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In future, large hydropower projects must be implemented successfully with domestic industrial products, national experts and national skilled workers only

Relocated villages from project area have been provided with all forms of aids including water, electric power, buildings and religious buildings

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Jan—Prime Minister U Thein Sein, accompanied by ministers, deputy ministers and heads of department, left Nay Pyi Taw by air and arrived at Nampaung Airport in Myitkyina, Kachin State, at 12.30 pm on 22 January.

Together with Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Brig-Gen Zeyar Aung and members, the Prime Minister flew to Myitsone Hydropower Project near Tanphe Village, downstream the confluence of the rivers Maykha and Malikha, about 25 miles north of Myitkyina.

Minister for Electric Power No.1 U Zaw Min reported on ongoing hydropower projects in Kachin State, purposes of Myitsone Hydropower Project, historical background of the project, and facts about the project.

Director-General of the Hydropower Implementation Department U Myint Zaw gave accounts of chosen sites for building stone-filled concrete bed of the dam and related structures, the programme to divert the river with three phases and terms, preparations for building spillway and hydropower plant, comparative study between heights of stone-filled concrete beds and installed generation capacities at the international level and that at the domestic level, arrangements for construction of Ayeyawady River-crossing bridge as part of Myitsone Hydropower Project, and systematic relocation of the villages in the inundated area to Aungmyintha Model Village.

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Prime Minister U Thein Sein inspects progress in construction of houses and roads in Aungmyintha Model Village.

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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

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 25 January, 2011

Improve quality, character of Myanmar films

The ceremony to present Myanma Motion Picture Outstanding Awards (Academy Awards) for 2009 took place at the open-air theater of City Hall in Nay Pyi Taw the other day. The Myanmar movies that were on in 2009 were scrutinized, and nine outstanding film stars and professionals were named academy award winners.

Myanmar film professionals had struggled for many periods starting from the pre-war period to improve Myanmar film industry. They have been taking part in movements with their artistic talent from the period of independence struggles to date to preserve and promote national prestige and integrity. So also today, they are still engaged in the duties of building a new nation with the art of film production.

To improve the quality and standard of the Myanmar film industry is crucial for the Myanmar film world. Films and TV series of the international community are improving in all aspects. Globally, films are shot with digital system and special effects in specially-designed settings and scenes.

So, Myanmar film stars, technicians and producers have to be serious about raising the standard of films by improving plots, themes, shots, costumes and performances.

Motion picture has great influence over the public. So, film artists and producers are to be well convinced of the fact that costumes, dialogues and performances should not be against Myanmar culture and traditions. They have to exert their performing art to the best of their ability to promote national character.

Now, films with pictures of higher resolution and better sound system are produced with the assistance of the government, and efforts of film professionals. They also have to keep working hard to produce films with strong themes and naturalism in order to meet the international level. Therefore, film professionals inclusive of the winners are duty-bound to work in harmony to improve the quality and character of Myanmar films.

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**

Natkanlei-Kyaukpon road in Kyaukpadaung Tsp opened

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Jan—The opening of Natkanlei-Kyaukpon gravel road in Kyaukponmyauk Village, Kyauk-ponmyauk Village-tract, Kyaukpadaung Township, Mandalay Region, was held as gesture of hailing the 64th Anniversary Union Day yesterday.

Ministers U Soe Thein and U Hla Tun attend opening ceremony of Natkanlei-Kyaukpon gravel road in Kyaukponmyauk Village of Kyaukpadaung Township.—MNA

In his speech, Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun disclosed that the facility was designed to improve the social, economic, education and health conditions of the villages on the eastern part of Mt. Popa. He called for long-term greening and development of the eastern part of the region.

Minister for Industry-2 U Soe Thein pledged that industrial assistance would be provided to improve the socio-economic status in Kyaukpadaung Township.

Officials formally opened the road. Ministers and guests inspected the facility, which is part of 18-mile Hsongon-Natkanlei-Kyaukpon Road. Now, the villages on the eastern part of the mountain have easy access to Kyaukpadaung, Meiktila and Mandalay.

MNA

MCDC meets for Mayor's Cup Vegetables and Fruit Show and Contest

Mayor U Phone Zaw Han addressing coordiantion meeting for holding 9th Mayor's Cup Vegetables and Fruit Show and Contest.—MCDC

MANDALAY, 24 Jan—Mandalay City Development Committee met for holding 9th Mayor's Cup Vegetable and Fruit show-cum-contest at MCDC meeting hall on 10 January.

MCDC Chairman Mayor U Phone Zaw Han opened the meeting with an address.

Officials submitted their reports on organizing the event successfully to the mayor whose concluding remarks brought the meeting to the end.—*MCDC*

UMFCCI officials meet foreign guests

YANGON, 24 Jan—A meeting between officials of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and a two-member delegation led by Designated Representative Mr. Axel Neubert of Hanns Seidel Foundation was held at the office of the federation on 17 January.

They held discussions on opportunities to work together towards industrial development, on-job training courses to be organized for human resources development, ongoing businesses and prospects of further cooperation. — *MNA*

Education, Living & Health Care Exhibition on 25-28 Feb

YANGON, 24 Jan—With the main sponsorship of Shine Construction, Jade Crown Organizing Group will organize Education, Living & Health Care Exhibition at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road in Dagon Township, here, from 9 am to 5 pm daily from 25 to 28 February.

The exhibition is designed to take place on a grand scale with more than 100 booths of famous companies and services with sale-promotion programmes and special programmes.

Those wishing to stage booths in the exhibition may contact Jade Crown Organizing Group at No. 204 on 1st Floor, 39th Street (Central Block), Kyauktada Township (Ph: 01-7309 8593, 01-7313 8593, 09 8630 440).—*MNA*

Ahmadinejad hopes for more talks with world powers

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad gestures while speaking in Rasht, 323 km (200 miles) northwest of Teheran on 23 Jan, 2011.—INTERNET

TEHERAN, 24 Jan— President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said on Sunday Iran hoped to resume talks with world powers on its nuclear programme, a day after discussions ended in stalemate with no clear agreement to meet again.

An Iranian official was quoted as saying Teheran could revive talks on a fuel exchange deal moving some enrichment overseas. But he said only Russia need take part. French participation foreseen by an earlier tentative pact was unnecessary.

Two days of talks with the United States, France, Germany, China, Russia and Britain ended without progress on Saturday with the group's lead negotiator, the European Union's Catherine Ashton, saying no further meeting was scheduled.

"If the other party is determined and committed to law, justice and respect, there is hope that in the next sessions good results would be achieved," Ahmadinejad said in a speech.

Ahmadinejad spoke as if it were understood the talks would resume. "In the upcoming meetings there will be good agreements made, provided the two parties remain committed to the spirit of the talks," he said in the televised speech to a crowd in the city of Rasht.—*Reuters*

Explosion kills 31 at Moscow airport

MOSCOW, 24 Jan—A explosion ripped through the arrivals hall at Moscow's busiest airport on Monday, killing 31 people and wounding about 130, Health Ministry officials said.

The state *RIA Novosti* said the explosion may have been caused by a suicide bomber.

The Russkaya Sluzhba Novostei radio station cited a traveler, identified as Viktor, as saying he heard the bang outside the airport, where he was waiting for a car.

"There was an explosion, a bang. Then I saw a policeman covered in fragments of flesh and all bloody. He was shouting 'I've survived! I've survived!'"

Internet

A general view of Moscow's Domodedovo airport is seen on Sunday, 26 Dec, 2010. Icy rain on Sunday shut down Moscow's largest airport for nearly 15 hours, coated roads with ice and left more than 300,000 people and 14 hospitals without electricity.—INTERNET

Two car bombs aimed at Shiite pilgrims kill 18 in Iraq

In the past week, a series of attacks have killed at least 159 people

BAGHDAD, 24 Jan—Two car bombs struck Shiite pilgrims Monday in an Iraqi holy city, killing at least 18 people as crowds massed for religious rituals marking the end of a 40-day mourning period for the Islamic sect's most beloved saint.

The blasts in Karbala were the latest in nearly a week of attacks that have killed at least 159 people.

The first attack occurred about 7 am in a parking lot near busloads of pilgrims on the eastern outskirts of Karbala, 55 miles (90 kilometres) south of Baghdad. Police and hospital officials said that six pilgrims were killed and 34 people wounded in that attack.

More than four hours later, a second car bomb struck pilgrims on the southern edge of the city, killing at least 12 people, including 10 pilgrims and two soldiers, and wounding 21, the officials said.

Monday's attacks followed a triple suicide bombing last week along two highways leading to Karbala that killed 56 and wounded at least 180 —most of them Shiite pilgrims.

Internet

Senior officer killed, 10 people wounded in Iraq's violence

BAGHDAD, 24 Jan— An Iraqi senior officer was killed and ten people were wounded in separate bomb attacks in Baghdad and Salahudin Province in north of Baghdad on Monday, the police said.

Iraqi army's Brigadier General Thamir Hassan Saleh, who works at the office of Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki, was killed when a roadside bomb went off near his car in Baghdad's western district of Ghazaliyah, an Interior Ministry source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

A security man accompanying Saleh was wounded by the blast, which occurred in the morning while Saleh was heading to work, the source said. In a separate incident, a bomb planted at a parking lot for minibuses carrying passengers in Baghdad's northwestern district of al-Shula, detonated and wounded five people, the source added.—*Xinhua*

Workers sweep away debris after a bombing in Baghdad, Iraq, on 23 Jan, 2011. A flurry of morning bombs killed and wounded several across Baghdad Sunday, police said, in what one Iraqi official called an attempt to undermine security ahead of a much anticipated meeting of Arab heads of state in two months.
INTERNET

WikiLeaks man named 'un-Australian' of the year

Julian Assange, founder of the website WikiLeaks which has exposed many state secrets through a series of leaked memos, is seen in London.
INTERNET

SYDNEY, 24 Jan—WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange was named "un-Australian of the Year" by a men's magazine on Monday for publishing thousands of leaked US diplomatic cables on his whistleblowing site.

