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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Steel truss installed at Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku)

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Jan—A ceremony to install the first steel truss at Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku) being built by Special Project Group (3) of Public Works was held at the pandal on Letpanchepaw bank in NyaungU Township today.

Commander of Central Command Brig-Gen Ye Aung and Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint fixed a gold nut at the steel truss and installed the first truss at the bridge.

The commander, the minister and Chairman of Magway Region Peace and Development Council

U Phone Maw Shwe inspected installation of trusses at the bridge.

Rail-cum-road Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku) is of steel truss

type and it will link NyaungU Township of Mandalay Region and Pakokku Township of Magway Region. The bridge will be 11,431 feet

long with 13,537 feet long motor road and 20,597 feet long railroad. The two-way motor road will be 28 feet wide and the railroad,

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Commander Brig-Gen Ye Aung and Minister U Khin Maung Myint lift first truss of Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku).

MNA

The using Hevea TPD spray on a rubber plant in progress for development of stem.



The demand of rubber is higher and higher in the international market due to boosting production of tyres in the People's Republic of China and the Republic of India and rubber requirement

for industrial raw materials in the ASEAN countries.

It is good news for rubber growers and rubber entrepreneurs.

Since 2005, Myanmar has permitted growing and production of rubber

freely. As a result, private rubber farms have been established one after another and sown acreage of rubber increased. So far, over 1.1 million acres of lands have been put under rubber as setting a record.

Good news for rubber growers

Article & Photos: Maung Maung Htwe (MNA)

In 2009-2010 financial year, 29,188 tons of rubber was exported to fetch US\$ 90.732 million. Malaysia was the largest

customer.

Early this year, I had an opportunity to visit rubber farms while travelling Mon and Kayin States. During

the visit, I noticed use of RF 3 G equipment and method for boosting production of rubber latex.

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Technicians demonstrate systematic collection of rubber latex in Bago Region.

PERSPECTIVES

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Ayeyawady dwellers enjoy higher socio-economic status

Long ago, boat was only means of transport in Ayeyawady Region on account of so many natural barriers in it. But, now the region has seen networks of roads.

In addition, the government is improving health care systems in the region. For instance, it has rebuilt and upgraded storm-ravaged hospitals. Among them, Labutta Hospital has been upgraded to a 200-bed; Pyapon Hospital, to 200-bed; and Pyinsalu Hospital, to 25-bed facilities.

Mawlamyinegyun Township General Hospital (100-bed) in Labutta District and Bogale Township General Hospital (100-bed) in Pyapon District were launched on 13 January. So, residents can enjoy better health care in their own districts and townships.

With the aim of improving the health standard of Ayeyawady Region, the government has established five 200-bed hospitals, three 100-bed hospitals, five 50-bed hospitals, 16 25-bed station hospitals, 203 rural health care centres, 42 maternal and child health care centres, three rural health care centres, nine school health care centres, one 16-bed traditional hospital, and 31 traditional health care centres in the region.

The government has also opened two nurses training schools and one midwifery school in Ayeyawady Region to enable local youths to acquire medical knowledge in their own region and to throw themselves to regional health care services.

Now, Ayeyawady Region has enjoyed smooth transport with improving health care. All in all, local people's socio-economic status is improving all the more.

Dy Construction Minister inspects maintenance of Ngamoeyeik Bridge

YANGON, 16 Jan—Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe inspected maintenance of Ngamoeyeik Bridge between mile posts No. 11/2 and 11/3 on Yangon-Mandalay Highway yesterday morning.

The deputy minister urged engineers in-charge to make preparations for prevention of erosion during the rainy season.—MNA

Books and furniture donated to village libraries in Kayan Township

YANGON, 16 Jan—A ceremony to donate media equipment, books and publications, and furniture to village libraries in Kayan Township, Yangon South District, took place at Township

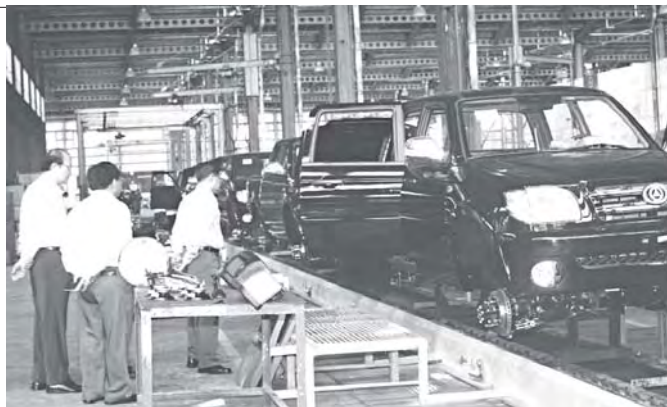
People's Desire

- * 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

Industry-2 Minister visits manufacturing plants in Bago Region

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Jan—Minister for Industry-2 U Soe Thein visited No. 2 Automobile Maker (Htonebo) of Myanmar Automobile and Diesel Engine Industries in Padaung Township, Bago Region on 12 January. The minister inspected production of double cabs, Myanmar single cabs and DS 70 engines and new units of the automobile maker—press shop, ready for sale vehicles shop and frame shop and stressed the need for quality and brand image of the product and low-cost operation.

The minister then went to Machine and



Minister for Industry-2 U Soe Thein at No. 2 Automobile Maker (Htonebo) of Myanmar Automobile and Diesel Engine Industries.

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Machine Parts Plant No. 1 (Nyaungchehtauk) of Myanmar Machine Tool and Electrical Industries where he inspected

manufacturing of machine tools, transformers, and cables and called for high-quality, and quality

control of the products. The minister also fulfilled the requirements for welfare of the staff of the plant.—MNA

Myanmar, Belarus to promote cooperation



First round of bilateral consultations between Myanmar and Belarusian Foreign Ministries in progress.

MNA

YANGON, 16 Jan—A Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Peace and Development Council Office on 14 January.

At the ceremony, Chairman of Township PDC U Tin Myint made a speech and Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Ei Zar Hlaing spoke words of thanks.

The head of Township IPRD accepted books, TV, radios and other facilities worth K 3,905,500.

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Maung Myint arrived back here yesterday after paying an official visit to the Republic of

Belarus on 13 and 14 January at the invitation of Mr S Aleinik, Belarusian Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus.

The first round of bilateral consultations between the two foreign ministries was held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Belarus on 13 January. At the meeting, the two leaders cordially discussed promotion of

bilateral relations and cooperation in the international forum and strengthening cooperation between the two countries in the areas of agriculture, trade, industry and other economic activities.

Deputy Minister U Maung Myint and Deputy Minister Mr S Aleinik signed Memorandum of Understanding on the Establishment of Bilateral Consultations between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Myanmar and Belarus. In the evening, Deputy Minister Mr S Aleinik hosted a dinner to the Myanmar delegation.

In the evening of 13 January, Deputy Minister U Maung Myint received Deputy Director Mr Alexander Ivanov of BSVT Company of Belarus.

MNA

Bomb kills 9 wedding guests in Afghanistan

Violence across Afghanistan at its worst since 2001

PUL-E-KHUMRI, (Afghanistan) 16 Jan —A roadside bomb destroyed a car carrying nine people to a wedding in northern Afghanistan on Sunday, killing everyone inside including one child, the provincial governor said.

The previous day, six civilians were killed by a roadside bomb in southern Helmand Province and another six died after an airstrike by foreign forces in mountainous eastern Kunar, local officials said.

Three children were among the dead in the airborne attack on two houses in the Kodagai area which straddles Kunar's Dangam and Shigal Districts, Sultan Sediqi, a member of the provincial council, told *Reuters*.

Violence across Afghanistan is at its worst since the 2001 overthrow of the Taliban government, with the insurgency spreading rapidly in previously peaceful areas such as the north, and civilian and military casualties at record levels.

internet



-The site of a suicide bombing in Gereshk district of Helmand province in 2009. A roadside bomb ripped through a minibus in southern Afghanistan, killing six civilians and wounding another three, a local official said Sunday.—INTERNET



An ariel photograph shows Sri Lanka's flood-hit eastern coastal District of Batticaloa on 15 Jan.

INTERNET

Four moderate earthquakes hit Indonesia's Aceh

JAKARTA, 16 Jan— Four moderate earthquakes measuring 5.0-5.9 on the Richter scale rocked Indonesia's Aceh Province on Saturday, with the strongest one being felt at Sinabang city that lies near the epicenter, the Meteorology, Climatology and Geophysics said in a statement.

The earthquakes were centered at 14-265 kilometres southwest and west of Sinabang city and at depth of 14-23 kilometres under seabed.

According to the agency, the earthquakes were occurred at 18:23 local time (1123 GMT), 18:36 (1136 GMT), 18:45 (1145) and 23:26 (1626 GMT).

The agency did not release a tsunami warning.

Xinhua



A Pakistani cameraman films burning oil tankers after gunmen attacked a terminal in Dera Murad Jamali southwest Pakistan, on 15 Jan, 2011. A government official says gunmen in Pakistan's southwest have set ablaze 20 tankers carrying fuel for US and NATO troops in Afghanistan. A driver also was wounded during the Saturday attack.

INTERNET

S Lanka mine fears as floods recede

COLOMBO, 16 Jan— Unexploded mines planted during Sri Lanka's Tamil separatist war may have shifted during recent floods, officials said Sunday, as residents started to return to their badly-damaged homes and farms.

