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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

UEC, Region/State Subcommission secretaries meet

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Jan — A coordination meeting between the Union Election Commission and secretaries of Region/State Election Subcommissions was held at UEC Office No. (22) here this morning.

UEC Chairman U Thein Soe made an opening speech, stating the Multiparty Democracy

General Elections 2010 for the respective Hluttaws had been held peacefully and successfully and inviting suggestions on how to improve work to be more comprehensive based on the experiences.

The chairman also made concluding remarks at the meeting.

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True patriotism

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



UEC Chairman U Thein Soe making speech at coordination meeting between UEC and secretaries of Region/State Election Subcommissions.—MNA

Sun, inexhaustible source of energy

Bluntly, human beings have yet to use solar power on a massive scale. Instead, they turn to mineral fuel, which costs heavily.

In fact, the sun is a burning star with hydrogen. With average surface temperature of about 6000 K, the sun is like a plant producing power that is millions of times the total power produced by nuclear reactors in many countries around the world.

When they touch solar photo voltaic-PV, protons in the sun's rays produce electricity, which is direct current (DC). Therefore, solar chips are in demand in the world to produce solar power. Solar power can be stored in a battery. And with an inverter, the stored power can be used as alternating current (AC).

With the technical assistance of the Ministry of Education, Yangon Region Renewable Energy Committee has set up solar power lamp posts on roads in the industrial zones in Yangon Region. Some of the posts have 30 LED-1 watt bulbs each; and some, 60

Article & Photos: Dr Thant Sin (Yangon West University)

LED-1 watt bulbs each. Each of the about 20-foot-high posts has a 12 volts battery, a solar charger, and a sensor.

A 30 LED-1 watt lamp post costs about 300,000 kyats; and a 60 LED-1 watt lamp post, about 450,000 kyats. The solar power-used lamps are DC ones. A solar chip is serviceable for over 10 years; and solar power lamps, for over 10,000 hours.

Now, solar chips and LED bulbs can be produced domestically. Soon, solar power can be produced in rural areas. The international face value of a solar chip is about 20 US dollars a Watt.

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A solar power lamp post near Hlinethaya Industrial Zone in Yangon Region.



PERSPECTIVES

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Boost exportation of marine products

Today, consumers around the world come to choose not only quality but also safe foods. The role of the meat and fish sector is becoming more important in the nation's food security. Pedigree species of farm animals are being produced with advanced methods in the livestock and fisheries area.

Species of freshwater fish in demand internationally are bred on a wider scale. In 2009-2010 alone, the nation exported over 90,000 tons of carp.

Total acreage of freshwater and saltwater fish and prawn farms across the nation stands at more than 200,000, indicating a seventy fold increase within a period of two decades. Soft crab, a highly marketable aquatic animal, is farmed increasingly.

This year's exportation of freshwater and saltwater prawn, crab, eel and seaweed increases by 61 percent, if compared with last year. Underwater soft crab breeding farms in Taninthayi Region, Yangon Region, Ayeyawady Region and Rakhine State have increased to over 4000 acres.

In Taninthayi Region, over 300 acres have been put under seaweed, which gets high price in the international market. The nation exported over 300,000 metric tons of seaweed last year.

Mostly, Myanmar's marine products go to her trade partners and EU countries. The nation is boosting production of freshwater and saltwater fish and prawn and crab. Myanmar's marine products will become increasingly saleable in the international market if they meet standards and are safe for human consumption.

Minister for Sports Thura U Aye Myint receives Vice-Chairman Mr Seo Ok Soo of Sports Council of Wonju, President Prof Mr Park Young Il of Gang Won-Do Archery Federation and party from the Republic of Korea.

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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

New tarred road opened in Aungmyethazan Township

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Jan—The opening of a new tarred road in Aungmyethazan Township, Mandalay, took place at the archway of the facility on 12 January.

Chairman of Mandalay Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Brig-Gen Ye Aung, the Mandalay Mayor, and officials formally opened the road. Then, observed the documentary photos.

On 13 January, the commander attended the ceremony to convey Nay Pyi Taw Maha Muni Buddha Image to be kept in Abhisanta Chamber in

Dhatucaya Datpaungsu Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw Zabuthiri.

The commander donated offertories to the monks. The monks, the commander, officials and well-wishers sprinkled parittas water onto the image.

The decorated vehicle with Maha Muni Buddha Image on it left the pandal and was driven to downtown Mandalay through Yangon-Mandalay Highway for public reverence. Locals made cash donations to the image.

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Coordination meeting of Ministry of Transport held



Minister for Transport U Thein Swe addressing the work coordination meeting of the ministry.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Jan—A coordination meeting of Ministry of Transport was held at the ministry here this morning, with an address by Minister for Transport U Thein Swe.

Directors-General, Managing Directors, rectors and principals from Departments, Enterprises, Universities and Colleges submitted reports on implementations by their respective department and so did regional in-charges.

Leader of administration team of Supervisory Committee for Operating Transport Services at full capacity reported their works.

After that, Deputy Minister U Nyan Tun Aung reviewed implementations of respective departments.

The minister fulfilled the needs and made a concluding speech.

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Sports Minister receives Korean guests

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Jan — Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Thura U Aye Myint received Vice-Chairman Mr Seo Ok Soo of Sports Council of Wonju, President Prof Mr Park Young Il of Gang Won-Do Archery Federation and party from the Republic of Korea, who are arriving in Myanmar to be in joint training with selected Myanmar Archery team, at his office here this afternoon.

MNA

ASEAN FMs call for lifting of Myanmar sanctions

LOMBOK ISLAND (Indonesia), 17 Jan—Foreign ministers of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations have agreed to call on the United States and the European Union to lift or ease the economic sanctions on Myanmar.

An unofficial 2-day ASEAN foreign ministerial meeting is discussing the schedule and the main agenda for the official meetings to be held this year.

Indonesian Foreign Minister Marty Natalegawa spoke to reporters after the first day on Sunday.

He said the foreign ministers had agreed to call on the United States and the EU to lift or ease the economic

sanctions on the country, such as the ban on imports of Myanmar products and restrictions on investment.

The agreement came after Myanmar held a general election last November, and ended the house arrest of Aung San Suu Kyi.

It is believed that ASEAN countries want to boost the region's economy by stressing that Myanmar is making progress towards democratization and by persuading the United States and the EU to take a softer stance on the country.—NHK

Chlorine leak sickens dozens at pool near Minneapolis

MINNEAPOLIS, 17 Jan—Dozens of children and adults were stricken by respiratory problems and nausea on Sunday from a chlorine leak at an indoor swimming pool near Minneapolis, said a spokesman for the town of St Louis Park.

Eleven victims were taken to area hospitals for treatment and evaluation, but “nobody is believed to have any serious injuries” and all are expected to recovery fully, city spokesman Jamie Zwilling told reporters.

Emergency personnel were summoned to the Foss Swim School inside the Knollwood Mall shopping centre at about 3 pm local time after 40 to 50 people in and around the pool began coughing and complaining of breathing difficulties, Zwilling said. One or two of the victims experienced vomiting, he said.

A couple of stores adjacent to the swim school in the shopping mall also were briefly evacuated as a precaution. —Reuters

Swiss whistleblower to hand over bank data to WikiLeaks

LONDON, 17 Jan—Swiss whistleblower Rudolf Elmer is planning to handover to WikiLeaks two CDs containing data of around 2,000 bank clients who may have been evading taxes, according to an interview published Sunday.

“The documents show that they are hiding behind bank secrecy, possibly to avoid taxes,” Elmer, a former Swiss banker, told Swiss newspaper *Sonntag*.

The data is to be handed over on Monday, during a press conference

in London.

The event will take place at the Frontline Club — a media club where WikiLeaks operates in Britain — from 11:15 am (1115 GMT).

Elmer “will reveal more details of alleged abuses in the world of offshore financial centres,” the Club said on its website.

“As he did back in 2007 he will pass the said documents and information to WikiLeaks. A representative from WikiLeaks will be attending to accept this information,” it added.

Sonntag said that WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange would also “participate” in the press conference and that “everything will be done to ensure that Assange is personally present.”

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Internet

Bomb kills one at Iraqi militia headquarters



A damaged car at the site of a bombing that wounded bodyguards of an official in Baghdad, Iraq, on 16 Jan, 2011.—INTERNET

BAGHDAD, 17 Jan—A bomb planted near offices of the military wing of one of Iraq's dominant Shiite political parties exploded on Sunday, killing one worker and wounding three people, police and hospital officials said.

The bomb was hidden outside a fence encircling the Badr Organization offices in a Shiite area in eastern Baghdad, police said. The organization was once one of Iraq's most feared militias and is linked to the Supreme Iraqi Council, a Shiite party with close ties to Iran.

