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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

Industry-1 Minister tours Kyaukse Industrial Region

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Jan—Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung made an inspection tour of Industrial Region in Kyaukse Township, Mandalay Region, yesterday.

On arrival at the Glass Factory Project (Kyaukse) of the Myanma Ceramic Industries in Kyaukse Township, he inspected progress in construction of buildings and in installing machines in the main factory.

Factory Manager U Saw Aung gave an account of the project. Managing Director U Soe

Yee gave a supplementary report on arrival and installation of machines in the factory.

The minister viewed progress in installing machines for production of glass and gave instructions on the work.

Upon completion, the factory will be able to produce 117 tons of a wide variety of finished products a day. The project is designed to produce quality products with domestic raw materials, to help improve the living status of the people, to

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True patriotism

- * It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- * Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

Kyee-Ohn Kyee-Wa Multi-Purpose Dam Project contributes to greening of Magway Region

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The government has been building a lot of dams across the nation for agricultural development. At the same time, extension of sown acreage, boosting the production of paddy and other crops and cultivation of quality crops and double and mix-cropping patterns are being carried out. In addition, hydro power projects are being implemented in conjunction with construction of

dams.

Kyee-Ohn Kyee-Wa Multi-Purpose Dam Project, which includes both construction of dam and hydro power station, is being constructed on Mone Creek near Wonlo village, about 15 miles downstream of Mone dam project about five miles upstream of Maezali diversion dam, in Pwintbyu Township, Minbu District, Magway



Earth work of Kyee-Ohn Kyee-Wa Multi-Purpose Dam Project is being undertaken with the use of machinery near hydro power station.



Construction of intake structure seen at Kyee-Ohn Kyee-Wa Multi-Purpose Dam Project.

Region.

The main purpose of implementing the project is to generate 74 megawatts of electricity, to supply sufficient water to 96,777 acres of monsoon paddy through Maezali diversion dam, to supply water to more farmlands in addition to 74,007 acres of summer paddy to be able to launch double-cropping crops and to green the region.

Construction of the dam's buildings and production of electricity are being undertaken by Construction No. 3 of Irrigation Department.

We, news crew, left Assistant Director office of Irrigation Department in Minbu Township along Minbu-An road. After 55 miles drive from Patheingyi road and proceeded to eight miles and half to the west, we arrived at the project.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Beef up medical research

Today, the world faces many challenges of addressing health issues due to many new strange diseases, which puts pressure on the international community to produce medicines to prevent the diseases from spreading worldwide. Many related tasks are underway to address the global health issues.

In Myanmar, the Ministry of Health is trying to improve its public health care in order that the people enjoy longevity and survive illnesses. At the same time, it is stepping up its giving health talks, taking disease preventive measures, and giving quick treatment even in rural areas.

Now, medical research has become one of the priorities in the health field. Medical research is carried out constantly and on a wider scale. Findings of medical research are compiled into papers which are then submitted to symposiums.

Findings of research on medical science and health care contribute to medical treatment, prescription of medicines and preventive measures against diseases. As a result of medical research, sufferers from some diseases can survive the diseases longer, and new effective approaches have been sought.

Research needs labour, time and funds. Laboratory-scale research, scale-up production and mass production or commercial-scale production are to be put at the centre stage step by step. Research was done increasingly to produce Hepatitis B vaccine (Purified Hbs Ag). Now, a Hepatitis B vaccine factory has been established, and the vaccine is distributed nationwide.

Medical researchers are therefore to work harder than ever to achieve more findings, submit them for discussion, and apply satisfactory results broadly.

SCHOOL OPENED: To mark 63rd Anniversary Independence Day, opening ceremony of Basic Education Middle School (branch) being held in Kangyi Village, Pale Township on 29 December.
(News reported)—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

Central Command Commander attends Mandalay Region's School Family Day ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Jan — Chairman of Mandalay Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Brig-Gen Ye Aung attended the School Family Day ceremony of Mandalay Region held at Basic Education High School in Chanayethazan Township on 6 January.

Schoolchildren formally opened the ceremony. The commander and guests enjoyed performances of students and viewed booths displayed by them in classrooms.

The commander and an official made speeches at the ceremony and presented prizes to outstanding students.—MNA

Basic Banking Course No (45) concludes



Cooperatives Minister U Tin Htut delivers an address at concluding ceremony of Basic Banking Course No (45).—MNA

YANGON, 9 Jan — The concluding ceremony of Basic Banking Course No (45) of Cooperatives Bank Limited was held at the limited headquarters here today, with an address by Minister for Cooperatives U Tin Htut.

The course was attended by 40 new staff

from 13 CB bank branches out of 21 opened in 18-year lifetime of the limited, the minister said in his speech.

Chairman of the Cooperatives Bank Limited U Khin Maung Aye explained the purpose of conducting the course.—MNA

MES holds AER certificates-presenting ceremony and conference

YANGON, 9 Jan—A ceremony to present ASEAN Engineer

Register-AER certificates by Myanmar Engineering Society (MES) was held in conjunction with its annual conference at MES on Hline University Campus, here, this morning.

First, certificate-presenting ceremony took place. Chairman of MES U Han Zaw and honorary guest Professor

Dato' Dr Chuah Hean Teik of the Board of Member from ASEAN Federation of Engineering Organizations (AFEO) extended greetings. The honorary guest handed over the AER certificates to the winners.

Afterwards, the annual conference followed. Patron of MES Deputy Minister

for Industry-2 U Khin Maung Kyaw and the MES chairman made opening speeches.

Submitting of reports and financial statements of the MES central committee and resignation and election of the central committee members and CEC members were carried out. After that, the new chairman extended the greeting.

MNA

Healthy hair begins with healthy scalp

YANGON, 9 Jan—A ceremony to lunch Silkpro Hair Shampoo and Silk Bath Shower Cream was held at

Traders Hotel yesterday. The shampoo and cream are produced as silk crystal from silk protein by Bio-Technological

process. The similar ceremony took place at Sedona Hotel in Mandalay on 4 January.—MNA

Double petrol bomb attack in N Ireland

BELFAST, 9 Jan—Two attacks in a Northern Irish town Saturday, which police believe may have been sectarian, sparked calls for tougher punishments for petrol bombers.

One took place outside the home of a Catholic woman, burning out a car, while the home of a Protestant-Catholic couple suffered scorch damage in the other.

No-one was injured in the attacks in Garvagh, in the north of the province.

John Dallat, a local lawmaker in the devolved Northern Ireland Assembly, called for tougher jail terms for petrol bombers.



Police Forensic officers search the area following an explosion in Belfast in 2010.—INTERNET

"The hate laws are totally inadequate to deal with thugs who specialise in filling bottles with petrol and throwing them not knowing if they will burn out a car, burn down a house or murder someone," he said.

"The sell-by date for

petrol bombers is long over."

The Home Office interior ministry has set the threat level for Northern Ireland-related terror at "severe" in the province, meaning that a "terrorist attack is highly likely".

Internet

US lawmaker gravely injured in shooting; 6 dead

TUCSON, 9 Jan—A US lawmaker was in critical condition after being shot in the head by a gunman in Tucson, Arizona, in an attack which killed six including a federal judge and a nine-year-old girl.

President Barack Obama called the attack on Democratic Representative Gabrielle Giffords Saturday a "tragedy for our entire country," while police said the gunman may not have acted alone.

The gunman — named by media as Jared Lee Loughner, 22 — had a criminal past and was unstable but not insane, said Sheriff Clarence Dupnik, adding the man was not talking to police



A medical helicopter evacuates victims from a "Congress on Your Corner" event in Tucson, Arizona, where US Representative Gabrielle Giffords (D-AZ) among others were shot and seriously wounded, in this still image taken from video released on 8 Jan, 2011.

INTERNET

officers in custody.

"There's some reason to believe that he came to this location with another individual," he added, saying the gunman "has kind of a troubled past, and

we're not convinced that he acted alone."

Initial media reports suggested that Giffords, 40, had died following the shooting outside a Safeway grocery store.

Internet

French soldier killed in Afghanistan

PARIS, 9 Jan—A French soldier was killed on Saturday afternoon during a military operation in Afghanistan, the Elysee Palace confirmed in the evening.

This brought the number of French soldiers killed in the restless country to 53 since 2001, when the Afghan war started with US troops' invasion. The French noncommissioned officer was killed in an explosion when he was in a mission near an armed vehicle in Tagab District of Afghanistan, the Elysee Palace said in a statement.

According to official data, France has some 3,750 troops in Afghanistan. Ex-defence minister Herve Morin announced last October that the French troops may start their withdrawal from Afghanistan in 2011.

Xinhua

Pakistani boy Mohammad Kamran who survives the suicide attack in neighboring Spin Boldak, Afghanistan, rests at a local hospital in Pakistani border town of Chaman on 7 Jan, 2011.

INTERNET



Portuguese journalist killed in New York hotel

NEW YORK, 9 Jan—Prominent Portuguese journalist Carlos Castro, 65, was beaten to death and mutilated at a luxury Manhattan hotel on Friday and a young man reported to be his companion was being held at a psychiatric hospital.

Local media quoted police sources as saying Castro had been castrated and was left lying in a pool of blood. The medical examiner's office did not confirm that but said the cause of death was trauma to the



In this 27 Aug 2010 picture, Carlos Castro poses for the camera in Lisbon. On Friday night, 7 Jan 2011, 65-year-old Castro, from Portugal, was found dead in his bloodied Manhattan hotel room castrated and beaten.—INTERNET

head and strangulation.

A man was being held as a "person of interest" at New York's Bellevue psychiatric hospital, a police spokeswoman said.

A police source identified him as Renato Seabra.

The New York Times quoted detectives as saying Seabra, a model from Portugal who recently appeared on a modeling reality show, had checked into the hotel with Castro about 10 days ago.

