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Goal of building new nation cannot be achieved only with lip service and unrealistic approaches

Prime Minister addresses inauguration of Patheingyi-Monywa tarred road

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Jan—The inauguration of Patheingyi-Monywa tarred road built by Public Works of the Ministry of Construction took place at the pavilion near Kankalay Junction in Kyaunggon Township this morning, with an address by Prime Minister U Thein Sein.

Also present on the occasion were Maj-Gen Hla Min of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Ayeyawady Region Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Brig-Gen Tin Maung Win, ministers, deputy ministers, heads of department, service personnel, members of social organizations, local people and guests.

In his address, the Prime Minister said that today's ceremony was to open the upgraded tarred



Prime Minister U Thein Sein unveils the stone inscription of Patheingyi-Monywa tarred road. —MNA

road that goes along the river Ayeyawady passing four regions. It was first built in 1969, but it remained as a one-way earthen facility due to various reasons. The fine road is one of the tangible fruits achieved in the time of State Peace and Development Council.

The road, which passes through 16

townships of Sagaing, Magway, Bago and Ayeyawady regions, is designed to ensure smooth transport across the whole area on the western bank of the river, and to enable the area to catch up with the area of the eastern bank in terms of economic development. Due to its better transport, the



All are to work hard in concert to meet the national goal in a short time, and to employ the sound foundations laid with much time and huge funds by the government.



Photo shows the road section of Patheingyi-Monywa Road. — MNA

eastern area enjoys greater development than the western area.

Giving guidance, the Head of State said that regions on the western side of the Ayeyawady River lagged behind the eastern side in development despite similar topography, in consequence of poor transport. It is therefore needed to improve the transport sector in order to bridge the gap between the two areas in the economic and social sectors. In compliance with the guidance,

Kyangin-Pakokku-Kalay Railroad has been built, and Patheingyi-Monywa Road has been upgraded to a tarred facility.

The west bank has had easy access to Yangon Region, Mandalay Region, Sagaing Region, Rakhine State and Kachin State through 15 roads linked with the newly-opened road. Local people will soon be able to enjoy economic growth rapidly, following improvement of trade, (See page 8)

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Stay in touch with ICT

Myanmar is stepping up movements for cumulative improvement of ICT, such as organizing ICT exhibitions designed to enable younger generations to acquire knowledge of international level technologies.

The 9th Myanmar ICT Week runs at Yatanarpon Cyber Hall in Yatanarpon City, PyinOoLwin Township, Mandalay Region, from 8 to 12 January with the aims of providing added impetus to national development, improving the social-economic status of the people, and updating the people to catch up with the international community by means of sophisticated systems.

Twenty-six local and foreign companies stage 30 pavilions at the exhibition. New generations will be able to keep in touch with international level technologies if they study ICT in their youth.

On display at Yatanarpon Cyber Hall are ICT equipment, electronics and communication equipment produced by the companies that make investments in Yatanarpon City, communication equipment of the Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications and companies, along with e-cinema.

In its bid to shape the future of the nation, the government is encouraging all programmes for development of human resources, ICT and research.

So, the youth of today are urged to make intensive study of ICT and apply it in combination with subjects in the social, economic, education and health fields to be able to keep abreast of the global community in the science and technology area.

UMFCCI officials meet Malaysian guests

YANGON, 11 Jan—Vice-Presidents of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) U Win Aung and U Zaw Min Win received a delegation led by Dato' Dr Azhar Ismail, Director General of Malaysia Cocoa Board, at UMFCCI Office on 7 January.

Both sides discussed cooperation in trade and investment, growing of cocoa, mutual cooperation in chocolate production and exchanges of technology.—MNA

UMFCCI Vice-Presidents U Win Aung and U Zaw Min Win meet Director General Dato' Dr Azhar Ismail of Malaysia Cocoa Board.

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

Special Refresher Course for Basic Education Teachers No. 40 commences



Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein delivers an address at the opening of Special Refresher Course for Basic Education Teachers No. 40.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Jan — On behalf of Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein delivered an address at the opening ceremony of Special Refresher Course for Basic Education Teachers No (40) took place at Yadana Hall of Central Institute of Civil Service (PyinOoLwin) in PyinOoLwin Township in Mandalay Region this morning.

It was also attended by Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung, Deputy Minister for Labour U Tin Tun Aung, Deputy Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung, Upper Myanmar Supreme Court Judge U San Tint Yi, Mandalay Mayor U Phone Zaw Han, Members of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Nyi Tun and U Kyaw Aung, senior military officers, departmental heads, Region, District and Township level officials, rector and pro-rectors of the institute, instructors, trainees and officials.

The minister said in his address that global nations are developing ever-changing technologies to combine financial, natural and human resources in their own interests. Among these resources, the education sector is constantly nurturing the intellectuals and intelligentsia, most promising resources for national development.

National technicians and public will have to join hands for the development will last long harmoniously only when the nation can stand on its own feet. Having expertise in modern technologies, keeping development potentials and standing its pace

can be achieved by well-educated nationals.

With the vision of creating "an education system that will generate a learning society capable of facing challenges of the Knowledge Age", the State is implementing 30-year long term education promotion plan with ten work programmes. They are —

- (1) to create education which can guarantee development
- (2) to complete basic education by every citizens
- (3) to develop the quality of basic education
- (4) to teach pre-vocational and vocational education at basic education level
- (5) to create more teaching and learning opportunities through modern technology
- (6) to nurture vibrant and clinical citizens
- (7) to improve academic management
- (8) to pick up the momentum of basic education promotion tasks with the participation of parents
- (9) to develop non-formal education system
- (10) to facilitate development of educational research

He continued that teachers play a decisive role in nurturing the students who will be future leaders of the nation capable of shaping the future nation.

Therefore, it is necessary to inculcate the students with strong patriotic and Union spirit so as to ensure the perpetuation of national sovereignty and keep abreast of regional and global countries in terms of development.

In conclusion, the minister said that teachers are to carry out the ten basic education work programmes of the 30-year long-term education promotion plan by trying themselves to be qualified as well as for the students to become brilliant human resources; to cooperate with the national people in implementing the national tasks for emergence of a new, modern nation; and to follow and respect the teacher's code of conducts and discipline with national outlook.

Later, the minister cordially greeted the trainees and instructors. A total of 1512 basic education teachers from regions and states from Upper Myanmar are doing the five-week course.—MNA



An Afghan policeman inspects a police damaged vehicle in their compound after a car bomb explosion in Kandahar south of Kabul, Afghanistan recently.
INTERNET

DPRK urges US to sign peace agreement

PYONGYANG, 11 Jan—The Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) Monday urged the United States to abandon its hostile policy against the country and sign a peace agreement to replace the Korean War

Armistice Agreement.

The current serious situation on the Korean Peninsula has proved that it is necessary to establish mutual trust between the two countries to eliminate the risk of war, according to a commentary published by *Rodong Sinmun*, the DPRK's leading official newspaper.

Therefore, a peace agreement should be signed to change the belligerent relation-

ship between the two countries into a peaceful and trusting one, it said.

The situation on the peninsula last year not only proved that the Armistice Agreement could not prevent the accidental military conflict from taking place nor guarantee peace and stability, but also indicated the urgency of signing a peace agreement, the commentary said.

MNA/Xinhua

Fidel Castro: Cuba can do without US

HAVANA, 11 Jan—Former Cuban leader Fidel Castro said here Monday that Cuba could "live without the United States."

In his new "Reflection" published Monday by the official media, Castro said Cuba "has lived for more than half a century without relations with the United States."

The 84-year-old former leader contrasted Cuba's reality with that in the United States, referring

to the assassination attempt there Saturday that seriously injured Arizona Rep. Gabrielle Giffords and killed six others.

"The United States is the biggest consumer of drugs in the world and at the same time, the largest supplier of weapons," Castro said.

"Although it hurts our modesty, it is a duty to state that our blocked, threatened and slandered country has demonstrated that the people can live

without violence and drugs," he said.

"They can even live with no relations with the United States, and that has happened more than half a century ago," Castro wrote.

Concerning Giffords, Castro said the attack was a "heinous and detestable act of violence," adding the Cubans were glad about "the success of doctors' work to save her life."

