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Meeting discusses money laundering and illegal property control measures

NAY PYI TAW, 20 March—The meeting (1/2010) of the Central Control Board on Money Laundering was held at the Headquarters of Myanmar Police Force here yesterday.

It was attended by Chairman of the Board Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo, Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe, the deputy chief justice, the deputy attorney-general, departmental heads and officials concerned totalling 39.

The meeting focused on continued cooperation with the International Cooperation Review Group-ICRG with the aim of encouraging global countries to protect the international monetary system and matters related to implementation of eleven tasks of the action plan of FATF and the remaining six tasks adopted by FATF plenary meeting to be carried out by Myanmar.

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Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo holds discussions at meeting (1/2010) of the Central Control Board on Money Laundering.—MNA

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

TV play "Alinyaung" to be on screen

Interview: Maung Maung Myint Swe; Photos: Tin Soe (Myanma Alin)

The Myanma Radio and Television and the Myawady TV will soon broadcast a TV play "Alinyaung" (Right View) shot to mark the 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day. TV play lovers are awaiting the work. So, I interviewed the performers who played their roles in the play.

Starring several film stars, the TV play was directed by Tin Aung Soe (Panmyodaw). The screenplay was written by Mya Myinmo.

The exciting plot portrays love affairs, the life of servicemen, difference between peace and instability, evil consequences of battles, sympathetic events and heartening events.

In the setting, I first interviewed young actor Myint Myat. He said, "In this TV play, my role is KNU leader Saw Hse Wah. I have never acted such a role. They let me know in advance the role I would have to play, and I have grown my hair long since then. I cared about my costumes. Local people helped me a lot until I a strong accent. I had no difficulties to act in the play."

A crucial scene of the TV play "Alinyaung"

Myint Myat gave a brilliant performance and acting as the KNU leader in the play. The role he plays in the crucial scenes is so brilliant that he is like a KNU leader.

He said, "Forevor is my first Armed Forces Day commemorative TV play. It was shot last year. The second is this play. Many other film stars have played their roles in films and plays like this one. So, in this play, I act my role as good as I can with a sense of duty."

The dialogues between him and Pyay Ti Oo (Major Ye Yint) are realistic and the choice of words is excellent.

Then, I interviewed Actress Moe Hay Ko, who acts as Engineer Nu Myat Shwe Zin in the play.

She said, "In this play, I act as an elder sister of an army officer Major Khaing Win (Hein Wai Yan), and as the girlfriend of Major Ye Yint (Pyay Ti Oo). So far, I have acted my roles in Armed Forces Day commemorative plays: the play "Forever" in 2009, and this play. Why I act my roles in such plays is that the people can notice my art of acting, and I want to present a good sense to the viewers."

She also gave a brilliant performance as an engineer who

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For sustainable improvement of infrastructures

Today, the nation's infrastructure has been improved to a certain degree in the economic, social, education and health care sectors as a result of the earnest efforts the government has been making for equitable development of all parts of the Union.

For instance, the Tatmadaw government has been working steadfastly in harmony with the people to construct infrastructural buildings in Rakhine State, which in the past lacked stability and peace due to natural barriers such as mountain ranges, watercourses, and the sea. So, Rakhine State has become an affluent area now.

Located in the west of Myanmar, the state is bounded by Chin State in the north, Magway Division and Bago Division in the east, Bay of Bengal in the west, and Bangladesh in the north.

Grappling with natural barriers, the government has constructed three highways linking Rakhine State and three divisions: western Bago Division, Magway Division, and Ayeyawady Division for smooth transport necessary for its development. It is not only constructing Sittway-An-Minbu Railroad in order that the state is accessible by train from Yangon, but also upgrading Sittway and Thandwe airports. Moreover, it has constructed 36 over-180-foot bridges in the state, spending 28,030.943 million kyats.

The government also has been constructing dams for irrigation, reclaiming more vacant lands, and boosting agricultural production. It developing human resources in the state to harness natural resources more expeditiously.

At a time when the nation is being shaped into a peaceful, modern and developed one, the government, the people and the Tatmadaw have to work more closely and adhere to Our Three Main National Causes for sustainable improvement of the infrastructures.

Buffet for bookworms

YANGON, 20 March — Just chose a bag at the fair, put in it books you like till it is filled and you get them at a special price. Books are displayed like food at a buffet, and there are two sizes of bags to collect them. The price for 12"x10"x3" bag is K 10000 and for 16"x10.5"x3.5" bag is K 20000. An advantage is that the total value of books you get there is higher than the money you pay for the bag!

Another way of buying books at the fair is the clearance sale where you can but at 90% discount. The fair will be organized by Myanmar Book Centre for the second time from 28 March to 1 April.

The festival will take place simultaneously at all MBC branches: MBC (1) at No (55), Baho Street, corner of Ahlon Street and Baho Street, Ahlon Township, Yangon (Ph: 01221271, 212409 and 214708); MBC (2) at No (561-567), Room No (3), Ground Floor, MAC Tower I, Merchant Street, corner of Merchant Street and Maha Bandoola Garden Street, Kyauktada Township, Yangon (Ph: 01-670532 and 384508); and MBC (Mandalay) at Room No (429), Level-4, 78 Shopping Centre, Mandalay (Ph: 0271470 to 71476 Ext: 188 and 193).

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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**

Information Minister receives DPRK Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 20 March— Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan received Ambassador of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the Union of Myanmar Mr. Kim Sok Chol at the ministry office here yesterday evening.

Also present at the call were Director-General of Information and Public Relations Department U Ye Htut, Managing Director of Printing and Publishing Enterprise U Aung Nyein, Managing Director of News and Periodicals Enterprise U Soe Win, Head of Office of the Ministry U Myint Htwe and Chief Editor of Myanma Alin Printing House U Tin Maung Than.

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Information Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan receives DPRK Ambassador Mr. Kim Sok Chol.—MNA

Cricket promotion high on ACC's agenda

YANGON, 20 March — Asia Cricket Council in its meeting today with Myanmar Cricket Federation sought means to promote the sports event in Myanmar.

The agenda of ACC officials' visit to Myanmar also included the task of observing the spread and development of cricket in the Southeast Asia country that has introduced the sports not long ago.

Chief Executive Officer Mr Syed Ashraful Huq, Development Manager Mr Bandul Wornapura and Country Development Officer (Myanmar) Mr Aminul Islam of ACC and President of MCF U Nyunt Win and CEC members were at the roundtable meeting at MCF office ,here, discussing a wide array of sectors from promotion of cricket to the international level cricket pitch project in Dagon Myothit (North) a satellite town in the north of Yangon.

MCF has been striving to promote cricket to have a place in Myanmar where football is a dominant sports with the highest number of fans.

ACC officials arrived in Myanmar this morning.

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My Baby introduces its new products

YANGON, 20 March—Myanmar Care Products Ltd has been producing Eva branded women sanitary napkin since 1998. The DKSH Service Co Ltd is now distributing My Baby brand baby products.

The introduction ceremony of My Baby's new products was held at Parkroyal Hotel here on 14 March. Responsible persons of the Myanmar Care Products Ltd gave away gifts to the guests and GM Mr Preman of DKSH.

My Baby products are suitable for all children and mothers on account of quality pass by ATS laboratory in France.

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ISO courses help boom in businesses

YANGON, 20 March—The MAT Professional Training & Services and Guardian Independent Certification Ltd (UK) jointly conducted ISO 9001: 2008 Quality Management Standards Awareness courses at MAT training school, No. 355 of MAT, Theinbyu Road, here on 18 March. A total of over 60 trainees from factories, workshops and private offices attended the courses. After ending the courses, IRCA QMS 2008 Auditor Dr Tin Latt conferred completion certificates on the trainees. The MAT Professional Training & Services has been conducting monthly courses—ISO 9001: 2008, HACCP, ISO 22000, Marketing and Auditing. It also offers companies to get ISO certificate in line with international standards and norms.—*MNA*

ACC delegation at Yangon International Airport.—MNA

World's slums grow despite rapid economy growth

RIO DE JANEIRO, 20 March — Almost a quarter of a billion people moved out of slum conditions in the past decade, driven by rapid economic growth in emerging giants India and China, but the number of people living in them continues to rise, the United Nations housing agency said on Friday.

The number of people living in shantytowns increased by 55 million to 827.6 million as population growth and migration from the countryside outstripped the effect of upward mobility in cities, the UN's biennial report on cities found.

"The situation has improved over 10 years, but alas over the same period, the net increase of the urban poor is 55 million," Anna Tibaijuka, the executive director of the UN Habitat programme, said in Rio de Janeiro.

The Brazilian city will next week host the World Urban Forum, a five-day UN conference on the state of the world's cities, where more than half the global population now lives.

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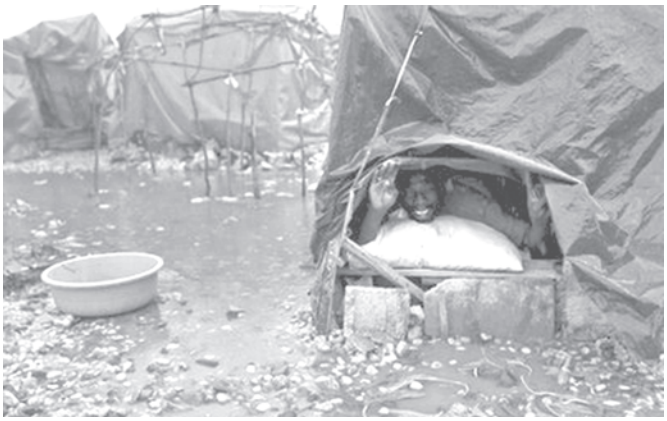


A man looks from inside his tent at a homeless earthquake survivors camp during heavy rains in Port-au-Prince, on 19 March, 2010.—INTERNET

Heavy rains swamp camps holding Haiti's homeless

PORT-AU-PRINCE, 20 March — One of the heaviest rainfalls since Haiti's on 12 Jan earthquake swamped homeless camps on Friday, sweeping screaming residents into eddies of water, overflowing latrines and panicking thousands.

The overnight downpour sent water coursing down the slopes of a former golf course that now serves as a temporary home for about 45,000 people.