The blast killed one office worker and injured another, police said. Two passers-by were also wounded. A worker at al-Kindi hospital confirmed the casualties. A motive for the bombing was not known.—Internet

Wet winter storm raises avalanche alerts in Rockies



A car carrier lies on its side after several semi tractor trailers were involved in an accident on 11 Jan, 2011, on Interstate 65 near Lafayette, Ind. Traffic in the south bound lane was reduced to a crawl as the trucks were pulled back onto the road.—INTERNET

SALMON, 17 Jan—A mass of unusually moist Pacific air swept the northern Rockies on Sunday, dumping wet snow in the mountains and heavy showers in the valleys as forecasters warned of increased avalanche hazards in several states.

The threat of heavy runoff in the Pacific Northwest from the same warm, wet front also prompted the National Weather Service to post flood advisories across several counties in Washington State and southern Oregon.

Rainfall in the Northwest was expected to total between 1 to 3 inches, while icy roads made driving difficult in parts of the Rockies.

Rain freezing on highway surfaces forced the closure of a section of Interstate 94 northeast of Billings in south-central Montana, according to the state Department of Transportation. And freezing rain driven by high winds made for treacherous travel conditions on I-90 in southwest Montana near Bozeman.—Reuters

Explosion on bus in NW Pakistan kills 18

PESHAWAR, 17 Jan—An explosion ripped through a minibus traveling in a militant-infested area of northwestern Pakistan on Monday, killing 18 people, police said. There were conflicting reports of whether the blast was caused by a bomb or by the gas cylinder used to power the vehicle. The bus was traveling between the cities of Hangu and Kohat, which are located close to Pakistan's lawless tribal region.

The explosion tore apart the vehicle, killing all 17 people on board, and tipped over a second bus nearby, said Hangu

police chief Abdur Rasheed. One person on the bus that tipped over was killed and 11 others were wounded, he said.

Rasheed said the blast occurred when the gas cylinder on board malfunctioned.

Internet



Rescue workers and police survey a school van damaged after a bomb explosion in Peshawar recently. XINHUA



Science



Tree disease threatens British forests

LONDON, 17 Jan—Britain's at war with a tree disease threatening the country's forests on a scale not seen since Dutch elm disease wiped out million of trees, officials say.

Sudden oak death, *Phytophthora ramorum*, has affected almost 7,500 acres of forest in Wales, Devon, Cornwall, Somerset and Northern Ireland, *The Observer* reported Sunday.

Authorities have embarked on a programme to fell thousands of trees in an effort to stop the spread of the disease. The disease was named in the United States where it killed millions of oak trees in California.

It was unknown in the United Kingdom until it was detected in imported shrubs in a Sussex nursery in 2002, the *Observer* said.

First showing up in British oak trees, the disease has jumped species and is now affecting commercially important Japanese and European larch trees as well as several conifer species including Douglas fir, experts say.—*Internet*



Scientists find inflammation immune cell switch

LONDON, 17 Jan—Scientists have found a protein that acts as a "master switch" to determine whether certain white blood cells will boost or dampen inflammation, a finding that may help the search for new drugs for rheumatoid arthritis.

Many patients with rheumatoid arthritis are treated with a class of drugs known as tumor necrosis factor (TNF) inhibitors made by various drug firms including Abbott Laboratories, Merck & Co, Pfizer and Amgen

Mark Schnitzer, associate professor of biology and applied physics, right, and Juergen Jung, operations director of the Schnitzer lab, in front of the microscope setup used to image the deep brain.

INTERNET

But around 30 percent of patients don't respond to anti-TNF drugs, so experts say there is an urgent need to develop more widely effective treatment options.

In this study, scientists from Imperial College in London found that a protein called IRF5 acts as a molecular switch that controls whether certain white blood cells, known as macrophages, will promote or inhibit inflammation.

In a report of their findings in the journal *Nature Immunology* on Sunday, they said the results suggest that blocking the production of IRF5 in macrophages might be an effective way of treating a wide range of autoimmune diseases, such as rheumatoid arthritis, inflammatory bowel disease, lupus and multiple sclerosis.—*Reuters*

Choosing organic milk could offset effects of climate change



This is Gillian Butler at Newcastle University's Nafferton Farm, Northumberland, with some of the farm's cows.

INTERNET

NEWCASTLE, 17 Jan—Wetter, cooler summers can have a detrimental effect on the milk we drink, according to new research published by Newcastle University.

Researchers found milk collected during a particularly poor UK summer and the following winter had significantly higher saturated fat content and far less beneficial fatty acids than in a more 'normal' year.

But they also discovered that switching to organic milk could help overcome these problems. Organic supermarket milk showed higher levels of nutritionally beneficial fatty acids compared with 'ordinary' milk regardless of the time of year or weather conditions.

The study, which is published in this month's *Journal of Dairy Science* (January 2011), leads on from previous research undertaken nearly three years ago which looked at the difference between organic and conventional milk at its source — on the farms.

"We wanted to check if what we found on farms also applies to milk available in the shops," said Gillian Butler, who led the study.—*Internet*



Technology



NASA unveils extraordinary ideas for the aircraft of 2025

WASHINGTON, 17 Jan—They are the sort of striking images that wouldn't look out of place in a scene from a sci-fi movie.

However, one of these could soon be the face of modern aviation with the unveiling of a new generation of passenger aircraft.

NASA has revealed three concept designs for quiet, energy efficient aircraft that potentially could be ready for flight as soon as 2025.

Three companies - Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman and The Boeing Company - came up with the designs and, at the end of last year, all three won a contract from NASA to research, develop and test their concepts in 2011, meaning these futuristic ideas could have the potential to take flight.



Future flight? Boeing unveils its innovative design for a faster, bigger and cleaner aircraft.—INTERNET

The designs came about after NASA revealed it was aiming to develop a line of 'super planes' that are faster, larger, quieter - and burn fuel more efficiently and cleanly than their present counterparts.

Criteria set by NASA meant that each design had to fly up to 85 per cent of the speed of sound, cover a range of about 7,000 miles and carry between 50,000 and 100,000 of payload; either cargo or passengers.—*Internet*

Russian teenage girls work on laptop computers while waiting for a public bus in Moscow. Like other countries with a distinctive culture and non-Latin script writing, the Russian net market has allowed local web sites to expand alongside established international players like Facebook and Google.

INTERNET



No-glasses 3D tech makes you blink really fast

NEW YORK, 17 Jan—No-glasses 3D isn't really new, but it has plenty of limitations, like the fact that you either have to be within a certain viewing angle to see it, or it may not be entirely safe for kids. If only there was a way to get glasses-free 3D without forcing you to wear glasses.

Enter this video, created by Jonathan Post, which shows an, um, entirely new way to do 3D without glasses. I'm not entirely sure how it actually works—or if it's even real—but this device causes your eyelids to blink very fast therefore doing the job of 3D shutter glasses.

After all, what's worse, looking silly wearing 3D glasses or looking silly blinking your eyes really quickly? Apparently this only works with 120Hz screens, according to the YouTube video description. I'd love to know more about this device and how it works—assuming that it actually exists—but I wonder what the side-effects would be. I'd imagine that after a 2-hour movie that your eyes would feel pretty fatigued.—*Internet*

Robots design, build stuff; singularity must be near

PHILADELPHIA, 17 Jan—Do you ever get the feeling that we humans are quickly becoming obsolete? After all robots can decorate cakes, play the piano, and even design and build other robots. The next sign of our obsolescence comes from the University of Pennsylvania, where researchers have programmed quadrotor drone bots that can design and construct buildings.

That's right—the robots plan out the buildings. All the humans are good for, according to Daniel Mellinger of the UPenn GRASP Lab, is to tell the robots what to make—the bots take it from there.

Granted, I don't think flying bots will be building our cities anytime in the near future, but it isn't hard to imagine a future where flying robots have a role in construction.

By the way, I dare you to not feel slightly unnerved by the buzzing of the quadrotors' engines—it makes them sound like a swarm of bees.—*Internet*

Health

The more you walk, the lower your diabetes risk

MELBOURNE, 17 Jan—The more you walk, the lower your risk of diabetes, say Australian researchers.

The scientists tracked 592 middle-aged adults who participated in a study to map diabetes levels



In this 28 Dec, 2010 photo, Shamsah, 18-month-old, a Pakistani girl whose right leg is paralyzed from polio is held by her mother at a hospital in Peshawar, Pakistan. Pakistan has the highest incidence of polio in the world and is the only country to record an increase in cases in 2010 — 136 (139), up from 89 in 2009, according to recent World Health Organization figures.—INTERNET

across Australia between 2000 and 2005. Participants underwent a health examination at the start of the study and provided details about their eating and lifestyle habits.

The volunteers were also given a pedometer and instructed how to use it.

Follow-up with the participants five years later showed that a higher daily step count was associated with a lower body-mass index (BMI), lower waist-to-hip ratio and better insulin sensitivity, even after adjusting for factors such as diet, smoking and alcohol intake.