Xinhua

People react after the death of their family member in a suicide attack in neighbouring Spin Boldak, Afghanistan, at a local hospital in Pakistani border town of Chaman on 7 Jan, 2011. A suicide bomber struck a bath house in a southern Afghan border town as men gathered to wash before Friday prayers, killing 17 people, a provincial official said. The Taliban claimed responsibility, saying they targeted the deputy of an influential border patrol commander.

INTERNET



Afghan police kill two militants including commander, detain two

GHAZNI, 11 Jan— Afghan police during an overnight operation against Taliban fighters in Muqar District of Ghazni Province 125 km south of Afghan Capital Kabul eliminated two militants including a commander and injured two others, a local official said Monday.

"Police raided Taliban hideout in Akhundkhal Village of Muqar District late Sunday night as a result a local Taliban commander Mullah Abdul Wali along with another were killed and two others sustained injuries," Barakatullah the police chief of Muqar district told *Xinhua*.

There were no casualties on police, he said.

Taliban militants fighting Afghan and NATO-led troops have yet to make comment.—*Xinhua*

A paramedic assists a man, who was injured during a suicide bomb attack in Kandahar, Afghanistan, after he was brought to the District Hospital (DHQ) in Chaman in Pakistan's Balochistan

province, along the Afghan border on 7 Jan, 2011. A suicide bomber killed 17 people, including a police commander, inside a public bathhouse in Afghanistan's southern Kandahar on Friday in the country's worst attack in more than five months.

INTERNET

Iranian MP slams EU over rejecting nuke invitation

TEHERAN, 11 Jan— Head of the National Security and Foreign Policy Commission of Iran's Majlis (parliament) Alaeddin Boroujerdi slammed EU's rejection of Iran's invitation to visit its nuclear sites ahead of Istanbul nuclear talks between world powers and Iran, local satellite Press TV reported on Monday.

"There is no logic behind the West's decision to decline Teheran's offer," Boroujerdi said on Sunday, according to Press TV.

"The Islamic Republic has presented its sincerity through inviting representatives and diplomats of foreign countries to visit its nuclear sites," Boroujerdi was quoted as saying.

On 4 January, the media reported that Iran had invited ambassadors of "Russia, China, the European Union and its allies among the Arab and developing world to visit its nuclear sites."

The EU foreign affairs chief Catherine Ashton, however, turned down the invitation by Teheran, saying that it was IAEA's function to inspect the Iranian nuclear facilities.

On Saturday, the *Turkish* daily Today's Zaman reported that Turkey is to host a new round of nuclear talks between Iran and six world powers of China, France, Russia, Britain and the United States plus Germany (G5+1) in Istanbul on 20 and 21 Jan.—*Xinhua*



Iraqi security forces walk past a burnt car in the northern Iraqi City of Kirkuk following a blast which seriously wounded the city's police chief Borhan Habib Tayeb and killed his son.—INTERNET

Police chief killed in bomb attack in W Iraq

RAMADI, 11 Jan—A police chief of a city in Iraq's western province of Anbar was killed and four of his bodyguards were wounded in a roadside bomb explosion on Monday, a provincial police source said.

Xinhua



Science



NASA spacecraft to probe Rhea for clues to Saturn rings

LOS ANGELES, 11 Jan—NASA's Cassini spacecraft is set to fly by Saturn's icy moon Rhea to look for clues to understanding the vast majestic rings encircling Saturn, the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) announced on Monday.

At closest approach, Cassini will pass within about 69 kilometres (43 miles) of Rhea's surface at 0453 GMT, 11 Jan, according to the JPL.

This flyby is the closest Cassini will get to the icy moon's

surface on Saturn's icy moon Rhea, said the JPL, headquartered in Pasadena, Los Angeles. The closest flyby before this one was 100 kilometres (60 miles) in altitude.

Rhea, Saturn's second largest moon, is the best available chance for studying how often tiny meteoroids bombard a surface.

Rhea has almost no atmosphere, which allows Cassini's cosmic dust analyzer and radio and plasma wave instrument to detect the dusty debris that flies off the surface from tiny meteoroid bombardments.—Xinhua



This NASA artist's concept shows the smallest star known to host a planet. The planet, called Kepler-10b, was discovered using astrometry, a method in which the wobble induced by a planet on its star is measured precisely on the sky. The dim, red star, called VB 10, is a so-called M-dwarf, located 20 light-years away in the constellation Aquila.—INTERNET

Global biofuel land area estimated

CHAMPAIGN, 11 Jan—US scientists say biofuel crops grown on available land could meet half of the world's current fuel consumption without affecting food crops or pastureland.

University of Illinois researchers, using detailed land analysis, identified

land around the globe available to produce grass crops for biofuels with minimal impact on agriculture or the environment, a UI release said Monday.

"The questions we're trying to address are, what kind of land could be used for biofuel crops?" environmental engineering Professor Ximing Cai said. "If we have land, where is it and what is the current land cover?"

The Illinois study focused on marginal land for biofuel crops. Marginal land refers to land with low inherent productivity, that has been abandoned or degraded, or is of low quality for agricultural uses.

In their computer modeling, the researchers ruled out current crop land, pasture land, and forests.

They also assumed biofuel crops would be watered by rainfall and not irrigation, so no water would have to be diverted from agricultural land.

Internet

Xinhua



The smallest-ever planet outside our solar system has been spotted by NASA's Kepler spacecraft, seen here in a 2009 artist conception, — a rocky planet similar in size to the Earth, the US space agency said on Monday.

INTERNET

Moon water likely from comets

MIDDLETOWN, 11 Jan—Water found on the moon probably came from comets that bombarded the lunar surface after its formation, US scientists say.

Researchers led by James Greenwood, a professor of Earth and Environmental Sciences at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn, analyzed the chemical properties of water in lunar rock samples collected by NASA astronauts during Apollo moon landings between 1969 and 1972, SPACE.com reported Monday.

This moon water has the same properties as those of three known

comets, the researchers said.

Greenwood's team found the chemical properties of the lunar water were similar to those that had been measured in three comets: Hyakutake, Hale-Bopp and Halley.

"If comets delivered the majority of water to the moon, an inescapable result is that the Earth also received a large cometary input to its oceans," Greenwood said. "This may end up solving one of the great questions of our field, namely the origins of the Earth's oceans."

Internet



Technology



Disney and Yahoo in internet TV content talks

NEW YORK, 11 Jan—Walt Disney Co is in discussions on allowing content from some of its television networks to be available on sets embedded with Yahoo Inc's Internet-TV software, the Wall Street Journal said, citing people familiar with the matter.

Disney is looking to create widgets for its ESPN, ABC, and Disney networks that would pipe content to Yahoo-connected TV sets and these widgets would be free to consumers, the paper added.

Rival News Corp is also in talks with companies including Samsung Electronics Co about licensing TV shows and movies from 20th Century Fox's library for use on tablets and



A plane flies past a musical parade at Hong Kong Disneyland on 4 Nov, 2009.—INTERNET

internet-connected TVs, the paper said, citing people familiar with the matter.

Disney, Yahoo and News Corp were not immediately available for comment outside of regular US business hours.—Internet

Samsung targets \$30 billion in 2015 home appliance sales

SEOUL, 11 Jan—South Korea's Samsung Electronics Co Ltd targets sales of nearly \$30 billion from home appliances in 2015 and a 10 percent share of the global market, Hong Chang-wan, head of the company's appliances division, said on Tuesday.

Cross-town rival LG Electronics Inc said on Tuesday that its home appliance business aimed to achieve \$20 billion in sales in 2014 to position the company as the top global player, and targeted double-digit sales growth in 2011.

Samsung and LG compete with Whirlpool Corp, General Electric Co and Electrolux AB, in the global home appliance market.

Samsung's home appliance business continued to lose money

in the third quarter, which it attributed to rising logistics and raw materials costs, and investments.

Samsung Senior Vice-President Park Je-seung said the home appliance markets in advanced economies were sluggish in the fourth quarter but would grow 2 to 3 percent this

year, while emerging markets were expected to expand 5 to 8 percent.

Home appliances is one of the smallest business areas for Samsung, which is ranked as the world's top maker of memory chips, TVs and LCDs and No 2 producer of mobile phone handsets.

Reuters



A reporter touches a 75-inch, full HD 3D LED television by Samsung Electronics during the first day of the 2011 International Consumer Electronics Show.—INTERNET

News Corp to launch digital newspaper on 19 January

NEW YORK, 11 Jan—News Corp will launch its long anticipated digital newspaper for tablet devices on 19 January at a joint news event attended by Chairman Rupert Murdoch and Apple Inc Chief Executive Steve Jobs, according to a person with knowledge of the plan.