Australian-born Assange edged out God, Denmark's Princess Mary and Prime Minister Julia Gillard to take Australian lads' title Zoo Weekly's dubious award for promising to dump 250,000 secret memos on WikiLeaks.

"Dress it up any way you like but the WikiLeaks founder broke that famous rule 'What goes in the memo stays in the memo'," Zoo wrote.

"Don't expect any buck's night invites anytime soon Jules."

Assange, 39, is on bail in Britain awaiting an extradition hearing. He is wanted in Sweden for questioning on sexual assault allegations.—*Internet*

Walmart shooting leaves two dead, two deputies hurt

PORT ORCHARD, 24 Jan—A shootout in front of a Walmart in Washington State left two people dead and two sheriff's deputies wounded Sunday afternoon, a sheriff's spokesman said.

One of the dead was a man who shot at deputies, said Scott Wilson of the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office. The other victim was a young woman who died after she was taken to a Tacoma hospital, he said. The deputies' wounds did not appear life-threatening, Wilson said.

Details were sketchy Sunday evening, but the sheriff's office received a call about a suspicious person at the store in Port Orchard, Wilson said. The man ran and started shooting when three deputies tried to talk to him, he said.—*Internet*

A woman is comforted outside of Walmart in Port Orchard, Wash. where a Washington State sheriff said a shooting left one person dead and two sheriff's deputies wounded Sunday afternoon, on 23 Jan, 2011.—INTERNET

Science

Nepal uses satellites to track rare tiger

KATHMANDU, 24 Jan— An injured wild tiger that strayed into a tourist resort in Nepal has been moved to a new home in the jungle and fitted with a satellite collar so its progress can be tracked, the government said.

The tiger, an adult male, was captured after it wandered into the resort on the outskirts of the Chitwan national park in southern Nepal, a major tourist attraction, and nursed back to health by park authorities.

It was then driven about 600 kilometres (400 miles) with a team of vets and conservationists in a specially constructed trailer to the remote jungles of Bardia in western Nepal, where it was released on Saturday.

The tiger, named Namobuddha by park authorities, has been fitted with a special collar carrying a GPS tracking system that will allow scientists to monitor how well it adapts to its new home.

The government said the initiative, carried out with the help of experts from WWF, would also help to improve understanding of how the endangered animals behave in the wild.

Internet

A lab technician loads samples onto a gel in San Francisco, California. Tamoxifen, a drug commonly used to treat breast cancer, may also help reduce the risk of death from lung cancer, said a study published in the US peer-reviewed journal Cancer on Monday.—INTERNET

Bark beetle infestation grows in Colorado, Wyoming

DENVER, 24 Jan— Tree-killing bark beetles decimated 550,000 acres of forests in Colorado and Wyoming last year, bringing the total area ravaged by the insects in both states to 4 million acres since 1996, the US Forest Service said on Sunday.

"The significance is that the trajectory is moving north and east into more visible and populated areas," Janelle Smith, spokeswoman for the US Forest Service, told *Reuters.*

Federal and state foresters just released their annual aerial survey of impacted lands across the two Rocky Mountain states. The main culprit is the mountain pine beetle responsible for infesting 400,000 acres in Colorado and southern Wyoming.

The burrowing insects are moving into ponderosa pine forests from lodgepole pine stands along the Continental Divide, Smith said. The spruce beetle, more active in southern Colorado, attacked an additional 150,000 acres in 2010, the report noted.—*Reuters*

Nuclear cleanup plant questioned

SEATTLE, 24 Jan— A costly US environmental project, meant to deal with millions of gallons of nuclear waste, is over budget and faces technical and safety issues, critics say.

The Department of Energy is building a facility at the Hanford, Wash, nuclear reservation to clean up 53 million gallons of radioactive waste left over from 40 years of nuclear weapons production currently stored in aging, leaking tanks, but the cost estimates have nearly tripled to $12.2 billion and its builders have yet to settle some vexing problems with the design, The *Seattle Times* reported Sunday.

Some critics say they worry the final plant may be dangerous and will not be able to treat as much waste as expected, could pose environmental dangers, and might take billions of more dollars to get right. The plant is being built even though details of the final design have yet to be worked out, they say. The government's own tests show equipment might fail or pipes might clog in parts of the facility so radioactive with nuclear waste no human or machine could ever get in and make repairs.

We figured out how to put a man on the moon in 10 years using slide rules," said Walt Tamosaitis, a high-level Hanford engineer who said he was removed from the project last year after raising safety concerns. "We still can't seem to get this right."—*Internet*

Technology

Cellcom and Iway launch Internet system for cars

TEL AVIV, 24 Jan— Start-up Iway Mobile and Cellcom, Israel's largest mobile phone operator, launched on Sunday a communications, Internet and entertainment system for the automobile.

While the Comodo Console will be sold first in February in Israel, where it will be marketed exclusively by Cellcom, Iway is in talks to sell the product to cellular operators in other countries over the next six months.

Iway founder and Chief Executive Danny Knafou said the first countries would likely be France, Russia and China.

"We are in talks with SFR, China Mobile and MTS," Knafou told *Reuters* on the sidelines of a news conference.

The operating system is programmed for 20 languages, including Russian, Arabic and Chinese, and more will be added.

Comodo includes a 4.3 inch touchscreen, speakerphone, a rear camera to increase security when in reverse, a GPS antenna and a cellular modem for an always-on connection to the Internet via a 3G cellular network. The driver can listen to radio stations from around the globe.—*Reuters*

A woman looks at a Comodo Console during a launch event in Tel Aviv on 23 Jan, 2011.
INTERNET

Google prepping to test daily deals service

SAN FRANCISCO, 24 Jan—Google Inc is preparing to test a new prepaid coupon and offer service in a bid to better compete in the fast-growing market for local online advertising, the *Wall Street Journal* reported on Sunday.

The world's top Internet search company is talking to small business owners to solicit their support for a test of an offers programme, the report said.

The effort is dubbed Google Offers, and was first reported by the blog Mashable. Google did not immediately respond to a request for a comment.

Google's move comes in the wake of the company's failed bid for startup discount-coupon sensation Groupon last year. Google offered $6 billion for Groupon but was rebuffed, according to several news outlets.

Groupon — called the fastest-growing Internet start-up in history — sends its members daily e-mails with about 200 discounts for goods and services. Its subscriber base is expected to grow to 25 million in 2011 from 13 million in 2010. A daily deal service would help Google make inroads into a local advertising market that is estimated to be worth $91 billion, analysts have said.—*Reuters*

BlackBerry programme may help RIM defend its turf

TORONTO, 24 Jan—Research In Motion aims to keep its dominance of the corporate smartphone market by enabling the BlackBerry to segregate a user's personal data from work-related emails and other applications sponsored by employers.

A senior RIM executive says the company would soon introduce software that would effectively give users two phones in one. It's part of RIM's strategy to arrest a steady erosion of its leadership in the corporate segment as Apple's iPhone and other consumer-friendly devices make inroads.

Many corporations are now allowing employees to use their own smartphones at work, forcing IT departments to manage confidential information on the iPhone and devices running on Google's Android operating system.

But those devices are not equipped with the security and system features that have long given the BlackBerry an edge among corporations and other organizations that put a high value on confidentiality and control.

Reuters

The original cylinder of platinum and iridium used as the standard weight for one kilogramme. Scientists said Monday they were moving closer to coming up with a non-physical definition of the kilo after discovering the metal artefact used as the international standard had shed a little weight.
INTERNET

Health

A new study on the brain's memory patterns, published in Nature Neuroscience, provides new insights into the hugely complex process by which we store and retrieve deliberately acquired information.
INTERNET

Childhood last name predicts whether you buy early, late

NASHVILLE, 24 Jan— The first letter of your childhood surname may influence your consumer behaviour as an adult, according to a new study. US researchers examined how fast adults responded to opportunities to buy items they wanted, and they found that those with childhood last names that began with a letter that appeared later in the alphabet tended to be the quickest purchasers.

However, this effect wasn't seen with surnames that had changed because of marriage. The study will be published in the August issue of the Journal of *Consumer Research*.

Children with last names that begin with letters that appear later in the alphabet are often at the end of lines or at the back of the class, noted researchers Kurt A Carlson of Georgetown University and Jacqueline M Conard of Belmont University.

"The idea holds that children develop time-dependent responses based on the treatment they receive," the researchers wrote in a journal news release.—*Internet*

A file picture shows a man eating an 'insect pizza' at a food festival in the Netherlands in 2009. Dutch scientists are doing groundbreaking research into insects replacing animal meat as a healthier, more environmentally friendly source of protein.—INTERNET

Some child hearing loss tied to virus in pregnancy

NEW YORK, 24 Jan—Hearing loss in a child may have links to a virus that Mom got while she was pregnant, according to a new study.

In kids that had some degree of hearing loss, about 9 percent also had cytomegalovirus (CMV) at birth, says a new study in the Archives of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery.

"(CMV) needs to be on the list of things we think about when we see a child with hearing loss," said Dr Stephanie Misono, an ear, nose and throat fellow at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, and lead author on the study.

CMV is a common virus that normally causes a harmless infection, although people with weakened immune systems can get sick from it. Infections can be avoided by washing your hands regularly especially after dealing with sick people and toddlers, who sometimes carry it, according to the Centres for Disease Control.

For women who are already infected when they become pregnant, the chances of passing it along to their children are quite small. It's women who pick it up while pregnant who have a higher chance, according to the study, but it's still quite unlikely that their babies will develop CMV-related hearing loss.

Internet

Australia's study finds obesity link to anxiety

CANBERRA, 24 Jan—An Australian study on Monday found people who were obese were more likely to report mental health problems.