These associations were independent of calorie intake and appeared to be largely due to a change in weight, said the researchers at the Murdoch Children's Research Institute in Melbourne.

They calculated that a sedentary person who changed his or her

behaviour and started walking 10,000 steps every day would achieve a threefold improvement in insulin sensitivity, compared with a similar person who walked 3,000 steps a day, five days a week.

The 10,000 steps per day is a popular guideline, but a more recent recommendation is 3,000 steps per day, five days a week.—Internet



A woman works at a Servier lab in 2004. France's health minister vowed Sunday to rebuild a more transparent health care system following a scandal over a diabetes drug that was linked to more than 500 deaths.

INTERNET

Flu deaths in Britain double last year

LONDON, 17 Jan—The number of deaths from swine flu in Britain this winter has doubled and the National Health Service is in gridlock, medical officials said.

Dozens of hospitals across Britain have canceled non-emergency surgery to care for the high number of flu patients, *The Sunday Telegraph* reported.

This winter 110 people have died from swine flu, twice the number from a year ago and scores of hospital wards were closed because of norovirus, a winter bug that causes nausea and vomiting.

Hospitals in Cambridge and Norfolk were on "black alert" for more than two weeks, meaning they could not accept non-emergency patients. In the past 10 days, major hospitals in London, Liverpool, Surrey, Southampton, Derby, Peterborough, King's Lynn and Great Yarmouth issued the same warning.

"My frustration is that so much of this is predictable," said John Heyworth, president of the College of Emergency Medicine.

Internet

Fake cocaine sending users to hospitals

FORT LAUDERDALE, 17 Jan—A product sold as a bath salt but intended for use as fake cocaine is sending youths to emergency rooms in Florida and across the country, officials said.

Authorities have linked the product to at least two suicides in Louisiana, and to 21 calls to poison control centres in Florida, the *South Florida Sun-Sentinel* reported.

"We're seeing teenagers experiment with this," said Dr Nabil El Sanadi, chief of emergency medicine for Broward Health. "They will do stuff that they wouldn't normally do, like dive from a third-story window into a pool. It's very, very dangerous."

The products contain a chemical called methylenedioxypyrovalerone, or MDPV. It stimulates the central nervous system and produces a high said to mimic that from cocaine or methamphetamine.

The Drug Enforcement Administration said the chemical can cause intense panic attacks, psychosis and addiction.

Internet

Business

S Korean firms eye fresh gains at US auto show

DETROIT, 17 Jan—South Korean automakers Hyundai and Kia made a strong showing at this year's Detroit auto show, turning heads with new models and vowing to build on last year's gains.

Both Kia and Hyundai — which share manufacturing and engineering facilities but sell their vehicles separately in the United States — are looking for more growth this year after setting sales records in 2010, with Hyundai having finished the year with a 24-percent sales increase.

"Today, customers do not believe that expensive cars with unnecessary technology are premium," Hyundai Vice Chairman Eui Sun Chung said in a speech at the conference.

"Instead, they want their core needs fulfilled at an accessible price and with a car that exceeds their expectations," he added.

Hyundai is considering building another US assembly plant to keep pace with rising demand, its US president and chief executive officer John Krafcik said in an interview with *Automotive News*, a trade publication.—Internet



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J Crew received no rival takeover bids

PHILADELPHIA, 17 Jan—J Crew Group Inc received no rival takeover bids during its "go shop" period and will remain with its original \$2.86 billion buyout offer from TPG and Leonard Green, a source familiar with the situation said on Sunday.

Sears Holdings Corp, Urban Outfitters Inc and at least two other private equity firms had been looking at the financial books of J Crew during the "go shop" period that allowed J Crew to solicit other suitors, sources previously told *Reuters*.—Internet

Home prices in 70 major Chinese cities up 6.4% in December

BEIJING, 17 Jan—Home prices in 70 major Chinese cities rose 0.3 percent month on month in December and 6.4 percent year on year, the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) said Monday.

The annualized growth rate dropped from 7.7 percent in November, making December the eighth consecutive month of slowing growth from a peak of 12.8 percent in April last year, when the government stepped up controls to curb prices.

New home prices climbed 7.6 percent year on year last month and 0.3 percent month on month, while prices for second-hand homes rose 5 percent year on year and 0.5 percent month on month, said a statement on the NBS website.

Property sales volume, in terms of floor space, was up 11.5 percent from a year earlier to 218.08 million square meters last month, and the value of sales rose 21.9 percent to more than 1.02 trillion yuan (about

155 billion US dollars).

Property sales for the whole of last year surged 10.1 percent year on year to 1.04 billion square meters, and the sales value was up 18.3 percent to 5.25 trillion yuan, it said.

Property investment last year jumped 33.2 percent year on year to 4.83 trillion yuan. In December alone, 557 billion yuan was invested in the real estate sector, up 12 percent year on year.

Xinhua



File photo taken on 14 Nov, 2010 shows a newly built residential community in east China's Shanghai Municipality.—INTERNET

Fresh rain hampers Brazil rescue, death toll rises

NOVA FRIBURGO, 17 Jan—The Brazilian military sent troops and helicopters Sunday to rescue stranded survivors of floods and landslides that killed more than 625 people but the operation was stymied by more bad weather.

After rains resumed in the afternoon, the air force had to call back helicopters that had been sent as a lifeline to 80 people stranded since Wednesday in the village of Brejal, in the mountains near Rio de Janeiro, a spokesman said.

"The weather conditions do not permit us to advance in the rural areas and to help people who are isolated," said Rio firefighter Colonel Pedro Machado. "We can only make short

flights. The teams on the ground are also having a lot of difficulty."

The military had hoped to evacuate people in hamlets cut off by rivers of water and mud that carved massive destruction in the Serrana Region just north of Rio de Janeiro.

Bodies that were buried under rubble and sludge would have to wait until teams with heavy equipment could get to the communities, something that could take days because roads were destroyed.

Soldiers, civil defence workers, police and rangers were seen gathering in Nova Friburgo, reinforcing teams that so far have pulled 283 bodies from decimated parts of the town.

Internet



A destroyed house at Campo Grande neighbourhood in Teresopolis, some 100 km from Rio de Janeiro. The Brazilian military sent troops and helicopters Sunday to rescue stranded survivors of floods and landslides that killed more than 625 people but the operation was stymied by more bad weather.—INTERNET



Photo taken on 17 Jan, 2011 shows the accident site in Jilin City, northeast China's Jilin Province. An explosion occurred inside a building in the city early Monday, causing three people dead and nearly 20 people injured.

XINHUA

Death toll in natural gas blast rises to three in NE China, fire under control

CHANGCHUN, 17 Jan—The death toll in the natural gas blast in an apartment block in Jilin City, northeast China's Jilin Province, early Monday has risen to three.

More than 20 people were also injured in the explosion, and they were all hospitalized, said local sources. Fire-fighters were trying to contain a blaze after the explosion ripped through a building in Changyi Community

at about 6 am. The fire was said to have been brought under control by 10 am.

The blast also caused damage to a 500-meter stretch of road and shattered windows and collapsed billboards.

A resident surnamed Sun said local authorities had begun to evacuate people away from buildings on Jiefang Road at about 11 pm Sunday after locals smelled natural gas.

Internet

Australia's Brisbane facing homelessness crisis

BRISBANE, 17 Jan—Australia's flood-hit city of Brisbane is facing a homelessness crisis, Queensland Premier Anna Bligh warned on Monday.

Bligh said it was clear many people would be homeless for an extended period of time, and all options, including "work-camp" style hubs were being considered to accommodate them.

"We are currently looking at how we can provide temporary accommodation. It may be necessary in some places to have, effectively, a temporary work-camp set up," she told the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC).

On Monday, the grim search for bodies was continuing in the devastated Lockyer Valley, west of Brisbane. The death toll still stands at 18, most in valley communities. Police say grave fears are held for 14 others who remain missing from the Toowoomba/Lockyer Valley area.—Internet

Philippine floods death toll reaches 51

MANILA, 17 Jan—The death toll from nearly three weeks of torrential rains that caused flooding and landslides across large parts of the Philippines rose to 51 on Monday, officials said.

Rescuers recovered four more bodies from a swollen river on the central island of Negros at the weekend, the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council said.

The public has been warned, especially along the country's eastern seaboard, to brace for more rain this week, which could worsen the crisis that began in late December. The floods have affected at least 1.5 million people, while 8,800 have sought shelter in evacuation centres, the council said. Troops are supporting relief and rescue operations in the 25 affected provinces.

Internet



Residents watch as a vehicle traverses a flooded road in the town of Sto. Domingo, Albay Province, southeast of Manila.

INTERNET



Dong Qiaolan shows an artistically decorated steamed bun in Wenxi County, north China's Shanxi Province. Dong Qiaolan, 65, a woman in Wenxi County, made two steamed buns with artistic decorations for the upcoming Year of Rabbit in Chinese Lunar Calendar.—XINHUA

NASA: Astronaut hurt in bicycle accident

CAPE CANAVERAL, 17 Jan—NASA officials say an astronaut who had been slated for a spacewalk on the upcoming shuttle mission has been hurt in a bicycle accident.