News Corp, which generates almost 30 percent of its first quarter revenue annually from publishing, is making a

big bet that starting a newspaper from scratch that is dedicated to tablet devices could help revive the news business.

News Corp said the digital newspaper, known as the Daily, will deliver original coverage of news, the arts, lifestyle, sports and opinion.

The Daily's launch will initially be for the iPad, on a paid subscription basis, News Corp disclosed in a court filing in December.—Reuters

Health

Health Tip: Infections may strike bones

Osteomyelitis is a bone infection usually caused by bacteria or, less often, a fungus.

The US National Library of Medicine says these factors increase your risk of developing osteomyelitis:

- * Being diabetic.
- * Undergoing hemodialysis.
- * Injecting drugs.
- * Having a poor supply of blood.
- * Having had a recent trauma.—Internet

Pregnancy spacing linked to autism risk

BEIJING, 11 Jan—Closely-spaced pregnancies are linked to a higher risk of autism in the second-born child, according to a new study involving more than 600,000 sibling pairs.

The study, which the *journal Pediatrics* published online Monday, showed that the risk of the second child being diagnosed with autism was significantly increased if there were fewer than 36 months between the pregnancies.

The highest risk was associated with pregnancies less than a year apart, according to Keely Cheslack-Postava, PhD, and colleagues at Columbia University in New York City. The study looked at

more than 660,000 second-born children in California between 1992 to 2002.

It measured the time the second child was conceived relative to the first child, and then looked at autism diagnosis of the second sibling.

However, researchers cautioned that additional studies need to be done to confirm the findings.

Still, one of the researchers, Peter Bearman, a sociologist at Columbia University in New York, said "we see this really profound association" that remained when other factors, such as the age of the parents were looked at. "We don't know what causes this," he said.—Xinhua

A family watching TV
People who spend more than two hours per day of leisure time watching television or sitting in front of a screen face double the risk of heart disease and higher risk of dying, a new study has shown.—INTERNET

A/H1N1 flu prevalence in China not as serious as in 2009

BEIJING, 11 Jan—China's health ministry said Monday the prevalence of A/H1N1 flu this winter would not be as serious as it was in 2009, though the country has entered its peak season for influenza.

According to current monitoring results, the incidence of A/H1N1 flu in China remains at "a low level," Ministry of Health spokesman Deng Haihua said at a press conference in Beijing.

This was because the world had been in post-pandemic period for nearly half a year, and because China had conducted a large-scale vaccination programme against A/H1N1 flu, Deng said in response to a question concerning possible outbreaks of A/H1N1 flu.

According to figures from the ministry, there

were 146 A/H1N1 flu cases recorded nationwide in December 2010. None of them caused death. About 28,000 confirmed cases of A/H1N1 flu were reported in December 2009.

Deng said the ministry has included A/H1N1 flu in its regular monitoring system and health departments will promptly deal with should new cases occur.

Health departments will also step up monitoring at venues where people gather, such as schools and homes for old people, he said.—Xinhua



A pig peers out of its enclosure on 7 Jan at the farm of Walter Babbe in Schlammersdorf near Bad Oldesloe, northwestern Germany. Germany has said that the number of farms banned from selling due to fears of dioxin poisoning would fall sharply in the coming days, as the government looked to ensure no repeat of the scare.

INTERNET



Business

Sri Lanka cuts interest rates to enhance growth

COLOMBO, 11 Jan—Sri Lanka's Central Bank on Tuesday reduced lending rates, a move seen by analysts as one to encourage economic growth.

The bank said the repurchase rate has been reduced by 25 basis points to seven percent while the reverse repurchase rate reduced by 50 basis points to 8.50 percent.

"The government looks to encourage investment", said Thusath de Silva an analyst.

"The encouragement of substantial

and sustained private sector participation would be vital", the Central Bank said in a statement.

The bank said the inflation has eased, while acknowledging that prices of some selected food items increased.

Sri Lanka's annual average inflation in 2010 was put at 5.9 percent. The bank said the Sri Lankan rupee has been stable, cushioning the high costs of imported commodities.

Xinhua

ECB president says global recovery confirmed by central bankers

BASEL, 11 Jan—Central bankers had confirmed a global-level economic recovery from the financial crisis, European Central Bank (ECB) chief Jean-Claude Trichet said here on Monday.

Trichet made the remarks following the regular Bank for the International Settlement (BIS) bimonthly meeting, which gathered central bankers around the world.

"It is confirmed at the global level, the world economy has demonstrated the capacity to behave better than the previous projections and forecasts," Trichet said as chairperson of the Global Economy Meeting, a sideline event to the BIS meeting.

In particular, Trichet highlighted the impressive performances of the emerging economies in contrast with the advanced economies.—Xinhua



View of the Chapultepec Lake in Mexico City. The International Monetary Fund will increase Mexico's flexible line of credit to a record 72 billion dollars, as it grapples with the continued impact of global recession, officials said.—INTERNET

China's new yuan-denominated loans hit

7.95 trln yuan last year

BEIJING, 11 Jan—New yuan-denominated lending in China reached 7.95 trillion yuan (about 1.2 trillion US dollars) last year, the People's Bank of China (PBOC), the central bank, said Tuesday.

The figure was 1.65 trillion yuan less than the 2009 level of 9.6 trillion yuan, said the bank in a statement on its website. But it has overshot the government's full-year target of 7.5 trillion yuan.

New yuan-denominated loans in December last year stood at 480.7 billion yuan. The country's foreign exchange reserves reached 2.85 trillion US dollars by the end of last year, up 18.7 percent from a year earlier, said the statement.—Xinhua



An Airbus employee checks the exhaust nozzle on an Airbus A380 engine at Sydney Airport. Australia's Qantas will resume flying its A380s to the United States at the weekend, it said Tuesday, two months after pulling them off the route following a mid-air engine blast.—INTERNET

Snakes at heart of invasive species debate



A brown tree snake, an example of an invasive tree species, courtesy of Wikimedia Commons. —INTERNET

WASHINGTON, 11 Jan—Pet snake owners say the US government's proposal to ban the importation and interstate transportation of nine species of foreign snakes goes too far.

In seeking the ban, the US Fish and Wildlife Service said the animals, if freed, posed a serious risk to native ecosystems across the southern United States, *The New York Times* reported Monday.

When the government moved to ban trade in the snakes, including boas, anacondas and pythons, it argued they met the legal criteria for being both injurious and invasive.

But it is the first time the government has tried to list animals so widely held as pets by an estimated 1 million Americans.

Trade in these species is big business, bringing in more than \$100 million annually, and specimens with rare or unusual colours can fetch as much as \$75,000.

"It is a joke," Jeremy Stone of Linton, Utah, said of the science behind the government's decision.

Stone, who makes his living breeding snakes with genetic mutations such as albinism that make them attractive to buyers, says his snakes, raised in captivity, pose no threat.

The government regulations, which do not prevent breeding and owning but would prevent transportation across state lines, would ruin his business and thousands like it, he said.

Internet



Eggs are examined at a laboratory of the Office for Chemical and Veterinary Investigation in Muenster, western Germany. As Germany grapples with a food scandal that has forced thousands of farms to halt sales, one technology firm has come up with an enterprising way to pick out the bad eggs at the supermarket by scanning the barcodes with a smartphone.

INTERNET

Visitors examine Nintendo's portable 3DS videogame console at an event in suburban Tokyo. The 3DS, which was given its first public showing in Japan at the weekend, will hit the US and European markets in March, and Nintendo aims to sell four million units worldwide by the end of that month.

INTERNET



New baby survived twister, crashing cow

WADENA, 11 Jan—A Minnesota woman says her new baby was named Skylar to note the time last summer when she and her unborn daughter were hit by a flying cow during a tornado.

Skylar Schwab was not only the first baby born in Wadena this year but can also be considered the youngest survivor of the twister that hit the town in June.

"We figured 'Sky' was too short, so we chose Skylar," new mom Samantha Wittstruck told KSAX-TV, Redwood Falls, Minn. "It was a big part of her life and she survived it."

Samantha was knocked cold during the on 17 June storm and woke up with a cow on top of her, KSAX reported Monday. She was only a month pregnant at the

time but feared she could lose the baby due to the bizarre trauma.

