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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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



Continue safeguarding the motherland

The entire people have to bear in mind the historical background of independence struggles forever and will have to continue to safeguard the motherland for ensuring perpetuity of the nation and sovereignty.

Senior General Than Shwe
Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council
Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services

(From message sent on the occasion of 61st Anniversary Independence Day)

Progress of infrastructures across the nation in the time of the State Peace and Development Council

Education and Health Sector



Photo shows Technological University (Monywa) under Ministry of Science and Technology.

Efforts are to be made for achieving success in building a new industrialized, modern and developed nation through mental and physical might of healthy, fit and qualified human resources

Well-versed human resources are essential for building a highly-industrialized, modern and developed new nation. Thus, the government is constantly giving first priority to development of human resources. To be able to turn out highly-qualified human resources, emphasis is being placed on upgrading education and health sectors. Today, progress of education and health sectors can be witnessed more obviously any other sector.

In nurturing the youth, a main task is to enable all the citizens to pursue

basic and higher education step by step. Likewise, health and fitness of all citizens is a high priority. As the objective saying "Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation" has adopted and is being implemented in all aspects, remarkable progress of education infrastructures has been made with a growing number of basic education schools, universities, colleges, and other universities and colleges regarding science and technology. At the same time, all parts of the Union have been provided with health infrastructures such as hospitals at station, township, district, State/Region levels and health educational institutions including universities of medicine.

As a result of upgrading education and health sectors, all the school-going children can enjoy the fruits of learning basic education, and

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Say no to tobacco

The bad habit of smoking is rampant all over the world today. Tobacco and related products cause many diseases.

Cigarette smoke contains chemical agents that cause cancer. So, cigarette smokers are subject to lung cancer, liver cancer, oral cavity cancer, cardiovascular diseases, arteriosclerosis and hypertension.

Smoking is also harmful to passive smokers. Research shows that on average, more than 600,000 people around the world die yearly due to second smoking, which is a warning for children of smoker parents and those who work or stay with smoker partners.

In Myanmar, cigarette and cheroot are popular in urban areas; and cheroot, cigar and pipe are common in rural areas.

Smoker or passive-smoker pregnant women may suffer abortion and give birth to underweight babies and mentally impaired babies. And children of smoker parents may have asthma, swollen tracheas and lung cancer.

Using any forms of tobacco-based products is detrimental to the health of smokers and passive smokers. The people will be free from tobacco-caused diseases if everyone says no to tobacco, and laws for control of tobacco products are reinforced effectively.

UMFCCI officials meet Egyptian delegation

YANGON, 2 Jan—Vice-Presidents of UMFCCI U Zaw Min Win and U Aung Lwin, General Secretary Dr Maung Maung Lay met Chief Executive Officer Mr Eng Ezz Arif and Project Manager Dr Sayed Meshref of National Company for Meat Trade of Egypt at the hall of the federation on 29 December.

At the meeting, they focused on promotion of bilateral trade and opportunity for investment in agricultural sector.—MNA



People's Desire

- * Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- * Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- * Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- * Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

Outstanding students in Kachin State honoured

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Jan — Kachin State Peace and Development Council honoured outstanding schools and students in Kachin State on 24 December.

Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of the Northern Command Brig-Gen Zeyar Aung and officials concerned presented the best award

for passing rate and the best award to a school and a township and awards to six distinction winners.

The ceremony to honour outstanding schools and students were also attended by senior military officers, departmental officials, members of social organizations, teachers and students.

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Mayor attends opening of road and tube well in Kyauktada Tsp

YANGON, 2 Jan—Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor U Aung Thein Lin attended the opening ceremonies of Seikkantha concrete road (Upper Block) and tube well held at No. 7 Ward, Kyauktada Township today. Two facilities were built by YCDC as a gesture of honouring the 63rd Anniversary Independence Day. At the ceremony, the mayor, joint secretary U Kyaw Soe of YCDC and Chairman of Road Maintenance Committee U Maung Maung unveiled the facilities.

After that, the mayor and the joint secretary sprinkled the scented water on the stone plaque of the road. The mayor launched the well and strolled along the road.

Afterwards, the mayor opened a two-storey steel structure Dhammayon on Seikkantha Street (Upper) in Kyauktada Township and inspected it.

Next, the mayor enjoyed the football matches at gymnasium in Hline University Campus and football grounds in No.14/1-2 wards in South Okkalapa Township.—MNA

Sports meets hail 63rd Anniversary Independence Day

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Jan—Hailing the 63rd Anniversary Independence Day, the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs is organizing the men's Futsal tournament, the women's Htaksitoe contest and men's Sepak Takraw contest with the participation of staff and

families, here, on 29 December.

The final matches will be held on 4 January, the 63rd Anniversary Independence Day. Moreover, the lucky draw programme will be held for staff and family members.

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Photo shows sports activities of staff and family members of Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs.

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Yangon Media Group marks 6th birthday

YANGON, 2 Jan—Sixth anniversary of Yangon Media Group was held at Chatrium Hotel here yesterday. Chief Executive Officer of

Chief Executive Officer U Ko Ko (Ko Ko Sethmu Tekkatho) of Yangon Media Group presents prize to outstanding staff.

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YMG U Ko Ko (Ko Ko Sethmu Tekkatho) extended greeting at the ceremony. After that, deputy director general U Tint Swe of the Information and Public Relations Department under the Ministry of Information and General Secretary Dr Maung Maung Lay of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry spoke words of honour.

The guests and officials presented cash awards and outstanding awards to the staff of YMG. The YMG brings out Flower News, Yangon Times and 8 Days a Week Journals.

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Suicide and roadside bombings challenges for NATO in Afghanistan

KABUL, 2 Jan—The blatant use of simple but lethal homemade Taliban weapon — the Improvised Explosive Device (IED) used in making suicide vests and roadside bombs — has proved challenging for NATO as the military alliance has failed to contain it in the militancy-plagued Afghanistan.

Taliban activities mostly in the shape of suicide and roadside bombings had left 711

service members of the well-equipped military alliance dead in 2010 with 498 of them Americans, according to iCasualties, a website tracking NATO fatalities in war on terror, making the year the bloodiest one since the war in Afghanistan overthrowing Taliban regime in late 2001.

The militants in their latest waves of targeting NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in Afghanistan

eliminated two service members, one of them in IED strike on Friday, the last day of 2010, ISAF confirmed in statements.

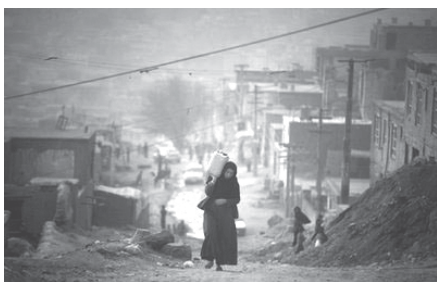
Militants loyal to the ousted Taliban regime since their regrouping in 2006 and staging a violent comeback have been striking the Afghan and NATO-led troops, overwhelmingly in the shape of deadly suicide attacks and roadside bombings.

Xinhua



An Afghan internally displaced woman peeps from the door of her muddy house as other children gather at a refugee camp in Kabul, Afghanistan, on 30 Dec, 2010.

INTERNET



An Afghan woman carries water in a plastic container as she ascends a slope on the way towards her house in Kabul, Afghanistan, on 27 Dec, 2010.—INTERNET

Denmark to withdraw combat troops from Afghanistan by 2014

COPENHAGEN, 2 Jan—Denmark is to immediately begin a gradual withdrawal of its combat troops from Afghanistan, and instead the Danish contribution will be focused on training and support of the Afghan army, announced Danish Prime Minister Lars Løkke Rasmussen during his traditional new year's speech Saturday.

"The gradual transition from combat to training and support will continue until 2014. In the same period we will decrease the number of deployed combat troops. After 2014, the Danish contingent will be without combat troops," said Rasmussen. Last year, he said Denmark would have withdrawn all troops from Afghanistan before 2015.

He also stated Saturday that the Danish government is fully aware that the changes will not be less risky for Danes in Afghanistan.

Xinhua

Pakistan, India swap nuclear sites lists

ISLAMABAD, 2 Jan—Pakistan and India exchanged lists of nuclear installations and facilities on Saturday in spite of a tension over the 2008 Mumbai attacks that has disrupted the dialogue process between the two countries, the Foreign Ministry said.

The two countries exchange the lists of nuclear sites on the first day of the new year under an agreement signed in 1988 and came into force in January 1991.

"The government of Pakistan and India today exchanged lists of their respective nuclear installations and facilities in accordance with Article-II of the Agreement on Prohibition of Attacks against Nuclear Installations and Facilities between Pakistan and India of 31 Dec, 1988," a Foreign Ministry statement said.

The statement said the Ministry of Foreign Affairs handed over the list of

Pakistan's nuclear installations and facilities to an officer of the Indian High Commission in Islamabad at the Foreign Office on Saturday morning.

The Indian side also handed over their list to an officer of the Pakistan High Commission at the Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi, it said.

After the agreement was signed the first exchange took place 1 Jan, 1992.

Sources said it is the 20th consecutive list exchange between the two countries.

Pakistan and India conducted tit-for-tat nuclear tests in 1998. India conducted its first nuclear test in 1974, followed by five more in 1998. Pakistan conducted its six nuclear tests in 1998. Neither India nor Pakistan is a signatory to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT).

Xinhua

A policeman looks at a damaged police vehicle following a car bomb in Ramadi on 27 December. The number of civilian deaths this year from violence in Iraq is set to be the lowest since the 2003 US-led invasion, according to a preliminary report.

