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Group of Defence Services Personnel Representatives of Presidential Electoral College carries out vice-presidential electoral process

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Feb—The meeting of the Group of Defence Services Personnel Representatives of Presidential Electoral College was held at Anawrahta Hall here this morning.

It was attended by the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, senior military officers, and Defence Services Personnel representatives.

The group is carrying out the vice-presidential electoral process.—MNA

Group of Pyithu Hluttaw representatives-elect of Presidential Electoral College meets

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Feb—The group of Pyithu Hluttaw representatives-elect of the Presidential Electoral College held a meeting at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here at 10 am today.

It was attended by Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and Pyithu Hluttaw representatives-elect from Regions and States.

Commencing 8.30 am, they signed the

attendance book at the hall.

The speaker took position and supervised the meeting. He said that 324 of the 325 entitled

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The meeting of Pyithu Hluttaw representatives-elect group of Presidential Electoral College in progress.—MNA

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 2 February, 2011

MPs to shape the future of the nation

Regular sessions of First Pyithu Hluttaw, Amyotha Hluttaw and Pyidaungsu Hluttaw took place at respective halls of Hluttaw Building in Nay Pyi Taw the other day.

Representatives to hluttaws concerned all attended regular sessions. It was the day Myanmar saw resurgence of parliamentary democracy system, which represented a watershed in Myanmar's political trend.

A hluttaw (parliament) is a body in which the people vest legislative power. It is fair to say that a hluttaw is an organization that reflects the life of the public. The government, the administrative body, and the judicial body are responsible for bringing parliamentary resolutions into operation.

So, the responsibility of the parliament is very formidable. The major duty of MPs is to make laws and amend existing laws. In addition, it has to practise executive and judicial powers in line with the constitution. In Pyithu Hluttaw, these sovereign powers are exercised according to the procedures.

MPs irrespective of party have to serve national interest as the common task. They also have to be harmonious with one another in coordinating tasks, putting public interest in the fore.

It is therefore mandatory for MPs to show a sense of duty and remain loyal to the public and the nation without dogmatism, personality cult, sectarianism and racism in order to shape the future of the nation.

Twiste Stepper awarded to winners in Mr and Ms Myanmar Contest



Visitors testing Kettler gym sets, treadmills and exercise bike and cross trainers displayed at Mr and Ms Myanmar contest.—MNA

YANGON, 1 Feb— Nat Ray Co presented Germany brand Kettler Twiste Stepper to Aung Aung who stood first in the Junior Mr Myanmar Contest, Aung Swe Naing in the senior contest and Wutyi Phyo in the Ms Myanmar Contest jointly organized by Myanmar Body-building and Physical Culture Federation and MDG Co Ltd on 30 January.

Peoples' 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

Commander inspects progress of Wamkaung-Gyobu railroad section

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Feb— Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Brig-Gen Than Tun Oo inspected construction of Wamkaung-Gyobu railroad section of Kengtung-Mongnai railroad project on 18 January.

He also looked into progress of the runway at Kengtung Airport.

On 19 January, the commander inspected

maintenance of Kengtung-Loimwe-Mongkawng-Mongkai road and bridges. At the hall in Mongkai, he presented cash assistance and gifts to departmental officials and local people.

At Mongkai Basic Education High School, the commander met local people and gave foodstuff, sports gear and seeds of crops to them.

Later, the commander inspected beautifying and development tasks in Loimwe.—MNA

Kayan Township gets village library

YANGON, 1 Feb— A ceremony to open SabeiU Library was held in Okpo Village of Kayan Township, Yangon South District, on 25 January morning.

Chairman of Kayan Township Peace and Development Council U Tin Myint, Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Ei Zar Hlaing and Chairman of Village PDC U Htein Lin formally opened the library.

Next, wellwishers donated one radio, books and publications,



Opening ceremony of SabeiU Library in Okpo Village of Kayan Township in progress.—TOWNSHIP IPRD

one table, one chest of drawer, one chair, two benches and two shelves.

The library was built with K 1 million contribution by Yangon Region Peace

and Development Council and K 1.8 million by local people. MNA

Lifestyles Expo-2011 on 3 Feb

YANGON, 1 Feb— Milky Way International Co Ltd has arranged Lifestyles Expo-2011 at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road in Dagon Township on 3 to 6 February.

