Gardez, the capital of Paktia Province. The operation, in the early hours of 12 February, came more than a fortnight after the commander of US and Nato forces in Afghanistan issued strict new guidelines designed to limit the use of night raids.

Special Forces and

western intelligence agencies who operate covert paramilitary forces in Afghanistan have been criticized for launching night raids on dubious or false intelligence, often leading to civilian casualties. The men killed in the raid were Commander Dawood Sharbubbin, 43, a long-serving policeman recently promoted to head of intelligence in one of Paktia's most volatile districts, and his brother, Saranwal Zahir, a district attorney in Ahmadabad District. Dawood was killed in a doorway while trying to protest their innocence.

Internet



An employee works at an assembly line of "Maxximo", a light commercial vehicle, at a new plant of Indian automaker Mahindra and Mahindra in Chakan, around 160 km (99 miles) from Mumbai on 13 March, 2010. Light and heavy commercial vehicles and SUVs are manufactured in the plant.—INTERNET

California sues Toyota for faults

LOS ANGELES, 13 March — Prosecutors in California are suing Toyota, claiming the Japanese carmaker sold hundreds of thousands of vehicles that it knew had defects. The world's largest carmaker has recalled millions of vehicles because of problems accelerating and braking.

Regulators have linked five deaths to crashes allegedly caused by accelerator problems and are investigating dozens of others. The company said

it had not been served with the lawsuit and would not comment.

Officials in Orange County, in southern Cali-

fornia, claim Toyota knew of defects with the acceleration system in several models, but did not tell customers.—Internet



Several dozen lawsuits have already been launched against Toyota.— INTERNET



A woman in a traditional costume sits as she waits to leave after collecting water from a well due to a water scarcity in Sadr City, northeastern Baghdad on 12 March, 2010.—INTERNET

Britain and France criticize US

LONDON, 13 March — Britain's Prime Minister and the President of France have joined in accusing the United States of "protectionism" over a \$53 billion aerospace contract. Gordon Brown and Nicolas Sarkozy alleged the Pentagon was favouring American company Boeing over a European consortium bidding to build refueling tanker aircraft for the US Air Force, *The Daily Telegraph* reported on Friday.

The consortium withdrew from the bidding this week, the newspaper said. "This is not the right way for the United States to treat its European allies," Sarkozy said in a joint news conference with Brown. "If they want to be spearheading the fight against protectionism, they shouldn't be setting the wrong example of protectionism." Brown also expressed his disappointment.

"We believe in free trade, we believe in open markets, we believe in open competition." The news conference took a sudden turn as two reporters questioned Sarkozy about recent rumors of marital problems, the *BBC* reported. "I certainly don't have time to deal with these ridiculous rumors," Sarkozy responded, "not even half a fraction of a second." Brown quickly called an end to the news conference, the *BBC* said.

Internet

Pakistan Navy test fires missiles

ISLAMABAD, 13 March — Pakistan's Navy has successfully test-fired missiles and torpedoes from ships, submarines and aircraft in the Arabian sea, officials say. The tests were followed by a statement saying they sent a "clear message to forces having nefarious designs".

India and Pakistan regularly test their missile systems and they normally notify one another ahead of such tests. Last month the two sides held their first formal talks since the November 2008 Mumbai attacks. India says the attacks, which left 174 people dead — including nine gunmen — were partly planned on Pakistani soil.—Internet



Indonesian anti-terror police squad members escort supposed hostages during a drill at Indonesia Stock Exchange in Jakarta, Indonesia.—INTERNET

US urged to talk to Taliban leader

KABUL, 13 March — The United States should talk face to face with the leader of the Taliban in Afghanistan if it wants to bring about peace, a former Pakistani general says. Retired Gen. Hamid

Gul helped the CIA train the Afghan Jihad in their battles with the Soviet Union in the 1980s. Many of them went on to become the Taliban, governing Afghanistan under the leadership of Mullah Omar, *CNN* reported on Friday.