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Four killed in 4th US drone strike in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 2 Jan—

At least four people were killed in the fourth US drone strike launched Saturday in Pakistan's northwest tribal area of North Waziristan, reported local Urdu TV channel ARY.

According to the report, the fourth strike came at the evening time when a US drone fired two missiles at a vehicle suspected of carrying militants in the Datta Khel area of North Waziristan, a place which borders Afghanistan and is believed to be a stronghold of militants.

The latest strike is the fourth of its kind since Saturday morning and a total of 19 people were reportedly killed in the four strikes.

Xinhua

Two police officers, one soldier killed in Iraq's violence

BAGHDAD, 2 Jan—Two police officers and one Iraqi soldier were killed in separate attacks in Iraq, police said Saturday.

Gunmen shot dead Lieutenant Colonel Ihsan Fadhel, head of the communication department of Baghdad police command, while he was driving on a highway in eastern Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

In a separate incident, gunmen shot down another police officer in Baladiyahat neighbourhood in southeastern the capital, the source said.

In eastern Iraq, a local official and his wife were wounded when an explosive charge planted inside their house detonated in the morning in western Baquba, the capital city of Diyala Province, some 65 km northeast of Baghdad, a provincial police source said.—Xinhua



Paramilitary soldiers stand guard as plumes of smoke rise from a burning fuel tanker after it was attacked in Chaman, in Pakistan's Balochistan Province, along the Afghan border 31 December, 2010.—INTERNET



Science



US researchers discover how microbes cooperate

LOS ANGELES, 2 Jan—US researchers have discovered that “interspecies electron transfer” entails one microorganism forming a direct electrical connection to another.

Scientists have known since the 1960s that microorganisms can indirectly exchange electrons through a process called hydrogen transfer, in which one microbe produces hydrogen and then another microbe consumes it.

But the new discovery goes a step further — rather than a baton pass of sorts, it is two species directly plugging into each other.

The study findings were published

by the *Los Angeles Times* on Saturday.

Researchers at the University of Massachusetts focused on *Geobacter* microbes, because of their role in environmental restoration. For example, the organisms can destroy petroleum contaminants and remove radioactive metal from polluted groundwater.

“We know that the microorganisms living in soil and water are essential for a healthy environment, but we have very little information on how different microbes live together,” said lead researcher Zarath Summers. “We wanted to learn more about how they cooperate.”—*Xinhua*



Air pollution engulfs peak hour traffic on the busy second ring road in Beijing. Last month, the government announced it would slash the number of new registrations for 2011 to ease chronic gridlock and thick pollution in the capital.

INTERNET

Synthetic dyes could increase energy

NEW YORK, 2 Jan—US chemists say newly developed photosensitizing dyes could greatly increase the efficiency of light-driven systems that produce green energy.

Chemists at the University at Buffalo in New York who’ve synthesized a new class of the dyes say the advancement could form the basis

of cost-effective technologies to power everything from household appliances to hydrogen vehicles, a university release said Friday.

The researchers say the synthetic dyes, when used in solar cells and hydrogen fuel cells, absorb light more intensely and transfer their electrons more efficiently than conventional dyes.

The work could lead to the development of better commercial technologies for producing solar electricity and hydrogen on demand, one researcher said.

“Sunlight in 1 hour could power the world for a year but we don’t tap into it for either electricity or for making solar fuels,” UB professor Michael Detty said.

“Plants use sunlight to make their own fuels. Humans don’t. We use oil. So if we want to have energy independence it will come from solar.”

Internet



The ocean in Devonian times. A study of the collapse of Earth’s marine life 378 to 375 million years ago suggests that the planet’s current ecosystems, which are struggling with biodiversity loss, could meet a similar fate.

INTERNET

Fossilized bird brains may yield secret of first flights

DUNDEE, 2 Jan—By reconstructing the brains of extinct birds, researchers could shed light on when birds evolved into creatures of flight.

Overwhelming evidence suggests birds evolved from dinosaurs some 150 million years ago, but one of the missing pieces to the evolutionary puzzle is how such birds took to the air.

Scientists in Scotland are focusing on changes in the size of a part of the rear of the brain. This part of the cerebellum,

known as the flocculus, is responsible for integrating visual and balance signals during flight, allowing birds to judge the position of other objects in midflight.

We believe we can discover how the flocculus has evolved to deal with different flying abilities, giving us new information about when birds first evolved the power of flight,” said project leader Stig Walsh, senior curator of vertebrate palaeobiology at National Museums Scotland.—*Internet*



Technology



Some Hotmail users report missing e-mails

NEW YORK, 2 Jan—Some users of Microsoft Hotmail are starting off the new year scrambling to get back e-mails of old. A chorus of frantic users has posted complaints on Microsoft’s online forum that all of their messages have disappeared.

“Please help me get them back,” wrote one user under the moniker ‘Zacgore’ in a post dated Saturday. “All my kids’ info and pictures are in there!”

Others complain that the majority of the e-mail in their inboxes was sent to their deleted mail folders instead. It is unclear from the posts how widespread the problem is. The free Web-based e-mail service is the world’s most used with about 360 million users globally, according to comScore Inc.

Windows Live support technicians have said in numerous threads that the Hotmail team is aware of the problem and working on a fix.

“At this point it appears to be a limited issue, and Microsoft is working with individual users who are impacted. We apologize for any inconvenience to our customers,” Microsoft spokeswoman Catherine Brooker said in statement Saturday. She declined to disclose what caused the glitch.—*Internet*

Fitness technology goes social

WASHINGTON, 2 Jan—Kinect add-on and a game called *Your Shape: Fitness Evolved*.

An avid gamer who realized the need for a lifestyle change, Thompson entered Ubisoft’s *Your Shape: Fitness Evolved* Bootcamp contest for a chance to be among the first to play the game. Since then the game has become part of a regular commitment to diet and exercise, and Thompson has lost more than 15 pounds. His favorite feature in *Your Shape: Fitness Evolved* is cardio kickboxing, but he can also try one of the many programmes designed by experts from *Men’s Health* and *Women’s Health* magazines. Through Kinect’s motion sensors, which track more than 50,000 points on his body, the game gives him feedback on how he’s moving through the exercises.

Boom! There’s a personal trainer in my living room ready to walk me through a routine,” says Thompson.

The game appeals to Thompson’s competitive personality. The Xbox 360’s multiplayer capabilities give him a support group of friends with whom he can compare scores and calories burned. “It’s extremely motivating,” says Thompson.—*Internet*



People watch at a consumer electronics fair in Las Vegas. Nearly two-thirds of US Internet users have paid to download or access online content such as music, movies or news articles, a survey has shown.—INTERNET

Brazil to join in international astronomy

BRAZILIA, 2 Jan— Brazil says it is to be the newest member of the European Southern Observatory, a leading intergovernmental astronomy organization.

In a ceremony in Brazilia this week, Brazilian Minister of Science and Technology Sergio Machado Rezende and ESO Director General Tim de Zeeuw signed the agreement for the country’s membership in ESO, SPACE.com reported. The ESO is supported by 14 countries, including France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom and operates three observatories in Chile. The organization has a history of fruitful involvement with South American nations ever since Chile was chosen as the best site for its operations in 1963, but Brazil will be the first non-European country to join as a member state.—*Internet*

A sign advertising free Wi-Fi zone is seen at the Sultanahmet area of Istanbul, Turkey, in this on 30 Sept, 2010 file photo. Backpackers are travelling the world with high-tech toys and are often searching as much for free Wi-Fi as for historical sites.

INTERNET



Health

Health Tip: Help ease morning sickness

Nausea and vomiting are common among pregnant women. Although these symptoms often are dubbed morning sickness, they can last all day.

The American Academy of Family Physicians offers these suggestions to help alleviate morning sickness:

- * Prepare several small meals during the day to prevent getting too hungry or too full.
- * Stick to bland and lighter foods, rather than those high in fat, grease, or spices.
- * Don't eat anything with a smell that bothers you or makes you feel nauseous.
- * Choose carbohydrates such as white rice or a plain baked potato.
- * Keep some saltine crackers next to your bed, and munch on a few before you rise from bed each morning.
- * Consider wearing acupressure wrist bands, used by some people to prevent sea sickness.
- * Some women are bothered by iron in their prenatal vitamins. If this includes you, speak to your doctor. —Internet



A new study published this month implies that eating fruits and vegetables doesn't help prevent cancer as much as it's touted.

INTERNET

'Hair of the dog' no hangover cure, say experts

NEW YORK, 2 Jan—During this season of good cheer and abundant holiday parties, hangovers are not uncommon. And while folk remedies abound, the only things that are truly helpful in curing the misery of a hangover the morning after are time and fluid replacement, experts say.

Although the cause of a hangover — drinking too much alcohol — is obvious, the reason behind alcohol's ability to make you feel so rotten the day after isn't as clear.

"Alcohol clearly causes hangovers, but why it causes hangovers isn't very well understood," said Dr Andrew Yacht, director of the division of general medicine and vice chair of medicine for education at Maimonides Medical Center in New York City.

"Part of the suspected cause is dehydration and an electrolyte and hormonal imbalance. Some of the symptoms may be caused by low blood sugar. Or, it may be that the direct toxic effects of alcohol are causing the symptoms," he explained.

