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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

ASEAN Foreign Ministers welcome positive developments including successful holding of multi-party democracy general elections, stress need for countries, which imposed sanctions on Myanmar, to respond to those developments, lift sanctions

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Jan—A Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win arrived back home by air yesterday afternoon after attending the ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Retreat and the Special Meeting of the ASEAN Coordination Council (ACC) in Lombok, the Republic of Indonesia, from 15 to 17 January.

On 15 January, Indonesian Minister of Foreign Dr R M Marty M Natalegawa and wife hosted a dinner to the ASEAN Foreign Ministers and spouses and the ASEAN Secretary-General at Oberoi Lombok Hotel.

On 16 January, the minister attended the ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Retreat at Oberoi Lombok Hotel and exchanged views on international and regional issues. The ASEAN Foreign Ministers held cordial discussion on topics including the ASEAN Community Building, modalities of ASEAN Summits, East Asia Summit and ASEAN Community in a global community of nations. During the retreat, the minister explained the positive developments in Myanmar in the post-election era.

In their discussions on the issue on Myanmar, the ASEAN Foreign Ministers welcomed the positive developments including the successful holding of the multi-party democracy general elections and stressed the need for the countries, which imposed sanctions on Myanmar, to respond to those developments and lift their sanctions against the country.

Minister U Nyan Win poses for photo together with ASEAN Foreign Ministers during the ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Retreat in Lombok, the Republic of Indonesia.—MNA

In the afternoon, the minister joined other ASEAN Foreign Ministers and the ASEAN Secretary-General to participate in the activities of coral reef planting, tree planting and releasing turtles on the beach of Lombok in commemoration of the event of holding of ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Retreat in Lombok.

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A line of traffic signboards on Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw section of Yangon-Mandalay Expressway.

Man's fault or vehicle or road? (1)

Byline: *Kayan Soe Myint*

Yangon-Mandalay Expressway is 202 miles and one furlong long from Yangon No. 3 Junction to Nay Pyi Taw C Junction. The four-lane divided highway has 30 feet wide traffic islands and two 25-foot-wide ways on it. Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw section of the expressway was commissioned on 25 March 2009.

It is not at the level of an expressway yet, because vehicles can run on it at the speed of 60 mph only. Along the expressway, some traffic signboards say "100 kilometers", some say "80 kilometers", and some say "Over speed may be highly risky". There are also many forms of traffic signboards along it.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Myanmar to become leading supplier of beans and pulses

As part of efforts to speed up the agriculture sector of the State, vacant and virgin lands have been reclaimed to extend sown acreage. Up to 1988, over 26 million acres of vacant and fallow lands could not be utilized in the agriculture sector.

So far, a total of 11.7 million acres of over 26 million acres of vacant and virgin lands have been reclaimed. Agricultural technology, quality strains of crops and fertilizers are provided to the farmers for ensuring boosting production of crops. Likewise, the farmers are provided for water availability with irrigation facilities such as dams, sluice gates, river water pumping projects and underground water tapping works.

Myanmar is standing at the top role in paddy production. In addition, Myanmar becomes a leading country in producing beans and pulses in South-East Asian region.

The country produced 170,000 tons of beans and pulses from 1.8 million acres in 1988, compared with 4.975 million tons from 10.57 million acres to date. Myanmar stands second at the world level in exporting beans and pulses after Australia. At present, utmost efforts are being made for using quality strains of crops and change of crop patterns in respective regions so as to achieve the target production of mung bean, green gram and pigeon pea.

Concerted efforts are being made for penetrating the international market by growing better yield and quality beans and pulses. The bean specified companies have been organized for exporting value-added products, and plans are being implemented for farming the domestic and international markets.

Thus, Myanmar, that stands second at the world level and top role in paddy exporting nation, is to focus on extended reclamation of vacant and virgin lands for production of more and more quality beans and pulses.

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**

Myanmar establishes diplomatic ties with Gambia

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Jan—The Union of Myanmar and the Republic of The Gambia desirous of establishing friendly relations and mutually beneficial cooperation on the basis of the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and norms of international law in accordance with the Vienna Conventions on Diplomatic Relations and on Consular Relations, decided to establish diplomatic relations between the two countries at Ambassadorial level with effect from 13 January, 2011.

The Joint Communique on the agreement to establish diplomatic relations between the Union of Myanmar and the Republic of The Gambia was signed by the Permanent Representative of the Union of Myanmar to the United Nations and the Permanent Representative of the Republic of The Gambia to the United Nations in New York on 13 January, 2011.

Myanmar has been making efforts to expand diplomatic relations with countries all over the world and the Republic of The Gambia has become the 103rd country with which Myanmar has established diplomatic relations.—*MNA*

Construction Minister inspects PyinOoLwin-Mogok Road construction

***Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint inspects PyinOoLwin-Mogok Road.*—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Jan—Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint inspected roadworks along PyinOoLwin-Mogok Road yesterday.

He inspected Nantpanchaung Bridge construction at milepost No. 70/4 near Legyi Village.

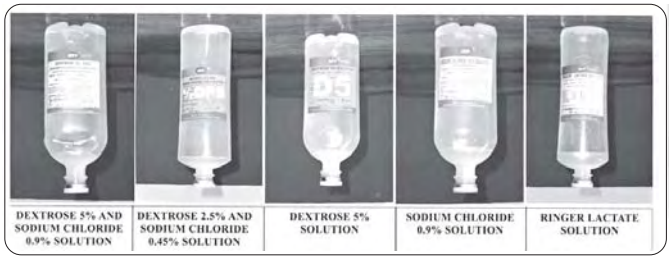
PyinOoLwin-Mogok new road is 97 miles and seven furlongs long and 34 feet wide with 12-foot-wide tar road, flanked by 3-foot-wide shoulders. There are one district group of Public Works under the Ministry of Construction, one special construction group, and ten construction companies getting involved in the road construction day and night.—*MNA*

Future puts 5 intravenous fluids on the market

YANGON, 19 Jan — K Future Co Ltd, as a sole agent, has been distributing five kinds of indispensable intravenous fluids — 5% Dextrose Infusion, 0.9 Sodium Chloride Infusion (Physiological Saline), Dextrose 5% & Sodium Chloride 0.9% Infusion (Dextrose & Physiological Saline), Dextrose 2.5% & Sodium Chloride 0.45% Solution (1/2 Strength DPS) and Ringer's Lactate Infusion — developed by Myanmar Pharmaceutical Factories (Yangon and Kyaukse).

Those injections are at the advantages in terms of quality and price compared with exported ones.

The exhibition for those intravenous fluids will be held at Myanmar Medical Association at No. 249, Theinbyu Road, Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Yangon, from 19 to 25 January in conjunction with 57th Myanmar Medical Conference-2011. The sale agents may contact K Future Co Ltd at Room No. 3, Building No. 17, Sabei Street (near Yuzana Plaza), Tamway Township in Yangon (Ph: 73096666 and 73146666).—*MNA*



Aye Thanda Lwin settles for a silver in China International Weightlifting bash

YANGON, 19 Jan—International Weightlifting Federation and China Weightlifting Federation jointly organized International Weightlifting Contest-2011 in Fujian of the People's Republic of China from 13 to 17 January.

In women's 53 kg class, Aye Thanda Lwin from Myanmar secured silver medal with US$ 3000 behind Chen Xiaoting from the host country clutching gold medal with US$ 5000 and ahead of Fayema Akther from Bangladesh with bronze medal and US$ 1000.

. Aye Thanda Lwin together with General Secretary U Myint Swe of Myanmar Weightlifting Federation as her coach and manger competed in the contest where 48 weightlifters from 20 countries struggled.—*MNA*

Car bomb kills 12 at Iraqi guards headquarters

BAGHDAD, 19 Jan— An Iraqi police spokesman says a car bomb has killed 12 people at a headquarters for a guard force that protects government buildings in eastern Iraq.

A police spokesman in Diyala Province says 57 people were injured in the blast on Wednesday morning.

Al-Karkhi says the car was driven by a suicide attacker and crashed into the headquarters' main gate in the city of Baqouba, 35 miles (60 kilometres) northeast of Baghdad. He says it exploded when guards opened fire on the car to try to stop it.

Police say the blast toppled a building on the headquarters' grounds.

The attack comes a day after a suicide bomber targeting police recruits in northern Iraq killed 65 people.

Internet

Afghan investigators inspect the site of a suicide bombing in Gereshk District of Helmand Province. A roadside bomb ripped through a minibus in southern Afghanistan, killing six civilians and wounding another three, a local official said.—INTERNET

Three killed in US drone strike in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 19 Jan— At least three people were killed in a US drone strike launched Tuesday night in Pakistan's northwest tribal area of North Waziristan, reported local Urdu TV channel Dunnya.

US drone

According to the report, the US drone fired three missiles at a house suspected of housing militants in the Datta Khel area of North Waziristan.

Tuesday's attack by US drones is the 7th of its kind in Pakistan since this year. So far a total of 26 people have reportedly been killed in such strikes since 1 Jan.

Internet

12 Taleban killed in blast in Afghanistan's Frayab Province

KABUL, 19 Jan—Twelve Taleban militants were killed and six others injured as their explosive device went off in Afghanistan Faryab Province 425 km northwest of Capital Kabul, Interior Ministry said in a statement on Wednesday.

"The militants were busy in making roadside bombs in a compound in Totak Village of Ghormach district late Tuesday night but suddenly their explosive material went off as a result 12 militants were killed and six others sustained injuries," the statement said.

Two local commanders of the Taleban fighters were also among those killed in the blast, the statement added.

The militants killed in the incident were involved in carrying out roadside bomb attacks in Faryab and the neighbouring Badghis Provinces.

Taleban militants have yet to make comments.

