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Nation on course for goal of industry and technology-based economy

ASEAN Engineering Award medals presented to winners

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Jan—The Myanmar Engineering Society held the ceremony to present engineering medals along with its annual meeting and the presenting of certificates of honour to wellwishers at its Function Hall in Hline Township, Yangon, yesterday, with an address by Prime Minister U Thein Sein.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Yangon Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Tun Than, ministers, deputy ministers, heads of department, representatives of ASEAN Federation of



Prime Minister U Thein Sein observes booths of Bawathit Information Group and scale models of natural disaster-proof residence.—MNA



Engineering Organizations, the president, CEC members and members of the Myanmar Engineering

Society, medal recipients, wellwishers and guests.

In his speech, the Prime Minister said that the

attendees at the meeting all take part in the national duty of building a modern, developed nation, adding

that the process calls for State stability, community peace, the rule of law, consolidated national unity, in-

frastructures, human resources and advanced production methods.

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All should take pride in maintaining and safeguarding infrastructures built by government, effectively use them for socio-economic development



NAY PYI TAW, 13 Jan — The inauguration of 100-bed People's Hospital in Mawlamyinegyun Township in Labutta District in Ayeyawady Region took place at the archway of the hospital this morning. Prime Minister U Thein Sein unveiled the signboard of the hospital and delivered an address.

It was also attended by 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, the ministers, departmental heads, region/district/township level departmental officials, members of social organizations, townselders and local people and guests.

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Prime Minister U Thein Sein cordially greets attendees at opening of 100-bed People's Hospital in Mawlamyinegyun Township.—MNA

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Pathein-Monywa Road, a reliable artery

Despite various forms of natural barriers, transport is completely smooth throughout the Union due to a large number of new roads, railroads and bridges.

The opening of Pathein-Monywa Road that goes along the river Ayeyawady through four regions was held at the pandal near Kangalay junction in Kyaunggon Township, at Okshitpin junction in Pyay District, at Padan junction in Ngaphe Township, and at mile post No 450/5 of the road respectively on 11 January.

Pathein-Monywa Road reinforces link among Sagaing, Magway, Bago and Ayeyawady regions, passing through 16 townships in total. So, the development of the areas on the western bank will soon be on a par with that of the eastern bank of the Ayeyawady River.

Yangon Region, Mandalay Region, Sagaing Region, Rakhine State and Kachin State will be easily accessible from one another by car through the 15 roads linked with the newly-built facility. Benefiting from the artery, local people will enjoy fruitful results of higher socio-economic life through better trade, swifter commodity flows and increasing relations.

Both the road network and the railroad network covering all Regions and States are being built, and as a result, the people can travel by car or by train with convenience between Putao in the northern part and Kawthoung in the southern part, and between Muse, Lashio and Kengtung in the eastern part and Sittway in the western part of the nation.

The government has constructed a massive number of infrastructural buildings including Pathein-Monywa Road. The people on their part are therefore to collectively maintain the facilities for their durability.

Myanmar Health Research Conference continues for fourth day

YANGON, 13 Jan—Fourth day session of Myanmar Health Research Conference 2010 of the Ministry of Health took place at Health Research Department (Lower Myanmar) in Dagon Township here this morning.

A total of 19 research papers were submitted to the conference. Local and foreign medical experts gave talks as a conference on medical science development and replied the queries

raised by those present. Best research papers will be awarded on 14 January, the final day of the session.

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People's Desire

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

Cuban Foreign Minister sends message of felicitations

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Jan—The following is the message of felicitations from Mr Bruno Rodriguez Parrilla, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cuba sent to U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, on the occasion of the 63rd Anniversary Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar.

Excellency,

On the occasion of celebrating the National Day of the Union of Myanmar, it pleases me to congratulate you and to renew the interest in

enhancing the relations of friendship between our countries.

Please receive, Your Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

FM attends 10th Meeting of Lao-Myanmar Joint Commission for Bilateral Cooperation

YANGON, 13 Jan—A Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win arrived back here yesterday, after attending the 10th Meeting of Lao-Myanmar Joint Commission for Bilateral Cooperation held in the Lao People's Democratic Republic from 9 to 10 January and paying an official visit to Laos from 11 to 12 January, at the invitation of Dr Thongloun Sisoulith, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Lao PDR.

The meeting was held at Champasak Grand Hotel in Pakse, Laos on 10 January. Both sides reviewed the state of the existing bilateral relations and cooperation and held a cordial discussion based on mutual trust, respect and traditional bonds of friendship for



Minister U Nyan Win shakes hands with Lao PDR Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Affairs Minister Dr Thongloun Sisoulith after signing agreement on the 10th Meeting of Lao-Myanmar Joint Commission for Bilateral Cooperation.—MNA

implementation of cooperation program-me in various sectors such as political and security matters, economy and trade, education, information and culture, religion and sports.

Prior to the meeting, the leaders of both sides met at the hotel and discussed promotion of bilateral relations and cooperation between the two countries. The

Myanmar delegation attended the dinners hosted by Mr Sonexay Sihpandone, Governor of Champasak Province, and the Deputy Prime Minister respectively at the hotel on 9 and 10 January.

While in Pakse, Minister U Nyan Win paid homage to the Watluang Pagoda and visited Utayan Bajiang Nature Resort.

On 11 January, the

minister visited Myanmar Embassy in Vientiane and met Ambassador U Nyunt Hlaing and staff members.

The following day, the minister called on Mr Thongsing Tham-mavong, Prime Minister of Lao PDR. In the afternoon, the Myanmar delegation left Vientiane for Yangon via Bangkok.—MNA

Transport Minister receives Chinese Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Jan—Minister for Transport U Thein Swe received Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Myanmar Mr

Li Junhua and party at the ministry here today.

Their discussion covered maritime and aviation concerns, implementation of seismic measuring network related to meteorology and hydrology, setting up of automatic meteorological stations and installation GPS devices.—MNA

Transport Minister U Thein Swe receives Chinese Ambassador Mr Li Junhua.

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A view shows makeshift houses in Baghdad. The government's five-year plan says two million new homes are required to fill Iraq's housing shortage while some experts put the shortfall at three million. Billions of dollars are needed to build them and despite its vast oil wealth, Iraq has nowhere near enough funds.

INTERNET

Two injured in two explosions in north Greece

ATHENS, 13 Jan—Two persons were slightly injured in two explosions of minor bomb devices against political and police targets in the northern Greece City of Thessaloniki on Wednesday, local media reported.

According to police sources, the first explosion took place at the office of Greek lawmaker Aggelos Kolokotronis, a member

of the Right Popular Orthodox Party (LAOS). A female employee was slightly injured in this incident.

A few minutes later, a second bomb exploded in front of the offices of the Union of Retired Policemen, causing the injury of a second person and material damage, according to early media reports.

Greek anarchists often make such attacks against political, police

and financial targets.

Meanwhile, local guerrilla groups have stepped up their action since December 2008, after the fatal injury of a teenager by police fire in Athens.

Ahead of the trial of five detained youths accused of membership in guerrilla groups next week, extremists have warned with attacks against "representatives of the status quo."

Xinhua

Two killed by car bombs in Baghdad, as Biden visits

BAGHDAD, 13 Jan—Iraqi officials say three explosions in the capital killed two people as Vice President Joe Biden meets with Iraqi leaders to discuss the US troop exit. Iraqi police officials said three mosques — two Sunni and one Shiite — were targeted by the roadside blasts Thursday morning. Eleven people were also wounded.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media.

Violence in Iraq has dropped to all-time lows but bombings like Thursday's show the lingering security challenges the country will face when American troops go home at the end of this year.—Internet

Afghan security personnel in plain clothes keep the public away from the site of a suicide bomb attack in Kabul on 12 Jan, 2011.

INTERNET



Three killed in another blast in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 13 Jan—At least two policemen and a security man were killed Thursday in two separate attacks on security personnel in Pakistan's restive Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province, hours after 20 people were killed in a suicide blast Wednesday evening.

Two policemen were killed and five others were injured when an improvised explosive device (IED) targeting a

police mobile van blew up in the Jani Khel area of Bannu District, *the Express Tribune* reported. In another incident that happened shortly after the explosion, a security official was killed in an attack targeting a checkpoint in the Bara area of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province.

This is the third explosion since Wednesday evening after at least 20 people, among them

six policemen, were killed and 15 others were injured when a suicide bomber rammed his explosives-laden vehicle into a mosque next to a police station in Bannu District.

Earlier Wednesday afternoon, two back-to-back blasts in Panchgai area of Peshawar, capital of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, killed two women.

Internet



Iraqis mourn outside the victims of an attack on a holy building in Baghdad which killed 44 people.—INTERNET

Mullen says violence in Afghanistan likely to rise

WASHINGTON, 13 Jan—Violence in Afghanistan is likely to rise as spring comes, and the country remains the focus of US national security strategy, said Admiral Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, on Wednesday.

In a *Washington Press* briefing, the top US military officer said violence in many parts of Afghanistan will likely be worse in 2011 than it was in 2010.

"We must prepare ourselves for more violence and more casualties in coming months," the chairman said. The year 2010 is the deadliest year for coalition forces. Independent count put coalition deaths there over 700, and US deaths near 500, nearly a third of

the ten-year war.

Despite the grim outlook, Mullen touted President Barack Obama's strategy in Afghanistan, particularly on the security side, noting the numbers of US troops and civilians, allied trainers and combat forces, Afghan army and police trainees all increased in 2010.

Mullen said he was somewhat surprised at seeing increased security around Kandahar, the southern stronghold of Taleban. He said now is time to press the advantages gained in Afghanistan and to redouble efforts as "gains we have made are tenuous and fragile, and can be lost."

Xinhua

Five NATO soldiers die in Afghan attacks

KABUL, 13 Jan—Six coalition service members were killed in eastern and southern Afghanistan on Wednesday, five of them in attacks, according to the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF).

The grim death toll represented the deadliest day so far this year for international troops, but few details about the deaths were immediately released. In eastern Afghanistan, three ISAF service members were killed following an improvised explosive device (IED) attack.