Reuters



A man stands next to blood of slain Iraqi Christians at the scene of a bomb attack in Baghdad, Iraq, 31 Dec, 2010. Militants in Iraq have attacked at least four Christian homes with a combination of grenades and bombs, killing and wounding a few people and sending fear into the country's already terrified tiny Christian community, police said.—INTERNET

Key soldier in Afghan war crimes case faces court-martial

SEATTLE, 9 Jan—An Army staff sergeant was ordered on Friday to be tried by a military court to face charges that include murdering three unarmed Afghan civilians, keeping body parts as grisly war trophies and beating a whistle-blower who told superiors about widespread hashish use in his unit.

Joint Base Lewis-McChord Commanding Officer Major General Curtis Scaparrotti ordered Stryker Brigade Staff Sergeant Calvin Gibbs, 25, of Billings, Montana, to stand trial. No date was set.

Gibbs is one of five soldiers from the brigade charged with murder. Twelve soldiers in all face charges in the most serious prosecutions of alleged war atrocities by US military deployed in Afghanistan since the war began in late 2001.

The Stryker Brigade cases, with some 4,000 photographs sealed from public view including some reportedly of soldiers posing with Afghan casualties, have drawn comparisons to the inflammatory Abu Ghraib prison scandal in Iraq in 2004.

Reuters

NATO soldiers' death toll in Afghanistan soars to 10 since beginning of 2011

KABUL, 9 Jan—Taleban-linked activities claimed the life of another NATO soldier on Sunday, bringing the alliance fatalities to 10 since the beginning of

this year, said a statement released here by the alliance force.

"An International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) service member died following an improvised explosive device attack in southern Afghanistan today," the ISAF statement admitted on Sunday.

This is the second fatality the military alliance suffered over the past two days.

However, it did not

identify the nationality of the victim, saying it is ISAF policy to defer casualty identification procedure to the relevant national authorities.

By Saturday, according to iCasualties, a website tracking NATO-led forces casualties in war on terror, nine soldiers of the alliance including six Americans, one Briton and two from other nations, had been killed in Afghanistan.

Xinhua



Could chemicals in flood waters harm Barrier Reef?



Bleached corals on coral reef on southern Great Barrier Reef in January 2002.—INTERNET

QUEENSLAND, 9 Jan—After heavy rain caused hundreds of thousands of kilometers of flooding, environmentalists are now concerned about run-off containing fertilizers, pesticides and sediment that could negatively affect the Great Barrier Reef off the coast of Queensland, Australia.

Queensland, home to large sugar and coal production industries, borders the 2,600 km of coastline where the Great Barrier Reef is found. The large agricultural presence in the state could be creating algal blooms that could cut the amount of sunlight reaching the coral turning it white, an effect called bleaching.

Rick Smith, executive director of Environmental Defence Canada, told Canada AM that the potential for an environmental disaster is huge.

"These algal blooms from the fertilizer are cutting down on the sunlight depriving the coral of nutrients," said Smith. "Then when you have a huge flood like this they pour into the ocean."

Environmental Defence Canada is an organization that hopes to inspire change by tackling environmental issues that impact everyday life, championing such causes as the removal of bisphenol A from plastic baby bottles and the creation of the Greenbelt in Ontario.

Internet

Astronomers flock to Seattle for big space conference

SEATTLE, 9 Jan—Thousands of astronomers are headed to chilly, cloudy Seattle for their annual winter meeting of all things space and science.

The 217th meeting of the American Astronomical Society runs from Sunday (9 Jan) through 13 Jan. Approximately 2,500 scientists are expected to assemble for the cosmic five-day conference to discuss more than 1,800 of the latest discoveries of black holes, alien planets, near-Earth asteroids and

more. The conference returns to Seattle every fourth winter for the meeting.

About 80 science journalists are also expected to attend the meeting, according to AAS press officer Rick Fienberg.

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Scientists construct synthetic proteins that sustain life

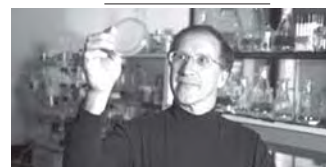
PRINCETON, 9 Jan—In a ground-breaking achievement that could help scientists "build" new biological systems, Princeton University scientists have constructed for the first time artificial proteins that enable the growth of living cells.

The team of researchers created genetic sequences never before seen in nature, and the scientists showed that they can produce substances that sustain life in cells almost as readily as proteins produced by nature's own toolkit.

"What we have here are molecular machines that function quite well within a living organism even though they were designed from scratch and expressed from artificial genes," said Michael Hecht, a professor of chemistry at Princeton, who led the research. "This tells us that the molecular parts kit for life need not be limited to parts — genes and proteins — that already exist in nature."

The work, Hecht said, represents a significant advance in synthetic biology, an emerging area of research in which scientists work to design and fabricate biological components and systems that do not already exist in the natural world.

Internet



Michael Hecht, a professor of chemistry at Princeton University, has led a team of researchers who have for the first time constructed artificial proteins that enable the growth of living cells.—INTERNET



PC-free MagicJack coming soon

WASHINGTON, 9 Jan—The voice-over-IP company that owns MagicJack — the USB stick that enables phone calls on a PC — is getting ready to release a new version of the device that doesn't need the PC.

The MagicJack Plus plugs into a power outlet and requires only a network connection — either to a Wi-Fi or 4G adapter, or an Ethernet port on a router — to enable voice-over-IP phone service.

VocalTec, which merged with MagicJack creator YMax last summer, demonstrated the MagicJack Plus to journalists at the Consumer Electronics Show this week. The company says it expects to ship the device within 90 days at an expected price of \$50, which will include a year of free local and long distance calls. (The original MagicJack costs \$40, also including a year of free service.) After that, service costs \$20 a year.

You can opt to have your own phone number, and you can still choose to power the new version by plugging it into a USB port on a PC, the way the original version works. Either way, you plug a standard phone into the RJ-11 port at the other end of the device to make the actual calls.

Internet

Motorola Mobility's Xoom tablet computer powered by new "Honeycomb" software from Google was crowned the best gadget at the giant Consumer Electronics Show.

INTERNET



Researchers store data in bacteria

HONG KONG, 9 Jan—The US' national archives occupy more than 500 miles (800 kilometres) of shelving; France's archives stretch for more than 100 miles of shelves, as do Britain's.

Yet a group of students at Hong Kong's Chinese University is making strides towards storing such vast amounts of information in an unexpected home: the *E. coli* bacterium better known as a potential source of serious food poisoning.

"This means you will be able to keep large datasets for the long term in a box of bacteria in the refrigerator," said Aldrin Yim, a student instructor on the university's biostorage project, a 2010 gold medallist in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)'s prestigious iGEM competition.—*Internet*



Motorola Xoom tablet crowned best CES gadget

LAS VEGAS, 9 Jan—Motorola Mobility's Xoom tablet computer powered by new "Honeycomb" software from Google was crowned the best gadget at the giant Consumer Electronics Show (CES) on

Saturday.

Along with being declared the top creation at the dazzling gadget extravaganza, Xoom was also honored as the best of the scores of tablets introduced here as fresh competitors in a market dominated by Apple iPads.

Motorola also scored a victory with its Atrix smartphone designed to work with high-speed 4G wireless networks and which can be used in a dock to power a laptop.

Atrix won the top spot in a smartphone category at the official Best of CES awards.

"We took big risks and they paid off," said Motorola Mobility chief software engineer Seang Chau. "We didn't know if people would get it; but obviously they got it."—*Internet*



Health

Health Tip: Help prevent COPD

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) is a general term for the narrowing of the small bronchi, the smaller airways that carry air to the lungs. The two prime diseases that make up COPD are chronic bronchitis and emphysema.

The American Lung Association suggests these steps to help protect you from COPD:

- * Don't smoke, and quit if you currently smoke.
- * Stay away from secondhand smoke, and don't allow other people to smoke in your home.
- * Avoid exposure to lung-damaging chemicals.
- * Take steps to help promote clean air in your community.
- * Schedule a visit with your doctor if you suspect that you may have COPD, particularly if you are 45 or older and have a history of smoking.

Internet



In this photo taken on 13 Dec, 2010, quadriplegic Adam Martin, left, works with physical therapist Wes Bower at the Sarasota Health and Rehabilitation Centre. It's no longer unusual to find a nursing home resident who is decades younger than his neighbour: About one in seven people now living in such facilities in the US is under 65.—INTERNET



Jeannette Zeltzer, 81 and her new boyfriend Max Rakov, 92, hold hands while sitting on a couch at the assisted living facility where they live on Saturday, on 8 March, 2008 in Newton, Mass. Zeltzer recently lost her husband and now spends time holding hands with Rakov who also suffers from Alzheimer's.

INTERNET

Bike-riding ability may distinguish 'atypical' Parkinson's

NEW YORK, 9 Jan—The ability to ride a bicycle can determine whether a patient has atypical or "regular" Parkinson's disease, according to researchers in the Netherlands.

Dr Bastiaan R Bloem and colleagues used brain imaging and other tests to assess 45 patients with Parkinson's disease and 66 with atypical Parkinsonism. The patients were also asked if they could still ride a bicycle. Only two (4 percent) of those with regular Parkinson's said they could no longer ride, compared with 34 (52 percent) of those with atypical Parkinsonism.

The researchers found that asking patients if they could still ride a bike had better diagnostic value than the tests. This suggests that asking about bike-riding could save money and reduce the burden for patients, said the researchers at the Parkinson Center Nijmegen.

The research is described in a letter published in the 7 Jan issue of *The Lancet*.

"Cycling requires a highly coordinated interplay between balance, coordination, and rhythmic pedaling of the legs," they wrote in a journal news release.

Internet

Nose may be best place to screen for MRSA infection

WASHINGTON, 9 Jan—A new study finds that people with high levels of methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) bacteria in the nose are more likely to have other areas of the body colonized by MRSA, which can cause potentially fatal infections. Researchers at Rhode Island Hospital wanted to assess the quantity of MRSA at different locations on the body and the relationship between the quantities of MRSA at different locations.

The investigators found that MRSA was more likely to be found in the nose than under the arms, the groin, or the perineum (skin between the rectum and genitals). They also found that people with high levels of MRSA in the nose were more likely to have MRSA in the other three locations.