Xinhua

Iraqi security forces inspect a damaged car at the site of a bombing that wounded bodyguards of an official in Baghdad, Iraq recently.
INTERNET

Explosion rocks S Afghan Province, leaves bomber dead

KANDAHAR, 19 Jan— An explosion rocked the town of Spin Boldak District in Kandahar Province, 450 km south of Afghan Capital Kabul on Wednesday, casualties feared, police said.

"A suicide bomber attempted to target security forces in Spin Boldak District this morning at around 11:00 am local time but the police identified and opened fire seriously injured him," Abdul Razeq the commander of Border Police in Spin Boldak district told *Xinhua*.

"The bomber before taking his last breath exploded his explosive device strapped in his body and died on the spot," Razeq added.

There were no casualties on police and civilians, the police officer emphasized.

Xinhua

People react after the death of their family member in a suicide attack in Spin Boldak, Afghanistan.
INTERNET

Roadside bomb kills 13 civilians in Afghanistan

KABUL, 19 Jan— A motorized rickshaw packed with civilian passengers struck a roadside bomb in eastern Afghanistan Wednesday, triggering a blast that killed all 13 people in the vehicle.

The blast happened in Khoshamad District of eastern Paktika Province, the Interior Ministry said in a statement, adding that women and children were among the dead. Further details were not immediately available.

Civilians are increasingly the victims of the escalating Afghan war, particular from planted bombs on roads and in markets. A recent United Nations report said it documented 2,412 conflict-related civilian casualties in the first 10 months of 2010. More than three-quarters of them were caused by militant activity, a 25 percent increase from the same period in 2009, the report said. At the same time, civilian casualties attributed to pro-government forces decreased.

In western Herat Province Tuesday night, a rocket hit a civilian house during a firefight between militants and NATO forces in the area, government spokesman Shafiq Berozyan said. One child was killed and another 10 people were wounded, he said. These incidents came after two deadly roadside bombings this weekend.

On Saturday, six civilians were killed when their minivan hit a bomb while driving in southern Helmand Province. On Sunday, a station wagon carrying a family of nine people struck a bomb in northern Baghlan Province, killing all of those aboard.—*Internet*

US and allies kill, injure Iraqi people

BAGHDAD, 19 Jan— There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

Casualties of Iraqi people

The total number of casualties as from the day they invaded the country to 19 January reached 704717 and the total number of seriously injured people reached 1275703, according to the news on the Internet.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Death toll of Iraqi people	704717
2.	The total number of seriously injured people	1275703

Internet

Casualties of Afghan people in invasion of NATO troops led by US

KABUL, 19 Jan—The NATO troops led by the US have invaded Afghanistan and they are there for a long time.

A number of Afghan people are killed and injured due to invasion of the NATO troops led by the US.

Casualties of Afghan people

According to the Internet news, a total of 33578 Afghan people were killed and 40804 injured seriously as from the day when the NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan to 19 January.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Number of Afghan people killed	33578
2.	Seriously injured Afghan people	40804

Internet

Science

A young girl walks past her family's dried corn field in 2009 in Kenya. A growing world population combined with the steady effects of climate change are forecast to create a global food shortage in the next 10 years, but the news isn't all bad for some countries.—INTERNET

Sharks may be colourblind

PERTH, 19 Jan—Australian researchers say a study of vision in sharks found they have only one type of cone vision cell in their eyes, strongly suggesting they are colourblind.

Researchers from the University of Western Australia and the University of Queensland in Australia found that although the eyes of sharks function over a wide range of light levels, they only have a single type of long-wavelength-sensitive cone cell in the retina and therefore are potentially totally colourblind, *the Springer online journal The Science of Nature* reported Tuesday.

"This new research on how sharks see may help to prevent attacks on humans and assist in the development of fishing gear that may reduce shark bycatch in long-line fisheries," researcher Nathan Scott Hart said.

Internet

300 starlings found dead in South Dakota

YANKTON, 19 Jan—In the latest in a string of bird deaths, more than 300 starlings found dead in downtown Yankton, SD, were probably poisoned, wildlife officials said.

City officials said poison used at a local feed lot is believed to be the cause, the *Yankton Press & Dakotan* reported Tuesday.

Yankton Animal Control Officer Lisa Brasel said DRC 1339, a bird poison commonly used by the US Department of Agriculture, has been confirmed as the likely cause. Brasel said a USDA official contacted her Tuesday afternoon after seeing news of the dead birds.

Wildlife biologist Ricky Woods confirmed DRC 1339 was used by the USDA at a feedlot about 10 miles south of Yankton.

While birds usually die before getting so far from the source of the poison, it is not unknown, he told the *Press & Dakotan*.—*Internet*

Space agencies challenge kids to 'train like astronauts'

WASHINGTON, 19 Jan—NASA and other global space agencies have challenged 3,700 students in 25 cities around the world to "train like an astronaut," the US space agency said Tuesday.

The six-week pilot project, called "Mission X: Train Like an Astronaut" aims to teach healthy eating and exercise habits to children aged eight to 12, NASA said.

Students will also compete for points in scientific reasoning and working as a team as they practice techniques for strength training, endurance, balance and coordination.

"The exercises will involve the same types of skills astronauts learn during training for spaceflights," NASA said in a statement.

Among the countries hosting teams for the challenge are the United States, Britain, The Netherlands, Spain, Italy, France, Germany, Austria and Colombia.

The US team consists of 800 students in fourth grade (age 9-10) in the College Station Independent School District in College Station, Texas.—*Internet*

Schoolchildren around the world are being asked to take part in what organisers hope will be the biggest chemistry experiment of all time. Budding scientists at primary and secondary school level will be asked to carry out four tests on water as part of the International Year of Chemistry, due to be launched in Paris on 27 Jan.—INTERNET

Technology

Facebook temporarily shut information-sharing apps

BEIJING, 19 Jan—Facebook's controversial move to give apps the ability to capture users' mobile phone number and address is temporarily suspended.

When downloading a Facebook app, people have always been asked if they want to share their name, picture, friends list, and other information.

The social network pushed through the new change last Friday by throwing in an additional request asking to share a person's address and mobile phone number.

This new change has triggered massive negative feedbacks from users because they cannot know what the app is really about until they've agreed to share their contact information during the app installation process.

Concerns quickly arose that malicious apps could tap into the new feature to snatch addresses and cell numbers.—*Xinhua*

A computer-generated image shows three satellites, part of the European Galileo navigation system network, in 2002. Europe stood by its much-delayed and over-budget Galileo satellite navigation system on Tuesday despite a rising price tag and a contractor's description of the project as "stupid."

INTERNET

Chinese IT firm opens new headquarters in Canada

TORONTO, 19 Jan— Huawei Technologies Co Ltd, a Chinese telecom equipment maker, Tuesday celebrated the official opening of its Canadian Headquarters in Markham, Ontario.

The new 46,000-square-foot facility includes sales and marketing capabilities as well as a test lab.

"The establishment of our headquarters in Markham underscores our long-term investment in the Canadian market, and on a broader scale signifies Huawei's continued growth in North America," Charles Ding, president of Huawei North America, said.

To date, Huawei has created more than 250 jobs in Canada, approximately 70 percent of which are based in Markham. Over the next two years, Huawei is expected to add 280 new jobs in Canada, many of which will continue to be located in the Markham area.

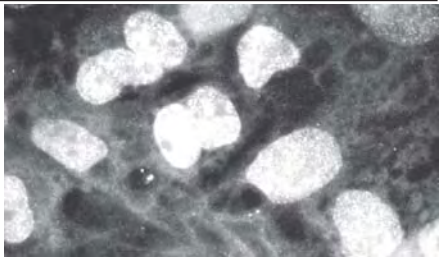
Xinhua

Material makes electricity from waste heat

EVANSTON, 19 Jan—US researchers say they've found a material that can generate electricity from the waste heat of car exhaust systems or industrial processes and equipment.

Researchers at Northwestern University placed nanocrystals of rock salt into lead telluride to create a material that is expected to be able to convert 14 percent of heat waste to electricity, a university release said Tuesday. "It has been known for 100 years that semiconductors have this property that can harness electricity," chemistry Professor Mercouri Kanatzidis said. "To make this an efficient process, all you need is the right material, and we have found a recipe or system to make this material."

"We can put this material inside of an inexpensive device with a few electrical wires and attach it to something like a light bulb," said Vinayak Dravid, professor of materials science and engineering and co-author of the paper.—*Internet*



Stem cells are viewed on a computer screen at the University of Connecticut's (UConn) Stem Cell Institute in 2010. US researchers have discovered why fetal stem cell transplants, once considered a promising field for treating congenital defects before birth, were failing: it was all mother's fault.—INTERNET

Health

A sunbather puts on sunblock at the Renaca beach in Vina del Mar, Chile, 2009. Scientists have pinpointed a molecular mechanism in mice which helps skin cancer cells confound the animal's immune system, according to a study released Wednesday.—INTERNET

Health Tip: Protect yourself against cold weather

Icy snow, wind and frigid temperatures are frequently in nature's plans for winter.

The US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention suggests these cold weather safety tips:

* Wear layers of lightweight clothing, including a scarf, hat, gloves and boots.
* Help prevent falls by covering icy spots with sand or cat litter.
* Pay attention to the wind chill when deciding how to dress.
* Travel with an emergency kit, a buddy and a cell phone.
* Maintain your car, keep your gas tank full and stock the vehicle with emergency supplies.—*Internet*

Long shifts for nurses may hurt patients

BALTIMORE, 19 Jan— US researchers link nurses' long work hours with patients' greater likelihood of dying from pneumonia and heart attack.

Researchers at University of Maryland School of Nursing and the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore find the nursing schedule component most frequently related to mortality — along with long work hours — is the lack of time off the job.

"Now that we have data that these conditions affect the public adversely, there is even more reason for providers in each hospital and clinic to look at the situation and find solutions," study co-author Alison Trinkoff says in a statement.