A second IED attack in eastern Afghanistan killed a fourth ISAF service member, while a fifth died in an IED attack in the country's south. A sixth service member died as a result of a non-battle injury in eastern Afghanistan.

The nationalities of the service members were not immediately disclosed. "It is ISAF policy to defer casualty identification procedures to the relevant national authorities," an ISAF statement said. Coalition casualties in Afghanistan have been rising sharply in recent years, with a total coalition death toll of 709 in 2010, making it the deadliest year for international troops since the war began in response to the 11 September, 2001 terrorist attacks on the United States.—Internet

The site of bomb attacks is seen in Nassiriya, 300 km (186 miles) southeast of Baghdad on 7 Jan, 2011.

INTERNET





Science



Antifreeze proteins: how one gene becomes two

CHICAGO, 13 Jan—Researchers report that they are the first to show in molecular detail how one gene evolved two competing functions that eventually split up — via gene duplication — to pursue their separate destinies.

The study, in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, validates a decades-old hypothesis about a key mechanism of evolution. The study also confirms the ancestry of a family of “antifreeze proteins” that helps the Antarctic eelpout survive in the frigid waters of the Southern Ocean.



The researchers traced the evolution of a gene in the Antarctic eelpout (Lycodichthys dearborni) that enables it to survive in the icy waters of the Southern Ocean.—INTERNET

“I’m always asking the question of where these antifreeze proteins come from,” said University of Illinois animal biology professor Christina Cheng, who has spent three decades studying the genetic adaptations that enable Antarctic fish to survive in one of the coldest zones on the planet. “The cell usually does not create new proteins from scratch.”

Scientists have known since 2001 that the sequence of genes coding for a family of antifreeze proteins (known as AFP III) was very similar to part of a sequence of a gene that codes for a cellular enzyme in humans.—*Internet*



This undated handout photo provided by National Geographic shows a wine press, behind which an archaeological identification kit is placed, in Armenia. The vat, right of the press, apparently used for accumulating grape juice and the consequent wine fermentation, emerges clearly here as a result of the excavation. The earliest known wine-making equipment has been uncovered by in a cave in the mountains of Armenia.—INTERNET

Scientists look for better rat poisons

WASHINGTON, 13 Jan— Scientists are working on lethal baits that lure rats as effectively as the Pied Piper did in the children’s classic fairy tale.

Modern rat poisons, based on anticoagulants, are effective, but are harmful to humans and other animals, and rats are developing resistance, so scientists are searching for new poisons, the American Chemical Society Weekly Newsletter reported Wednesday.

A major challenge is involves tracking whether the poison actually is being consumed by rats or by other animals, the chemical society said.

Scientists report making progress on this issue, which includes use of special fluorescent dyes to track how much bait rodents eat and studying fecal of their predators to identify possible contamination routes.

The research also involves mutations in a gene that allows some rats to develop resistance to anticoagulants, the society said.

Internet

Astronomers discover 16 black-hole pairs

PASADENA, 13 Jan— Sixteen close-knit pairs of super-massive black holes in merging galaxies have been discovered, US astronomers reported Wednesday.

The black-hole pairs are a distance about a hundredth to a thousandth shorter than observed previously. That provides astronomers a chance to examine how the holes and their host galaxies merge, which is critical in understanding the evolution of the universe, the scientists said in a release. They said their find was the largest population of such objects observed from a systematic search.

“This is a very nice confirmation of theoretical predictions,” says S George Djorgovski, professor of astronomy at the California Institute of Technology. “These close pairs are a missing link between the wide binary systems seen previously and the merging black-hole pairs at even smaller separations that we believe must be there.”—*Internet*



Technology



Technology helps golfers fine-tune game

STONE MOUNTAIN, 13 Jan—Golf is a constant quest for improvement, which is why new clubs, balls, training aids and other gadgets are introduced each year. If gadgets were truly the answer, of course, there would be more top-notch golfers littering the links.

Nonetheless, I tested a few new golf devices in the off-chance one might bring me a step closer to breaking 80 on a par-72 course for the first time. Although I didn’t manage that, I found some promising companions.

The Callaway uPro (\$399.99), from Callaway Golf Company, is a GPS device about the size of a deck of cards. It tells you where you are in relation to the hole you’re trying to knock the ball into.

Global positioning system technology is familiar to the golf bag, but the uPro has several notable features. It lets you download full-colour, bird’s-eye-view video clips of the course you’re playing, so you can see trees, fairway widths and hazards that lie around the blind corner.

I connected the uPro to my PC and downloaded some of my local golf course maps to the device.

There are both free and paid versions



The Garmin Approach S1 golf watch is displayed on Tuesday, 11 Jan, 2011, in Atlanta, Ga.—INTERNET

of various golf courses. A single course map costs \$10, and multi-course packs go for as much as \$180 for 150 courses of your choosing.—*Internet*

Study maps teeth composite in 3-D

EVANSTON, 13 Jan— US researchers said they used an imaging technique sensitive enough to be used on an atomic scale to create 3-D maps of a complex biomineralized tissue.

The work will help scientists understand the structure of organic-inorganic materials such as teeth or bone, and allow for the design of new materials with similar strength and flexibility, researchers wrote in an article published in Wednesday’s edition of *Nature science journal*.

Northwestern University researchers Lyle Gordon and Derk Joester studied the teeth of chitons, a class of marine mollusks, which exhibit resistance and fracture toughness. Researchers said the chitons’ properties are related to the internal organic-

inorganic workings of tooth material.

Gordon and Joester demonstrated that atom-probe tomography, a technique that involves imaging in slices through sections of a material, could be used to determine the nanoscale structure of a chiton tooth. The 3-D chemical maps reveal individual organic fibers within the tooth have different compositions and likely different functional roles in the interactions between the organic and inorganic minerals. The researchers said atom-probe tomography could revolutionize the understanding of composite substances and help in the development of next-generation, bio-inspired materials for medicine, electronics and energy-saving ventures.—*Internet*

IBM and Samsung collaborate on chip research

SAN FRANCISCO, 13 Jan—US computer giant IBM and South Korean electronics titan Samsung have announced they will begin working together on ways to make better chips for smartphones and other gadgets.

Samsung researchers will team with scientists at the IBM Semiconductor Research Alliance in New York State to create computer processor “solutions that are optimized for performance, power consumption, and size.”

“Collaborative innovation will be

critical if the semiconductor industry is to continue driving new forms of consumer electronics and new methods of computing,” said IBM microelectronics general manager Michael Cadigan.

“That’s why we’re excited to have Samsung scientists working with us at the most fundamental stages of the R&D process.” The companies are striving to develop chips to power a high-performance generation of “smarter, connected and more mobile” devices.—*Internet*



Ronald Massingill displays a ‘Kitara’ from Misadigital Instruments, at the 2011 International Consumer Electronics Show on 8 Jan, 2011 in Las Vegas, Nevada. The Kitara is a digital guitar, with a MIDI and synthesizer on board.—INTERNET

Health

Health Tip: enjoying tummy time

Tummy time helps babies develop strong muscles, but your infant may be less than enthusiastic about the idea.

While an infant should always sleep on his or her back, tummy time is recommended when the baby is awake and being observed.

The American Academy of Pediatrics suggests how to make tummy time more enjoyable for your little one:

- * Set a toy on the floor just beyond baby's reach to encourage reaching for it.
- * Surround baby with toys to encourage moving different muscles in different directions.
- * Lie on the floor and put baby on your chest. Baby should struggle to lift his or her head to better see your face.
- * As you or a caregiver look on, let another young child get down on the floor with baby during tummy time, as it can be fun for both children.—Internet



Over the next 10 years, the cost of treating cancer in the United States is expected to leap 27 percent, in part because of the growing population of elderly Americans, said a US study released Wednesday.

INTERNET

Certain painkillers appear to boost odds for heart attack

LOS ANGELES, 13 Jan—Common painkillers taken to treat inflammation, such as Celebrex and Advil, can raise the risk of heart attack, stroke or death, a review of existing research suggests.

Swiss researchers analyzed the results of 31 trials involving seven non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), as these medications are called, and concluded that cardiovascular risk needs to be considered before prescribing any of them.

"NSAIDs are widely used worldwide for treating pain and inflammation," said Dr Gregg Fonarow, American Heart Association spokesman and professor of cardiology at the University of California, Los Angeles.

"A number of studies have shown that many of these agents are associated with increased risk of cardiovascular events, particularly when used at higher doses and for longer periods of time, but uncertainty remains as to the magnitude of the risk and how the cardiovascular risk may vary among different NSAIDs," said Fonarow, who was not involved in the study.

All the NSAIDs studied increased the risk of cardiovascular events, but the magnitude of risk is small in absolute terms — approximately one cardiovascular event per 100 patient-years of follow-up, Fonarow noted.

"In many patients the benefits provided by these agents may outweigh the risk, and other steps can be taken to reduce the patient's cardiovascular risk," he said. The report is published in the 11 Jan online edition of the *BMJ*.

In 2004, the drug Vioxx (rofecoxib), which belonged to a class of NSAIDs called COX-2 inhibitors, was pulled from the market because of its link to an increased risk of heart attack.—Internet

Antibiotics can ease kids' ear infections, studies show



Giancarlo Gemignani-Hernandez, 2, of Pittsburgh, has his ear examined by Dr Alejandro Hoberman, on 20 Nov, 2006. INTERNET

PITTSBURGH, 13 Jan—Amid the ongoing controversy over routine antibiotic use for children with acute ear infections, two new studies support the practice when stringent diagnostic criteria are met.

Researchers from Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh and the University of Turku in Finland found antibiotics more effective than a placebo in reducing ear infection severity and duration in toddlers. In both studies, the rate of clinical failure — defined as persistent signs of acute infection — was dramatically lower days later among those prescribed amoxicillin-clavulanate (Augmentin) than in children left untreated.

Acute ear infection, known medically as otitis media, is the most frequent bacterial illness diagnosed during early childhood and the most common reason antibiotics are prescribed for children in the United States, according to prior research.