"The best situation would be to talk to Mullah Omar," Gul said. "You have to engage him. You have to talk to him. There is no one else, for heaven sake, why beat around the bush?" He said the Obama administration could contact Omar through the Pakistani military. But military officials in Pakistan deny they are in contact with Omar or could bring him to a negotiating table, *CNN* said.—Internet

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV KOTA RESTU VOYNO (015)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA RESTU VOYNO (015) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 14.3.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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File picture shows a fishmonger cutting up a large tuna at his shop in Tokyo's Tsukiji market. The only UN body with the power to ban trade in endangered animals and plants starts a triennial meeting in Doha on Saturday with bluefin tuna, African elephants and polar bears on the docket.—INTERNET

Peru funds tsunami-warning system on Pacific Coast

LIMA, 13 March—Peru is creating a tsunami-warning system to help protect 1.6 million residents who live along the South American country's Pacific Coast. President Alan Garcia has ordered funding by decree to create an alarm network so Peruvians can seek high ground in the event of a tsunami.

The devastating on 27 February earthquake in neighbouring Chile highlighted the need for such an alert system in Peru. The 8.8-magnitude earthquake and tsunami killed more than 450 people. Peru's last major earthquake on 15 August was a magnitude-8 tremor that killed about 500 people in the southern city of Pisco and the surrounding area. The decree was published on Friday and dedicates about \$750,000 this year to the tsunami project.—INTERNET

Parents of hanged girl plead guilty to cruelty

NOTTINGHAM, 13 March—The mother and stepfather of an eight-year-old girl found hanged in her bedroom yesterday admitted child cruelty. Charlotte Avenall, who had severe learning difficulties, was discovered hanged in her bedroom in Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, on the morning of 12 September last year.

Yesterday her mother Susan Moody (24) and her

33-year-old husband Simon Moody pleaded guilty to cruelty to a person under 16. Nottingham Crown Court heard nobody had been in the eight-year-old's bedroom for four weeks, and it was found in a "foul and disgusting state" with faeces smeared across the walls and floor.

Susan and Simon Moody were interviewed under caution at the time of the girl's death at her home in Moor Street, then charged in December.

They each pleaded guilty to the charge, that between 14 August and 12 September, 2009, having responsibility for Charlotte, they had wilfully neglected, abandoned or exposed her in a manner likely to cause unnecessary suffering or injury to health.—INTERNET



A scientific researcher handles frozen embryonic cells in a laboratory. Japanese scientists have used chick and zebrafish embryos to uncover how thalidomide led to deformities in children born to mothers taking the drug in the 1950s and 1960s, according to a study released on Friday.—INTERNET

Sydney called hostile to bicycles

SYDNEY, 13 March—Sydney, a city known for its aggressive surfers, is one of the developed world's most hostile cities for bicyclists, an academic says. The Australian city did not invent "aggro," but to Rutgers

University Professor John Pucher, who spent a sabbatical year in Sydney, it's downright hazardous there, the *Sydney Morning Herald* reported on Friday.

"Whether I was a pedestrian or cyclist I found the level of the hostility of enough Sydney motorists

worse than I had seen anywhere in the world," he said. Pucher and two Australian colleagues will have a paper published in the *Journal of Transport Geography* showing Sydney falling behind much of the developed world in cycling friendliness.

INTERNET

Official: Treat black caviar like drug

MOSCOW, 13 March—Illegal marketing of Russian black caviar should be punished as severely as any other kind of drug trafficking, a government fishery official says.

"Those accused of illegal black caviar marketing should be put in prison. There is no legal black caviar on Russian markets," Andrei Krainy, the head

of Russia's Federal Fisheries Service, said. "So, illegal trade in black caviar should be given the same status as drug dealing." Fishing industrially for sturgeons in the Caspian Sea and the Lower Volga was banned in 2002 and was done selectively for reproduction and research purposes, *ITAR-Tass* reported on Friday.

INTERNET



US woman charged with lottery winner murder

SAN FRANCISCO, 13 March—A jury in the US state of Florida has charged a woman with the first-degree murder of a man who won \$17m (£11.2m) in a lottery in 2006. The body of Abraham Shakespeare was found buried under a concrete slab in a backyard in Tampa, Florida last year. Investi-

gators say Dorice "Dee Dee" Moore helped herself to millions of Mr Shakespeare's money before killing him. Mr Shakespeare, who was barely literate, went missing three years after claiming his lottery win.