The space agency said in a release late Saturday that Tim Kopra will be OK. But officials are still evaluating if he'll be able to perform his duties when the shuttle *Discovery* launches to the International Space Station on 24 Feb. NASA did not release more details about Kopra's injury, citing privacy concerns.

The 47-year-old Kopra lives in Houston and is a retired Army colonel. He was one of two astronauts scheduled to go on a spacewalk during *Discovery*'s mission to the space station.

Internet



In this undated file photo provided by NASA, US astronaut Tim Kopra poses for a photo. NASA officials say an astronaut who had been slated for a spacewalk on the upcoming shuttle mission has been hurt in a bicycle accident. The space agency said in a release late on 15 Jan, 2011 that Tim Kopra will be OK.

INTERNET

Outstanding public health staff, volunteers honoured

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Jan — Outstanding public health staff and volunteers were honoured at the ceremony held by Ministry of Health and World Health Organization at Anawrahta Hall of NyaungU on 15 January.

Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint addressed the ceremony, underlining the cooperation of health staff, volunteers and the people to reduce mother and child mortality rate, and to fight against malaria, tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS.

The minister, Director-General Dr Win Myint of Health Department and District Chairman U Yan Lin Aung presented certificates of honour to outstanding public health staff and volunteers from States/Regions.

The minister cor-



Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint presents certificates of honour to outstanding public health staff through State/Region representatives.—MNA

dially greeted the outstanding public health staff and volunteers from

States/Regions after the ceremony.

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Hydropower materials available at Shwetaung Group of Companies

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Jan—Third paper reading session on hydropower development was held at hydropower development training centre in the compound of Paunglaung Hydropower Plant in Pyinmana Township, Nay Pyi Taw District on 29 and 30 December last year. Scale models of hydropower projects being implemented by the Ministry of Electric Power No. 1 were put on show at the booth there.

Shwetaung Group of Companies—High Tech Concrete Technology Co., Ltd, Octagon International Co., Ltd and Octagon International Services Co., Ltd—also showcased products used in hydropower projects. For more information about the products, contact Octagon International Co., Ltd, Ahlon

Tower, Strand Road, River View Garden housing, Ahlon Township, Yangon (Ph-01-216574 and 01-211430 (ext-121) and Fax-01-227716), Octagon International Services Co., Ltd, No. 1951, Bogyoke Street, Hlinethaya Township,

Yangon (Ph-01-687866 and 01-687867 and Fax-01-687868) and High Tech Concrete Technology Co., Ltd, No.584, corner of Strand Road and 7th Street, Lanmadaw Township, Yangon (Ph-01-227705 and 01-227706).—MNA



Shwetaung Group of Companies displays products used in hydropower projects at paper reading session.

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Sun, inexhaustible source of energy...

(from page 1)

Many countries are forming energy audit teams to avoid unnecessary waste of electric power. On our trip to Thailand on duty, we visited the site near Hua Hin where there is a large field of 39,000 solar panels, which can generate 6.697 megawatts.

With an investment of 180 million bahts, Bangkok Solar Power Company (BSC) was established on 7 March 2007. Its plants produce power cables, inverters, transformers, and other electrical appliances. So far, its investment has risen to 2500 million bahts.

Yangon Region Renewable Energy

Committee is now doing research to find out whether imported solar panels meet the standard and how they can be used most properly to produce power in Myanmar. Locally-produced solar panels are getting user-friendly and reliable.

Today, LED lamps and bulbs are in place of fluorescent lamps and bulbs in homes and factories worldwide. LED lamps need only a few watts



The solar panel field near Hua Hin, Thailand.



A solar power lamp post in Thakayta Industrial Zone in Yangon Region.

and can thus save electric power and reduce expenses on electric bills.

And using solar power lamp posts helps save State funds on hydropower generated with hydropower plants, gas fired power plants and coal-fired power plants. Moreover, that can reduce carbon dioxide emission, villain of global warming that can lead to world climate changes.

One-watt solar power lamps and two-watt solar power lamps are produced on a massive scale, each of which has a 4- or 5-V battery and 30 LED bulbs. If a solar panel is exposed to sunshine for 7 hours, it produces electricity for about five hours, which is enough to give light for a 10 square feet room. A one-watt set in a solar lamp is sold for 5500 kyats, and a two-watt set, for 10,000 kyats. It is very

beneficial to villages that have not got electric power yet, rural health centres, trawlers, and night shift workers.

Use of solar power can also help conserve the environment and save State funds on electric power. So, the people are urged to use solar power in place of electric power.

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Information Minister U Kyaw Hsan attends respect-paying ceremony of MMA (Central)

YANGON, 17 Jan — Organized by Myanmar Music Association (Central), the second ceremony to pay respects to doyen musicians aged 80 and above was held at City Hall here this morning attended by Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan.

Writers and Journalists Association, Myanmar Motion Picture Association, Myanmar Troupers Association and Myanmar Traditional Artists and Artisans Association, chairmen and members of Township Music Association, well-wishers, musicians and

Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan and party pay respects to doyen musicians.

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It was also attended by Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor U Aung Thein Lin, Vice-Mayor U Maung Pa, departmental heads of the Ministry of

guests.

Head of Office of MMA CEC member U Myo Tint acted as MC and read out the agenda.

Explaining the purpose of holding the respect-paying ceremony

(Naung) said that the association received more cash donations than the previous years thanks to generous well-wishers. According to the instructions of the Information Minister, Gita



Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan presents cash and gift to a doyen musician.—MNA

Information, doyen musicians, the chairman of MMA (Central) and members, responsible persons of Myanmar

and speaking words of thanks, Chairman of Myanmar Music Association (Central) U Maung Maung Latt

Thingaha funds have been set up for doyen musicians to be used for their medical purposes and providing the needy



Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan presents cash and gift to a doyen musician.—MNA

musicians with monthly cash assistance. Then, he expressed thanks to the well-wishers, especially Union Solidarity and Development Party that donated K 50000 each to doyen musicians this year. The chairman continued that he was delighted to hear that the funds that have been set up for literati,

singers and film stars and that plans have been made to donate cash every year.

Next, the MMA chairman introduced those present to doyen musicians.

Then, Secretary of MMA Dr Ko Ko Lwin read out the list of names of well-wishers.

Afterwards, the

minister and those present paid respects to doyen literati.

Minister U Kyaw Hsan presented K 50000 each donated by USDP and K 200, 000 each and gifts by well-wishers including MMA (Central) to U Maung Maung (Banjo Maung Maung), (See page 9)

Ministries meet for production of high-quality...

(from page 16)

Following the improvement in socio-economic status, customers have become more aware of quality of product, and innovative designs in purchasing dresses. It can be seen that only cotton is used as raw material in textile sector of the nation. With regard to production, 17 factories under Myanmar Textile Industries, two military textile factories, eight

private textile factories can only supply 15.50% of domestic demand for cotton, 10.44% for brown cloth, and 3.16% of mechanized cloth. So, the local market is critically in need of more textiles and workshops.

Researches show that rayon fibres can be produced with pulp made from bamboo, eucalyptus, reed, Kaing (reed of *Saccharum* species) and other trees. If rayon-cotton textile factories can be set up

at home, not only domestic demand can be satisfied, but fashionable quality textile can be produced. The minister then urged entrepreneurs to make investment in textile sector for economic growth of the nation, adding that the government will fulfill requirements for establishment of rayon manufacturing plants.

Next, Minister U Soe Thein explained matters related to market competition, supply of labourers, technical cooperation and Chairman of MIC Minister U Maung



Ministers U Aung Thaung, U Soe Thein and entrepreneurs view industrial raw materials and textiles.—INDUSTRY-1

Maung Thein assistance for investors.

Next, Managing-Director Dr Aung Kyaw

Soe explained production process of rayon fibres and cotton, properties of rayon-made clothes, basic requirements for establishment of rayon manufacturing plant, usage of raw materials in rayon production from eucalyptus pulp, and potential supply of domestic cotton demand if rayon manufacturing plants are established.

Director U Zaw Win of Forest Department of Ministry of Forestry explained availability of eucalyptus cultivation at home and

agricultural assistance of the ministry for eucalyptus cultivation.

The ministers then answered queries raised by the entrepreneurs and Minister U Aung Thaung made concluding remarks.

Next, Ministers and entrepreneurs viewed industrial raw materials, local and foreign cotton, industrial raw materials from which rayon fibres can be produced, textiles made of 100% polyester, textiles made of 100% cotton, and products of Myanmar Textile Industries.

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Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung addressing coordination meeting on high-quality cotton and textile production.