"The study underscores the need to restrict antibiotic treatment to those with certain infection," said Dr Alejandro Hoberman, a pediatrician at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh and lead author of one of the studies. "I would say the really important point to understand is that the key to optimal management of acute otitis media is an accurate diagnosis. I do hope our findings will settle the topic."—Internet

Business

Japan core machinery orders slide 3.0% in November

TOKYO, 13 Jan—Japan's core private-sector machinery orders, an indicator of corporate capital spending, fell for the third consecutive month in November in another dreary sign for the economy, data showed Thursday.

The 3.0 percent fall on-month missed the median forecast of a Dow Jones Newswires and Nikkei poll for a 1.8 percent rise, with the government warning of weakness in the non-manufacturing sector.



Workers are seen at an industrial facility in Ohira, Tochigi prefecture. Japan's core private-sector machinery orders, a leading indicator of corporate capital spending, fell 3.0 percent in November from the previous month, official data showed Thursday.—INTERNET

Machinery orders are volatile but reflect companies' appetite for spending on plants and equipment, with the latest data indicating weaker corporate sentiment amid fears for an economy hit by the strength of the yen.

A strong Japanese currency hits the repatriated profits of exporters and makes their goods relatively more expensive overseas.—Internet

Rich nations' growth lags need for jobs

WASHINGTON, 13 Jan—Economic growth in the world's wealthier nations is still too slow to create enough jobs for the tens of millions who lost their during the worst global recession since World War Two, the World Bank said on Wednesday.

In a report detailing its outlook for 2011, the multilateral lender forecast the global economy would expand 3.3 percent this year, softer than the 3.9 percent expansion seen during 2010.

Growth in the developing world will sharply outstrip growth in mature economies. The World Bank forecast growth in emerging economies of 6 percent in 2011, weaker than last year's 7 percent

Spain sees good demand, higher rate in bond sale

MADRID, 13 Jan—Spain has easily raised euro3 billion (\$3.9 billion) in a debt auction that was a key test of investor confidence, the day after a successful bond sale in Portugal eased market pressures somewhat.

Demand was strong, with bids worth 2.1 times the amount on offer. However, the average yield on the 5-year bonds on Thursday was up by nearly a



A man passes in front of a poster advertising a bank's services in Madrid. Spain is set to venture into the bond market in a bid to raise financing for the first time in 2011, desperate to dispel fears of a debt emergency that would shake the foundations of the euro.—INTERNET

percentage point, to 4.54 percent compared to 3.58 at the last such auction on 4 Nov.

Spain had hoped to raise between euro2 billion and euro3 billion in the auction.

It came a day after Portugal, which many fear might be the next in line to need a bailout after Greece and Ireland, saw good demand for its debt sale.

Reuters

Internet

Nation on course for goal...

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So, the government tried its utmost to meet those requirements and laid sound foundations sector-wise. It is working hard to transform the nation's economy from labour-based to industry and technology-based system for industrialization, and the nation is now on course for the goal of industry.

Over 20 years into its assumption of State duties, the government has implemented projects in various fields across the Union for equitable development of all regions. During the period, the number of above 180-foot bridges has increased from 198 to 449, and 67 more bridges are under construction. The total length of the roads across the nation is 21,361 miles, up from 13,635 miles. 1815 miles of roads are being built. The total length of railroads has surged from 2793 to 4402 miles, and 1778 miles of railroads are being built. The number of railway stations has risen from only 487 to 899.

Previously, dams numbered only 138,

compared with 371 now. Twenty-six more dams are under construction. Regarding river water pumping stations, 327 units have been built, and 41 are under construction. Similarly, the government has built a huge number of educational institutions, 200-bed, 300-bed and 500-bed hospitals in the health sector; auto exchanges and phone stations in the

reservoirs in the agricultural sector.

Significant development of the nation is due to the fact that the government effectively employs the skills of national engineers. Myanmar engineers do their bid in nation-building tasks hand in hand with the government. As a result, a large number of fine infrastructural buildings have emerged across the nation.

In carrying out

Hanoi, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam in December 2010. It was attended by 1100 representatives from 16 countries including 10 ASEAN members. The 81 Myanmar representatives submitted three papers on engineering. At CAFEO, Honorary Fellow medals were presented to three ministers, one deputy minister and one expert who play a pioneering role in improving the art of engineering in



Prime Minister U Thein Sein delivers speech at ceremony to present engineering medals along with its annual meeting and the presenting of certificates of honour to wellwishers.—MNA

communication sector; airports, jetties and container yards in the transport sector; large, medium, small hydropower plants, sub-power stations and pylons in the electric power sector; and dams and

nation-building tasks for national development and improving the socio-economic status of the people, the government makes efforts on self-reliant basis. The nation will enjoy sustainable progress with a brighter future only if natural resources are expeditiously exploited with self-reliant efforts and own skills. With the concept "The strength of the nation lies within", the government has formed many national forces including the Myanmar Engineering Society.

Formed on 23 December 1995, the society, the only organization of its kind in Myanmar, is making progress with its membership of over 24,200. It is heartening to learn that the MES not only organizes Myanmar engineers extensively, but cooperates with other engineering societies in ASEAN region.

MES attended the 28th Conference of ASEAN Federation of Engineering Organizations held in

Myanmar. On behalf of the recipients, the MES president accepted the medals. He said that he was glad the certificates would be presented to the winners at the ceremony.

In order to help speed up building a peaceful, modern and developed industrialized nation, the Myanmar Industrial Development Committee, in compliance with the guidance of the Head of State, formed industrial zone supervisory committees of respective industrial zones. And it is fulfilling the requirements of industrialists and taking measures for technological development in the industrial area.

The world has seen rapid changes in science and technology and electronics. So, world nations are competing one another for sophisticated systems in national interests. Myanmar engineers have to take part in duties to accelerate national development, improve the living conditions for the people and help

achieve the national goal.

The government is intensively improving infrastructures with the aim of transforming the

State-owned factories and plants for industrial development. In the age of globalization, it is needed to carry out



Honorary guest of AFEO Mr Choo Kok Beng presents AFEO Honorary Fellow Award to Minister U Khin Maung Myint.—MNA

nation from agro-based to industry-based economy. In order to meet this lofty goal, it is establishing industrial zones in strategic regions and privatizing many

industrialization processes with human resources and high-tech to keep abreast of the international community in economic growth.

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Honorary guest of AFEO Mr Choo Kok Beng presents AFEO Honorary Fellow Award to Director U Hein Htet of Hydropower Implementation Department who accepts the award on behalf of EP-1 Minister U Zaw Min.—MNA

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It is also required to enhance the nation's creative economy under the leadership of the State in order that the new nation will get along with the world economy. The nation is boosting cooperation with regional countries in the economic sphere. It will be part of ASEAN Free Trade Area in 2015. National economy must be boosted by manufacturing high quality products to be able to face the challenges by then.

The government is

implementing the State's seven-step Road Map step by step to achieve the national goal. So far, it has held multiparty democracy general election stably and successfully. Soon, parliamentary sessions will take place for check and balance of the three sovereign powers: legislative, executive and judicial powers. MEC, being a national force, has to do its bid in the tasks.

In conclusion, he called on MEC members to maintain the momentum of success as reliable engineers, to

work hard for engineering improvement, while exerting their engineering to the best of their ability in the national interest, and to keep serving national interests with their engineering.

MES President U Han Zaw and Honorary Guest of AFEO Mr Choo Kok Beng extended greetings. General Secretary of MES U Aung Myint gave a brief account of the functions of MES.

Mr Choo Kok Beng presented AFEO Honorary Fellow medals to Minister for Industry-2 U Soe Thein, Minister for Electric Power (2) U Khin Maung Myint, Minister for

Electric Power (1) U Zaw Min through Director of the Hydropower Department U Hein Htet, and Deputy Ministers for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs U Tin Ngwe and Col Nyan Tun Oo (Retd).

The MES president presented MES Honorary Membership Award to Mr Choo Kok Beng, and the medal for MES Outstanding Award for Yeywa Hydropower Project to Director U Hein Htet.

Minister U Khin Maung Myint presented certificates of honour to those who donated cash to MES.

The Prime Minister and party posed for documentary photos with the MES president, CEC members, AFEO representatives, medal recipients and donors.

Mr Choo Kok Beng presented a commemorative gift to the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister viewed documentary photos on MES movements, Quality Control Lab, library, seismological booth of the Myanmar Earthquake Committee, the booth of Bawathit Information Group, and samples of natural disasters-proof residences.

AFEO presents AFEO Distinguished Honorary Fellow medal, AFEO Honorary Fellow medal and AFEO Honorary Member medal. Up to 2010, it has presented AFEO Distinguished Honorary Fellow Medal to two persons from Myanmar, and AFEO Honorary Fellow Medal and AFEO Honorary Member Medal to 30 persons from a nation each.

In like manner, it has presented ASEAN Engineering Register (AER) to 142 persons from Myanmar including 18 for the year 2010.

MNA

CPT Minister attends work coordination meeting on better communication service



Minister U Thein Zaw observes the works in cooperation between CPT Ministry and Science and Technology Ministry at overseas communication station.

MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Jan—Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Zaw on 10 January attended the work coordination meeting on better communication service. It was also attended by Deputy Minister U Thein Tun, Managing Director and responsible persons.

The minister gave necessary instructions after hearing the reports on arrangement for extension of CDMA system in the states and regions, and procedures to be further extended.

Next, the minister inspected works in cooperation between the CPT Ministry and Ministry of Science and Technology at mm

CERT room (Myanmar Computer Emergency Response Team) of overseas communication office.

On 11 January, the minister and party oversaw installation of devices for GSM system at Wailuwn GSM communication station, IP transit switch room, control room and

switching room at Hanthawadi Auto Exchange, Hanthawadi Gateway station, WCDMA and CDMA 800 MHz stations in Lanmadaw Township. At the computerized Myanmar language implementation workplace, the minister left necessary instructions.

MNA

KMD's Happy Weekend Road Show on 15-17 Jan

YANGON, 13 Jan—KMD Sales and Service Centre will launch Happy Weekend Road Show at its every centre in Yangon from 15 to 17 January. The various brands of notebooks, desktops, printers, scanners, UPSs and accessories will go on sale at the show at discounted price.