Dehydration is probably one of the more important reasons for a hangover, said Dr Brandon Browne, a staff physician in the department of

emergency medicine at Scott & White Healthcare in Round Rock, Tex. "Alcohol is a diuretic, which means that it helps the body get rid of fluids. When you have a severe hangover, you're often severely dehydrated, and the body can't get rid of the byproducts of metabolizing alcohol (metabolites). And those metabolites are irritating." —Internet



In this photo taken 12 Nov, 2010, Lisa Roberts, a public health nurse at the Portsmouth City Health Department, stands in front of a storefront display in Portsmouth, Ohio. —INTERNET

Sleep apnea device eases fatigue in three weeks

CHICAGO, 2 Jan—People with breathing problems that disrupt their sleep were less tired after three weeks of treatment with a breathing device compared to those treated with a placebo, US researchers said on Saturday.

The findings show that regular use of treatment with continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) masks reduces fatigue caused by obstructive sleep apnea, a chronic disorder that affects 12 million Americans.

Sleep apnea raises the risk of high blood pressure, heart attack, stroke, irregular heartbeat and diabetes. It occurs when soft tissue in the back of the throat collapses during sleep, blocking the airway

and causing the brain to rouse the sleeper, who gasps for air — a cycle that can occur as many as 30 times in an hour. CPAP disrupts this cycle by providing a steady stream of air through a mask that keeps the airway open during sleep.

Companies that make CPAP treatments include Graymark Healthcare and ResMed Inc. "These results are important as they highlight that patients who comply with CPAP therapy can find relief from fatigue and experience increases in energy and vigour after a relatively short treatment period," Lianne Tomfohr of San Diego State University and the University of California, San Diego, whose study appears in the journal *Sleep*, said in a statement. —Reuters

Business

Russia in milestone oil pipeline supply to China

MOSCOW, 2 Jan—Russia, the world's top crude exporter, said it had begun scheduled oil shipments to China via an East Siberian link on Saturday as the Kremlin cements ties with its energy-hungry neighbour.

So far, Russia's 50,000-km oil pipeline network has been concentrated in West Siberia and run toward Europe.

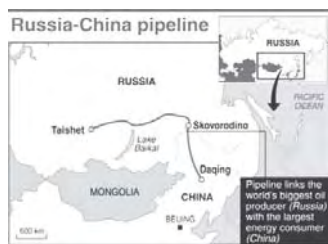
With the commissioning of the Eastern Siberia - Pacific Ocean pipeline (ESPO), Moscow is carving out a large chunk of the world's second-largest energy consumers' market.

"The shipments started at 0030 (4:30 pm EST on Friday). We plan to pump 1.3 million tonnes of oil in January," Igor Dyomin, a spokesman for Russian oil pipeline monopoly Transneft, told Reuters.

According to the final schedule for

crude oil exports and transit, in January-March 2011, Russia will ship 3.68 million tonnes of oil to China via ESPO.

An annual plan envisages the supply of 15 million tonnes (300,000 barrels per day). Many oil market participants expected it would effectively double Russian sales to China, which totaled 12.8 million tonnes (308,000 bpd) in the first 10 months of 2010. —Reuters



Nunavut Iron Ore ups bid for Canada's Baffinland

MONTREAL, 2 Jan—Nunavut Iron Ore has boosted its bid for Baffinland Iron Mines, the latest move in a battle with steel giant ArcelorMittal for the junior company's iron ore deposit in Canada's north.

Nunavut Iron raised its offer by five Canadian cents a share to 1.45 Canadian dollars a share, and valued the company at about 570 million

A map showing the Russia-China oil pipeline. The first oil pipeline between Russia and China, feted as a mark of growing ties between the world's biggest oil producer and its biggest energy consumer, started operation Saturday, state media said. —INTERNET

US jobs data — first Wall Street test in 2011

NEW YORK, 2 Jan—US stocks enter 2011 at two-year highs, facing a crucial reading next week on the health of the US economy: the monthly unemployment and job creation data.

"From all indications available, the year should begin well," said Gregori Volokhine, at Meeschaert Capital Markets.

"There are real signs that monetary

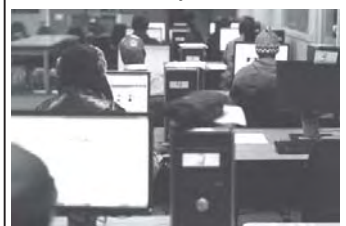
policy and fiscal policy are having an effect on the economy," the analyst said. "There's a wave of optimism which began in the markets several months ago and which now is being reinforced by macroeconomic numbers."

Over the past week, the Dow Jones Industrial Average barely budged, slipping 0.03 percent to close Friday at 11,577.51 points.

The tech-rich NASDAQ dropped 0.48 percent to 2,652.87 points while the Standard & Poor's 500 index, a broad measure of the market, added 0.07 percent at 1,257.64 points.

Internet

People look for employment at a career training centre operated by the New York Department of Labour in Harlem in December 2010 in New York City. —INTERNET





The 50-bed new Township People's Hospital in Zeyathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw District.

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furthermore, they have the opportunity to pursue master's degrees and doctoral courses in the higher education. Likewise, the national health indexes regarding health and fitness and life expectancy are rising step by step. Therefore, all-out efforts are to be made for achieving success in building the highly-industrialized, modern and developed new nation through mental and physical strengths of healthy, fit and highly-qualified human resources.

Special features to hail the 63rd Anniversary Independence Day

Progress of education sector across the nation after 1988



*Photo shows
Hpa-an University in Hpa-an Township, Kayin State.*

Sr.	Subject	1988	2010	Progress
1.	Basic education school	33747	40876	7129
2.	Teachership education			
	- education college	-	20	20
3.	Higher education			
	- university/college/degree college	27	64	37
	- human resources development centre	-	44	44
4.	Science and technology			
	- technological university	1	29	28
	- technological college	-	4	4
	- university of computer studies	1	26	25
	- Myanmar Aerospace Engineering	-	1	1
	- University			
	- University of Technology (Yatanarpon Cyber City)	-	1	1
5.	Myanmar Maritime University	-	1	1
6.	Universities/colleges under other ministries	1	22	21



Orthopaedic Specialist Hospital in Mandalay.



The 200-bed general hospital seen in 3rd-Mile satellite area of Labutta Township.

Progress of university of medicine and training schools from 1988 to date

Sr.	Subject	Unit	1988	2010	Progress
1.	University of Medicine	number	3	4	1
2.	University of Dental Medicine	number	1	2	1
3.	University of Nursing	number	-	2	2
4.	University of Pharmacy	number	-	2	2
5.	University of Medical Technology	number	-	2	2
6.	University of Public Health	number	-	1	1
7.	University of Community Health	number	-	1	1
8.	University of Traditional Medicine	number	-	1	1
9.	Nurses training school	school	6	23	17
10.	Midwifery training school	school	16	20	4
11.	Nurse/midwifery related school	school	3	3	upgraded

Progress of health sector across the nation after 1988

Sr.	Subject	Unit	1988	2010	Progress
1.	Specialist Hospital	number	15	23	8
2.	Teaching and General Hospital	number	4	6	2
3.	1000-bed	number	-	1	1
4.	300-bed	number	1	5	4
5.	200-bed	number	8	31	23
6.	150-bed	number	12	3	upgraded
7.	100-bed	number	28	32	4
8.	50-bed	number	33	61	28
9.	25-bed	number	49	194	145
10.	16-bed	number	162	10	upgraded
11.	Station Hospital	number	305	505	200
12.	Hospital, health care services/unit under other ministries	number	14	27	13
13.	Rural health centre	centre	1337	1508	171
14.	Regional health centre	centre	64	86	22

Magnificent three-storey lecture hall of Government Technological College (Ayethaya).



Construction Minister inspects Patheingyi-Monywa Road

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Jan—Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint on 31 December heard reports on placing of asphalt, and digging of drains from mile posts 179/6 to 363/0 of Patheingyi-Monywa Road presented by Deputy Chief Engineer U Thein Zaw at the camp of the road section (2).

The minister gave instructions on construction of the road meeting set standards and efforts to be made for timely completion of the road.

The minister looked into paving the road from mile posts 209/6 to 219/6 by Road Special Group (15).

He also inspected construction of 1100 feet long Mindon Creek Bridge by Bridge Construction Project Special Group (4), drilling of new bored pile at Hlwarchaung Bridge and construction

of asphalt facility.

Together with Deputy Minister U Myint Thein, the minister met engineer in-charge and responsible persons of companies from road section-1 and section-2 and gave necessary instructions.

The minister inspected progress of building the road section from 136/2 to 146/2 constructed by Road Special Group (2). Next, he met the managing director of Shwe Thanlwin Co and attended to the needs.

Seven District Public Works, four special groups and six companies are building the Patheingyi-Monywa Road Section-1 (Kangale-Thongwa-Yekyi-Ngathainggyaung-Betye-Okshitpin) section with might and main for timely completion of it.—MNA

Equestrian Contest hails 63rd Anniversary Independence Day

YANGON, 2 Jan—The Equestrian Contest in commemoration of the 63rd Anniversary Independence Day 2011, organized by Myanmar Equestrian Federation, was held at National Sports Complex, Pyidaungsu Road,

North Dagon Township, this morning.

In the first day competition, Show Jumping (Team) final match was held, and trials for junior and senior galloping events followed. The contest will continue till 4 January.—MNA

Physics graduates of YASU pay respects to faculty members

YANGON, 2 Jan—Graduates of Physics major from Yangon Arts and Science University for 1974-78 academic year held the second respecting ceremony at Universities' Dhammayon in Kamayut Township this morning.

Old students paid respects to faculty members.

On behalf of the old faculty members, Dr Tin Aung gave words of advice. Daw San San, on behalf of old students, spoke words of thanks.