"This study shows us that the quantities of MRSA at different body sites are highly correlated. Also, if screening cultures are to be done for MRSA, it is best to screen the nose and groin to get the highest yield," lead author Dr Leonard Mermel, medical director of the epidemiology and infection control department, said in a hospital news release.

The study was released online 5 Jan in advance of publication in an upcoming print issue of the *Journal of Clinical Microbiology*.—Internet

Business

Duke Energy in talks to buy Progress Energy

NEW YORK, 9 Jan—Duke Energy Corp (DUK.N), the third-largest US power company, is in talks to acquire rival Progress Energy Inc (PGN.N) in a deal worth more than \$13 billion that could be announced as soon as Monday, *the Financial Times* reported on Saturday.

Citing unnamed people familiar with the situation, the newspaper said the stock-based deal could happen at a modest premium to Progress' current market value of \$13.1 billion.

Duke spokesman Tom Williams declined comment on the report. Progress

did not immediately return a phone call seeking comment.

The companies are hoping to announce the deal before the opening bell on Wall Street on Monday but some details still need to be worked out so the talks could still be delayed or even derailed, the paper said.

Both electricity generating companies are based in North Carolina and serve clients in North and South Carolina. Duke serves some markets in the Midwestern United States and Progress also supplies customers in Florida.—Internet

Germany and France want Portugal to accept aid

BERLIN, 9 Jan—Germany and France want Portugal to accept an international bailout as soon as possible in order to prevent its debt crisis spreading to other countries, German magazine *Der Spiegel* reported on Saturday.

Without citing its sources, the magazine said government experts from both European heavyweights were concerned Lisbon will soon not be able to finance its debt at reasonable rates, after its borrowing costs rose at the end of last year.

Berlin and Paris also want euro zone countries to publicly commit to do whatever it takes to protect the bloc's single currency, including topping up a 750 billion euro (\$968 billion) rescue fund if necessary.

Portugal is viewed by many economists as the peripheral euro zone country that is most likely to follow Ireland and Greece to seek an international bailout as it grapples to cut its debts and borrowing costs. It holds its first bond auction of the year next week.

Reuters



A Cebu Pacific plane takes off from Ninoy Aquino International Airport in Manila. The entry of other low-cost carriers in the Philippines has shown the huge potential pent-up demand in a country of 95 million people, 10 percent of whom work on short-term jobs abroad.—INTERNET

TD Ameritrade CEO's pay grows to \$6M in 2010

OMAHA, 9 Jan—TD Ameritrade's president and CEO was paid nearly \$6 million last year, 23 percent more than in fiscal 2009, as the online brokerage continued to perform well in unpredictable economic conditions.

The Omaha-based company disclosed details of the compensation Fred Tomczyk and other top executives received in fiscal 2010 in documents filed with the Securities and Exchange

Commission on Friday.

Ameritrade's board said the company's managers were rewarded for continuing to grow new client accounts and net new assets last year in the face of difficult operating conditions. Ameritrade reported net income of \$592.2 million, or \$1 per share, on \$2.56 billion in revenue for fiscal 2010.

Internet

A sculpture showing the euro currency sign is seen in front of the European Central Bank.

INTERNET



Written bomb threat halts takeoff at Fla airport

FORT LAUDERDALE, 9 Jan — Authorities say a plane about to take off from a South Florida Airport was returned to the gate after a passenger found a bomb threat scribbled in a magazine. Passengers got off, and the plane was searched as a precaution.

According to the Broward County Sheriff's Office, the note said there was

a bomb aboard the Spirit Airlines flight that was preparing to take off Saturday night from Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport.

The sheriff's office says a bomb squad was sweeping the plane as a precaution after authorities received the call around 10 pm.

Internet

People walk by the Audi e-tron Spyder concept car during the 2011 International Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, the United States, on 7 Jan, 2011. The 2011 International Consumer Electronics Show (CES) runs from 6 to 9 Jan.

XINHUA



Photo taken on 8 Jan, 2011 shows the third prize ice sculpture of the 25th Harbin international ice sculpture contest in Harbin, capital of northeast China's Heilongjiang Province. More than 60 contestants across the world took part in the 3-day contest that closed on Saturday. — XINHUA

Iran has produced 40 kg of 20% enriched uranium

TEHERAN, 9 Jan — Head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) and acting Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Salehi announced Saturday that the country has so far produced almost 40 kg of 20 percent enriched uranium to supply fuel to the Teheran research reactor, local semi-official Fars news agency reported.

"We have produced about 40 kg of 20 percent (enriched) uranium and we hope to witness the injection of the first batch of Iran-made 20 percent fuel to the Teheran research reactor soon," Fars quoted Salehi as saying.

Salehi also said that Teheran is preparing to resume talks with the Vienna Group (the US, Russia, France and the International Atomic Energy Agency) on the swap of nuclear fuel for the Teheran research reactor.

The more they (the Vienna Group) delay in holding a new round of negotiations with Iran, "the more progress we make in fuel production and after a while the issue of fuel swap will become meaningless," Salehi said.

Xinhua

Small earthquake hits California's San Jose area

SAN FRANCISCO, 9 Jan — A small earthquake measuring 4.1 hit the Californian city of San Jose and the surrounding area on Friday afternoon, The Los Angeles Times reported.

The epicentre of the quake, which occurred at about 4:10 pm (0010 GMT Saturday), was located about 13 miles (20 kilometres) southeast of downtown San Jose, the report said.

There were no reports of injuries or damage, the paper noted. The reading was based on the open-ended Moment Magnitude scale, now used by US seismologists, which measures the area of the fault that ruptured and the total energy released.

Internet



Students practice taking cover during an earthquake drill in California last October. —INTERNET

Mortar wounds two foreign workers in southern Israel

GAZA, 9 Jan — Palestinian militants on Saturday fired mortar shells from the Gaza Strip into Israel, wounding two foreign workers, the militants and Israeli media said.

The website of Israel's Yediot Ahronot newspaper reported that one of the mortars landed in Sha'ar HaNegev Regional Council in Western Negev and wounded two foreign workers.

The initial report did not reveal the condition and the identity of the victims.

Israel's Radio said the mortar landed close to a house.

Xinhua



A man looks at the flooded riverside promenade in Zell at the Mosel river, 30 km (19 miles) northeast of Trier, 9 Jan, 2011. —INTERNET

Four dead in shootingspree in northern Italy

ROME, 9 Jan — A 74-year-old Italian retiree shot dead two neighbors and then his wife Sunday before turning the gun on himself, police said. Jealousy appeared to be behind the rampage in the northern city of Genoa.

Carlo Trabona, a retired bricklayer, first went to a coffee bar where he shot one of his neighbors. As the other one ran away, Trabona followed him, shot him and then went back home where he killed his wife, according to a police reconstruction reported by Italian media.

After police surrounded his building, Trabona shot himself, said Alfredo Federici of the Genoa police. The two neighbors, who were brothers, and the shooter died later in hospital, he said.

Federici said an alleged infidelity may have triggered the shooting spree, as Trabona suspected that his 72-year-old wife had been having an affair with one of the neighbors, who were also his longtime friends. Italian news reports also said the shooter had a history of mental problems. —Internet

Nearly 600,000 people marooned by floods in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, 9 Jan — Floods situation in east Sri Lanka has seen no improvement as continuous rains lashed the area over the last two weeks, relief officials said Saturday. "In terms of numbers 588,000 people have been affected. Over 4, 800 are in relief camps. There have been three deaths. We maintain 18 camps for the floods displaced", said Pradeep

Kodippily, deputy director of the National Disaster Management Centre. Meteorologist Merrill Mendis said that a low depression situation has developed in the atmosphere which can cause more rains.

"We expect the continuation of the rainy climate in the north and east provinces while sporadic rains can also be experienced in other

parts of the island", Mendis said.

In the central district of Badulla, the residents said no sunshine was experienced during the last 14 days.

The bad weather forced mud slips and landslide warnings with some of the roads covered in mist making it difficult for motorists, authorities said.

Xinhua

Global fears rise over German meat



Policemen stand on the grounds of the Harles & Jentsch GmbH animal feed facility in Uetersen near Pinneberg, northwestern Germany on 5 Jan.—INTERNET

BERLIN, 9 Jan—Global fears mounted on Saturday over the safety of German meat due to contaminated animal feed, with South Korea banning pork imports and Slovakia suspending poultry sales.

As the European Union insisted there was no

need for a ban, Germany moved to calm the concerns over food safety with test results showing acceptable levels of dioxin, a potentially cancer-causing chemical compound, in poultry and meat.

The European Commission said South Korea had become the first country to suspend imports of German pork and accused Seoul of overreacting.

"It is a decision which is out of proportion as to what is going on in Germany, but we are going to try to talk with the South Koreans to reassure them," said Frederic Vincent, spokesman for European health commissioner John Dalli.

Brussels does not consider there are grounds for declaring a ban on exports of German meat or other products from Germany "because the farms have been closed and farm products which have been delivered are blocked, awaiting analysis," Vincent said.

Slovakia became the first EU country to impose restrictions on German meat, after it suspended sales of poultry meat and eggs while it conducted tests to assess dioxin levels.—*Internet*

India and Pakistan foreign secretaries may meet in February

NEW DELHI, 9 Jan—Indian foreign secretary Nirupama Rao is likely to meet her Pakistani counterpart in Bhutan's capital next month, India's foreign office said on Sunday, as the two nuclear-armed neighbours try to take forward a stalled peace process.

The meeting is likely to take place on the margins of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) standing committee meeting at Thimphu on 6-7 February, the foreign office statement said.

Last week, Indian Foreign Minister SM Krishna said he expects his Pakistani counterpart Shah Mahmood Qureshi to visit India by March.

The two countries' prime ministers, interior ministers and foreign ministers all met last year, but failed to revive the peace process.—*Reuters*

Beyond smoking scenes on China's TV screens

BEIJING, 9 Jan—Smoking pipes, tobacco threads, cigarettes, and dazzling smoking gestures, which are commonly seen on China's TV screens, have emerged as a clear concern for many supporters of tobacco control.