For more details, contact KMD Sales & Service Centre at Pansodan Street branch (Ph: 385177 and 245180), at Maha Bandoola branch (09-830 1037 and 830 3778) and at Myaynigon branch (502244 and 503511).—MNA

Kanma Township boosts...

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With 296 irrigation structures, the main canal is 10 miles long, and its branch canals, 47.8 miles altogether. The average annual rainfall of 45.06 inches is enough for the paddy fields in Kanma Township in the rainy season. The dam benefits mostly paddy cultivation in summer. During the period between monsoon paddy season and summer paddy season, local farmers also grow chick pea, groundnut and sesame, especially pigeon pea. As a result of the triple-

cropping pattern, they are getting on with their businesses.

The embankment is 1920 feet long and 155 feet high, and the dyke, 1200 feet long. It gets an annual inflow water of 91,100 acre feet from the catchment area of 0.76 square mile. Its maximum water storage capacity is 54,000 acre feet, and its dead storage water surface is 960 acres.

For Kanma Township, Maday Dam is a reliable source of irrigation water. The facility benefited 157 acres of farmlands in

2007-2008; and 1436 acres, in 2009-2010. It is expected to benefit 4000 acres of summer paddy fields in 2010-2011. If so, the township will be able to put 8000 acres under paddy in a year.

Five to 10 KV hydropower generators are installed in the main canal near Pyinhtaung Village and Ahtet Meeppauk Village. Irrigation water is also pumped to irrigate highland farms. In the region, many croplands have been changed into paddy fields. So, its sown acreage is increasing.

Local farmers in



A small-scale hydropower plant in the main canal of Maday Dam.

western areas of Magway Region benefit from Maday Dam, exercising triple-cropping pattern and getting hydropower.

Thanks to the growing number of irrigation facilities, the whole nation is enjoying fruitful results of development at the

unprecedented level in the time of the Tatmadaw government.

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Prime Minister U Thein Sein unveils the signboard of Mawlamyinegyun Township People's Hospital (100-bed).—MNA



All should take pride...

(from page 1)

Commander Brig-Gen Tin Maung Win, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs U Thein Nyunt and Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint formally opened the Mawlamyinegyun Township People's Hospital (100-bed).

Next, the Prime Minister unveiled the signboard of the hospital.

Then the Prime Minister and party posed for documentary photos together with the Medical Superintendent, doctors and attendees and sprinkled scented water on the bronze plaque of the hospital.

The Prime Minister viewed functions round

the hospital.

Next, the agenda of the opening ceremony followed at the pavilion in the compound of the hospital.

In his address, the Prime Minister said that today's ceremony was the inauguration of new 100-bed hospital after upgrading the storm Nargis-hit 50-bed hospital. In storm-affected areas of Ayeyawady Region, Labutta 200-bed Hospital, Pyapon Township 200-bed Hospital and Pyinsalu Township (Branch) 25-bed Hospital were opened last year. With the today-opened 100-bed Hospital and new Bogale Township Hospital, it was a delightful success for the local people. Thanks to

inauguration of new hospitals, local people will be able to enjoy better health standard in their own regions.

He continued saying that today Ayeyawady Region is gaining unprecedented development momentum in all sectors as a result of carrying out post-Nargis rehabilitation works and long-term natural disasters preparedness measures in combination with regional development.

A medical superintendent, three specialists, four assistant specialists (surgeons), 15 assistant surgeons, 11 nurses and 19 others have been appointed in newly-upgraded 100-bed hospital that can benefit 300,000 local people from 13 wards and 583 villages.



Managing Director of TZTM Co U Thet Lin hands over documents related to Mawlamyinegyun Township People's Hospital (100-bed) to Head of Ayeyawady Region Health Department Dr Aye Ko Ko.—MNA

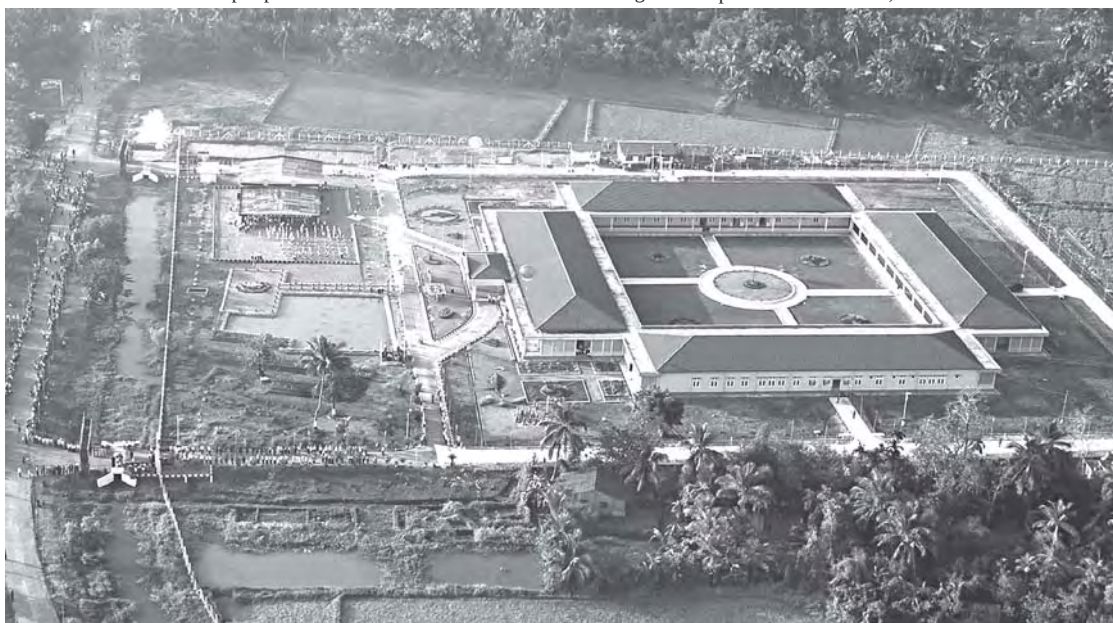
As Ayeyawady Region has a large quantity of rivers, creeks and lakes, local people once heavily relied on waterways to travel from one place to another. Now,

it takes four hours from Patheingyi to Yangon by car. As a post-Nargis rehabilitation project, Delta Road Network comprising 10 roads was built in order to link with

the old roads. Now, road transport facilities have covered the whole region. With an increase in road miles from 400 to more than 1000, any township in the region is accessible by car from any region else within few hours.

The region has had easily access to Upper Myanmar through recently-opened Patheingyi-Monywa tarred road in any time. Upon completion of Zalun-Nyaungdon-Hlinethaya-Patheingyi railroad, Patheingyi-Einme-Nyaungdon railroad and Patheingyi-Kyangin-Pakokku-Kalay railroad, local people will be able to enjoy rail service with cheap train fares. It can be witnessed that rail and road networks emerged one after another in Ayeyawady Region which was difficult of access due to natural barriers in the time of the State Peace and Development Council.

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An aerial view of Mawlamyinegyun Township People's Hospital (100-bed).—MNA

All should take pride...

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So far, 60 above 180-foot bridges including Yazudaing Bridge No (1) and No (2) have been built covering road network in the region. The construction of rail-cum-road Nyaungdon Bridge is underway. In the past, the region was difficult of access due to lack of transport facilities. Now the region enjoys sound foundations for greater development.

As Mawlamyinegyun Township is surrounded by water, the isolated township heavily relied on waterway. Thanks to emergence of new bridges, it has access to four corners by car.

In its 20 years administration, the government worked steadfastly for equitable development in all corners of the Union with short- and long-term plans. With the aim of ensuring harmonious development in all parts of the nation, 24 special development regions have been established. In



Prime Minister U Thein Sein inspects Mawlamyinegyun Township People's Hospital (100-bed).—MNA



opened with the appointment of specialists and better health care standard. With infrastructural development in education and health sectors, the region will be able to turn out healthy and educated human resources.

As Ayeyawady Region, the granary of Myanmar, has fine topography and climate patterns, the region enjoys food sufficiency and can contribute towards food sufficiency in the Union as well as food sufficiency in the region. It is required to work hard in concert to

eminent, the Prime Minister urged Ayeyawady dwellers to work hard for their better socio-economic standard, calling for wise use of natural resources in the region.

The region now has enough human resources for tapping natural resources affectively. So, the only requirement to turn government-built transport corridors into economic corridors and transport networks into economic networks is efforts.

Obviously, the current situation of the area is to

nation. It has also passed the fifth step in implementing the seven-step Road Map with the harmonious strength of the State, the people and the Tatmadaw. The remaining two steps will be implemented soonest.

All should take pride in maintaining and safeguarding the infrastructures built by the government and effectively use them for socio-economic development and should work in harmony with the resolve to successfully implement the seven-step Road Map for emergence

of a new peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation.

Managing Director U Thet Lin of TZTM Co handed over documents related to the hospital to Head of Ayeyawady Region Health Department Dr Aye Ko Ko and presented K 10 million for the funds of the hospital to Medical Superintendent Dr Myo Than.

Next, the Prime Minister cordially greeted attendees.

Mawlamyinegyun Township People's Hospital (100-bed) was built

on the area of 25 acres. The hospital with 10 feet wide corridor is 200 feet long, 52 feet wide and 14 feet high.

The hospital built by TZTM Co. includes emergency department, X-ray room and laboratory, dental clinic, medicine store, surgical ward, orthopedic ward, intensive care unit, operation theater, paediatric ward and obstetric and gynaecology ward.

There was a 50-bed hospital in Mawlamyinegyun Township. So it was upgraded into 100-bed one and inaugurated. —MNA



Photo shows Mawlamyinegyun Township People's Hospital (100-bed).—MNA

Ayeyawady Region, the government has been striving for all-round development of the region with three regions namely Patheingyi, Hinthada and Maubin in the center. Thanks to emergence of universities in development regions, local youths have easy access to higher education in their own regions.