But Skylar emerged apparently no worse for wear this month at 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

As her due date approached, however, residents of the devastated town chipped in with clothing and a quilt sewn from fabric decorated with cows.

Internet

First solid-rock exoplanet discovered

SAN JOSE, 11 Jan—The first planet outside our solar system found to be made up entirely of solid material has been discovered, US astronomers say.

The smallest extra-solar planet so far discovered, dubbed Kepler-10b, has a diameter only 40 percent larger than the Earth, *Science* New sort

reported Monday.

Although probably partially molten and too hot to contain liquid water or support life as known on Earth, the planet's mass and diameter have been measured to such high accuracy that the object "is the first unquestionably rocky planet that humanity has ever seen," Kepler team

member Natalie Batalha of San Jose State University said.

Discovered by NASA's Kepler spacecraft, the finding is important to scientists looking for rocky planets because chemical reactions that form the building blocks of life are thought to occur most frequently on solid surfaces.—Internet

BAE developing anti-piracy laser

BRISTOL, 11 Jan — A prototype non-lethal, distraction laser device to deter pirate attacks on maritime shipping has been demonstrated by BAE Systems.

The company said the laser, developed by BAE's Optics and Laser Technology Department — part of its Advanced Technology Centre, is capable of providing a visual warning to pirates at distances greater than 2 kilometres and of disorientating attackers sufficiently at lesser distances so attackers' weapons cannot be

targeted effectively.

"The effect is similar to when a fighter pilot attacks from the direction of the sun," said Roy Evans, BAE Systems capability technology lead for laser photonic systems. "The glare from the laser is intense enough to make it impossible to aim weapons like AK47s or RPGs but doesn't have a permanent effect (on the eyes)."

BAE said the laser underwent night and day testing at a facility in Worcester. Cameras were placed at the target location to demonstrate

the level of beam intensity and divergence produced by the test runs. Beam oscillation techniques were also demonstrated.

The device is the result of researchers developing a custom-made neodymium yttrium aluminum garnet laser, which is an effective deterrent at relatively low power levels. By utilizing targeting systems and changing beam patterns, the distraction effect can be made more pronounced and be used against multiple targets, BAE said.

Internet

US diabetes doubled from 1996 to 2007

WASHINGTON, 11 Jan—About 19 million US adults reported receiving diabetes treatment in 2007, more than double the 9 million who received care in 1996, health officials say.

The report by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, part of the Department of Health and Human Services, found that from 1996 to 2007, people age

65 and older treated for diabetes increased from 4.3 million to 8 million; for people ages 45-64, the increase was 3.6 million to 8.9 million; and for those ages 18-44, the increase went from 1.2 million to 2.4 million.

The cost of diabetes treatment paid by all sources more than doubled, from \$18.5 billion in 1996 (in 2007 dollars) to \$41 billion in 2007. Outpatient care

costs doubled from about \$5 billion to roughly \$10 billion, the report said.

Total prescription drug costs nearly increased fourfold, from \$4 billion to \$19 billion over the 11-year period from 1996 to 2007. Per patient, the cost of prescription medicines more than doubled, rising from \$495 a year in 1996 to \$1,048 in 2007, the report said.

Internet



A father and his eight-month-old son participate in a baby swimming lesson in Berlin in 2010. Germany's Federal Environment Agency (UBA) advised parents on Monday of the link between asthma and indoor swimming in babies from families with histories of allergies.—INTERNET

Foreign Heads of State send felicitations to Senior General Than Shwe

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Jan—The following are messages of felicitations from foreign Heads of State to Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council, on the occasion of the 63rd Anniversary Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar.

From Mr Felipe Calderon Hinojosa, President of the United Mexican States, Your Excellency,

It is an honour to convey to Your Excellency my warmest regards on the occasion of the National Day of the Union of Myanmar.

I am certain that we will continue strengthening the dialogue and understanding that enhances the bilateral relationship between our nations.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

From Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah, King of Brunei Darussalam Your Excellency,

It is with great pleasure that I extend my warmest congratulations to you and the government and people of the Union of Myanmar on your country's 63rd Independence Day.

I greatly value the warm and cordial relations between our countries and I am confident that these relations will continue to be developed in the coming years.

With my very best wishes for your continued good health and happiness.

Foreign Heads of State send felicitations to Prime Minister U Thein Sein

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Jan—The following are messages of felicitations from foreign Heads of State to U Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, on the occasion of the 63rd Anniversary Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar.

From Mr Felipe Calderon Hinojosa, President of the United Mexican States, Your Excellency,

I have the high honour to convey to Your Excellency my warmest regards on the occasion of the National Day of the Union of Myanmar.

In this regard, I am pleased to continue strengthening the bonds of friendship and cooperation that characterize the relationship

between our countries.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

From Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah, King of Brunei Darussalam Your Excellency,

I have much pleasure in sending my warmest congratulations to you, the government and the

people of the Union of Myanmar on your country's 63rd Independence Day.

I am happy with the close and friendly relations that exist between our two countries and I look forward to strengthening these relations bilaterally and as partners in ASEAN. With my best wishes for your good health and happiness as well as for the continued progress and prosperity of the people of the Union of Myanmar.

Industry-1 Minister meets Chinese guests



Minister U Aung Thaung meets President Mr. Wu Duo Yu of China National Technical Import & Export Corporation (CNTIC).—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Jan—Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung received President Mr. Wu Duo Yu of China National Technical Import & Export Corporation (CNTIC) of the People's Republic of China and party at his office here this afternoon.

They held comprehensive discussions on construction of cement plants and technological and economic cooperation.

Also present were department heads and officials of the ministry.

MNA

First machine of Shwegyin Hydropower Station comes online

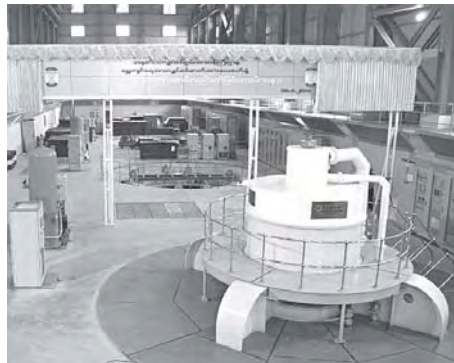
NAY PYI TAW, 11 Jan—Start running of No.1 machine of Shwegyin Hydropower Project was held at the front of the station yesterday morning.

It was attended by Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min, Deputy Minister U Myo Myint, managing directors, directors-general and officials of the Departments and Enterprises under the Ministry, entrepreneurs, consultant engineers from foreign companies, staff and local people.

At the ceremony, the

deputy minister and director-general U Myint Zaw of Hydropower Implementation Department cut the ribbon on the machine. After that, the minister launched the machine. The project is located near Kyauknaga village about six miles north-east of Shwegyin, Bago Region. Its installation capacity is the biggest of the hydropower projects in Sittoung basin. It has an installation capacity is 75 megawatt and can generate 262 million kwh of electricity a

year. Machine Nos.2, 3 and 4 will soon come online. The project has been completed by 96.66 percent.—MNA



Labour Minister attends school family day of No. 4 BEHS Mingala Taungnyunt

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Jan—No. 4 Basic Education High School in Mingalataungnyunt Township, Yangon Region marked School Family Day for 2010-2011 academic year along with prize presentation ceremony at the school on 8 January.

Patron of Parents and Teachers Association Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi addressed the festival and Headmaster U Aye Thin reported on educational pro-programmes carried out in 2010-2011 academic year.

Next, Minister U Aung Kyi awarded outstanding students and students performed songs and dances.—MNA



Minister U Aung Kyi presents prize to an outstanding student.—MNA

Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min launches machine No.1 of Shwegyin Hydro-Power Station.

MNA

Goal of building new nation cannot be achieved...

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swift commodity flow and better relations with other regions.

Smooth transport also contributes towards education, health and social affairs and unity among national races. Therefore, the government has built 36 Union highways stretching between south and north, and 45 Union highways stretching

disruptions created by neo-colonialists and internal and external subversives, natural disasters, and challenges following global crises.

The government has been implementing the 12 objectives, upholding Our Three Main National Causes to be able to surmount various forms of challenges and serve the interest of the nation and the people.

To ensure smooth transformation, the government has improved infrastructures across the nation with the 24 special regions in the centre. It is required to make sustained efforts, making good use of already-built sound foundations to transform the nation into an industrialized one.