The findings, published in Nursing Research, suggest the long hours of 12-hour nursing shifts — begun during 1980s amid nationwide nurse shortages and currently in use at almost all US hospitals — affect the duration of quality sleep in nurses, affecting the alertness and vigilance effective nursing requires.

"Although many nurses like these schedules because of the compressed nature of the workweek, the long schedule — as well as shift work in general — lead to sleep deprivation," Trinkoff says. "The finding that work schedule can impact patient outcomes is important and should lead to further study and examination of nursing work schedules."

Trinkoff and colleagues analyzed data from 71 acute care hospitals in Illinois and North Carolina as well as survey responses of 633 randomly selected nurses working in the hospitals.

Internet

Veterinarians check cattle for vaccinations at a farm in Goyang, 30 kms northwest of Seoul. Officials in South Korea's southern regions have urged people not to return to home towns there for the Lunar New Year holiday for fear of spreading the nation's worst outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease.—INTERNET

Teeth being saved for their stem cells

MIAMI, 19 Jan—A new medical movement has US dentists extracting teeth for their stem cells they believe can someday be used to cure any number of ailments, experts say.

Stem cells are spun out of extracted baby teeth, wisdom teeth and even healthy adult teeth, frozen to 100 degrees below zero and stored for possible future use, *The Miami Herald* reported Tuesday.

Florida resident Naidelys Montoya is one of those taking advantage of the process.

The Hialeah woman didn't wait for her son's baby teeth to fall out but took the boy to an oral surgeon to have two of the loose ones extracted for their stem cells in case her son Raul Estrada, 6, might need them for a future illness, she says.

"I believe in this," Montoya said. "I did as a precaution against things that could happen in the future." Many question the procedure.

It's expensive, costing $590 upfront and $100 a year to store stem cells from up to four teeth for up to 20 years.

And it's speculative, with the first FDA-approved practical use of such stem cells likely years away.

Internet

Business

IBM quarterly results top forecasts

NEW YORK, 19 Jan—US computer giant IBM posted quarterly results that were better than expected on Tuesday on revived technology spending.

The Armonk, New York-based company said its net profit rose nine percent to $5.3 billion in the fourth quarter over a year ago while revenue was up seven percent to $29 billion.

Earnings per share of $4.18 were better than the $4.08 expected by analysts. IBM shares were up 2.82 percent at $150.65 in after-hours electronic trading.

"We completed an outstanding year, with record profit and free cash flow, and exceeded the high end of our 2010 earnings per share roadmap objective," IBM chairman, president and chief executive Samuel Palmisano said.

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INTERNET

"We will continue to focus on our long-term strategic initiatives — growth markets, Smarter Planet Solutions, cloud and business analytics — as we drive to achieve our new roadmap target of operating earnings per share of at least $20 in 2015," Palmisano said in a statement.—*Internet*

Singapore exchange to launch world's fastest trading engine in August

SINGAPORE, 19 Jan— Singapore Exchange will launch the world's fastest trading engine on 15 Aug, the bourse announced Wednesday.

The new system, called SGX Reach, will boast an order response time of 90 microseconds "door-to-door" and be able to handle 1 million order book changes per second per partition, which is 100 times the capacity of the existing engine, it said. "Reach will provide our customers with leading-edge services delivered on a high-speed platform and driven by world-class technology.—*Xinhua*

Oil edges down on Alaska pipeline restore, OPEC production increase

NEW YORK, 19 Jan— Crude oil price edged down on Tuesday as the Trans Alaska Pipeline restored oil flow and the International Energy Agency (IEA) said that some members of Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) may have quietly raised production.

The Trans Alaska pipeline, shut down for more than a week, restarted on Monday. The pipeline was expected to boost throughput to 500,000 barrels per day within 24 hours.

The IEA said on Tuesday, OPEC may be quietly increasing output in response to higher oil prices and Saudi Arabia appears already to have raised its production.—*Xinhua*

Apple net income soars 78 pct in holiday quarter

SAN FRANCISCO, 19 Jan—Apple Inc's stellar holiday-quarter results were enough to make investors forget, at least for the moment, that CEO Steve Jobs is taking another medical lave of absence.

The company was able to boost production of iPads faster than analysts predicted, and shoppers bought iPhones as fast as Apple could make them, helping drive the company's fiscal first-quarter net income up 78 percent from the prior year.

Shares rose mildly in after-hours trading after the results came out, partly offsetting a more than 2 percent drop during regular trading on the health news.

Jobs had surgery in 2004 that he said cured him of a rare form of pancreatic cancer.—*Internet*

Pedestrians walk past an Apple Store in San Francisco, Tuesday, on 18 Jan, 2011.—INTERNET

Tremors felt in northwest India and New Delhi as quake hits Pakistan

NEW DELHI, 19 Jan— As a powerful earthquake struck southwestern Pakistan in the small hours Wednesday, tremors were felt in parts of northwestern India, including the national capital, reported the *Press Trust* of India.

People in New Delhi rushed outside their homes in the wee hours of the chilly night as tremors were felt, said the report. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) said the epicenter of the earthquake was located in southwestern Pakistan in the desert area bordering Iran and Afghanistan.

"It was a shallow earthquake which struck at a depth of 7.4 km, " the report quoted an IMD official as saying.

The epicentre of the quake was located at 28.9 degrees north on the latitude and 64 degrees east on the longitude, the IMD said. The US Geological Survey (USGS) revised down the quake from 7. 4 magnitude to 7.2 magnitude, and said the quake hit at a depth of 84 km.—*Xinhua*

A powerful earthquake rocked southwest Pakistan early Wednesday, sending panicked people rushing from their homes in fear for their lives as the ground shook as far away as India and the Gulf.—INTERNET

M4.8 tremor hits east China City

BEIJING, 19 Jan— An earthquake measuring 4.8 on the Richter scale hit an area near Anqing City in east China's Anhui Province Wednesday, according to the China Earthquake Networks Centre.

No casualties or damages were immediately reported, local authorities said.

The quake struck at 12:07 pm, the centre reported.

The epicentre was monitored at 30.6 degrees north latitude and 117.1 degrees east longitude with a depth of nine kilometres, the centre said.

The quake was felt strongly in Anqing, and local residents were seen rushing out of buildings when it struck.

"Desks in my office were shaking terribly hard," Wang Zhenggui, a local government employee told *Xinhua* on the phone. The quake was also felt in Wuhu and Hefei, two other cities in Anhui.—*Xinhua*

6.0 magnitude quake rocks sea off Sumatra Island, Indonesia

BEIJING, 19 Jan— An earthquake measuring 6.0 on the Richter Scale hit the sea north of Sumatra Island, Indonesia, at 7:33 pm Tuesday, Beijing Time, according to the China Earthquake Networks Centre.

The epicentre was monitored at 2.7 degrees north latitude and 96.4 degrees east longitude with a depth of about 20 km, the centre said.

Xinhua

Nearly 2.2 million Chinese population hit by drought

BEIJING, 19 Jan— About 2.2 million Chinese are facing a drought-like situation, the country's drought relief authorities have claimed.

The *Xinhua* news agency quoted Chen Lei, Deputy Director of the State Flood Control and Drought Relief Headquarters, as saying that provinces like Henan, Shanxi, Hebei, Shandong, Jiangsu, Anhui and Shaanxi have experienced a 20-90 percent drop in rainfall over the last four months of the season. Drought affect wheat producing areas like Shandong and Henan provinces in November last year.

Chan also said the lack of rain has lowered water levels of the Yellow, Huaihe and Haihe rivers, and urged the government to deal with the situation quickly.—*Internet*

Floods in southern Africa claim over 50 lives

JOHANNESBURG, 19 Jan—Over 50 people have died in floods in South Africa and neighbouring Mozambique, South Africa's Minister for Cooperative Governance Sicelo Shiceko said Tuesday. More than 6,000 people have fled their homes, and a state of emergency has been declared in several communities in seven of South Africa's nine Provinces. Among the dead is a fireman who drowned in a whirlpool while he was searching for missing people in a flooding river. Local broadcaster *E-News* reported that seven people were still missing.

Meteorologists said more rainfall was expected over the next few days, which could cause already high river levels to rise dangerously. South Africa's army has been put on high alert.

In Mozambique, 13 people have died in floods while some 13,000 have fled, state radio reported.

Authorities fear that continued rain could affect hundreds of thousands.—*Internet*

Floodwaters spread across Australia

BEIJING, 19 Jan— Knee-deep water is inundating communities in south-eastern Australia. The floods reached the southern state of Victoria on the weekend following weeks of flooding that has ravaged Queensland in the north and swamped a major city.

More than 35-hundred people have been evacuated from their homes in Victoria State. 51 towns and 15-hundred properties are affected by the rising waters. Meanwhile, the Australian Prime Minister is announcing the formation of a business task force to assist with rebuilding devastated infrastructure in Queensland, the worst-affected state. Julia Gillard, Australian Prime Minister, said, "I've decided to bring together ten Australian leading business people to form a business roundtable to assist with corporate support as Queensland recovers and rebuilds from these devastating floods."—*Xinhua*

The Brisbane City skyline is reflected in an eerily calm Brisbane river.—INTERNET

Brazil mudslide deaths over 700 and rising

Aerial view of a house at risk following landslides in the locality of Poco Fundo, an isolated area near Petropolis, state of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. **INTERNET**

ITAIPAVA, 19 Jan—The death toll from catastrophic mudslides in Brazil last week rose Thursday to 702 as more bodies were recovered from the devastated mountainous Serrana region near Rio de Janeiro.

Rio's State health and civil defence service, which gave the tally, also said around 14,000 people were homeless or unable to return to unstable areas.

The disaster, which struck Wednesday last week, is the worst of its type in Brazil's history.