INDUSTRY-1



EP-1 Minister meets Chinese guests

Minister U Zaw Min receives Chairman of the Board Mr Feng Ke of UREC and General Manager Mr Zhu Dongru of China Gezhouba Water & Power Co Ltd from China.—MNA

NAYPYI TAW, 17 Jan—Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min received Chairman of the Board Mr Feng Ke of Union Resources & Engineering Co Ltd (UREC) and General Manager Mr Zhu Dongru of China Gezhouba Water & Power Co Ltd from the

People's Republic of China at the ministry here this morning.

The minister and the Chinese guests hold discussion about cooperation. Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister U Myo Myint and departmental heads.—MNA

Information Minister U Kyaw Hsan attends respect-paying ceremony...

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U Tint Aung (Bogale Tint Aung), U Kyaw Hsan (Thukhi Aung), Daw Kyi Kyi (Hinthakyi) U Hla Aung (Tayaw U Hla Aung), U Maung Thwin (Tayaw U Thwin) and U Hla Sein.

Next, the mayor,

the vice-mayor, departmental heads of the Ministry of Information and officials presented cash and kind to doyen musicians.

On behalf of doyen musicians, versatile artiste Bogale Tint Aung spoke words

of thanks and called on the musicians to discharge their national duties without fail while striving for the improvement of the music industry.

After the ceremony, the minister cordially greeted the doyen musicians.

CEC members of MMA (Central) will pay respects to the musicians who are unable to attend ceremony.—MNA



Mayor U Aung Thein Lin presents cash and gift to a doyen musician.

MNA

S Lanka warns of high food prices after floods

COLOMBO, 17 Jan— Sri Lanka warned Monday that food prices could shoot up after devastating floods in the north and east of the country destroyed rice and vegetable crops.

Disaster Management Minister Mahinda Amaraweera said vegetable prices had already been affected because of the impact on growing areas that were swamped by unusually heavy monsoon rains.

More than a million people were displaced by the floods that began nine days ago and at least 40 people have died.

"We have a buffer stock of rice that is good for three months. That means there will be no immediate impact on the price of rice, but vegetables are already going up in price," Amaraweera said.

Sri Lanka's annual inflation rose to 5.9 percent in December compared to 3.4 percent a year earlier, with the issue set to figure in local government elections due by March.

Sri Lanka recently began importing chicken and eggs in a bid to stabilise local prices, but the minister said it would not be practical to import vegetables too.—*Internet*



Artists perform the drama *Snow White and Seven Dwarfs* in Jilin, northeast China's Jilin Province, on 16 Jan, 2011. Artists in Jilin adapted several stage dramas such as *Snow White and Seven Dwarfs*, *Beauty and Beast* and *Little Red Riding Hood* for the people in Jilin. The drama will be performed on the holidays and weekends from 16 Jan to 21 Aug free of charge. —XINHUA

Indonesia's coal-fired power plant in Central Java to be operated by 2016

JAKARTA, 17 Jan— Indonesia expected to operate a coal-fired power plant in Central Java valued at 3 billion US dollars by 2016 following recent enactment of a presidential decree and a finance ministerial decree about law umbrella on infrastructure projects guarantee conducted by government and private sector, a press statement said here on Monday.

Bambang Dwiyoanto, public relation manager of PT Perusahaan Listrik Negara (PLN), state-run power company, told reporters that the decrees will allow PLN to resume tender process of the power plant in line with schedule. "Hopefully, a power purchase agreement contract

between PLN and independent power projects (IPP) could be signed in the middle of this year so that the coal-fired power plant of Central Java could operate by 2016," said Dwiyoanto in a statement.

He said that the power plant would be constructed to anticipate high demand rate of electricity of 8-9 percent per year to support national economic growth of 6-7 percent per year.

Besides, he said, currently, Indonesia has low electrification ratio of 58 percent in 2006 and 65 percent in 2010 whereas the government's target is 91 percent by 2019.

Xinhua



BMW's art painted sport motor M3 GT2 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

Gang's terror felt far from drug war on US border

IXTEPEC (Mexico), 17 Jan— A priest who shelters stranded migrants needs police protection. A chopped-up body turns up with a threatening message. Beheadings are on the rise. The local press is too frightened to write about any of it.

This is not northern Mexico, where drug gangs fight for turf along the US border and the Mexican government wages an open battle against them. This is the south, where the brutal Zetas cartel is quietly spreading a reign of terror virtually unchallenged, all the way to the border with Guatemala — and across it.

Just as they have done in the north, groups claiming to be Zetas have set up criminal networks to control transit routes for drugs, migrants and contraband such as pirated DVDS, intimidating the populace and committing gruesome murders as an example to the uncooperative.

Four years ago they started preying

on the south, Mexico's poorest region. They moved into Oaxaca, Chiapas and other southern states and then northern Guatemala, where attacks on townspeople became so commonplace that the government last month sent in 300 troops to regain control of the border province of Alta Verapaz.

Internet



In this photo taken on 9 Jan, 2011, migrants from Central America headed northwards towards the US rest at a temporary shelter in Chahuities, in Mexico's southern state of Oaxaca.—INTERNET

Toyota developing alternative electric motor

TOKYO, 17 Jan— Toyota Motor Corp, maker of the popular Prius hybrid car, is developing a new type of electric motor to cut its dependence on rare earth metals and lower costs, a company spokesman said Monday.

The new technology will help free the world's No 1 automaker from relying on China, which produces 97 percent of the global output of rare earths needed for many high-tech products, including the current generation of hybrid gasoline-electric motors.

Beijing sent shock waves through Japan's high-tech sector late last year when it blocked exports of the exotic metals after a diplomatic spat, and prices have soared as China gradually tightens its output.

"Toyota is always looking for a reduction in resources and in terms of costs," said spokesman Paul Nolasco.

The company has not released any specific uses or timeline for the new motor, he said.

Toyota has bet big on gasoline-electric

hybrid technology, and an executive said last year it will begin selling a completely electric vehicle in 2012 in the US, Japan and Europe. The company is also working on an electric sport-utility vehicle with US luxury electric car maker Tesla.

Analysts said production of such vehicles was still small enough that there was little short-term risk from a shortage of rare earths, but this could change quickly.

Internet



Iran discovers major natural gas field

TEHRAN, 17 Jan— Iranian Oil Minister Masoud Mirkazemi said that a major natural gas field called Khayyam has been discovered in southern Iranian oilfield of Assalouyeh, the state-owned IRNA news agency reported on Monday.

The minister told reporters on Sunday that the gas field is located in the east of Assalouyeh opposite Lavan Island on the Persian Gulf shore, according to the report.

"The in-situ capacity of the gas field is 260 billion cubic metres and 80 percent of its reserves can be exploited," Mirkazemi was quoted as saying.

Iran and Qatar share a huge natural gas condensate field, the South Pars-North Dome field, in the Persian Gulf. According to the International Energy Agency, the field holds an estimated 50.97 trillion cubic metres of in-situ gas and some 50 billion barrels of condensates.—Xinhua

Authorities destroy pirated DVDs and other publications seized during a crackdown in Beijing. China will step up its fight to protect intellectual property rights by targeting online piracy, state media said Monday.

INTERNET

Bottles of Asahi beers are displayed in a supermarket in Shanghai. Japan's beverage industry saw beer shipments fall to a record low last year amid sliding demand in the greying nation, data showed on Monday, with Asahi Breweries recapturing top spot.—INTERNET



GE to build innovation centre focusing on health care in SW China

CHENGDU, 17 Jan—General Electric Co (GE) announced Monday it will build an innovation centre here in Chengdu, capital city of southwest Sichuan Province, focusing on the country's local health care market.

According to GE, the Chengdu innovation centre will be different from traditional research and development cen-

tres, as it will combine research and development sections with marketing ones.

The centre is expected to open this year, and is currently recruiting 380 engineers for research and development in areas such as health care, petroleum, natural gas and automation.

According to GE, the

centre will develop tailor-made products or services for Chinese after studying local medical conditions and people's consumption capacity.—Internet



File photo shows liquefied natural gas storage tanks at the Woodside operated North West Shelf Gas Venture near Karratha in Western Australia. Australia on Monday gave BP permission to explore for oil and gas off its south coast, saying the company had agreed to integrate lessons learned from the Gulf of Mexico spill in its operations.—INTERNET

Australian gov't gives BP permission for new oil exploration in South Australia

CANBERRA, 17 Jan—Australian federal government on Monday gave global oil and gas company BP permission to explore for new oil reserves off the Australian coast for the first time since the Gulf of Mexico spill disaster.

Resources Minister Martin Ferguson announced seven new oil and gas exploration permits to four companies to operate in Western Australia state and South Australia, in a 682 million US dollars investment boost over the next three years. Four permits were handed to BP Exploration (Alpha) in the Ceduna basin off South Australia.

The remaining three, in the Carnarvon Basin off Western Australia, were awarded to Woodside Energy, Riverina Energy and Finder No 4 Pty Ltd. Ferguson said that the nation's energy security will be greatly enhanced by opening up new geological frontiers and reducing our dependence on imports.