Before long, Hluttaw sessions will be held to form Union government,

stability, national unity and national development are requirements of democratization. So, these requirements are to be fulfilled all the more in such a transitory period.

All are to work hard in concert to meet the national goal in a short time, and to employ the sound foundations laid with much time and huge funds by the government.



Prime Minister

U Thein Sein

speaking at

opening of Patheingyi-
Monywa Road.

MNA



between east and west of the nation for equitable development of all parts of the Union.

Some regions were difficult of access due to natural barriers. But they have enjoyed smooth transport thanks to the

The goal of building a new nation cannot be achieved only with lip service and unrealistic approaches. Nation-building tasks must be based on the historic events of the nation,

Region / State governments, self-administered zone leading bodies along with a check and balance system for three pillars, namely legislative, executive and judicial sectors. Community peace,

In conclusion, the Prime Minister called for durability of all transport facilities including Patheingyi-Monywa Road; and harmonious cooperation of the entire people to achieve the

national goal.

In his speech, the commander called for collaborative maintenance of the facility for its durability.

Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint said that the project started on 11 April 2010 and is completed today, calling for wise and careful use of the facility.

The Prime Minister and entourage took position in front of the pavilion. Maj-Gen Hla Min of the Ministry of Defence, the commander and the construction minister formally opened the road.

The Prime Minister and party posed for

documentary photos with the engineers and attendees.

The Prime Minister unveiled the stone plaque of the road.

The Prime Minister and members took a stroll on the newly-built road.

The opening of Patheingyi-Monywa Road was held at Okshitpin junction in Pyaw District in the morning. Chairman of Bago Region PDC Commander of Southern Command Brig-Gen Soe Htut delivered a speech. Deputy Minister for Construction U Myint Thein gave accounts of the project.

Vice-Chairman of Bago Region PDC Brig-Gen Sein Myint, (See page 9)



Maj-Gen Hla Min of Ministry of Defence, Commander Brig-Gen Tin Maung Win and Minister U Khin Maung Myint open Patheingyi-Monywa Road.—MNA

network of transport facilities covering the whole Union. Now, National Railway Network is being built, so any region is easily accessible by train from any region else in the nation.

Over 20 years into its administration, the government, in cooperation with the people and the Tatmadaw, has been able to cope with evil legacy left on purpose by the colonialists,

culture, custom and characters and objective conditions of the nation. The drive is being implemented through short- and long-term projects for equitable development of all regions of the Union, not in the interest of an individual, organization or region alone.

So, the nation is on course for transformation from old to new system.

Commander of North-West Command Brig-Gen Soe Lwin unveils the stone plaque of Patheingyi-Monywa Road.

MNA



Goal of building new nation cannot be achieved...

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the deputy minister and Deputy Chief Engineer U Tun Tha of Public Works formally opened the road.

Commander Brig-Gen Soe Htut unveiled the stone plaque of the road, and viewed the

Magway Region, in the morning, with an address by Chairman of Mandalay Region PDC Commander of Central Command Brig-Gen Ye Aung.

Chairman of Magway Region PDC U Phone Maw Shwe spoke



Prime Minister U Thein Sein taking a stroll on Patheingyi Road.—MNA



Commander Brig-Gen Soe Htut formally opens the stone inscription of Patheingyi Road.—MNA

Before long, Hluttaw sessions will be held to form Union government, Region/State governments, self-administered zone leading bodies along with a check and balance system for three pillars, namely legislative, executive and judicial sectors. Community peace, stability, national unity and national development are requirements for democratization. So, these requirements are to be fulfilled all the more in such a transitory period.

road with guests.

The opening ceremony of Patheingyi Road was also held at Padan junction in Ngazun Township,

on the occasion. Officer on Special Duty Thura U Sein Thawng of the Ministry of Construction reported on the project.

Chairman U Phone

Maw Shwe, Officer on Special Duty Thura U Sein Thawng and Deputy Managing Director (Project) of Public Works U Kyaw Hlaing

formally opened the road.

Commander Brig-Gen Ye Aung unveiled the stone plaque of the road, and strolled on the road with attendees.

A similar ceremony was held at the pandal at mile post No. 450/5. Chairman of Sagaing Region PDC Commander of North-West Command Brig-Gen Soe Lwin gave a speech.

Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe gave an account of the project.

Deputy Minister U Tint Swe and officials formally opened the road.

Commander Brig-

Gen Soe Lwin unveiled the stone plaque of the road, and walked on the road.

The 450 miles and

Commander Brig-Gen Tin Maung Win making a speech.

MNA



Construction Minister U Khin Maung Myint making a speech.

MNA



five furlongs long road, the longest of its kind in Myanmar, can withstand 40 tons of loads.

Thanks to the road, residents in the areas in Ayeyawady, Bago, Magway and Sagaing Regions along the western bank of the Ayeyawady River will be able to enjoy better transport.

MNA



Vice-Chairman of Bago Region PDC Brig-Gen Sein Myint, Deputy Minister U Myint Thein, Deputy Chief Engineer U Tun Tha formally open Patheingyi Road.—MNA

Minister oversees embankment repairing in An Township

YANGON, 11 Jan —Member of National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Minister for Transport U Thein Swe arrived at Tattaung in An Township, Rakhine State, yesterday morning and inspected Township Inland Water Transport Manager's Office, the jetty and Sittway, Tattaung and Kyaukphyu watercourses.

Next, the minister proceeded to Ngayokkhin Village in Nyaungchaung Village-tract where he provided assistance for the village people and cash for repairing of embankments. He then inspected repairs of embankments with the use of machinery.

On arrival at Ohnnikyun Village in Zintaw Village-tract, the minister provided cash assistance and inspected repairing of embankments.

Then, the minister went to Phatchaung Village



in Phatchaung Village-tract and provided assistance for the villagers and cash for renovation of schools. Later, he inspected repairing of the embankments that were damaged by storm Giri and left necessary instructions. — MNA



Minister U Thein Swe inspects repairing of dykes with machinery at Ngayokekhin

Village.—MNA



The newly-built cyclone shelter in Hainggyikyun.

Economic indicators suggest Hainggyikyun enjoys...

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with three wards, 22 village-tracts and 110 villages with an area of 230,993 acres or 360.92 square miles.

It is close to coastal areas. It is bounded by Rakhine Yoma mountain range stretching between north and south; by the

Bay of Bengal in the south and north; by Ngayokegaung in the north; and by the River Thetkei-thaung in the east. It produces meat, fish and prawn in abundance due to plentiful of rivers and



Salt farming is a lucrative business in Hainggyikyun.

rapid. It is home to many national races, especially Bamar, Rakhine and Kayin. Due to inter-township roads and bridges, the region is easily accessible from any other region else across the nation.

The 96 miles long Pathein-Mawtinsun Road linking Hainggyikyun and Pathein has been upgraded to an all-weather tarred facility. Now, Road Project Group (2) under Public Works is building Labutta-Thongwa-Hteiksun Road. The

governmental departments.

Now, passenger high-speed ships ply between Pathein and Hainggyikyun, thus providing smooth and safe transport to the people. The main economic indicators such as telegraph office, post office, and auto exchange suggest that the region is enjoying development significantly. It gets four general hospitals, Hainggyikyun general hospital, Kyaukchaung general hospital, Pyinkha-yaing general hospital,



An inter-village bridge in Hainggyikyun.

creeks. It is successful in farming paddy because it is a delta. Being a coastal township, it produces sun-dried salt on a commercial scale. And being adjacent to Rakhine Yoma Mountain Range, it is also a source of forest products. Therefore, its economic growth is

pleasant township is very captivating to visitors. It is kept clean and pleasant. Civil servants in the township maintain good relations with the public. The considerable progress of the township is due largely to sustained efforts being made constantly by various

and newly-built Kyonku Village general hospital. All in all, Hainggyikyun Township enjoys all-round development thanks to prudent projects in various sectors.

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Former US House Majority Leader sentenced to three years in jail for money laundering

HOUSTON, 11 Jan—Former US House Majority Leader Tom DeLay was sentenced to three years in prison on Monday for his role in a money laundering scheme, US media reported.

A Texas judge sentenced DeLay to three years on a conspiracy charge and five years in prison for money laundering, according to the report.

However, the judge allowed DeLay to accept a 10-year probation on the money laundering charge, assuming he meets certain conditions set by the court.

DeLay, who used to be one of the most powerful Republicans in the House of Representatives, was

convicted in November last year on charges of money laundering and conspiracy to commit money laundering.