Xinhua reporters, while monitoring seven Chinese television channels, spotted 49 screen shots of smoking from four TV series being aired from 8 pm to 10 pm on 4 Jan.

Of those smoking scenes, some last less than one second while others went on for as long as five seconds. However, these findings were only a small part of the picture.

The China Association on Tobacco

Control (CATC), a non-profit organization, issued a report in August 2010 after monitoring 40 domestic Chinese movies and 30 local TV series.

The results indicated that smoking scenes appeared in 31 movies, with an average of 15 screen shots, while smoking scenes were found in 28 TV series, with an average of 85 such screen shots.

Yang Gonghuan, director of the National Office for Tobacco Control, said though smoking scenes on TV could not be fully counted as tobacco advertisements, they could easily mislead adolescents and leave them without a correct understanding as to what harm tobacco is responsible for.—*Xinhua*

Fears over readiness of India World Cup venues

NEW DELHI, 9 Jan—Just six weeks before the cricket World Cup, several venues including India's most famous stadium are chaotic scenes of cranes and rubble, raising fears they will not be ready in time.

The tournament, being held in India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh from 19 February, will attract huge crowds and worldwide television audiences drawn by the best international players



This picture taken on 5 Jan shows Indian construction workers removing debris at the Eden Gardens Cricket Stadium in Kolkata.—INTERNET

competing in 49 matches.

But it threatens to be a replay of New Delhi's recent Commonwealth Games, which instead of marking the arrival of a new, modern India on the world stage became a national embarrassment of delays, shoddy works, and alleged corruption.

As the cricket clock ticks down, anxiety is growing over the preparedness of organizers, with

a ten-million-dollar upgrade to the 80,000-seater Eden Gardens stadium in Kolkata causing the biggest headache.

Amid the diggers, dust and bare concrete, hundreds of labourers wearing virtually no safety equipment are toiling day and night to finish off two new blocks of stands which are still covered in scaffolding.

Internet

China's homemade jet ARJ21-700 starts cold-weather trial

XI'AN, 9 Jan—The country's first home-grown regional jet ARJ21-700 is being tested to see how well it performs in the extreme cold of Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, China's flight testing establishment said Sunday.

The 78- to 90-seat aircraft completed a 3-

hour flight from Xi'an in Shaanxi Province to Manzhouli City, Inner Mongolia, Thursday, according to the jet's manufacturer — the Commercial Aircraft Corporation of China (Comac).

A spokesman with the company confirmed the jet's cold-weather trial would continue for a week to test the performance of its hydraulics and other functions in Manzhouli, where the daily average temperature is 30 below zero.

The jet has a maximum flight range of 3,700 kilometers and maximum altitude of 11,900 meters.

So far, ARJ21-700 has completed more than

900 hours of tests during 400 trial flights since November 2008, when the plane made its first trial flight in Shanghai.

Comac is working to get US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) certification. If achieved, the ARJ21 will be the first Chinese commercial aircraft to receive US approval.

China's AVIC International Holding Corporation signed a deal with Comac to sell 100 ARJ21-700 baseline models overseas at an air show held last November in Zhuhai, Guangdong Province, which brought the number of the jet orders to 340 in total.

Xinhua

A man cleans mud from a recently flooded glass and aluminium business in the centre of flood-hit Bundaberg.

A tropical cyclone-created inundation left entire towns under water and cut off many more over an area the size of France and Germany combined.

INTERNET



Japanese troupe named Honiya Dance Group, performs at Katara in Doha, Qatar, on 8 Jan, 2011. The show was organised by the Asian Football Cup (AFC) and Japanese embassy as part of the Japanese embassy's support to the ongoing AFC tournament.—XINHUA



Industry-1 Minister U Aung Thaung looks into glass factory project (Kyaukse).—INDUSTRY-1

Industry-1 Minister tours Kyaukse...

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improve advanced glass production methods domestically, to expend foreign exchange wisely and carefully through

reduction of imported goods, to give impetus to national development and to create jobs in the region.

Next, He inspected

tasks for maintenance and full-capacity operation of the main factory at the Textile Plant Myittha under the Myanma Textile Industries, calling for hitting targets of products. He observed the cloths and fabric patterns.

MNA

Education Minister visits universities, colleges in Mandalay Region

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Jan—Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein, accompanied by Director-General Dr Soe Win of the Higher Education Department (Upper Myanmar), Director-General (Duty) U Ye Lwin Aung of No.2 Basic Education Department, visited University of Meiktila, Meiktila Education College and Meiktila Institute of

Economics yesterday morning. During the visits, the minister met with the rectors, pro-rectors, principals and professors, fulfilled the needs for academic and management matters and research work and left necessary instructions.

Next, the minister visited University of Kyaukse and University of Yatanarpon and

discussed academic and administrative matters and research work. Then, he attended the paper reading session of students for their master's degree.

The minister and party today visited University of Mandalay, Mandalay University of Distance Education and Mandalay University of Foreign Languages.

MNA

Symposium on Nephrology held

YANGON, 9 Jan—Symposium on Nephrology took place at the Medical Research Department (lower Myanmar) on Ziwa Road, Dagon Township, here, with an address of Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe.

Kidney specialists from Adelaide University and Royal Adelaide Hospital

in Australia, kidney specialists from Malaysia, Thailand and India presented renal therapies, treatment methods and their experiences.

It was also attended by specialists from general hospitals, Defence Services general hospitals and medicine universities.—MNA

Minister inspects construction of fire station buildings

YANGON, 9 Jan—Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Maung Maung Swe, together with Director-General of Fire Service Department U Tin Moe, inspected construction of new fire station buildings and staff quarters in South Okkalapa Township and Dagon Myothit

(Seikkan) Township. Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township Industrial Zone Chairman U Aye Lwin reported to the minister on fire safety measures in the zone. Then, the minister inspected fire preventive measures being taken at MTI finished wood factory. MNA

63rd Anniversary Independence Day message read out

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Jan—A ceremony to mark the 63rd Anniversary Independence Day took place at Kengtung Sports ground on 4 January.

Among the attendees were Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Brig-Gen Than Tun Oo, senior

military officers, commanding officers of local regiments and units, officers and other ranks and their families.

The commander and attendees saluted the State Flag.

The commander read the message sent by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-

Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe on the occasion of 63rd Anniversary Independence Day.

The commander and officials watched the sports games in commemoration of the Independence Day and presented prizes to the winners.—MNA

Printing and Publishing Entrepreneurs Association meets

YANGON, 9 Jan—The 19th plenary meeting of Printing and Publishing Entrepreneurs Association was held at the headquarters of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry on Minye Kyawswar Street, Lanmadaw Township here this morning.

It was attended by departmental officials from Ministry of Information, publishers, members of Central

Supervisory Committee for Registration and Securitization, CEC members of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, president of the UMFCFI and CEC members, chairman of PPEA and executives, chairmen of brother associations, personnel from private media, and guests.

First, Chairman of the meeting PPEA Chairman Dr Tin Tun Oo extended greetings and UMFCFI

President U Win Myint delivered an address.

Secretary U Tin Ko Ko read out report and annual financial statement of the executive board, Information Officer U Myo Aung record of the association and amendment of Article 30 (a) and (b) for approval.

Next, wellwishers made donations to the association and the meeting ended with an concluding of the chairman.—MNA

Kyee-Ohn Kyee-Wa Multi-Purpose...



Power house and earth work being carried out with heavy machinery.

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We met with Deputy Director U Myint, Staff Officers U Thein Myint and U Thauang Myint of Construction No. 3. We made a field trip to the site. Its catchment area is 1959 square miles, annual average inflow water, 4600,000 acre feet, full tank area, 463,000 acre feet, dead storage area, 35,350

acre feet, water surface area 10,860 acres. It is of zone dam type. With the installation of two 37 megawatt machines, it can generate 370 million kw hours of electricity a year. The project is due to be completed in 2011 and has completed by 80 percent. Construction of main dam started on 17 January 2005. Earth work for the spillway has completed by 91.35

percent and concrete work, by 51.08 percent. The dam is nearing completion. The dam contributes to the increase of sown acreages in western regions of Magway Region, generating more electricity and greening the region.

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Myanma Alin
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Kayin State Chairman inspects Yayboke Dam Project

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Jan—Chairman of Kayin State Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Zaw Min in his inspection tour of Yayboke Dam Project held a meeting with farmers on 15 December 2010.

He inspected construction work of Htilon-Tabaung-Pata-Nabu-Aukbote road.

He partook in

December mass walk activity on 18 December and took physical exercise with local people.

On 20 December, he addressed the opening of the domestic science course, advanced tailoring course and the wickerwork course at the Vocational Training Centre for Women in Hpa-an. He presented food stuff to

the centre.

On 27 December, he inspected Hton-ai River Water Pumping Station Project. An official gave an account of ongoing tasks. The chairman attended to the needs and inspected water supply tasks.

He viewed the nurturing of summer paddy plants in Hton-ai Village.

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Dy Energy Minister on inspection tour of Yedagun oilfield platform

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Jan—Deputy Minister for Energy U Than Htay yesterday inspected Yedagun oilfield platform in Mottama Offshore Oilfield of Petronas Carigali Myanmar (Hong Kong) Limited (PCML).

There, the deputy minister left necessary instructions on reports presented by Yedagun Platform manager and officials concerned on

progress of daily production of oil and gas and taking plans to prevent naturally decrease of production of oil and gas.

Next, the deputy minister greeted Myanmar workers on the platform and presented them a basket of fruits before he proceeded to Floating Storage and Offloading (FSO).

In the evening, at Pipeline Operating Centre (POC) of PCML

Co Ltd in Kanbauk village-tract, Yebyu Township, POC manager reported him on progress of offshore gas piped abroad, and Social Economic Development in-charge regional developmental tasks being carried out.

The deputy minister and party viewed social economic development of the region.