So far, 688 schools have been reconstructed, 13 opened and 154 upgraded. Besides, 13 schools have emerged as affiliated ones. A total of 170 health facilities have been reconstructed, 12 upgraded and 17 opened so far. New hospitals were

improve agricultural and meat and fishery sectors as well as industrial sector. With agro-based industries, forest product-based industries and marine product-based industries, the region has massive potential for greater development.

As a number of roads, railroads and bridge were built by the State with the use of a large amount of money, production roads that can transport local products to other regions within the short period of time has now emerged in the region.

As all necessary requirements have already been fulfilled by the gov-

ernment, the situation after the natural disaster an adverse consequence of climate change has occurred. Thanks to the government's nation-building endeavours covering the whole nation, the storm-hit areas of the region have improved so much when compared to the past situation. It is only a part of the government's nation building endeavours. Marked progress can be witnessed in all regions and states including border areas of the nation.

The government has been building necessary infrastructures for reaching a peaceful, modern and developed

17 books on law and bylaw in demand

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Jan—The 17 books on law and bylaw published for public knowledge are now in high demand. So, commencing 14 January 2011, those publications can be bought as many as customers want at Sarpay Beikman Book House on Merchant Street, Yangon, book store of the News and Periodicals Enterprise on Theinbyu

Road, and Yangon Region Information and Public Relations Department on Pansodan Street (Lower). As a special programme, the shops will be also opened on the weekends.

The books are also on sale at the offices of other Regions and States, district and township Information and Public Relations Departments.—MNA

298 drug-related cases exposed in December 2010

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Jan—A total of 298 drug-related cases were exposed in December 2010: 100.538 kilos of opium in 37 cases, 1.563 kilos of heroine in 127 cases, 0.97 kilos of opium oil in seven cases, 12.755 kilos of low-grade opium in 28 cases, 14.79 kilos of marijuana in 17 cases, 101690 stimulant tablets in 65 cases, 46.215 kilos of

speciosa in 13 cases, 0.5 liter of opium oil liquid in one case, 273.88 liters of opium liquid in one case, 0.85 kilo of ephedrine powder in one case, nine bottles of morphine injection, 28 kilos of ammonium chloride and one other case.

Action was taken against 472 people— 381 males and 91 females.

MNA

Poland gets two new wind farms



Wind turbines in Lisewo, Poland in 2009, courtesy of Mike Peel via Wikimedia Commons.—INTERNET

WARSAW, 13 Jan— With the commissioning of two new wind farms in Poland, the country is situated to become a regional leader in renewable energy, a German company said.

RWE's renewable energy division RWE Innogy announced it commissioned two new wind farms in what it described as one of the more attractive wind regimes in Europe.

The company, through its Polish subsidiary RWE Polska, commissioned two wind farms with a total of 31 turbines that collectively meet the demands of more than 60,000 Polish households each year. Both wind farms operating at full capacity remove more than 125,000 tons of harmful greenhouse gas emissions, the company said in a statement.

Paul Coffey, the chief operating officer at RWE Innogy, said Poland is an attractive market for wind energy because of its wind regime and large growth potentially predicted for the energy market.

Filip Thon, the chief executive at RWE Polska, said that working with the RWE parent company would boost the renewable energy portfolio in Poland.—*Internet*



Motorcyclists ride past banners marking the congress of Vietnam's ruling communist party, which begins in Hanoi Wednesday. Experts say soaring inflation, a struggling currency and a trade deficit are hampering the country's attempts to grow its economy. INTERNET

Weight-loss surgery has urinary benefits

MELBOURNE, 13 Jan—Australian researchers say weight-loss surgery improved female urinary problems but erection issues in men got worse following weight-loss surgery.

Study leader Dr Wernja Ranasinghe of Austin Hospital in Melbourne found women who underwent gastric band surgery to lose weight reported significant improvements in urinary function and quality of life after the operation.

However, the study, published in the *Journal of the British Association of Urological Surgeons*, found men undergoing the same weight-loss surgery did not have similar urinary function

improvements and erectile function was considered slightly worse after surgery.

The researchers noted that other studies reported patients with non-surgical weight loss, experience improved sexual function.

"We were keen to see what effect weight loss surgery had had on the patients' sexual and urinary functions, as these are common problems in people who are very obese," Ranasinghe says in a statement. "Just under two-thirds of the women — 65 percent — and 24 percent of the men had some urinary incontinence, while 83 percent had erection problems before surgery."

Internet

Alcohol test uses hair or nails

DES PLAINES, 13 Jan— A test that measures ethyl glucuronide in fingernails and hair reliably determines alcohol exposure for the past 90 days, US Drug Testing Laboratories say.

The NailStat and HairStat EtG tests measure ethyl glucuronide — a minor product of alcohol metabolism that is a direct alcohol biomarker.

The US Drug Testing Laboratories study of 600 college students showed EtG levels in nails and hair related extremely well to the number of drinks reported.

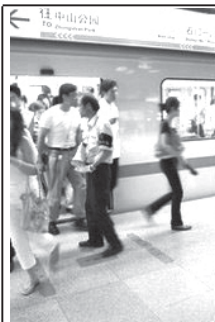
"For the first time,

we have a tool that provides direct evidence of alcohol exposure with an approximate dosing history," Douglas Lewis, president and scientific director of US Drug Testing Laboratories, says in a statement. "Nail samples are the preferred specimen over hair samples since fingernails show no gender bias. Cosmetic treatments destroy the presence of some drugs and biomarkers in hair, so many women are not able to provide a valid sample."

Alcohol tests using blood phosphatidylethanol top out at three weeks and urine EtG is

only reliable for a few days at best, the company said.

US Drug Testing Laboratories developed the tests for practitioners who are interested in a clinical diagnostic tool for when alcohol may contribute to a health condition.—*Internet*



File photo shows commuters passing an advert for the Chinese internet search engine, Baidu.com in Shanghai. Chinese search engine giant Baidu has launched an English-language blog on the country's online culture, a company spokesman said Tuesday, as the firm looks to expand into overseas markets. INTERNET



Shanghai tightens building construction regulations two months after high-rise blaze killed 58

SHANGHAI, 13 Jan — Shanghai Municipal Government issued a new regulation Tuesday to tighten supervision of construction, two months after a fatal high-rise fire took 58 lives.

The 22-article regulation covers eight aspects, such as construction processes, risk control, contractor market management and government supervision. It also regu-

lates management of construction practitioners, including the registration, management and training of managers, contractors and technicians.

Experts said the regulation will play a leading role in supervising building construction.

A lack of supervision of renovation projects, insufficient budgets for construction safety management, ineffective site

supervision, illegal subcontracting and a lack of training of construction workers have been major causes of construction safety accidents, a recent safety campaign in Shanghai found, Huang Rong, director of the City's urban construction and communications commission, was quoted as saying by the *China Daily* newspaper.—*Xinhua*

Zoo searches for escaped prairie dogs

COLUMBUS, 13 Jan— Officials with Ohio's Columbus Zoo and Aquarium said they are searching for seven prairie dogs after an escape from temporary housing.

Zoo officials said 11 of the animals escaped from the temporary housing, where they were awaiting a move to the Columbus facility's prairie dog exhibit in the spring, and four were found on the zoo grounds, *The Columbus Dispatch* reported Monday.

Assistant Curator Jeremy Carpenter said people living near the zoo are being asked to keep an eye out for the black-tailed prairie dogs, which he said are not dangerous and are active during daylight hours.

"At this point we don't have any reason to believe they have left zoo property, but we decided to enlist the help of our neighbours just in case," Carpenter said.

Internet

Building permits decline in Canada

OTTAWA, 13 Jan—The value of building permits issued in Canada dropped 11.2 percent in November from the previous month, Statistics Canada said Monday.

It was the second consecutive month of declines with total permits issued dropping to \$5.5 billion worth of construction projects. The value of non-residential permits dropped by 16.1 percent to \$2.3 billion.

Permits issued for private residential projects, also down for two consecutive months, fell 7.2 percent to \$3.2 billion, the government's data office said.

Internet



A person surfs the internet through a BlackBerry in Jakarta on 10 Jan, 2011.—INTERNET

Italy's top fashion tycoons, VIPs probed for tax evasion

ROME, 13 Jan—Some of Italy's top fashion tycoons and VIPs were among the 700 people named on Wednesday in a probe into suspected tax evasion from Italy to Swiss bank accounts.

Among them were luxury clothing brands designers Valentino, Renato Balestra, Giuseppe Lancetti, jewelry businessman Gianni Bulgari and Roman stylist Sandro Ferrone. Other well-known VIPs, artists, movie-makers, actresses, aristocrats and local entrepreneurs are also being probed, local media reported.

Even the wife of former Renault team boss Flavio Briatore was on the list, together with Rome's leading retailers association Confcommercio president and the boss of one of Italy's top space and defence firms, Telespazio.

The list with the names of the tax dodgers was first given to the French authorities by a former HSBC bank employee who worked in Switzerland. A total of over 5,000 Italian citizens and 133 firms were mentioned in the file, with total amounts of more than five billion euros as deposits, all of which were said to be saved in the Swiss branch of the HSBC bank. Enditem.

Xinhua

Heavy rains kill at least 32 in S Africa

CAPE TOWN, 13 Jan—Heavy storms and torrential rain have killed at least 32 people in South Africa and damaged hundreds of homes, according to preliminary government figures released on Wednesday.

The worst affected regions were the densely urban Gauteng region, which includes Johannesburg and Pretoria, where an estimated 12 people have died and up to 500 houses have been damaged, since the start of the rainy season in mid-December.

An estimated 20 others were killed and nine seriously injured in KwaZulu-Natal, said the ministry of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs which only had early data for four of South Africa's nine provinces.

"An accurate determi-



A woman protects herself with an umbrella during a heavy rain storm. Heavy storms and torrential rain have killed at least 32 people in South Africa and damaged hundreds of homes, according to preliminary government figures released on Wednesday.—INTERNET

nation of the exact figures of lives lost, the number of houses and infrastructure damaged, will only be determined after a full assessment and verification," it said in a statement.