The toll was likely to rise further in the days ahead as emergency crews backed by 700 military personnel used helicopters and four-wheel drives to access areas that have been cut off for days. "I'm never going back there to live. Death will always be in that place," said Roberto Fabiano Augusto, a survivor rescued from the isolated village of Vale de Cuiaba.—*Internet*

Snow, sleet, ice spread up East Coast, cars slide

MONTPELIER, 19 Jan—An East Coast storm bringing sleet and freezing rain spread into northern New England on Tuesday, sending cars skidding off roads, knocking out power and making ski area managers cross their fingers that snow wouldn't turn to ice at higher elevations.

The storm, which iced over roads all the way down to Delaware and delayed flights for tens of thousands of weather-weary travelers, was expected to drop up to 10 inches of snow before moving out early Wednesday.

Up to 6 inches of snow fell across much of New Hampshire before turning to freezing rain late Tuesday afternoon, just in time for the evening commute.

Yvette Judge works to clear the ice from the back window of her car, in Washington, Tuesday, on 18 Jan, 2011, after a mix of freezing rain and sleet fell overnight in the Washington area.—INTERNET

In Maine, the storm brought a mix of snow, sleet, freezing rain and rain. Inland areas could see up to 8 inches of snow before the storm ends, National Weather Service meteorologist Steve Capriola said.—*Internet*

Commander visits local battalions in Mongton, Monghsat Stations

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Jan — Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Brig-Gen Than Tun Oo spoke words of encouragement and presented food, seasonal crop seeds and medicines in meeting with local people at Monehtaw village on 13 January.

Next, the commander inspected agricultural and livestock breeding works of the local battalion in Mongton Station and oversaw condition of Mongton-Tahsan motorway and maintenance of Thanlwin Bridge (Tahsan).

On 14 January, the commander looked into agricultural and livestock breeding works of the local battalion and buildings in Monghsat Station. The commander also inspected maintenance of road and bridge on Monghsat-Tachilek-Bushi-Mongphyat motorway and cleaning and beautifying tasks of Mongphyat in a motorcade.—*MNA*

***EMP Co., Ltd displays medicines and medical equipment at Myanmar Medical Association (MMA).*—MNA**

EMP Co exhibits medicines and medical equipment

YANGON, 19 Jan—EMP Co., Ltd showcases medicines and medical equipment at medicines and medical equipment booths displayed at Myanmar Medical Association (MMA) in commemoration of 57th Myanmar Doctors Conference (2011).

The quality medicines produced by Kunming Dihon Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd, Tianjan Tianyao Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd and manufactured by EMP Co., Ltd are available at special prices.

For more information, contact No.222, Bo Myat Tun Street, Pazundaung Township, Yangon (Ph-01-296995 and 291839) and No. (T2-2), Thazin Plaza, 31st and 32nd Street, between 77th and 78th Street, Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay (Ph-02-31363 and 91015701).

MNA

Health Minister visits hospitals in Kyaukpadaung, NyaungU townships

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Jan—Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint on 14 January morning visited the people's hospital in Kyaukpadaung Township, Mandalay Region, and looked into health care services being provided for the people.

In the afternoon, the minister inspected Taungzin Station Hospital and NyaungU People's Hospital in NyaungU Township. On his inspection tour, the minister stressed the need for improvement of health care services and greening environs of the hospital.—*MNA*

Man's fault or vehicle …

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However, the expressway has seen many traffic accidents. Four major causes of traffic accidents are: (1) steering system is in bad conditions, (2) failure of brake and accessories, (3) wheels and tyre are not in good conditions, and (4) drink driving, and drowsy driving.

The expressway was inaugurated on 25 March 2009, but it has been serviceable since January 2009. According to the data collected by the Road Administration Department of the Ministry of Transport, 51 traffic accidents took place from 1 March 2009 to 4 April 2010, leaving 23 dead and 105 injured. According to the Myanmar Police Force, traffic accidents on the expressway from 9 January 1009 to 6 May 2010 numbered 130 that killed 57 and injured 204. Among the 130 cases, 105 were due to careless drivers and pedestrians, and 25, due to technical problems. And according to the reports by the Expressway Project under Public Works, the road accidents that had occurred on the expressway from 9 January 2009 to 17 April 2010 totaled 108, killing 47 and injuring 148. The reports say that accidents are due to reckless driving, technical problems, and pedestrians' reckless use of the road.

Taking the reports serious, inspection teams from the Road Designs Division under Public Works inspected the curves near the sites of accidents, 24 horizontal curves, and 21 vertical curves and submitted reports on conditions of the sections. Responsible persons from the Expressway Project have dealt with the reports.

In an interview, Superintending Engineer Daw Hla Hla Thwe from the Road Research Division said that regarding quality control services, Public Works had assigned duties to 25 Q/C groups for groundwork and 25 Q/C groups for concrete work, and the Military Engineering Unit, 25 Q/C groups for groundwork and 13 Q/C groups for concrete work; that the expressway was estimated to cope with 5000 vehicles a day, whose weights ranged between 80 to 20 tons; that the facility was designed to be serviceable for 40 years, with CBR value of 6%; that according to the design, the wearing course was 12 inches thick, (cube compressive strength = 4000 psi) subbase course of plain concrete, six inches thick, and lean concrete (cube compressive strength = 200 psi; that in building the facility, concrete was mixed according to the types of the soil; that the alignment was designed to be as straight as possible with minimum curves and minimum amount of earth to fill lower parts; that for vehicles to run at 60 mph, each curve had at least 1300 feet radius and each slope was less than five percent.

She added that the facility would meet international standards of a road.

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A traffic signboard on Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw section says "Over 60 mph is highly risky".

A warning signboard expressing four major causes of traffic accidents.

ASEAN Foreign Ministers welcome positive developments including …

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In the evening, the minister attended a dinner co-hosted by the Indonesian Foreign Minister and the Governor of the West Nusa Tenggara Province in honour of the ASEAN Foreign Ministers and the ASEAN Secretary-General at the Sheraton Senggigi Beach Resort Hotel.

The minister participated in the concluding session of the ASEAN foreign ministers' retreat and the special meeting of the ASEAN Coordinating Council (ACC) 17 January at Oberoi Lombok Hotel. The Foreign Ministers considered and adopted the Terms of Reference of ASEAN Connectivity Coordina-ting Committee and exchanged views on the follow-up to the recommendations of the High Level Task Force on ASEAN Connectivity.

On 15 January, the minister met the Indonesian Foreign Minister and held cordial bilateral discussions on ASEAN-related matters and strengthening bilateral relations and cooperation between the two countries.

In Jakarta, the minister met Myanmar Ambassador to Indonesia and Permanent Representative of the Union Myanmar to ASEAN U Nyan Lynn and staff of the Embassy and Permanent Mission at Borobudur Hotel and gave necessary instructions.

Director-General U Kyaw Tin of Political Department and the delegation members arrived back in Myanmar on the same flight.—*MNA*

***Minister U Nyan Win meets Indonesian Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr RM Marty M Natalegawa.*—MNA**

MOAs inked on implementation of Ywathit, Nampawn, Namtamhpak, Lemro, Lemro-II and Saingdin hydropower projects

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Jan—Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min met Vice-President Mr Zou Jiahua of China Datang Corporation and President Mr Kou Bingen and party of China Datang Overseas Investment Co Ltd of the People's Republic of China at the hall of the Ministry, here, yesterday.

They discussed joint implementation of hydropower projects.

A ceremony to sign the Memorandums of Agreement on implementation of Ywathit, Nampawn, Namtamhpak, Lemro, Lemro-II and Saingdin hydropower projects between Department of Hydropower Planning under the Ministry of Electric Power No. 1 and China Datang Overseas Investment Co Ltd of the People's Republic of China and Shwe Taung Hydropower Co Ltd followed at Yeywa Hall.

It was attended by Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Transport U Thein Swe, Minister for Commerce U Tin Naing Thein, Deputy Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Myo Myint, Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Thein Swe, directors-general, managing directors, officials, Vice-President Mr Zou Jiahua of China Datang Corporation and President Mr Kou Bingen and party of China Datang Overseas Investment Co Ltd, the chairman of Shwe Taung Hydropower Co Ltd and officials.

Minister U Zaw Min made an address. Vice-President Mr Zou Jiahua of China Datang Corporation and the managing director of Shwe Taung Hydropower Co Ltd spoke words of thanks.

Director-General of Department of Hydropower Planning U Kyee Soe, President Mr Kou Bingen and party of China Datang Overseas Investment Co Ltd and the managing director of Shwe Taung Hydropower Co Ltd signed the Memorandum of Agreements.

On the occasion, Department of Hydropower Planning under the Ministry of Electric Power No. 1, China Datang Overseas Investment Co Ltd and Shwe Taung Hydropower Co Ltd inked the MOAs for implementation of Ywathit, Nampawn and Namtamhpak hydropower projects on Thanlwin River, Nampawn River and Namtamhpak River in Kayah State, eastern part of Myanmar, and Lemro, Lemro-II and Saingdin hydropower projects on Lemro and Saingdin Rivers in Rakhine State, western part of Myanmar.—*MNA*

***Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min addresses signing of MOAs for implementation of Ywathit, Nampawn, Namtamhpak, Lemro, Lemro-II and Saingdin hydropower projects.*—MNA**

***Signing ceremony of MOAs on Ywathit, Nampawn, Namtamhpak, Lemro, Lemro-II and Saingdin hydropower projects in progress.* MNA**

Couple of human trafficking sentenced, two victims compensated

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Jan—U Hsan Kaw and wife Ma Nan Li of Homaw Village in Hsipaw Township, Kyaukme District, Shan State (North) sold Ma---, 13 years old and Ma---, 15 years, for K 2.4 million to Ma Kham Aung of Hokkho village, Hsipaw on 24 October 2009.

While Ma Kham Aung was preparing to sell the two girls at Chinese border village Hukyint, the police force of the People's Republic of China arrested her and handed over the two victims.

Kyaukme District Court heard the human trafficking case and sentenced hard labour and 12 years' imprisonment to U Hsan Kaw, hard labour and 10 years' to Ma Nan Li and hard labour and 12 years' to Ma Kham Aung on 12 July 2010.