The research was conducted by the Institute for Health and Social Science Research at the Rockhampton campus of Central Queensland University. Researchers collected data on the physical and mental health of more than 1,200 Queensland-based volunteers in Australia.

The study found older obese participants, those aged 45 to 54 years, were more likely to develop emotional problems that had affected their work or social activities, in comparison with their healthy and overweight peers.

They were also less likely to have felt calm and peaceful in the month prior to the study, though it was not clear whether obesity was the cause or effect of their mental health problems.

"It's one of those what comes first the chicken or the egg type of thing," Dietitians Association of Australia (DAA) spokesperson Lisa Renn told *Australia Associated Press* on Monday.

"If someone is obese they are going to have problems with their physical health, and poor physical health can lead issues with self esteem and body image and that increases anxiety and depression.

"The other side is those people who are suffering from anxiety and depression, they have a decreased ability to focus on their health and healthy eating and exercise.—*Xinhua*

Business

RockTenn to buy Smurfit Stone for $3.5 billion

NEW YORK, 24 Jan—Packaging and paper company RockTenn Co has agreed to buy bigger rival Smurfit-Stone Container Corp for $3.5 billion in cash and stock seven months after Smurfit emerged from bankruptcy with less debt and higher profit potential.

The deal, announced on Sunday, will triple RockTenn's annual revenue to more than $9 billion and make the combined company the second-largest containerboard producer in North America after International Paper Co.

Under the merger approved by the boards of the two companies, RockTenn will pay $35 in cash and stock per each Smurfit-Stone common share, representing a 27 percent premium to Smurfit-Stone's closing price of $27.52 on Friday.

With the deal, RockTenn Chairman and Chief Executive James Rubright is making a big bet that demand for containerboard will pick up as the US economy emerges out of the recession.

Demand for paper and packaging has risen in recent months as consumers increase spending on everyday goods that are shipped and sold using packaging, after a near decade-long slump caused by weak demand and overcapacity.

Reuters

Oil hovers above $89 a barrel in Asia

BANGKOK, 24 Jan—Oil prices hovered above $89 a barrel Monday in Asia with gains tempered by mixed regional stock markets and expectations China will take more measures to cool its economy.

Benchmark crude for March delivery was up 25 cents at $89.36 a barrel at midday Bangkok time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract fell 48 cents to settle at $89.11 on Friday.

Oil has fallen from above $93 a barrel after economic indicators from China last week showed its economic growth accelerated in the fourth quarter and inflation remained elevated.

That has investors worried Beijing will take more steps to slow growth, reducing demand for crude from the world's biggest energy consumer.

Also tempering oil futures was mixed stock markets in Asia.

In other Nymex trading in February contracts, heating oil rose 2.1 cents to $2.67 a gallon and gasoline added 1.2 cents to $2.47 a gallon. Natural gas gained 8.2 cents to $4.82 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Internet

A man walks towards a sea wall on Marine Drive on the Arabian Sea front in Mumbai in 2009. India's state-run Oil & Natural Gas Corp said Friday a "small" leak on one of its offshore pipelines had stopped, and it resumed production at oil wells shut earlier in the day as a safety precaution.—INTERNET

US energy giant Exxon said it planned to invest hundreds of millions of euros in Germany to tap what are estimated to be vast quantities of natural gas reserves, in an interview to be published Monday.—INTERNET

Riversdale unanimously backs Rio Tinto's $3.9 billion bid

MELBOURNE, 24 Jan—The board of Africa-focused coal miner Riversdale, including a representative from top shareholder Tata Steel, unanimously backed a $3.9 billion takeover offer from Rio Tinto, Riversdale said on Monday.

Riversdale, coveted for its coking coal projects in Mozambique, said it was unaware of any other takeover offers in the works, even as an Indian State consortium said it had deferred to 27 January a decision whether to make a bid.

"As of today, no superior proposal has been received by Riversdale and the company is not aware of any party having an intention to make such a proposal," Riversdale said in a statement after releasing its official response to Rio's bid.—*Reuters*

Radio commentator shot dead in S Philippines

MANILA, 24 Jan—A radio commentator from Palawan Province in southern Philippines was shot dead on Monday, police said.

The victim was later identified as Jerry Ortega, a commentator of the Radio Mindanao Network Palawan, Philippine National Police spokesman Senior Superintendent Agrimero Cruz Jr said. Cruz told reports that the victim was dead on the spot after he was shot at around 10:30 am at San Pedro Village, Puerto Pincesa City.

The suspect, identified as Marlon Dicamata, was arrested. The police recovered caliber.45 pistol from the suspect. Puerto Princesa City Mayor Edward Hagedorn said Ortega received death threats through text messages before he was killed.

Investigation is ongoing, Cruz said.

In a statement issued on Monday, the National Union of Journalists in the Philippines (NUJP) said, "Ortega is the 142nd journalist killed since 1986 when democracy was restored in the Philippine after Ferdinand Marcos was toppled."

"If the killing is proven to be work-related, he would be the second to be murdered under President Noynoy Aquino. The first was radio reporter Miguel Belen of Iriga, Camarines Sur," the NUJP said.

Xinhua

A Volkswagen Beetle toy is seen in front of Beetle cars during celebrations of the National day of the Beetle in Sao Bernardo do Campo on 23 Jan, 2011. Owners of Volkswagen Beetles come together during this annual event which celebrates the car's history in Brazil's automobile industry.

XINHUA

Apple's iPad enters Singapore classrooms

SINGAPORE, 24 Jan—If Oprah can do it, so can schools in Singapore.

Two schools in the wealthy city-state have begun handing out Apple iPads to students, relieving them of the need to carry satchels full of bulging text books and notes.

Nanyang Girls High School has spent S$135,000 (about $100,000) to buy 150 iPads for 140 students and 10 teachers in a pilot project. Users connect to the Internet using the tablet, and download books and course material. They can take notes on the iPad, and use worksheets. "It's much more convenient," said 14-year-old Chloe Chen, sitting in a classroom with her iPad in front of her. "Teachers can just tell us to go a website, and we can immediately go and do our work."

Last year billionaire talk show host Oprah Winfrey gave staff at her magazine an iPad and a check for $10,000 each.

Seah Hui Yong, dean of curriculum at Nanyang Girls school, said the iPad was chosen because it complemented a new method of teaching under which students are given more freedom to learn themselves, instead of relying solely on the teacher in traditional classrooms."It's not so much about the iPad," she said, adding that if some other better device comes along, the school could switch.—*Reuters*

File photo shows fishermen in Ilulissat Icefjord, western Greenland, a UNESCO World Heritage site. With the race for Arctic riches steaming ahead, the region's indigenous Inuit are raising their voices and demanding that Arctic nations stop stealing their land and respect their way of life.

INTERNET

A BMW sports car sits on stage during the 89th edition of the European Motorshow in Brussels, capital of Belgium, on 23 Jan, 2010. The 89th edition of the European Motorshow in Brussels closed on Sunday.

XINHUA

Discovery of arsenic bacterium microbe challenged by scientists

TAMPA, 24 Jan— The announcement in December 2010 that a group of US scientists had discovered a bacterium that eats and exists on arsenic is being challenged by a group of other prominent scientists.

Researchers working on a project that tested microorganisms taken from Mono Lake, California, found that a microbe from the samples taken from the body of water could both consume and grow by eating the toxic element arsenic. The research was funded by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

When the announcement of the discovery was made on 2 Dec, 2010, overenthusiastic personnel claimed that the arsenic-eating microbe constituted a new form of life on Earth.

Yet "if you read the (scientific) paper, we never claim it to be so. It is a member of a well established genus, Halomonas, that we claim has the unusual ability to grow on arsenate instead of phosphate," stated Dr Ronald C Oremland, who is a research scientist for the US Geological Survey.

Xinhua

Pacific nations on cyclone alert

WELLINGTON, 24 Jan— Tropical Cyclone Wilma has hit American Samoa and triggered alerts in other island countries in the central South Pacific, Radio New Zealand International reported on Monday.

American Samoa's Emergency Centre said the Category 1 storm has winds of up to 110 km/h and gusts in excess of 130 km/h.

The storm has hit eastern villages, downing power lines, and is due to sweep over the western island of Tutuila.

So far there have been some landslides and debris on the road reported, as well as minor damage to some roofs and houses.

A marine warning said there was a hazardous surf up to 5 metres high throughout the storm, causing some flooding.

Pago Pago International Airport is still closed and it's not clear when inter island flights can resume.—*Xinhua*

Excavators are seen constructing drainage canals and roads on a logged arae of the Kerumutan peat swamp forest in Sumatra. A series of deals between India and Indonesia worth $15 billion includes cooperation in infrastructure, manufacturing and natural resources.

INTERNET

BoK may raise its economic growth outlook for 2011

SEOUL, 24 Jan—South Korea's central bank said on Monday it may upgrade the nation's economic growth outlook for 2011, reflecting a more bullish sentiment for the US economic recovery.

The Bank of Korea (BoK) confirmed a local media report that the nation's economic growth rate in 2011 would likely hover above the long-term trend rate of 4.5 percent.

South Korea's actual gross domestic product (GDP) for this year is likely to exceed its long-term growth trend that the BoK earlier forecast, a BoK official told *Xinhua*.

The BoK, which had predicted the Asia's fourth-largest economy will likely grow 4.5 percent this year, would have to reflect the upgraded US growth outlook now, the official said.

The US economy is widely expected to expand 3.0 percent this year, 0.6 percentage point higher than earlier forecast.—*Xinhua*

Middle Paunglaung Hydropower Project launched

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Jan — A ceremony to launch Middle Paunglaung Hydropower Project to be undertaken by Construction-1 of the Hydropower Implementation Department under the Ministry of Electric Power No.1 was held at the project site this morning. Deputy Minister for Electric Power No.1 U Myo Myint and HID Director-General U Myint Zaw formally opened the launching ceremony.

Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min launches heavy machinery for implementation of Middle Paunglaung Hydropower Project.—MNA

Next, Minister for Electric Power No.1 U Zaw Min formally unveiled the machinery to implement the project. Then, the minister and party inspected the sites chosen for construction of the power intake tunnel, designated dam and hydropower plant.

The project site lies two miles upstream of Paunglaung Bridge on Yamethin-Taunggyi inter-district road about 20 miles northeast of Pyinmana Township, Nay Pyi Taw Distinct.

The dam is of concrete type with 272 feet in height and 100 megawatt installation capacity. It will generate 500 million kilowatt hours of electricity per year.

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Dy Construction Minister inspects Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanatheinga) construction project

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Jan — Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe on 21 January inspected earthworks of Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanatheinga) approach road (Kyaukmyaung bank) and pile construction.

Officials conducted the deputy minister around the site.

The deputy minister also visited construction site of the approach road on Singu bank and viewed drilling 1.2 bored pile of 120 feet Kyauk-Oh Bridge.

Upon completion of the Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanatheinga) project, it will join Mandalay-Madaya-Bhamo-Myitkyina Road at Singu on east bank of Ayeyawady River, making way to Mogok through Fottaw Junction and to Momeik through Twinnge Junction. The road will link Mandalay-Shwebo-Myitkyina Road, Shwebo-KhinU-YeU-Kalewa Road and Shwebo-Ayadaw-Monywa-Yargyi-Kalewa-Kalay Road through Nwenyein-Kyaukmyaung-Shwebo on the west bank which could be reached via Nga-Oh Juncion.—*MNA*

ITF 14 & Under Asian Championships 2011 Group (2) Tennis Tournament kicks off

The opening ceremony of ITF 14 & Under Asian Championships 2011 Group (2) Tennis Tournament in progress.

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YANGON, 24 Jan—An opening of ITF 14 & Under Asian Championships 2011 Group (2) Tennis Tournament was held at Theinbyu Tennis Court in Mingala Taungnyunt Township, here, this morning.

Vice-Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee (MOC) Patron of Myanmar Tennis Federation (MTF) Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor U Aung Thein Lin, Secretary of MOC Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaung Htaik and officials, Patron of MTF U Zaw Zaw, President U Aung Maw Thein and executives, representative of ITF Mr Suresh Menon and guests.

The Director-General made an opening speech. The MTF president extended the greetings and the ITF representative explained the purpose of holding it.

After that, the mayor, the director-general, U Zaw Zaw and U Aung Maw Thein opened it. Men's (single) and women's (single) events was followed. The event will go on tomorrow. Myanmar is hosting the tournament in which Bangladesh, Malaysia, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, Mongolia, Laos, Singapore, West Asian ITF team and Myanmar are taking part.—*MNA*

Labour Minister, Yangon Mayor attend opening of new concrete roads

YANGON, 24 Jan—Hailing the 64th Anniversary Union Day, newly concreted roads in Yangon were put into commission on 22 January.

Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi and Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Yangon Mayor U Aung Thein Lin attended the opening of concrete roads paved by the YCDC.

The minister and the mayor formally opened Kyaung Street, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th lanes in Theinbyu railway Ward, Mingala Taungnyunt Township.

The minister and the mayor then attended the opening of 101st Street in Pohmyay Ward, 97th Street in Lukletye Ward, Thaha Ponnyakayi Dhammayon on 118th Street in Yedwingon Ward, Kyaung Street and Sathsan 9th Street in Sathsan Ward. They then inspected the condition of 2500-gallon-capacity water tank at No. 7 Basic Education High School.

The mayor attended the opening of 29th Street (Middle Block) in No. 7 Ward, Bo Sun Pek Street (Lower Block) and 8-inch diameter tube-well in No. 6/9 Ward of Pabedan Township.—*MNA*

Vice-Mayor attends road openings

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Jan — Vice-Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Vice-Mayor U Maung Pa attended opening ceremonies of new concrete roads in Seikkyi-Khanaungto Township of Yangon Region this morning.

He inspected construction of road to be used as short-cut which will link Aung Mingala Lake and Aung Mingala Road for easy supply of water.—*MNA*

Rammar Chariot Micro Buses at discount prices in Mandalay Trade Fair

YANGON, 24 Jan — Rammar will sell out Chariot Micro Buses at discount prices at Trade Fair to be held in Mandalay City Hall from 28 to 31 January.

Famous brands of consumer goods and machines will display booths at the fair.

Rammer has set the sale price of Grade-1 Chariot Micro Bus at K 55m; Grade-II, K 50m and Grade-III K 45m at the exhibition, reducing K 8m than normal prices.

Ten designs of buses with gold, silver, white, blue and black colours and with stripes will be put on show. Buyers will not need to take time to enjoy the ride as the company may help them have the licence just in one day. Each customer may get one-year service warranty.

Those interested may contact Rammar at No (53/54), Setsaya U Tun Road, Shwepyitha Industrial Zone (4), Shwepyitha Township, Yangon (Ph: 618377, 618388; Fax: 618322; Email: rammarcar@goldenland.com.mm and Website: www.rammarautomobile.com.mm).—*MNA*

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Vice President of China Power Investment Corporation Madam Zhang Xiaolu presented programmes to implement the project with high technologies; and General Manager Mr Li Guanghua, investments in hydropower projects in Kachin State, progress of Chiphwe Hydropower Project, transportation by water along Myitsone-Bhamo-Yangon route, establishment of seismographs, ongoing tasks for environmental conservation, and assistance provided for relocation of the villages in the low-lying area.

Prime Minister U Thein Sein cordially greets departmental officials, members of social organizations, teachers and local people at Pyinnya Yadana Hall of Momauk Basic Education High School.

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Minister U Zaw Min and the commander gave supplementary reports.

For his part, the Prime Minister said that environmental conservation tasks are to be carried out effectively while not only Myitsone Hydropower Project but also all ongoing hydropower projects in Kachin State are being implemented. The projects are to meet the standards.

National development has gathered momentum; so many other hydropower projects still remain to be implemented across the nation. It is therefore required to take over not only materials such as buildings and machines but also technologies in implementing projects that need high technologies. In future, similar projects must be implemented successfully with domestic industrial products, national experts and national skilled workers only.

Relocated villages from the project area have been provided with all forms of aids including water, electric power, buildings and religious buildings. It is still needed to encourage long-term businesses for local people. In the region, perennial trees such as teak, rubber plant, orange, mango and grapefruit grow well. Good foundations are to be laid for fulfillment of the basic needs of new generations of local people.

Previously, local people of various national races led a hard life. But, now they are in a position to have an easy life with fine residences, concrete roads, water supply and electric power supply.

As a result, local people come to place more reliance on and trust in the project. All those engaging in the project have to exert Union Spirit in shouldering tasks.

Upon completion, the project will contribute regional development, which will help ensure prosperity of both Kachin State and the Union.

The Prime Minister presented a basket of fruit to Madam Zhang Xiaolu and Mr Li Guanghua.

From the view deck, the Prime Minister viewed the sites chosen for building the power plant and the main dam, and the current of the Ayeyawady River. Officials gave accounts of the conditions.

The Prime Minister posed for documentary photos with ministers and responsible persons.

On arrival at the worksite of constructing the Ayeyawady River-spanning bridge of Myitsone Hydropower Project, the Prime Minister inspected the scale model of the bridge, the map of the worksite, and the driving of piers.

He visited Aungmyintha Model Village, and asked villagers about their education, health care and livelihoods, and cordially greeted them.

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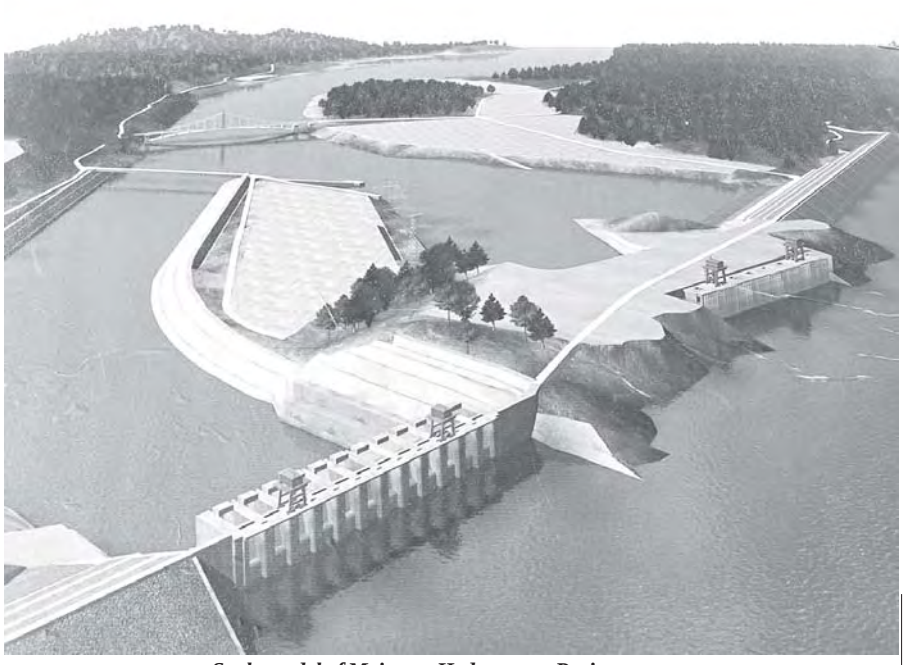

***Scale model of Myitsone Hydropower Project.*—MNA**

Photo shows Basic Education High School (Branch) of Aungmyintha model village.

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When he arrived at the affiliated basic education high school of the village, the Prime Minister had cordial talks with the teachers and asked them about academic matters and programmes to train high school students.

In a motorcade, the Prime Minister inspected dwellings and roads of the model village.