The toll could rise with the Sapa news agency last

week reporting that flooding and thunderstorms had killed 17 people, some by lightning strikes, in the Eastern Cape which was not included in the government's assessment.

A three-year-old boy was killed when a wall

collapsed in a heavy Pretoria storm on Sunday, and a train driver died when his train was derailed by heavy downpours in the east of the country, local media reported Wednesday.

Internet

Magnitude quake hits Japan

NEW YORK, 13 Jan—An earthquake measuring 6.5 on the Richter scale hit Bonin Island, Japan, at 2132 GMT Wednesday, the US Geological Survey (USGS) said.

The epicenter was 520 kilometres deep at 26.944 north latitude and 140.006 east longitude, the USGS said.

Xinhua



Children walk in Central Park after an overnight snowfall in New York, the United States, on 12 Jan, 2011.

XINHUA

Tanker capsizes on Rhine in Germany

BERLIN, 13 Jan—Authorities say a tanker loaded with sulfuric acid has capsized on the Rhine river in Germany and two crew members are missing.

The shipping office in Bingen said there was no immediate word on why the ship capsized early

Thursday near St Goarshausen. The other two crew members were rescued.

The office said it wasn't immediately clear whether any of the ship's load had leaked. It was carrying 2,400 tons of sulfuric acid.

Authorities closed the

river to shipping. They were working to secure the tanker and find the two missing crew members.

The accident happened on a picturesque stretch of the Rhine near the famed Loreley cliff.

Internet

A car wrecks outside the town of Grantham in South East Queensland, Australia, on 12 Jan, 2011. The small town was hit by flash flooding causing mass destruction.

INTERNET



Death toll in Rio storms hits 114

RIO DE JANEIRO, 13 Jan—The number of deaths caused by the storms that hit the Rio de Janeiro state in southeastern Brazil has reached 114, local authorities confirmed on Wednesday.

The deaths occurred in the state's mountain range region, which usually suffers from floods and mudslides in rainy season. In the small town of Teresopolis, 89 deaths were confirmed so far. The town's mayor, Jorge Mario Sedlaceq, said it is the biggest tragedy in Teresopolis' history.

In nearby Petropolis, 18 deaths were confirmed, and in Nova Friburgo, seven people died.

Due to the severe damage caused by the rain, many neighbourhoods have no electricity, water or telephone services.



Cars sit in debris in a flooded street in Teresopolis, Rio de Janeiro state, Brazil, on 12 Jan, 2011.—INTERNET

In some areas, access is only possible by helicopter.

Rio's Environment Secretary Carlos Minc described the scenario as a tragedy and attributed the high death toll, especially in Teresopolis, to a combination of political irresponsibility and natural disaster.—Xinhua

Britain's women soldiers told to drink responsibly

LONDON, 13 Jan—Women soldiers in Britain have been told by the ministry of defence to drink responsibly - with a health warning that they will end up with big bottoms.

Military chiefs are now resorting to a "shock tactic" to stop thousands of women in the forces from binge-drinking - or having six or more units of alcohol on one occasion.

The ministry produced a hard-hitting advertisement after discovering that the "beer-swilling" servicewomen are running a health risk.

Advertisements in *Soldier* magazine feature the slogan "Does My Bum Look

Big in This?" against the photograph of a pint glass made to look like a woman with a large bottom. It also asks: "Are You Drinking to Excess?"

"We are determined to show there is no place for excess drinking in the British Army and shock tactics are a great way to get the message across to both men and women," a source was quoted as saying by the *Daily Mirror*.

The campaign comes after a recent ministry of defence survey showed as many as 23,000 members of the armed forces - around one in seven - were drinking "hazardous and harmful" levels of alcohol.—Internet

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV KOTA TABAH VOY NO (417)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TABAH VOY NO (417) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 14.1.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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A worker works in the workshop in the Condal Mask Factory in Sao Concalo, near Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on 12 Jan, 2011. The incoming Brazilian carnival boosts the fabrication of masks.—INTERNET

NZ rescuers save one beached whale, four others die

WELLINGTON, 13 Jan—New Zealand conservation officials and volunteers successfully refloated one young whale from a pod of five that beached on the country's North Island on Thursday morning. The other four, all adult whales and understood to be Gray's Beaked whales, died on the west coast beach, an official said.

Local volunteers and Department of Conservation staff successfully refloated the only surviving whale, a juvenile, and were hoping it did not become stranded again, DOC spokesman Des

Williams told *The Associated Press*. "There's some concern as to whether the juvenile (is) old enough to survive by itself," he said, adding that staff and volunteers had remained in the area to help it if needed. The dead whales were to be buried in sand dunes nearby.

Gray's Beaked whales can grow up to 18.7 feet (5.7 metres) long and have a distinctive long, slender beak. They strand regularly on New Zealand beaches.—INTERNET



Two-thirds of US pet owners say their animals have a sixth sense about bad weather.—INTERNET

Most pet owners see a sixth sense

WASHINGTON, 13 Jan—Two-thirds of US pet owners believe their animals have a sixth sense about bad weather, while 43% say their pets can sense bad news. Some 72% of dog owners report weather warnings from their pets, compared with 66% of cat owners, according to a survey. And 47% of dog owners and 41% of cat owners said they had received bad news alerts from



Dancers perform in Lanzhou, capital of northwest China's Gansu Province on 11 Jan, 2011. A grand three-act performance with the theme of presenting the essence of Chinese ancient dance and the romantic charm of the murals, music and poems in Dunhuang studies was seen in Lanzhou on Tuesday. Dunhuang studies stem from the researching of frescoes of the Dunhuang Mogao Grottoes, a world heritage site in the northwestern part of Gansu Province. — XINHUA

Florida mugger shot dead by victim

JACKSONVILLE, 13 Jan—A mugger who tried to rob a late-night jogger in Florida has been shot dead by his victim who had gone for a run armed with his pistol. Prosecutors said they are convinced Thomas Baker acted in self defence when he fired eight shots at 18-year-old Carlos Mustelir near Tampa, and will not face charges.

They said Florida's "stand-your-ground" law was a factor in their decision. The law, passed in 2005, gives people the right to use deadly force as long as they "reasonably believe" it is necessary to stop another person from hurting them.

Mr Baker told police he reached for his gun when the teenager punched him in the face. He has a concealed weapons permit. The mugger was hit four times in the chest, back and buttocks and died at the scene.—INTERNET

Turkish doctor suspected of human organ trafficking arrested

ISTANBUL, 13 Jan—A Turkish doctor arrested in an investigation into an alleged human organ smuggling ring protested his innocence on Wednesday.

"There is no such crime. There is no organ trade," Yusuf Ercin Sonmez told reporters outside a courthouse, according to Turkey's semiofficial *Anatolian*



Yusuf Ercin Sonmez was arrested on suspicion of involvement in an international human organ smuggling ring.—INTERNET

news agency. "There can't be evidence for something that doesn't exist," he added. He was arrested on Tuesday in Istanbul's Kartal district, an officer with the financial crimes department of Istanbul Police told *CNN*.

Sonmez, 53, was the subject of an Interpol arrest warrant issued by the District Court of Pristina in Kosovo. The offenses listed by Interpol: crimes against life and health, people smuggling, trafficking and illegal immigration. Sonmez was questioned by a prosecutor for about two hours on Wednesday, then sent to a criminal court "with the prosecutor's demand for his arrest for 'organized organ trading,'" the *Anatolian* news agency said. Sonmez was then released by the court pending trial.—INTERNET

Woman gets three years for abusing Indonesian maid

MEDINA, 13 Jan—In what some say is a first for the kingdom, a Saudi woman has been sentenced to three years in prison for abusing her Indonesian maid, according to Saudi media reports. The woman was sentenced on Sunday in Medina, the reports said.

According to Saudi Arabian daily newspaper *Al-Watan*, the employer, who was not named, was sentenced under a new royal decree issued to combat human trafficking.

The maid, Sumiati binti Mustapha Salan, 23, was hospitalized in November after being severely beaten. At the time, a migrant rights group and Indonesian officials told *CNN* that she had suffered cuts to her face and was also burned, possibly with an iron.—INTERNET

The photo taken on 12 Jan, 2011 shows a work of "Jinhuidui" by folk artist Geng Xuezhi in Zibo, east China's Shandong Province. "Jinhuidui", literally meaning a pile of old things from ash, is a branch of traditional Chinese painting, originating from Yuan Dynasty. A frame is set before-hand in creating a "Jinhuidui" painting. Then different old things, such as a piece of worn-out paper, a wrinkled picture, or a yellow newspaper, are painted in the frame. As the creation of "Jinhuidui" works requires great skills and a long time, this art is in the danger of being lost.—XINHUA





A contestant fishes on the iced Waijia River during a fishing contest in Yantai, east China's Shandong Province, on 12 Jan, 2011. More than 50 fishing fans attended the contest on Wednesday.

S African police fine 'no pants' train passengers

Dozens of men and women who tried to emulate New York's "No pants Subway Ride" on South Africa's first high-speed train were arrested and fined, the rail operator said on Tuesday.

Gautrain said 34 people were detained after they dropped their trousers and skirts and took a pantless ride from

Rhodesfield, east of Johannesburg to Sandton in the city's north.

"They were fined 700 rands (102 dollars/80 euros) which was reduced to 350 rands for taking off their clothes on the train," Gautrain spokeswoman Kelebogile Machaka told AFP.

The passengers were handcuffed and briefly arrested by police upon their return to Rhodesfield station, local media said.

News Album

Sweden has first giant anteater birth

Officials at a Swedish zoo said a giant anteater became the first ever to give birth in the country.

Helena Olsson, chief zoologist for the Parken Zoo in Eskilstuna, said mother anteater Benita gave birth unexpectedly 23 Dec after she was separated from her mate when workers discovered blood in the cage, *The Local* reported Tuesday.

"This is extremely rare. As far as I know it's never happened in Sweden before," Olsson said.

She said zookeepers were initially worried when the mother began scratching her newborn son with her claws, but they soon discovered it was a natural part of the anteater birth.