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Secretary of Sagaing Region PDC U Zaw Moe Aye makes speech at talk on traffic rule enforcement.—District IPRD (News on page 16)

Highly-recommended...



Daw Khin Htar, bean curd shopkeeper.

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Pyawbwe and Meiktila.

"The bean curd we make does not go bad for at least five days. We make it with pure chick pea. To make bean curd, we soak chick pea the whole night. In the morning, we grind it. Then, we stir the mixture of water and grinded chick pea with a propelling stick. We pour away the

liquid and boil the paste only. We make about three viss of bean curd from one viss of chick pea. We sell a viss of bean curd for around 1000 kyats."

If you are on a visit to Tatkon Township, Nay Pyi Taw District, you should not waste the opportunity to try delicious bean curd made in Innzin Village.

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57th Myanmar Medical Conference



19th to 25th January 2011

Yangon

Commander reads 63rd Anniversary Independence Day message

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Jan—Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Brig-Gen Aung Kyaw Zaw attended the ceremony to mark the 63rd Anniversary Independence Day at the parade ground on 4 January morning.

The commander and attendees saluted the State Flag.

The commander read the 63rd Anniversary Independence Day commemorative message sent by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior

General Than Shwe.

He enjoyed commemorative sports activities and awarded the winners of the sports games.

On 5 January, the commander addressed the ceremony to honour North-East Command shooting team that had won the championship shield in the Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's Shield Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Shooting Contest and to present the championship shield.

An officer handed over the championship shields to the commander.

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Myanmar Book Centre to launch Book-Buffer, Clearance Sale

YANGON, 9 Jan—Myanmar Book Centre will organize the Book-Buffer and Clearance Sale for the third time from 10 to 16 January.

The proceeds from the sale will be used in buying necessary Myanmar books to be donated to village libraries, and monastic education schools.

Sales of books will be Book-buffer programme-1 and programme-2. In the clearance sale, books will be sold at discounts.

Book-Buffer and Clearance Sale will be launched at Outlet-1 of Myanmar Book Centre at 55 at the corner of Baho and Ahlon Roads, Ahlon Township, Yangon; and Outlet-1 at 561-567, Room-3,

ground floor, MAC Tower (1), Merchant Street, Kyauktada Township, from 9 am to 6 pm and the Mandalay

branch at Room-429 at level 4, 78 Shopping Centre Mandalay, from 9 am to 9 pm.

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Staff officer Daw Khin Mar Aye of Township Cooperatives Department, U Than Swe Oo, Staff officer of Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Aye Aye Khine and Chairman of Library U Aung Thein opened "Lanpyakya" cooperatives Library in Kyutawkan village-tract in Paungde Township, Pyay District, on 26 December. (Caption News)

Robots massage, clean, and amuse at CES



The WheeMe robot from DreamBots Inc massages the back of an attendee at the 2011 International Consumer Electronics Show on 6 Jan in Las Vegas, Nevada.

INTERNET

LAS VEGAS, 9 Jan—The world's first massage robot was at the Consumer Electronics Show (CES) in Las Vegas to soothe those sore from dashing about the gargantuan gadget extravaganza.

Palm-sized WheeMe massagers made by Israel-based startup DreamBots were in a newly established

CES robotics zone with creations ranging from therapeutic mechanical seals to playful lifelike baby dinosaurs.

"It gives you a nice tickling feeling," Karen Slutzky of DreamBots said as a WheeMe maneuvered independently on the back of a woman laying on a massage table at CES, which ends Sunday.

"It is a gentle skin massage; very relaxing. And, it doesn't fall off."

Curvy, car-shaped WheeMe units have wheels designed with "fingerettes" and the robots vibrate.

Invented by Slutzky's husband, Eyal Avramovich, the robots use feedback from sensors to not ride off backs or stomachs and to stop at waistlines.

"It doesn't know where it has been, but it knows where not to go," Slutzky said. "We are working on making it smarter so it can go up onto the bum and down onto the leg."

The couple was showing prototypes at CES and looking for a partner to bring models to the US market late this year.

Internet



A couple walk amid the snow in Toronto, Canada, on 8 Jan, 2011. The first snowfall in 2011 hit Toronto on Saturday. —XINHUA

Fog in Pakistan diverts visiting German FM plane

ISLAMABAD, 9 Jan—Fog stopped a plane of the German foreign minister from landing in Islamabad on Saturday and diverted it to the eastern city of Lahore, officials said.

Guido Westerwelle was scheduled to arrive in the Pakistani capital of Islamabad on Saturday morning on a two-day visit for talks on bilateral and regional issues, the Foreign Ministry said.

A joint press stakeout by Pakistani Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi and the German foreign minister was scheduled to be held at the Foreign Office on Saturday at 2 pm local time, but it may be delayed for several hours, officials said.

The German foreign minister will wait in Lahore unless the fog is reduced or he may travel on road, official sources said.

The German FM is also to meet Prime Minister Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani, sources said.

Dozens of flights have been delayed since the onset of seasonal fog this year which reduced visibility to zero in several areas, making take-off and landing virtually impossible at the Islamabad international airport.

Winter fog has gripped many Pakistani cities including the capital, which has also disrupted traffic on motorways and main highways, officials said.

Internet

Wealthy trader kidnapped in southern Philippines

COTABATO, 9 Jan—Gunmen kidnapped a wealthy Chinese-Filipino trader outside a busy hotel in the southern Philippines, the latest in a rash of abductions in the area in recent months, police said Sunday.

The hotel's security camera showed the men forcibly taking Yuloyu Lim Yu, 56, to a waiting getaway vehicle in Cotabato city late Saturday, regional police spokesman Chief Inspector Alexander Yap said. "The security guard initially engaged with the kidnappers but they sped off," Yap said.

He said the kidnappers' vehicle was later recovered by authorities, but the whereabouts of the victim was unknown.

Nobody has claimed responsibility for the abduction, but several armed groups, including Muslim separatist rebels, are known to operate in the city and in nearby



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areas.

In October, gunmen seized Conchita Atienza Tan, 73, the wife of another wealthy trader in Cotabato.

A family driver and a bodyguard were killed when they traded fire with the suspects before they sped away. Tan however was subsequently freed after her family paid ransom.—Internet

Four Loko to become ethanol

RICHMOND, 9 Jan—A Virginia company said it is recycling the alcohol from leftover stores of banned beverage Four Loko to make ethanol.

MXI Enterprises of Richmond said the Four Loko, which was made by Phusion Projects of Chicago and was recently banned in several states because of its combination of high alcohol and caffeine levels, would be recycled, KSWB-TV, San Diego, reported Friday.

Mike Lewis, owner of Pearson Fuels in San Diego, said it is not unusual for beverages to be recycled into ethanol.

Internet

10-year-old girl survives Venezuela plane crash

CARACAS, 9 Jan—A 10-year-old girl has survived a plane crash in western Venezuela that killed the five other people on board, apparently her family members.

Amilcar Mendes, the civil protection director in western Cojedes state, says the small, PN68 plane crashed on the edge of a farm in the municipality of Lima Blanco.

Mendes says two men and three women on board died, while the girl survived without injuries. The six were apparently from the same family.

The plane apparently took off from the Caribbean island of Margarita en route to an airport in Valles de Tuy, about 20 miles (30 kilometres) southeast of Caracas. The cause of the accident has still not been determined.—Internet



Young dancers from Russia take part in a joint performance with Chinese young students in Heihe, northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, 8 Jan, 2011. A total of 200 young dancers from Russia's Khabarovsk, Blagoveshchensk and China's No 5 Primary School of Heihe joined together at the performance to enhance the understanding and friendship among each other. —XINHUA

Tourism New Zealand targets "you"

WELLINGTON, 9 Jan—Tourism New Zealand was personalizing its message with a new campaign, "100 Percent Pure You".

Tourism New Zealand Chief Executive Kevin Bowler said on Sunday the campaign was the next step from the highly successful "100 Percent Pure New Zealand" after research indicated New Zealand could increase its appeal by focusing on more than stunning landscapes.

"We have identified people around the world already considering travelling to New Zealand who have the financial means to make the trip, Bowler said.

"The addition of 'You' to the successful "100 Percent Pure New Zealand" advertising message is a logical next step that will benefit New Zealand's tourism industry by highlighting the many individual experiences on offer," he added.

The campaign, starts in Australia on Sunday, includes television commercials, online banner ads and a new '100% Pure You' tagline that, over time, will be used for all Tourism New Zealand advertising globally. It will be rolled out in New Zealand's major North American, European and Asian markets by the end of February.

100% Pure New Zealand has been used to promote New Zealand as a tourism destination since 1999. In November last year, New Zealand was ranked the third strongest country brand in the world, up one place from the previous year and ahead of the United States, by FutureBrand's Country Brand Index.—Xinhua



A train travels on the newly-launched Guangzhou-Zhuhai intercity railway in south China's Guangdong Province, on 7 Jan, 2011. The intercity rail line, with speeds of up to 250 kilometres per hour, was put in operation Friday.

It will shorten the travel time between Guangzhou and Zhuhai down to about 40 minutes.

XINHUA

14 decapitated bodies found in Mexico resort city

ACAPULCO, 9 Jan—The bodies of 15 men, all but one of them headless, were found on a street outside a shopping centre in Acapulco on Saturday as police reported 27 people slain in the Pacific resort in less than a day.

The decapitated victims, all of whom appeared to be in their 20s, were discovered in an area not frequented by tourists.

Handwritten signs left with the bodies were signed by "El Chapo's People" — a reference to the Sinaloa cartel, headed by drug lord Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman — said Fernando Monreal Leyva, director of investigative police for Guerrero state, where Acapulco is located.

The narco-messages indicated the Sinaloa cartel killed them for trying to intrude on the gang's turf and extort residents. Authorities said there were at least three minors among the dead.

Mexico's drug cartels have increasingly taken to beheading their victims in a grisly show of force, but Saturday's discovery was the largest single group of decapitation victims found in recent years.



Professor Antonio Vazquez Alba "Brujo Mayor", also known as Mexico's Grand Warlock, holds up a tarot card during a news conference where he made predictions for 2011 in Mexico City on 4 Jan, 2011.