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Slight earthquake hits Yunnan Province

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Jan—The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology issued an announcement today that a slight earthquake of magnitude 4.9 Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (Yunnan Province) about 200 miles northeast of Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at 6 hrs 4 min 10 sec MST on 2nd January 2011.—MNA

HAILING THE 63RD ANNIVERSARY INDEPENDENCE DAY:

For flower of independence to be in full bloom forever

Kyaw Ye Min

Ward off colonialist tricks with patriotism



It is sovereignty or independence a nation or people takes into granted, but understands well to what extent it is valuable only when sovereignty or independence is lost all of a sudden. It is true. People are by nature flippant about political

freedom. Supposing independence is lost, the people of a nation lose everything; their all hopes are blown away; and they go through the hell of untold miseries.

Many countries used to be colonies due to their negligence or great gap of arm power. In those days, they lost self-determination to colonialists. It does not take long for a nation to lose political control. But to regain independence may take centuries, and cost a countless number of lives. A colonial power never grants independence to their colonies willingly. That is reflected by the history of Myanmar's independence struggles. Myanmar people have first-hand experience of the yoke of colonial rule.

Myanmar fell under subjugation of British colonialists for more than 100 years. In the colonial period, it had to sacrifice massive numbers of lives of its people to regain independence. Only on the 4th of January 1948, was it granted independence. Myanmar's independence struggles formed a very long history and cost heavily. The 63rd Anniversary of Independence Day falls tomorrow.

The 63rd Anniversary Independence Day coincides more blessings than that in previous anniversaries. Multiparty democracy general elections have been held successfully. Before long, respective parliaments will be formed with representatives-elect. Myanmar will soon open a new chapter of the governing body that will take over duties to build a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation.

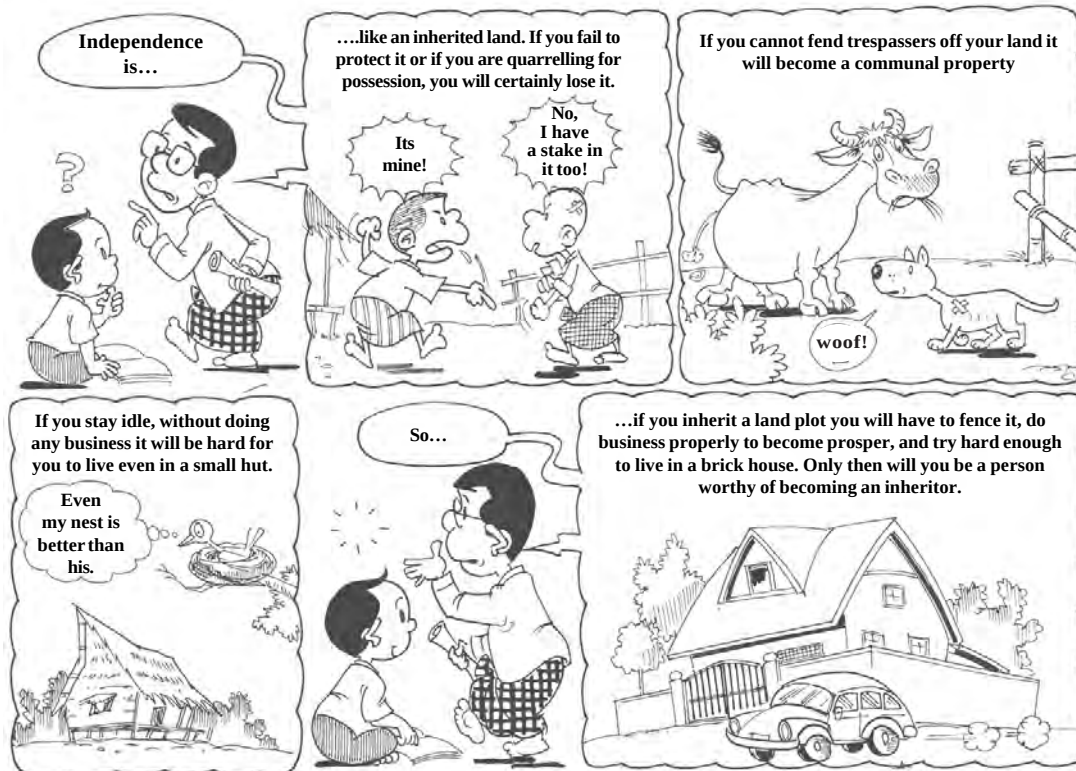
So, the people have to hail Independence Day by implementing its objectives. It is national brethren who risked life and limb to regain independence as well as who have safeguarded it for 63 years. Without any doubt, those who will continue to safeguard Myanmar's independence for its perpetuation cannot be any others, except Myanmar people.

The onus is on the entire people to remain harmonious for perpetuation of the State's independence and sovereignty. And the entire people have to put in the fore non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty.

National brethren are by nature devout and nationalistic and stand on their own feet. They have preserved a fine tradition of regaining independence and sovereignty through consolidated unity. Learning lessons from the incidents faced by the nation in the post-independence period, the people are well convinced that Our Three Main National Causes namely Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of national solidarity, and Perpetuation of sovereignty is a bounden duty on their shoulders. Therefore, the government, the people and the Tatmadaw have been working together, adhering to Our Three Main National Causes to make the nation an emerging democracy with flourishing discipline.

Since its assumption of State duties, the ruling government has given the top priority to national

What is independence?



Ye Min Htet

reconsolidation. Stability, peace and national unity are fundamental requirements for development of a nation. With this object in view, the government has made reforms in a different way from previous governments for national reconsolidation. As a result, so far, 17 major national race armed groups and over 20 small groups have returned to the legal fold.

From 1988 onwards, stability and peace have been restored throughout the nation. The government gave green light for projects for progress of border areas and national races and the 24-special Region Development Project for all-round development of all the regions that have seen stability and peace. Now, the progress of far-flung (See page 9)

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areas is on a par with that of plains in various sectors, as border areas have enjoyed development at the unprecedented level in the economic, social, education, health and transport sectors with a higher social-economic status of the residents.

In the meantime, the government has been trying to fulfill the wishes of the people for their social and economic security or all-round development of the nation. Without improvement of infrastructures, it is out of the question for a nation to enjoy all-round development. So, the government has been constructing infrastructural buildings to shape the future of the nation. It has been working relentlessly to lay sound foundations with the aim of helping the new government to take over tasks for sustainable development of the nation without interruption.

Under the supervision of the Special Projects Implementation Committee led by the Head of State, bridges are being constructed with the rate of a unity a month, and dams, with the rate of 12 units a year. As a tangible result, new dams, agricultural farms, satellite towns, roads, bridges and factories are seen everywhere across the nation. The development in the transport, agricultural, education, health, economic, transport, communication, energy and science and technology sectors is very encouraging. Today, the entire people are in a position to enjoy the taste of such fruitful results.

When it comes to political development, the National Convention has been convened successfully. Thereafter, the new constitution has been approved with the support of the great majority of the people. The goal of democracy has been pursued step by step in line with the State's seven-step Road Map designed for systematic democratization. Recently, 2010 elections have been held successfully, freely and fairly. The people showed their dutifulness by participating in the elections, despite widespread criticisms made by pessimistic elements. Seventy-seven percent of the electorate cast votes in the elections to elect the candidates they favour to help build sound foundations for democratization processes. Now, election results have been issued, and responsible bodies are gearing up for holding parliamentary conferences. Aforesaid points indicate a positive sign for transforming the nation from the military rule into the rule of a democratically-elected civilian government.

The State Constitution will come into force

on the date on which the first conference of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is held. Then, every citizen of Myanmar will be bestowed better democratic rights and human rights in accordance with the new constitution. That fruit is due to the practice of the new constitution. Similarly, the three sovereign powers currently exercised by the Tatmadaw government will be entrusted to legislative bodies, the governing bodies, and judicial bodies. The nation will be able to move towards greater development and a more prosperous future through check and balance system.

The remaining two steps are ongoing to hand over State power to the people. It is safe to say that the people will soon put an end to their long wait for the goal of democracy. In such an opportune time of Independence Day, the people are to be determined to work more closely with Union Spirit and patriotic spirit, in order to add momentum to the drive for stability, community peace, security, the rule of law, national unity, development and democratization. They also have to make sustained efforts in unity for building a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation. In addition, they have to remain vigilant against any forms of threats to the Union and national cohesion.

Nothing can be compared with independence. It is invaluable. Only a people that is self-disciplined, united and strong with high caliber deserves independence. Independence of such a brilliant people can perpetuate. Independence is easy to be lost, but very difficult to be regained. To safeguard independence is more difficult than that.

Objectives of 63rd Anniversary Independence Day

- (a) All the national people to constantly join hands for ensuring the perpetuity of independence and sovereignty of the State
- (b) All the national people to collectively strive for non-disintegration of the Union and non-disintegration of national solidarity
- (c) All the national people to work in concert for building a modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic new nation as the multiparty democracy general elections have been held successfully
- (d) All the national people to make collaborative efforts with the Union Spirit and the patriotic spirit for further strengthening the already achieved stability and peace, security, prevalence of law and order, unity, development and democratization process with momentum
- (e) All the national people to have greater awareness in warding off all destructive acts to disintegrate the Union and the national unity as the perpetuity of the Union plays a crucial role in building the Union of Myanmar

To enjoy independence for thousands of years is more different than to safeguard independence. It is therefore required of the people of us to safeguard independence constantly with the knowledge of the value of independence and the spirit of cherishing independence. Furthermore, we have to remain united with self-discipline. We have to make the nation stronger and more efficient. The flower of independence will be in full bloom forever only if every citizen takes part in safeguarding independence with national awareness.