There were no reports of deaths in the camp, a town-size maze of blue, orange and silver tarps located behind the country club used by the US Army 82nd Airborne as a forward-operating base.

But the deluge terrified families who just two months ago survived the collapse of their homes in the magnitude-7 earthquake and are now struggling to make do in tent-and-tarp camps that officials have repeatedly said must be relocated.

"I was on one side (of the tarp), the children were on the other side and I was trying to push the water out," Jackquine Exama, a 34-year-old mother of seven, said through tears.

"I'm not used to this," she said.

Internet

Police stand next to a trailer truck that was stolen and then used as a barricade by gunmen in the city of San Nicolas on the outskirts of Monterrey, Mexico on 19 March, 2010.—INTERNET

Army, drug gangs battle in Mexico amid blockades

MONTERREY, 20 March — A shootout in the northern city of Monterrey killed two suspected drug cartel gunmen and wounded a soldier on Friday. Suspected gang members also blocked roads in the city for the second day, in a bold attempt to impede security patrols.

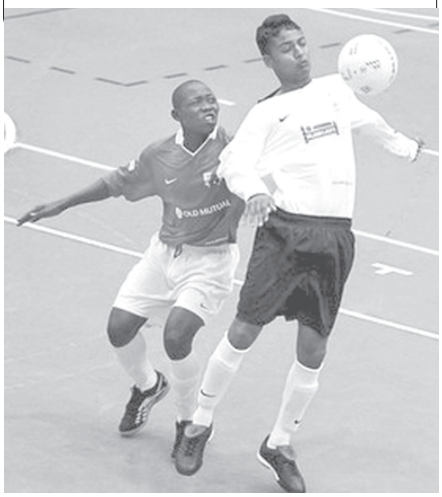
Gunmen opened fire on an army patrol outside the gates of a prestigious private university in Monterrey, Mexico's third-largest city and a major industrial hub, the army said in a statement. Soldiers seized guns, ammunition and hand grenades at the scene.

The wounded soldier is in stable condition.

Gang members blocked more than 30 roads in the Monterrey metropolitan area over 24 hours, including several leading out of the city, said Nuevo Leon Public Safety Secretary Luis Carlos Trevino. He said the blockades were intended to keep the military from carrying out operations.

Most suspects fled after parking the trucks and other vehicles across the roads, but at least two were arrested, he said. Authorities towed the cars away, the official said.—*Internet*

Street children representing their respective countries, South Africa in green and gold and India in white, play football during the Street Child World Soccer Championships held at the Durban University of Technology on 15 March.—INTERNET



Street kids stage their own World Cup in South Africa

DURBAN, 20 March— Wearing jerseys in national colours, football teams from eight countries face off on a South African pitch, in full World Cup fervour. But in this tournament, the players are all street kids.

Child welfare groups from across the globe brought to Durban teams from Brazil, England, India, Nicaragua, Philippines, South Africa, Tanzania and Ukraine.

It's the first event of its kind, aiming to grab the football spotlight to give the children a platform to speak about the poverty and violence they face on the streets.

"I represent most of the kids who are on the streets. Because, us street kids, our voice is not heard amongst the people so, we are trying to do that," said Ashley Vincent, on the South African team.

He ran away from his family in Johannesburg and made his way to Durban's warm coast, where he begs on the sidewalks to survive.

In Durban, street kids complain that police regularly round them up and take them to a poorly equipped centre outside the city.

Internet

German high-speed train hits man to death

BERLIN, 20 March — A high-speed German train ran over a man on Thursday late-night when whooshing from Frankfurt to Cologne, causing the busy line to be closed for hours, operator Deutsche Bahn and police reported on Friday.

The accident happened at late night near Idstein, a northeastern town of Hesse state. Police said it is not known weather the man had commit a suicide.

The Inter City Express (ICE) train, which had 630 passengers at that time, had to disembark and waited in the dark until a group of buses arrived to transport passengers to Cologne.—*Xinhua*

Russia, US likely to clinch new arms deal in April

MOSCOW, 20 March — Russia and the United States are likely to sign new arms control deal in Europe in April, Russian news agencies reported on Friday, citing deputy head of the Russian government office.

"Most probably, the treaty will be signed in April. The signing ceremony will not take place in Washington DC. The most probable location is Europe," Yuri Ushakov said after talks between Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin and US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

Clinton, who is on a two-day visit to Moscow, said earlier Friday that the United States and Russia were "on the brink" of signing a new deal.—*Xinhua*

Gas more important than quarrels with Russia

WARSAW, 20 March—Gas supplies are more important than ideological quarrels with Russia, Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk said on Friday in parliament replying to criticism of his government's gas policy by oppositionist Law and Justice (PiS).

PiS caucus leader Aleksandra Natalli-Swiat accused the Tusk team of protracting Poland's dependence on Russian gas by sealing a longterm contract with Russia's gas distributor Gazprom, according to the Polish news agency *PAP*. In his reply to the charges, Tusk stressed that "the top priority were not ideological quarrels with Russia but for gas to be in Polish homes in winter, when the temperature outside falls to minus 10 degrees."

Tusk also reminded that Poland's gas supplies from Russia were unhindered during last year's gas crisis. Tusk admitted that buying gas from Russia presented a dilemma, but argued that "gas was there to give heat and government policy was there to see that this gas did not fall short in critical times."—*Xinhua*

Representative of World Wildlife Fund (WWF) Nepal Anil Manandhar (R) presents flowers to newly appointed "Young Conservation Ambassador" Zenisha Moktan during a programme in Kathmandu, capital of Nepal, on 19 March, 2010.—XINHUA

A worker is seen at the construction site of the France Pavilion at the Expo Park in Shanghai, east China, on 17 March, 2010.—XINHUA

China speeds up offshore wind power construction

BEIJING, 20 March—China will give top priority to developing offshore wind power projects to boost its flourishing wind power industry in 2010, according to a senior energy official.

The government would put large-scale offshore wind power concession projects out to tender, said Shi Lishan, Deputy Director of the New Energy and Renewable Energy Department of the National Energy Bureau at a recent seminar sponsored by Chinese Renewable Energy Industry Association (CREIA).

"We have formulated basic ideas and formalities for the tenders," said Shi, but he would not elaborate on the timetable and exact sites in the concession project list.

Han Wenke, Director of the Energy Research Institute of National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC), said China had no choice, but to vigorously develop renewable energy, including wind power.—*Xinhua*

Chicago retail sales post biggest drop since 1985

CHICAGO, 20 March—A deep-seated shift in consumer behaviour — spending less and saving more — means the fallout from 2009 will hover over the retail landscape in Chicago, US for years, according to a report due out next week from a local research company.

Retail sales in the Chicago metropolitan market fell 8.7 percent, to 92.9 billion US dollars, in 2009 from the year before, marking the biggest annual decline since at least 1985, when Chicago-based Melaniphy & Associates Inc began tracking the figures. The dismal performance follows a 4.8 percent drop in 2008, a record decrease at the time, the report said.

Xinhua

Regulators shut seven banks in five states

WASHINGTON, 20 March—Regulators on Friday shut down seven banks in five states, bringing to 37 the number of bank failures in the US so far this year.

The closings follow the 140 that succumbed in 2009 to mounting loan defaults and the recession. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp took over First Lowndes Bank, in Fort Deposit, Ala; Appalachian Community Bank in Ellijay, Ga; Bank of Hiawassee, in Hiawassee, Ga; and Century Security Bank in Duluth, Ga.

The agency also closed down State Bank of Aurora, in Aurora, Minn; Advanta Bank Corp, based in Draper, Utah; and American National Bank of Parma, Ohio.—*Internet*

Boeing accelerates production of 747, 777 models

NEW YORK, 20 March—Boeing Co will speed up production plans for its *777* and *747* models in anticipation of greater demand from commercial airlines.

Both are wide-body planes capable of carrying more than 300 passengers and flying longer routes. Several Asian airlines have ordered the planes, which are also more fuel-efficient than other aircraft models.

Asian and Latin American carriers have led the way for a surprisingly strong recovery, while improvement at US carriers has lagged. The industry's leading trade group, the International Air Transport Association, cut its 2010 loss forecast in half for global airlines to $2.8 billion. The group also lowered its 2009 loss estimate to $9.4 billion from $11 billion because of the year-end rally.

Many airlines across the globe reported losses in 2009 as travel demand slumped. Boeing, the world's second-largest aircraft maker behind Airbus, said on Friday that it sees the airline industry recovering this year, followed by a return to profitability in 2011. That should lead to demand for new aircraft in 2012 and beyond, the company said.—*Internet*

In this 3 Feb, 2010 photo, a Boeing Co 777 jetliner is seen on the production line in Everett, Wash Boeing announced on 19 March, 2010 that it will speed up production plans for its 777 and 747 models in anticipation of greater demand from commercial airlines in a couple of years.—INTERNET

15,000 employees dismissed due to earthquake in Chile

SANTIAGO, 20 March—Around 15,000 Chilean employees were dismissed due to the 27 Feb, earthquake in the country, with 9,000 of them without compensation, a leader of the workers' union said on Friday.

The most affected are the employees of small and medium-sized enterprises, Arturo Martinez, president of the Chilean Central Union of Workers (CUT), said, noting that the worst is in the region of Bio Bio, one of the areas affected by the quake.

Xinhua

Chinese Vice President arrives in Russia to start four European nation tour

VLADIVOSTOK, 20 March—At the invitation of Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping arrived here on Saturday for an official visit to Russia.

During his stay in Russia, Xi, who is also a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, will meet Russian President Dmitry Medvedev, and Putin, who is also chairman of the ruling United Russia party, and State Duma Chairman Boris Gryzlov.

They will exchange views on bilateral relations and other regional and international issues of common concern.

Xi is also expected to attend the opening ceremony of the Year of Chinese Language in Russia as well as the opening of the second round of strategic dialogue between the Chinese and Russian ruling parties.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang earlier said that the Year of Chinese Language in Russia will promote mutual understanding and friendship between the Chinese and Russian people and enhance their cultural cooperation.—*Xinhua*

All Items from Xinhua News Agency

***Ismet Yilmaz, undersecretary of Turkish Culture and Tourism Ministry, tries the embroidery during an exhibition on China's Suzhou embroidery in Ankara, capital of Turkey, on 18 March, 2010. Some 60 pieces of Suzhou embroidery works were on show during the exhibition.*—XINHUA**

***Police cordone off the offices of "Golden Dawn", where a bomb attack occurred, in Athens, capital of Greece,on 19 March, 2010.*—XINHUA**

Explosion occurs at office of far-right group in Athens, Greek Govt condemns

ATHENS, 20 March — An explosion occurred at the office of "Golden Dawn" in the centre of Athens early on Friday morning.