The Prime Minister and entourage left the village by helicopter and arrived back in Myitkyina in the evening.

Myitsone Hydropower Project lies on the river Ayeyawady near Tanphe Village, about 4.3 miles downstream of the confluence. The Concrete Face Rockfill Dam (CFRD) type embankment is 4298 feet long and 458 feet high. On completion, the dam will be able to store 9.788 million acre feet of water. With an installed generation capacity of 6000 mega watts that is (8×750MGW), it will produce 29,400 million kilowatts hour a year.

The Hydropower Implementation Department, Asia World Co Ltd, and CPI Yunnan International Power Investment Co Ltd of the People's Republic of China have been implementing the project since 21 December 2009. The project term is estimated to be over nine years. So far, the project has been completed by 8.5 per cent. It is scheduled to be completed cent per cent by 2019.

On completion, Myitsone Hydropower Plant of CFRD type will be the world's sixth highest of its kind. Its installed generation capacity is 750 megawatts a generator, which is the largest capacity of a generator. A bridge will be constructed over the river in parallel with the project, thus ensuring smooth transport for dwellers.

On the morning of 23 January, the Prime Minister left Myitkyina by air and arrived at Bhamo at 9.30 am. Then, he proceeded to Tarpein (1) Hydropower Plant.

After attending the inauguration of Tarpein (1) Hydropower Plant, the Prime Minister helicoptered to Momauk later in the morning.

The Prime Minister and party inspected progress of Momauk in a motorcade.

On arrival at Momauk General Hospital, the Prime Minister inspected the operation theater, medical store, delivery ward and labour room, and attended to the needs.

He held a meeting with township level departmental officials, members of social organizations, teachers and locals at Momauk BEHS.

The chairman of Township PDC reported on conditions of the region; and a resident, on requirements for the region. The Prime Minister fulfilled the requirements.

In his address, the Prime Minister said that the government has built many infrastructural buildings in the education, health and transport fields which are fundamental requirements for regional development. Since its assumption of State duties, the Tatmadaw government has been taking measures for improvement of the energy sector. Now, Tarpein (1) Hydropower Plant has been put into service, and Bhamo, Momauk, Mansi and Shwegu have sufficient supply of electric power.

A hydropower project needs huge funds, much time and a large number of experts, technicians and skilled workers, so the project took a long time.

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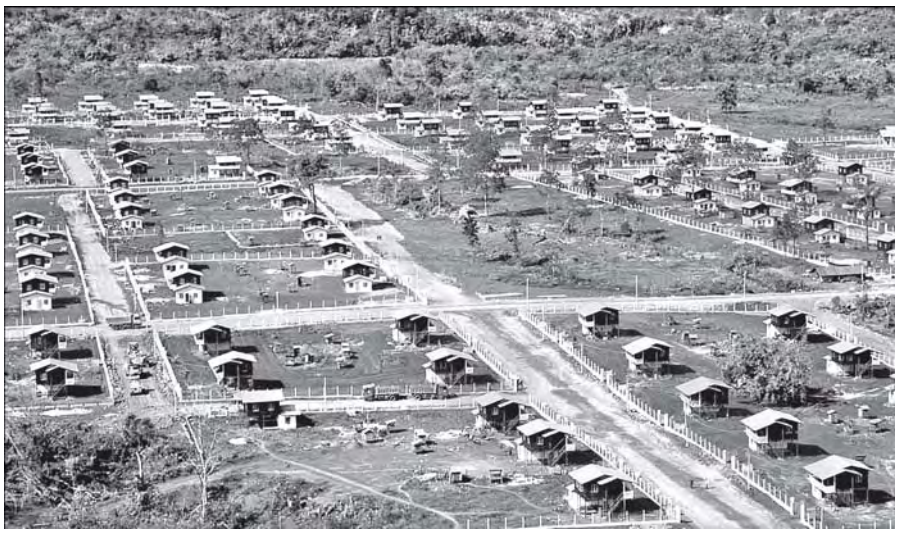
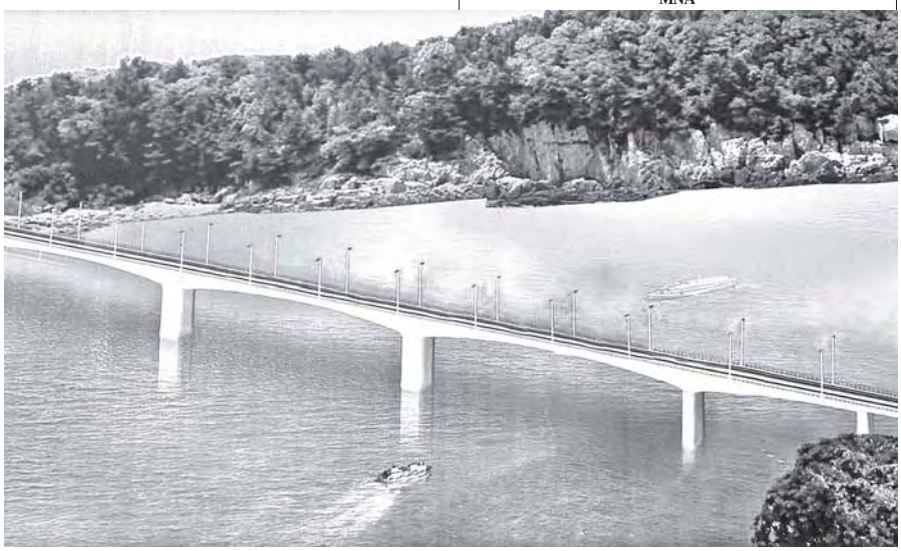
***Prime Minister U Thein Sein visits Momauk General Hospital.*—MNA**



***Bird's eye view of Aungmyintha model village.*—MNA**



Scale model of Ayeyawady River-spanning Bridge of Myitsone Hydropower Project.

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One arts and science university, one technological university and one university of computer studies have been established in Bhamo, one of the 24 regions for special development for human resource development and enabling local youths to pursue higher education in their regions.

Local people are therefore to encourage their children to pursue education at the higher level.

Teachers are to teach students self-discipline, moral conduct, and Union Spirit which is true patriotism.

Medical staff have to divide their tasks into two parts: to improve personal hygiene and to give treatment to the people in order that local people will lead a healthy life. In the process, they have to make trips down to the grassroots level to give health talks and disseminate disease control methods.

Now, the multiparty democracy general election has been held stably and successfully, which brings dignity to the nation.

The governing body to be formed in the sessions of forthcoming parliamentary sessions will take over administra-tive duties.

In conclusion, he pointed out that which ever government is in office, it is required to put at the forefront Our Three Main National Causes: Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of national solidarity, and Perpetuation of sovereignty.

The Prime Minister and members left Momauk by helicopter to Bhamo. Then, arrived back here by air in the evening.

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Student offspring given grants

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Jan — A ceremony to present grants to offspring of the staff of the Ministry of Culture who are attending universities and basic education schools took place at the ministry here this morning, with an address by Minister for Culture U Khin Aung Myint.

Altogether119 university students and 634 basic education students were presented grants at the ceremony.

MNA

Minister for Culture U Khin Aung Myint provides cash assistance to an offspring of staff.—MNA

Fire preventive course for private filling stations commences

YANGON, 24 Jan—The opening of fire preventive course No.1/ 2011 for private filling stations was held at training and education section of No.1 Oil Refinery (Thanlyin) of Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise under the Ministry of Energy this morning, with an address by Minister for Energy U Lun Thi.

Managing Director of Myanma Petroleum Products Enterprises explained the matters relating to the outbreaks of fire occurred in private filling stations.

A total of 60 trainees from private companies are attending the two-week course. More new courses will continue to open. The ceremony was also attended by manager of No.1 Oil Refinery (Thanlyin), responsible persons and owners of private filling stations.—*MNA*

UNIL-Opal (Lubricant) available at Automobile & Autoparts Expo 2011

YANGON, 24 Jan—Diamond Steel Co., Ltd displays UNIL-Opal Lubricants at Automobile & Autoparts Expo 2011 being held at Tatmadaw Convention Hall in Dagon Township, Yangon, from 21 to 24 January.

CF4, CG4 and CH4 Lubricants are convenient for the cars that run on diesel and 5W30, 5W40, 10W30 and 10W40 grades 100% fully synthetic oil, for new cars. The brand has received recommendation from Mercedes Benz, Capella, Volvo and Cumin car companies. For more information, one may visit www.unil.opal.com and contact Head Office, Diamond Steel Co., Ltd (Ph:098621300, 095194396, 727898 and 727543); Tamway shop (Tax-free market), Sabei hostel (3), Room (6), compound of Kyaikkasan auto parts (Ph:400940 and 726869); Ko Thein Zaw and nephew (Bayintnaung Market) (Ph:680614 and 682733) ; and auto parts shops in the Yangon Region.—*MNA*

Department of Medical Research …

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Regarding the long-term plan, Director Dr Myat Phone Kyaw of the division said that they were also dealing with incidental cases that could take place in worksites; that several plans got underway to do research on poisoning on a broader scale; that then, they were dealing with casual poisoning cases; that they had a plan to deal with steady poisoning cases; and that in the long run, they would speed up tasks with more equipment.

Deputy Director Dr Khin Chit responds to the Mirror Daily.

Under the Poisoning Control Division are four sections: the Pharmaceutical Poisoning Section, the Chemical Poisoning Section, the Biological Poisoning Section, and the Radioactive Poisoning Section, apart from the Poisoning Information Room and the Poisoning Laboratory.

At the department, a pamphlet says that if a person wants to know about reproductive health, he may dial 01-375565 from 10 am to 3 PM on office days. Senior Research Officer/Head of the Central Social Medical Research Division under the Department of Medical Research (Lower Myanmar) Dr Ko Ko Zaw said that most questions were about childless marriage, and the second most common questions were about birth-spacing methods, followed by sexual questions; that according to feedbacks, telephone conversations were beneficial to the questionnaires; and that on average, during the period of over 400 days, they received nearly 1500 calls.