More than one million people were initially displaced in the flooding, with the east of the island worst affected by a week of unusually heavy monsoon rains. The disaster management centre in Colombo said that 37 people were confirmed dead with another 12 missing, as

water levels fell in some areas and residents ventured back home to survey the devastation.

"Floods and receding waters may unearth mines and explosive remnants of war and carry explosives from contaminated areas into areas thought to be safe," the United Nations situation report said. It warned that local authorities had advised residents and aid workers to keep alert for shifted mines, and added that mine clearance agencies were deciding whether areas needed to be re-surveyed after the flooding.—*Internet*

A man injured in bombing is brought to a Kandahar city hospital, south of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 15 Jan, 2011. A bicycle bomb targeting police vehicles near the centre of the southern city of Kandahar wounded at least 10 people, police said.—INTERNET



Three US service members killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 16 Jan— Three American soldiers were killed and one wounded in Iraq on Saturday, raising to five the number of service members from the United States killed here since the beginning of the year.

At the Ghazlani Training Centre, south of Mosul, American soldiers were training Iraqi forces Saturday morning when a trainee opened fire on his trainers, according to an Iraqi Army officer.

The exercise was meant to be conducted without live fire, said the officer, who was speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the news media, but the Iraqi soldier had stolen live ammunition for his AK-47 rifle. He killed two American soldiers and wounded one, according to Iraqi and American military officials. The Iraqi trainee was killed, the Iraqi military officer said. The wounded service member was evacuated to Joint Base Balad, according to the United States military.—*Internet*

Iran says two downed spy planes were US-operated

TEHERAN, 16 Jan—Iran said Saturday it has determined that two pilotless spy planes it claims to have shot down were operated by the United States, and offered to put them on public display.

The air force of Iran's powerful Revolutionary Guard said earlier this month that it shot down two highly advanced spy planes that had violated Iranian airspace. It provided no timeframe or proof. The US Navy's 5th Fleet, which is based in the Gulf, said at the time that it had no reports of any aircraft downed recently.

On Saturday, Iran's semiofficial *Fars* news agency quoted the head of the Guard's naval force, Gen Ali Fadavi, as saying Teheran will show the two small reconnaissance planes publicly.

"These aircraft are now in our possession," Fadavi was quoted as saying. "We will definitely display them at an appropriate time." It was not clear when Iran downed the pilotless planes, but Iranian officials have hinted that they deliberately didn't make an announcement at the time to avoid tensions with the US.

Internet

Two militants killed in Afghan operation

KABUL, 16 Jan— NATO forces say international and Afghan troops have killed two militants during a raid on a compound in eastern Afghanistan. NATO says in a statement that the troops were searching for a local Taliban leader in eastern Wardak Province when they came under fire Saturday in Nerkh District.

They shot back, killing two militants. The troops also detained two suspected militants. The international military coalition did not say in Sunday's statement if the targeted Taliban leader was among those killed or captured.—*Internet*



Science



Rocks in Canada gives clues to deep Earth

REGINA, 16 Jan—Scientists say an area of exposed rock in northwest Saskatchewan is a window into the formation of the Earth's crust billions of years ago.

The area, dubbed the Athabasca granulite terrane, is exciting geologists who say they would have to somehow transport themselves 25 miles below the planet's surface to see features they can observe underfoot while strolling around hundreds of acres of rocky outcrop. *Postmedia News* reported this week.

The formation was created when a vast amount of molten rock was thrust up from the Earth's lower crust before solidifying at the surface 2 billion years ago.

While similar features exist around the world, none are as expansive or

varied in the clues they offer into the planet's hidden depths, scientists say.

"We do not have the technology to drill anywhere near to the lower crust," Michael Williams, a geoscientist at the University of Massachusetts, says.

"But in northern Saskatchewan, we can walk around on lower crust, mapping and sampling. Even if we could drill that deep, we would only get a small round core of rock to look at. In Saskatchewan, we have acres of exposure."—*Internet*



Berries. Eating blueberries can guard against high blood pressure.

INTERNET

Overfishing blamed for ocean reef loss

SANTA CRUZ, 16 Jan—Overfishing of reefs leads to explosions in populations of sea urchins, which destroy coral algae that build tropical reef systems, US researchers say.

An 18-year study of Kenya's coral reefs by the Wildlife Conservation Society and the University of California at Santa Cruz has found in contrast, reef systems closed to fishing have fewer sea urchins because predatory fish keep them under control, with resulting higher coral growth rates and more structure, a WCS release said Friday.

Large numbers of grazing sea urchins reduced the abundance of crustose coralline algae, a species of algae that produce calcium carbonate, the basic

Extra shuttle mission this year in doubt

CAPE CANAVERAL, 16 Jan—Delays in the space shuttle *Discovery*'s mission for repairs to its fuel tank raise doubts about an extra shuttle mission this year, US officials say.

Two more shuttle trips were planned before the aging three-orbiter fleet was to be retired when a third, final mission was approved by Congress last year in a NASA authorization bill signed by President Barack Obama, SPACE.com reported.

But funding for the measure has not been appropriated as the country operates under a continuing resolution, freezing NASA at 2010 funding levels until Congress can agree on a formal budget.

Sen Bill Nelson, D-Fla, said the issues with *Discovery*'s fuel tank and its ongoing repairs don't bode well for the extra mission.

"If worst came to worst and they felt like this tank was not safe, they would stand down and at that point would only fly two more shuttle flights instead of the three that are authorized," Nelson said.

Internet



In this undated photo released by Kyoto University via Kyodo News, a specimen of endangered Japanese salmon species is on display. A science professor says a Japanese salmon species thought to have gone extinct 70 years ago lives in a lake near Mount Fuji.—INTERNET



Technology



Researchers create software for designing genetic circuits

SAN FRANCISCO, 16 Jan—Creating your own genetic circuits may sound like science fiction, but that's what they said about the sun being the center of the galaxy. Researchers the University of California, San Francisco, along with the company Life Technologies, are working together to create the first software that would let bioengineers (and mad-scientists) design complete

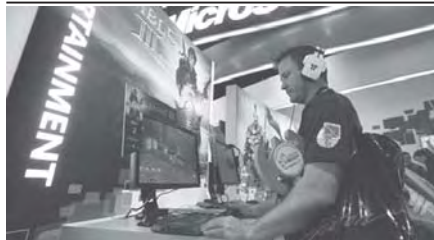
genetic circuits.

Technology Review has a video and the scoop on the latest in building pathways that cells use to run a task. Basically, genes, proteins and other molecules would use these pathways to do things like turn sugar into fuel or make a certain drug for pharmaceuticals. Voigt and his team say that with their software, designing a microbe for a particular task will be like writing a new computer programme (DNA++?). Be sure to give the full story a read.

That's great and all, but I think I'll have to wait a couple more years for the smartphone version.

Internet

Sam McDermott plays a Fable III PC game at the Microsoft booth during the 2011 International Consumer Electronics Show (CES) in Las Vegas, Nevada on 9 January, 2011.—INTERNET



Antec, Asetek Unite for Kühler H20 CPU Coolers

NEW YORK, 16 Jan—Component giant Antec is teaming up with Asetek, a leading supplier of OEM liquid-cooling systems for PCs, to create a new series of CPU coolers, the Kühler H20, which will be branded under Antec's name.

Each model in the Kühler H20 series uses liquid temperature-controlled fans, as part of Antec's Quiet Computing technology, to reduce the amount of noise the cooling system generates. A copper cold plate is also used to obtain optimal conduction. All Kühler H20 CPU coolers will be backed by a three-year limited warranty on parts and labor.

The first model to be announced in the series, the Kühler H20 620, is outfitted with a low-profile pump for enhanced liquid circulation and easy-bend tubes to allow the user the most flexibility in positioning the cooler's radiator. A high-end model, the Kühler H20 920, is expected to follow soon.

"Antec's global reach and excellent reputation make them an ideal partner to bring Asetek's next generation of sealed liquid cooling technology to the DIY and system integrator markets," said Steve Branton, Asetek's director of marketing.

Internet

Renault's electric-powered concept vehicle DeZir is shown during the first day of the 89th European Motorshow in Brussels, capital of Belgium, on 15 Jan, 2011. The show will present commercial vehicles, recreational vehicles, motorcycles, motor parts and services.

XINHUA

British company using E-Ink to make tanks invisible

LONDON, 16 Jan—E-ink isn't just for reading anymore. Scientists with BAE Systems are developing technology that would use electronic ink to camouflage tanks.

According to a report in *The Telegraph*, high-tech sensors would be fixed to the body of the tank that would mirror the vehicle's surroundings, making it essentially invisible.

"Highly sophisticated electronic sensors attached to the tank's hull will project images of the surrounding environment back onto the outside of the vehicle enabling it to merge into the landscape and evade attack," wrote Sean Rayment, *The Telegraph*'s defence correspondent. "The electronic camouflage will enable the vehicle to blend into the surrounding countryside in much the same way that a squid uses ink to help as a disguise."

Traditional personal camouflage is limited in its function because it lacks versatility; it can't just change colours or forms. But personal camouflage has evolved since it was first used in the 19th century.

Internet



Health

Smoking causes gene damage in minutes

WASHINGTON, 16 Jan—Those first few puffs on a cigarette can within minutes cause genetic damage linked to cancer, US scientists said in a study released Saturday.

In fact, researchers said the “effect is so fast that it’s equivalent to injecting the substance directly into the bloodstream,” in findings described as a “stark warning” to those who smoke.