Before his disappearance, Mr Shakespeare, a truck driver's assistant, had complained about being exploited by people who were after his money. A friend quoted him as saying he would have been better off broke. "He really didn't understand it at all. It was moving so fast. It changed his life in a bad way," childhood friend Samuel Jones said.

INTERNET

Papaya leaf thwarts growth of cancer cells

GAINESVILLE, 13 March—US and Japanese researchers say papaya leaf extract has had an anti-cancer effect in laboratory tests.

Dr Nam Dang of the University of Florida and colleagues in Japan say “tea” made from the dried leaves of the papaya plant fights lab-grown tumours — including cancers of the cervix, breast, liver, lung and pancreas.

Their newest study, published in the *Journal*

of Ethnopharmacology, found papaya leaf extract also boosts the production of key signaling molecules — Th1-type cytokines — that regulate the immune system.

The findings suggest possible therapeutic uses not only against cancer but as an anti-inflammatory, Dang said.

“Based on what I have seen and heard in a clinical setting, nobody who takes this extract experiences demonstrable toxic-

ity; it seems like you could take it for a long time — as long as it is effective,” Dang says in a statement.

Dang points out the plant has long been used medicinally in his native Viet Nam and among Australian indigenous populations.

Dang and a colleague are patenting the process to distill the papaya extract through the University of Tokyo.

Internet



A general view of the Map Ta Phut industrial estate in Rayong. In Thailand's industrial heartland, the workmen who should be constructing dozens of metal and petrochemical products are nowhere to be seen, their tools lying unused. Legal action brought by environmental activists has brought dozens of projects to a halt until pollution fears have been addressed.—INTERNET



Pedestrians walk past an Air-Cleaning machine outside Palika Bazar market in New Delhi on 8 March. India has switched on its first public air purifier in the heart of capital New Delhi as part of an experiment that backers say could help other smog-choked cities of the country.—INTERNET

Oral contraceptives cut cancer risk

ABERDEEN, 13 March —A 40-year study showed oral contraceptives reduced the risk of cancer and extended some women's lives, researchers in Scotland said.

The study, led by the University of Aberdeen,

appears to contradict previous studies showing oral contraceptives increased the risk of blood clots and breast cancer, The Scotsman reported on Friday.

University researchers who studied more than 46,000 women for four decades found women who had used oral contraceptives, even for a short time, could expect to live longer than women who had never taken them.

Women who used oral contraceptives, commonly called the Pill, were 12 percent less likely to die from any illness, including cancer and heart disease, said lead researcher Philip Hannaford.

Internet

US researchers discover how electricity moves through cells

WASHINGTON, 13 March —Researchers at the University of Minnesota in the United States have created a molecular image of a system that moves electrons between proteins in cells, according to a news release from the university.

The achievement is believed to be a breakthrough for biology and could provide insights to minimize energy loss in other systems, from nanoscale devices to moving electricity around the country.

The research, led by Carrie Wilmot, an associate professor in the College of Biological Sci-

ences, is published in the March 12 issue of *Science*.

“Evolution has been fine-tuning electricity in organisms for a lot longer than humans have been using it,” Wilmot says. “We can learn a lot from nature about how to use it more efficiently. This new glimpse at how the body uses electricity could lead to nanotechnology to shrink electronic circuitry even further or a more efficient grid to provide power to homes and businesses.”

Energy generated by intracellular movement of electrons is the fundamental power source that enables humans to exist. As electrons move within cells, energy is channeled to create complex molecules, such as protein and DNA. These are the building materials that enable organisms to grow, maintain themselves, and store energy. Wilmot's images, obtained using x-ray crystallography, will advance the effort to understand this process better.—Xinhua

US scientists discover clue of origins of vision

WASHINGTON, 13 March —By studying the hydra, a member of an ancient group of sea creatures that is still flourishing, scientists at University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB) have made a discovery in understanding the origins of human vision, the university said in a Press release. The finding was published in this week's issue of the *Proceedings of the Royal Society B*, a British journal of biology.

Hydra are simple animals that, along with jellyfish, belong to the phylum cnidaria. Cnidarians first emerged 600 million years ago.