He continued to say that they ensured if a questionnaire had followed what they had explained, and they explained till they met the satisfaction of the questionnaires; that the range of the questions was not wide yet; that other types of suitable questions were about reproduction of over-40 people, family plan, pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, HIV/ AIDS, reproduction route cancers, female diseases, and sexology; and that regarding reproductive health, they gave health education, made consultation, and informing a suitable medical expert who they should go see for treatment.

Director Dr Myat Phone Kyaw explains facts about poisoning.

Now, the Department of Medical Research (Lower Myanmar) is working closely with the Department of Health in dealing reproduction issues. And they have a plan to reply to e-mail and online questions.

In response to the plans the Ministry of Health is implementing to widen the scope of public knowledge of health care, the people, on their part, should take healthy habits.

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Sculptor Hong Jianhua (R) explains the art of bamboo sculpture to visitors in Hong Kong, south China, on 20 Jan, 2011. Hong was invited to hold an exhibition showing his bamboo sculptures worth nearly a million Hong Kong dollars on Thursday. —XINHUA

S Korean shipbuilder rolls out anti-piracy system

SEOUL, 24 Jan—South Korea's Samsung Heavy Industries has rolled out a system to help ships detect and fend off pirates, after the recent hijacking of a South Korean freighter near Somalia alarmed shippers.

The nation's third-largest shipbuilder on Sunday said the new anti-piracy system detects smaller boats in the vicinity often undetected under existing marine radar systems and issues an automatic alert when approached.

"The alert is issued when an approaching vessel does not respond to usual ship-to-ship radio communications or shows unusual navigating patterns and speed," the company spokesman said.

The system allows sailors in a navigation room to remotely control water cannons on the ship's deck that can up to 70 metres (230 feet) when pirates attempt to climb aboard.

"That way, crew will be safe from potential shooting attacks from pirates when firing the water cannons," said the spokesman, adding the system is applicable to most existing ships.

Internet

Boeing says 'immature' technology behind 787 delay

RIYADH, 24 Jan—Boeing said on Sunday that the use of "immature" technology caused delays in the delivery of its 787 Dreamliner passenger jet, a project almost three years behind schedule.

"Some of the technology was not as mature as it should have been and we put a global supply chain together without thinking through some of the consequences," Jim Albaugh, president and chief executive of Boeing Commercial Airplanes, said at a forum in the Saudi Capital.

"When you put immature technology in your supply chain and don't supply adequate oversight, you have issues and that is what we had," he added at the annual Global Competitiveness Forum. But he expressed confidence in the aircraft even if production is nearly three years behind schedule. "It is going to be a magnificent airplane and will be 20 percent more efficient than the airplanes it is replacing," he said. Boeing said last week it would delay the delivery of its first 787 unit from February to the third quarter of 2011.

Internet

A Boeing 787 Dreamliner is seen after its long-waited first flight at Boeing Field In Seattle, Washington, in 2009.

INTERNET

In this 4 Jan, 2011 photo, James Jablon, who runs Wildlife Rehabilitation of Hernando County, plays with Ed, a one-year-old African lion, in Hernando, Fla Jablon, the owner of the Florida wildlife rescue centre is living in a cage with two lions, a fundraising stunt that has riled other animal rescue groups and underscores how difficult it is to keep such sanctuaries afloat.

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A craftsman works on a clay jar inside a warehouse in Pagburnayan town at Vigan City, Ilocus Sur Province, north of Manila on 22 Jan, 2011. Pottery is one of the traditional crafts found in Vigan City.

INTERNET

China, Australia cooperate to reduce pollution in China's largest freshwater lake

NANCHANG, 24 Jan — Chinese and Australian scientists are working together to reduce pollution in China's largest freshwater lake, the Poyang Lake in east China's Jiangxi Province. The joint drive is being carried out under a scientific cooperation programme signed between the Jiangxi Provincial Water Conservancy Research Institute and the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (CSIRO) in Australia, said Li Rongfang, president of the Chinese institute, Sunday.

Scientists from the two sides will endeavor to reduce pollution in the Poyang Lake and recycle those nutrient elements, such as nitrogen and phosphorus, Li said. The programme will last for three years with an estimated investment of 8 million yuan (1.2 million US dollars), he said. Related scientific studies have started last month, he added.

The Poyang Lake covers 3,583 square km with an average water depth of 8.4 metres. It is fed by five rivers in Jiangxi and empties into the lower reaches of the Yangtze, China's longest river. Due to fast economic development in recent years, the freshwater lake has been faced with the threat of industrial and agricultural waste water pollution.

Xinhua

Father of 13 says he 'loves them all with a passion'

LONDON, 24 Jan — This week a study revealed that one in eight UK children rarely or never see their father. So can one man have 13 children by eight different partners, have married six times and still be a good father? Well, ask Steve Ginger. "I try to be a good dad," says the 49-year-old, who lives in a Bedfordshire village along with wife number six and three of his four stepchildren.

A sign by his front door warns that trespassers will be shot, and from behind the house comes the howl of a huge dog. Steve's arms are covered in tattoos, his face is pierced and he has a build that made him a prison boxing champion.

But when he sits down with a roll-up cigarette to talk about his many children, a gentler person emerges.

"Kids are there for life, like a dog. You've got to look after them," he says.

He gamely tries to remember when some of his offspring were born. "Birthdays… I'm absolutely terrible with birthdays, I must admit." He turns to his 16-year-old stepson Rees for help, but none comes.

Internet

Steve says he loves all of his children 'with a passion'.

INTERNET

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV CTP EAGLE VOY NO (101)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV CTP EAGLE VOY NO (101) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 24.1.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV DIBENA HAPPY VOY NO (125)

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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S PHULSAWAT SHIPPING CO, LTD

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AGENT FOR: M/S COSCO SHIPPING CO, LTD

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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S ADVANCE CONTAINER LINES

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MV DIBENA WIN VOY NO (137)

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

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

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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S PHULSAWAT SHIPPING CO, LTD

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Yangon Sailing Club

Annual General Meeting

All members of Yangon Sailing Club are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting to be held as follows:

Date : 30th January 2011
Place : Yangon Sailing Club
Time : 9:30 a.m.

Hon. Secretary
Yangon Sailing Club

Drug reduces lung cancer deaths, Swiss study finds

GENEVA, 24 Jan — Drugs used to treat breast cancer may also be useful in tackling lung cancer, according to research in Switzerland. The study, published *The Cancer Journal*, showed that anti-oestrogens reduced the number of deaths from lung cancer.

***Lung cancer is the second most common form of cancer in the UK.*— INTERNET**

The authors said the research, if backed up, could have substantial implications for clinical practice. Cancer Research UK warned that large scale clinical trials were needed before any conclusions could be made. Hormones have long been associated with some forms of cancer. Tamoxifen, which cancels out the sex hormone oestrogen, was first used to fight breast cancer more than 40 years ago.

Some studies have shown that increasing levels of oestrogen, through hormone replacement therapy, increase the risk of lung cancer. — *Internet*

Driver's near miss with out of control lorry

ONTARIO, 24 Jan — A driver in Canada with a camera on his dashboard captured the moment he came within inches of being struck by an out of control lorry.

Matthew Krizsan was driving along a road in Ontario when a truck going the other way came crashing through the central reservation.

He managed to swerve out of the lorry's path just in time. No one was badly hurt in the accident.— *Internet*

Mischief the horse rescued from Hampshire swimming pool

HAMPSHIRE, 24 Jan — A four-year-old horse had to be pulled from a swimming pool by rescue crews after becoming stuck. The animal, aptly named Mischief, became trapped after it wandered on to a plastic covering over the pool outside a neighbour's home.

Firefighters were called to the village of Godshill, near Fordingbridge, just before 1000 GMT. A vet was called to sedate the 14-hand animal to enable crews to pull it to safety. Watch manager Jim Green, of Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service, said Mischief was now safe and back with its owner. "Any animal, small or large, that is trapped or in distress can be potentially dangerous," he added."It is important to try and keep the animal calm, keep humans away, and request the immediate assistance of the fire and rescue service's specialists to rescue the animal, rather than attempting to do so themselves."— *Internet*

Two forms of world's 'newest' cat, the Sunda leopard

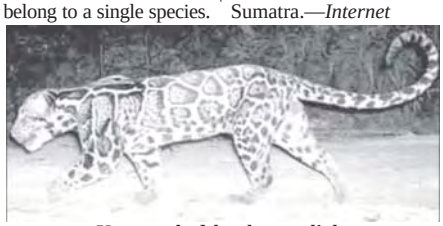
LONDON, 24 Jan —The "newest" cat species described to science, the Sunda clouded leopard, actually exists in two distinct forms, scientists have confirmed. This big cat is so enigmatic that researchers only realized it was a new species — distinct from clouded leopards living elsewhere in Asia — in 2007. The first footage of the cat in the wild to made public was only released last year.

Now a genetic analysis has confirmed that the cat comes in two forms, one living in Sumatra, the other on Borneo. Clouded leopards are the most elusive of all the big cats, which include lions, tigers, jaguars, snow leopards and normal spotted leopards.

Living across south-east Asia, into China and India, the leopards have larger cloud-like spots than ordinary leopards.

Until 2006, all clouded leopards were thought to belong to a single species. However, genetic studies revealed that there are actually two quite distinct clouded leopard species.

As well as the better known clouded leopard living on the Asian mainland (Neofelis nebulosa), scientists determined that a separate clouded leopard species lives on the islands of Borneo and Sumatra.—*Internet*



Unperturbed by the spotlight

Opticians say coloured lenses are a risk to sight

LONDON, 24 Jan — A trend for wearing coloured contact lenses inspired by the pop singer Lady Gaga could damage people's eyes, opticians warn. Teenagers have taken to wearing circle contact lenses, which make the eyes look bigger, after the New Yorker wore them in her video for the song 'Bad Romance'.