Translation: MS

POEM:

A roaring victory

- * Independence a roaring victory
With glory in every facet
Celebrates nation the anniversary
Unity all brethren fostered
Matchless they were
Lives they sacrificed
Till Union was reborn
Under sovereign power
Owned by the people
- * Independence a roaring victory
Myanmar the Thaki race
Vigilant and vigorous ever
In own strength they believe
Uplifting own glory
Victory after victory
On country's future path
In harmony and unison
Hands firmly join
Powerful with renewed strength
Till the end of world
- * Independence a roaring victory
Shaping all in unison
A new democratic nation
With seven-step Road Map
They march in unity
Surely to reach goal
Far not from this correct path
All with devotion and loyalty
Harmony they all have
In accord and equality
Reaching the goal they all

Hailing the 63rd Anniversary Independence Day

Zaw Min Min Oo (Trs)

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Woman missing in Australian floodwaters



Woolworths supermarket's trolleys are used to block off a road affected by floodwater in Bundaberg, Queensland on 31 December, 2010.—INTERNET

BRISBANE, 2 Jan—Australian officials were searching on Sunday for a woman swept into a swollen river, with fears growing she may be the first victim of relentless flooding that one official has described as reaching “biblical proportions.” Days of driving rain last week swamped northeastern Australia, with around 200,000 people affected by

floodwaters in an area larger than France and Germany combined. While the rain has stopped, rivers are still surging to new heights and overflowing into low-lying towns as the water makes its way toward the ocean.

On Saturday night, two cars trying to cross a flooded causeway were swept into a river in Burketown, in western Queensland state, police said. A 41-year-old woman travelling in the second car disappeared in the rushing water, and police were searching the river and its banks for her on Sunday.

Officials say half of Queensland's 715,305 square miles (1.8 million square kilometres) has been affected by the flooding. Queensland Premier Anna Bligh warned that drenched communities could be underwater for more than a week, and cleanup efforts were expected to cost billions of dollars.—*Internet*

20 missing after ship sinks off Marshall Islands

MAJURO, 2 Jan—Twenty people are missing after a supply ship sank about 80 miles (130 kilometres) from the Marshall Islands capital Majuro early Saturday, officials said.

The 90-foot *Jeljelet Ae* was eight hours into a 200-mile open ocean journey to outlying Likiep Atoll when the crew radioed “they were in trouble,” said Marshall Islands Shipping Corporation chairman Alson Kelen.

The vessel, carrying heavy equipment and construction materials to workers building a school on the atoll, sank about 4:00am (1600 GMT Friday), he added.—*Internet*



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THE MARSHALL ISLANDS
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INTERNET

New smoking laws take force in Spain

MADRID, 2 Jan—Smokers took a last legal puff and stubbed out their cigarettes in tapas bars and restaurants across Spain on Sunday as one of Europe's strictest anti-tobacco laws came into force.

After a one-day amnesty granted for New Year's Day, the new law banning smoking in all bars, restaurants and public places including even some outdoor areas took effect at the stroke of midnight Saturday.

It was a shock for many Spaniards for whom the cafe culture lighting up with a few friends while enjoying a drink and tapas has been an essential part of daily life.

“It is over already. We have taken away all the ashtrays. When you look at the health question I agree but I also think there should be a minimum zone where you are allowed to smoke,” said Elena de Lucia, a 22-year-old waitress, and



A ‘No Smoking’ sticker is displayed at a fruit juice bar in the centre of Madrid. Smokers in Spain have been savouring the last few hours in which they could legally light up in public places before a tough new law takes effect, with anti-smoking campaigners rejoicing the application of the new law.—INTERNET

smoker, at the Variety Tavern, a pub in central Madrid.

Her fellow weekend bar worker, Cristina Madrid, 22, a non-smoker, welcomed the new law. “Really, I used to end up smoking a lot as a passive smoker and the next day it affects you,” she said.

Spain had an anti-smoking law since January

2006 but the impact was barely noticeable.

It banned smoking in the workplace, on public transport and in shops. But it allowed owners of bars, restaurants and cafes to decide whether to ban smoking or not. Most, faced with a drop in business, naturally chose to permit their customers to light up.—*Internet*

7.0 earthquake hits northern Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, 2 Jan — A magnitude-7.0 earthquake struck a rural area of northern Argentina Saturday morning, but its epicenter was so deep that it gave only a light shake to towns nearby.

The US Geological Survey said Saturday that the quake, initially registered at 6.9, hit at 6:56 am about 150 kilometers (115 miles) northeast of Santiago del Estero at a depth of 563 kilometers (350 miles).

It was not immediately clear if there were any injuries or damage, but the earthquake was hardly felt in Santiago del Estero, the provincial capital, where Emilio Abdala, a receptionist at the 14-storey Hotel Casino Carlos V, told *The Associated Press* that nobody felt a thing.—*Internet*

DC-bound plane loses radio contact, pilot erred

WASHINGTON, 2 Jan—A passenger plane briefly lost radio contact with air traffic controllers when the pilot turned to the wrong frequency as he approached Washington, leading to the scrambling of fighter jets and the evacuation of the US Capitol, federal officials said Saturday.

Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Jim Peters said the agency is reviewing the “pilot readback error.” The loss of radio contact as the plane approached the nation's capital also led officials to evacuate all House and Senate office buildings.

Piedmont Airlines flight 4352 from Hilton Head, SC, was on course for Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport when it lost radio contact with air traffic controllers at a regional radar facility in Virginia for about 15 minutes, FAA officials said. The facility is responsible for handling the plane almost until the landing, when Reagan National takes over.

F-16 fighter jets were scrambled from Andrews Air Force Base, but the airliner was able to re-establish radio contact and it landed at Reagan National, said Stacey Knott, a spokeswoman for the North American Aerospace Defence Command. It was unclear how contact was re-established. The FAA and US Secret Service interviewed the pilot when the plane was on the ground.—*Internet*

Private schools for the poor fill gap in S Africa

JOHANNESBURG, 2 Jan — Dintle Zulu wanted something better for her only child than the worn classrooms, demoralized teachers and defiant students she had faced herself.

So Zulu enrolled Samantha at an elite private school in a wealthy Johannesburg neighbourhood, where she, then a cook, and her husband, a furniture salesman, struggled to pay the tuition. Five years ago, under pressure to pay up or withdraw Samantha, Zulu dropped into a modest school near the cafeteria where she worked. The teacher told her to bring Samantha, now 13, to start the next day, and to worry about paying when she could. She now pays 380 rand (about \$50) a month, while private schools for the rich can easily run to more than \$1,000 a month.

As the public school system collapses in South Africa, a free market replacement is emerging: Private schools for the poor. Such schools are also coming up elsewhere in Africa and in the developing world. In South Africa, they cater to poor Africans left behind in a system that has struggled to close the gap apartheid created between white and black schools.

The picture is not all rosy: Some schools stay in business just long enough to collect parents' money, and there are questions about who ensures the schools are safe and deliver what they promise. The schools also lack the manicured playing fields and high-tech



In this on 28 Oct, 2010 photo, bible study teacher Micheal Mpubane, left, speaks to pupils in a class at the Progressive Primary in Johannesburg.—INTERNET

classrooms of private schools for the rich. But the pressure to stay in business means that they deliver the good grades and strong discipline parents demand.

Only a third of third-graders in South Africa meet the minimum literacy and numeracy standards, according to national test results. Last year, a third of those taking final-year exams failed. “We must acknowledge that there is poor teaching in many of our schools,” education minister Angie Motshekga told reporters when last year's dismal exam results were announced. “Management in our schools is often weak and lacks leadership and commitment. Our systems are also often inefficient.”—*Internet*



A trial train of Chongqing Subway Line No 3 runs on elevated rail in southwest China's Chongqing Municipality, on 28 Dec, 2010. The subway line, with the highest speed of 75km per hour, started its trial run on Tuesday. It will be formally put into operation in June of next year.—XINHUA

Three killed, over 40 injured in Russian plane explosion



Fire fighting vehicles park near a Tupolev-154 passenger plane that caught fire and blew up in Surgut Airport in Western Siberia in this still image taken from video on 1 January, 2011.

XINHUA

MOSCOW, 2 Jan— At least three people were killed and more than 40 others injured when a Russian Tu-154 passenger jet exploded and caught fire at a Siberian airport on Saturday.

One woman died at the scene in the Western Siberian oil town of Surgut, said a Health Ministry spokesperson.

Emergency services spokesman Vadim Grebennikov said the fire, which began in one of the engines as the plane taxied for takeoff, caused a powerful blast that destroyed the aircraft and spread flames across an area of 100 square meters.

Xinhua

Somali pirates seize Mozambican fishing boat

NAIROBI, 2 Jan—Somali pirates seized a Mozambican fishing boat with 14 crew members on board in a sign of intensified attacks in the Indian Ocean in the past week, the East African Seafarers Assistance Programme reported on Saturday.

The Mozambican-flagged Vega 5 was spotted 200 nautical miles southwest of Comoros and near Mozambique.

The piracy was the second reported this week, after the FV Shih Fu No 1 was captured on 25 Dec near the northern coast of Madagascar.

Somali pirates have been active off Tanzania, Comoros and Madagascar since late December, the East African maritime agency warned.

Xinhua



Performers dance during a celebration to mark the 50th anniversary of the founding of Tibetan Opera Troupe in Lhasa, capital of southwest China's Tibet Autonomous Region, on 28 Dec, 2010. With a history of over 600 years, Tibetan Opera, an art form combined with singing and dancing, is dubbed as the "living fossil of Tibetan culture".—XINHUA

Vietnam opens new international airport

HANOI, 2 Jan— Vietnam has opened a new international airport in the southern Mekong Delta, state media said on Sunday.