“We determined which genetic ‘gateway,’ or ion channel, in the hydra is involved in light sensitivity,” said senior author Todd H Oakley, assistant professor in UCSB's Department of Ecology, Evolution and Marine Biology. “This is the same gateway that is used in human vision.”

Xinhua

Minorities have higher kidney disease risk

SAN FRANCISCO, 13 March—Young, minority, US adults are afflicted in greater numbers with chronic kidney diseases, a researcher says.

Dr Andy Choi of the University of California, San Francisco, suggests the burden and progression of this disease needs to be assessed in this vulnerable population.

“Minorities in the United States are two to four times more likely than non-minorities to progress to end-stage renal disease,” Choi said in a statement. “That represents a significant disparity that warrants greater study about the causes, consequences and preventive measures appropriate for people in this demographic.”

Choi is co-author of a study, published online in the *Clinical Journal of the American Society of Nephrology*, that examined data from 15,353 adults with non-dialysis dependent chronic kidney disease — stages 3-5 — receiving regular ambulatory care in the Community Health Network of San Francisco. The patients were tracked for a period of 12 months to 9.4 years.

Internet

Actors perform at the 9th Cuban Drum Festival in Havana, capital of Cuba, on 12 March, 2010. The five-day festival opened on 10 March, attracting participants from Canada, the United States, Venezuela.

XINHUA



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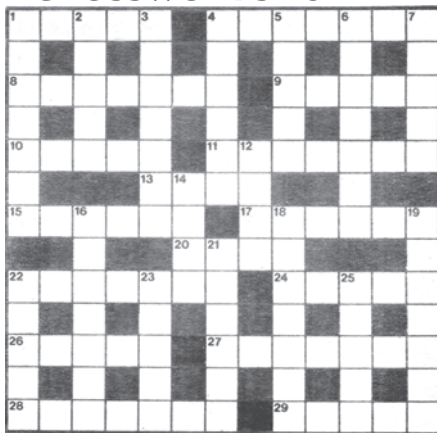
Lindsey Vonn clinches 3rd World Cup overall title

GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN, 13 March—Lindsey Vonn finished with a fitting flourish, the perfect way to cap a nearly perfect season, one chock full of victories, medals, trophies — and injuries. Now the American is looking forward to some well-earned time away from the slopes. A day after bruising her right knee in a crash, and skiing with her broken right pinkie protected by a green molded cast, Vonn clinched her third consecutive World Cup overall title on Friday with a US-record 33rd career race win in a super-G at Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany.—Internet



Lindsey Vonn of the US is flanked by second placed Elisabeth Goergl of Austria (L) and third placed Nadia Styger of Switzerland (R) after winning the women's Super-G Alpine Skiing World Cup trophy and today's Super G race in front of Goergl and Styger at the Alpine Skiing World Cup Finals in Garmisch-Partenkirchen on 12 March, 2010.—INTERNET

CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



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Wounded Real Madrid aim for La Liga win



Real Madrid coach Manuel Pellegrini

MADRID, 13 March—Real Madrid coach Manuel Pellegrini, who is under intense pressure after the club's shattering Champions League exit, desperately needs a La Liga win at lowly Valladolid on Sunday to prevent the axe from falling. Real, stunned by Lyon in the Champions League last 16 stage, are only ahead of Barcelona

on goal difference, and Pellegrini knows that his expensive collection of stars could end up empty-handed for the second successive season.

Barcelona, in Champions League action against VfB Stuttgart next week, have seen a five-point league lead evaporate and have a much tougher test at home to Valencia on Sunday. The failure of Real's second generation of 'Galacticos' in Europe has put the spotlight firmly on the club this weekend as they come to terms with the disappointment of spending over 250 million euros in the summer only to crash out of the Kings Cup and Champions League.

Internet

Drogba aims to take Chelsea back to Premier League glory

LONDON, 13 March—Didier Drogba has warned Chelsea's title rivals that he is determined to satisfy his voracious appetite for success by firing the Blues back to Premier League glory. Drogba has won two league titles, two FA Cups and two League Cups since arriving at Stamford Bridge in 2004, but the Ivory Coast striker is still as hungry to lift silverware as ever.