They achieve their effect by covering part of the white area of the eye, the sclera, which ophthalmologists warn could cause allergies, scarring and infection, risking blindness. Circle lenses come in a variety of colours such as bright pink and red, and can be bought from foreign websites for around 27 euro.

Popular with teenage girls and women in their twenties, they imitate the round, oversize eyes of Japanese anime characters. Dr James Salz, an ophthalmology professor at the University of Southern California, said: "There are bound to be complications from the way they're being dispensed."Dr Salz said: "Kids are going online and buying them like they're an earring or a nose ring.—*Internet*

Ads coming to airport's bathroom mirrors

Advertising giant Clear Channel Outdoor said video and still advertisements are coming to the restroom mirrors at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport.

Clear Channel said it is teaming with North Carolina firm Mirrus to install 150 of the advertising mirrors in the airport's restrooms during the coming three months, *the Chicago Tribune reported* on Friday.

Mirrus Founder Brian Reid said the mirrors will display advertisements on the entire surface when no one is standing in front of them and the ads will shrink into a corner when someone approaches the sink.

"We won't say it's guaranteed to have a person's undivided attention," Reid said, "but it's pretty darn close."

'Wonder' cat recovers, seeks new home

Florida's Cat Protection Society is trying to find a home for a cat with limited eyesight named for blind singer Stevie Wonder.

The Eustis-based feline rescue organization said Wonder the 10-week-old cat was given a 50 percent chance of survival when he was found shortly after Christmas with scabbed-over eyes and an upper-respiratory system infection, *the Orlando Sentinel* reported Friday.

"We named him 'Wonder' for Stevie Wonder, but also because he was constantly making me remark 'I wonder how he's getting on that ball or getting on that box or doing that?" Lois Lanius, president of the Cat Protection Society in Eustis, said. "He's the size of your hand with no (eye) globes and yet he's a normal cat."

Workers at the society said they initially thought Wonder was fully blind, but they discovered his retinas were still attached and he can see shadows and light differences.

Lanius said workers are hoping someone will come forward to adopt the feline.

Photo taken on 23 Jan, 2011 shows a porcelain dragon at the Songjiacheng scenic spot in Yangzhou of east China's Jiangsu Province. The dragon, nearly 30 metres in length, is assembled with more than 2,800 porcelain dishes and cups.

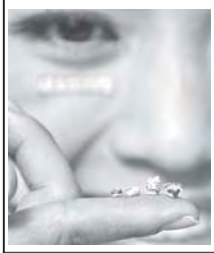
Teen stabs man over stinky feet remark

A drunken Washington State teen convicted of stabbing a young man who accused her of having stinky feet must complete a writing assignment while in prison.

Dallas Smith, 18, pleaded guilty to second-degree assault with a knife for stabbing Willy Simpson, 19, at a 7 Sept party after Simpson teased Smith about having smelly feet, *The Herald of Everett, Wash,* reported.

Smith was sentenced to 15 months in prison Friday by Snohomish County Superior Court Judge David Kurtz who also gave her the unusual assignment of completing a six-page research paper on how the excessive drinking of alcohol can destroy lives. Her deadline is May 2012. "Let me be absolutely clear: This case is not about smelly feet," the judge said.

"It is about binge drinking and (the) criminal behaviour that did flow from that." The stabbing occurred at a Monroe, Wash, party at which an intoxicated Smith removed her shoes and attempted unsuccessfully to do a back flip off a deck, *The Herald* reported.



A model demonstrates mini shoes in Hong Kong, south China, on 20 Jan, 2011. Thirty-five pairs of mini shoes were displayed in Hong Kong Thursday including the world's smallest pair that measured 3.8 millimeters long, 1.8 millimeters wide and 2.2 millimeters high.

News Album

Toilet restaurant flush with success

Diners in Kunming, Yunnan Province are overcoming their reservations by flocking to a new toilet-themed restaurant where business is booming.

Customers at the Modern Toilet restaurant eat on seats converted from toilets.

Urinals hang on the walls as decorations and signature dishes include "excrement ice cream," "toilet bowl hot pot" and "fried poo sticks."

'The King's Speech' is top film at producer awards

LOS ANGELES, 24 Jan— "The King's Speech" claimed the crown for best film at the Producers Guild of America Awards on Saturday, knocking off Golden Globes best drama winner and presumed Oscar front-runner "The Social Network."

The film also beat out nominees "127 Hours," "Black Swan," "Inception," "The Fighter," "The Kids Are All Right," "The Town," "Toy Story 3," and "True Grit."

Actress Amy Adams arrives at the 2011 Producers Guild Awards in Beverly Hills, Calif on 22 Jan, 2011.—INTERNET

The PGA awards, hosted by filmmaker Judd Apatow at the Beverly Hilton, are part of the steady stream of ceremonies leading up to the Academy Awards.

"The Social Network," which stars Jesse Eisenberg as Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg, appeared to be on the fast track to a best picture Oscar after dominating honors from top critics groups and winning the Golden Globe last week.

Internet

Music industry takes to the digital cloud

A man visits a stand of the music world's largest annual trade fair, MIDEM on its opening day at the Palais des Festivals, in Cannes, southeastern France.—INTERNET

CANNES, 24 Jan— Music is taking to the clouds after Sony said it is expanding its cloud-based digital Music Unlimited service around Europe to enable fans to access music on their digital devices.

After being launched in the United States, Britain and Ireland, Sony's "Music Unlimited powered by Qriocity" service, is being extended to France, Germany, Spain and Italy, Sony said in an announcement to coincide with Sunday's opening of the MIDEM music industry convention on the French Riviera.

The subscription service will be competing with a fast-growing number of free and paying music streaming services that include Spotify, Pandora, Last.fm, Groove Shark and We7. Cloud-based services differ from the music streaming services that download onto a computer by allowing users to house all their music on a remote server (or cloud) as well as giving them access to millions of tracks.—*Internet*

Natalie Portman romantic comedy leads box office

LOS ANGELES, 24 Jan—Natalie Portman, already riding high during awards season with "Black Swan," took the No 1 spot at the North American box office on Sunday for the first time in five years with her romantic comedy debut.

"No Strings Attached," in which she co-stars with Ashton Kutcher, sold about $20.3 million worth of tickets across the United States and Canada during the three days beginning 21 January, distributor Paramount Pictures said.

The opening exceeded the modest expectations of the Viacom Inc unit, which said the film cost just $25 million to make. Portman and Kutcher play friends who enter into a sexual relationship with the titular proviso. Complications ensue.

Reuters

Cast member Natalie Portman poses at the premiere of ''No Strings Attached'' at the Regency Village theatre in Los Angeles on 11 Jan, 2011. The movie opens in the US on 21 Jan.—INTERNET

The sun shines on the main Olympic stadium for the 2012 London Games, London.— INTERNET

Britain's international reputation on line

LONDON, 24 Jan – London 2012 chief Sebastian Coe says Britain's international reputation will be in tatters if the Olympic Stadium is turned into a soccer-only venue after next year's games. Tottenham, which is competing with fellow English Premier League club West Ham to take over the venue, wants to tear down the 80,000-seater stadium after the Olympics and build a soccer-only arena on the site without a running track.

That would go against the pledge London organizers made in 2005 before the vote on the 2012 Olympics that the 60,000-capacity stadium would be a purpose-built home for athletics. "It's really serious that we deliver on what we said we were going to deliver, unless we are prepared to trash our international reputation," said Coe, chairman of the London Games' organizing committee.— *Internet*

Ballack returns as Leverkusen go second

BERLIN, 24 Jan— Michael Ballack returned from injury on Sunday as Bayer Leverkusen went second in the Bundesliga with a 3-1 win at bottom side Moenchengladbach to trim Dortmund's lead at the top to 11 points. Germany captain Ballack made a low-key return after suffering a fractured leg which has kept him out since September and he came off the bench with just over half an hour remaining, just before 'Gladbach pulled a goal back.

The 34-year-old put in a few telling passes as he looks to play his way back into the Germany team which faces Italy in a friendly in Dortmund on February 9. "If you have been out for so long, you burn to play again," said Ballack."I was lucky because I came on when we were 2-0 up, so there was room to go forward. We didn't begin well, but we turned it around."Top place is gone for us and everyone else, Dortmund are too far ahead."

Internet

Leverkusen's midfielder Michael Ballack

Risky decisions pay off, says Madrid man Mourinho

MADRID, 24 Jan—Real Madrid coach Jose Mourinho admitted his team selection gamble in the crucial clash against Real Mallorca was a high-risk strategy. Real edged a 1-0 win to stay four points behind Barcelona with French striker Karim Benzema grabbing the only goal to end a week when his lacklustre performances had caused friction between Mourinho and general manager Jorge Valdano.

But it was a poor first half on Sunday and an unhappy Mourinho responded with a double substitution with Xabi Alonso and Mesut Ozil coming on for Fernando Gago and Kaka. "My decisions were risky, but I allowed the midfielders who will play in Sevilla (in the midweek Spanish Cup semi-final against the holders) to rest tonight," said Mourinho.

Internet

Real Madrid coach Jose Mourinho

SPORTS

Inter lose perfect Leonardo record, Milan stay top

AC Milan's Swedish forward Zlatan Ibrahimovic takes a shot during the serie A football match between AC Milan and Cesena, in San Siro stadium in Milan. INTERNET

ROME, 24 Jan— Udinese ended Leonardo's perfect record since taking over as Inter Milan coach with a 3-1 win over the Italian champions while city rivals Milan retained their four-point lead at the top.

Inter, aiming for a sixth straight win since the Brazilian's arrival in the San Siro dugout, took the lead after quarter of an hour through Dejan Stankovic.