The 150-million dollar Can Tho International Airport, built on 20,750 square metres (240,000 square feet) of land, will process up to five million passengers a year, Vietnam News Agency reported.



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"The airport provides a big opportunity for Can Tho city in particular and the

southwestern area in general to make fast and sustainable development and helps facilitate air travel in the region," Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung said at the inauguration on Saturday. The airport is expected to be a significant boost to the Mekong delta's economy, as well as improving defence, security and international integration, the agency said.—Internet



Giant tower cranes are seen in port in Weifang, east China's Shandong Province, on 28 Dec, 2010. Weifang port receives its first 10,000-ton-class cargo ship on Tuesday. —XINHUA

Photo taken on 31 Dec, 2010 shows the scenery of the final competition of 2010 Miss Tourism International, in Petaling Jaya of Malaysia.

XINHUA

Four children, one man killed in Seattle suburb fire

REDMOND, 2 Jan—A mother could only watch in agony as her four young children and a man were killed by an intense apartment fire that broke out a few hours into the new year, her neighbours in the apartment complex said Saturday.

Neighbour Jared Wilson said the 30-year-old woman was able to escape the two-bedroom groundfloor apartment and stood outside as heavy smoke and flames engulfed her home. All four children were 10 or younger, fire officials said.

"She couldn't speak — she was just hysterically screaming," said Wilson,

27, who lives on the building's third floor.

A 32-year-old man in the same apartment also died, said police spokesman Officer Matt Peringer. The woman was taken to a hospital where she was reported in stable condition, said Fire Battalion Chief Ed Carolan. The names of the victims and the relationship between the man and woman were not immediately available. No other injuries were reported and the residents of all 12 apartments in the three-storey wooden building were evacuated and found temporary housing.—Internet



Train crashes into barrier in southern Sweden

MALMO, 2 Jan—Rescue officials say the central train station in Malmo, southern Sweden, has been evacuated after a train without passengers crashed into a cement barrier.

Rescue services spokesman Torbjorn Krokstrom says the driver was taken to a hospital with light injuries.

He says the empty train was being brought into the train station when it hit the barrier Saturday.

Krokstrom said the second carriage was pushed up on top of the engine and hit electric wires, prompting the evacuation of the station.

The cause of the accident wasn't immediately clear.

Swedish Transport Administration spokesman Peter Behrman said parts of the station remained closed Saturday afternoon, causing cancellations and delays to trains to and from Malmo.

Internet



Redmond firefighters and investigators inspect the scene of an apartment fire that claimed the lives of five people in Redmond, Wash on 1 Jan, 2011.—INTERNET



A man jogs amid the mist in Toronto, Canada, on 1 Jan, 2011. Temperature reached 12 degrees Celsius in Toronto on 1 Jan, 2011.

XINHUA

Hackers crack open mobile network

LONDON, 2 Jan — Mobile calls and texts made on any GSM network can be eavesdropped upon using four cheap phones and open source software, say security researchers.

Karsten Nohl and Sylvain Munaut demonstrated their eavesdropping toolkit at the Chaos Computer Club Congress (CCC) in Berlin. The work builds on earlier research that has found holes in many parts of the most widely used mobile technology.

The pair spent a year putting together the parts of the eavesdropping toolkit. "Now there's a path from your telephone

number to me finding you and listening to your calls," Mr Nohl told BBC News. "The whole way." He said many of the pieces in the eavesdropping toolkit already existed thanks to work by other security researchers but there was one part the pair had to create themselves. "The one piece that completed the chain was the ability to record data off the air," he said.

Internet



Security researchers have shown how to eavesdrop on any GSM call.— INTERNET

Now only Kodachrome's images endure as original colour film is made obsolete

EDINBURGH, 2 Jan — It captured some of the most iconic images of the 20th century, showing us the world in the brightest hues technology could provide. However, Kodachrome, the first commercially successful colour film, has become history after it was developed for the last time on Friday.

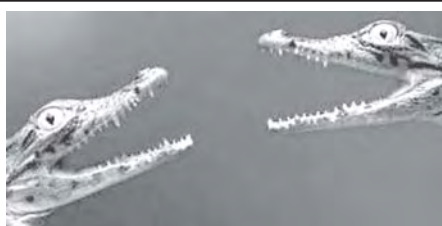
Dwayne's Photo, a family-run business in Kansas, was the last place where the 75-year-old Kodak product could be developed. The die was cast after Kodak announced in June last year that it would stop making the chemicals needed to develop Kodachrome in a round of cost-cutting after the company reported an

£84 million loss. It pledged to supply Dwayne's Photo with the chemicals until the end of 2010.

The shop's machine was shut down for the last time, but only after fans of the film had travelled there from across the world to get

theirs developed. Artist Alicson Carter, 42, travelled from London, while a railway worker from Arkansas spent US\$15,798 (£10,-198) developing 1,580 rolls of film of pictures of trains.

Internet



Two four-month-old crocodiles are held by zookeepers before they are weighed during an animal stocktaking at the Hagenbeck Zoo in Hamburg on 29 Dec, 2010.

INTERNET

Woman charged after giving teenagers rum

NEW YORK, 2 Jan — A woman in New York has been accused of a criminal offence after giving rum to two teenagers who helped her shovel snow.

Silvia Deleon, 41, was charged with two counts of unlawfully dealing with a minor after the pair, aged 17 and 18, were discovered in a "highly intoxicated state" and their parents called the police.

David Chong, the public safety police commissioner in White Plains, New York, said the teenagers were passing and saw Ms Deleon struggling to clear the snow left by the blizzard earlier this week. They offered to shovel her driveway and dig her car out "as a good deed," according to a police report on the incident.—Internet

Playboy Hefner (84) to wed current number one girlfriend (23)

NEW YORK, 2 Jan — Proving it is never too late to find love, Hugh Hefner, the founder of Playboy magazine and the most famous wearer of dressing gowns in America has become

Nintendo issues warning on 3DS games for children

LONDON, 2 Jan — The eyesight of children under six could be harmed by 3D games played on Nintendo's forthcoming handheld console, the company has warned. The games giant posted the health warning on the website devoted to the 3DS handheld. It said specialists had warned of possible damage that could be caused by 3D games which present different images to the right and left eye.

Younger children should only play 2D versions of 3DS games, said Nintendo. The 3DS, the successor to the hugely popular DS handheld, goes on sale in late February in Japan and in Europe and the US in March. The new handheld has two screens like older versions of the console with the top screen being able to show 3D images without the need for special glasses.

Parents should turn off this function if the



Earlier versions of the DS have proved hugely popular with children.— INTERNET

handheld is going to be used by a child under six years of age, said Nintendo. It said the advice it had received from experts also applied to other 3D content that younger children might be exposed to. In issuing the warning, Nintendo joins Sony and Toshiba in alerting people to the ill effects that can attend watching 3D movies or playing 3D games.

Internet

Video captures serial killer's chilling defiance

LONDON, 2 Jan — Closed-circuit television footage that led British police to identify Stephen Griffiths as a serial killer shows the self-proclaimed "Crossbow Cannibal" carrying the weapon in the hallway outside his apartment shortly after he killed one of his victims, then raising his middle finger to the camera.

Griffiths, 40, was arrested on 25 May after his building's caretaker saw the video showing Griffiths assaulting a woman, then alerted authorities, according to the West Yorkshire Police in northern England. *London's Daily Mirror* has posted the video of Griffiths in his apartment building on its website. The video was recorded minutes after he killed Suzanne Blamires, one of three prostitutes Griffiths confessed to killing, police said.—Internet

Rare monk seal colony found in the Mediterranean

ATHENS, 2 Jan — Scientists have found a colony of rare Mediterranean monk seals at an undisclosed location in Greece. The species is the world's most endangered seal, and one of the most endangered marine mammals fewer than 600 individuals remain. Researchers are keeping the location of the colony secret to avoid having the seals disturbed by human visitors.

It is the only place in the region where seals lie on open beaches, rather than hide in coastal caves. Alexandros Kara-manlidis, scientific co-ordinator of the Mom/Hellenic Society for the Study and Protection of the Monk seal, explained that this was the seals' "original behav-

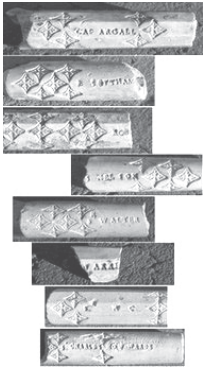
iour". "It is human disturbance that has caused the species to retreat to inaccessible caves," he told BBC News. "So this place is incredibly important — the seals feel so secure that they go out on to open beaches."

The Mom researchers, whose society name is derived from the Latin name of the species, *Monachus monachus*, have been monitoring and studying monk seals for more than 20 years. —Internet



The Mediterranean monk seal is critically endangered.— INTERNET

Jamestown unearths 400-year-old pipes for patrons



This 2010 photo provided by the Jamestown Rediscovery Project shows composite photograph of eight pipe fragments showing details of printed pipe stems that were unearthed during a recent excavation at the Jamestown settlement in Jamestown, Va.

Archeologists at Jamestown have unearthed a trove of tobacco pipes personalized for a who's who of early 17th century colonial and British elites, underscoring the importance of tobacco to North America's first permanent English settlement.