Carlo Ancelotti's side were knocked off top spot by Manchester United last weekend, so the pressure is on Chelsea to reclaim pole position with a home win over West Ham on Saturday before the leaders, fresh from their impressive Champions

League win over AC Milan, play 24 hours later against Fulham at Old Trafford. Drogba, who has 25 goals this season, knows every match from now until the end of the season will come loaded with pressure, but the 32-year-old has no fears about Chelsea's ability to cope.—Internet



Fergie backs Hodgson as potential England coach

MANCHESTER, 13 March—Sir Alex Ferguson has tipped Fulham manager Roy Hodgson as the ideal candidate to coach England if Fabio Capello ever decides to quit. Ferguson has been impressed with the way Hodgson has quietly transformed Fulham into a side capable of upsetting the Premier League's big guns and holding their own in the Europa League. In just two years Hodgson, whose team face United at Old Trafford on Sunday, has revitalised a club that was in danger of relegation from the top-flight when he arrived.

They have beaten Ferguson's Manchester United twice at Craven Cottage as well as reach-



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INTERNET

ing the last 16 of the Europa League this season. And former Inter Milan boss Hodgson already has experience of international management after spells in charge of Switzerland, Finland and the United Arab Emirates. Ferguson believes those credentials should make the 62-year-old Englishman one of the front runners for the job when Capello eventually leaves.—Internet

Els takes the lead at Doral

DORAL, 13 March—Ernie Els was in the lead and off the golf course, and he wasn't sure which made him feel better. Rushing to finish as dark clouds gathered over the Blue Monster, Els made one last birdie for a 6-under 66 and a one-shot lead over Robert Allenby before heavy rain temporarily halted play Friday in the CA Championship.

Eighteen players had to wait nearly three hours before they could resume the second round. When it finally ended, Els had his first lead after any round on US soil since he won the Honda Classic two years ago.—Internet

Hilario injury leaves Chelsea with goalkeeper crisis

LONDON, 13 March—Chelsea manager Carlo Ancelotti faces a goalkeeper crisis after Hilario joined injured first-choice Petr Cech on the sidelines.

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Cech hasn't played since suffering a calf strain in Chelsea's Champions League defeat at Inter Milan last month and his stand-in Hilario is now also ruled out with an abdominal injury sustained during last Sunday's FA Cup victory over Stoke.

Ancelotti is left with just inexperienced duo Ross Turnbull and Rhys Taylor as the only goalkeepers available for Saturday's crucial Premier League clash against West Ham at Stamford Bridge. Turnbull, 25, has made just two appearances for the Blues since signing from Middlesbrough on a free transfer last year, but he will be handed his first Premier League start against the Hammers as 19-year-old Taylor has yet to make his first team debut.—Internet

Henin, Li toppled at Indian Wells tennis

INDIAN WELLS, 13 March—Justine Henin's comeback hit its first speed bump as Gisela Dulko ousted the former world number one from the second



Justine Henin of Belgium

round of the Indian Wells hardcourt tennis tournament. Henin had made stunning run to the final of the Australian Open in January - in just her second tournament since a return from an 18-month retirement.

But Dulko's 6-2, 1-6, 6-4 victory made Henin one of two Australian Open women's semi-finalists to bow out of this combined WTA and ATP Masters 1000 event, along with China's Li Na. Li, ranked 10th in the world and seeded seventh, was bundled out by British qualifier Elena Baltacha 7-6 (8/6), 2-6, 7-6 (9/7).—Internet

Daw Yi Yi Khin (Ester)
BA, BEd, Med, (Toronto)
Assistant Director (Rtd),
Department of Basic Education
Age (82) years

Youngest daughter of (Thray Sithu U Choon Fong, former Attorney-General and retired Judge of the High Court and Daw Daw Mar), wife of (U Kyaw Tint, retired Divisional Education Officer), sister of (Wunna Kyaw Htin U Weng, retired Inspector of Schools (Science), Daw Aye Kyi, Legal Advisor (Rtd) Office of the Attorney-General, (U Kan Nyunt- Daw Mya Mya, Lecturer, English Dept, Institute of Education), aunt of U Ye Myint, deputy Director (Rtd)-Daw Khin Mar Min, Deputy Director, Office of the Attorney-General, grand aunt of Myint Maung Tint (Inti University, Malaysia), Dr Myint Maung Sint, Dr. Myint Thuzar Min, adopted mother of Ma Khin Than, expired at New Yangon General Hospital on 11-3-2010 at 02:00 am and cremated at Yayway on that day.