The court handed down to compensate the two human trafficking victims with gold ornaments worth K 1,506,000 confiscated from the culprits.

The Anti-Human Trafficking Law was promulgated in 2005. It is the first time compensation for human trafficking victims according to the Article 33 of the law mentions that human trafficking victims shall be compensated with the money and property confiscated from the case.—*MNA*

Commander, Sports Minister tour Khamti District

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Jan — Chairman of Sagaing Region Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Brig-Gen Soe Lwin together with Minister for Sports Thura U Aye Myint presented stationery to responsible persons at Pinlaung village Basic Education Primary School in Khamti Township on 14 January.

After hearing reports on progress of Khamti-Hsinthay-Lahe road presented by an official at Laungngauk village in Lahe Township, the commander and the minister presented school uniforms, warm clothes and personal goods for the students at Monhtway village. At the hall of the local battalion in the township, the commander presented stationery, foodstuff and personal goods to families of servicemen.

On 15 January, the commander and officials formally opened the new school building for Basic Education High School in Lahe.

Next, the commander presented cash assistance to patients at Lahe Township People's Hospital and met departmental officials at the office of Lahe Township PDC.— *MNA*

Mandalay Mayor's Trophy Vegetables and Fruit Show and Contest 12-18 Feb

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Jan—A plan is under way to organize the Ninth Mandalay Mayor's Trophy Vegetables and Fruit Show and Contest at the Public Recreation Park of Kandawgyi in Mandalay from 12 to 18 February.

Handsome prizes will be awarded to the winners.

Those wishing to take part in the show and contest are to send vegetables and fruit to the Public Recreation Park management office, not later than 4 pm on 11 February.

For further information, contact the Parks and Playgrounds Department of Mandalay City Development Committee and dial 02-59170 of the management office.—*MNA*

Page One Book Fair on 21 January

***Popular Bookstore which will host Page One Book Fair.*—MNA**

YANGON, 19 Jan — Books for people of all ages are available at Popular Bookstore, a franchise of Popular Book Co Pte Ltd in Singapore. Page One Book Fair will be organized at the promotion area of Myaynigon Center, here, from 21 to 23 January.

Professional books published by Page One Publishing Pte Ltd in Singapore will be available in the sales.

As a special programme, Professional Photographer Peter will give talks on photography at 3 pm on 22 January and Professional Designer Daw Thida Win (Principal of DOZO Fashion Technical School) on fashion design at 3 pm on 23 January.

MNA

Rammar Chariot Micro Buses available at Automobile & Auto Parts Expo-2011

YANGON, 17 Jan—Automobile & Auto Parts Expo-2011, jointly organized by K-Furniture Co., Ltd and Rammar Automobile Manufacturing & Trading, will take place at Tatmadaw Convention Hall, here, from 21 to 24 January on a grand scale. At the expo, international-standard Chariot Micro Buses produced by Rammer and ISUZU Double cab will be on sale. During the promotion season, the customers may enjoy special sale. The sales also include installment system. The home-made Rammar buses are now winning the favors of customers due to its quality and designs and an environmental-friendly one. Like above expo, automobiles will be showed at trade fair to be held in Mandalay from 27 to 30 January as a main sponsor.

For more information, contact No.53/54, Mechanic U Tun street, Shwepyitha Industrial Zone No.4, Insein Township, Yangon and dial ph-618377, 618388 and fax 618322 and email: rammarcar@goldenland.com.mm and visit website: www.rammarautomobile.com.mm.

MNA

Forestry Minister attends 106th Intake of Graduation Parade of Myanmar Forest School

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Jan—Minister for Forestry U Thein Aung attended the ceremony for 106th Intake of Graduation Parade of Myanmar Forest School of Forest Department under the Ministry of Forestry at the parade ground of the training school in PyinOoLwin on 17 January.

He presented awards to the outstanding trainees.

The minister then addressed the ceremony to present completion certificate. Director-General U Sann Lwin of Planning and Statistics Department, Managing Director U Win Tun of Myanma Timber Enterprise and Acting Director-General U Aye Myint Maung of Forest Department presented awards to the top-10 trainees. And officials concerned gave awards to outstanding trainees.

To set up trust funds for development of Myanma Forest School, Secretary Dr Myo Thant on behalf of Myanmar timber entrepreneurs donated K 1.7 million, Myanmar Timber Entrepreneurs Association K 1 million. Asia Green Co Ltd donated K 2 million to Myanmar Forest School, K 1 million to University of Forestry, K 1 million to Myanma Timber Enterprise Training School No. 1 Nanchun, K 1 million to No. 2 Training School Pyinmana, K 2 million for development of social status of staff and K 3 million for medicine for elephants.

Later, the principal of Myanmar Forest School presented completion certificates to trainees.

MNA

***Forestry Minister U Thein Aung awards an outstanding trainee at 106th Intake of Graduation Parade of Myanmar Forest School.*—MNA**

"The girl with the white flag" in circulation

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Jan—Fujiyama Publishing House today published the book (second edition) translated by Nyan Lin Tint from "The girl with the white flag" by Okinawa female islander Tomiko Higa.

The first edition was published in 2003. The book is about the horrors of the war she encountered when she was at six.

The book is available at Fujiyama Publishing House at No. 72, Tarwateinthar Street, Pazundaung Township (Ph: 720375 and 09-5078406).

MNA

10,117.6 acres of poppy fields destroyed in 2010-2011

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Jan—Responsible persons are searching and destroying poppy plantations. From 1 September 2010 to 6 January 2011, 9144.41 acres of poppy plants in states and regions were destroyed.

From 7 to 13 January, 973.19 more acres of poppy farms were devastated, bringing the total acreage of eliminated poppy fields to 10,117.6.

The 973.19 more acres are 419.75 acres in Kunhing, Pinlaung, Hsihseng, Pelkhon and Hopang townships in Shan State (South), 202.5 acres in Mongton, Mongkhat, Mongping and Kengtung townships in Shan State (East), 253.84 acres in Tangyan, Kunlon, Lashio, Kutkai, Namhkam and Manton townships in Shan State (North), and 97 acres in Mogok Township in Mandalay Region.

MNA

Climate clues found in world's deep waters

EDINBURGH, 19 Jan— European scientists say they are probing the Marianas Trench in the western Pacific, the deepest spot in the world's oceans, for climatological clues.

The international team of researchers is using a submersible designed to withstand immense pressures to study the bottom of the 6.7-mile-deep underwater canyon, the *BBC* reported Monday.

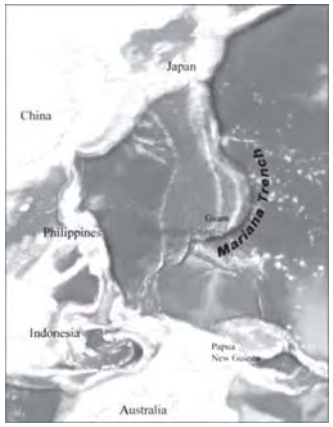
Early results show ocean trenches are acting as carbon sinks, suggesting they are a bigger factor in regulating the Earth's chemistry and climate than previously thought, researchers say.

Lead researcher Ronnie Glud, from the University of Southern Denmark and the Scottish Association for Marine Science, said operating at pressures of more than 2 million pounds per square inch was challenging, but advances in technology had made it possible.

"This is the first time we have been able to set down sophisticated instruments at these depths to measure how much carbon is buried there," he told *BBC News*.

A lander equipped with special sensors packed in a titanium cylinder able to resist the pressures was launched from a ship and took 3 hours to free-fall to the sea bottom, carrying out pre-programmed experiments before releasing its ballast and returning to the surface.

The experiments allowed scientists to assess the abundance of carbon at the bottom of the deep trenches.—*Internet*



The Marianas Trench, courtesy of Kmusser via Wikimedia Commons. **INTERNET**

Authorities seek to snare stray pigs

SOUTHAMPTON, 19 Jan— British authorities said they were working to round up stray pigs seen wandering Southampton, England, before the animals cause a traffic collision.

Residents said they have regularly spotted at least two pigs, believed to be Vietnamese pot-bellied pigs, wandering in the Coxford area of the city. Some said the animals may have escaped from an area farm, *This Is Hampshire* reported Monday.

"We need to get this resolved as a matter of urgency not just for the sake of the pigs, but more importantly before an accident is caused by these pigs roaming about on our local roads," Ward Councilor Don Thomas said.

City officials said they are working with police and the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals to resolve the issue.

Internet

Workers at the Qinshan Nuclear Power Plant walk past a containment structure for a nuclear reactor (C) in China's Zhejiang Province. China will need at least a decade before it can reprocess spent nuclear fuel on an industrial scale, the nation's largest nuclear power developer said in comments published in state media on Tuesday.— **INTERNET**

Astronomers describe hottest planet found

LONDON, 19 Jan— British astronomers say they've discovered the hottest planet ever found, circling a white-hot star 380 light-years away in the constellation Andromeda.

Until two decades ago, the hottest planet known was in our own solar system — Venus, at a blistering 860 degrees Fahrenheit, AAAS ScienceMagazine.org reported this week. Then, astronomers looking outside our solar system began finding "hot Jupiters," giant worlds as hot as 1,800 F, orbiting close to distant stars.

In the Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, astronomers have reported a record-breaker: WASP 33 b, circling its white-hot star every 29.28 hours.

Astronomers using the William Herschel Telescope in the Canary Islands were able to detect the planet's near-infrared glow and measured its temperature — an impressive 5,700 F, making it, for now, the champion "hot spot" in the astronomers' planetary search.

Internet

A man withdraws euros from a bank machine. Europe has closed ranks around its currency as its richest nations strived to reach a deal to boost the capacity of its bailout fund for fragile eurozone states.— **INTERNET**

China-Thai panel agrees framework for joint investment train project

BANGKOK, 19 Jan— The China-Thai joint committee has resolved on the framework of the Sino-Thai high-speed train project, in which Thailand will hold 51 percent share and China will hold 49 percent, a local media said.