The expo is mainly sponsored by Shine Group of Companies, and Co-Sponsors includes Asia Metal Co Ltd and Everseiko Co Ltd.

Besides, over 50 companies display their products in 140 booths at least and offer entertainment programmes, gifts and discounts to customers.

Any observers have a chance to get a laptop, a washing machine and gift vouchers presented by Milky Way International Co Ltd.

Further information, dial 73043611 or 73090821.—MNA

Nat Ray gives one-year warranty to customers who buy Kettler products.

Kettler products are available at Grand Mee Yahta Hotel, Tel: 256355, Casabella in Yangon, Tel: 664363 and 660769, Casabella in Mandalay, Tel: 02-72342, Service Centre at 501 of FMI Center, Bogyoke Aung San Street, Pabedan Township, Tel: 240289.—MNA

Myanmar, Singapore to vie for first place in tennis championships

YANGON, 1 Feb—The second tournament of ITF 14 & Under Asian Championships 2011 Group (2) hosted by Myanmar went on today at Theinbyu Tennis Court in Mingala Taungnyunt Township here this morning.

In the first semi-final match of Women's Single Event, Nilar Win (Myanmar) beat Thisuri Mollogoda (Sri Lanka) (6-2) (6-4) and marched to the final. In the second semi-final, Ang Geraldine (Singapore) went to the final after beating Syazlinyusri (Malaysia) (6-0) (1-6) (7-5).

President U Aung Maw Thein of Myanmar Tennis Federation presented cash award to Nilar Win. Champion Nilar Win (Myanmar) of the first tournament of ITF 14 & Under Asian Championships 2011 Group (2) and second Ang Geraldine (Singapore) vied for the first place of the second tournament this morning.

Men's Single Event, Men's Double Event, Women's Double Event of the second tournament of ITF 14 & Under Asian Championships 2011 Group (2) continued this morning.—MNA

Iraq war casualties rise in January

BAGHDAD, 1 Feb—The number of civilians, police and soldiers killed in violence in Iraq climbed sharply in January as militants launched a new wave of attacks, according to government statistics released on Tuesday.

The health ministry said 159 civilians were killed in bombings and other attacks last month compared with 89 in December, 105 in November and 120 in October. It was the highest civilian toll since September. Fifty-five police officers and 45 soldiers were killed, compared to 41 and 21 respectively in December, according to interior and defence ministry figures.

Many of the deaths occurred in a two-week period around a Muslim religious rite as suspected insurgents challenged the new Shi'ite-led government of Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki, attacking police and targeting pilgrims streaming into the holy Shi'ite city of Kerbala.

On 18 January a suicide bomber wearing a vest packed with explosives and ball bearings killed around 50 police recruits while they queued for jobs in Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit.

Two days later car bombs killed at least 45 Shi'ites near Kerbala.

On 27 January a car bomb explosion at a funeral wake in a Shi'ite neighborhood in Baghdad killed more than 45 people and wounded scores of others.—Reuters



Men carry the body of a child after a suicide bomb attack at Finest supermarket in Kabul on 28 Jan, 2011. A suicide bomb at the supermarket in the Afghan Capital killed eight people, including at least two foreigners, and wounded six, police said.—INTERNET



A firefighter puts a scarf over a casualty after a suicide bomb attack at Finest supermarket in Kabul on 28 Jan, 2011.—INTERNET

Explosion rocks S Afghan Province

KANDAHAR, 1 Feb—Explosion rocked southern Kandahar Province on Tuesday, casualties feared.

Meantime, Kandahar police chief Khan Mohammad Mujahid said the blast was a roadside bomb attack, organized against him but he escaped unhurt.

"The blast was a roadside bomb, organized by Taleban to kill me but fortunately I escaped unhurt," Mujahid told Xinhua.

He also added that the attack happened on a street inside provincial capital Kandahar City when his vehicle was passed.

"Fortunately neither my bodyguards nor passersby were hurt in the blast," the police chief further said.

Taliban militants have yet to make comment.—Xinhua

31 NATO service members killed in January in Afghanistan

KABUL, 1 Feb— Taleban-linked continued insurgency have claimed the lives of 31 soldiers with the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) throughout January this year in the conflict-ridden Afghanistan.

The militants in the latest waves of offensive against NATO-led forces on Monday, the last day in January, organized an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) attack leaving one service member dead, the alliance said in a statement released here.

"An International Security Assistance Force service member died following an improvised explosive device attack in eastern Afghanistan today," the statement said.