He predicted on politics, sports, drug trafficking and also that Sinaloa Cartel head Joaquin Guzman Loera would not be arrested this year.—INTERNET

In 2008, a group of 12 decapitated bodies were piled outside the Yucatan state capital of Merida. The same year, nine headless men were discovered in the Guerrero state capital of Chilpancingo.

Acapulco has been the site of fierce battles between drug gangs, and this weekend got off to a bloody start with 27 people killed there from Friday evening to early Saturday, Leyva said.—Internet



A man unloads bags of sugar from state-run food company EMAPA to sell to the public in La Paz on 7 Jan, 2011. Local media reported that Bolivia is facing a sugar shortage due to insufficient sugarcane crops and the smuggling of sugar to nearby countries.—INTERNET

Alaska pipeline shut down after leak discovered

ANCHORAGE, 9 Jan—The Trans Alaska Pipeline shut down on Saturday after an oil leak was discovered at the intake pump station at Prudhoe Bay, the system's operator said. Alyeska Pipeline

Service Co, the operator of the 800-mile (1,280 kilometre) line, said the leak was discovered Saturday morning and oil producers have been instructed to cut output to 5 percent of normal rates.

Alyeska is owned by oil companies with interests on the North Slope. Major owners are BP, Conoco-Phillips and Exxon Mobil Corp. BP, which operates the Prudhoe Bay field, has started the process of reducing production, said company spokesman Steve Rinehart.

"I can't give you an estimate of how long it will take to get down to 5 percent, but we are working quickly and safely to do that," he said. Tasks include freeze-protecting lines and facilities, he said.

The leak appears to be from a second pipeline encased in concrete adjacent to the pump station building and a response crew has been sent to the site to assess ways to contain the oil leak and start cleanup and repairs, Alyeska said.

Internet

'Dramatic' rain warning for flood-soaked Australia

SYDNEY, 9 Jan—Heavy rains falling on Australia's flooded north-east could have a "dramatic" impact, officials warned Sunday, stretching already swollen rivers and creeks to their limit across the devastated region.

Queensland police commissioner Alistair Dawson said that severe weather lashing the already sodden northeastern state could bring flash flooding to currently dry areas with little warning.

"Waters will rise quickly—you may not be aware of that rise," Dawson told reporters. "Those places which have gone under before, especially on the road system, could well flood

again within an hour."

Emergency chief Warren Bridson said the unprecedented deluge — which has hit an area larger than France and Germany combined, paralysing the key agricultural and coal-mining region — meant the rain's impact was unpredictable.

"The ground is so waterlogged, the catchme

nts so primed, the rivers so full, the creeks are all flooding, and it will mean something more dramatic than it has in the past," Bridson said.

"That 200 millimetres (eight inches) of rain could mean the difference between a minor flood and a major flood," he added.

Internet

Mud-caked debris is piled in front of a house at Condamine, Australia, after floodwater washed away or ruined household items from hundreds of homes, on 7 Jan, 2011. Some victims of Australia's worst floods in decades returned to their homes to find them caked in sludge as others nervously watched the skies for more rain and waited for swollen rivers to recede.—INTERNET



Brazil government says 100K displaced by floods

RIO DE JANEIRO, 9 Jan—Brazilian authorities say the number of people left homeless by flooding has risen to about 100,000 in four southeastern states.

Reports from regional civil defence authorities show Minas Gerais state has been hit the hardest, with 16 dead there as of Friday. More than 4,000 homes have been

damaged by rising water and landslides, and about 170 destroyed.

Eleven more are dead in Sao Paulo state, where 57 cities are in a state of emergency, including the capital.

Main thoroughfares in Sao Paulo city were swamped Saturday, and some smaller towns were entirely submerged.

Internet

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Airtel advertisements line a street in Nairobi, on 7 Jan, 2011. Millions of mobile phone subscribers in Africa saw the icon on their phone screens change from Zain to Airtel last fall. The change means little to the average customer, but for the continent, it's another sign that India is moving in. The expansion by Bharti Airtel into 16 African countries underscores the rise of India in Africa, at a time when much of the focus on foreign investment here has been on China.

INTERNET

Verizon Wireless to unveil iPhone Tuesday

NEW YORK, 9 Jan—Verizon Wireless, the top US mobile provider, plans on Tuesday to unveil a version of the Apple Inc iPhone for its service and will kick off sales of the device a few weeks



A sign of Verizon Wireless.—INTERNET

later, a source told *Reuters*.

Verizon Wireless will offer the iPhone to its customers under its existing wireless service price plans, said the source, who asked not to be named as the plan has not yet been announced.

Apple and Verizon Wireless declined comment on Saturday.

Verizon Wireless, a venture of Verizon Communications and Vodafone Group Plc, will announce pricing for the device at an event to be held in New York on Tuesday.

Internet

WikiLeaks subpoenas spill out into public realm

WASHINGTON, 9 Jan—Investigative documents in the WikiLeaks probe spilled out into the public domain Saturday for the first time, pointing to the Obama administration's determination to assemble a criminal case no matter how long it takes and how far afield authorities have to go.

Backed by a magistrate judge's court order from 14 Dec, the newly disclosed documents sent to Twitter Inc by the US attorney's office in Alexandria, Va, demand details about the accounts of WikiLeaks founder



WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange

Julian Assange and Pfc Bradley Manning, the Army intelligence analyst who's in custody and suspected of supplying WikiLeaks with classified information.—*Internet*



Vancouver wedding fair helps brides do "I do" right

VANCOUVER, 9 Jan — As would-be brides are in a flutter over approaching wedding dates and the many ways to say "I do," this weekend's wedding fair in Vancouver is making "I do" easy to do right.

Over 150 exhibitors came to display their wares at the Vancouver Wedding Fair this Saturday and Sunday.

Launched 32 years ago with only 22 exhibitors, the wedding fair has grown more popular in recent years, in spite of soaring online businesses.

This Saturday, over 4,000 would-be brides, grooms, their friends and

families attended the fair to learn about how to create the most magical moment of their lives. "They have the opportunity to see all these exhibitors under one roof over just a day or two days," said Gary Meister, former tuxedo businessman who started the fair.

The exhibition also includes four fashion shows per day, displaying the latest in wedding fashion, as well as entry draws for a total of 250,000 Canadian dollars in prizes, including the grand prize that one lucky bride will take home at the end of the weekend: a 100,000-dollar dream wedding.—*Xinhua*

World Bank chief set to laud India for growth effort

WASHINGTON, 9 Jan—World Bank President Robert Zoellick opens a four-day visit to India on Sunday where he was expected to laud the efforts by the big emerging country on its growing role in the global economy.

"India's return to high levels of growth is helping the global economy recover from the crisis,"



World Bank President Robert Zoellick

said Zoellick in a statement from Washington Saturday.

"India is a player on the global stage. The country's status as a rising economic power is closely connected with how it manages this next phase of growth, balancing rapid development with the environment and most importantly, the need to ensure all people have opportunity."

He said the World Bank supported India's "strategy of boosting growth while helping the most vulnerable people be able to seize the opportunities afforded by an expanding economy."

Internet

France says 2 Frenchmen kidnapped in Niger killed

PARIS, 9 Jan—Two French hostages kidnapped in the Niger capital were killed by their captors despite a rescue attempt by French forces, President Nicolas Sarkozy said in a statement on Saturday.

The hostages were found dead at the Niger-Mali border after French troops there clashed with the kidnappers, killing several of them, a statement from Defence Minister Alain Juppe said. President Nicolas Sarkozy condemned the killings as a "cowardly and barbaric act."

The two French victims, who have not been identified, were kidnapped by four armed men while dining at a restaurant on Friday night in the Niger capital, Niamey.—*Internet*

Renault says target of international spy ring

PARIS, 9 Jan—A boss of French automaker Renault said Saturday the company had been targeted by an international spy ring but claimed it had lost no major secrets in the affair which has seen top managers suspended.

The French government meanwhile refused to confirm reports that the three managers were supplying details of the company's electric cars to China.

Renault number two



The new Renault electric utility vehicle Kangoo Express ZE. A boss of French automaker Renault said on Saturday.—INTERNET

Patrick Pelata told Saturday's *Le Monde* daily that the inquiry that led to the suspensions had concluded that the carmaker was faced with

"an organised system of collecting economic, technological and strategic information to serve foreign interests".

Internet

US biologists find ways to save penguins

BEIJING, 9 Jan — Researchers across North America are in a race against time to save the South African penguin from extinction.

Biologists are focusing on keeping a genetically diverse population in captivity. They hope that one day, commercial fishing and climate change can be controlled enough for the birds to survive in the wild.

They may be living the good life here in captivity but, in the wild, the South African penguin

is in trouble. It is the only penguin species that breeds in Africa and it's numbers are plummeting.

In 2010, the penguin was added to the US Endangered Species list. In a little over a century, their numbers have dropped from more than a million to fewer than 80,000 and if current trends continue - experts say none will be left in the wild in a few short decades. Biologists at the California Academy of Sciences, along with zoos across North America are

working to ensure that the penguins have a fighting chance. Brooke Weinstein is a biologist at the Academy.

Brooke Weinstein, Biologists at the California Academy of Sciences, said, "We are part of what is called the species survival plan. We work together with numerous other zoos and aquarium in North America just to make sure that we are maintaining a genetically viable population of these birds in captivity."

Xinhua

Homeless man finds success with “golden voice”



Homeless man Ted Williams appears on NBC's "Today" show in New York 6 Jan, 2011.

He's not quite Susan Boyle.

But one of America's first viral videos of 2011 has propelled a homeless man, who was filmed begging for money with a baritone-rich radio voice, to national attention and job offers.

Ted Williams, a 53 year-old former

radio announcer who became homeless after battling drugs and alcohol, attracted millions of YouTube hits after *The Columbus Dispatch* newspaper posted a video on Monday of Williams begging on the side of a road in Columbus, Ohio, using his radio emcee imitations.