The framework agreed by the joint committee of the two countries is expected to submit for approval from the Transport Ministry and the cabinet in January, before negotiations begin with China. According to Supoth Sublom, permanent secretary of the Transport Ministry, the memorandum of understanding (MoU) is supposed to be signed in April. The project will be a joint venture with the right of routing operation for 30 years and automatic renewable for another 20 years.

Transport Ministry inspector general Chula Sukmanop said earlier that after signing the MoU, both sides would take one year to conduct feasibility studies, covering economics, engineering, survey and designs, and another four years for construction. The service is likely to launch in 2015.

This high-speed train project consists of five main lines: Bangkok-northern Chiang Mai; Bangkok-northeastern Nong Khai province; Bangkok-north-eastern Ubon Ratcha-thani Province; Bangkok-southernmost Padang Besar Province and Bangkok-central Chachoengsao Province.

Xinhua

Bigger breakfast doesn't help weight loss

MUNICH, 19 Jan— Eating a big breakfast may help you lose weight — but only if you eat a lighter lunch or dinner, researchers in Germany say.

Dr Volker Schusdziarra of the Else-Kroner-Fresenius Centre of Nutritional Medicine in Munich, Germany, and colleagues say they wanted to address previous research, which suggests that eating a big breakfast reduces total calorie intake during the day. The researchers say this research is misleading.

The study involved more than 300 people who were asked to keep a journal of what they usually ate — some ate a big breakfast, some ate a small breakfast and some skipped breakfast, Schusdziarra says.

The study, published in *Nutrition Journal*, showed that people ate the same at lunch and dinner, regardless of what they had for breakfast. A big breakfast, on average 400 calories greater than a small breakfast, resulted in a total increase in calories eaten during the day of about 400 calories.

The only difference seen was the skipping of a mid-morning snack when someone ate a really big breakfast but that was not enough to offset the extra calories they had already eaten, Schusdziarra says.

Internet

A woman talks on her mobile phone at a shopping mall in Hong Kong. Hong Kong conglomerate Hutchison Whampoa, controlled by the city's richest man Li Ka-shing, said Tuesday it would list its southern China port assets in Singapore.— **INTERNET**

Nguyen Phu Trong elected top leader of Vietnamese Communist Party

Nguyen Phu Trong.

HANOI, 19 Jan—Nguyen Phu Trong, Chairman of the Vietnamese National Assembly, was elected the General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam (CPV). He was elected by the 11th tenure of Central Committee of the CPV, which made the announcement on Wednesday morning, the last working day of the 11th National Congress of the CPV.—*Xinhua*

Spanish police destroy massive drug factory in Madrid

MADRID, 19 Jan—Spanish police on Tuesday destroyed a cocaine labouratory thought to be the biggest in Europe.

A total of 25 suspects of both Spanish and Colombian nationality were arrested during the operation, according to police. According to media reports, police also seized more than 300 kilograms of cocaine and around 30 tons of drug-making material.

The reports said a bout 2 million euros (2.7 million US dollars) in cash and assets worth more than 60 million dollars were seized.

The labouratory was located in the locality of Villanueva de Perales, just outside the Spanish Capital. Police said the operation, known as Operacion Colapso, began on 7 Dec, 2010, and its outcome was the result of a two-year investigation.—*Xinhua*

A woman taking her children walks to board on a train bounding for southwest China's Chengdu, at the railway station in Hangzhou, capital of east China's Zhejiang Province, on 18 Jan, 2011.—XINHUA

China destroys tonnes of fake, substandard drugs

BEIJING, 19 Jan—More than 60 tonnes of fake and substandard pharmaceuticals and medical equipment, worth 40 million yuan (6 million US dollars), were destroyed Tuesday in the country's latest move to crack down on fake medicines.

The destroyed products, confiscated by Beijing's municipal drug supervision bureau, involved some 130 kinds of drugs and 3,000 pieces of equipment, including fake Viagra and capsules for diabetes, according to the State Food and Drug Administration (SFDA).

The SFDA didn't give further details about the products destroyed.

SFDA deputy director Bian Zhenjia said that a large number of drug inspectors had been trained in an effort to regulate the country's drug market.

Last month, the SFDA exposed 31 websites selling fake drugs over the Internet, as part of a crackdown which started in last November.

It is part of a nationwide crackdown on violation of intellectual property rights and the production and distribution of fake and shoddy products.

Xinhua

Malaysia kicks off largest stamp fair

KUALA LUMPUR, 19 Jan—The largest stamp exhibition in Malaysia's history kicked off at the National Museum in Kuala Lumpur on Tuesday, expecting to attract some 300,000 visitors to the fair that ends on 25 March.

Penny Black, the first adhesive postage stamp issued in Britain since 1840, and the signed-Malaysia state royal first day cover, the first of its kind introduced last year during the installation of a state ruler, are among the 50,000 philately on display at the museum.

The stamp exhibition also showcases stamps and first day covers from around the world, telling stories about historical events.

The museum, together with Malaysian Information, Communications and Culture Ministry, local post services company and the National Philatelic Association jointly launched the exhibition in Kuala Lumpur on Tuesday.

The event has drawn attention of philatelists and curious crowd.

While some philatelists commemorated important events that happened in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), such as the admission of Cambodia into the regional bloc in 1999, others bragged about the multi-ethnical and cultural environment in Malaysia.

Xinhua

A woman shops online at the Taobao website in Beijing. Online sales in China, the world's largest web market, rose 22 percent in 2010 as price-sensitive consumers turned to the Internet for cheaper products amid rising inflation, an industry report said.—INTERNET

US says half under 65 have health problems

WASHINGTON, 19 Jan—A US government report released Tuesday said 1 in 2 non-elderly Americans have at least one pre-existing condition that could deny them healthcare coverage without new health reform law.

Making the case against Republican push to repeal the reform, the report released by Health and Human Services Department said without Affordable Care Act protections, in 2014, up to 129 million Americans under the age 65, who have some type of pre- existing health condition, like heart disease, high blood pressure, arthritis or cancer, would be at risk of losing health insurance when they need it most, or be denied coverage altogether.

"The Affordable Care Act is stopping insurance companies from discriminating against Americans with pre-existing conditions and is giving us all more freedom and control over our health care decisions," said Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius.

The report found anywhere from 50 to 129 million of Americans under age 65 have some type of pre-existing condition. Examples of what may be considered a pre-existing condition include heart disease, cancer, asthma, high blood pressure and arthritis. Older people between ages 55 and 64 are at particular risk; 48 to 86 percent of people in that age bracket live with a pre-existing condition.

Prior to the healthcare reform, in the vast majority of states, insurance companies in the individual market could deny coverage, charge higher premiums, and/or limit benefits based on pre-existing conditions.—*Xinhua*

German boss termed EU satellite system 'nonsense', suspended

BREMEN, 19 Jan—The head of a German space technology company, OHB-Systems, has been suspended after damning remarks of his were published by WikiLeaks, a company spokesman told *DPA* Tuesday.

Berry Smutny, the chief executive of OHB-Systems, described the EU's Galileo satellite navigation (satnav) system as a "waste of taxpayer money," and "nonsense," according to conversations with US Ambassador Philip Murphy, published through WikiLeaks.

A spokesman for the Bremen-based company, which has received an initial contract for the Galileo system, said they felt compelled to suspend Smutny, "to avert immense damage to our reputation."

The remarks were part of WikiLeaks documents published in recent weeks by Norwegian daily *Aftenposten*.

Internet

Indonesia is investigating reports of an outbreak of Legionnaire's disease on the resort island of Bali, an official said Tuesday after 10 Australians returned home with the disease.—INTERNET

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REXONA

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SURF

Reg. No. 6133/2010

VIM

Reg. No. 6136/2010

VISO

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in respect of " **Class 3:** Detergents; preparations and substances, all for laundry use; fabric conditioning preparations, fabric softeners; bleaching preparations; stain removing preparations; deodorizing and freshening preparations for use on clothing and textiles; soaps; soaps for brightening textiles; preparations for washing clothing and textiles by hand; laundry starch; cleaning, polishing, scouring and abrasive preparations".

VASELINE

Reg. No. 6134/2010

in respect of " **Class 3:** Soaps; non-medicated toilet preparations; bath and shower preparations; skin care preparations; oils, creams and lotions for the skin; petroleum jelly; lip care preparations; cotton wool, cotton sticks; cosmetic pads, tissues or wipes; pre-moistened or impregnated cleansing pads, tissues or wipes; facial packs".

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A man walks past the New York Stock Exchange in New York during the morning commute, on 18 Jan, 2011.—INTERNET

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Asian shares advance on high-tech rally

TOKYO, 19 Jan—Most Asian stock markets advanced Wednesday, with the region's high-tech shares pushing higher after strong earnings results from Apple Inc and IBM Corp.

Japan's Nikkei 225 stock average rose 0.2 percent to 10,538.93. The electronics sector, including Sony Corp and Hitachi Ltd, posted strong gains.

Elsewhere, South Korea's Kospi added 0.5 percent to 2,106.65 and Australia's S&P/ASX 200 advanced 0.3 percent to 4,813.70. Benchmarks in New Zealand and Taipei also rose.

In New York Tuesday, the Dow Jones industrial average hit its highest close since June 2008, led by Boeing Co and Caterpillar Inc. The two companies contributed more than half of the Dow's 50 point rise.

The Dow rose 50.55 points, or 0.4 percent, to finish at 11,837.93.

Internet

40 countries celebrate Italian pesto

Italian officials said Genovese pesto was featured at restaurants in about 40 countries as part of the International Day of Italian Cuisine.