No injuries were reported, but only minor damages, as there had been a warning telephone call to a Greek newspaper a few minutes before the time bomb blasts.

The bomb which had been placed outside the offices of "Golden Dawn," at the corridor of the 5th floor of a building near the crowded Omonia square in the centre of Athens, exploded at 08:46 local time, according to the police.

Exactly 22 minutes earlier an unidentified person had made the warning call to "*Eleftherotypia*" daily, a common practice for Far-Left, anarchist and terrorist groups that operate in Greece.

The police had managed to evacuate the area, when the bomb exploded and windows of nearby buildings broke in rush hour.

No group has claimed responsibility yet, as police investigate, gathering evidence that could lead to the perpetrators.—*Xinhua*

Huge fire breaks out after explosion in Lagos police barracks

LAGOS, 20 March — Huge fire broke out after an explosion in police barracks in Zone II in Nigeria's largest city Lagos on Friday, local police said.

Dense smoke could be seen over Victoria Island.

Many fire engines rushed to the scene and the fire fighting is still going on. Casualties and cause of the fire are yet to know.

Security and rescue officials at the scene told *Xinhua* that the explosion was heard at about 11 am local time.

An official declined to be identified said it might take to get the fire under control as they were unable to approach the flame. "We received a call from top police officers in Lagos that their exhibit room was on fire, but we are yet to ascertain the cause," he said.

"On getting here, we saw everyone was clearing out their properties, desperately trying to get out before the fire spread to their offices," he added.

Xinhua

WHO to send A/H1N1 flu vaccine to African countries

GENEVA, 20 March— The World Health Organization (WHO) will send millions of doses of A/H1N1 flu vaccine to African countries to help them fight the pandemic, a spokesman said on Friday.

At least 10 to 15 African countries are expected to get vaccines for 2 to 10 percent of their population in the coming weeks, Gregory Hartl told a news briefing in Geneva.

Among the countries that will receive the vaccine are Nigeria, Cameroon, Senegal, Togo, Kenya, Namibia and South Africa, Hartl said.

He added that the WHO was doing its best to limit the effects of the A/H1N1 pandemic on the African continent.

The A/H1N1 pandemic, which was announced by the WHO in June, has so far spread to more than 213 countries and overseas territories or communities and killed at least 16,813 people, the UN agency said in a latest update.

The most active areas of pandemic influenza transmission are now in Southeast Asia and West Africa.—*Xinhua*

Polish aircraft violates Turkey's air space over Aegean

ANKARA, 20 March — A Polish aircraft on Friday violated Turkey's air space over the Aegean Sea, a Turkish military statement said.

Polish *M-28* aircraft, which took off from Kos island of Greece, violated Turkish air space over the Aegean province of Aydin three times early on Friday, said the statement posted on the General Staff website.

The statement said the Polish aircraft had violated the Turkish air space for a total of 11 minutes.

Xinhua

An Afghan firefighter gestures at a burning fuel tanker after an explosion caused by a bomb placed underneath the truck in Jalalabad, eastern Afghanistan on 19 March 2010.
INTERNET

The China-made clothes are sold at a Marshalls store in New York, the United States, on 18 March, 2010. INTERNET

Russia plans to resume space tourism

Moscow, 20 March — Russia says it could offer more seats than ever to space tourists when the programme begins again in two to three years.

Russian halted the programme last year because all seats aboard its spacecraft were needed to ferry crew to the *International Space Station.*

The nation's RSC Energia now has the capability to build five *Soyuz* spacecraft per year instead of four, which means one spacecraft could be designated for space tourists after 2012, *RIA Novosti* reported Friday.

Roscosmos, the Russian federal space agency, began ferrying wealthy tourists in 2001 with the flight of Dennis Tito, an US businessman.

In all, seven space tourists have made the journey, the latest, Canadian Guy Laliberte, founder of Cirque du Soleil, who flew to the space station in October.—*Internet*

American multimillionaire Dennis Tito, 60, waves during a ceremony in Star City, outside Moscow, on 6 May, 2001. The Russian Soyuz capsule carrying the world's first paying space tourist landed successfully in the Central Asian steppe on Sunday, ending Tito's multimillion dollar cosmos adventure.—INTERNET

Shell posts huge Gulf of Mexico oil find

Amsterdam, 20 March — Royal Dutch Shell revealed a discovery on Friday in the deep waters of the Gulf of Mexico that encountered roughly 530 feet of net oil play.

Shell said on Friday it uncovered a "significant" oil discovery in the eastern deep waters of the Gulf of Mexico. The discovery in the Appomattox prospect was found in 7,217 feet of water in Mississippi Canyon blocks 391 and 392.

Shell drilled a 25,000-foot discovery well in block 392 that encountered roughly 530 feet of oil pay. A 25,950-foot appraisal sidetrack encountered roughly 380 feet of oil pay.

David Lawrence, executive vice president for exploration at Shell, said his company was pleased to add the latest discoveries to its growing portfolio in the Gulf of Mexico.

"Shell has the technology, the expertise and a skilled, motivated workforce to expand oil and natural gas production in the (United States) and worldwide," he added. The deep waters of the Gulf of Mexico are considered one of the most promising resource basins in the world. International explorers say offshore exploration could ease US dependence on foreign oil.—*Internet*

Mosquito would 'vaccinate' against malaria

Shimotsuki, 20 March — Scientists in Japan say they've genetically modified a mosquito that vaccinates against malaria as it bites.

The prototype mosquito produces a natural vaccine protein in its saliva that is injected into the bloodstream when the insect stings a host, said Shigeto Yoshida, a researcher at Jichi Medical University in Shimotsuki, Japan.

"Following bites, protective immune responses are induced, just like a conventional vaccination but with no pain and no cost," Yoshida said.—*Internet*

Scientists create tiny invisibility cloak

London, 20 March — Researchers in Britain and Germany say they've created a tiny cloak of invisibility that could someday rival the one worn by fictional wizard Harry Potter.

"This is very exciting, because mankind has always thought about being invisible or having invisibility cloaks," lead researcher Tolga Ergin said.

Scientists from Imperial College London and the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology bent light waves to conceal a bump on a gold surface that measured 0.00004 inches high by 0.00005 wide, *The Daily Telegraph* reported Friday.

Internet

Study: Climate stress killed dinosaurs

Severe climate change, and not a meteorite, was the main reason behind the mass extinction of the dinosaurs and other species 65 million years ago, a new study concludes.

Conducted by scientists from Germany, Switzerland and the United States, the study takes into account climate, geological and paleontological data collected during several drillings near Brazos River in Texas.

"We have come up with completely new data that are poised to change the interpretation of this time in history," one of the scientists, Michael Prauss of Berlin's Free University, told United Press International in a telephone interview Friday. "The main reason for the mass extinction were massive climatic changes that began long before the meteorite hit."

Dutch artist Ap Verheggen (C) stands with a group of local youngsters near a pair of metal sculptures which he plans to erect on an iceberg near the town of Uummannaq in western Greenland. Verheggen arranged two large sculptures on an iceberg in Greenland on Friday to raise awareness about climate change, and people will be able to monitor it online as the ice melts.

Five-year-old took dad's SUV on joyride

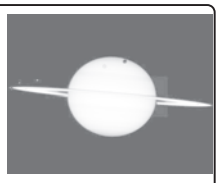
A 5-year-old British boy named Thomas emerged unhurt after driving his father's sport utility vehicle 4 miles and crashing into a wall, West Sussex police said. Even though Thomas was too short to reach the pedals, he managed to maneuver the 4x4 Mitsubishi Shogun until it hit a brick wall at a woman's home in the village of Lavant, The *Times of London* Online reported. Along the way, the SUV collided with at least three other vehicles and nearly struck a pedestrian.

The 4x4 was scratched and dented. A neighbor told police Thomas' mother was asleep when the boy took the car keys from her handbag. "Thomas is a clever boy who has learnt to drive by watching his mum," the neighbour said.

NASA's Cassini spacecraft shows Saturnian roller derby

The seemingly serene orb of Saturn is in fact a gas giant with extraordinary patterns of charged particles and rough and tumble roller derbies for rings, NASA's *Cassini* spacecraft found since its arrival at Saturn in 2004. The findings will be published Friday in journal Science.

"This rambunctious system gives us a new feel for how an early solar system might have behaved," said Linda Spilker, a planetary scientist and the new *Cassini* project scientist at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California. "This kind of deep, rich data can only be collected by an orbiting spacecraft and we look forward to the next seven years around Saturn bringing even more surprises."



An image of four moons of Saturn passing in front of their parent planet in seen this image taken by NASA's Hubble Space Telescope 24 February, 2009 and released by NASA 17 March, 2009. In this view, the giant orange moon Titan casts a large shadow onto Saturn's north polar hood. Below Titan, near the ring plane and to the left, is the moon Mimas, casting a much smaller shadow onto Saturn's equatorial cloud tops. Farther to the left, and off Saturn's disk, are the bright moons Dione and the fainter Enceladus.

NEWS ALBUM

Photo taken on 18 March, 2010 shows the parking apron on the roof of the 2010 World Expo Centre in Shanghai. The Expo Centre severing as the operation management centre, ceremony & conference centre, press centre and etc. will be opened in April.
XINHUA

Stem cells 'seed' transplanted windpipe

LONDON, 20 March—A boy in Britain is doing well four days after surgeons used the boy's own stem cells and a transplanted windpipe to replace his trachea, doctors say.

Martin Birchall of University College London said using the patient's own stem cells and body as a "bioreactor" could transform transplant surgery in the future, the *Financial Times* reported on Friday.

Paolo Macchiarini and colleagues at Careggi University Hospital in Florence, Italy, used enzymes to strip the windpipe of a woman in Italy who died in an accident of all living cells that might trigger immune rejection in the recipient. Macchiarini transported the windpipe to London.