The permits were the first in these areas to be issued since the April 2010 blowout at BP's Macondo well that killed 11 workers and spewed almost five million barrels of oil into the Gulf of Mexico.—Internet

800,000 Haitians remain in refugee camps

PORT-AU-PRINCE, 17 Jan—One year after a devastating earthquake hit Haiti, killing at least 250,000 and leaving about 1.5 million homeless, about half of the refugees still live in tents, with no immediate relief in sight.

Quake-affected Haitians have been living in "provisional" camps set up by international aid organizations working in Haiti since the quake on 12 Jan, 2010. Life in refugee

camps is hard, and what makes it worse is that there is little hope that things will change anytime soon.

In a camp inside the yard of the Prime Minister's office, which is one with better living conditions compared to others in the country, Pierre Beauvais, a member of the camp's organizational committee, told *Xinhua* that a total of 5,133 people from 577 families have been living there since

the earthquake.

The Haitian National Police and the United Nations Police (UNPOL) said that all camps in the country have around-the-clock surveillance, and that press reports about increasing crime in these camps are untrue. However, a police-woman in the camp in the Prime Minister's yard told *Xinhua* Sunday that maintaining order inside the camp is not their primary concern.

Xinhua

Singapore fertility rate falls to record low

SINGAPORE, 17 Jan—Singapore's fertility rate slumped to a new low in 2010, meaning the city-state must keep bringing in foreign workers to support economic growth as the population ages, a senior cabinet official said Monday.

The resident fertility rate — or number of babies born per woman per year — dipped to 1.16 last year, down from the previous record low of 1.22 in 2009, said Deputy Prime Minister Wong Kan Seng.

The rate is well below the 2.1 babies needed for the population to replenish itself naturally.

"The key hurdle to achieving a sustainable population lies in our weak local fertility rate," said Wong, who also oversees a body that coordinates population policies.

"For more than 30 years, we have not been having enough babies to replace ourselves," he said in a speech to a forum organised by the Institute of Policy Studies.

While the government has pledged to put the interests of Singaporeans first, the country needs to continue employing foreign workers, Wong Deputy Prime Minister Kan Seng said.

He said the government would continue encouraging couples to produce more children, but admitted that raising the fertility rate would take time.

"For the foreseeable future, we will need to tap on immigration to augment our population, to support economic growth and to mitigate the impact of ageing," he said.—Internet



Paramilitary policemen use shovels to break the ice as spotted seals rest on a frozen lake at Dongpaotai Park in Yantai, Shandong Province on 17 Jan, 2011.—INTERNET

Venezuela nabs three foreign drug smugglers wanted by Interpol

CARACAS, 17 Jan—Venezuela has detained three foreign drug smugglers wanted by Interpol and will expel them in a few days, Interior Minister Tarek el Aissami said on Sunday.

One of them is Colombian Gloria Rojas, 56, a member of Mexico's Los Zetas drug cartel who is also wanted by a New York

tribunal for cocaine smuggling, he told reporters.

Canadian Robert Stead who tried to traffick heroin to US, Canada and European markets, was detained in the Margarita Island on 13 Jan, said the minister.

Dutch Anton Herbam Merk, 61, was detained on 14 Jan. He is also wanted by the Dutch government for links to several Colombian criminal groups and drug trafficking.

Xinhua



Participants run during the Mumbai Marathon in Mumbai, India, on 16 Jan, 2011. Thousands of the city's residents alongside athletes took part in the marathon.

INTERNET

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Brazil rains kill more than 600 as epidemic feared

NOVA FRIBURGO, 17 Jan—Rains that devastated a mountainous region north of Rio de Janeiro have killed at least 626 people, Brazil's Civil Defence agency said on Sunday, as fears of more storms and disease outbreaks overshadowed rescue operations.

Nearly five days after rains sparked floods and massive landslides in one of Brazil's worst natural disasters, the death toll continues to

rise steadily as rescuers dig up corpses buried by rivers of mud and reach more remote areas.

TV images showed rescue workers looking for people under mounds of debris, a task made difficult by more rain since Saturday.

The government has made available 586 military personnel for rescue operations, 8,000 food baskets and 7 metric tons of medicine and other supplies, it said in a statement.—*Internet*



Rescue workers walk through a forest to search for victims after a landslide in Teresopolis on 15 Jan.—INTERNET

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A man watches the speech of Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah in Beirut, Lebanon, on 16 Jan, 2011.—INTERNET

Hezbollah defends bringing down Lebanon government

BEIRUT, 17 Jan—The leader of Hezbollah on Sunday defended the decision to bring down Lebanon's Western-backed government, saying the Shiite militant group did so without resorting to violence and will not be intimidated by world reaction.

In his first comments since the government collapse on Wednesday, Sheik Hassan Nasrallah also said his bloc will not support Saad Hariri re-

turning to his post as prime minister in talks Monday on forming a new government.

Internet



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**Two locals walk
through floodwater in
the suburb of New
Farm in Brisbane,
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Australia says economic cost of floods to top other

CANBERRA, 17 Jan—Floods devastating huge areas of Australia's eastern seaboard, including the nation's third-largest city, look set to be the costliest natural disaster ever in a country known for climatic extremes, Treasurer Wayne Swan said on Monday.

The floods in the major resource state of Queensland, which have swept through an area the size of South Africa, and overnight in 46 towns in Victoria state would not delay a promised return to surplus in 2012-13, Swan said. But the huge rebuilding and cleanup cost could force difficult spending cuts.

The estimated cost of rebuilding the worst hit Queensland State alone stood at A\$10 billion (\$9.8 billion), *The Australian* newspaper said on Monday, and the damage bill was rising fast as record flooding moved south to northern and western Victoria.—*Internet*

Professor adds new zodiac sign

A Minnesota astronomy professor set off a wave of zodiac confusion by saying the astrology calendar is wrong and adding a new sign, Ophiuchus.

Parke Kunkle of the Minneapolis Community and Technical College said an exact reading of the Earth's orbit around the sun indicates many zodiac signs are off by as much as a month and he said the analysis called for the creation of a new sign for birthdays between 29 Nov and 17 Dec, Ophiuchus, the serpent holder, *The Miami Herald* reported Friday.



According to Kunkle, the astrology calendar calls for a new sign, Ophiuchus, the serpent holder, for birthdays between 29 Nov and 17 Dec.

"I defined the zodiac by the constellations that are in the background when you look at where the sun, moon, and stars are," Kunkle said. "Ophiuchus has been around a long time, and the sun has been going through Ophiuchus for thousands of years."

However, many astrologists dismissed Kunkle's analysis.

"It holds no water," Jeffrey Brock, director of Florida's Astrological and Metaphysical Research Centre, said of Kunkle's findings. He said it was a "completely unfounded" attempt to discredit astrology.



Metro trains arrive at the Gallery Pl - Chinatown Station in Washington, DC 2010. Bosses at Washington's cash-strapped public transportation service are mulling selling "naming rights" for Metro stations as a way of filling a budget gap, a spokesman said Friday.

Next stop on DC Metro: Big-MacPherson Square?

Bosses at Washington's cash-strapped public transportation service are mulling selling "naming rights" for Metro stations as a way of filling a budget gap, a spokesman said Friday.

"We're looking at a possible \$72 million dollar shortfall in our budget for the upcoming year, and so we're looking for creative ways to try to close that deficit," Metro spokesman Steven Taubenkibel said.

"One idea would be station naming rights," where corporate entities buy the right to have their brand associated with one of Metro's 86 stations.

Facebook and Twitter erupted with suggestions when the announcement was made.

McDonald's could sponsor McPherson Square near the White House, one Metro rider suggested. It could become Big-MacPherson Square.

Wheaton, in the Maryland suburbs, could become Wii-Wheaton if it were sponsored by the popular interactive video game. Cream of Wheaton, a play on the name of a hot breakfast cereal, has also been suggested.

Accused robber charged in own shooting

An alleged lookout shot in a Florida robbery attempt has been charged with shooting himself, authorities say.

Tavian Canady, 20, of Riviera Beach, charged with two counts of attempted first-degree murder with a firearm and five counts of attempted armed robbery, was ordered held without bond by Palm Beach County Circuit Judge Ted Booras, *The Palm Beach Post* reported.

When officers found Canady and two other men shot 10 Dec in Jupiter, they initially determined he was one of the robbers and was shot by one of his cohorts, the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office said.

He is being charged with three shootings he did not actually carry out — including his own — under a law that holds someone taking part in a crime can be charged with all its results. The other robbery suspects have not been arrested, the sheriff's office said.

News Album

Bale, Bening among early Golden Globe winners



British actor Colin Firth, star of the film 'The King's Speech',

BEVERLY HILLS, 17 Jan—Annette Bening, who played a lesbian mother in "The Kids Are All Right," and Christian Bale, who portrayed a drug-addicted boxer in "The Fighter," won Golden Globe trophies on Sunday.