The officials said Genovese pesto, which was chosen as the official dish of the fourth annual IDIC, was showcased Monday by more than 2,000 restaurants around the world, *ANSA* reported.

"Pesto Day will be an important showcase for our manufacturers to publicize, promote, and distinguish real Genovese pesto from false imitations," Italian Agricultural Councilor Giovanni Barbagallo said in Genoa. "Defending the traditional pesto recipe from imitations is a priority for Liguria."

A young lady tries to keep her oversized Easter hat balanced as she works her way through the crowd outside of St Patrick Catherdal during the annual Easter Sunday Parade along 5th Avenue.

Professor accused of student grade poll

University of California-Davis officials said they are probing allegations a professor polled his students on what grade to give a classmate.

Chancellor Linda Katehi said the school will take "swift and appropriate action" if Edward Feldman, a veterinary school professor, is found to be guilty of misconduct, the *Sacramento Bee* reported Monday.

Feldman allegedly polled students on what grade should be given to a classmate who gave birth to a child and was expected to miss class for an unknown period of time.

"This alleged action, if found to be true, would present a serious deviation from the values and principles that guide our campus and our School of Veterinary Medicine, and I would be profoundly disappointed if the reported events did in fact transpire on this campus," Katehi said.

News Album

Mealworms and spring onions are stir-fried to be used in a quiche at the Rijn IJssel school for chefs in on 12 Jan, 2011.

A pair of twin brothers pose during the first similarity competition for multiple birth siblings in Yangon, Myanmar, on 16 Jan, 2011. The competition attracted a total of 101 pairs of contestants.

Chihuahua survives owl attack in suburban Chicago

An owl attack has left a 4-pound Chihuahua with a healthy fear of the dark.

The attack happened when Chico the Chihuahua was out for a walk with his owner George Kalomiris in the Chicago suburb of Crystal Lake last week. Kalomiris says they were walking down the street when a great horned owl swooped down and tried to fly away with the 3-year-old dog.

Kalomiris says he kept a firm grip on Chico's leash as the bird dragged the dog across the sidewalk, and he managed to scare the owl away.

Chico was treated for a puncture wound caused by the owl's talons, and his owner says he's still traumatized. Kalomiris says the dog now refuses to go outside at night.

The Rachel was 'the ugliest haircut'

Jennifer Aniston and Matthew Perry.
INTERNET

NEW YORK, 19 Jan—There was a time in the mid 1990s when women barraged their hair saloons with photos of Jennifer Aniston to copy her haircut. The layered cut was given the name "The Rachel" for Aniston's character, named Rachel Green, on the "Friends" television series. She wore the style on the show's first and second season.

One person who was not a fan of "The Rachel," however, was Aniston herself. Aniston, now 41, tells the February issue of *Allure* magazine it was not her best look.

"How do I say this? I think it was the ugliest haircut I've ever seen," she says. "What I really want to know is, how did that thing have legs?" Aniston's longtime hairstylist Chris McMillan came up with "The Rachel." He still works with her today.

Internet

A model presents a creation of the Z Zegna Fall/Winter 2011 Men's collection during the Milan Fashion Week in Milan, northern Italy, on 18 Jan, 2011.
XINHUA

Bullock denies Reynolds romance rumours

Sandra Bullock

BEVERLY HILLS, 19 Jan—Hollywood actress Sandra Bullock says rumours she is romancing actor Ryan Reynolds are untrue.

Bullock, 46, and Reynolds, 34, were both married when their 2009 big-screen comedy, "The Proposal," became a huge hit.

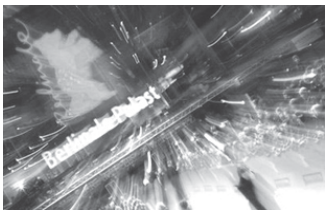
However, since then, Bullock has ended her marriage to TV personality Jesse James and Reynolds has separated from his actress/wife Scarlett Johansson.

Internet gossip in recent weeks has suggested Bullock and Reynolds are now dating.

"I think there will be a collective sigh amongst women across the United States when I say he's not my lovah," People.com reported Bullock told "Today's" Al Roker on the red carpet before Sunday night's Golden Globes in Beverly Hills, Calif. "He's just an amazing friend for 10 years but I don't get his loving after dark." The Oscar-winning actress went on to say the only man in her life right now is her 1-year-old adopted son, Louis. "It's all I can handle," she said.

Internet

Spacey, Moore and 3D in focus at Berlin film fest



Picture taken on 14 Feb, 2010 shows fans waiting for the arrival of celebrities on the red carpet before the premiere of the film "Greenberg" competing in the 60th Berlinale Film Festival in Berlin.
INTERNET

BERLIN, 19 Jan—A financial crisis thriller starring Kevin Spacey and Demi Moore and a French 3D animated feature will vie for the top prizes at next month's Berlin film festival, organisers said Tuesday. The 61st edition of the festival, running from 10 to 20 February, will showcase 22 films in its main programme including 16 in the running for the festival's coveted Golden and Silver Bear top prizes, the organisers said in a statement announcing the complete list of competitors.—*Internet*

Singer Faye Wong arrives at the airport of Taipei, southeast China's Taipei, on 18 Jan, 2011. Faye Wong will stage a concert in Taipei from 21 to 23 Jan.—XINHUA

Asian Cup: Australia, South Korea make quarters

DOHA, 19 Jan — Australia and South Korea have reached the Asian Cup quarterfinals after winning their final group matches.

The Aussies beat Bahrain 1-0 in driving rain on Tuesday to finish first in Group C on goal difference. Mile Jedinak scored on a half-volley in the 37th minute. Australia lost to Japan on penalty kicks in the quarterfinals in 2007.

South Korea moved into the knockout round by defeating India 4-1 in Group C. The South Koreans had two goals from Ji Dong-won and one each from Koo Ja-cheol and Son Heung-min. India's Sunil Chhetri made a penalty kick in the 12th minute.—*Internet*

***Australia's player Mile Jedinak, left, celebrates with his teammates after scores against Bahrain.—*INTERNET**

Spurs defender Woodgate ends injury nightmare

LONDON, 19 Jan — Jonathan Woodgate finally returned to action after a career-threatening groin injury as the Tottenham defender played in a training ground friendly against QPR on Tuesday.

Woodgate's injury-plagued career appeared over earlier this season when Spurs manager Harry Redknapp revealed treatment on the England international's serious groin problem was proving unsuccessful.

But the 30-year-old former Real Madrid and Leeds centre-back, who has been out for 14 months, then began to show signs of improvement and took a huge stride forward by completing 45 minutes in the QPR friendly. "Woody was outstanding," technical co-ordinator Tim Sherwood told Spurs' official website.

"He's not played for such a long time, but it was as if he'd never been away."

Redknapp was forced to omit Woodgate from his 25-man squad for the first half of the Premier League season but may decide to include him when he resubmits it when the transfer window closes.—*Internet*

Jonathan Woodgate

SPORTS

Osvaldo undergoes successful surgery

MADRID, 19 Jan — Espanyol's Argentine striker Pablo Daniel Osvaldo has undergone a successful operation to a torn thigh muscle which is expected to keep him sidelined for another two months, the club said.

***Espanyol's Argentine striker Pablo Daniel Osvaldo.—*INTERNET**

The 25-year-old was stretchered off during the 4-0 league win over Real Zaragoza on 9 January.

He underwent a "successful" operation in Argentina on Tuesday, the Barcelona-based club said in a statement on its website.

Osvaldo, who also holds Italian nationality, is likely to remain in Argentina for two to three weeks before returning to Spain. He is not expected to return to the pitch for another two months, it said.

Internet

Pienaar seals Spurs switch

LONDON, 19 Jan — South Africa midfielder Steven Pienaar completed his three million pounds (4.1 million dollars) transfer to Tottenham from Everton on Tuesday.

Pienaar used microblogging website Twitter to reveal that he would join Tottenham after Everton accepted an improved offer from Harry Redknapp's side and the deal was concluded just hours later.

The 28-year-old passed a medical at Tottenham's training ground before signing a four-and-a-half-year contract. "We are delighted to announce that we have reached agreement with Everton and Steven Pienaar for the player's transfer to the Club," a statement on Tottenham's website confirmed.

Internet

Everton midfielder Steven Pienaar

Napoli reach Coppa last eight

ROME, 19 Jan — Napoli eased into the quarter-finals of the Coppa Italia after a comfortable 2-1 victory at home to Bologna on Tuesday.

Goals from Hassan Yebda and Ezequiel Lavezzi put the Neapolitans in control before the break before Riccardo Meggiorini's second half spot-kick threatened to make things interesting.

Napoli were fully deserving of their lead as Yebda headed home a Lavezzi corner.

Lavezzi doubled the advantage after a brilliant dummy left a defender on the ground before he quickly toe-poked high into the net.

Bologna were gifted a route back into the game when Emilson Cribari was adjudged to have brought down Meggiorini in the box.

TV replays showed Cribari clearly winning the ball and Meggiorini throwing himself over the defender's out-stretched leg.—*Internet*

***Napoli's Argentinian forward Ezequiel Lavezzi.—*INTERNET**

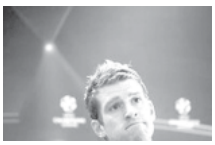
Rangers close on Celtic after Inverness victory

GLASGOW, 19 Jan — Rangers moved to within two points of Celtic at the top of the Scottish Premier League as they scraped a 1-0 win over Inverness Caledonian Thistle at Ibrox on Tuesday.

Inverness, who have secured draws against both sides of the Old Firm in Glasgow this season, had a number of opportunities to take the lead before Steven Davis fired Rangers into the lead right on half-time.

Graeme Shinnie twice came to the rescue for Inverness as he cleared efforts from Kyle Lafferty and Nikica Jelavic, returning after a three-month absence, off the line but Rangers failed to add to their tally.