Birchall removed about two tablespoons of stem cells from the boy's bone marrow and injected them into the trachea and replaced it with the boy's defective windpipe.

On friday, the boy said he was breathing better than he had in years, the Times said.

Internet

US FDA warns about increased risk of muscle injury with Zocor

WASHINGTON, 20 March—The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on Friday warned patients and healthcare providers about the potential for increased risk of muscle injury from the cholesterol-lowering medication Zocor (simvastatin).

Although muscle injury (called myopathy) is a known side effect of all statins, the FDA's warning highlights the greater risk of developing muscle injury, including rhabdomyolysis, for patients when they use higher doses of this drug.

Rhabdomyolysis is the most serious form of myopathy and can lead to severe kidney damage, kidney failure, and sometimes death.

"Review of simvastatin is part of an ongoing FDA effort to evaluate the risk of statin-associated muscle injury and to provide that information to the public as it becomes available," said Eric Colman, Deputy Director of the FDA's Division of Metabolism and Endocrinology Products.

Xinhua

Formula One automaker McLaren has launched a supercar, part of a drive by the firm to shift up a gear in its battle to capture the high-performance commercial sports car market. The MP4-12C will have a price tag of 150,000 pounds (230,000 dollars, 170,000 euros).—INTERNET

Vaccine may stop cervical cancer return

BIRMINGHAM, 20 March —US researchers said the vaccine to prevent cervical cancer may also protect against post-surgical recurrence of the disease.

Oncology researchers at the University of Alabama in Birmingham said the Gardasil vaccine that reduces the likelihood of human papillomavirus-related diseases may also protect against cervical or related cancers or pre-cancerous changes that had been surgically removed from reoccurring.

"Based on this study, the data is compelling and suggests it does help to treat virus-related changes," Dr Warner Huh said in a statement.

Huh and colleagues looked at the participants who had surgery to remove cervical or related cancer or pre-cancerous changes among the 17,622 women ages 15-26 involved in two clinical trials where some were vaccinated with Gardasil and some were not.

Internet

TB booster appears promising

WORCESTER, 20 March—Researchers in South Africa say a booster may help tuberculosis resistance in already vaccinated adults.

Willem Hanekom, co-director of the South African Tuberculosis Vaccine Initiative, reports animal testing of the booster — Aeras-402 vaccine, developed by Aeras Global Tuberculosis Foundation and Crucell — has been encouraging. The vaccine has proved safe in healthy adults previously vaccinated with the current TB vaccine.

"Aeras-402 was able to stimulate the immune system in a manner thought to be important for protection against tuberculosis," Hanekom says in a statement. "The world urgently needs new, better vaccines against tuberculosis."

Hanekom says it is important to test the vaccines in settings where the disease is very common, such as South Africa.

Internet

Health Canada allows low-level caffeine in non-cola soft drinks

VANCOUVER, 20 March—Synthetic caffeine in lower concentration than cola drinks could be added as a food additive in non-cola soft drinks, Health Canada said in a press release on Friday.

Based on an "extensive review of all available science," the Canadian health agency determined that synthetic caffeine in carbonated soft drinks poses no health risk to users if its concentration doesn't exceed 150 parts per million (ppm), according to the release.

The authorized concentration for non-cola beverages is lower than the maximum of 200 ppm for cola beverages authorized by Canadian food and drug regulations.

Similar levels of caffeine in non-cola soft drinks are currently permitted in the United States and Europe.

Synthetic caffeine is still not allowed to be added to other foods, Health Canada said.

Xinhua

Team New Zealand (front) crosses in front of Italy's Azzura during the Louis Vuitton Trophy Series yachting best-of-three semi-finals in Auckland, on 19 March. Team N.Zealand took the early honours in the final of the Louis Vuitton Trophy yachting regatta on Saturday, winning the opening race against the Italians by 12 seconds.—INTERNET

Nutritional training for doctors overdue

LONDON, 20 March—Nutritional training is important to every area of clinical practice but has been long neglected, researchers in Britain said.

Dr Penny Neild of St George's Hospital in London and colleagues said the profession must take advantage of changes in medical education to ensure that all health professionals, but especially gut specialists, are given adequate training in nutrition.

The evidence shows healthcare professionals in general know little about how to assess and manage poor nutrition and gastroenterologists in particular need to be able to provide advice and expertise in general nutrition, artificial nutrition support, and intestinal failure, the researchers said.—*Internet*

Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee meets

NAY PYI TAW, 20 March — The coordination meeting of Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee was held at the meeting hall of Nay Pyi Taw Command here yesterday evening.

Patron of the committee Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, committee members, sub-committee members and officials attended the meeting.

The commander delivered an address at the meeting and heard reports on traffic rules enforcement submitted by officials. The meeting came to an end with concluding remarks of the commander.

MNA

Sanitation tasks in Yangon

YANGON, 20 March— Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint inspected sanitation and drainage tasks in Kyimyindine Township here today.

On arrival at No.(5) Basic Education High School Kyimyindine, officials reported the commander on the progress of tasks.

He also visited east ward of Makyeedan (North) village and viewed activities for healthy environment.

The commander addressed 21st cash donation ceremony of Tamway Township All Bus Lines Supervisory Committee (Headquarters). The commander and officials donated cash.

MNA

Energy Minister receives Chinese Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 20 March— Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi received Chinese Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr. Ye Dabo and party at the ministry office here this morning. They discussed matters on energy sectors between two countries.

Also present at the call were officials concerned.—*MNA*

Micro Computer takes part in Myanmar ICT Exhibition

YANGON, 20 March— Micro Computer Co Ltd is participating in Myanmar ICT Exhibition-2010 held at Tatmadaw Convention Centre on Uwisara Road here from 19 to 21 March.

The company is importing and distributing computer accessories, A-DATA Brand memory devices, Genius Brand computer accessories and Chaungxiang Brand computer tables.—*MNA*

Chief Justice visits Mandalay Supreme Court

NAY PYI TAW, 20 March—Chief Justice U Aung Toe today met Deputy Chief Justice U Khin Maung Latt of Supreme Court (Mandalay), justices, directors and officials concerned at room No. 1, Supreme Court (Mandalay). In meeting with them, he called for matters related to judiciary, administration and code of ethics.

MNA

TV play "Alinyaung" to be on screen

Interview: Maung Maung Myint Swe; Photos: Tin Soe (Myanma Alin)

(from page 1)

constructed a bridge across the Thanlwin River. Her dialogues are good in the scene to construct the bridge, which is a dream come true, with the art of engineering she has gained from the course conducted by the government, and in the scene in which her mother disapproves of the romantic affair between her and her boyfriend army officer Pyay Ti Oo (Major Ye Yint) because his younger brother Hein Wai Yan (Major Khaing Win) was injured. Her acting is realistic in the dialogue "Do you mean every serviceman will fall in a battle one day? Am I guilty to have affairs with a serviceman?"

At the service of national defence.

Actress Moe Hay Ko added that she was satisfied because the play is designed to serve the interest of the nation and the people, and she had an opportunity to play her role.

Actor Min Htet (Saw Mu He), who in the play becomes the KNU leader following Myint Myat (Saw Hse Wah)'s return to the legal fold, said, "This is the first Armed Forces Day commemorative TV play I have ever played my role in. I have never acted a role in any TV play that is related to the State policy. Now, I am very glad to have played my role in such a TV play."

Min Htet's costumes, acting and dialogues are very realistic, and he showed a brilliant performance.

He played his role brilliantly as KNU leader Saw Mu He in acting the trait of character with extreme concepts and convictions.

Therefore, I am confident that TV lovers will enjoy the TV play "Alinyaung" to be screened to mark the 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day.

Translation: MS

At the service of national development.

Moe Hay Ko and May Thinzar Oo at a crucial moment.

Myanmar-Bangladesh Technical Level meeting held

NAY PYI TAW, 20 March— At the invitation of Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, the Bangladesh Technical Level Team led by Rear Admiral (Rtd) Khurshed Alam, Additional Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, visited Myanmar from 16 to 19 March to attend the sixth Round of Technical Level Talks on the Delimitation of Maritime Boundary between Myanmar and Bangladesh.

The meeting was held on 17 and 18 March at the Aureum Palace Hotel, here. The Myanmar Technical Level Team was led by Commodore Myo Myint Than, Myanmar Navy, and the Bangladesh Technical Level Team was led by Rear Admiral (Rtd) Khurshed Alam, Additional Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Bangladesh. Both sides discussed the technical issues and the meeting was concluded with the agreement that the next round of talks will be held in Bangladesh at mutually convenient date. Maj-Gen Anup Kumar Chakma, Bangladesh Ambassador to Myanmar and U Pe Than Oo, Myanmar Ambassador to Bangladesh also attended the said meeting.

Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar U Maung Myint hosted a dinner on 17 March at the Aureum Palace Hotel in honour of the Additional Secretary Rear Admiral (Rtd) Khurshed Alam of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Bangladesh. The Bangladesh Technical Team left Myanmar for Bangladesh yesterday.

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**

Where to find the best Notebook?

YANGON, 20 March—View Sonic is displaying in Myanmar ICT Exhibition-2010 held at Tatmadaw Convention Centre on Uwisara Road here from 19 to 21 March.

Royal Ayeyawady Co Ltd has been displaying and selling View Sonic Notebook, LCD Monitor, Portable Media Player, Digital Photo Frame and Projector. The company will import View Book (Notebook) of View Sonic products as main computer accessories.

Battery of the view book can be used till 8-hour and Secondary Battery will be used in place of Optical Drive.

During the exhibition, customers, buying the view sonic products will get coupon to try one's luck of View Sonic Notebook.

Interesting persons connect to 87-street, No-7 (G/F), Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Yangon (phone: 384850, 389366 and 394494).

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Reckless driving causes traffic accidents

NAY PYI TAW, 20 March—A passenger light truck en route from Pathein to Ngwehsaung ran into the right brick wall of the culvert on Pathein-Ngwehsaung Road in front of the monastery in Kwingalay Village at about 11.45 am on 15 March, leaving one dead, and 13 including the driver slightly injured.

In another case, a white Hilux with passengers and foodstuff onboard turned over on Myitkyina-Sumprabum Road at about 4 pm the same day. The seven injured are now in Sumprabum General Hospital.