"Benita was simply cleaning her son by carefully removing the amniotic membrane from her his body," Olsson said.

Olsson said the mother and her mate, Rozinski, were the only giant anteaters in Sweden before the birth of their baby.

"That's what makes this so special. It's rare enough to have an anteater in your zoo, but a birth is even less common," she said.



Africa's first high-speed rail line, shown here shortly after its launch in 2010 in Johannesburg, had 34 people detained after they dropped their trousers and skirts and took a pantless ride from Rhodesfield, east of Johannesburg to Sandton in the city's north.

Humanity ready for aliens

A California psychologist says human beings may be ready to accept evidence of extra-terrestrial intelligence without widespread panic.

Dr Albert Harrison of the University of California's Davis campus said such a discovery "may be far less startling for generations that have been brought up with word processors, electronic calculators, avatars and cellphones as compared with earlier generations," *The Scotsman* reported Tuesday. Harrison said discovering an alien life-form or signal would be unlikely to cause "widespread psychological disintegration and collapse."

Martin Dominik of Scotland's University of St Andrews said Earth-like life on planets with similar environments may be a "cosmic imperative" and intelligent extra-terrestrial beings are likely quite similar to humans.

Actor Peter Fonda finds dead body in car

LOS ANGELES, 13 Jan—Los Angeles police say actor Peter Fonda discovered a dead body in a car and they are investigating the death.

Sgt Carlton Cook at the West Los Angeles Community Police Station says the "Easy Rider" actor called 911 on Wednesday after he spotted a car parked on the side of Sunset Boulevard. Cook says Fonda is absolutely not a suspect but did not have any more details.

The call was first reported by TMZ, which says Fonda got out of his car and found the man slumped over in the front seat.

Fonda is best known for his role in the 1969 film "Easy Rider" as sex-and-drugs loving biker Captain America. Other film credits include "Race With the Devil," "Dirty Mary Crazy Larry," and "3:10 to Yuma."—*Internet*



Jet Li attends activities celebrating One Foundation's official registration as a public foundation in Shenzhen, Guangdong Province, on Tuesday.

INTERNET

Justin Bieber returning to guest star on 'CSI'

NEW YORK, 13 Jan—CBS says Justin Bieber is returning as a guest star to "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation," where he made his acting debut last fall.

CBS announced on Tuesday that the teenage superstar will reprise his role as a troubled teen whose brother was killed by the CSIs at the end of his previous episode.

Now shooting, the episode is titled "Targets of Obsession." It is scheduled for broadcast 17 Feb. "CSI" airs Thursdays at 9 pm Eastern time.—*Internet*



In this publicity image released by CBS, singer Justin Bieber portrays Jason McCann, left, and George Eads portrays Nick Stokes in a scene from Bieber's acting debut in 'CSI: Crime Scene Investigation.' CBS says Justin Bieber is returning as a guest star in an episode of the crime series titled 'Targets of Obsession,' scheduled for broadcast on 17 Feb, 2011.—INTERNET

DA wants further investigation into Lindsay Lohan

LOS ANGELES, 13 Jan—The Riverside County District attorney's office wants another investigation before deciding whether Lindsay Lohan will be charged with battery for last month's skirmish with a Betty Ford Centre rehabilitation technician.

Prosecutors and investigators met Wednesday and decided that the office's investigators will further probe Lohan's alleged skirmish with rehab worker Dawn Holland,



Lindsay Lohan attends the Los Angeles Lakers New York Knicks NBA basketball game on 9 Jan, 2011, in Los Angeles.

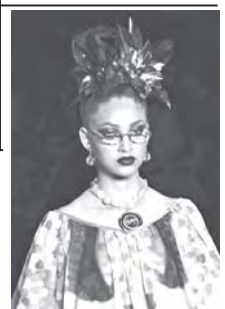
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said John Hall, spokesman for the district attorney's office.

Lohan is accused of tussling with Holland after the 24-year-old actress returned to the rehab centre past curfew on 12 Dec and refused Holland's request to take a Breathalyzer test.

Internet

A model presents a creation from Alessa's collection during the Fashion Rio winter 2011 in Rio de Janeiro, on 11 Jan, 2011.—XINHUA



A model presents fashion creations and new style of handbag during the 2011 Fendi spring-summer collection fashion show in Hong Kong, south China, on 12 Jan, 2011.

XINHUA

Dalglish sees challenges as Blackpool down Liverpool

BLACKPOOL, 13 Jan — Kenny Dalglish admitted he has some “big challenges” ahead after Blackpool condemned Liverpool to another surprise 2-1 defeat at Bloomfield Road. Goals from Gary Taylor-Fletcher and DJ Campbell helped Blackpool earn their first double over Liverpool since 1947. Blackpool came from a goal down after Fernando Torres’s early finish to prove their win by the same scoreline at Anfield in October was no fluke.

This was Reds great Dalglish’s first league game in charge of Liverpool for almost 19 years after replacing Roy Hodgson on an interim basis until the end of the season. The position could be his on a full-time basis if he fulfils the criteria laid down by Damien Comolli, the club’s director of footballing strategy. Dalglish is a unifying force at Liverpool. He is looking to salvage



Blackpool's Charlie Adam (C) jumps above Liverpool's Fernando Torres (R). — INTERNET

something from a season that has lurched from disaster to disaster, with this result only heightening the gloom at Anfield even further ahead of the weekend’s Merseyside derby against Everton. — *Internet*

SPORTS

Wenger upbeat for Arsenal despite Ipswich defeat



Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger

IPSWICH, 13 Jan — Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger is confident his side will still reach the English League Cup final despite losing the first leg of the semi-final 1-0 at Championship club Ipswich Town. But the Frenchman conceded the Gunners will have to play

much better in the second leg at the Emirates Stadium on 25 January if they are to meet either West Ham or Birmingham at Wembley.

A goal from Tamas Priskin, the Hungarian forward, in the 78th minute sealed victory for an Ipswich side that had sacked manager Roy Keane the previous week, following a so far struggling season in English football’s second tier. On Saturday they suffered a 7-0 drubbing at the hands of Chelsea in the FA Cup. — *Internet*

Disgraced Odesnik launches tennis comeback

PLANTATION, 13 Jan — Disgraced US tennis player Wayne Odesnik, playing his first match since serving a one-year doping ban, won his first-round encounter at the low-level Plantation Open.

The 25-year-old South African-born left-hander — who was banned after pleading guilty to importing human growth hormone (HGH) into Australia — defeated Romanian Teodor-Dacian Craciun 6-2, 3-6, 6-3 in the 10,000-dollar clay-court event.

Odesnik’s punishment



Wayne Odesnik

Qatar restore pride with China victory

DOHA, 13 Jan — Yusef Ahmed fired a brace to help restore Qatar’s pride and their hopes of reaching the Asian Cup knockout rounds in an entertaining 2-0 victory over China on Wednesday. It



Qatar's forward Sebastian Soria controls the ball during the 2011 Asian Cup group A football match between China and Qatar at Khalifa Stadium. — INTERNET

was a badly needed morale boost for the host nation after their opening defeat to Uzbekistan and leaves Group A finely poised with the Uzbeks on six points and China and Qatar on three with one more game to play. Kuwait are hanging on by their fingernails with no points so far and a must-win clash against Qatar awaiting them on Sunday.

At a near-capacity Khalifa Stadium, Ahmed struck a glorious goal on 27 minutes to put his side in front, cleverly controlling a high ball before volleying it into the top corner. — *Internet*

Bridge loaned to West Ham from Man City

LONDON, 13 Jan — Wayne Bridge has joined bottom of the table West Ham on loan from fellow Premier League side Manchester City until the end of the season, the Hammers announced on Wednesday.

The 30-year-old former England international has found himself out of first team reckoning at title-chasers City following the pre-season arrival of both Aleksandar Kolarov and Jerome Boateng.

“It will be great to play



Wayne Bridge

a part in helping keep West Ham in the Premier League,” left-back Bridge told West Ham’s official website “It would be a big achievement,” added Bridge who could make his Hammers debut at home to London rivals Arsenal on Saturday.

Internet

Nadal, Wozniacki top seeds for Australian Open

MELBOURNE, 13 Jan — Rafael Nadal and Caroline Wozniacki will top the seedings in the Australian Open, reflecting their No. 1 rankings in men’s and women’s tennis.

With seedings no longer done on organizers’ discretion but purely on rankings, nine-time Grand Slam winner Nadal got the top spot Thursday, followed by Roger Federer, Novak Djokovic and Robin Soderling. Vera Zvonareva is seeded No. 2 in the women’s field, followed by Kim Clijsters and Venus Williams. The official draw will be made Friday at Melbourne Park. — *Internet*

Messi gets hat trick; Barcelona unbeaten in 27

MADRID, 13 Jan — Lionel Messi scored three goals in his first game since winning his second straight FIFA player of the year award, and Barcelona routed second-divi-



FC Barcelona's Lionel Messi, from Argentina, holds his Ballon d'Or (Golden Ball) award as European Footballer of the Year before a Copa del Rey soccer match between FC Barcelona and Betis at the Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona, Spain, on 12 Jan, 2011. — INTERNET

sion leader Betis 5-0 Wednesday night in the first leg of the Copa del Rey quarterfinals to tie its unbeaten streak record at 27 games.

Messi scored in the 44th, 64th and 73rd minutes for his third hat trick of the season. Pedro Rodriguez added a goal in the 76th minute, and Seydou Keita headed in Andres Iniesta’s flick in the 83rd. Messi won the Golden Ball, with Iniesta second and Xavi Hernandez third as Barcelona provided all the finalists for Monday’s announcement by FIFA. Messi has 31 goals in 27 games for Barcelona this season. — *Internet*

Djeparov fires Uzbeks towards Asian Cup quarters

DOHA, 13 Jan — A thunderbolt from captain Server Djeparov gave Uzbekistan a 2-1 win over Kuwait that took them to the brink of the Asian Cup last eight here on Wednesday and left Kuwait on the verge of elimination.