The study is the first on humans to track how substances in tobacco cause DNA damage, and appears in the peer-reviewed journal *Chemical Research in Toxicology*, issued by the American Chemical Society.

Using 12 volunteer smokers, scientists tracked pollutants called PAHs, or polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, that are carried in tobacco smoke

and can also be found in coal-burning plants and in charred barbecue food.

They followed one particular type — phenanthrene, which is found in cigarette smoke — through the blood and saw it form a toxic substance that is known to “trash DNA, causing mutations that can cause cancer,” the study said.

Internet

Researchers developing new malaria vaccine

LONDON, 16 Jan—A vaccine that nearly halves the chance of catching malaria could save hundreds of thousands of lives annually, scientists in Britain said.

Research published Friday online in *The Lancet Infectious Diseases* said the vaccine cuts the risk of infection by the parasite that causes severe malaria by 46 percent over 15 months, *The Daily*

Telegraph reported.

The vaccine attacks the parasite that causes malaria when it first enters the bloodstream or liver cells, and even though it doesn’t offer complete protection, it could save countless lives, the report said.

The vaccine “shows promise as a potential public health intervention against childhood malaria in malaria endemic countries,” said Dr Ally

Olotu of the Kenya Medical Research Institute-Wellcome Trust Research Programme, which led the study.

Malaria is passed to humans by infected mosquitoes and is one of the biggest killers of children in Africa.

Of the nearly 1 million people killed by the disease across Africa each year, the majority are children under 5.

Internet



A smoker holds a cigarette in San Francisco. Those first few puffs on a cigarette can within minutes cause genetic damage linked to cancer, US scientists said in a study released Saturday.—INTERNET

Health Tip: Slow down when you eat

If you’ve resolved to lose weight, taking the time to savor your food may be an easy way to help you eat less.

The American Dietetic Association suggests how to eat slower:

- * Put down your utensils between each bite.
- * Use chopsticks instead of Western utensils.
- * Chew your food completely before swallowing.
- * Make meal time a social time. Engage in conversation to stretch out the meal and interrupt your eating.—Internet



French lung specialist Irene Frachon attends a press conference on 15 Jan, 2011 in Paris, held by French Health minister Xavier Bertrand on now-banned diabetes drug Mediator, a drug for overweight people with diabetes that was also widely prescribed to others as an appetite suppressant. INTERNET

Business

Company producing scents to boost sales

TORONTO, 16 Jan—A Canadian company is developing scents aimed at keeping customers inside businesses longer, giving them more time to spend money, officials said.

Mood Media, a Canadian company listed on the London Stock Exchange, has already developed scents called “Lotus Flower” and “Enchanted Apple” and is working with over 20,000 shops in Britain to

boost their sales, *The Daily Telegraph* reported. Mood Media has created scents for Habitat, the furniture shop, Timberland, the outdoor clothing retailer and Guess, a fashion chain. “If a shop smells bad, a customer will walk out. It’s as simple as that. The longer you can get a customer to stay in the store, the more likely they are to buy,” said Mood Media’s chief executive, Lorne Abony.—Internet



This photo taken on 3 Dec, 2010 shows an overview from ‘The Peak’ of highrise buildings on Hong Kong island. Hong Kong remained the world’s freest place to do business for the 17th year in a row, while the United States lost ground in an annual report published on 12 Jan, 2011.—INTERNET

China should be cautious of inflation, excess liquidity

BEIJING, 16 Jan—China should be cautious of inflation and prevent the effects of excess liquidity, Fan Gang, a former advisor to the country’s central bank, said Saturday.

The loose credit policy of the United States is pumping money into the market and increasing expectations for the depreciation of the US dollar and the appreciation of other currencies, including the Chinese yuan, Fan told the annual meeting of China’s economy (2010-2011) in Beijing.

The policy is reasonable for its own economy but will cause serious problems for the world, he said.—Xinhua

UK economy faces 20% risk of slipping back into a recession, CEBR Says

LONDON, 16 Jan—The UK economy faces a 20 percent chance of slipping into another recession as rising unemployment and faster inflation weigh on growth, the Centre for Economics and Business Research said.

The UK economy will grow 1.1 percent this year, the London-based research group said in an e-mailed statement today, revising an October forecast for expansion of 1.3 percent. The lower pace of growth raises the risk of a second slump from an earlier assessment of 10 percent, it said.

The revision is due to “persistently weak labour-market indicators and large

risers in consumer prices,” said Scott Corfe, an economist at the CEBR. “It is difficult to see where significant growth will come from given that domestic demand is likely to be weak.”

The CEBR said the Bank of England will probably have to expand bond purchases, though doing so will depend on a drop in the inflation rate, which at 3.3 percent in November was above the government’s upper limit. The central bank yesterday held its bond plan at 200 billion pounds (\$317 billion) and its benchmark interest rate at a record low of 0.5 percent.—Internet



Visitors view a yacht during the 81st annual Chicago Boat, RV & Outdoors Show in Chicago, the United States, 13 Jan, 2011. The five-day show kicked off here on Wednesday.

XINHUA

Doctors face big post-mortem procedure after stampede in southern India



People wait outside a health centre to claim the bodies of the victims in the stampede in Kerala's Idukki District, southern India, 15 Jan, 2011.

XINHUA

VANDIPERIYAR, 16 Jan—The doctors at various hospitals of Vandiperiyar area of the Idukki District, Kerala state in southern India, where a stampede took place killing 110 persons and injuring around 80 Friday, were faced with big post-

mortem procedures Saturday.

The Kumily government hospital, around 15 km from the accident site in the Idukki District, deployed a team of 60 doctors to conduct post mortem only.

"As many as 20

autopsies are being conducted at a time," the hospital sources informed.

"Around 71 bodies have so far reached the Vandiperiyar hospital, where all the bodies are being brought, after which their autopsy is being conducted at Kumily," Idukki Congress Member of Parliament (MP) PT Thomas told *Xinhua*.

Additionally, 86 doctors and 305 other health staff from various hospitals in Alappuzha, Idukki, Pathanamthitta, Ernakulam and Kottayam Districts are attending to stampede victims. Thirty-three ambulances were deployed to bring the dead and injured ones from the spot and send them to their native places.—*Xinhua*

Green schools combat bad diets in Philippines

MANILA, 16 Jan—The Philippines is transforming primary school yards into vegetable gardens in a bid to fight US-inspired junk food addictions that are causing an explosion of health problems throughout society.

At one of the showcase schools in Manila for the burgeoning health food project, teachers and students are joined by parents in tending lush plots that have an assortment of vegetables.

Every available space is used to grow nutritious greens that are harvested in cycles as free food for the school's mostly poor students or sold as part of a livelihood project for



Teachers and students inspect a hydroponic garden for vegetable plants at the Paranaque Central Elementary School.—INTERNET

their families.

Where there is no soil, portable hydroponic gardening is promoted using discarded plastic bottles as water receptacles for plants that hang symmetrically in rows.

"It's amazing what

many things you can do with a little innovation, and a little bit of imagination," Paranaque Central Elementary School principal Edita Baggayan, 65, told *AFP* while inspecting some tomatoes in a mini-greenhouse.—*Internet*

10 Bangladesh policemen killed in road accident

DHAKA, 16 Jan—An official says 10 policemen have been killed when their jeep collided head-on with a truck in eastern Bangladesh.

Local police official Bijoy Basak says the policemen were on their way Saturday to a meeting to discuss law and order in Narsingdi district, about 40 kilometers (25 miles) east of Dhaka.

He says one policeman in the group survived with minor injuries.

Fatal road accidents, often blamed on poor driving and faulty vehicles, claim more than 10,000 lives in Bangladesh every year.

Internet



Firefighters walk at the site of a forest fire in the town of Quillota city, about 75 miles (121 km) northwest of Santiago, 15 Jan, 2011. More than 200 hectares (495 acres) of land have been burned due to multiple fires near Vina del Mar city, with no report of deaths or injuries, local authorities said.—INTERNET

Five fishermen missing, six saved after fishing boat sinks off south China coast

GUANGZHOU, 16 Jan—Six fishermen have been rescued while five remain missing after their boat sank in high waves off the south China coast near Guangdong Province Saturday morning, reported rescuers.

The South China Sea Rescue Bureau of the Ministry of Transport received a report at 6:23 am that a fishing boat with 11 people aboard sank near Wanshan island. The bureau sent a rescue boat and a helicopter to the scene, according to the bureau spokesman.

Six fishermen on a life raft were picked up by the helicopter at 1:15 pm, said the spokesman.

Further, one body was spotted by the crew on the rescue boat, but they failed to retrieve it due to gusting winds and strong waves. It is unknown whether the body was one of the missing fishermen, said the spokesman.

Xinhua

Brazil slide survivors left to fend on own

TERESOPOLIS, 16 Jan—Pointing at the cliff of crumbling red clay, Renato Motta de Lima described a landscape that now existed only in memory: here, his grandmother's house; there, the church; below, a banana grove and the home of an aunt, uncle and the shy teenager who was his cousin.

They and scores of neighbours from Cascata do Imbui lay buried underneath mud and debris at the bottom of the once-lush hillside, victims of massive mudslides that killed at least 610 people this week. Body parts were visible in the muck Saturday, with one hand jutting out from under a

massive tree trunk as if reaching for help. Officials fear the death toll could climb once they can fully access remote villages like this one.