Bereaved family

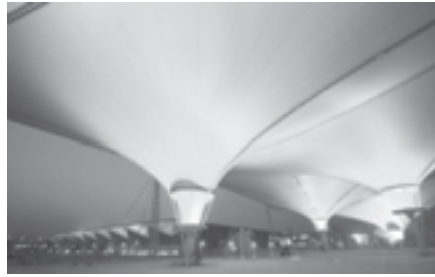
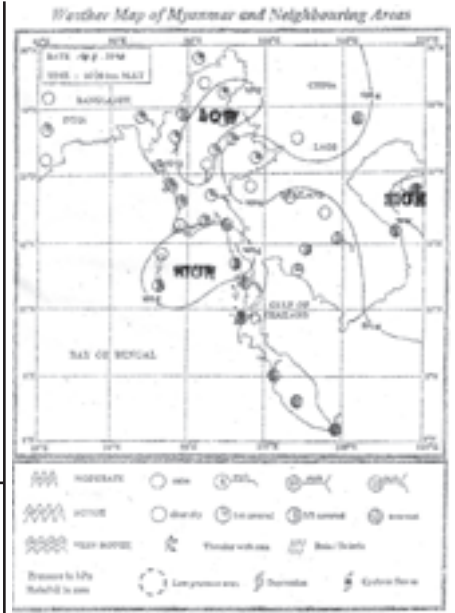


Photo taken on 12 Jan, 2010 shows the scenery of the Expo Axis during a trial illumination in the Expo Park in Shanghai, east China. Ninety percent of the construction work has been completed in the expo site by far. Workers are busy working to greet the 100 days count down to the opening of Shanghai World Expo on 21 Jan 2010.—INTERNET



WEATHER

Saturday, 13th March, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin, Rakhine and Mon States, Upper Sagaing, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above March average temperatures in Kachin, Shan and Kayin States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Bago Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) above March average temperatures in Chin State and Taninthayi Division and about March average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Chauk and Hpa-an (40°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 12-3-2010 was 97°F. Minimum temperature on 13-3-2010 was 73°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 13-3-2010 was 77%. Total sun shine hours on 12-3-2010 was (9.3) hours approx.

Rainfall on 13-3-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Southwest at (18:30) hours MST on 12-3-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 14th March 2010: Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers in Kachin State, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershower in the Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 14-3-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 14-3-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 14-3-2010: Partly cloudy.

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (14-3-2010)(Sunday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am~10:00am)MST
Europe	- (15:30pm~23:30pm)MST
North America	- (23:30pm~07:30am)MST
Oversea Transmission	- (14-3-10 11:30 am ~ 15-3-10 11:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Historical Kyaukse and its Environs (Part-1)
- * News
- * Special Projects For All-round National Development
- * Pickled Featherback
- * Historical Kyaukse and its Environs (Part-2)
- * News
- * A Myanmar Tapestry
- * Traditional Dance of National Races "Our Aims & Our Union (Kayin)"
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- * Let's Savour Strawberry Milkshake
- * News
- * Pleasant Taunggyi (Part-1)
- * Pleasant Taunggyi (Part-2)
- * News
- * Poem Garden "Little Aeroplane"
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Unique Biodiversity of Indawgyi Lake (Part-VI)
- * News
- * Ancient Mural Paintings of Poe Win Hill
- * Myanmar Martial Arts (Part 5)
- * Let's Grow orange commercially

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm



**Sunday, 14
March**

View on today

- 7:00 am**
1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:15 am**
2. မြတ်ဂုဏ်တော်သခင် (သန်းမြတ်စိုးတေးရေး-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. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:00 am**
7. ယဉ်ကျေးမှု(၃၈) ဖြာမတ်လား
- 8:15 am**
8. "ချောင်းတမ်းဘေးကရွာကလေး"
- 8:25 am**
9. Dance Of National Races
- 8:35 am**
10. (၆၅)နှစ်မြောက်တပ်မတော်နေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်
- 8:40 am**
11. International News
- 8:45 am**
12. Connect With English (Episode-32) (The Missing Car)
- 11:00 am**
1. Martial Song
- 11:05 am**
2. Musical Programme
- 11:15 am**
3. Round Up Of The