Bening was named best actress in a comedy in the tale of two children of lesbian parents who search for their sperm donor father. Bale claimed the honour of best supporting actor for boxing drama "The Fighter." In another key film award, Melissa Leo playing the mother of Christian Bale's character in "The Fighter" was

named best supporting actress.

Among other early winners, Facebook film "The Social Network," which was also nominated for best drama, took home two honours. One went to Nine Inch Nails frontman Trent Reznor and Atticus Ross for best score and a second to writer Aaron Sorkin for best screenplay.

"Toy Story 3" was named best animated movie for what director Lee Unkrich called "an animated movie that beat with a human heart."

Denmark's "In a Better World" was named best foreign language film. But it was Bening and Bale who brought major stardom to the early awards with Bening thanking her cast, including Julianne Moore and Mark Ruffalo, and Bale poking modest fun at the Hollywood Foreign Press Association (HFPA), which hands out the Golden Globe

Awards.

"Now I know who you are, and suddenly I realize how wise and perceptive and spectacular you guys are," Bale quipped.

The Golden Globe Awards, which are given out by the nearly 90 members of the HFPA, are one of the major Hollywood awards shows leading to the film industry's most-prized honors, the Oscars, which are handed out by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

The night's top Gol-

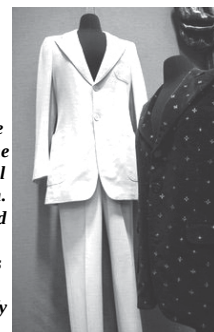
den Globe is best film drama, and in that category, "The King's Speech," which examines British King George VI's stammering problem, will compete with "The Social Network," the Facebook film that has swept many early honours in Hollywood's awards season. Three others hope to deliver a knockout punch and win best drama including boxing movie "The Fighter," which had six nods, ballet movie "Black Swan" and thriller "Inception."

Reuters



Actress Claire Danes poses with her award for best actress in a miniseries or made for 'Temple Grandin.'

This Monday, on 13 Dec, 2010 file photo shows the suit John Lennon wore in the photo on the cover of The Beatles' Abbey Road album, left, and a blazer he wore during his video for the song 'Imagine,' at Braswell Galleries in Norwalk, Conn. The seller's former landlord has sued the gallery that auctioned the late Beatle's suit for \$46,000, trying to get at the proceeds to satisfy a rent debt.—INTERNET



NYC landlord wants money from Lennon suit auction

NEW YORK, 17 Jan—A New York City landlord has a message for the collector who recently sold the suit John Lennon wore on the cover of the Beatles' "Abbey Road" album: You never give me your money.

The seller's former landlord has sued the gallery that auctioned the late Beatle's suit for \$46,000, trying to get at the proceeds to satisfy a rent debt.

Braswell Galleries was told before the 1 Jan sale that a court had determined in 2009 that seller Biond Fury — a psychic and memorabilia collector — owed more than \$21,000 in rent for his former Manhattan apartment, according to landlord Mark Arrow's lawsuit, filed Tuesday in a Manhattan state court. Arrow's lawyers say they told the Norwalk, Conn.-based gallery not to go through with the sale, and that the gallery should now have to fork over at least \$21,463.

Internet

We can beat drop, says Houllier after derby draw

BIRMINGHAM, 17 Jan — Aston Villa manager Gerard Houllier is optimistic their Premier League point against Birmingham City can be a springboard to survival.

Roger Johnson had given Alex McLeish's team a 49th-minute lead in Sunday's derby at St Andrews when he lashed home from 12 yards.

But Houllier's men fought back to claim a deserved 73rd-minute lev-



Birmingham City's Belarusian Alexander Hleb (centre) collides with Aston Villa's James Collins.—INTERNET

eller when James Collins hooked home with the aid of a deflection off Liam Ridgeway.—Internet

Uzbeks hold China to reach Asian Cup last eight

DOHA, 17 Jan — Uzbekistan reached the Asian Cup quarter-finals after drawing 2-2 with China in a topsy-turvy and fiercely contested



Uzbekistan's players celebrate with forward Alexander Geynrikh (C) after he scored his team's second goal against China during their 2011 Asian Cup group A football match at the Al-Gharafa Stadium in the Qatari capital Doha.

INTERNET

final Group A game at the Al Gharafa Stadium here on Sunday.

Having fallen behind early on, Uzbekistan equalised and then went ahead early in the second period through a fine long-distance effort from one-time CSKA Moscow forward Alexander Geynrikh.

Schalke midfielder Hao Junmin brought the East Asian champions level with a magnificent free-kick but despite sustained pressure China could not find a winner that would have brought qualification down to head-to-head records.

Internet

SPORTS

Marseille misfit Gignac finally hits target

PARIS, 17 Jan — French international striker Andre-Pierre Gignac finally justified his 18-million-euro transfer fee on Sunday when he scored his first home league goal for champions Marseille in a 2-1 victory over Bordeaux.

It was only Gignac's second league strike of the season — his first was at St Etienne in October — although he had hit a Champions League hat-trick against Zilina at the Stade Velodrome.

His goal on Sunday came in the 23rd minute when Taye Taiwo floated over a cross to the far post

where Gignac was waiting to slot home with his right foot.

Internet



Marseille's forward Andre-Pierre Gignac (front) is congratulated by teammates after he scored a goal during the French L1 football match Marseille versus Bordeaux at the Velodrome stadium in Marseille, southern France.

INTERNET

Qatar storm into Asian Cup quarter-finals

DOHA, 17 Jan — Qatar stormed into the Asian Cup quarter-finals for only the second time in their history on Sunday with a commanding 3-0 victory over Gulf champions Kuwait, who were eliminated from the tournament.

They went through after Uzbekistan drew 2-2 with China to top Group A, allowing Qatar to finish second and make the last eight for the first time since 2000. Captain Bilal Mohammed got the opening goal on 11 minutes after a blistering start from the 2022 World Cup hosts with Mohamed El Sayed scoring the second five minutes later.

Brazilian-born substitute Fabio Cesar put the game beyond doubt four minutes from time with a beautifully weighted freekick that left the goalkeeper stranded.

Internet



Qatari players celebrate after forward Mohammed al-Sayed (R) scored his team's second goal against Kuwait during their 2011 Asian Cup group A football match at Khalifa Stadium in the Qatari capital Doha.—INTERNET

Results on 16 & 17 January

Asian Cup - Group B

Jordan	2 - 1	Syria
Saudi Arabia	0 - 5	Japan

England - Premier League

Birmingham C.	1 - 1	Aston Villa
Sunderland	1 - 1	Newcastle U.
Liverpool	2 - 2	Everton
Tottenham H.	0 - 0	Manchester U.

Italy - Serie A

Cagliari	3 - 1	Palermo
Brescia	2 - 0	Parma
Catania	1 - 1	Chievo
Cesena	0 - 1	AS Roma
Genoa	2 - 4	Udinese
Juventus	2 - 1	Bari
Lazio	1 - 0	Sampdoria
Lecce	1 - 1	AC Milan

Spain - Primera Division

Valencia	2 - 0	Deportivo La Coruna
Almeria	1 - 1	Real Madrid
Barcelona	4 - 1	Malaga

Germany - Bundesliga I.

Eintracht Frankfurt	0 - 3	Hannover
Kaiserslauter	1 - 1	FC Cologne

Nervy Sharapova into Australian Open second round

MELBOURNE, 17 Jan — Former Australian Open champion Maria Sharapova recovered from some shaky moments against Thailand's Tamarine Tanasugarn to cruise into the second round 6-1, 6-3.

The 2008 winner on Monday lost her opening service game to the 33-year-old Tamarine but hit back to win the next six games, wrapping up the first set in just 26 minutes.

The glamorous Russian broke again in the first game of the second set before going off the boil, dropping the next three

games to go 3-1 down.

Tamarine had game points to make it 4-1 but Sharapova, seeded 14th, fought back, breaking her former doubles partner to get the set back on serve.

Internet



Maria Sharapova of Russia serves during her women's singles match against Tamarine Tanasugarn of Thailand.

INTERNET

United back on top of Premier League after Spurs draw

LONDON, 17 Jan — Ten-man Manchester United returned to the top of the Premier League here Sunday after holding Tottenham to a 0-0 draw in a match that failed to live up to expectations.

United's hard-earned point saw them reclaim top spot from Manchester City on goal difference, although Sir Alex Ferguson's unbeaten side have two games in hand over their bitter local rivals.

An open encounter at White Hart Lane never quite caught fire, and United were forced onto the defensive in the final stages

after fullback Rafael Da Silva was sent off for his second yellow card.

The result leaves Spurs in fifth place on 37 points, eight points off the lead and one point behind Chelsea, who occupy the fourth Champions League spot.