No help — food, water, medication — had reached the survivors here by Saturday other than what little residents in flip-flops could haul in by foot from the centre of Teresopolis, slung over their shoulders in supermarket bags. Two avalanches wiped out the road leading to the Cascata do Imbui neighbourhood, leaving in places only a cracked ribbon of asphalt perched over an abyss. "This was a beautiful place. It was a happy place," Motta de Lima said.

Internet

After walls of muddy water claimed at least 610 lives in was reported to be the Brazil's worst ever flood disaster, forecasts showed more rain was likely to drench the suffering region.

INTERNET



The shadow of a rescue team member of the Tokyo Metropolitan Police Department is cast on a building as he climbs ropes during a rescue operation drill in Tokyo 16 Jan, 2011.

INTERNET



Toyota may shift to foreign production

TOKYO, 16 Jan—Toyota Motor will consider shifting factories overseas if the yen stays high and puts pressure on its profits, the company president said.

"We do not wish to relocate production sites because of currencies and foreign exchange alone," Akio Toyoda said in a Japanese-language online message dated Friday.

However, he added, "if profits cannot be generated" despite efforts towards efficient, good-quality manufacturing and training, "we have no choice but to consider relocation of production sites as a real possibility."

The company plans to release a fresh medium-term business plan in April, he added.

Japanese exporters, led by automakers and electronics producers, have come under pressure from the rising yen in recent months.

A strong yen makes Japanese exports relatively more expensive in foreign markets, while shrinking the value of Japanese firms' overseas earnings when repatriated.

Meanwhile, Japanese automakers have been shifting more of their production and sales overseas — particularly to growing Asian markets — as younger Japanese motorists avoid car purchases due to the high costs of fuel, maintenance and tax.

Internet



A worker for Japan's auto giant Toyota Motor is seen assembling a car at the company's plant in Miyata City, Fukuoka Prefecture.—INTERNET

Lance Armstrong set for ride 'into the sunset'

ADELAIDE, 16 Jan—International cycling icon Lance Armstrong says he will not be expecting a ticker-tape farewell ahead of his competitive swansong at the Tour Down Under this week.

Australia's premier cycling event has been steadily gathering in stature and Armstrong's presence gives the Adelaide-based race, which begins with a hectic street criterium on Sunday, an extra boost.

After years of courting almost as much controversy as he did success on seven golden years on the Tour de France, it will be the American's final

international cycling event.

Cancer survivor Armstrong retired in 2005, only to return to cycling three-and-a-half years later ahead of what became a futile bid for an

eighth yellow jersey.

Having finished an impressive third overall on the Tour de France in 2009, the 2010 edition proved a step too far for the now 39-year-old, who colla-



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psed spectacularly on the first day in the high mountains.

There is no question of Armstrong aiming for victory this week, never mind success in one of the six stages that will be coveted by a strong sprint field. Indeed, organisers may be wondering how much of a starring role Armstrong will play.

As retirement looms, he remains the subject of a federal investigation, launched in the wake of arguably the most serious doping allegations — levelled by former teammate Floyd Landis — to blight his stunning career.—Internet

GM expands recall of some 2011 trucks and SUVs

NEW YORK, 16 Jan—General Motors is expanding an earlier recall of some 2011 model-year trucks and SUVs to fix a problem that could cause the vehicles' rear axles to lock.

The recall, originally announced in December, now covers 26,751 Cadillac, Chevrolet and GMC trucks and SUVs. The models affected are: Cadillac Escalade, Escalade ESV, Cadillac EXT, Chevrolet Avalanche, Colorado, Silverado, Suburban, Tahoe; and GMC Canyon, Sierra, Yukon and Yukon XL.

GM said rear-axle cross pins, used to hold the axle in place, weren't properly heat-treated and may not be durable. They can fracture, interfere with the axle and cause it to lock. The driver could then lose control of the vehicle.

One customer has reported a loss of power to the axle, GM says. But no crashes have been reported.

GM says owners of the vehicles are being contacted and urged against driving the trucks until the axle pin is replaced.

Internet



Japanese women, all wearing traditional kimonos, prepare to release arrows during a ceremony to celebrate their becoming 20 years old this year at Sanjusangen-do temple in Kyoto, capital of ancient Japan, on 16 Jan, 2011.

INTERNET

More than 80 skiers rescued after Ohio lift stalls

CHESTERLAND, 16 Jan—A chairlift stalled Saturday at a northeast Ohio ski resort, leaving more than 80 people stuck for several hours until emergency crews used ropes and a pulley to lower them to safety, authorities said. No injuries were reported.

The ski lift at Alpine Valley in Munson Township malfunctioned at about 2:30 pm, leaving the skiers and snowboarders dangling at least 30 feet from the ground, said Chief Scott Hildenbrand of the Hambden Fire Department, one of the agencies that

responded.

Crews threw blankets and hand warmers to the skiers so they would stay warm until they were rescued, which Hildenbrand said took about three hours. Medics checked the skiers after they were on the ground; none needed to go to the hospital, Hildenbrand said.

"If this is the worst that happens, I'll take this," said Rich Gent, a skier who was among the 85 or so people stranded on the lift. "We weren't stuck in an avalanche or anything crazy like that."

Internet

Germany bans 934 more farms in dioxin scare

BERLIN, 16 Jan—Germany's dioxin-tainted food scandal widened Saturday, as authorities banned another 934 farms from selling eggs, poultry and pork after finding out that one company had hidden its deliveries of contaminated livestock feed.

Prosecutors in Lower Saxony state have opened an investigation after finding out about the tainted feed deliveries to those farms, Agriculture Minister Ilse Aigner said. "This is a scandal within the scandal," she said.

Lower Saxony's agriculture ministry said products from those farms have likely been sold over the past ten days, "mostly



Theodor Meyer stands between packages of eggs on his chicken farm in Emstek, northern Germany, on 10 January.—INTERNET

eggs." But it reiterated its assessment that "consumption of these goods does not pose a health risk" given the low contamination level.

The scandal broke last week when investigators found excessive levels of dioxin in eggs and chickens, leading authorities to slaughter hundreds of animals and freeze sales

from more than 5,000 farms. Excessive dioxin levels were also found in some pork.

As of Friday, all but 400 farms had been cleared and allowed to resume selling their products, but South Korea and China kept their bans on imports of German pork and poultry.

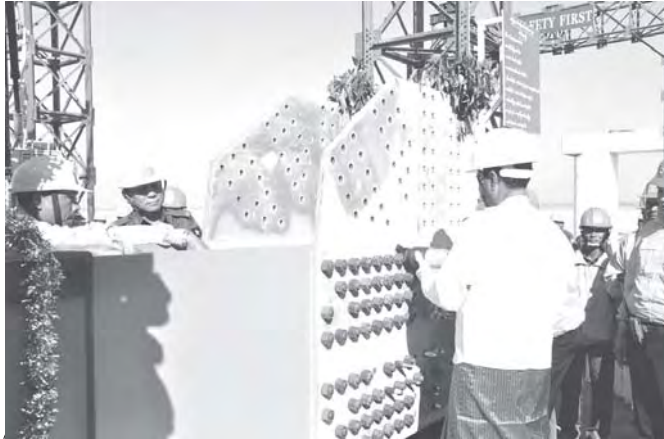
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Steel truss installed at Ayeyawady Bridge...

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14 feet wide. The facility will be flanked by three feet and three inches pedestrian ways on either side. The water clearance will be

262 feet wide and 52 feet high. It can withstand 75-ton loads. On completion, the bridge will be the largest and longest of its kind in Myanmar. **MNA**



Commander Brig-Gen Ye Aung and Minister U Khin Maung Myint fix gold nut at first truss for Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku).—MNA

Magway Region PDC Chairman tours Thayet District

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Jan—Chairman of Magway Region Peace and Development Council U Phone Maw Shwe inspected the station hospital and the basic education middle school in Myaukpyin Village, Mindon Township, on 7 January.

The following morning, he inspected progress in building Thayet District People's Hospital.

Next, he

inspected the harvesting of Ngwechi-6 strain long staple cotton field in Htontaung Village, condition of Mindon Creek Bridge on Thayet-Kanma Road Section near Yaynatha Village, Kanma Township, Yaynatha Station Hospital, Kanma Township People's Hospital, Nyaungbinseik Station Hospital in Aunglan Township, and the station hospital in Pyaloe Village.—**MNA**

Repaved roads put back into service in Bago

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Jan—A ceremony to inaugurate asphalt roads was held in Ward 7 of Ottha Myothit in Bago on 7 January, attended by Chairman of Bago Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Brig-Gen Soe Htut.

Officials cut the ribbon to open Bo Teza Asphalt Road and Bo La Yaung Asphalt Road.

On 8 January, the commander, accompanied by the Vice-Chairman of Bago Region PDC and party, looked into agriculture and livestock breeding tasks at the local

battalions in Thayawady and met servicemen.

In Kyakhatyon Village of Nattalin Township, the commander viewed nurturing of paddy and cultivation of summer paddy. He presented cash assistance to female paddy transplanters.

MNA

Energy Minister looks into laying natural gas pipeline at Pyawbwe-Tatkon section

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Jan—Minister for Energy U Lun Thi on 13 January inspected welding work and laying of natural gas pipelines at Pyawbwe-

Region.

Officials reported on arrival of pipes at the worksite, construction of alignment and welding the pipelines.

man power for timely completion of pipeline laying task with systematic measures.

The minister inspected welding of pipes.