By Thursday, Williams appeared on morning news programmes including "The Today Show" to talk about new voice-over job offers with the Cleveland Cavaliers basketball team and foodmaker Kraft and his stunning instant rise from begging on the streets.

"I feel like Susan Boyle," Williams, 53, said in *The Columbus Dispatch*, "Or Justin Bieber."

Drunk burglar calls 911 for help

A man who broke into a house in Delaware spent three days there drinking and then had to call 911 because he was locked in, police said.

John Finch, 44, was taken to a hospital to sober up after police found him Wednesday, *The News Journal of Wilmington* reported. He faces charges of breaking into the same house in Bellefonte twice in less than a year.

Officer Michael Bingnear, who responded to Finch's 911 call, said the house had deadbolt locks that required keys to open. He said Finch, who said he had consumed three bottles of gin and two bottles of whisky during his three-day stay, was apparently too drunk to deal with the locks or to climb out of the window he broke to get in.

Finch told police he hid in a closet at one point when the owner stopped by the house. The woman told the *News Journal* she has not lived in the house since it was damaged in a storm.

Orange alligator must be a dye job, Fla officials say

An orange alligator photographed in South Florida is raising questions about its bizarre pigment. Sylvia Mythen snapped the photo of the gator sunning beside a neighbourhood canal in Venice.

The picture ran on TV after she shot it Wednesday and caused a buzz.

Experts with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission have scrutinized the photo and say the colour is not genetic. They believe the gator was somehow covered in paint or an orange substance.

Bus walked through Icelandic whiteout

A group of Icelandic aluminum smelter employees got to work in a whiteout blizzard after two men walked ahead of their bus to guide the driver, a worker said.

The bus takes workers from the towns of Neskaupstadir and Eskifjordur on Iceland's east coast to the smelter

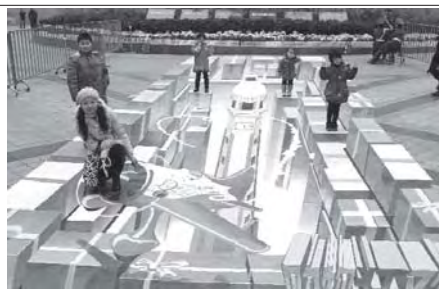
in Reydarfjordur, *Iceland Review* said.

The 45-minute trip took 3 hours Thursday, the Reykjavik newspaper *Morgunbladið* reported. The 5-mile stretch between Eskifjordur and the plant, usually a matter of 5 or 10 minutes, took 2 hours.

Sigurdur Sveinsson

said the weather was good when the bus left Neskaupstadir. But the bus hit a storm so thick on the approach to Eskifjordur the driver had to pull over. "It was so stormy and there was so much snowblindness that we couldn't see a thing in front of us anymore," he said.

News Album



Children stand on a 3D painting on a street in southwest China's Chongqing Municipality, 8 Jan, 2011. According to the designer, it took 26 days to finish the 3D painting which covers an area of nearly 90 square metres.



Edison Pena tours the display of gold records at Graceland, Elvis Presley's home, on 7 Jan, 2011, in Memphis, Tenn. Pena is one of 33 miners who were trapped for 69 days in a collapsed mine in Chile. Pena, an Elvis fan who led other miners in Elvis songs to help pass the time while waiting to be rescued, was invited to tour Graceland by Elvis Presley Enterprises.

INTERNET

Fans, rescued miner celebrate Elvis' 76th birthday

MEMPHIS, 9 Jan—Hundreds of Elvis Presley fans, including Chilean miner Edison Pena, gathered Saturday at Graceland to sing "Happy Birthday" on the late rock n' roll icon's 76th birthday.

Pena, the guest of honour at Elvis' birthday party, cut into a 4-foot high cake fashioned to look like stacked television sets as fans cheered both the singer and the miner outside Elvis' longtime Memphis home. An avid Elvis fan, Pena has been on a whirlwind tour of Memphis, getting a private tour of Graceland, attending a Memphis Grizzlies NBA game and leading the walking of the ducks at the Peabody Hotel. Pena and 32 other miners spent 69 days trapped underground after a mine collapse in Chile. Pena sang Elvis songs to lift the morale of his friends before their rescue in October. He speaks little English except for the words of Elvis tunes and has been using a translator.

Internet

UltraViolet lights way to lifetime movie watching rights

LAS VEGAS, 9 Jan—Giants from Hollywood, technology and retail are out to rev up digital film sales by letting people buy lifetime rights to watch movies on whichever devices suit their fancies.

A Digital Entertainment Content Ecosystem (DECE) alliance that includes Warner Brothers, Microsoft, NBC Universal, Sony, and Fox is working to break down walls between gadgets and services to catalyze demand for films.

The new stream of revenue expected with the arrival of digital distribution of movies years ago didn't arrive. Instead, DVD sales shrank without digital an offsetting increase on the digital side.

The DECE alliance has set up an UltraViolet platform for film lovers to create free accounts in the Internet "cloud" where versions of movies they buy in DVD or digital formats are stored in online "lockers."—Internet

Producers already pitch Kennedy project elsewhere

PASADENA, 9 Jan—After the History channel said it would not air a controversial miniseries on the Kennedy family, producers were already seeking another television home. The Showtime pay cable network has been approached to air the eight-part series, a spokesman said on Saturday. Eight years ago, Showtime aired

a movie about President Reagan that CBS had made but decided not to broadcast when it faced pressure from some of that former president's family.

Showtime won't make a decision about the Kennedy miniseries until its executives have a chance to see it, spokesman Richard Licata said.—Internet



Documentary filmmaker Robert Greenwald reacts during a news conference, in this on 12 July, 2004 file photo taken in New York.—INTERNET

Thousands flock to Nintendo 3DS premiere in Japan

CHIBA, 9 Jan—Thousands of Japanese game fans flocked to an exhibition hall near Tokyo as Nintendo let the general public try its 3D-enabled DS console for the first time. The new-generation DS machine — which allows users to play 3D games without wearing special glasses — missed the Christmas season but will be released on 26 February in Japan and in March in the United States, Europe and Australia.—Internet



Game fans try Nintendo 3DS during an admission-free, three-day event for the 3DS at an exhibition hall in Chiba, suburban Tokyo.—INTERNET

Man Utd 1 - 0 Liverpool

Ryan Giggs and Lucas do battle at Old Trafford.

MANCHESTER, 9 Jan—Steven Gerrard was sent off as Ryan Giggs's second-minute penalty proved enough to send Manchester United into the fourth round of the FA Cup, ruining Kenny Dalglish's emotional return as Liverpool manager.

The tie was barely 30 seconds old when Daniel

Agger was adjudged to have fouled Dimitar Berbatov in the box and Giggs converted the spot-kick with ease.

Liverpool responded well, but their hopes of a comeback were hit hard when Gerrard was shown the red card for diving in rashly on Michael Carrick just after the half-hour mark. Despite a spirited effort that offered encouragement to the 9,000 visiting fans, only a succession of fine saves by Pepe Reina kept the game alive until the end.

Liverpool's 10 men continued to battle on and went close when Kuszczak had to dive acrobatically to keep out Fabio Aurelio's free-kick, which was heading for the top corner. Reina made three excellent saves in quick succession from Rafael, Berbatov and Patrice Evra, with Giggs having a decent penalty shout turned down in between, while substitute Michael Owen—a former Anfield star—also spurned a couple of late opportunities as United ended up convincing winners.—*Internet*

Tottenham 3 - 0 Charlton

LONDON, 9 Jan—Debutant winger Andros Townsend sparked Tottenham's passage into the FA Cup fourth round as they stylishly saw off League One Charlton in the second half.

The Addicks battled in the first period but did not hurt Spurs' second-string. Townsend, 19, cracked in a low 20-yard drive after half time as superb substitute Luka Modric immediately dictated the flow of play in midfield. Jermain Defoe then raced through to slam in a second before dancing past Charlton defenders to prod in a third.

On his return from suspension, diminutive striker Defoe—who started his career at Charlton—ensured that Spurs put a sluggish opening 45 minutes behind them as the north London club continue to impress neutrals while fighting on in three different competitions. Left-footed but playing on the right wing, he quickly made an impression on the game after beating two players with step-overs before flashing a dangerous low ball across the box in the



Left-footed but playing on the right wing, Townsend scored on his Spurs debut.

second minute. He then won a free-kick in the 14th minute which Niko Kranjcar curled just wide.

Now bristling with confidence, Defoe charged at the Charlton defence again, winning the ball back after being challenged before firing past Elliot to make it 3-0 after seeing his first effort blocked.—*Internet*

The FA Cup		9-Jan-2011 (Sunday)	
Chelsea	7-0	Ipswich	
Leicester	2-2	Man City	

SPORTS**Asian Cup - Group B****9 January**

Japan 1 - 1 Jordan
Saudi Arabia 1 - 2 Syria

Spain - La Liga Division**8 January**

Malaga 1 - 1 Athletic Bilbao
Real Sociedad 2 - 3 Sevilla
Deportivo La Coruna 0 - 4 Barcelona

Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle**Stricker, Byrd, Garrigus in the lead at Kapalua**

KAPALUA, 9 Jan—Robert Garrigus made another strong recovery, holding a 50-foot eagle putt on the final hole to get back atop the leaderboard at the Tournament of Champions. Steve Stricker made it look easy in the toughest conditions of the week for an 8-under 65. Jonathan Byrd joined him in the lead despite a poor pitch on the final hole that made him settle for par and a 67.