Djeparov cracked home a first-time shot from 20 yards in the 65th minute to continue Uzbekistan’s 100 percent record in Group A after the 2-0 defeat of hosts Qatar in their group opener. Uzbekistan had taken the lead shortly before half-time when

Azizbek Haydarov inadvertently diverted a Maksim Shatskikh free-kick past the Kuwait goalkeeper, with Bader Al Mutwa levelling from the penalty spot. — *Internet*



Uzbekistan's midfielder Server Djeparov celebrates after giving his team's victory goal against Kuwait during their 2011 Asian Cup group A football match in Doha, Qatar. — INTERNET

African pair send Inter into quarter-finals

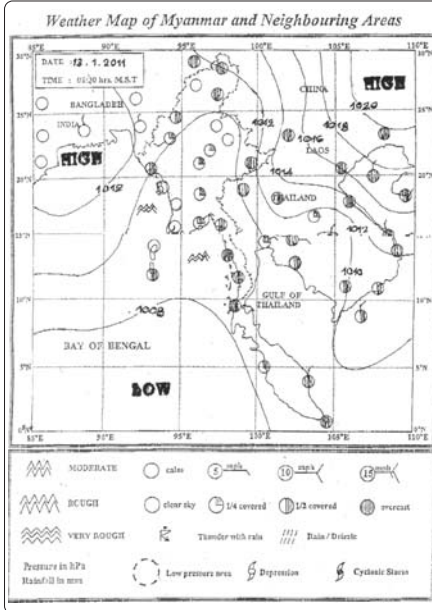
ROME, 13 Jan — Leonardo continued his 100 percent run as Inter Milan boss as African pair Samuel Eto’o and McDonald Mariga scored the goals that beat Genoa 3-2 in their Coppa Italia clash on Wednesday. Cameroon captain Eto’o netted a first-half brace to put the holders in control at the San Siro before Houssine Kharja pulled a

goal back from the penalty spot.

Kenya midfielder Mariga restored the hosts’ two-goal advantage before Giuseppe Sculli’s injury time consolation. Earlier Fabrizio Miccoli scored a penalty as Palermo beat Chievo 1-0 to join Inter and Parma, 2-1 winners over Fiorentina in December, in the last eight. — *Internet*



African pair Samuel Eto'o, pictured in 2010, and McDonald Mariga scored the goals that beat Genoa 3-2 in their Coppa Italia clash on Wednesday. — INTERNET



WEATHER

Thursday, 13th January, 2011

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, light rain has been isolated in Kachin State, weather has been partly cloudy in Rakhine State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi Regions and generally fair in the remaining States and Region. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below January average temperature in Rakhine State, Upper Sagaing, Magway and Bago Regions, (5°C) below January average temperature in Chin State, (3°C) above January average temperature Eastern Shan and Kayin States, Mandalay Region and about January average temperatures in the remaining States and Regions. The significant night temperatures were Haka (-2°C), Pinlaung, Heho and Loilem (3°C) each and Namhsan (4°C).

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 12-1-2011 was 85°F. Minimum temperature on 13-1-2011 was 61°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 13-1-2011 was (73%). Rainfall on 13-1-2011 was (Nil).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 12-1-2011 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 13-1-2011 was 60°F. Relative

humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 13-1-2011 was (68%). Total sunshine hours on 12-1-2011 was (9.6) hours.

Rainfall on 13-1-2011 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (1.97) inches at Mingaladon, (1.42) inches at Kaba-Aye and (2.95) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Southeast at (17:30) hours MST on 12-1-2011.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 14th January 2011: Light rain are likely to be isolated in Mon and Eastern Shan States, Taninthayi Region and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining States and Regions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of slight decrease of night temperatures in the upper Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 14-1-2011: Fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 14-1-2011: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 14-1-2011: Fair weather.

Syria 1-2 Japan: Late Honda Penalty Wins It For 10-Man Samurai Blue

DOHA, 13 Jan— Japan scraped past Syria in a lively Asian Cup match that saw each side have a player sent off. Matkoto Hasebe put the Samurai Blue ahead on 35 minutes, but Firas Al Khatib restored parity from the penalty spot with a quarter hour left, in an event that saw Japan goalkeeper Eiji Kawashima sent off. Shortly thereafter, Keisuke Honda won it for Japan after netting a penalty of his own.

Syria held their opponents well until Hasebe's opener, which was created thanks to a powerful run by Daisuke Matsui, who drew three defenders before cutting

back for Shinji Kagawa. After Kagawa's effort was parried, The captain Hasebe made no mistake as he fired a low drive into the net. Hasebe's opener came moments after Yasuyuki Kono had nodded a corner on goal, and ended what had been a rather bright spell for the Syrians, who looked lively on the counterattack.

The game heated up once more as Syria leveled under somewhat dubious circumstances. In the 71st minute, Kawashima was sent off after committing a foul on Sanharib Malki. Moments before, the shot stopper had botched a clearance, and although

the ball was played back in to the offside Malki, the ball was adjudged to have come off a defender. After prolonged protests from the Japanese players, Kawashima was replaced by Shusaku Nishikawa before Al Khatib slotted in the spot kick.

Though down to ten men, Japan battled back with renewed spirit. Keisuke Honda had a

fierce effort saved before substitute Shinji Okazaki earned a penalty from Belal Abduldaim, which Honda made no mistake in firing home what would prove to be the winner.

The result sees Japan draw level with Jordan in Group B with four points from two matches. Syria remain on course to qualify, having earned three points.—Internet



Japan,
Makoto
Hasebe's
goal.

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (14-1-2011) (Friday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am~11:00am MST)
Oversea Transmission	- (14-1-11 09:30 am ~ 15-1-11 09:30 am MST)

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Casting A Glance at the Past
- * Fine Arts Podium "Short Drum"
- * News
- * Surprising Myanmar (Gifts)
- * News
- * VCD Centre
- * Yoke Sone Monastery of Lae Kai Ancient City
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- * Myanmar Traditional Instruments (OBOE)
- * News
- * Youth of the Future (Episode-4) (Puppet)
- * News
- * A String of Bridges: A New Chapter of History
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Culture Stage
- * News
- * A Visit To Kayah State (Part-1)
- * Myanmar Movie "Who Really Won"



Friday,
14 January
View on today

7:00 am

1. Paritta By Venerable Min Gun Sayadaw

7:25 am

2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. Dhamma Puja Song

7:50 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am

6. The Mirror Images Of The Musical Oldies

8:10 am

7. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition

8:20 am

8. Musical Programme

8:40 am

9. International News

8:45 am

10. Teleplay (Health)

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Musical Programme

4:20 pm

3. Myanmar Traditional

Cultural Performing Arts Competition

4:35 pm

4. Dance Of National Races

4:40 pm

5. Songs Of Yester Years

4:50 pm

6. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -First Year (Economic)

5:05 pm

7. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

5:10 pm

8. Myanmar Language

5:25 pm

9. Musical Programme

5:35 pm

10. Yoetha Phyu Sin Kalaydoeathwin

6:00 pm

11. Evening News

6:15 pm

12. Weather Report

6:20 pm

13. Internet Garden

7:00 pm

14. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm

15. News

16. International News

17. Weather Report

18. Just For Laughs (Gags Asia)

19. TV Drama Series

20. Song Lover

- ★ 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

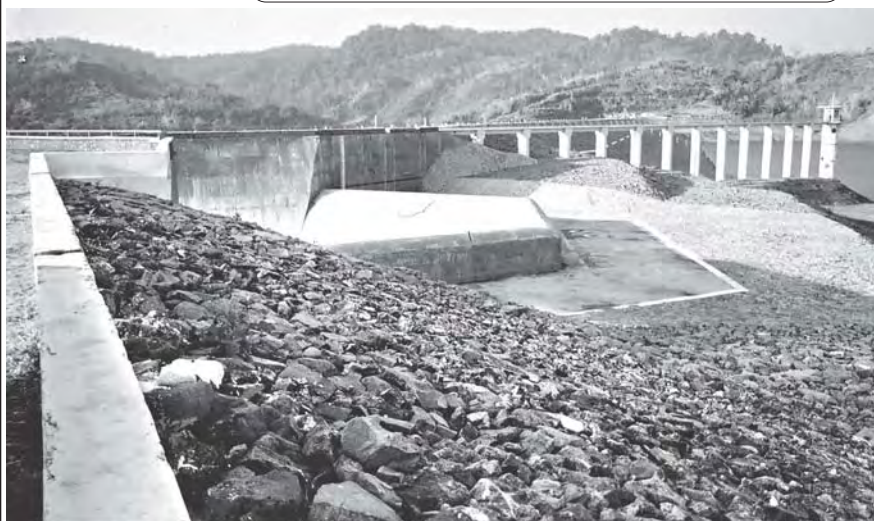
People's Desire

- 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

Kanma Township boosts agricultural production with Maday Dam

Byline & Photos: *Khin Maung Than (Sethmu)*



Maday Dam seen with the background of mountain ranges.

Maday Dam in Kanma Township, Thayet District, is one of the dams designed to improve the living conditions for residents of the western parts of Magway Region. With a water storage capacity of 54,000 acre feet, the facility, built in 2003-2004 and commissioned on 25 February 2007, irrigates 4000 acres of farmlands.

On our trip to Maday Dam, we found the water

in the facility was at the full tank level, and it was pleasant to view green areas around the dam. The main canal has been built for the outfall conduit, spillway and irrigation system. So, it has started to supply water to farmlands through the right canal. Our visit coincided with preparations for cultivation of summer paddy.

(See page 7)

Night temperatures likely to fall

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Jan—Meteorology and Hydrology Department announced today that according to the observations at 6:30 am today, (3 °C to 4 °C) below January mean minimum temperatures were observed at Rakhine State, Upper Sagaing, Magway and Bago Regions, 5 °C below in Chin State.

Based on current weather observations, night temperature are likely to decrease below January mean temperature in Kachin, Shan, Chin and Rakhine States, Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions within next five-day commencing noon today.

MNA

Significant night temperatures (13-1-2011)

Haka	(-2°C)
Pinlaung	(3°C)
Heho	(3°C)
Loilem	(3°C)
Namhsan	(4°C)