P y a w b w e - Pyinmana-Yeni 12-inch diameter natural gas pipeline will be 87 miles long. It is a branch from Magway-Pyawbwe-Pinpet 14-inch diameter natural gas pipeline to supply natural gas to factories and workshops in Nay Pyi Taw. On completion, natural gas can be supplied to Soap Factory (Yamethin), and Dyeing and Printing Factory (Yamethin) in Mandalay Region, Mingon Brick Factory and Pantin Brick Factory in Nay Pyi Taw, 80-ton Packaging Paper Mill and 50-ton Pulp Mill in Yeni and two 500-ton Cement Plants in Taungphila.—**MNA**



Minister for Energy U Lun Thi inspects welding work and laying of natural gas pipelines at Pyawbwe-Tatkon section.—MNA

Tatkon section of Pyawbwe-Pyinmana-Yeni 12-inch diameter natural gas pipeline project of Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise near Kywetat Village in Yamethin Township, Mandalay

The minister gave instructions that laying pipelines and supply of natural gas will contribute much to development of production industries. He stressed the need to effectively utilize machine and

Good news for rubber...

(from page 1)

Last year, latest technology was applied for quality improvement of raw rubber. With the use of Hevea chemical powder, the crumb rubber is now test-running.

Officials concerned demonstrated a test on coagulation of rubber latex with the use of some pieces of rubber latex crystal mixed with water within a few minutes at rubber farms in Mon and Kayin States and Bago Region. The test

could attract local rubber entrepreneurs and growers.

Regularly, rubber latex is coagulated with acid. Acid caused side effects to workers and damaged soil and natural environments. Sometimes, fire broke out at the workshops in process of crumb rubber.

Using 100 grams of Hevea chemical powder mixed with one litre of water has no side effect. In addition, the latest method guarantees the



An official presents certificate of latest method demonstration to a rubber farm worker in Mon State.

safety for users, contributes to better quality of rubber and conserves environments. I have learnt that due to proper economic potential, local rubber growers and entrepreneurs set sight on use of Hevea chemical power.

Likewise, the demonstration on use of Hevea TPD spray is presented to the users. The spray is used in ASEAN countries by spraying the rubber plants that have no seepage of rubber latex and the plants that cannot seep out the latex cent per cent.

The demonstrations

on use of latest methods will be presented in Shan State (North) and Myeik and Dawei of Taninthayi Region.

Applying the latest technology on production of rubber will improve quality of Myanmar rubber raw materials in the future.

As a result, Myanmar rubber can directly export to the world market by fetching current prices and extend new markets in the near future.

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Information Minister attends award...

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U Ko Ko (Ko Ko-Sethmu Tekkatho) and film star Nay Toe presented awards to prize-winning students in middle and high school level essay and poem recitation contests and high school level extempore talks contest.

For the ward libraries and school

libraries in Thakayta Township, well-wishers donated various kinds of books, journals and magazines, including publications worth K 2624700 by Chief Editor Dr Tin Tun Oo of MCM Media Group, publications worth K 2602680 by Daw Nan Kalyar Win of Popular Journal, publications

worth K 1800000 by Editor Daw Khine Sabei of Beauty Magazine, publications worth K 1482500 by writer Thiri San, publications worth K 550000 by U Maung Myo (Kyaung Hnekaung Sarpay), publications worth K 540000 by Chief Editor U Kyaw Ye Bo of Future Journal, publications worth K 537800 by Executive Editor Daw Nyein Nyein Naing of 7

Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan addresses prize presentation for school library development and reading habit developing festival in Thakayta Township.
MNA



Chairman of Rural Library Foundation U Maung Maung awards a prize winning student.—MNA



Day Media Group, publications worth K 500000 by Chief Editor U Myat Khaing of Snap Shot Journal, publications worth K 500000 by Editor In-charge Mawkyun Myint Soe of Myanmar Post Journal, publications worth K 450000 by Chief Editor Dr Tin Aung Khaing of Aryudiga Journal, publications worth K 250000 by Chief Editor U Kyi Soe of Mandalay Icon Magazine, publications worth K 225000 by Publisher Daw Kyi Kyi Sein of Putet Journal, publications worth K 162400 by In-charge Editor U Maung Maung Gyi of

Com-puter User Magazine, publications worth K 125000 by Leading Editor Ko Thet (Toungoo) of IT Weekly Journal, Editor U Khine Soe of Love Journal and Chief Editor U Wai Phyo Than of Dewi Journal, publications worth K 120000 by Administrator U Kyaw Win of The Goal and World Champion Sports Journals, publications worth K 107000 by Chief Editor U Han Nyunt of Mandalay Aryone Oo Journal, publications worth K 100000 by Chief Editor U Thein Aye of Envoy Journal and Morning News Journal and publications worth K



Minister U Kyaw Hsan awards Ma Yoon Wadi Swe who stood first in primary school level poem recitation contest.—MNA

Photo shows harvesting monsoon paddy on model plot of 2.15 acres in Ywathaya west field in Kanthagyi Village-tract of Pwintbyu Township on 28 December.
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4242690 by a well-wisher on behalf of 60 donors. No.3 Basic Education Department Director-General U Aye Kyu accepted the donations.

Then, Rural Library Foundation Chairman U Maung Maung donated periodicals worth K 1020000.

After the cere-mony,

the minister viewed the prize actt winning works and documentaries on functions of self-reliant libraries in Thakayta Township.

At today's ceremony, well-wishers donated publications worth K 18798590 and they will be distributed to the ward and school libraries in the township. —MNA

China gets first overseas order for LNG ships

BEIJING, 16 Jan—China State Shipbuilding Corporation (CSSC) signed a contract with Exxon Mobil and Mitsui & Co, Ltd on Saturday to build four LNG ships (liquefied natural gas), the nation's first overseas order for such an advanced carrier.

Hudong-Zhonghua Shipbuilding (Group) Co, Ltd, a subsidiary of CSSC, will build the ships for Mitsui, a Japanese shipping giant.

The ships are scheduled for delivery between 2015 and 2016. The fleet will be used for shipping China's imports of liquefied natural gas from Australia and Papua New Guinea.

In 2009, Exxon Mobil contracted with China's major oil and gas producer PetroChina and refiner Sinopec to transport exports about 425 tonnes of liquefied natural gas per year.

A liquefied natural gas carrier is a tanker ship designed for transporting liquefied gas at a temperature of minus 163 degrees Celsius, and marks an important part in the LNG supply chain.

Only a handful of nations, such as the United States, Japan and the Republic of Korea, have the ability to build such ships.—Xinhua



An illumination show is held during a ceremony celebrating Turku as European Capital of Culture in Turku, Finland, on 15 Jan, 2011.—XINHUA

China, Senegal agree to further bilateral relations

DAKAR, 16 Jan—Chinese Vice Premier Hui Liangyu and Senegalese Prime Minister Souleymane Ndene Ndiaye have agreed that the two countries should further strengthen bilateral relations and two-way exchanges in various fields.

During their meeting here on Friday, Hui said since the resumption of diplomatic ties between both countries five years ago, bilateral ties have been developing fast in an all-round way.

Over the past five years, both countries have maintained close high-level contacts, deepened mutual understanding, consolidated mutual political trust,



Visiting Chinese Vice Premier Hui Liangyu (R) meets with Senegalese Prime Minister Souleymane Ndene Ndiaye in Dakar, capital of Senegal, on 14 Jan, 2011. XINHUA

maintained close coordination and cooperation in international affairs and extended each other's support on issues that concern their major interests, Hui added.

China is very delighted to see that both countries have made remarkable achievements in economic

and trade cooperation, as well as in their win-win cooperation in agriculture, fishery, telecommunications and infrastructure.

China is willing to continue working with Senegal to tap potential for bilateral cooperation to benefit the people of both countries, Hui said.

For his part, Ndiaye said over the past five years, the Senegal-China relations have been advancing with big strides and the two countries have implemented a series of cooperation projects, becoming one of the important examples of China-Africa cooperation.

Internet

How to combat test anxiety

CHICAGO, 16 Jan—A US expert on "choking under pressure" advises anxious test-takers to write about their worries before taking an exam.

Senior author Sian Beilock of the University of Chicago says students prone to test anxiety who wrote out what caused their fears ahead of a "high-stakes test" improved scores by nearly one grade point.

"We reasoned that if worries lead to poor test performance and writing helps regulate these worries, then giving students the opportunity to express their thoughts and feelings about an impending examination would enhance test performance," Beilock says in a statement.

The study published in the journal *Science* found exam-takers known to choke under pressure showed a 12 percent accuracy drop from pre-stress testing to post-stress choking under pressure testing.

However, students under the same stress but allowed to write about their anxieties experienced improved test scores.

"Despite the fact that people are often motivated to perform their best, the pressure-filled situations in which important tests, presentations and matches occur can cause people to perform below their ability level instead," Beilock says.

Internet

Floods hit Australia tourism

BRISBANE, 16 Jan—Brisbane is a travel hub for tourists and the gateway to the pristine beaches, rugged outback, tropical rainforests and Great Barrier Reef of Australia's famed 'Sunshine State'.

But the floodwaters that surged through the city last week, depositing tonnes of putrid mud and debris, have shut down Brisbane's arts precinct, closed cafes, damaged hotels and scarred the image of tourist friendly Queensland.

"We depend on backpackers, yes, they are scared, they don't want to go to Fraser Island or the Whitsundays, or the Gold Coast, they are afraid of being stuck on the road," explains Lindsey Frazer of backpacker specialist Wicked Travel.