Then came Garrigus, who opened with a double bogey and a bogey to fall out of the lead. He lingered

the rest of the sunny day until the end, when his 50-foot putt banged into the back of the cup and fell for eagle. That gave him a 69.—*Internet*

Ben Crane reacts after missing a birdie putt on the ninth green during the third round of the Hyundai.—*Internet*Bayern Munich's Arjen Robben attends a training session in the Qatari capital Doha on 3 January.—*Internet*Arsenal's midfielder Cesc Fabregas (L) score from the penalty spot with a last-gasp equalizer in the FA Cup third round match against Leeds United at the Emirates Stadium.—*Internet***Messi, Iniesta help send Barcelona five clear**

MADRID, 9 Jan—Ballon d'Or finalists Lionel Messi and Andres Iniesta scored a goal apiece as champions Barcelona continued their flawless away record with a 4-0 win at Deportivo La Coruna on Saturday to move five points clear of Real Madrid. Messi curled in a terrific left-footed free-kick early in the second half for his 18th league goal of the season while Spanish World Cup winner Iniesta scored a sensational, late individual goal as Barcelona made it a perfect nine wins on the road.

Spanish internationals David Villa and Pedro Rodriguez were also on target as Barcelona recorded a 12th consecutive league victory to put pressure on rivals Real Madrid to defeat Villarreal at the Santiago Bernabeu on Sunday.

Barcelona have all three finalists for the 2010 Ballon d'Or award, with the winner to be announced on Monday.

"We don't know who is going to win the Ballon d'Or but it will be a triumph for Barcelona," said Villa.—*Internet*

Dalglish honoured by Liverpool return

Liverpool legend Kenny Dalglish, the last manager to bring the English league title.

Internet

LIVERPOOL, 9 Jan—Liverpool legend Kenny Dalglish, the last manager to bring the English league title to Anfield in 1990, admitted on Saturday it was "a great honour" to be back in charge.

Dalglish was named as the man to bring back the glory days to the former European champions af-

ter the unhappy six-month reign of Roy Hodgson was brought to an end.

Liverpool's owners New England Sports Ventures (NESV) had suggested after last week's home defeat to Wolves they were looking for alternatives, and Dalglish's first task will be to engineer a win in Sunday's FA Cup third round tie at Manchester United.

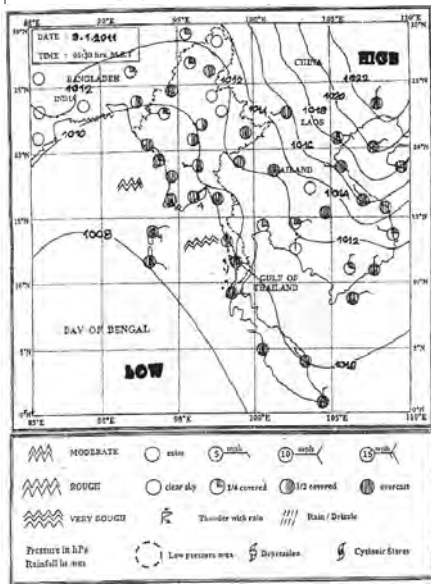
"It's a great honour to be asked to come back, it's unfortunate circumstances because a very good man with great dignity and integrity has lost his job," Dalglish told Sky Sports News after cutting short his holiday in Dubai.

*Internet***Robben back in groove with Bayern**

MUNICH, 9 Jan—Dutch winger Arjen Robben made his long-awaited return after 231 days on the sidelines with hamstring problems as Bayern Munich thrashed local side Al-Wakrah 4-0 in a friendly in Doha on Saturday.

Robben played the first half before withdrawing as he remains some way away from match fitness, having last appeared for the Bavarians in the Champions League final loss to Inter Milan last May. He also featured for Holland in their World Cup final loss to Spain.—*Internet*

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Sunday, 9th January, 2011

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain has been fairly widespread in Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, scattered in Shan State, isolated in Chin, Kayah and Kayin States, Upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Bago Regions and weather has been partly cloudy over the remaining States and Regions. Night temperatures were (4°C) below January average temperature in Kachin State, (3°C) to (4°C) above January average temperatures in Chin State, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, (5°C) to (6°C) above January average temperatures in Shan, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States, Lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Bago Regions and about January average temperatures in the remaining States and Regions. The significant night temperatures were Putao (3°C), Machanbaw (4°C) and Haka (5°C). The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Namsam (0.39) inch, Cocogyun (0.35) inch, Taunggyi (0.32) inch and Yangon (Kaba-Aye) (0.16) inch.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 8-1-2011 was 82°F. Minimum temperature on 9-1-2011 was 68°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 9-1-2011 was (66%). Rainfall on 9-1-2011 was (Tr).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 8-1-2011 was 82°F. Minimum temperature on 9-1-2011 was 67°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 9-1-2011 was (88%). Total sunshine hours on 8-1-2011 was (Nil).

Rainfall on 9-1-2011 was (0.04) inch at Mingaladon, (0.16) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.12) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (0.12) inch at Mingaladon, (0.20) inch at Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Northeast at (12:30) hours MST on 8-1-2011.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 10th January 2011: Rain are likely to be scattered in Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, isolated in Shan, Chin, Rakhine, Kayah, Kayin and Mon States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Taninthayi Regions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining States and Regions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Strong Easterly winds with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coast. Surface wind speed in strong wind may reach (35) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 10-1-2011: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 10-1-2011: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 10-1-2011: Possibility of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (40%).

China seize opportunity to punish 10-man Kuwait

DOHA, 9 Jan—China's new generation made a winning start to their Asian Cup campaign with a 2-0 victory against 10-man Kuwait in their Group A opener at the Al Gharafa Stadium here on Saturday.

Kuwait went a man down in the first half when Mesad Nada was sent off for an ugly foul on Yang Xu and China made their numerical advantage count when Zhang Linpeng broke the deadlock shortly before the hour.

Deng Zhouxiang doubled the lead with a free-kick, to put Gao Hongbo's team — whose average age is just 24 — level with Uzbekistan at the top of the group. Uzbekistan beat Qatar 2-0 in the first group game on Friday.



Zhang Linpeng (R) scores the opening goal for China in their 2-0 Asian Cup victory over Kuwait.

INTERNET

"As the head coach, I'm very happy to win this game," said Gao.

Internet

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL

Programme Schedule (10-1-2011) (Monday)

Transmissions

Times

Local - (09:00am~11:00am MST)
Oversea Transmission - (10-1-11 09:30 am ~ 11-1-11 09:30 am MST)

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Mile of Road...piles of Hope (Patheon- Monywa Motor Road) (Part-II)
- * News
- * A Visit to 'Lwe' Nationals
- * VCD Center
- * "Never Say Goodbye, Because of you"
- * News
- * I Love Myanmar
- * News
- * The World's Largest Book

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- * Up Against the Tide
- * News
- * Your Shopping to Youth Empowerment
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Myanmar Movies Impact "Parental Love"
- * News
- * Yoke Sone Monastery of Lae Kai Ancient City
- * The historical sites of Taung Tha Man
- * Myanmar Movie "Guilt Over Love"



**Monday,
10 January
View on today**

7:00 am

1. Paritta By Venerable Min Gun Sayadaw

7:15 am

2. Dhamma Puja Song

7:25 am

3. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

4. Morning News

7:40 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

7:50 am

6. Dance Of National Races

8:00 am

7. Cute Little Dancers

8:10 am

8. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition

8:25 am

9. Teleplay (Health)

8:40 am

10. International News

8:45 am

11. Musical Programme

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Dance Variety

4:20 pm

3. Musical Programme

4:35 pm

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

4:50 pm

5. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

5:00 pm

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

5:20 pm

7. Myanmar Language

5:35 pm

8. Myanmar Idol

6:00 pm

9. Evening News

6:15 pm

10. Weather Report

6:20 pm

11. Sing & Enjoy

7:30 pm

12. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm

13. News
14. International News
15. Weather Report
16. World's Stars (Part-6)
17. 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

Highly-recommended Innzin Village bean curd

Byline: Myint Maung Soe



A change of bean curd shops at Myoma Market in Tatkon Township.

Bean curd, one of the Myanmar traditional foods, is consumed as salad, crispy or dish.

For Myanmar people, it is mouthwatering to see bean curd salad which is made of bean curd sticks, cooked oil with turmeric power, onion and garlic, and cut *nannan* or lemon leaves. It can also be used as a side dish.

Bean curd is also consumed as crisp. Green tea makes an excellent accompaniment to bean

curd crisp. In Shan State, bean cured crisp is consumed as an additional food after *si-chet* noodles (boiled noodles with cooked oil added and garnished with shredded meat), rice noodles, and Shan noodles. In upper Myanmar, it is consumed as a rich dish.

We sometimes go shopping in Myoma Market in Tatkon Township, Nay Pyi Taw District. Many of the shops in the market are bean curd shops. Bean curd sellers are hospitable to shoppers. Like sales assistants of Hto-mont (pudding made of glutinous rice, sugar, coconut and oil) shops in Mandalay, keepers of bean curd shops in the market present shoppers some bean curd to try it, which is to lure shoppers into buying their product.

Bean curd in Myoma Market is recommended. Being fairly hard, bean curd in the market does not go bad easily, lasting for several days. Some buy and carry it to other townships for consumption.

Observing bean curd shops in Myoma Market in Tatkon Township, I became curious about the product. When asked about her product, seller Daw Khin Htar told the Myanma Alin, "Shopkeepers of the bean curd shops in this market are all from Innzin Village. Innzin Village is in the south of Yamethin. Most of the houses in our village make bean curd for their main business. Here, there are about 30 bean curd shops. Villagers also run their bean curd shops in downtown Yamethin,

(See page 9)

Traffic knowledge disseminated in Monywa

MONYWA, 9 Jan—Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Police Force gave educative talks on traffic rules in Monywa on 27 December last year. The educative talks were held at the convocation hall of Monywa University and attended by Secretary U Zaw Moe Aye of Sagaing Region Peace and Development Council, departmental heads, officials from universities and colleges and undergraduates.

Chief of Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Police Force Police Lt-Col Aung Naing gave talks on traffic rules. Next, on behalf of Myanmar Police Force, Chief of Sagaing Region Police Force Police Colonel Thura Tin Hla and Police Lt-Col Aung Naing presented 200 pieces of helmets to universities and colleges.

Next, Rector U Kyaw Myint Thein of Monywa University spoke words of thanks.

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Significant night temperatures (9-1-2011)

Putao	(3°C)
Machanbaw	(4°C)
Haka	(5°C)