However, it did not identify the nationality of the victim, saying it is ISAF policy to defer casualty identification procedures to the relevant national authorities.

Troops mostly from US have been deployed in the eastern part of Afghanistan. As of 30 Jan, according to iCasualties, a website tracking NATO-led forces fatalities in war on terror, 30 service members with 21 of them Americans had been killed in Afghanistan since beginning this year.

Xinhua

Pakistan judge blocks any move to hand over US gunman

LAHORE, 1 Feb—A Pakistani judge has blocked any move to hand over to US authorities an American government employee, under investigation for double murder, and put his name on the exit control list.

Visiting US congressmen on Monday asked President Asif Ali Zardari to free Raymond Davis, who was arrested after killing two Pakistani motorcyclists in broad daylight in Lahore in what the American said was an act of self-defence.

But a lawyer petitioned the Lahore high court to block any move to hand Davis over to the United States, filing a petition under public interest laws.

"I am restraining him (from being handed over to US authorities). Whether he has or does not have



Pakistani police escorts arrested American diplomat Raymond Davis to a court in Lahore, on 28 Jan.—INTERNET

(diplomatic) immunity will be decided by the court," ruled Lahore high court chief justice Ijaz Ahmed Chaudhry on Tuesday. "An order is issued to put his name on the ECL (exit control list). The case is adjourned for 15 days."—Internet



Detained Americans Sarah Shourd (R), Shane Bauer (L) and Joshua Fattal smile as they wait to meet their mothers at the Esteghlal hotel in Teheran.—XINHUA

Iran summons freed US woman for trial

TEHERAN, 1 Feb—The Iranian judiciary spokesman said Monday that an American woman, who was arrested by Teheran and freed on bail, has been summoned by an Iranian court for trial, the official IRNA news agency reported.

The female US hiker Sarah Shourd and two fellows, Josh Fattal and Shane Bauer, were arrested in July 2009 for illegally entering Iran. Shourd was released on bail of around 500,000 US dollars last year due to her health condition, while Fattal and Bauer remained jailed in Teheran.

Shourd has been summoned by the Islamic Revolutionary Court to attend a trial session scheduled on 6 Feb, IRNA quoted the judiciary spokesman General Gholam-Hossein Mohseni-Ejei as saying. The three were charged with espionage. Ejei said last November that Iran would put Fattal and Bauer on trial after Shourd was brought back to Iran. The US government renounced the charges as unfounded.—Xinhua

Internet

Ex-British Airways employee admits terror charges

LONDON, 1 Feb—A former British Airways employee has admitted some terror charges ahead of his London trial. Bangladesh-born Rajib Karim is accused of deliberately seeking a job with the flagship airline in order to further an as-yet unspecified terrorist conspiracy. The 31-year-old pleaded guilty Monday to being involved in the production and distribution of a video on behalf of a outlawed terror group. He also pleaded guilty to funding associates in Yemen, offering himself for terrorist training abroad and encouraging others to do the same.

He denies a series of other terror-related charges. Few details of the case have been made publicly available. Britain's Crown Prosecution Service did not return a call seeking comment on the case.



Science



Risk of new Chile quake seen after 2010 disaster

OSLO, 1 Feb—The risk of a new earthquake may have increased in an area of Chile's Pacific Coast that suffered a massive quake and tsunamis last year that killed more than 500 people, a team of scientists said on Sunday.

They said the 8.8 magnitude 27 February quake had only partly broken stresses, deep in the Earth's crust in an area south of Santiago, that have been building up since an 1835 quake witnessed by British naturalist Charles Darwin.

"We conclude that increased stress on the unbroken patch may in turn have increased the probability of another major to great earthquake there in the near future," they wrote in the journal *Nature Geoscience*.



A soldier builds a provisional dwelling for people displaced by 27th's February earthquake in 2010. Central Chile faces increased risk of a very large earthquake close to the site of last February's 8.8-magnitude temblor that killed 520 people and cost 30 billion dollars, scientists said on Sunday.—INTERNET

ience.

A "major" earthquake is between magnitude 7 and 8, causing serious damage over large areas, and a "great" earthquake above 8. Chile's quake was the most powerful since the 2004 quake that caused a devastating tsunami in the Indian Ocean.