At the Cloud 9 hotel, which caters to backpackers, guest numbers are down.

"We were pretty much full at the start of the flooding," says receptionist Andrew Josey. "But people have been scared of the lack of electricity."

In Brisbane's Transit Centre, shops and travel counters are closed, and tourists scramble for the latest information on roads and transport.

Hungarian tourist

Balazs Czimmermann says the waters have altered his plans.

"We've been here in Australia for three weeks, but since Monday, we've had to stay at friend's (place) here because we couldn't go anywhere," he said adding that a road trip to scenic Fraser Island had to be cancelled.

Internet



Residents clean up debris following heavy flooding in Brisbane. The floodwaters which surged through the city last week, deposited tonnes of putrid mud and debris, shut down the arts precinct, closed cafes and damaged hotels scarring the image of tourist friendly Queensland.—INTERNET

US automakers draw big crowds at Detroit auto show

DETROIT, 16 Jan—Sharp designs with pizzazz, power and elegance helped pull in crowds during the public opening Saturday of the North American International Auto Show, with US automakers doing their best to impress consumers looking for signs of the industry's recovery.

Thousands of people from around the world filed from exhibit to exhibit inside the sprawling Cobo Centre in Detroit. They perused the newest models from General Motors, Ford Motor Co and Chrysler, as well as top competition from Europe and Asia.

"The last two years, people would come and look. But now, they are sitting in the vehicles and asking questions," said 43-year-old Sherry Fedewa, a manager in an auto parts company. "People can

actually afford to buy something."

New car and truck sales came in last year at 11.6 million, up 11 percent from 2009. December sales rose to 1.14 million, an 11 percent leap from a year earlier.

The annual auto show often gives consumers and car enthusiasts their first close look at the new

vehicles, engine upgrades and gadgets coming off the assembly line each year.

Amid renewed optimism in the American auto industry, organizers expect higher attendance than last year's 714,000 visitors — and auto companies worked to convince them that the industry and region were recovering.—Intenret



In this photo released by Ford Motor Co, more than 1,000 people watched Ford technicians tear down an F-150 EcoBoost engine on 15 Jan, 2011, at the North American International Auto Show, in Detroit.—INTERNET



Students make final preparations before the National Entrance Examination for Postgraduate (NEEP) in Tianjin Municipality, north China, on 15 Jan, 2011.—XINHUA

Somali pirates hijack Norwegian owned chemical tanker

NAIROBI, 16 Jan—Somali pirates have hijacked a Norwegian owned chemical tanker in the pirate-infested waters off the coast of the Horn of Africa nation, a regional maritime official confirmed on Saturday.

Andrew Mwangura, East Africa Coordinator of the Seafarers Assistance programme said the South Korean operated, Malta-flagged *Samho Jewelry* was hijacked on Saturday with 21 crew members onboard. "The ship was 10,000-dwt chemical tanker, *Samho Jewelry* with 21 crew members" Mwangura told *Xinhua* by telephone from Mombasa.

He said the vessel was on her way from the United Arab Emirates to Sri Lanka.

The pirates have intensified their action in the Indian Ocean and Gulf of Aden and most of hijackings end without casualties when a ransom has been paid, but often after several months of negotiations.

Internet

Doctors open breathing hole in Giffords' throat

TUSCON, 16 Jan—Doctors performed a tracheotomy on Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords on Saturday, inserting a breathing tube through a hole in her neck and removing her from a ventilator, hospital officials said.

It was the first time Giffords was removed from the ventilator since last Saturday, when she

arrived at University Medical Centre after a gunman shot her through the head.

Giffords, 40, remains the only patient in critical condition from the shooting that wounded 12 others. Six more victims were killed in the rampage.

One patient was discharged on Saturday, and two remain hospitalized in good

condition. In the tracheotomy performed on Saturday, doctors replaced a breathing tube running down Giffords' throat with the tube inserted through a hole in her neck, the hospital said in a written statement.

A feeding tube also was inserted into Giffords, a practice not uncommon for patients in intensive care with brain injuries, the hospital said.

Internet



Nepalese students dance during the inauguration ceremony of the "Nepal Tourism Year 2011" in Kathmandu, capital of Nepal, on 14 Jan, 2011. The Nepalese government inaugurated the "Nepal Tourism Year 2011" with the theme "Together for Tourism" on Friday, aiming to bring more than 1 million tourists to Nepal in 2011.—XINHUA

1.5 mln sit China's graduate school entrance exam

BEIJING, 16 Jan—Some 1.5 million Chinese began sitting this year's graduate school entrance examination Saturday, a 7 percent increase over last year.

The number of test takers was the highest since 2001, Ministry of Education statistics show.

Chinese college students and college graduates have to take a written examination to enter graduate school.

Since landing a job after graduation has been

difficult in recent years, the number of college graduates applying for graduate studies has increased.

China has expanded graduate studies for professional degrees, asking graduate schools to shift students out of research-oriented degrees into profession-oriented ones. Of the 1.5 million test takers, around 20 percent, or 305,000, hope to enter professional degree programmes.

Xinhua



A woman and a dog walk in heavy snowfall in Dharmasala, India, on 15 Jan, 2011. Police say near-freezing temperatures and Himalayan winds killed at least 13 homeless people in northern India, raising the death toll from a severe cold spell to 129 on Wednesday.—INTERNET

Bus veers into stream, killing 20 in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, 16 Jan—Police say 20 people died when a burst tire sent a passenger bus out of control in central South Africa and caused it to veer into a muddy stream.

Police said Saturday the dead included a child of about eight months and the driver. Another 18 passengers were injured. Transport Minister Sibusiso Ndebele sent experts to investigate and offered condolences to the victims. Reckless driving — sometimes fueled by alcohol — and poor maintenance of mass transportation vehicles are often cited in deadly accidents. The transport minister launched a crackdown in October, stepping up spot checks of vehicles and drivers and urging South Africans to be cautious on the roads.

Internet



Dancers perform during a joint performance show held by performance companies both from China and South Korea in Seoul, South Korea, on 14 Jan, 2011. The show was held to mark the forthcoming Spring Festival.—XINHUA

Europe meets under pressure to boost crisis fund

BRUSSELS, 16 Jan—Eurozone finance ministers head into a meeting Monday under pressure to ramp up the firepower of a debt rescue fund even after markets backed off pressure on vulnerable nations.

Europeans are divided over how quickly they need to act and how much added muscle they should give to the financial safety net that was created last year to provide cover to weak countries, following a huge bailout of Greece.

European Commission president, Jose Manuel Barroso, who heads the European Union's executive arm, urged leaders to take a decision by their next summit on 4 February to appease markets nervous about the fate of Portugal and Spain.

The EU's rescue mechanism was used to pull Ireland from the abyss last November after a banking disaster, but analysts have repeatedly warned it would be too small to rescue Spain if it ever needs a bailout.

Belgian Finance Minister Didier Reynders called this week for the safety net to be doubled to 1.5 trillion euros (\$2 trillion) and said he hoped to raise the issue at the eurozone ministers' monthly meeting in Brussels.

"I think that doubling the resources would be a reasonable objective," Reynders told *AFP* in a telephone interview.

But German counterpart Wolfgang Schaeuble, whose country has the biggest commitment in the European Financial Stability Facility (EFSF), the main component in the rescue mechanism, said a debate on increasing the size of the pot was "not realistic."—*Internet*



Photo taken on 14 Jan, 2011 shows part of ice affected Laizhou Bay in Laizhou, east China's Shandong Province. The area of iced sea has amounted to 3,000 square kilometers due to continuous cold waves while most offshore activities were forced to be halted.—XINHUA

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Voy-83	PKG	01-02-2011	YGN	05-02-2011

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A girl selects festival decorations at a market in Shiyan, central China's Hubei Province, on 15 Jan, 2011. People across the country started to buy foods and decorations at markets as the Spring Festival draws near.— XINHUA

One in five cancer survivors have pain

ANN ARBOR, 16 Jan — Twenty percent of cancer survivors may be experiencing cancer-related chronic pain two years after diagnosis, US researchers said. The survey of nearly 200 cancer survivors, conducted by researchers at the University of Michigan Health System in Ann Arbor, also indicated the pain experience was worse for blacks and for women.

The most significant source of pain was cancer surgery in whites and cancer treatment in blacks. The survey, sponsored by the Lance Armstrong Foundation, indicated blacks with pain had higher pain severity, more concern about harmful pain treatment side effects and greater pain-related disability.

Women had more pain flares than men, more disability due to pain and were more depressed because of pain. The study, published

online ahead of print in *Cancer*, suggested patient and physician knowledge/attitudes may lead to poor pain management.

For example, worries about painkiller side effects may lead patients and their doctors to minimize pain complaints.

Internet

2011 'year of rockets' for Europe

PARIS, 16 Jan—Twenty-eleven will be the "year of launchers", says European Space Agency director-general Jean-Jacques Dordain. Europe expects to have three different rockets operating from its



The new Vega launcher will be the smallest of the three rockets.

INTERNET

Wedding Ceremony

Ma Theint Thinzar Aung

B.E (Electrical Power)

B.B.A (Management Development Institute of Singapore)
Eldest daughter of U Myo Myint Aung & Daw Kyi Hlaing

to

Maung Aung Zaw Htoo

Bachelor of Business

International Business and Marketing (Auckland)
Eldest son of U Thu Ta & Dr. Khin Pyone Swe

On Sunday, 16th January 2011 at Traders Hotel
(Myanmar Ballroom)

in the presence of parents and elders of both sides.