The case was brought in 2005 by then-District Attorney Ronnie Earle. Prosecutors accused DeLay and his two political aides of illegally channeling 190,000 US dollars in corporate donations into the legislative races in 2002 through a money swap.

The funds went to seven Texas House candidates. Texas law bars the use of corporate donations to finance political campaigns.

DeLay resigned from Congress in 2006.—Xinhua



Passengers wave before the train starts its maiden voyage from Changchun to Jilin in Changchun, capital of northeast China's Jilin Province, on 11 Jan, 2011.—XINHUA

Chinese stealth fighter makes first test flight



Chinese J-20-stealth-fighter.—INTERNET

BEIJING, 11 Jan—A leading expert on the Chinese military says the country's prototype stealth fighter has

made its first-known test flight.

Kanwa Asian Defence magazine editor Andrei Chang said the J-20 flew for about 15 minutes over an airfield in the southwestern city of Chengdu where it was spotted carrying out runway tests last week. Photos of the plane in flight were also posted on unofficial Chinese military websites.

The test flight comes on the second day of a visit to China by US Defence Secretary Robert Gates. Chang and other analysts say the test's timing is apparently intended to send the message that Beijing is responding to calls from the US and others to be more transparent about its defence modernization and future intentions.

Internet

Another passenger plane fail to land in Iran's Urumieh Airport

TEHERAN, 11 Jan—Another passenger plane which took off from Teheran's Mehrabad airport at 17:00 local time (1330 GMT) could not land in Urumieh airport due to bad weather and flew back to Teheran, Xinhua reporters said.

The Fokker 100 passenger plane, belong-

ing to IranAir airlines flew above the Urumieh airport with one hour's delay, but failed to land and had to return to Teheran, according to the Xinhua reporters who were on board to Urumieh to report about the Sunday's air crash.

The passengers were told by the crew that they need to wait for an announcement for another flight to Urumieh.

The Boeing-727, also belonging to the state-owned IranAir airliner took off from Teheran Mehrabad Airport at 18:00 local time (1430 GMT) and crashed at 19:45 local time (1615 GMT) on Sunday near a village, some 15 km from Iran's northwestern city of Urumieh.

Xinhua

Turkish military helicopter crashes, five killed

ANKARA, 11 Jan—A Turkish military helicopter has crashed near the country's capital of Ankara, killing all five crew members on board, officials said on Tuesday.

Wreckage of the UH-1 helicopter was spotted by search and rescue

teams late Monday, the officials were quoted by the semi-official Anatolia news agency as saying.

The aircraft was on a training flight before losing contact with the ground earlier Monday, they said.

Xinhua

Military helicopter reported missing in Ankara

ANKARA, 11 Jan—A military helicopter has gone missing on a training flight in the Turkish Capital of Ankara, military officials said Monday.

Search and rescue efforts were

underway after communication with UH-1 helicopter broke off, the military official were quoted as saying by the semiofficial Anatolia news agency.

Xinhua

Plane skids off runway in Malaysia, four injured

KUALA LUMPUR, 11 Jan—An aeroplane skidded off the runway at the Kuching Airport in the Sarawak State in East Malaysia Monday night, injuring four passengers.

Malaysian Transport Minister Kong Cho Ha told a press conference in Malaysia's Capital Kuala Lumpur on Tuesday that the incident was believed to be caused by the slippery runway as it was raining heavily when the incident took place.

The minister also said that the four passengers had suffered minor injuries and were being treated at the Kuching Hospital.

There were 124 passengers and six crew on board the plane that departed Monday night for Kuching, state capital of the Sarawak State, from the Kuala Lumpur International Airport in Sepang, some 60 kilometres south of the city centre of Kuala Lumpur.—Xinhua



Chinese actresses perform during a performance in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, on 10 Jan, 2011. Chinese performers made a theatric performance for the forthcoming Spring Festival in the central Asian country.

XINHUA

French defence chief in Niger after hostages killed

NIAMEY, 11 Jan—French Defence Minister Alain Juppe kicked off a visit to Niger on Monday to discuss anti-terror cooperation after two French hostages were killed by their kidnappers.

France is facing an increasing threat in the Sahel region from the al-Qaeda branch in North Africa (AQIM), which is also linked to a bomb attack last week on the French Embassy in the Malian Capital Bamako.

French Prime Minister Francois Fillon condemned the latest "cold blood" killing by AQIM in a rescue operation on Saturday.

Rescuers found the bodies of the pair Antoine de Leocour and Vincent Delory, both 25, in the desert after the operation. They were abducted on Friday night in a restaurant in Niamey, the capital of Niger.

Xinhua

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Japan to buy European bonds to support eurozone

TOKYO, 11 Jan—Japan on Tuesday said it was ready to buy bonds to be issued by the European Financial Stability Facility (EFSF) to help finance Ireland's bailout and support the debt-hit eurozone, report said.

Finance minister Yoshihiko Noda said Japan should help contribute towards boosting confidence in the bonds, *Jiji Press* reported, amid fears of a deepening debt crisis spreading to other eurozone members such as Portugal.

In doing so Japan will join China, which has already expressed its readiness to assist European economies seen as most exposed to a debt crisis by pledging to buy bonds directly from Spain, Greece and Portugal.—*Internet*

Full recovery for 'miracle' Haiti quake survivor

MARCHAND DESSALINES, 11 Jan — The smiling teen who pokes her head out of the doorway of her grandmother's house is the embodiment of human resilience, someone whose very existence seems utterly impossible.

A year ago, Darlene Etienne was entombed in crumbled concrete and twisted steel. All around her, the sprawling city of Port-au-Prince was in ruins. Frantic family members dug through the debris for survivors but had largely

given up hope of finding anyone else alive.

Then on 27 Jan — a staggering 15 days after the earthquake that the government says killed more than 220,000 people — people heard her faint voice, weakly calling for help through the debris. Soon, a French rescue team was digging her out before hundreds of stunned onlookers. *Internet*



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Patients terrified by the whirring sound of the dentist's drill could benefit from a new gadget that cancels it out, according to researchers at King's College London. The group said they had come up with a device which not only filters out the sound but allows people to listen to their own music too.—INTERNET

S Korea to buy grain trading firm in the US

SEOUL, 11 Jan — South Korea is planning to join private companies to jointly purchase a US grain trading firm to try to hedge against price swings and secure a stable source of food, an official said on Tuesday.

State-run Korea Agro-Fisheries Trade Corp (AT) is in talks with shipping and food giants including Hanjin, CJ and Samsung C&T to form a consortium for a takeover this year, a senior AT official said.

"The consortium with **Earthquake survivor Darlene Etienne is seen in Marchand Dessaline, on 9 Jan, 2011.**

INTERNET

Venezuela to cut lights at late-paying state firms

CARACAS, 11 Jan — Venezuela warned mayors, governors and the South American country's numerous state-run companies on Monday to pay overdue electricity bills or face being cut off in a drive to stop waste and balance its accounts.

Electricity Minister Ali Rodriguez said the money collected by state utility Corpolec last year covered only half the company's payroll in a year of serious power shortages.

"The debt these organizations have is close to 4 billion bolivars (\$930 million)," he told state news agency AVN. "We are toughening up charging and have ordered supplies to be cut to those institutions that don't catch up on payments."

"One of the objectives is to raise collection to

cover the operational costs of the national electricity system, not only the payroll," Rodriguez said in comments reported by state news agency AVN.

The government of President Hugo Chavez nationalized the electric-

ity sector in 2007, among hundreds of companies taken over as part of his drive to build a socialist economy.

However, low prices and weak enforcement encourage wasteful usage and theft of power supplies.—*Internet*



Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez gestures during a visit to a construction site of a building constructed by the government for victims of rains and landslides, in Caracas on 8 Jan, 2011.—INTERNET

Omega-3 may help protect brain from injury

MORGANTOWN, 11 Jan — Studies in animals suggest fish body oils — believed protective for the heart — may help protect against traumatic brain injury, US researchers suggest.

Dr Julian E Bailes of West Virginia University in Morgantown says in the experiment, rats were treated with omega-3 fatty acid docosahexanoic acid — known as DHA and found in fish body oils — at varying doses, equivalent to those used in humans taking DHA supplements.

After one month of treatment, tissue and behavioural responses to induced traumatic brain injury were compared between groups of treated animals.