A 10-wheeled Nissan bound from Tachilek to Kengtung got a broken brake and ran into the rear of a running Fuso air-conditioned bus with 59 passengers onboard three times on Kengtung-Tachilek Road near Panlot (upper) village, about nine miles from Kengtung. Then, the bus turned over. The Nissan skidded off the road on the left side for about 100 yards and ran into the brick wall of a monastery. In the accident, the driver, two bus conductors and nine passengers of the bus, and the driver and two bus conductors of the Nissan were killed, and 50 passengers from the bus were injured. The injured are now in Kengtung General Hospital.

Now, action is being taken against the reckless drivers.

MNA

PISM Fisher Random Chess Tourney kicks off

YANGON, 20 March—Jointly organized by Myanmar Chess Federation and Pride International School Myanmar under the supervision of Sports and Physical Education Department of the Ministry of Sports, PISM Fisher Random Chess Tournament was opened at Aung San Stadium here this afternoon.

President of MCF U Maung Maung Lwin addressed the opening ceremony.—*MNA*

Hightech Princess's products displaying on Myanmar ICT Exhibition

YANGON, 20 March— Hightech Princess has also been displaying on Myanmar ICT Exhibition 2010 being held at Tatmadaw Convention Centre on Uwisara Road here from 19 to 21 March.

The Hightech Princess is distributing security products for offices, homes, factories, schools and hospitals, and network devices. The company is also showcasing MASH wifi system to be developed cooperatively with Yatanarpon Teleport.—*MNA*

Peter Crouch of Tottenham competes for a header with Robert Huth and Rory Delap of Stoke.

Stoke City 1-2 Tottenham Hotspur

STOKE, 20 March—Tottenham Hotspur strengthened their grip on fourth place with victory at 10-man Stoke City.

Eidur Gudjohnsen scored his first goal back in the Premier League to put the visitors in front a minute after the break.The home side had Dean Whitehead sent off but levelled with a Matthew Etherington penalty on 64 minutes. However Niko Kranjcar snatched a winner 13 minutes from time.

Internet

KNU burns down machine, vehicles in Kayin State

NAY PYI TAW, 20 March — KNU insurgents burnt down a grinding machine, a vehicle and a loader in Kayin State in the south-east of Myanmar at 8 pm on 14 March.

About ten KNUs first torched the machine and the vehicle, which is a locally assembled car called htawlaji at Pyataung query located on Wahboetaw-Kamamaung road between Shwelu and Banthmwekon Villages in Hpa-an Township.

The insurgents incinerated the loader in Shwelu Village about two miles from the query.

MNA

Science justifies California water limits

LOS ANGELES, 20 March— Federal limits on water that can be pumped out of a major river delta for California farmers are scientifically justified, a much-anticipated report said on Friday, a finding hailed by environmentalists in the state's epic water wars.

But the National Academy of Sciences stopped short of handing a decisive victory to environmental interests over agricultural interests. The academy said further study was required and that threats to Chinook salmon, delta smelt and other endangered fish were not entirely caused by the pumping.

"The Academy of Sciences report clearly validates the biological opinions," Ann Hayden, a senior water resource analyst for the Environmental Defense Fund, said of regulations devised under court order by federal wildlife biologists and issued in late 2008.

"It's time to stop pitting the economic interests of farmers against fishermen and move forward to find solutions," Hayden said. "We have pushed the Bay-Delta system to the brink of collapse and saving it — and the jobs that depend on it — is going to require increased cooperation among all interests."

Internet

Fishermen view the Sacramento River from a sunken barge near Rio Vista, California, recently.

FIFA makes 196 million dollars profit in 2009

GENEVA, 20 March— FIFA made a profit of 196 million dollars (145 million euros) in 2009 and increased its reserves to more than 1 billion in spite of the global economic crisis. In its annual financial report published in Zurich on Friday, soccer's world governing body said it made its surplus on revenue of 1.059 billion dollars (780 million euros). The revenue had topped 10 figures for the first time.

In the report, Julio Grondona, the Chairman of FIFA's finance committee, said the first World Cup in Africa had posted marketing revenues that surpassed the results of the previous two tournaments, in Germany (2006) and South Korea and Japan (2002).

FIFA has focused on building its reserves in recent years to sustain it in the event that a World Cup is canceled and commercial partners have to be repaid.—*Xinhua*

Photo taken on 19 March, 2010 shows the beachscape in Shimane-ken, a prefecture located in the Chugoku region on Honshu island in Japan. Shimane-ken, bearing the charming scene and rich history, is a fascinating tourist attration in Japan. XINHUA

New threat rankles Hemet, Calif

HEMET, 20 March—A Southern California Police Department plagued by booby trap attacks against its officers went on heightened alert on Friday following yet another threat.

An unidentified person called a 911 operator at about 5:45 pm and said a police car would be blown up in the Hemet-San Jacinto area in the next 24 to 48 hours, Hemet Police Chief Richard Dana said.

The caller said the attack would be in retaliation for the law enforcement sweep against the Vagos Motorcycle Club earlier this week.

A Riverside County sheriff's spokeswoman said the department has not been able to confirm the threat.

Internet

Booming tourism boosts service sector in south China's Hainan

HAIKOU, 20 March — The booming tourism industry of south China' s Hainan Province have made major contribution to the island's economy and will further bolster its service sector, a senior official has said.

"As Hainan' s top pillar industry, tourism has boosted the development of the whole service sector, accounting for 42 percent of the province' s GDP. But we aim to increase the proportion to 60 percent," said Tan Li, Hainan's vice governor.

Hainan received more than 22.5 million visitors last year, increasing by 9.2 percent from the previous year. The island' s tourism industry generated 21.17-billion-yuan (3 billion US dollars) in revenue, up 10.1 percent, according to statistics from the provincial government.

Driven by booming tourism, the sales of Hainan's real estate industry grew by 25.4 percent, and sales of hotel and restaurant industry reached 52.5 percent.

Xinhua

First-ever French language day celebrated at UN

UNITED NATIONS, 20 March — The United Nations is celebrating French language day here on Friday as part of a new initiative to raise awareness and respect for the history, culture and achievements of each of the six official languages of the world body.

"French, as a working language of the UN and one that is spoken on all continents, plays an important role in spreading the message of the United Nations in the world," said Kiyo Akasaka, the UN under-secretary-general for the Department of Public Information (DPI) and Coordinator for Multilingualism at the UN

"The United Nations practices multilingualism as a means of promoting, protecting and preserving diversity of languages and cultures globally," Akasaka added. Each of the six official UN languages — Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Spanish and Russian — will be honoured on a relevant day for that language.

The 20 March celebration of French coincides with the 40th anniversary of the International Organization of La Francophonie, a group whose members share a common tongue, as well as the humanist values promoted by the French language.—*Xinhua*

A model presents a "De Beers Millennium Blue Diamond" and a diamond necklace comprised of 50 DIF white diamonds during a Sotheby's Auction press preview in Hong Kong, south China, on 18 March, 2010.—XINHUA

Oil settles near $80 a barrel

NEW YORK, 20 March– Oil prices slumped at the end of the week, tumbling on Friday close to $80 a barrel as continued uncertainty about Greece's economy helped lift the dollar higher.

Benchmark crude for April delivery dropped $1.52 to settle at $80.68 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Oil is traded in US currency, and its price tends to fall as the dollar rises and makes contracts tougher to buy with foreign currency. Investors also will move money out of commodities and into the greenback as the dollar rises. Crude prices rallied earlier this week after the Fed promised to hold interest rates at record lows in a move that was expected to help the economic recovery. Prices crested on Wednesday, and they've been falling since then as worries about Greece's debts forced the euro lower.—*Internet*

People purchase goods ahead of the Nowruz festival at a bazaar in Teheran, capital of Iran, on 19 March, 2010. Nowruz, the Iranian New Year, falls on 21 March .—XINHUA

FAA faulted on Southwest Airlines

WASHINGTON, 20 March—A government watchdog faulted the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for allowing Southwest Airlines Co to fly jets that had not undergone mandatory maintenance work, violating stipulated safety rules, the *Wall Street Journal* said.

The Office of Special Counsel said on Thursday that the company failed to complete certain required maintenance involving rivets around the window frames of 55 of its Boeing 737 aircraft, the paper said, citing the counsel's documents.

Southwest voluntarily disclosed the information to a senior FAA inspector who was also a supervisor in the local office charged with overseeing the airline, the Journal said.

Internet

Landscapers see green as weary East greets spring

TRENTON, 20 March — Gardeners and landscapers along the Eastern seaboard are making haste — and money — as spring begins and they pick up the pieces from the region's particularly harsh winter, which toppled more than snowfall records.

Marian Anderson, a 73-year-old resident of Manchester, NJ, is having problems trying to find a crew with enough time to remove two old oak trees that fell in her yard during a nor'easter last weekend.

"They tell me they're swamped and will get out as soon as they can, but who knows when that will be," she said. "I really hated this winter; I truly did. It caused nothing but trouble."

Seeing their snowiest winters on record were cities including Baltimore, Philadelphia, Wilmington, Del, Washington and Atlantic City, NJ Heavy rains in recent weeks caused major flooding across the mid-Atlantic region. Hurricane-strength winds joined forces with heavy rains last month to make yards messy in New England.

"It has been a remarkable winter. One of the stormiest, if not the stormiest on record. It has impacted everyone," New Jersey state climatologist David Robinson said Friday, the day before the official start of spring. "People will be talking about this 20 years from now."—*Internet*

In this 15 March, 2010 file photo, pedestrians look on as a car sits crushed by a fallen tree in the aftermath of a storm in Larchmont, NY. The winter of 2009-10 left cities up and down the East Coast with several snowfall records, and yards trashed by the cold, snow, rain and wind wreaked by a series of strong storms.—INTERNET

Ethiopia admits jamming VOA radio broadcasts in Amharic

ADDIS ABABA, 20 March—Ethiopia has admitted it is jamming the Voice of America's (VOA) broadcasts in Amharic, accusing the radio station of engaging in "destabilising propaganda". Prime Minister Meles Zenawi said Ethiopia had been testing jamming equipment, although there had been no formal decision to bloc the US station.