"It's impossible to predict exactly when a new quake might happen," Stefano Lorito, of Italy's Istituto Nazionale di Geofisica e Vulcanologia, told *Reuters*. He led a team of experts in the United States, Northern Ireland and Italy.

Reuters

South Carolina scientist works to grow meat in lab

CHARLESTON, 1 Feb —In a small laboratory on an upper floor of the basic science building at the Medical University of South Carolina, Vladimir Mironov, MD, PhD, has been working for a decade to grow meat.

A developmental biologist and tissue engineer, Dr Mironov, 56, is one of only a few scientists worldwide involved in bioengineering "cultured" meat.

It's a product he believes could help solve future global food crises resulting from shrinking amounts of land available for growing meat the old-fashioned way on the hoof.

Growth of "in-vitro" or cultured meat is also under way in the

Netherlands, Mironov told *Reuters* in an interview, but in the United States, it is science in search of funding and demand.

The new National Institute of Food and Agriculture, part of the US Food and Drug Administration, won't fund it, the National Institutes of Health won't fund it, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration funded it only briefly, Mironov said.

"It's classic disruptive technology," Mironov said. "Bringing any new technology on the market, average, costs \$1 billion. We don't even have \$1 million."

Reuters

This undated handout photo provided by the journal *Science* shows a donor woman watching sad films in isolation, using a mirror to capture tears into a vial. If a crying woman's red nose isn't a big enough turnoff to a man, a surprising experiment found another reason: Tears of sadness may temporarily lower his testosterone level.

INTERNET



Technology



Elpida to buy Powerchip's DRAM operations



A woman looks at a DRAM microchip. Japan's leading chip maker Elpida Memory will take over the DRAM operations of Powerchip Technology in a bid to increase competitiveness amid falling prices, the Nikkei said Monday.

INTERNET

TOKYO, 1 Feb—Japan's leading chip maker Elpida Memory will take over the DRAM operations of Powerchip Technology in a bid to increase competitiveness amid falling prices, the *Nikkei* said Monday.

Powerchip will end production of its own DRAM chips, used in

personal computers, and will focus exclusively on production for Elpida, which plans to eventually acquire Powerchip's main production facilities, the daily said.

Falling prices of DRAM chips has accelerated the talks between the two partners, who plan to finish the negotiations by the end of March, the *Nikkei* said.

Elpida had a 17.4-percent share of the global DRAM market in 2009, while Powerchip held 2.1 percent, the *Nikkei* said.

Samsung led the market with a 33.6 percent share, followed by South Korean rival Hynix Semiconductor with 21.6 percent, the *Nikkei* said.—*Internet*

Toshiba brings new 'pistol-grip' 1080P camcorder to market



The logo of Toshiba Corp is seen at the company's headquarters in Tokyo on 29 January, 2010.—INTERNET

NEW YORK, 1 Feb—No, there are no cameos of Leonardo DiCaprio included with Toshiba's Camileo S30 full HD camcorder, but Cisco might flip out about it!

Toshiba launched its Camileo brand of handheld, SD-card capable camcorders last year, and this year it is launching a new 1080P Full HD

model in the Australian market – pictured below.

Known as the Camileo S30, it's an HD video camcorder and digital stills camera with an 8 megapixel CMOS sensor and 3-inch swivelling touch screen, featuring the ultraportable light weight of approx. 120 grams (118g without battery) and is 19mm thin, similar in size to modern mobile phones but with much better video recording capability.

Clearly a solid Flip video camera competitor, the camcorder market is obviously still a popular one with consumers despite smartphones now coming with HD video recording capabilities, although often only at 720P.

As we've seen on similar camcorders in the past, over the years, the Camileo also comes with a "direct upload function to video sharing sites such as YouTube" using an "Internet upload button" (that presumably only works when the Camileo S30 is connected to your Internet connected PC via a USB cable).

Internet

FastMac ships power socket equipped with USB ports

NEW YORK, 1 Feb —At the 2010 Macworld Expo, FastMac's U-Socket earned a Best of Show award. A year later, the U-Socket is finally ready to ship to the public and was on display at the 2011 Macworld Expo show floor.

The U-Socket is a power outlet that's outfitted with a pair of USB ports. After it was announced last year, FastMac had to reconfigure the U-Socket so it could be able to recharge an iPad.

Then USB 3.0 started to become fashionable (at least for PCs), and FastMac wanted to make sure their USB ports were 3.0 compliant.