Week's International News

- 11:25 am**
4. နိုင်ငံခြားလက်လမ်းတွဲ "ဟာသကဏ္ဍ" (အပိုင်း-၈၀)
- 12:20 pm**
5. Golf Magazine (TV)
- 12:40 pm**
6. မြန်မာ့ရုပ်ရှင် "အသက်ကိုနှင်း၍" (တွဲတေးသီချင်းတန်းစိုးနိုင်၊ ခင်သန်းနု) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်မောင်မြင့်)
- 3:30 pm**
1. Myanmar National League MNL Cup (2010) ဖွင့်ပွဲအခမ်းအနားနှင့် ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲတိုက်ရိုက် ထုတ်လွှင့်မှုအစီအစဉ် (ကမ္ဘောဇ FC အသင်းနှင့် ရန်ကုန်ယူနိုက်တက် FC အသင်း)
- 5:45 pm**
8. Musical Programme
- 6:00 pm**
3. Evening News
- 6:15 pm**
4. Weather Report

6:20 pm

5. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် "BUGS' ADVENTURES" (အပိုင်း-၄)
- 6:40 pm**
6. တစ်မျက်နှာတစ်ကွက်စာ "လွယ်လွယ်ပြောမှ သဘောကျတယ်" (မင်းဦး၊ခင်စာမြင့်ကျော်၊ မိုးလ်ခန့်မြို့မင်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင် (MMG))
- 7:00 pm**
7. နိုင်ငံခြားလက်လမ်းတွဲ "တော်ဝင်နွဲ့လုံးသား" (အပိုင်း-၂၀)
- 8:00 pm**
8. News
9. International News
10. Weather Report
11. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် "တောကောင်ငယ် သိုင်းညိုနောင်လေးများ" (အပိုင်း-၁၉)
12. နိုင်ငံခြားလက်လမ်းတွဲ "ရွှေဖာလည်" (အပိုင်း-၁၅)
13. ရုပ်သံကြွယ်ပွင့်များ
14. မင်းကျွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရား ကြီး၏အရုပ်ဆယ်မျက်နှာ မေတ္တာဘာဝနာပွားများခြင်း တရားတော်



- ★ 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

Hilly regions of eastern Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana: Emerging Tea Land

Byline: Myint Maung Soe;
Photos: Akar Kyaw

Tea is mostly grown in Shan and Chin States. Concerning tea farming, we have a saying which goes "Once you grow tea, it will benefit till posterity."

Tea culture exists in Myanmar since time immemorial. Pickled tea, dry tea and processed tea are made from virgin tea leaf alone.

Dry tea and processed tea are made from freshly picked tea leaves. But pickled tea can be obtained after being placed in the pit for several months. Local tea market and demand are growing day by day due to the rise in tea consumption. So, it is necessary to grow marketable tea on a commercial scale.

Therefore, hilly regions in eastern Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana have been designated as a tea growing land in order that the Nay Pyi Taw will become a tea producing and growing area.

We, Myanma Alin news crew, went to
(See page 9)



Tea nursery in Mepauk Village, hilly region of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana.

Thingangyun Township WJA meets

YANGON, 13 March — The fifth annual general meeting of Thingangyun Township Writers and Journalists Association was held at the town hall in Thingangyun on 6 March.

Responsible persons read out the annual report and financial statement

and sought the approval of those present.

Next, the cash donation and prize-giving ceremony followed.

Then new executives were elected and two executives were chosen as delegates to the 5th MWJA Conference.

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Earthquake report

NAY PYI TAW, 13 March—A moderate earthquake of Magnitude 5.4 Richter Scale with its epicenter (near Tinwagyaung about 40 miles southeast of Kalay), about 120 miles northwest of Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at 5 hours 50 min 56 sec MST today, according to the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.

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