The study, scheduled to be published in the February issue of *Neurosurgery*, says the tissue damage caused by traumatic brain injury was significantly reduced in rats taking the highest dose of DHA: 40 milligrams per kilogramme of body weight.—*Internet*

Man slain on Acapulco highway; 31 dead in 4 days

ACAPULCO, 11 Jan — The body of a murdered man was found on Monday on the main highway to Acapulco, bringing to 31 the number of people killed in the Pacific resort city over four days.

The unidentified man was shot several times in the head and found under a pedestrian bridge with his shirt pulled over his face, said Fernando Monreal Leyva, director of the investigative police for Guerrero state, where Acapulco is located.

Leyva said federal, state and local police planned to meet on Monday with the military to consider ways to beef up security in

Acapulco, where 14 decapitated men and two police officers were among the unusually high body count since Friday evening.

Internet



Fatigues with an embroidered logo of the La Familia drug cartel is presented to the media along with weaponry, drugs and cars confiscated in an operation in Morelia on 10 Jan, 2011.

INTERNET



South Korea is planning to join private companies to jointly purchase a US grain trading firm to try to hedge against price swings and secure a stable source of food, an official said on Tuesday.—INTERNET



Unofficial royal wedding commemorative plates are displayed at the KK Outlet shop on 10 Jan, 2011, in London. KK Outlet is selling the plates ahead of the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton on 29 April, 2011, at London's Westminster Abbey.

Two arrested in Los Angeles in turtle smuggling case

Two men from Japan have been arrested for allegedly smuggling more than 50 live turtles and tortoises into the United States.

The US attorney's office said Monday that Atsushi Yamagami and Norihide Ushirozako (USHEE'-row-za-ko), both of Osaka, were arrested Friday at Los Angeles International Airport. Both men were charged with one count each of illegally importing wildlife and one count of violating

the Endangered Species Act.

If convicted, they both face up to 21 years in prison. They are scheduled to be arraigned 31 January.

Federal prosecutors say the turtles and tortoises were hidden in snack food boxes found in a suitcase.

The arrests were tied to an undercover investigation that began last year into a smuggling operation that brought turtles into the United States.

Fla suspect's wife sees photo on TV, calls police

Authorities south of Tampa say a man confessed to robbing a bank after his wife saw a surveillance photo on the evening news and alerted them. A camera got a clear shot of the man with a pony tail and scruffy beard robbing the First Bank in Bradenton on Tuesday. The robber got away.

But Manatee County Sheriff's officials got a break Tuesday evening when Afra Sandifar saw a news report about the robbery. She called authorities and told them her husband was the robber. That's when 45-year-old Troy Sandifar fled the couple's apartment.

Deputies stopped his vehicle but Troy Sandifar refused to get out. They say he ingested what appeared to be drugs before they were able to arrest him. He was taken to the hospital, where authorities say he confessed.

There's a tiger in town but he has permission

German police have told an employee of a Russian circus group that he can take his tigers for walks as long as the authorities are notified in advance.

The 30-year-old man caused a stir in the northern German village of Ratzeburg on Sunday when a woman called police to report a man walking a tiger cub outside of town.

The man, who is from a nearby village, works for a Russian circus group that is now on a break in the Netherlands and was charged with looking after three grown tigers and a cub.

The tigers are housed in a specially secured trailer, in individual cages and monitored accordingly.

The man was also granted a temporary

permit to house the tigers in the trailer, police said.

"Due to the mixed feelings among residents, the police request that the 30-year-old man inform them when he takes (the tigers) on walks, even when it's 'only' the small cub," police said in a statement on Monday.



A kid fan of Australia waits before the Asian Cup group C soccer match between India and Australia in Doha, capital of Qatar, on 10 Jan, 2011.

XINHUA

NewsAlbum

Britney Spears debuts "Hold It Against Me" single



Britney Spears poses backstage with her three awards for best pop video, video of the year and best female video for "Piece of Me" at the 2008 MTV Video Music Awards in Los Angeles on 7 September, 2008.—INTERNET

New York, 11 Jan—Britney Spears' "Hold It Against Me" was set to officially premiere on 11 January, but the single is now available a day early for fans' listening pleasure, courtesy of Ryan Seacrest.

Produced by pop hitmakers Dr Luke and Max Martin, Spears' "Hold It Against Me" is streaming on the "American Idol" and radio host's official website and is the lead single from the star's upcoming seventh studio

album, slated for March. "It's hot, it's gonna be sick in the club," gushed Seacrest, who added that filming of the song's music video is already underway.

After a demo of "Hold It Against Me" leaked last week featuring different vocals, Spears confirmed that demo was for her single on Twitter but promised that the final version would be even better.

"Heard an early demo of my new single leaked," she tweeted. "If u think that's good, wait til you hear the real one Tuesday."

Today, Spears sent out another tweet apologizing for bumping up the premiere at the last minute. "Don't #HOLDITAGAINSTME for coming out early," she wrote. "I couldn't wait any longer. Hope you don't mind."

Internet

Victoria, David Beckham expecting fourth child in summer



Los Angeles Galaxy soccer star David Beckham.

XINHUA

BEIJING, 11 Jan—England soccer star David Beckham and his wife, former Spice Girl singer Victoria Beckham, are expecting their fourth child in summer, media reports said Monday.

A message on David Beckham's Facebook page said: "I've got some great news to tell you all. Victoria and I are expecting our fourth child this summer. The boys are very excited about the arrival of a new brother or sister." Jo Milloy, a spokeswoman for Victoria Beckham, confirmed the news, saying both their families were "naturally delighted" with the announcement of a fourth child, according to media reports.

David Beckham, 35, the former Manchester United star and England captain, has been married to Victoria Adams, 36, now a fashion icon, since 1999.

The couple already have three boys: Brooklyn, 11, Romeo, 8, and Cruz, 5.—Xinhua

Simon, Stills, Weir sing on autism film soundtrack

LOS ANGELES, 11 Jan—What do Norah Jones, Carly Simon, Scarlett Johansson, Ben Harper, Bob Weir, Steven Stills and Vincent Gallo have in common?

All have lent their voices to the soundtrack for a documentary about autism, which will be released Tuesday on



Norah Jones

iTunes.

"Wretches & Jabberers" follows two men with autism as they travel the world, aiming to change attitudes about

their condition.

Musician JRalph said he signed on to compose the score for the film, but was so moved by the men's story that he wrote another 20 songs — a complete soundtrack — and asked some of music's best-known artists to give voice to them.

Stills said using the men's own words "as



The new titleholder of the International Queen of Coffee beauty pageant Sofinel Baez Santos from Dominican Republic, poses for pictures during the ceremony of awards in Manizales, Colombia, on 9 Jan, 2011.—XINHUA

the foundation of the lyric was what made our song fly."

"I am extremely proud of our work," he said, calling the effort a "truly remarkable experience." The documentary, directed by Oscar winner Gerardine Wurzburg, will be released in theaters in April in honor of National Autism Awareness Month.—Internet

Messi, Mourinho win FIFA's end-of-year honours

ZURICH, 11 Jan — Argentinian Lionel Messi won the Ballon D'Or for the second successive year here on Monday beating his more favoured Barcelona team-mates Andres Iniesta and Xavi.

The 23-year-old — the first player to win back-to-back awards since Marco van Basten in 1988/89 — had been seen as the outsider after a modest World Cup where he failed to score and Argentina went out in the quarter-finals.

Iniesta and Xavi both had outstanding World Cups with the former scor-



Argentina's Lionel Messi poses with the FIFA Ballon d'Or award at the Kongresshaus in Zurich.—INTERNET

ing the only goal in the 1-0 World Cup final victory over Holland.

Messi won with 22.65percent of the votes cast, with Iniesta on 17.36percent and Xavi third with 16.48percent.

Internet

Weidenfeller extends Dortmund stay

BERLIN, 11 Jan — Borussia Dortmund goalkeeper Roman Weidenfeller has ex-



Borussia Dortmund goalkeeper Roman Weidenfeller, extended his contract by three seasons keeping him with the Bundesliga leaders until 2014.

INTERNET

tended his contract by three seasons keeping him with the Bundesliga leaders until 2014. "I'm happy to play an important role in the sporting development of Dortmund," said 30-year-old Weidenfeller, who arrived in 2002 from Kaiserslautern and will earn a reported 2.5 million euros per year.