Udinese then stunned Inter with goals from Cristian Zapata and Antonio Di Natale — his 15th of the season — to go into the break 2-1 up, with Maurizio Domizzi adding a third midway through the second half. Inter remain in fifth place on 35 points but are nine adrift of leaders AC Milan who edged Cesena 2-0 in Sunday's late game.

Internet

Football's hat-trick hitmen light up Europe

PARIS, 24 Jan – Manchester United's Dimitar Berbatov led a European parade of hat-trick hitmen that included Arsenal's Robin van Persie, Mario Gomez of Bayern Munich and Sevilla's Luis Fabiano.Bulgarian star Berbatov bagged his third hat-trick of the season in the 5-0 Old Trafford demolition of Birmingham to take his tally to 18 goals and keep United clear at the top of the Premier League.

Manchester United's Bulgarian striker Dimitar Berbatov (L) scores his second goal during the English Premier League football match between Manchester United and Birmingham City at Old Trafford in Manchester north-west England on 22 Jan, 2011.— INTERNET

His impressive contribution also extended United's 21-game unbeaten run since the season began."Dimitar is getting up towards that 20-goal mark, which is going to be important for us," United manager Sir Alex Ferguson said.Berbatov's hat-trick saw him equal Ruud van Nistelrooy's club record from the 2002-2003 season by scoring three hat-tricks in a season.

He is also only two hat-tricks away from the Premier League record of five scored in a season by Alan Shearer in 1995-1996.The all-time record is held by United legend Denis Law, who struck seven in the old First Division in 1963-64.— *Internet*

Cook wins season-opening Mitsubishi

KAUPULEHU-KONA, 24 Jan—It was a run that John Cook had never experienced in his long, successful career. Cook birdied five straight holes after the turn to win the Champions Tour's season-opening Mitsubishi Electric Championship on Sunday, shooting a second straight 8-under 64 for a two-stroke victory over Tom Lehman.

"I've hit some runs of birdies but never on Sunday on the back side to win a championship," Cook said.The 53-year-old Cook had eight birdies in his bogey-free round for a 22-under 194 total and his second straight victory. He finished last season with a successful title defense in the Charles Schwab Cup Championship.—*Internet*

John Cook putts for par on the first hole during the final round of the Champions Tour's Mitsubishi Electric Championship golf tournament.— INTERNET

Zvonareva races into tennis quarters

MELBOURNE, 24 Jan— Second seeded Russian Vera Zvonareva overcame a slow start to ease past Iveta Benesova of the Czech Republic 6-4, 6-1 and move into the quarter-finals of the Australian Open on Monday. Zvonareva was broken early in the first set and was down 2-4 before she recovered to win the next four games and take a close opening set.

There were no such problems in the second as the world number two ran away with the match to wrap up a comfortable victory in only 76 minutes. "I was happy at the way I was able to come back when I was 4-2 down in the first set," she said. Zvonareva, 26, now meets another Czech player, Petra Kvitova, in the final eight following Kvitova's 3-6, 6-3, 6-3 win over Italian Flavia Pennetta.—*Internet*

Second seeded Russian Vera Zvonareva

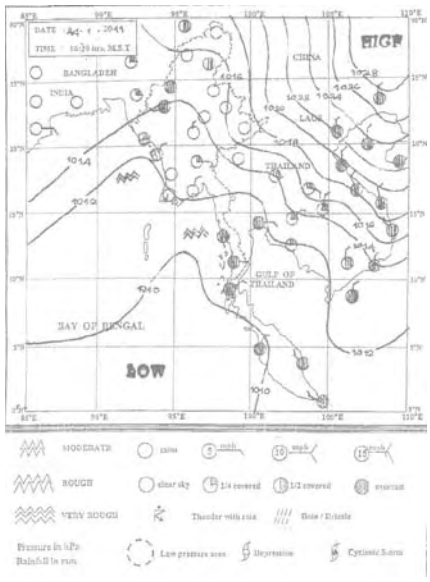
Hoffenheim loan Ba to West Ham

BERLIN, 24 Jan— Hoffenheim's want-away Senegal striker Demba Ba is set to join Premier League side West Ham United on loan until the end of the season, the Bundesliga club said Sunday. The 25-year-old fell out with Hoffenheim recently when he refused to attend a training camp, but a transfer to Stoke City fell through last weekend when he failed the medical examination. Ba is now set to join West Ham on a short-term deal, Hoffenheim manager Ernst Tanner confirmed.

Senegal striker Demba Ba

"Nothing has been signed, but everything points to the fact that he will go on loan at West Ham," said Tanner. Ba passed the medical on Saturday and the deal is due to be finalised soon. Hoffenheim are still hoping to recruit Liverpool's Dutch striker Ryan Babel as a potential replacement.— *Internet*

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Monday, 24th January, 2011

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

During the past 24 hours, light rain have been isloated in Taninthayi Region, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin State and Upper Sagaing Regions and generally fair in the remaining States and Regions. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above January average temperatures in Mon State and Taninthayi Region and (3°C) to (4°C) below January average temperatures in Kayah State, Magway and Bago Regions and (5°C) to (6°C) below January average temperature in Upper Sagaing Region and about January average temperatures in the remaining States and Regions. The significant night temperatures were Pinlaung and Heho (1°C) each, Namhsan and Loilin (2°C)each and Lashio (3°C). The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Kawthoung (0.59) inch.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 23-1-2011 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 24-1-2011 was 55°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 24-1-2011 was (82%). Rainfall on 24-1-2011 was (Nil) .

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 23-1-2011 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 24-1-2011 was 62°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 24-1-2011 was (60%). Total sunshine hours on 23-1-2011 was (9.8) hours (Approx).

Rainfall on 24-1-2011 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 Northeast at (15:30) hours MST on 23-1-2011.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 25th January 2011: Light rain are likely to be isolated in Kachin and Mon States and Taninthayi Region and weather will be generally fair in the remaining States and Regions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 25-1-2011: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 25-1-2011: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 25-1-2011: Generally fair weather.

Six guerillas, two soldiers die in latest combat in Colombia

BOGOTA, 24 Jan—At least six guerrillas and two Colombian soldiers died in a combat in a rural area of western Cauca Province, the Colombian Army said in a statement on Sunday.

The combat began on Friday with "joint operations carried out by the National Army and the Colombian Air Forces in the municipalities of Caloto and Toribio."

"Six members" of the rebel Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) were killed, 12 were injured and four went missing, "all from the 4th squad of the FARC," the Army statement said, adding "two soldiers were killed and four injured."

MNA/Xinhua

A man walks before a McDonald's billboard. US fast-food giant McDonald's said Monday it served up profits in 2010 fueled by a record $24 billion in sales worldwide.

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(25-1-2011) (Tuesday)

Transmissions		Times
Local	-	(09:00am~11:00am MST
Oversea Transmission	-	(25-1-11 09:30 am ~ 26-1-11 09:30 am MST

Local Transmission

* Opening
* News
* A Mirror reflecting Rakhine Architecture (Shitthaung Stupa)
* Record Album
* News
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* News
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* Inlay Traditional Cotton Clothes
* Myanmar Movies "That's why We're"

Myanmar TV

Tuesday, 25 January
View on today

7:00 am
1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw Uppatathandi Paritta

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. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition

8:15 am
7. Songs Of Yester Years

8:20 am
8. Song Of National Races

8:30 am
9. Musical Programme

8:40 am
10. International News

8:45 am
11. Local Talent

4:00 pm
1. Martial Song

4:10 pm
2. Musical Programme

4:20 pm
3. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition

4:30 pm
4. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Second Year (Myanmar)

4:45 pm
5. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

4:55 pm
6. Teleplay (Industry)

5:05 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. Kyae Pwint Myaye Yin Khone Than

6:35 pm
13. Sing A Song

7:00 pm
14. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm
15. News
16. International News
17. Weather Report
18. Just for Laughs
19. TV Drama Series
20. Movie Quiz

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★ 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

Department of Medical Research (Lower Myanmar) at the service of people

Byline: *Ye Win Hsaung (Kyemon)*
Photos: *Aye Min*

The Department of Medical Research (Lower Myanmar) is on the move with the programmes it has laid down and has a plan to scale up its operations to provide better health care to the people. As part of the drive, the medical institution is available round the clock to reply to telephone questions about poisoning and reproductive health. Anyone wishing to learn about poisoning may dial 01-379480 during office hours or 09-8021910 beyond office hours.

Deputy Director Dr Khin Chit of the National Poisoning Control Division of the Department of Medical Research said to the Kyemon Daily that most of the questions were about accidentally taking wrong medicines; that in such a case, they had to ask how much dose and what medicine a patient had taken and explain consequences of overdose of a particular medicine and particular types of medicines which can be taken together or not, if a person had accidentally taken particular types of medicines which cannot be taken together, they had to suggest that the patient take the medicine, the time and the dose they had prescribed; that they also asked what forms of pains a patient was suffering; that if they thought the patient needed to go to a hospital, they gave him advice, and if the case was not serious, they suggested that the patient go see the family doctor.

She added that if compared with its infancy, the National Poisoning Control Division had to reply to more questions about poisoning; that at that time, it had received some 100 phone calls for questions about poisoning a year. But, then, the number was up to 400 to 500 a year; that the phone calls included those from hospitals; and that anyone wishing to know poisoning, dosage of medicines, and hazardous chemicals might deal with the department.

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An official drives stake for construction of the library in ChaungU-to Village of Myaing Township.—TOWNSHIP IPRD

Stake driven for village library in Myaing Township

MYAING, 24 Jan—A ceremony to drive stake for construction of Myittagabar Library was held in ChaungU-to Village of Thanappingon Village-tract in Myaing Township, Pakokku District, on 4 January.

Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council U Myint Tin drove stakes for the library at the designated place.

Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Aye Aye handed over cash assistance provided by the State to Chairman of Village PDC U Thein Zaw.

Township IPRD