Video shows subway rat on sleeping man

NEW YORK, 16 Jan — A video posted to YouTube depicts a man sleeping on a New York subway train while a rat climbs his body and brushes past his face. The video, posted on Wednesday, shows the brown rat running down a Subway aisle and ducking beneath a rider's feet before scaling the body of the sleeping man, the *New York Daily News* reported on Friday.

The rodent is seen climbing the man's leg and making its way to his shoulder before being brushed away from the man's face by his hand. The rat then runs down the seat and across the aisle.

Internet

Indonesia carrier Garuda talks up IPO

JAKARTA, 16 Jan—Its symbol is Garuda, the winged steed of Vishnu in Hindu mythology, but Garuda Indonesia's fortunes more closely resemble the Phoenix, which rose from the flames to fly again.

This, at least, will be the story Indonesia's national carrier takes to potential investors this week as it touts its initial public offering (IPO) around Hong Kong, London and New York.

Its scheduled listing on 11 February may raise up to 10.3 trillion rupiah (\$1.1 billion) through the sale of 9.32 billion shares, or 36 percent of its capital, at between 750 and 1,100 rupiah each.

At that scale it is likely to be the biggest

listing on the Indonesian share market — which soared 46 percent last year — in 2011 and one of the largest in what is expected to be a busy year for underwriters across Asia.—Internet



Two Garuda aircraft sporting the airline's old (rear) and new (foreground) tail logos in South Sumatra Province. INTERNET

Brain scan can predict video game aptitude

URBANA, 16 Jan—US researchers say they can predict video game aptitude using brain scans. Researchers at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign led by Art Kramer report they can predict performance of a complex learning task — such as learning how to play a difficult video game — with "unprecedented accuracy" by analyzing activity in a specific brain region.

Internet



Japan's Shohei Tochimoto soars through the air during a practice session before the individual large hill event at the FIS World Cup Ski Jumping competition in Sapporo, northern Japan, on 16 Jan, 2011.—INTERNET

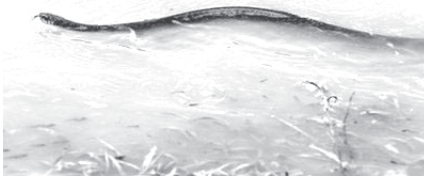
N Zealand flood rescuers get Aussie snake catcher

Australian officials have had to hire a snake catcher to keep slithering intruders away from New Zealand flood rescuers spooked by their neighbours' deadly wildlife, according to a local mayor.

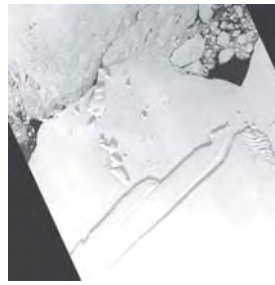
And Australian emergency workers are taking special delight in teasing their Kiwi colleagues who are helping in the mammoth effort to rescue victims of floods plaguing eastern Queensland state, said Western Downs Mayor Ray Brown.

"We've had to hire a local snake catcher to go around with them and keep the snakes away from them, because the Kiwis don't like them very much," he said.

"There are no snakes in New Zealand, so these poor blokes are pretty spooked by it all and the Aussies are taking every opportunity to tell them as many scary snake stories as they can," he said, chuckling at the antipodean rivalry.



A venomous brown snake is carried by flood waters after the Fitzroy River broke its banks and inundated much of Rockhampton on 4 January. Efforts to help flood victims are being complicated by deadly brown snakes and other reptiles trying to take shelter near humans in dry areas.



This NASA satellite image shows icebergs along the coast of Antarctica. Three bottles of whisky abandoned on the frozen continent by British explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton more than a century ago will be sent to Scotland for scientific analysis.

Scotland to sample Shackleton's Antarctic whisky

Three bottles of whisky abandoned in Antarctica by British explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton more than a century ago will be sent to Scotland for scientific analysis, reports said Friday.

The bottles of Mackinlay's whisky were part of a cache recovered last year from beneath Shackleton's Antarctic hut, built in 1908 as part of his failed attempt to reach the South Pole, national news agency NZPA reported.

It said the whisky would be sent to the

Whyte & Mackay distillery in Scotland, which now owns the Mackinlay's brand, where it would be analysed in an attempt to recreate the original recipe.

The wooden crate containing the whisky, marked British Antarctic Expedition 1907, was frozen solid in the minus 30 degrees Celsius (minus 22 degrees Fahrenheit) temperatures but the whisky in the bottles was still liquid.

News Album

Thieves make BMW hottest car at auto show

When carmakers like BMW say they hope people find their next car at auto shows like the one in Detroit this week, this wasn't exactly what they meant.

Two thieves drove away in a brand new \$94,000 BMW 750i xDrive Sedan on Wednesday night that was left idling outside the Westin Book Cadillac, one of Detroit's major hotels.

The car was one of more than a dozen BMW sedans used to ferry executives and guests around town during the show.

On Thursday morning, police said they were still looking for the gray four-door BMW.

Police said the car was dropped off by a valet to be loaded onto a transport truck to take it back to BMW's North American headquarters in New Jersey when two men jumped into the car and drove away.

Lego-lover builds replica of Ohio State stadium

A Columbus-area man has created a Lego replica of Ohio State's horseshoe-shaped football stadium, complete with a decorated archway and scoreboard made of the small blocks.

Paul Janssen used about a million Lego pieces to build the 8-foot-by-6-foot model, which has room for 6,000 Lego people.

The 42-year-old Ohio State researcher tells *The Columbus Dispatch* it was a challenge to create the rounded model out of the mostly rectangular blocks that fill his basement in stacked containers.

Miss Nebraska wins 2011 Miss America pageant



Teresa Scanlan, Miss Nebraska waves to the audience after being crowned Miss America 2011 during the Miss America pageant, on 15 Jan, 2011 in Las Vegas.—INTERNET

LAS VEGAS, 16 Jan—A 17-year-old aspiring politician from Nebraska captured the Miss America crown on Saturday after beating 52 other young women from across the United States. Teresa Scanlan won a \$50,000 scholarship and a yearlong run with the crown at the competition at the Planet Hollywood casino-resort in Las Vegas, giving the Cornhusker State its first-ever win at the pageant.

Pageant officials said she was the youngest Miss America since the pageant's first competition in 1921, when Margaret Gorman of the District of Columbia won at age 15. But the organization's website listed at least two other young women who were younger than Scanlan when they won: Marian Bergeron of Connecticut, who was 15 1/2 when she won in 1933, and California's Rosemary LaPlanche, who was 16 in 1940 and later found to be ineligible because of age limits implemented two years before.

Internet



Producer Kevin Spacey (R) stands with actors Jesse Eisenberg (C) and Andrew Garfield (L) after their film 'The Social Network' was named best picture at the 16th Annual Critics' Choice Movie Awards in Hollywood, California on 14 January, 2011. INTERNET

Broadcast critics click on "Social Network"

LOS ANGELES, 16 Jan—Facebook film "The Social Network" became a big friend of broadcast critics on Friday when it won several top Critics' Choice Awards, including best film, in the race toward Hollywood's Oscars.

The movie, which traces the history of the popular website from its founding in a college dormitory to its first million users, also earned a best director trophy for David Fincher and adapted screenplay for writer Aaron Sorkin, among others. Fincher was not on hand to accept his award, but in claiming his trophy,

Sorkin made a point of mentioning Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg, who had not cooperated with the making of the fictional film.

On stage, Sorkin called Zuckerberg "an extraordinary leader" and "altruistic" and said, "we all owe you a debt of gratitude" for creating the website that has become ingrained in much of society. Colin Firth was named best actor for his role as stammering King George VI who must prove to the United Kingdom that he can be a leader in the dark days ahead of the World War Two in "The King's Speech," which also claimed best original screenplay.—Reuters



British actress Susannah York is pictured during a rehearsal for a Tennessee Williams' play at the New End Theatre in north London in 2009.—INTERNET

Actress Susannah York dies aged 72

LONDON, 16 Jan—British actress Susannah York, one of the most memorable film faces of the 1960s, has died from cancer aged 72, British media reported late on Saturday. York was best known for her role opposite Jane Fonda in the 1969 film "They Shoot Horses Don't They?" for which she was nominated for an Oscar.

"She was an absolutely fantastic mother, who was very down to earth," her son, actor Orlando Wells, told the *Sunday Telegraph* newspaper. "She loved nothing more than cooking a good Sunday roast and sitting around a fire of a winter's evening. In some sense, she was quite a home girl."

A quintessential English rose with her blonde hair, blue eyes and fresh-faced complexion, along with Julie Christie and Sarah Miles, she was one of the most recognizable actresses from films in the 1960s, winning a swathe of male admirers.—Reuters

African stars Gervinho, Sow keep Lille flying

PARIS, 16 Jan—Lille kept up their unlikely charge for a first French title in over half a century on Saturday when



Lille's forward Gervinho (L) kicks the ball past Nice's goalkeeper David Ospina (R).—INTERNET

African strike pair Moussa Sow and Gervinho scored in a 2-0 win at Nice.

Lille, whose last league triumph came in 1954, stay a point clear of Paris Saint Germain who defeated Sochaux 2-1.