FastMac is offering two models of the U-Socket. Model ACE-7169 (\$26) is a standard wall socket available in white. The model ACE-7702 (\$24) is a Decora-style socket.

Internet

Health

Patient-clinician relationship important

HONOLULU, 1 Feb—“Difficult” patient-clinician encounters have a negative impact on the patients’ short-term health, US researchers say.

Sheri Hinchey of the Tripler Army Medical Centre in Honolulu and Jeffrey Jackson from the Zablocki Veterans Administration Medical Centre in Milwaukee say both clinician and patient factors contribute to difficult encounters.

Clinicians with a more open communication style and those with more experience reported fewer difficult encounters. Patients considered difficult had more symptoms, worse functional status, used the clinic more frequently and were more likely to have an underlying psychiatric disorder than those not considered difficult.

The study, published online in the *Journal of General Internal Medicine*, indicated doctors

perceived nearly 18 percent of their patients as difficult. Patients emerging from difficult encounters reported less satisfaction, lower trust in their clinician and a greater number of unmet expectations.

Two weeks later, they were also more likely to have worsening symptoms.

Hinchey, Jackson and colleagues assessed 750 adult patients at a walk in clinic for symptoms, expectations, general health, signs of mental disorders, and physical, social and emotional functionality before consultation.

The researchers asked patients about satisfaction, level of trust and unmet expectations immediately after the consultation. Two weeks later symptoms again.

Internet



Football fans gather around a large Super Bowl XLV display in downtown Dallas, Texas. US researchers have found an increased number of cardiac deaths, particularly among women, after a city’s home team lost in the famed Super Bowl, the biggest American football game of the year.—INTERNET

A Super Bowl loss can kill you

LOS ANGELES, 1 Feb—A loss for the home team in the Super Bowl has been linked to a higher death rate — especially among the elderly, US researchers suggest. Dr Robert A Kloner of the Heart Institute at Good Samaritan Hospital and Keck School of Medicine at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles and colleagues ran regression models for mortality rates for cardiac causes for the 1980 Los Angeles Super Bowl loss and for the 1984 Los Angeles Super Bowl win.

A study, published in the journal *Clinical Cardiology*, shows the Los Angeles Super Bowl loss of 1980 was linked to a 15 percent increase in all circulatory deaths associated with the Super Bowl loss in women there was a 27 percent increase in all circulatory deaths linked to the loss, while in older patients, there was a 22 percent increase in circulatory deaths associated with the Super Bowl loss.

There were an extra 2.6 deaths per 100,000 people age 65 and older each day during two weeks following the loss, but for those age 65 and under, the increased death rate was 0.11 per 100,000 people each day following the loss. However, the Super Bowl win appeared to reduce deaths more frequently in older people and in women, the study says.

Internet

Running-related injuries on the rise in US kids

NEW YORK, 1 Feb—The number of running-related injuries suffered by American youngsters aged 6 to 18 increased 34 percent between 1994 and 2007, according to a new study.

During that period, there were an estimated 225,344 such injuries treated in US hospital emergency departments, an average of more than 16,000 per year.

The majority of the running-related injuries were sprains and strains to the lower extremities. Falls accounted for one-third of the injuries and more than half of the injuries occurred at school, said the researchers at the Centre for Injury Research and Policy at Nationwide Children’s Hospital in Columbus, Ohio.

Youngsters aged 6 to 14 were more likely to be

injured as a result of a fall and while running at school, while teens aged 15 to 18 were more likely to be injured while running in the street or at a sports and recreation facility.

“Encouraging children and adolescents to run for exercise is a great way to ensure that they remain physically active,” Lara McKenzie, principle investigator at the centre, said in a hospital news release. “However, the findings from our study show that formal, evidence-based and age-specific guidelines are needed for pediatric runners so that parents, coaches and physical education teachers can teach children the proper way to run in order to reduce the risk of injury.”

The study is published in the February issue of the journal *Clinical Pediatrics*.—Internet

Business

S Korea’s consumer inflation spikes to 4.1% in Jan

SEOUL, 1 Feb—South Korea’s consumer inflation accelerated to 4.1 percent in January from a year earlier, a government report showed Tuesday.