The white clay pipes — actually, castoffs likely rejected during manufacturing — were crafted between 1608 and 1610 and bear the names of English politicians, social leaders, explorers, officers of the Virginia Company that financed the settlement and governors of the Virginia colony. Archeologists also found equipment used to make the pipes. Researchers believe the pipes recovered from a well in James Fort were made to impress investors and the political elite with the financial viability of the settlement. They are likely the rejects that failed to survive the ceramic firing process in a kiln.

News Album



A winning camel is seen at a camel beauty contest in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), on 30 Dec, 2010. About 28,000 camels attended a traditional "beauty contest" during Mazayina Dhafra Camel Festival on Saturday.

Words "viral" and "epic" consigned to college trash

This story might be epic, and could even go viral, but not if Lake Superior State University has anything to do with it. Just sayin.'

The small college in Sault Ste Marie, Michigan, released on Friday its annual list of "banished words" — terms so overused, misused and hackneyed they deserve to be sent to a permanent linguistic trash can in the year ahead.

"Viral," often used to describe the rapid spreading of videos or other content over the Internet, leads the list for 2011. "This linguistic disease of a term must be quarantined," Kuahmel Allah of Los Angeles said in making a nomination.

Runners-up included "epic" and "fail," often twinned to describe a blunder of monumental proportions.

Canadian man trying for world dance record

A Canadian man trying to set the world record for longest dance session said he is extending his attempt by 15 hours after learning of a recent record.

Suresh Joachim, 41, of Mississauga, said he was four days into his attempt Thursday in Brampton when he discovered finishing his dance at the close of New Year's Eve celebrations, which would put him at 110 hours, would fall short of the 123 hours and 15 minutes danced by Kalamandalam Hemalettha of India in September, the *Toronto Star* reported Friday.

Joachim, who said he was initially trying to beat a 108-hour record set in 2008, said he will now stop dancing at 1:20 pm on New Year's Day.



A woman dries handmade noodles in Majian Township of Zhuji City, east China's Zhejiang Province, on 30 Dec, 2010. A handmade noodle making contest was held here on Thursday. The handmade noodles of Majian Township are famous for the length. Long noodles symbolize longevity in Chinese tradition.

"Social Network" spells Hammer time for actor Armie

LOS ANGELES, 2 Jan— They look so much alike in Oscar-hopeful film "The Social Network," they could be one man, and in fact, they are. But what the Winklevoss twins share with the actor who plays them has less to do with looks and more with their privileged background.

The actor, 24 year-old Armie Hammer, is the great grandson of oil tycoon and philanthropist Armand Hammer. He was blessed with good looks and a prominent family tree, like the Winklevoss'. But the similarities seem to stop there.

While the Winklevoss twins, as portrayed in the movie, stuck to family traditions, attended Harvard University and became Olympic rowers. Hammer quit school, said hello to Hollywood and angered his family — if only temporarily.—*Reuters*



Actors Armie Hammer (L) and Max Minghella are shown in a scene from the film "The Social Network," in this undated publicity photograph. 24 year-old Armie Hammer, the great grandson of oil tycoon and philanthropist Armand Hammer, portrays both Cameron Winklevoss and Tyler Howard Winklevoss in the film.—INTERNET

Actor hurt in B'way 'Spider-Man' is leaving rehab

NEW YORK, 2 Jan— A stunt actor who fell 30 feet while playing Spider-Man on Broadway is scheduled to leave a rehabilitation facility within days.

Christopher Tierney suffered a skull fracture and cracked vertebrae in the 20 Dec fall at "Spider-Man: Turn Off the Dark" despite having a safety harness. He underwent back surgery.

Show spokesman Rick Miramonte said Saturday that Tierney will be released from a rehab facility on Wednesday.

Tierney's family has said he'll be continuing treatment in New York. Tierney has relatives in Plaistow and Portsmouth, NH.

The \$65 million show is the most expensive ever on Broadway. It canceled two preview performances after the stunt actor's fall. It reopened with new safety and security measures.

It's scheduled to open officially on 7 Feb.

Internet

UK bookies weigh in on Abba reunion

LONDON, 2 Jan— British bookies still consider an Abba reunion to be a long shot despite some recent tantalizing tips from one of the Swedish pop group's founders.

Agnetha Faltskog recently said an interview that she might go along with a one-night performance with the group.

The *Guardian* said Saturday Faltskog wasn't interested in a reunion tour, but the idea of a single public performance sometime in 2011 was enough for some bookies to post 66-to-1 odds that the show would go on.

Internet

Talk show queen Oprah gets royal help on own channel

CHICAGO, 2 Jan—Talk show diva Oprah Winfrey launched her OWN cable network Saturday, unveiling a packed programme line-up featuring celebrity hosts such as British duchess Sarah Ferguson and country singer Shania Twain.

"Happy New Year everybody and welcome to OWN," Oprah said as she officially launched her high-stakes, 24-hour seven-day-a-week television venture at midday (1700 GMT). "This is a very exciting day for me kicking off the next chapter of my life with all of you. Yes, the Oprah Winfrey Network is finally on the air."

Internet



Reeve Carney, centre, who plays Spider-man in the theatrical version 'Spider-Man Turn off the Dark' is seen outside the Foxwoods Theatre in Times Square with Patrick Page, left, who plays The Green Goblin, on 22 Dec, 2010, in New York.—INTERNET

Arsenal maintain title charge against Birmingham

BIRMINGHAM, 2 Jan— Arsenal succeeded where Manchester United failed days earlier to become only the second team to



Arsenal's defender Bacary Sagna (R) clashes with Birmingham City's striker Jean Beausejour (L) during their English Premier League football match at St Andrews in Birmingham.— INTERNET

win at St Andrew's in 30 games with a 3-0 victory over Birmingham City here on Saturday. Their success saw Arsenal stay within two points of both Premier League leaders Manchester United, top on goal difference, and Manchester City.

It was the perfect response to the disappointment of throwing away points in a midweek draw against Wigan on Wednesday and the taunts of Sir Alex Ferguson, who had provocatively claimed following United's 1-1 draw that no team gets an easy game against Alex McLeish's combative Birmingham side. In stark

contrast to United's troubles though, this was as facile a victory as Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger could have wished for as Cesc Fabregas and Samir Nasri's telepathic understanding was elevated to new heights against opponents who seem to have relished causing the Gunners discomfort and embarrassment in recent meetings.

Internet

Dakar Rally kicks off from famed Obelisk

BUENOS AIRES, 2 Jan—The Dakar Rally kicked off Saturday with a parade of hundreds of vehicles heading out from Buenos Aires' famous Obelisk, the start of a 16-day trek that will take drivers 5,903 miles across northern Argentina, through the Andes, the Atacama desert of Chile and back to the Argentine capital.

The first leg is ceremonial, a 230-mile route northwest to Victoria, where competitors will prepare for Sunday's first full race day. Defending champions Carlos Sainz in the cars category and motorcyclist



Quads and motorbike competitors pose for an official picture of the 2011 Argentina-Chile Dakar Rally in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on 1 Jan, 2011.— INTERNET

Cyril Despres return to defend their titles. Officials listed a record 430 official starters, up from the 362 who were enrolled last year.—Internet

Redknapp says Beckham wants Spurs move



David Beckham

LONDON, 2 Jan— Tottenham manager Harry Redknapp says that David Beckham wants to move to White Hart Lane, as he prepares to step up his bid for the former Manchester United star.

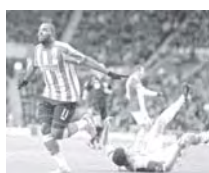
Redknapp had confirmed his interest in Beckham on Friday and, speaking after Saturday's

1-0 win over Fulham, he said the Los Angeles Galaxy midfielder is ready to return to the Premier League on loan until the Major League Soccer season resumes in March. Beckham, 35, had previously insisted United were the only English team he would play for but, with a return to Old Trafford unlikely, the former England captain is willing to join another club as he tries to prove his fitness to England coach Fabio Capello.

Internet

Sunderland bounce back to blitz Blackburn

SUNDERLAND, 2 Jan— Sunderland bounced back from consecutive losses to inflict a 3-0 defeat on Blackburn Rovers here on Saturday that



Sunderland's striker Darren Bent (L) celebrates scoring their second goal during the English Premier League football match against the Blackburn Rovers at The Stadium of Light in Sunderland.— INTERNET

lifted them to sixth place in the Premier League table.

Steve Bruce's side had fallen to Manchester United and Blackpool in their previous two outings, but the one-sided victory moved them to within four points of fifth-placed champions Chelsea, who have two games in hand.

Darren Bent ended a mini-goal drought with Sunderland's second goal, after Danny Welbeck had broken the deadlock, and such was the hosts' command of the game that the former Tottenham man could have had at least a hat-trick.— Internet

Hoffenheim split with coach Rangnick

BERLIN, 2 Jan— Bundesliga club Hoffenheim have reached agreement to part company with coach Ralf Rangnick, according to the weekly *Bild am Sonntag* newspaper. However, Hoffenheim spokesman Markus Sieger insisted Saturday: "We can't and won't comment for the moment." The 52-year-old's contract runs until June 30, 2012 after extending last May. Rangnick took over in June 2006 and under his guidance the small outfit from southern Germany reached third in the Bundesliga.