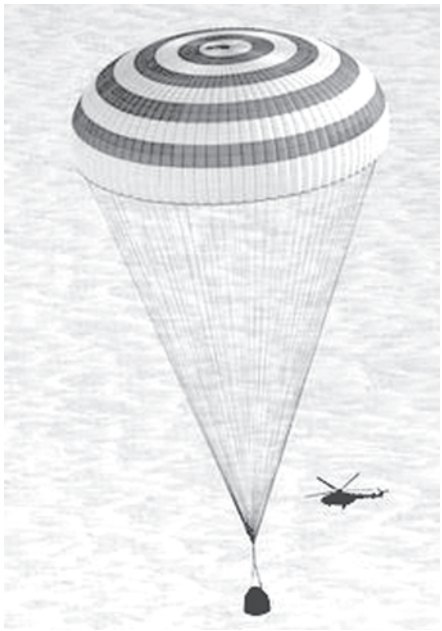
The Amharic Service has experienced interference since late February. Mr Meles also compared the VOA's transmissions to broadcasts in Rwanda in the mid-1990s that incited genocide.—*Internet*

US environment satellite reaches orbit

WASHINGTON, 20 March— Twelve days after launch, NASA and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's *Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite-P (GOES-P)* reached its proper orbit and was renamed *GOES-15*, the US National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) said Friday in a statement.

The latest weather satellite will complete its checkout in mid August and be stored in-orbit, ready for activation should one of the operational GOES satellites degrade or exhaust their fuel.

"The NASA team has done an excellent job and the spacecraft performance has been near perfect. Reaching the proper orbit marks a significant milestone, but we still have a lot of work to complete," stated Andre Dress, the NASA GOES Deputy Project Manager. "We remain focused on the tasks at hand and look forward to complete mission success."—*Xinhua*



The Russian Soyuz TMA-16 space capsule carrying NASA astronaut Jeff Williams and Russian Maxim Surayev touches down not far from the Kazakh town of Arkalyk, on 18 March, 2010. Astronauts from the United States and Russia landed safely in northern Kazakhstan's chilly steppes on Thursday after spending almost six months on the International Space Station.—INTERNET

China seizes 27.7 tonnes of drugs in 2009

BEIJING, 20 March — Chinese police seized 27.7 tonnes of drugs ranging from heroin to ketamine in 2009 as the country stepped up its fight against drug dealers, the National Narcotics Control Commission (NNCC) said Friday.

Chinese police confiscated 5.8 tonnes of heroin, 1.3 tonnes of opium, 6.6 tonnes of crystal methamphetamine, commonly known as "ice", 5.3 tonnes of ketamine, 8.7 tonnes of marijuana and 1.06 million ecstacy pills last year, according to the annual report on drug control released by NNCC.

Chinese police cracked down on 77,000 cases of drug-related crimes and detained 91,000 criminal suspects last year, it said.—*Xinhua*

Cyclone headed for NE Australia

TOWNSVILLE, 20 March—Northeast Australia prepared on Saturday for a tropical cyclone headed toward the coast of Queensland.

Mark Hentschel, a spokesman for the Weather Bureau, said Cyclone Ului was expected to make landfall near Townsville early Sunday morning, the Australian Broadcasting Corp reported. High winds were expected to hit the coast between Townsville and Yeppoon by late Saturday.

Ferry services to offshore islands were already being canceled Saturday, and harbors were crowded with yachts as their owners sought shelter from the coming storm.—*Internet*

At least 200 people killed in cave-in in Sierra Leone

FREETOWN, 20 March— At least 200 people were killed on Friday in a cave-in which took place in a mine in the western African country of Sierra Leone, media reported.

The site was in a gold mine in the south of the country, less than 300 km from the capital of Freetown. The report said a trench collapsed in the mine, leading to the accident. No further details was available so far. Bordering the Atlantic Ocean, Sierra Leone was between Guinea and Liberia in western Africa.

The country covers an area of about 72,000 square km. Its natural resources included gold, diamonds, bauxite and iron ore.

Xinhua

A diamond mine outside Freetown. Up to 200 wildcat miners were feared missing on Friday amid reports of a gold mine collapse in southern Sierra Leone, which were denied by the country's mining ministry.—INTERNET

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV KOTA RAJA VOY NO (213)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA RAJA VOY NO (213) are here by notified that the vessel will be arriving on 21.3.2010 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 Claims Day.

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5.7 magnitude earthquake hits New Zealand's Southland

WELLINGTON, 20 March—An earthquake measuring 5.7 on the Richter scale struck New Zealand's Southland on Thursday night, the GNS Science said.

The quake occurred at 7:28 pm New Zealand Local Time (0628 GMT Thursday) at a depth of 33 km, the New Zealand Institute of Geological and Nuclear Sciences reported.

The quake's epicentre was about 360 km southwest of the South Island city of Invercargill. There were no reports of any damage or injuries. GNS said it was felt in the southern town of Riverston.

Xinhua

Moderate quake jolts eastern Indonesia

JAKARTA, 20 March—An earthquake measuring 5.3 on the Richter scale struck eastern parts of Indonesia on Thursday, the Meteorology and Geophysics Agency reported here.

The quake took place at 3:36 pm Jakarta Time (0836 GMT) with the epicentre at 29 km southwest of Central Sulawesi and with a depth of 30 km, the agency said.

Indonesia sits on a vulnerable quake-hit zone so called "the Pacific Ring of Fire." —*Xinhua*

Teen gets over 12 years for Sydney murder

SYDNEY, 20 March — A teenager will spend more than 12 years in jail over three brutal Sydney street attacks, including the stomping murder of a chef. Now aged 18, he claims he remembers little or nothing of the attacks because he was high on drugs and alcohol. He cannot be named because he was a juvenile at the time of the offences.

The trio of bashings took place over 13 and 14 June, 2008, and included the violent robbery of actress Virginia Gay. Best known for her role in television drama All Saints, Gay suffered head injuries after being attacked by the teen as she walked along Illawarra Road at Marrickville. After being punched repeatedly and kicked in the face while on the ground, Gay flagged down a passing bus which prompted her attacker to flee.

However, the violence did not stop there, as the teen and a juvenile co-accused launched an attack nearby on chef Daniel Owen, 31, in the driveway of the victim's home. Mr Owen was found dead, lying face down in a pool of blood just after midnight on 14 June.

Internet

Four-day-old Elephant calf Bimas walks in an enclosure during his first day in public in the Tierpark zoo in Berlin on 19 March 2010.

INTERNET

Polish court jails three men for Auschwitz sign theft

STOCKHOLM, 20 March—A Polish court has convicted three men for stealing the infamous "Arbeit Macht Frei" sign from the former Auschwitz death camp last December. The trio, two of whom are brothers, were given jail sentences ranging from 18 months to two-and-a-half years. The court in Krakow said the men had admitted the theft, and so the case did not have to go to trial.

Two other Poles remain in custody over the theft of the 5m (16ft) wrought-iron sign, which was quickly recovered. It had been half-unscrewed, half-torn from above the memorial site's gate and cut into three pieces to ease the thieves' getaway. The three convicted on Thursday were named as Radoslaw M, Lukasz M and Pawel S.

The authorities in Stockholm said last week that a Swedish former neo-Nazi, who allegedly instigated the theft, will be extradited to Poland to face trial. The sign - which translates as "Work sets you free" — symbolises for many the atrocities of Nazi Germany.—*Internet*

People enjoy cherry blossom at a park in Wuhan, capital city of central China's Hubei Province, on 18 March, 2010.—XINHUA

Primark-obsessed Brits dress worse than Germans

LONDON ,20 March — Brits obsessed with cheap stores such as Primark have been voted the worst dressed in Europe. *The Sun* reported consumers in seven countries voted Brits bottom—beaten even by the Germans. A whopping 44 per cent said the Brits were worst dressed behind the likes of the Swedes and Dutch in the survey by shopping website Ciao.

And the poor polling has been blamed on Brits' fixation with budget clothing from stores including Primark, fondly nicknamed Primani. The survey found 85 per cent of British shoppers spend less than £100 ($165) a month on their wardrobes, the worst result of all seven nations. According to the poll, 33 per cent thought Germans — famed for their mullet hairstyles — were least fashionable.

The Italians were voted the most stylish with only three per cent calling them badly dressed.

In Germany, 58 per cent of people were said to spend up to £200 a month on clothes, and in Spain six per cent spend more than £500 a month. Other stats showed 29 per cent of Brits considered their sunglasses were their most important style accessory compared with only three per cent who agreed in France and Italy.

Internet

Kraft to cut salt in its North American foods

PORTLAND, 20 March —Kraft Foods Inc. said on Wednesday that it will cut the salt in its products that are sold in North America by an average of 10 percent over the next two years to appeal to health-conscious consumers.

The changes at Kraft, the largest US food maker, will affect more than 1,000 products and eliminate more than 10 million pounds of salt over the two-year period, the company said.

Kraft and other food makers have cut their use of sodium in recent years. Among other cuts, the company said this latest move will cut the salt in Oscar Mayer Bologna by 17 percent, Easy Mac Cups by 20 percent and Velveeta by 10 percent.—*Xinhua*

Boeing supports safety checks on 737s

SAN FRANCISCO, 20 March — Boeing said on Wednesday it supports the FAA's rule which requires 737 operators to inspect the elevator tab control mechanism in response to China's safety checks on more than 400 aircraft made by the US giant.

As the elevator tab on a 737 airplane was found loose while running earlier this month, Boeing sent an alert bulletin to all operators on 10 March, recommending a safety check on the mechanism, a spokesman of the Boeing Commercial Airplanes told *Xinhua* in a written statement on Wednesday.

"Airworthiness Directive essentially mandates recommendations in a Boeing all-operator message.—*Xinhua*

Anatomist Gunther von Hagens looks at a plastinated giraffe during an exhibition at Neunkirchen Zoo in Neunkirchen near Saarbruecken 19 March 2010.—INTERNET

Not sure if drug-resistant TB is worsening

LONDON, 20 March— The World Health Organization says it doesn't have enough information to know if it is winning the fight against drug-resistant tuberculosis.

In a new report on the global status of drug-resistant TB based on data from 2008, the agency says almost half of all people with the disease are in China and India, with both countries reporting about 100,000 new cases each.