Rangers, who have two games in hand over Celtic, could move top before Celtic face Aberdeen on Saturday if Walter Smith's side win away to third placed Hearts - who beat Kilmarnock 2-1 also on Tuesday - in the early kick-off.—*Internet*



Ranger's middfielder Steven Davis

City dump old boss Eriksson out of FA Cup

LONDON, 19 Jan — Manchester City dumped their former manager Sven Goran Eriksson out of the FA Cup as the Premier League side beat Leicester 4-2 in a third round replay at Eastlands on Tuesday.

Joining City in the fourth round were fellow Premier League sides Wolves, who defeated Doncaster 5-0, and Stoke, who beat Cardiff 2-0 after extra time.

Eriksson was sacked by City in 2008 after just one season in charge, but goals from Carlos Tevez, Patrick Vieira, Adam Johnson and Aleksandar Kolarov ensured there would be no revenge for the ex-England coach.

Internet

Manchester City's Adam Johnson celebrates scoring against Leicester City during their English FA.
INTERNET

Olazabal picked as Europe Ryder Cup captain

ABUDHABI, 19 Jan — Jose Maria Olazabal will captain Europe's Ryder Cup team when it defends the trophy against the United States at Medinah in 2012.

The 44-year-old Spaniard, who played in seven Ryder Cups and was Europe's vice captain for the last two matches, was appointed captain on Tuesday. He succeeds Colin Montgomerie, who guided Europe to a 14 1/2-13 1/2 victory over the US at Celtic Manor, Wales, in October.

Olazabal, a two-time Masters champion and the unanimous choice among Europe's leading players, described his appointment as the "proudest moment" of his career. —*Internet*

History-chasing Nadal gifted Australian Open win

MELBOURNE, 19 Jan — Top seed Rafael Nadal was handed an easy route to the Australian Open second round on Tuesday when Marcos Daniel retired hurt, putting him a step closer to a historic fourth successive Grand Slam win.

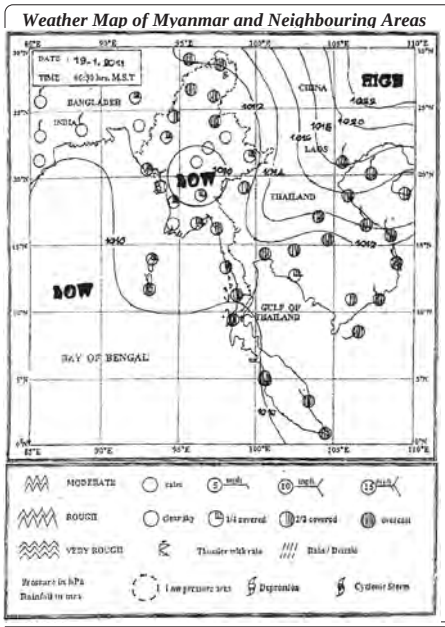
The French Open, Wimbledon and US Open champion was leading 6-0, 5-0 when Brazilian journeyman Daniel, 32, threw in the towel after being troubled by a left knee problem. Andy Murray went through in similar circumstances when Slovakia's Karol Beck retired with a shoulder problem midway with the Briton leading 6-3, 6-1, 4-2.

Swedish fourth seed Robin Soderling beat Italy's Potito Starace in straight sets, and 2009 US Open champion Juan Martin del Potro enjoyed a successful return to Grand Slam tennis after being injured for most of last year.

Internet

***Spain's Rafael Nadal serves during his first round men's singles match against Brazil's Marcos Daniel on the second day of the Australian Open in Melbourne.—*INTERNET**

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Wednesday, 19th January, 2011

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain have been isolated in Upper Sagaing Region and sacttered in Kachin State and weather has been partly cloudy over Shan, Rakhine and Mon States, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions and generally fair in the remaining States and Regions. Night temperatures were (3°C) above January average temperatures in Shan and Mon States, Bago Region, (4°C) below January average temperatures in Chin State, Upper Sagaing and Magway Regions and about Janauray average temperatures in the remaining States and Regions. The significant night temperatures were Haka (0°C), Namhsam (5°C) , Lashio, Paletwa and Katha (6°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Machanbaw (0.16) inch and Putao (0.11) inch .

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 18-1-2011 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 19-1-2011 was 58°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 19-1-2011 was (82%). Rainfall on 19-1-2011 was (Nil) .

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 18-1-2011 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 19-1-2011 was 64°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 19-1-2011 was (60%). Total sunshine hours on 18-1-2011 was (9.3) hours (Approx).

Rainfall on 19-1-2011 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (1.97) inches at Mingaladon, (1.42) inches at Kaba-Aye and (2.95) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from South at (15:30) hours MST on 18-1-2011.

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 20th January 2011: Rain are likely to be isolated in Kachin and Shan States, Upper Sagaing Region and weather will be partly cloudy over 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 Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 20-1-2011: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 20-1-2011: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 20-1-2011: Partly cloudy.

China's Internet population rises to 457 million

BEIJING, 19 Jan — China's online population rose to 457 million in 2010 as use of mobile phones to surf the Web spread rapidly, an industry group reported on Wednesday.

China's population of Internet users a group more than 50 percent larger than the whole US population grew 19 percent in 2010 over the previous year, said the state-sanctioned China Internet Network Information Centre.

The number of people surfing the Web by mobile phone jumped 29.6 percent over 2009 to 303 million, the group said.

The communist government actively promotes Internet use for business and education, though it operates an extensive censorship system to block access to material it considers subversive or pornographic.

The number of people using online commerce and Internet entertainment services also grew rapidly in 2010, CNNIC said. It said the number of e-commerce customers rose 48.6 percent over 2009, though it gave no total.

China's rapid rise in Web use has been driven by economic growth that forecasters say was close to 10 percent last year following the country's rapid rebound from the global crisis.—*Internet*

***In this on 15 Jan, 2010 file photo, people use computers at an Internet cafe in Fuyang, in central China's Anhui Province.—*INTERNET**

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL
Programme Schedule
(20-1-2011) (Thursday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	**- (09:00am~11:00am MST**
Oversea Transmission	**- (20-1-11 09:30 am ~ 21-1-11 09:30 am MST**

Local Transmission

* Opening
* News
* Current Affairs
''Surprising Myanmar (Thanakha)''
* News
* Early Morning Athletics
* News
* Traditional Matrimony of Ra Wan Nationals
* Coffee, foreign exchange earner
* New Year Sales Promotion Exhibition in 2011
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* Zar Ni Aung & Her Goal of Arts
* News
* Against All Odds
* Music Gallery
* News
* MI People's Celebrities ''A Kyi Taw''
* The Incredible Edifice (The Ananda Temple)
* News
* Let's Visit Flower City by Coach
* Myanmar Movies "Regretful Game"

Myanmar TV

Thursday,
20 January
View on today

7:00 am
1. Paritta By Venerable Min Gun Sayadaw -Uppatathandi Paritta

7:30 am
2. Morning News

7:40 am
3. Dhamma Puja Song

7:50 am
4. Nice & Sweet Song

8:05 am
5. Dance Variety

8:15 am
6. Teleplay (Health)

8:30 am
7. Dance Of National Races

8:40 am
8. International News

8:45 am
9. Musical Programme

3:30 pm
1. Myanmar National League MNL Grand Royal (2011) Football Competition Delay (Rakhapura United & Yadanarbon United FC)

5:00 pm
2. Musical Programme

5:10 pm
3. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -First Year (English)

5:25 pm
4. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

5:30 pm
5. Cute Little Dancers

5:45 pm
6. Science And Enviroment (Conserve)

6:00 pm
7. Evening News

6:15 pm
8. Weather Report

6:20 pm
9. Myanmar Series

6:40 pm
10. Approaching Science Discovery World

7:00 pm
11. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm
12. News
13. International News
14. Weather Report
15. Documentary
16. TV Drama Series
17. TV Drama Series

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Contract inked on heavy production of coal in Sagaing Region, Shan State (South)

The contract signing ceremony on heavy production of coal in Darthwaykyauk Creek region of Mawlaik Township and Minpalaung region of Ywangan Township in progress.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Jan—No. 3 Mining Enterprise under the Ministry of Mines and Four-Person Group Mining Co Ltd signed a production-sharing contract on heavy production of coal in Darthwaykyauk Creek region of Mawlaik Township, Mawlaik District, Sagaing Region and in Minpalaung region of Ywangan Township, Shan State (South), at the Ministry of Mines, here, yesterday evening.

Minister for Mines U Ohn Myint delivered an address. Managing Director U Win Htein of No. 3 Mining Enterprise reported on heavy production of coal. Managing Director U Yan Win of Four-Person Group Mining Co Ltd spoke words of thanks.

The Managing Director of No. 3 Mining Enterprise and the Managing Director of Four-Person Group Mining Co Ltd signed the agreement.

The minister presented permit to the Managing Director of Four-Person Group Mining Co Ltd.

Also present on the occasion were directors-general and managing directors under the ministry, officials of Myanmar Investment Commission and the Attorney-General's Office and guests.—*MNA*

Climate change to spur crop shortages

An Indian laborer plucks tea leaves at a tea garden in Amchong tea estate, about 45 kilometers (28 miles) east of Gauhati, India.
INTERNET

TORONTO, 19 Jan—The world may be 2.4 degrees warmer by the end of this decade, and that could have deadly consequences for global food production, according to a new study overseen by climate scientist Osvaldo Canziani.

"The Impacts of Climate Change on Food Production: A 2020 Perspective," was published Tuesday afternoon by an Argentina-based non-profit group called the Universal Ecological Fund released (UEF).

According to the report, by 2020 there will be a shortfall of 14 per cent for global wheat production, 11 per cent for rice and nine per-cent for maize. Soybeans will be the only major crop that will meet world demand, with a surplus of five per cent.

The number of people going hungry could therefore jump to 20 per cent of the world's population from the current 14 per cent, the report estimates. The number of hungry children in the world could nearly double.— *Internet*