"I'm proud that all the Borussia Dortmund bosses are behind me and made me feel that they want us to continue our path together," he added.—Internet

Marta wins 5th straight FIFA women's award

ZURICH, 11 Jan — Marta has won five straight FIFA's women's player of the year awards. What she doesn't have is a club.

The 24-year-old Brazilian forward dominated voting announced Monday after a stellar season with the Women's Professional Soccer League champion FC Gold Pride. But club, based in Santa Clara, Calif., folded in November.

"I don't know exactly where I'm going to go," Marta told The Associated Press through a translator after tearfully accepting her award. "I have a contract and I have to stay. I'm going to see with the agents what happens from now on. By

February or March I should have a better idea."

Uncertainty is not new for Marta, who has fulfilled expectations to become the league's signature player.—Internet



Soccer player Marta of Brazil poses with the trophy after winning the women's FIFA Ballon d'Or 2010 prize during the FIFA Ballon d'Or 2010 gala held at the Kongresshaus in Zurich, Switzerland, on Monday.—INTERNET

South Korea edge Bahrain in Asian Cup match

DOHA, 11 Jan — A brace from Koo Ja-Cheol earned South Korea a somewhat nervy 2-1 victory over a plucky Bahrain in their Asian Cup Group C opening match at the Al Gharafa Stadium on Monday.

Koo struck either side of half-time as Cho Kwang-Rae's team, who are bidding to end a 51-year continental title drought, avenged their defeat at Bahrain's hands in the group phase of the 2007 tournament.

There was a tense finish to the game for the Koreans, however, with Faouzi Aaish netting from the penalty spot in the 85th minute after Kwak Tae-

Hwi had been sent off for bringing down Abdulla Al-Dakeel inside the box.

"It would have been better if we had avoided conceding the penalty, but it happened, so there's nothing we can do about it," said Cho.

Internet



South Korea's midfielder Koo Ja-Cheol (L) celebrates with teammate Park Ji-Sung after scoring his team's second goal against Bahrain.—INTERNET

New Serbian coach for Black Stars



Ghana have appointed Serbian coach Goran Stevanovic to lead the national team.—INTERNET

ACCRA, 11 Jan — Ghana have for the third consecutive time appointed a Serbian coach to lead the national team, the country's football association announced on Monday.

Goran Stevanovic, 44,

replaces fellow Serb Milovan Rajevac, who guided the team to last year's World Cup quarter-finals in South Africa before a heartbreaking loss to Uruguay.

Rajevac had quit the Ghana job and signed a new contract with Saudi Arabian club Al Ahly Jeddah.

Stevanovic was one of five coaches on a shortlist to replace Rajevac which included former France World Cup winner Marcel Desailly and ex-Portugal manager Humberto Coelho.—Internet

Jonathan Byrd builds momentum with his biggest win

KAPALUA, 11 Jan — Only the PGA Tour winners from the previous year are invited to begin the season at the Tournament of Champions. That wasn't enough for Jonathan Byrd.

Sitting in front of his locker early in the week, he looked around the room at some of the names on the gold plates attached to each locker, which included the tournament they won to get there. For some reason, Byrd began to feel envious.

Graeme McDowell had the US Open. Ernie

Els won at Bay Hill and Doral. Tim Clark, winner of The Players Championship. There were three titles for Jim Furyk, including the Tour Championship to win the FedEx Cup.

Internet



Jonathan Byrd holds up his trophy on the 18th green after winning the Hyundai Tournament of Champions.—INTERNET



Manchester United's Bulgarian forward Dimitar Berbatov (up) evades a tackle from Liverpool's Dutch forward Dirk Kuyt at Old Trafford in Manchester.—INTERNET

Kuyt backs Dalglish to revive Liverpool

LIVERPOOL, 11 Jan — Dirk Kuyt is sure Kenny Dalglish can turn around Liverpool's fortunes as the Scot prepares to take charge of his first Premier League game at Blackpool.

Dalglish has replaced Roy Hodgson, sacked by Liverpool on Saturday, and endured a 1-0 FA Cup defeat at bitter rivals Manchester United in his first game back at the helm 24 hours later.

The former striker, who had a role with the academy as well as working as a club ambassador, is renowned as one of the club's greatest players and also won three league titles and two FA Cups in a first spell as manager from 1985-91.

Liverpool were much-improved despite slipping to a defeat at Old Trafford that saw captain Steven Gerrard sent-off on Sunday.—Internet

SPORTS

Soderling defeats Roddick at ATP Brisbane International

BRISBANE, 11 Jan — Sweden's Robin Soderling won the Brisbane International when he beat American Andy Roddick 6-3, 7-5 at the Queensland Tennis Centre. In a brilliant exhibition of power and precision, the 26-year-old Swede overwhelmed a gallant Roddick in an absorbing Sunday's final on the Pat Rafter Arena. Soderling rose to a career-high ranking of number five during 2010 and he carried that form

into the first set as the sheer power of his groundstrokes put Roddick firmly on the back foot.—Internet

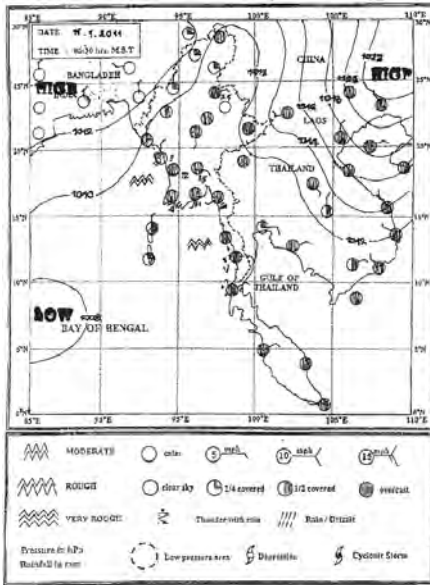


Robin Soderling of Sweden, seen here with the trophy in the men's final at the Brisbane International tennis tournament, on 9 January.—INTERNET

Asian Cup - Group C on 10 January

India	0 - 4	Australia
Korea Republic	2 - 1	Bahrain
International - Club Friendlies		
Eskisehirspor	3 - 1	Werder Bremen
VVV Venlo	2 - 1	Sparta Rotterdam
Orduspor	4 - 1	AGOVV Apeldoorn
Club Brugge	2 - 3	Den Haag
Bursaspor	2 - 1	NAC Breda
England - FA Cup		
Crawley	2 - 1	Derby County
Spain - Primera Division		
Hercules	4 - 1	Atletico Madrid

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



- ★ 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

Invitation cards sent to Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw representatives

Hluttaw representatives to inform Nay Pyi Taw not later than 27 Jan

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Jan — Invitation cards have been sent to respective Hluttaw representatives as the State Peace and Development Council had summoned the first Pyithu Hluttaw session and the first Amyotha Hluttaw session to be held at Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw meeting halls here at 8.55 am on 31 January 2011 (Monday).

For making necessary preparations, Pyithu Hluttaw representatives and Amyotha Hluttaw representatives are to inform Nay Pyi Taw not later than 27 January 2011 (Thursday) whether they receive invitation cards or not.

MNA

Significant night temperatures (11-1-2011)

Haka	(-2°C)
Putao	(3°C)

Economic indicators suggest Hainggyikyun enjoys significant development

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Pathein-Mawtinsun Road contributes towards regional development.

We set out on a trip to Pathein by Vessel "Patheinthu" from Yangon, thence to Hainggyikyun by Patheinthu Speedboat-7. The seaside town occupies a strategic position in the exit to the Sea.

With fine jetties, roads and bridges, Hainggyikyun has seen a lot of changes in development. Aspired by scenic natural beauty and dramatic progress of the town, we called on U Aung Myint Thein, Staff Officer of Hainggyikyun General Administration Department as well as Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council. He said that residential farmers of various national races grew monsoon paddy, corn, black gram,

sesame, sunflower, groundnut, sugarcane, green gram, pigeon pea, long staple cotton and pepper along with five perennial crops; and that they had put 582 acres under rubber plants, 6650 acres under cashew, 541 acres under physic nut (*jatropha curcas*), and 475 acres under pepper.

The little town has shrimp paste plants, ice factories, lathes, rice mills, edible oil mills, and sawmills. Its major products are marine products such as crab, meat, fish, shrimp paste, dried fish, dried prawn and fish sauce, and vegetables.

The town has an area of 3447 acres or 5.44 square miles. Hainggyikyun Township is constituted (See page 10)