High rates of drug-resistant TB strains were also seen in eastern Europe and central Asia, with up to 60 percent of people who already had TB in some parts of Tajikistan and Uzbekistan developing drug-resistant versions. About 4 percent of all TB cases worldwide are thought to be non-responsive to the usual TB drugs. The agency estimated there were between 390,000 and 510,000 cases of drug-resistant TB in 2008, including about 150,000 people who were killed by the disease. But those numbers are based on modeling and come with a big margin of error.

The report is based on information from 35 countries worldwide, leaving a huge gap in the global TB picture. "The country data reported to WHO make it impossible at this time to conclude whether the (drug-resistant TB) epidemic worldwide is growing or shrinking," the agency wrote in its report.—*Internet*

Philippine airport police arrests US national for attempting to break plane window

MANILA, 20 March— Philippine airport policemen arrested a US national Friday for attempting the break the glass window of a Philippine Air Lines aircraft bound for Cebu.

Superintendent Joey Salido, chief of the 7th Police Centre for Aviation Security named the suspect as 80-year-old Rex Maybert Hampton, of Oregon, Portland. Salido said they are preparing a charge of malicious mischief resulting to damage to property and violation of the Civil Air Regulation for endangering the life of the other passengers.

Salido said Hampton used the cane to hit the glass window of the Philippine Air Lines aircraft while on flight. He said the three-layer window glass sustained cracks on the first layer. He added that the American's Filipina wife, Jovelyn, and the flight attendants were able to pacify Hampton. Hampton was taken into police custody shortly after the aircraft touched down about 6:30 am.

Xinhua

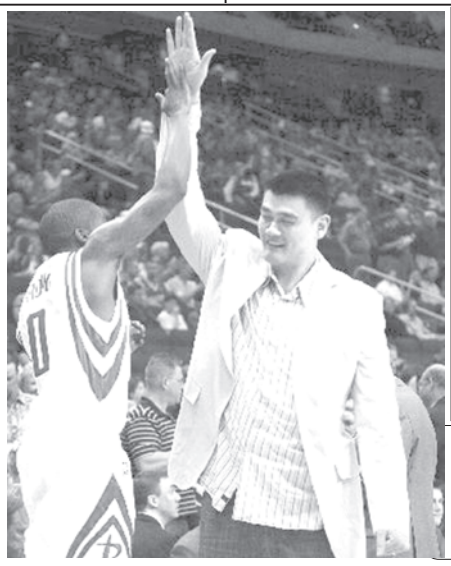
West Nile virus back in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, 20 March — Two dead birds have tested positive recently for West Nile virus in Los Angeles, indicating that the virus is back in the area, authorities said on Thursday.

"These two West Nile virus positive dead birds are evidence that West Nile virus continues to persist in Los Angeles," said Susanne Kluh of the Vector Control District, which tracks the movements of pests.

The cases are the first two documented in Los Angeles County this year, according to health officials.

Xinhua



Yao Ming (R) of Houston Rockets claps with his teammate before the NBA game between Houston Rockets and Boston Celtics in Houston, south United States of America, on 19 March, 2010.—XINHUA

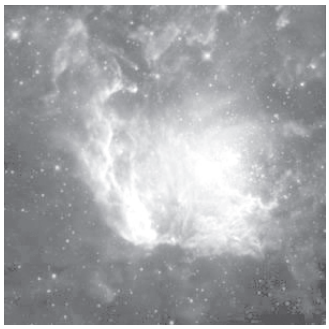
Hypnotherapy 'can help' irritable bowel syndrome

LONDON, 20 March — Greater use of hypnotherapy to ease the symptoms of irritable bowel syndrome would help sufferers and might save money, says a gastroenterologist. Dr Roland Valori, editor of Frontline Gastroenterology, said of the first 100 of his patients treated, symptoms improved significantly for nine in 10.

He said that although previous research has shown hypnotherapy is effective for IBS sufferers, it is not widely used. This may be because doctors simply do not believe it works. Irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) is a common gut problem which can cause abdominal pain, bloating, and sometimes diarrhoea or constipation.

Dr Valori, of Gloucestershire Royal Hospital, said the research evidence which shows that hypnotherapy could help sufferers of IBS was first published in the 1980s. He thinks it has been widely ignored because many doctors find it hard to believe that it does work, or to comprehend how it could work.

He began referring IBS patients for hypnotherapy in the early 1990s and has found it to be highly effective. "To be frank, I have never looked back," he said. He audited the first 100 cases he referred for hypnotherapy and found that the symptoms stopped completely in four in ten cases with typical IBS.—*Internet*



A new infrared image from NASA's Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer, or WISE, shows a cosmic rosebud blossoming with new stars.
INTERNET

Study finds H1N1 flu in pregnancy is critical risk

LONDON, 20 March — Pregnant women in Australia and New Zealand who had pandemic H1N1 flu were 13 times more likely to become critically ill and be admitted to hospital, researchers said on Friday.

The study, published in the *British Medical Journal (BMJ)*, analyzed data from the middle of the southern hemisphere's 2009 winter and found that 11 percent of mothers and 12 percent of babies died after admission to intensive care with swine flu.

The findings confirm earlier research that pregnant women are at higher risk of serious complications if they get the flu. The World Health Organization (WHO) declared last June that the new H1N1 virus was causing the first influenza pandemic in more than 40 years after it spread around the world from Mexico and the United States in just six weeks.

The H1N1 pandemic sparked a race to develop new vaccines by drugmakers including GlaxoSmithKline and Sanofi-Aventis.

But the vaccines were not ready until later in the year, and then many people failed to have the shots because of safety concerns and because the pandemic was milder then feared.

Internet

More US children suffer from extreme obesity

LOS ANGELES, 20 March — More and more American children are suffering from extreme obesity, posing danger to their future lives, according to a new study released on Thursday.

"Children who are extremely obese may continue to be extremely obese as adults, and all the health problems associated with obesity are in these children's futures," said Corinna Koebnick, a research scientist at the Los Angeles-based Kaiser Permanente, a medical institution, and lead author of the study.

"Without major lifestyle changes, these kids face a 10 to 20 years shorter life span and will develop health problems in their twenties that we typically see in 40 to 60 year olds," Koebnick said.

Internet

SPORTS

Arsenal draw favourites Barcelona in Champions League

LONDON, 20 March—Arsenal face a Champions League quarter-final with Barcelona in a mouthwatering repeat of the 2006 final. And Manchester United's pairing with Bayern Munich will evoke memories of the Red Devils' triumph in 1999. Should they progress, United will face either Lyon or Bordeaux while Arsenal would take on the winners of Inter Milan and CSKA Moscow's tie.

The quarter-final first legs will be played on 30 and 31 March with the return fixtures on 6 and 7 April.The draw pits Barcelona striker Thierry Henry against his former club for the first time since he made a £16m switch to the Catalan side in June 2007.

Internet

Chelsea boss Ancelotti sets his sights on the double

***Ancelotti won the Champions League twice as AC Milan manager.—*INTERNET**

LONDON, 20 March—Carlo Ancelotti has set his sights on a Premier League and FA Cup double as Chelsea look to put their Champions League misery behind them. Chelsea are two points off the pace at the top of the league and are through to the final four in the FA Cup. And Chelsea's defiant manager says his players have it in their power to win both competitions. "Our destiny is in our own hands," said the Italian. "If we win every game, we can do the double. That's our aim." The midweek Champions League exit to Inter Milan had prompted speculation that changes will be made to Chelsea's ageing squad in the summer.

Internet

Jermain Defoe suffers hamstring tear

Jermain Defoe

LONDON, 20 March—Tottenham striker Jermain Defoe will be out for a "few weeks" after suffering a tear to his hamstring, according to manager Harry Redknapp. The news will be a blow for Champions League-chasing Spurs and England boss Fabio Capello, with the Italian naming his World Cup squad on 16 May.

And Redknapp confirmed: "It's a grade-two tear but it will be a few weeks. He is struggling." Defoe, 27, has netted 23 goals for Spurs in all competitions this season. And he joins an already lengthy injury list at White Hart Lane with Tom Huddlestone, David Bentley, Aaron Lennon, Ledley King and Jonathan Woodgate all on the sidelines.—*Internet*

Nadal books semifinal with Ljubicic

INDIAN WELLS, 20 March—World number three Rafael Nadal booked his place in the semifinal at the Masters 1000 tournament at Indian Wells but he was made to work hard by Czech Tomas Berdych. Nadal won 6-4 7-6 in two hours, 11 minutes to set up a final four clash with Ivan Ljubicic, who beat Argentina's Juan Monaco in Thursday's first match. Nadal had lost three of his previous five hard court encounters with Berdych, but started well by breaking his opponent in the opening game.

Berdych hit back to level things up at 4-4 but Nadal broke again to tie up the first set. The pair swapped breaks in the second set before Nadal won the tie break 7-4 to seal his place in the semifinal.—*Internet*

Rafael Nadal

Wozniacki vs Jankovic in final

INDIAN WELLS, 20 March—Caroline Wozniacki and Jelena Jankovic won their semifinal matches on Friday to set up a championship meeting at the BNP Paribas Open. Wozniacki, last year's US Open runner-up and seeded second in this event, defeated Agnieszka Radwanska 6-2, 6-3 to reach the 13th final of her career. She has won six titles and owns a 2-1 edge in meetings with Radwanska.

Jankovic, the No 6 seed, cruised past Samantha Stosur 6-2, 6-4. Jankovic, who once was ranked No 1 in the world, will be appearing in her first final of the year in five tournament appearances. Jankovic has won all three of her meetings with Wozniacki.

Internet

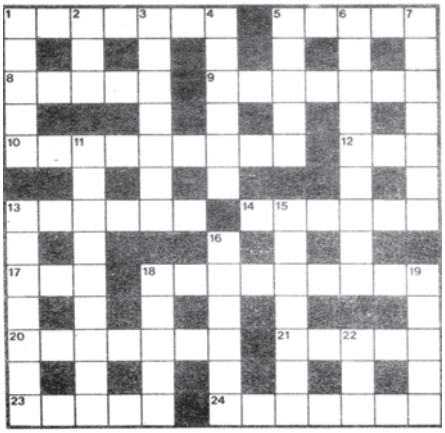
Championship cancelled after surf lifesaver death

SYDNEY, 20 March—Organizers of a national surf lifesaving championships on the Gold Coast have cancelled all water-based events following the death of 19-year-old champion surfer Saxon Bird. The Sydney-based surf lifesaver got into difficulties in rough conditions off Kurrawa Beach on Friday afternoon while competing in the under-19 ironman event at the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships. He was hit by his own ski and falling from his craft 150m from the beach and died in hospital later on Friday.