On a day when all of the top four won, Rennes stayed third thanks to a 4-0 victory at home to rock-bottom Arles while Lyon are just behind on goal difference after a comfortable 3-0 victory against Lorient.

Ivory Coast international Gervinho gave Lille a 44th-minute lead for his eighth league goal of the season before Senegal star Sow hit the second, five minutes after the interval.

Internet



Dortmund's defender Neven Subotic (L) and Leverkusen's Swiss striker Eren Derdiyok fight for the ball during their German first division Bundesliga football match in the western German city of Leverkusen on 14 January. Dortmund won the match 3-1.—INTERNET

Dortmund dominate as Bayern held at Wolfsburg

BERLIN, 16 Jan—Borussia Dortmund were 13 points clear at the top of the Bundesliga on Saturday after second-placed Mainz lost at Stuttgart and champions Bayern Munich drew 1-1 at Wolfsburg in a game where both sides missed penalties.

Borussia had blitzed Leverkusen with three goals in six minutes on Friday as Jurgen Klopp's young side showed no sign of releasing their grip at the top.

Goals by Dortmund's

Germany squad members Mario Goetze and Kevin Grosskreutz sealed the win as Michael Ballack spent the game on the bench as the Germany captain looks to return from a leg injury.

After ex-England coach Steve McClaren sold striker Edin Dzeko to Manchester City over the German league's winter break, Wolfsburg lacked firepower up front against Bayern, but showed dogged domination against the champions.

Internet

Grant defiant over Hammers future

LONDON, 16 Jan—Avram Grant stubbornly refused to confirm whether he expects West Ham's 3-0 defeat to Arsenal at Upton Park to be his last game in charge.

The former Chelsea and Portsmouth manager has spent virtually all of the season with his position the subject of intense speculation, the result of West Ham's lengthy residence in the relegation places.

And the Israeli began the day knowing that a



Arsenal's Robin van Persie celebrates scoring the opening goal of their English Premier League match.—INTERNET

number of media sources and bookmakers were reporting that he was to be sacked and that Martin O'Neill, the former Aston Villa manager, had agreed to take over.—Internet

Mancini hails Tevez magic after City thriller

MANCHESTER, 16 Jan—Manchester City manager Roberto Mancini hailed unsettled captain Carlos

Tevez after his brace helped City move to the top of the Premier League.

In an entertaining encounter at Eastlands, Tevez's brilliant double, and goals from brothers Kolo and Yaya Toure, ensured Mancini's men came from behind against Wolves to eventually win 4-3.—Internet

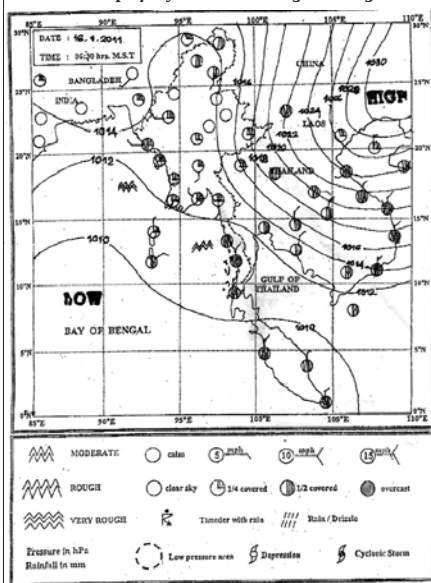


Manchester City's manager Roberto Mancini

Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle



Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Sunday, 16th 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 and Upper Sagaing Region, weather has been partly cloudy in Yangon and Taninthayi Regions and generally fair in the remaining States and Regions. Night temperatures were (3°C) below January average temperature in Upper Sagaing Regions and (3°C) to (4°C) above January average temperature in Kachin, Eastern Shan and Mon States and about January average temperatures in the remaining States and Regions. The significant night temperatures were Pinlaung (1°C), Haka (2°C), Namhsan and Heho (4°C) each. The noteworthy amount of rainfall was Machanbaw (0.04) inch.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 15-1-2011 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 16-1-2011 was 59°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 16-1-2011 was (73%). Rainfall on 16-1-2011 was (Nil).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 15-1-2011 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 16-1-2011 was 64°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 16-1-2011 was (60%). Total sunshine hours on 15-1-2011 was (7.9)

hours(Approx).

Rainfall on 16-1-2011 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 (5) mph from North West at (12:30) hours MST on 15-1-2011.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 17th January 2011: Light rain are likely to be isolated in Kachin State, Upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Regions and weather will be partly cloudy in Shan, Chin, Rakhine and Mon States, Magway, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions and generally fair in the remaining States and Regions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 17-1-2011: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 17-1-2011: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 17-1-2011: Generally fair weather.

London Olympics tickets to go on sale this March

LONDON, 16 Jan—Tickets for the London 2012 Olympic Games will go on sale on 15 March, 2011 and Paralympic Games tickets will go on sale on 9 September, 2011, confirmed The London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games (LOCOG) on Saturday.

The process for Olympic Games tickets will open for six weeks. Applications will close on April 26 and all oversubscribed sessions will be allocated via a ballot process.

Applications can be made at any point during the six week application period - it is not a first come, first served process.

LOCOG will announce full details of the purchasing process and the finalized schedule for all 650 sport sessions in February. The two million people who have already signed up to the London 2012 ticketing database.—Xinhua



Austria's Benjamin Raich clears a gate during a men's ski World Cup slalom race in Wengen, Switzerland, on 16 Jan, 2011.—INTERNET

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL
Programme Schedule
(17-1-2011) (Monday)

Transmissions

Local - (09:00am~11:00am MST)
Overseas Transmission - (17-1-11 09:30 am ~ 18-1-11 09:30 am MST)

Times

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Travelogue in Popa
- * The Origin of Htainmathein
- * News
- * Topic On Journal "The Art of Bronze Casting"
- * Working & Living In Myanmar (Tourism)
- * News
- * Live Concert
- * News
- * Youth and Language "What is she talking about?"

Overseas Transmission

- * Opening
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- * News
- * Ananda Guphaya
- * News
- * Festive Events of Twantay
- * Musical Gallery
- * News
- * Myanmar Movies Impact
- * News
- * Monastery Shwe In-Pin Kyaung
- * Myanmar Movies "Love Be Win"
- * News

Myanmar



Monday,
17 January
View on today

7:00 am

1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw

7:25 am

2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. Dhamma Puja Song

7:50 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am

6. Song Of National Races

8:05 am

7. Cute Little Dancers

8:20 am

8. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition

8:35 am

9. Teleplay (Health)

8:40 am

10. International News

8:45 am

11. Musical Programme

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Dance Variety

4:25 pm

3. Musical Programme

4:40 pm

4. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -First Year (Physics)

4:55 pm

5. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

5:05 pm

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

5:20 pm

7. Myanmar Language

5:35 pm

8. Myanmar Idol

6:00 pm

9. Evening News

6:15 pm

10. Weather Report

6:20 pm

11. Sing & Enjoy

7:00 pm

12. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm

13. News

14. International News

15. Weather Report

16. World's Stars (Part-6)

17. TV Drama Series

- ★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
- ★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

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

People's Desire

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

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

Information Minister attends award ceremony of school library development and reading habit developing festival in Thakayta Township

YANGON, 16 Jan — Thakayta Township of Yangon Region held a prize-presentation ceremony for school library development and reading habit developing festival this morning in the precinct of the Zina Manaung Pagoda. Patron of Rural Library Foundation Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan addressed the ceremony and awarded prize-winning students in essay, poem recitation and extempore talks contests.

After the ceremony had been opened, Minister U Kyaw Hsan made a speech. Next, he presented prizes to Maung Tin Tun

Lin who stood first in the high school level extempore talks contest, Ma Cherry Win who stood first in the high school level essay contest, Ma Zun Mu Paing Oo who stood first in middle school level essay contest and Ma Yoon Wadi Swe who stood first in the primary school level poem recitation contest.

Then, the minister donated publications worth K 1,016,500 for 19 ward libraries, K 1 million each for two ward libraries in Thakayta Township and a Sky Net DTH for Thakayta Township Library.

The Minister also

accepted K 1 million for Bawalanhnyun Library by U Zay Myo Oo and Daw Swe Swe Win of Aung Myintmo Printing House in Thakayta Township and K 500,000 for the school library by Major Phyu Win (Retd) and Daw Aye Aye Soe.

Afterwards, Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association Chairman U Tin Hlaing (Ledwintha Saw Chit), Rural Library Foundation Chairman U Maung Maung, Vice-Chairman U Nyunt Swe, MWJA Vice-Chairman U Khin Maung Tun (Khin Maung Tun-Lanmadaw), Secretary

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Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan hands over cash donated by the State to funds of two libraries in Thakayta Township through officials.

MNA

Model monsoon paddy plot harvested in Kalay Township

YANGON, 16 Jan—With the aim of ensuring right production of monsoon paddy, a model monsoon paddy plot was harvested on field No. 66/B/4 in Aungthitsa Ward of Kalay Township, Kalay District, on 23 December.

The model plot of farmer U Maung San was put under Shwebo (1) paddy strain.

Members of District and Township Agricultural Coordination Committees, district and township level departmental officials and staff participated in the paddy harvesting work.

The 3.15 acres of model plot produced 108.26 baskets of dried paddy per acre.

TOWNSHIP SLRD

Significant night temperatures (16-1-2011)

Pinlaung	(1°C)
Haka	(2°C)
Namhsan	(4°C)
Heho	(4°C)