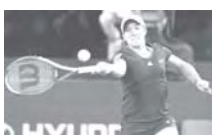
Bayern Munich announced earlier Saturday that Hoffenheim's Brazilian midfielder Luiz Gustavo had agreed a move to the Bundesliga champions with immediate effect, a transfer which Rangnick totally opposed.—Internet



Bundesliga club Hoffenheim have reached agreement to part company with coach Ralf Rangnick. INTERNET

Henin wins but Australia take tie at Hopman Cup

PERTH, 2 Jan—Former world number one Justine Henin made a winning start in her latest comeback on Saturday but the Belgian could not prevent her team losing to Australia at the mixed-teams Hopman Cup. In her first match since suffering a serious elbow injury when losing to compatriot Kim Clijsters



Justine Henin of Belgium

at Wimbledon last June, the world number 12 was too good for the 129th-ranked Alicia Molik, winning their women's singles match 6-4, 6-4.

The result gave Belgium a 1-0 lead in the tournament's opening Group A tie, but local favourite Lleyton Hewitt, in his first match since September, levelled the clash with a 6-4, 6-3 win over the 178th-ranked Ruben Bemelmans. The Australians then clinched the tie in a match tiebreak in the mixed doubles, winning 1-6, 6-3, 7-6 (10/8).— Internet

Stoke keep Toffees stuck near drop zone

STOKE-ON-TRENT, 2 Jan— Stoke kept Everton dangerously close to the relegation zone as Tony Pulis's side secured a 2-0 win at the Britannia Stadium on Saturday.

Kenwyne Jones opened the scoring with a first-half header and Phil Jagielka scored an unlucky own goal after the break to leave Everton just three points above the bottom three.

David Moyes' side have won only one of their last 10 matches and the Toffees will now be without star midfielder Tim Cahill for a month as he departs to play for Australia at the Asian Cup in Qatar.

After successive home defeats, mid-table Stoke were at their most determined and were rewarded for a typically physical and direct display.

Internet



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Johnson strike keeps City level with United

MANCHESTER, 2 Jan—Adam Johnson's goal was enough for Manchester City to record a 1-0 win over Blackpool here on Saturday that kept them level on points with Premier League leaders Manchester United. Johnson scored the only goal of the game — his third in the league this season — in the 34th minute at Eastlands. Carlos Tevez then missed a penalty and a host of other chances to set up a nervous finish as Blackpool pressed for an equaliser.

But Roberto Mancini's side held

Fergie forecasts Rooney goal-spree as drought ends

WEST BROMWICH, 2 Jan—Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson has backed Wayne Rooney to go on a goalscoring run after the striker began 2011 by ending his barren spell.

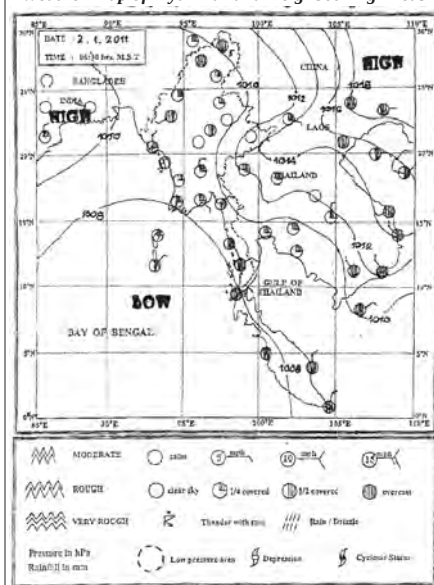
The England forward took just two minutes and 15 seconds to find the net in Saturday's 2-1 win at West Bromwich Albion

for what was only his third United goal of the season and first club goal from open play since March. Ferguson was thrilled with Rooney's all-round display after he also created United's 75th-minute winner, delivering the corner which was headed home by Mexican substitute Javier Hernandez.— Internet



Manchester City's midfielder Adam Johnson scores against Blackpool at The City of Manchester Stadium.— INTERNET

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Sunday, 2nd January, 2011

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, light rain have been scattered in Kachin State, isolated in Upper Sagaing Region and weather has been partly cloudy in Shan, Rakhine and Mon States, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions and generally fair in the remaining States and Regions. Night temperatures were (5°C) below January average temperatures in Upper Sagaing Region, (3°C) above January average temperatures in Kachin and Eastern Shan States and about January average temperatures in the remaining States and Regions. The significant night temperatures were Pinlaung (1°C), Hakha (2°C) and Lashio, Namhsan and Loilin (4°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Machanbaw (0.51) inch and Putao (0.20) inch.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 1-1-2011 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 2-1-2011 was 59°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 2-1-2011 was (65%). Rainfall on 2-1-2011 was (Nil).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 1-1-2011 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 2-1-2011 was 63°F. Relative

humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 2-1-2011 was (74%). Total sunshine hours on 1-1-2011 was (9.0) hours.

Rainfall on 2-1-2011 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southeast at (12:30) hours MST on 1-1-2011.

Bay Inference: Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in Andaman Sea and South Bay and general fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 3rd January 2011: Light rain are likely to be isolated in Kachin State, Upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Regions and weather will be generally fair in the remaining States and Regions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of continuation of isolated light rain in the extreme Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 3-1-2011: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 3-1-2011: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 3-1-2011: Generally fair weather.

BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE

2-1-2011
(Sunday.)

Chelsea 3-3 Aston Villa

CHELSEA, 2 Jan—A stoppage-time equaliser for Aston Villa saw Chelsea's Barclays Premier League title hopes suffer another blow.

Chelsea's amazing late fightback was ultimately in vain as Ciaran Clark scored a stoppage-time equaliser to leave the champions' title defence hanging by a thread.

Didier Drogba and John Terry looked to have snatched victory from the jaws of defeat with goals in the final six minutes at Stamford Bridge but the hosts' poor defending cost them when Clark nodded home the first goal of his career in stoppage-time.

Both sides had held the lead in an incredible, topsy-turvy match, with Frank Lampard's penalty cancelled out by Ashley Young's spot-kick and Emile Heskey's header.—*Internet*



Emile Heskey scores the second goal for Aston Villa.—INTERNET

Wigan Athletic 0 Vs 1 Newcastle Utd

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL
Programme Schedule
(3-1-2011)(Monday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	(09:00am~11:00am MST)
Oversea Transmission	(3-1-11 09:30 am ~ 4-1-11 09:30 am MST)

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * 63rd Anniversary Independence Day "Sound Foundations for the New Government" (For Better Transportation and Communication)
- * News
- * Mya Nan San Kyaw (The Golden Palace)
- * News
- * Ancestor And Successors
- * News
- * Merry Parents' Day

Oversea Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * 63rd Anniversary Independence Day "Sound Foundations for the New Government" (For Better Transportation and Communication)
- * News
- * Mya Nan San Kyaw (The Golden Palace) (Part- I & II & III)
- * News
- * Ancestor And Successors
- * News
- * Merry Parents' Day
- * News
- * Myanmar Movies Impact "Heart-Hit"
- * The Famous Floating Market
- * News
- * Planetary Posts! What do they serve?
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Myanmar Horoscope with Advanced IT
- * News
- * Thiri Zeya Buhmi Bagan Golden Palace and Museum of King Anawrahta
- * Myanmar Movie "Master of flowers"

Myanmar

TV

Monday,
3 January
View on today

7:00 am

1. Paritta By Hilly
Region Missionary
Sayadaw

7:25 am

2. To Be Healthy
Exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. Dhamma Puja Song

7:55 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:05 am

6. Cute Little Dancers

8:15 am

7. Song Of National
Races

8:25 am

8. Teleplay (Traffic)

8:40 am

9. International News

8:45 am

10. Musical Programme

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Dance Variety

4:20 pm

3. Musical Programme
(The Radio Myanmar
Modern Music Troupe)

4:30 pm

4. University Of
Distance Education
(TV Lectures)
-Third Year
(Mathematic)

4:45 pm

5. Songs For
Upholding
National Spirit

4:55 pm

6. Myanmar
Language

5:15 pm

7. 63rd Anniversary
Independence Day

5:30 pm

8. Myanmar Idol

6:00 pm

9. Evening News

6:15 pm

10. Weather Report

6:20 pm

11. Singing In Different
Versions

6:35 pm

12. TV Drama Series

7:30 pm

13. Documentary

8:00 pm

14. News

15. International News

16. Weather Report

17. World's Stars
(Part-5)

18. TV Drama Series

- ★ 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

Radio, books donated to village libraries in Dalla Tsp



YANGON, 2 Jan—A ceremony to donate books and radios to libraries in Dalla Township was held at the hall of Township Peace and Development Council on 21 December.

Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department accepted 17 radios donated by wellwishers including books and journals worth K 100,000 donated by Township PDC, K 232500 by Township Writers and Journalists Association, copies of journals worth K 250,000 by U Hmat Gyi and family, various sorts of journals worth K 124,000 by Popular Journal, books worth K 55,200 by Armtgyi Dockyard, books worth K 45,000 by Township Police Station, journals and two radios K 41,000 by Alinhtit Café, three radios by District Education Officer U Than Soe.

Township IPRD

Independence Day State Flag Hoisting and Saluting Ceremony live on MRTV

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Jan—The Myanmar Radio and Television will telecast live coverage of State Flag Hoisting and State Flag Saluting Ceremony, on the 63rd Anniversary Independence Day which falls on 4 January 2011, from the square of Nay Pyi Taw City Hall at 6.45 am on 4 January.

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HAILING 63rd ANNIVERSARY INDEPENDENCE DAY



Nothing can be compared with independence. It is invaluable. Only a people that is self-disciplined, united and strong with high caliber deserves independence. Independence of such a brilliant people can perpetuate. Independence is easy to be lost, but very difficult to be regained.

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Poem

* Independence a roaring victory
With glory in every facet
Celebrates nation the anniversary
Unity all brethren fostered
Matchless they were
Lives they sacrificed
Till Union was reborn
Under sovereign power
Owned by the people

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