On Saturday morning, organizers of the event cancelled all water, craft and boat events in all age groups for the remainder of the championships. Sand-based events would continue, they said.

Internet

CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



ACROSS

1 Rounded mass of rock
5 Lure
8 Plaintive poem
9 Snobbish (5-2)
10 Come to an end
12 Piece of sports equipment
13 Bay tree
14 Arbiter
17 Soft wet earth
18 Woodworker
20 Ordinary
21 Complete sum
23 Command
24 Bung or cork

DOWN

1 Cry of a sheep
2 Yorkshire river
3 Light hours
4 Scamp
5 Suspension of hostilities
6 Temporary
7 Deposit (anag.)
11 Puritan soldier
13 Backache
15 Distinguished musician
16 Putting surfaces
18 Seat
19 Monarch
20 Gentle knock

Andy Murray beaten by Robin Soderling in California

INDIAN WELLS, 20 March—Andy Murray has been defeated in the BNP Paribas quarter-finals by Robin Soderling in California. The sixth-seeded Swede, who triumphed 6-1 7-6 (7-4) against number four seed Murray, will now take on Andy Roddick for a place in the final.

Soderling took 94 minutes to secure the win. "He played very well to start with and I didn't," Murray told *Reuters.* "I didn't move particularly well." Murray forced a tie-breaker in the second set but it was the Swede who looked in command for the bulk of the encounter after saving four break points in the first game.—*Internet*

***Murray was overcome by the Swede at Indian Wells.—* INTERNET**

Sir Alex Ferguson calls FA 'dysfunctional'

LONDON, 20 March — Sir Alex Ferguson has called the Football Association "dysfunctional" for its handling of incidents involving Rio Ferdinand and Steven Gerrard. The Manchester United manager was angry after Ferdinand got a four-match ban for a challenge on Hull's Craig Fagan. Meanwhile, Liverpool's Gerrard was not punished for an alleged V-sign or an elbow on Portsmouth's Michael Brown, freeing him to face United on Sunday. "There is no consistency," said Ferguson. "It is a dysfunctional unit."

Liverpool captain Gerrard has been under scrutiny twice this month, firstly for appearing to flash a V-sign at referee Andre Marriner during the 1-0 defeat to Wigan on 8 March. A week later, he seemed to strike Brown with an elbow in the second half of the Reds' 4-1 victory over Portsmouth.Both incidents were seen by the referee during the match, making the FA powerless to apply retrospective punishment."I didn't expect anything to happen to Steven Gerrard," said Ferguson. "It [the FA disciplinary panel] is a dysfunctional unit. I don't know what they are doing."

Internet

***Gerrard is hoping to drive Liverpool to their fourth straight win over United.—* INTERNET**

Conrad Smith of the Hurricanes is tackled by Wynand Olivier (L) and Pierre Spies (2nd R) of the Bulls during their Super 14 rugby union match at Loftus Versfeldt in Pretoria, on 19 March 2010.

INTERNET

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (21-3-2010)(Sunday)

Transmissions	Times
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North America	- (23:30pm~07:30am) MST
Oversea Transmission	- (21-3-10 11:30 am ~ 22-3-10 11:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

* Signature Tune
* The Ancient City of Myanmar (Bagan)
* News
* The Gok Hteik Viaduct
* Hot Springs in Lashio and Nam-Kham
* VCD Center
* News
* Acient Historic Mwaytaw Kakku Pagoda
* Inlay Traditional Cuisine
* Inle Traditional Dance
* Unforgettable Customs of the Chins
* New
* Ayeyawady Dolphin Expedition (Part-III)
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* Shwe InnTha, Eco-friendly Resort
* News
* A Visit to Lwe National
* Culture Stage
* News
* Straw Embossed Painting
* Beautiful Embossed Bark Painting
* A DAY IN ZALUN
* News
* A Glimpse at the Mighty Loggers
* Towards Pondaung Ponnya Taw Region (part-II)
* News
* Music Gallery
* A Day in Yangon "The National Races Village (part-2)"

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Myanmar TV

Sunday, 21 March

View on today

7:00 am
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7:25 am
2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am
3. Morning News

7:40 am
4. အောင်တော်မူ (စောမင်းနောင်၊ စိုင်းညီမင်း၊ တေးရေး-ပိုလ်ကလေး တင့်အောင်)

7:55 am
5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:10 am
6. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ (၃၈)ဖြာမင်္ဂလာ

8:25 am
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8:40 am
8. International News

8:45 am
9. Connect With English (Episode-34) (A Call For Help)

11:00 am
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11:10 am
2. Round Up of The Week International News

11:20 am
3. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဟာသကမ္ဘာ" (အပိုင်း-၈၂)

12:30 pm
4. Golf Magazine (TV)

12:50 pm
5. "စစ်သွေးသစ္စာ" (ညွှန့်ဝင်း၊မင်းဟိန်း၊လူမင်း၊ စိုးမြတ်နန္ဒာ၊အိန္ဒြာကျော်ဇင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်မျိုးမင်း ရင်တွင်းဖြစ်)

2:55 pm
6. တပ်မတော်နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြု တေးသီချင်းပြိုင်ပွဲဆုရ တေးများ

3:45 pm
1. Myanmar National League MNL (2010) ခွဲကပင်ယူနိုက်တတ် FC အသင်း နှင့် ရန်ကုန် ယူနိုက်တတ် FC အသင်း)

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6:00 pm
3. Evening News

6:15 pm
4. Weather Report

6:20 pm
5. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် "BUGS' ADVENTURES" (အပိုင်း-၅)

6:35 pm
6. တစ်မျက်နှာ၊ တစ်ကွက်စာ "မုန့်နှစ်ပွဲ" (ရဲသီဟကို၊ လှိုင်သဇင်ဖြူ၊ ခင်ခင်ကြီး၊ အေးချမ်းမိုး) (ရိုက်တာ-မောင် (MMG))

7:00 pm
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12. "ရုပ်သံကြယ်ပွင့်များ"

WEATHER

Saturday, 20th March, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Shan, Kayin and Mon States, lower Sagaing Mandalay, Bago and Taninthayi Divisons,weather has been partly cloudy in Rakhine State, upper Sagaing, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (3 °C) above March average temperatures in Chin and Mon States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, (6°C) above March average temperautres in Kachin State and about March average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures was Chauk (40 °C).The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Shwegyin (0.40) inch, Kungtung and Sagaing (0.16) inch each and Thaton (0.12) inch.

Maximum temperature on 19-3-2010 was 99 °F. Minimum temperature on 20-3-2010 was 75°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on20-3-2010 was 77%. Total sun shine hours on 19-3-2010 was (1.0) hours approx.

Rainfall on 20-3-2010 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 Southeast at (17:30) hours MST on 19-3-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 21th March 2010: Light rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Shan,Kayin and Mon States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions and 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 continuation of isolated rain or thundershowers in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 21-3-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 21-3-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 21-3-2010: Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop

★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

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

People's Desire

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

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

"Right View" series on MRTV and MWD

NAY PYI TAW, 20 March—Hailing the 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day, Myanma Radio and Television and Myawady Television will broadcast TV series "Alinyaung (Right View)" after 8 pm news programme from 23 to 25 March.

MNA

Earthquake report

NAY PYI TAW, 20 March—A mild earthquake measuring 4.7 on Richter Scale with its epicenter near Wantang village of China-Myanmar border about 40 miles southeast of Mongyan, about 400 miles of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory was recorded at 2 hr 27 min 26 sec MST today, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—*MNA*

Nano-based RFID tags could replace bar codes

SEOUL, 20 March— Long lines at store checkouts could be history if a new technology created in part at Rice University comes to pass.

Rice researchers, in collaboration with a team led by Gyou-jin Cho at Sunchon National University in Korea, have come up with an inexpensive, printable transmitter that can be invisibly embedded in packaging. It would allow a customer to walk a cart full of groceries or other goods past a scanner on the way to the car; the scanner would read all items in the cart at once, total them up and charge the customer's account while adjusting the store's inventory.

The technology reported in the March issue of the journal IEEE Transactions on Electron Devices is based on a carbon-nanotube-infused ink for ink-jet printers first developed in the Rice lab of James Tour, the T.T. and W.F. Chao Chair in Chemistry as well as a professor of mechanical engineering and materials science and of computer science. The ink is used to make thin-film transistors, a key element in radio-frequency identification (RFID) tags that can be printed on paper or plastic.

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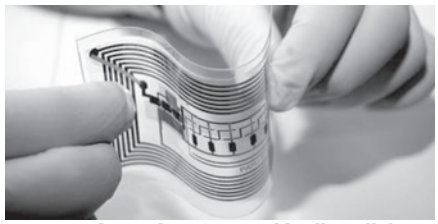

More advanced versions could collect all the information about the contents of a store in an instant, letting a retailer know where every package is at any time.

Bengalese finch. With the help of a little singing bird, physicists gains insight into how the human brain functions.

Songbirds yield insight into speech production

PORTLAND, 20 March — With the help of a little singing bird, Penn State physicists are gaining insight into how the human brain functions, which may lead to a better understanding of complex vocal behavior, human speech production and ultimately, speech disorders and related diseases.

Dezhe Jin, assistant professor of physics, is looking at how songbirds transmit impulses through nerve cells in the brain to produce a complex behavior, such as singing. Songbirds are particularly well suited for studying speech production and syntax—the rules of syllable or word sequence—because there are more similarities between birdsong and human speech than one may initially think.

"We are not only interested in birds," Jin told attendees on 18 March at the American Physical Society's March meeting in Portland, Ore. "We are ultimately interested in studying how the human brain works and better understanding ourselves."

While many animals communicate vocally, songbirds are among the few that learn their communication sounds in a manner similar to humans. Although human and bird brains are different, researchers believe that both the speech and song learning processes involve similar neural mechanisms.

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