Internet



Tottenham Hotspur's Gareth Bale (left) fights for the ball with Manchester United's Rafael Da Silva.—INTERNET

Italian Serie A title rivals close in, Milan stumble

ROME, 17 Jan — AC Milan were held to a 1-1 draw at lowly Lecce as three



AC Milan's Swedish forward Zlatan Ibrahimovic (L) fights for the ball against Lecce's Algerian midfielder Djamel Mesbah during their Italian Serie A football match at Lecce's communal stadium.

INTERNET

of their title rivals bagged late winners to close in on the Serie A leaders on Sunday.

Zlatan Ibrahimovic scored a wonder goal to give Milan the lead in the south east only for Uruguayan Ruben Olivera to snatch a share of the spoils for relegation-threatened Lecce.

Milan's lead at the top was pegged at four points from Napoli, who were held to a goalless draw at home to Fiorentina on Saturday, and Lazio who enjoyed a late winner against Sampdoria.—Internet

Barca open four-point gap, Real held by Almeria

MADRID, 17 Jan — Barcelona opened up a four-point gap at the top of the Spanish first division on Sunday when they staged another sensational display of attacking football to sweep aside Malaga 4-1.

Motivated by Real Madrid's shock 1-1 draw at bottom side Almeria earlier in the day, Barcelona were quickly out of the blocks and Andres Iniesta scored the opening goal after just seven minutes.

World Player of the Year Lionel Messi was running circles around the Malaga defence and the little Argentine set up David Villa to double the advantage, while Pedro



Barcelona's forward David Villa celebrates his goal during the Spanish league football match FC Barcelona.—INTERNET

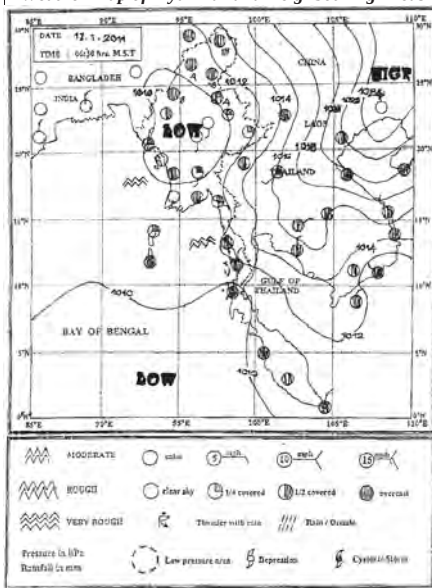
Rodriguez added a third before the break.

Malaga had more possession in the second half and they pulled a goal back through a fine Duda free-kick.

But Barcelona raised their level again, and Villa latched onto a Xavi Hernandez pass to notch up his second of the night.

Internet

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Monday, 17th January, 2011

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T.

During the past 24 hours, rain has been widespread in Kachin State, scattered in Upper Sagaing Region, isolated in Chin and Rakhine States, Taninthayi Region and weather has been partly cloudy over the remaining States and Regions. Night temperatures were (3°C) above January average temperature in Kachin, Shan, Rakhine and Mon States, (7°C) above January average temperature in Mandalay Region and about January average temperatures in the remaining States and Regions. The significant night temperatures were Haka (4°C), Namhsan and Heho (5°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall were Haka (1.34) inches, Myitkyina (0.78) inch, Putao (0.71) inch, Machanbaw and Maungdaw (0.63) inch each.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 16-1-2011 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 17-1-2011 was 62°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 17-1-2011 was (91%). Rainfall on 17-1-2011 was (Nil).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 16-1-2011 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 17-1-2011 was 65°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 17-1-2011 was (67%). Total sunshine hours on 16-1-2011 was (9.1) hours (Approx).

Rainfall on 17-1-2011 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 Southeast at (17:30) hours MST on 16-1-2011.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 18th January 2011:

Rain are likely to be isolated to scattered in Kachin, Chin, Shan and Rakhine States, Sagaing, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions and weather will be partly cloudy over Mon and Kayin States, Magway and Taninthayi 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 isolated rain in the Upper Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 18-1-2011: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 18-1-2011: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 18-1-2011: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Weather outlook for third weekend of January 2011:

During the coming weekend, weather will be generally fair in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay Regions.

Freezing weather pounds SW China again

GUIZHOU, 17 Jan — Snow and icy rain hit southwest China's Guizhou Province again Monday as the cold snap was moving eastward, said meteorological authorities. Electricity cables were coated in ice in 11 counties or cities in the province, said the Guizhou Meteorological Observatory spokesman. More snow and icy rain are expected for Guizhou over the next two days.

In neighboring Sichuan Province, snow covered its capital Chengdu for the fifth time this winter on Monday, the most times in the last 10 years, said the province's meteorological observatory spokesman.

Heavy snow in Guanyuan City of Sichuan forced the Beijing-Kunming Expressway to close for three hours on Sunday, according to traffic police. Freezing weather and icy rain will spread from southwest China to eastern China over the next three days, plunging temperatures in more provinces, said the National Meteorological Center.—Xinhua



Rescuers clean fuel oil spilling out of a sunken vessel on the reservoir of the Three Gorges Dam in Yichang, central China's Hubei Province, on 17 Jan, 2011. The vessel carrying 1,000 tons grit sunk as it moved near the Three Gorges Dam early Monday. Eight crew members on the vessel were rescued after the accident.

XINHUA

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL
Programme Schedule
(18-1-2011) (Tuesday)

Transmissions

Local	Times
Oversea Transmission -	(09:00am~11:00am MST)
	(18-1-11 09:30 am ~ 19-1-11 09:30 am MST)

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Monastery Yot Son Kyaung (Sa-Le)
- * News
- * Secret Places for Yummy Foods
- * News
- * Record Album
- * ART treatment to cover three more townships
- * News
- * Myanmar Traditional Festival

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- * Myanmar Traditional Festival
- * News
- * Cultural Trail from China to ASEAN
- * News
- * Precious Gems and Valuable Art
- * Myanmar Handiwork, Painting Art
- * Musical Gallery
- * News
- * Reed Mats
- * News
- * Serenely Pleasant Pindaya
- * Myanmar Movie "Story of a flower"

Myanmar

Tuesday,
18 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. Dance Of National Races

8:10 am

7. Songs Of Yester Years

8:20 am

8. Teleplay (Forest)

8:40 am

9. International News

8:45 am

10. Musical Programme

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. Teleplay (Traffic)

4:40 pm

5. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Second Year (Economic)

4:55 pm

6. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

5:00 pm

7. The Mirror Images Of The Musical Oldies

5:15 pm

8. Sweet Melody

5:30 pm

9. Star Garden

6:00 pm

10. Evening News

6:15 pm

11. Weather Report

6:20 pm

12. Kyaew Pwint Myayee Yin Khone Than

6:40 pm

13. Sing A Song

7:10 pm

14. Music Series

8:00 pm

15. News

16. International News

17. Weather Report

18. Just for Laughs

19. TV Drama Series

20. Movie Quiz

- ★ 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

Ministries meet for production of high-quality cotton and textiles

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Jan—Ministry of Industry-1 held work coordination meeting on production of high-quality cotton and textiles at the ministry here this morning, attended by Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung, Minister for Industry-2 U Soe Thein, Chairman of Myanmar Investment Commission Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Maung Maung Thein, departmental heads, the president of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and

industrialists, the chairman of Textile Entrepreneurs Association, owners of textile factories, and entrepreneurs.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister U Aung Thaung said that the meeting is in fact to invite entrepreneurs to make investment in production of high-quality textiles at home. The government has set up industrial zones and there are altogether 107,635 small, medium and heavy industries across the country. In 18 industrial zones, there are 9,711 factories and

workshops and with the assistance of the government, one foundry and three lathe and mould workshops have been established in Mandalay, Taunggyi and Ayethaya and Monywa industrial zones.

(See page 9)

Significant night temperatures (17-1-2011)

Haka	(4°C)
Namhsan	(5°C)
Heho	(5°C)

Talks for sustainable progress of libraries held

YANGON, 16 Jan—Kyauktan Township Information and Public Relations Department and Kyauktan Township Writers and Journalists Association co-organized talks on sustainable development of libraries and post-literacy movements at basic education middle schools in Pandaw Model Village and

Myaingthaya Model Village respectively here on 13 and 14 January.

Principals delivered addresses. Township IPRD Staff Officer U Myint Ngwe gave talks on sustainable development of libraries and post-literacy movements.

Literary talks were given by Township WJA Patron U Tun Shein

(Than Win Shein) and Chairman U Soe Win (Hmawwun Win Myat), Maung Ni Hmaing (Kyauktan), Maung Yay Chan (Kyauktan), Than Win Tun (Swa), and Maung Yin Hmwe (Hmawwun).

The Township IPRD staff officer and writer Than Win Shein presented publications to the schools.

Township IPRD



Staff officer U Myint Ngwe of Township IPRD gives talks on sustainable development of libraries and post-literacy movements.

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