The country’s consumer price index (CPI) surged 4.1 percent in January from the same month a year earlier after rising 3.5 percent in December, Statistics Korea said in its report. South Korea’s annual inflation in January marked the same increase of 4.1 percent reported for October, rising above the central bank’s 4.0 percent ceiling again in three months. The Bank of Korea (BOK) targets mid-term inflation at between 2 percent and 4 percent from 2010 through 2012.

Consumer inflation in Asia’s fourth-largest economy gained 0.9 percent in January from the previous month, up 0.3 percentage point from a 0.6 percent rise in December. The nation’s core CPI, which excludes oil and food, climbed 2.6 percent last month from a year before, the biggest increase since October 2009. The January core prices gained 0.6 percent from the previous month, the highest level since March 2008.—Xinhua



View of the lighthouse in Jose Ignacio, Maldonado. A vacant 810 square metre (0.2 acre) lot in the historic center of Jose Ignacio costs at least \$500,000, although a seafloor property could go for twice or three times as much.—INTERNET



People visit a fair celebrating the Chinese Lunar New Year held in the Chinatown in San Francisco, the United States, on 30 Jan, 2011.

XINHUA

China’s central bank raises priority of price controls

BEIJING, 1 Feb—China’s central bank said late Sunday that it would raise the priority of keeping overall price levels under control in 2011 by adopting a prudent monetary policy.

“Controlling overall price levels will be higher up the agenda in 2011, while the financial system should be kept secure and sound,” said a report on the People’s Bank of China (PBOC) website.

China’s consumer price index (CPI) rose 4.6 percent from a year earlier in December, down from 5.1 percent in November, which was the fastest rate in more than two years. Last year, the CPI climbed 3.3 percent, exceeding the central government’s official target of 3 percent.

Rising consumer prices have prompted the central bank to launch a series of monetary-tightening measures, including two interest rate increases and a series of rises in the bank reserve requirement ratio since.—Xinhua

Flood uncertainty keeps Australia’s interest rates on hold

CANBERRA, 1 Feb—Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) on Tuesday announced to keep interest rates on hold.

Due to the uncertainty over the economic impact of the devastating floods, the official cash rate remains at 4.75 percent as expected.

“Over the next year or two, the efforts to repair or replace infrastructure and housing will add modestly to aggregate demand, compared with what would otherwise likely have occurred,” RBA governor Glenn Stevens said in a statement released on Tuesday. “The bank’s preliminary assessment is that the net additional demand from rebuilding is unlikely to have a major impact on the medium-term outlook for inflation.” The central bank last raised the cash rate in early November, from 4.5 percent to its current 4.75 percent. Last year the board lifted rates four times, three of those in the first half of the year.—Xinhua

Man arrested with explosives in Michigan

DETROIT, 1 Feb—A 63-year-old Southern California man who was travelling with explosives in his vehicle with the intention of blowing up one of the nation's largest mosques where mourners had gathered for a funeral was arrested in the Detroit suburb of Dearborn, Michigan authorities said Sunday. Dearborn police said Roger Stockham was arraigned Wednesday on one count of making a false report or threat of terrorism and one count of possessing explosives with an unlawful intent. Stockham had a large but

undisclosed quantity of class-C fireworks including M-80s, which are outlawed in Michigan, Chief Ronald Haddad said.

"I was comfortable with the fact that we had taken him off the street — he isn't going anywhere," Haddad said Sunday afternoon. "I think the society he wanted to impact is safe." Haddad said Stockham was arrested Monday evening without incident in the parking lot of Islamic Centre of America, while a large group was gathered inside.—Internet

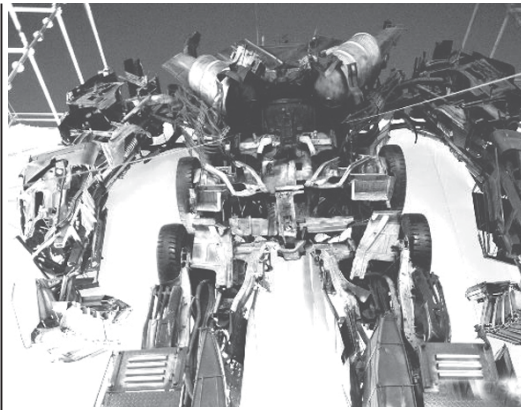


Photo taken on 30 Jan, 2011 shows a giant transformer Optimus Prime assembled from 20 wasted automobiles, in Shenyang, capital of northeast China's Liaoning Province. The 11-metre-high Optimus Prime weighing 21 tons was just assembled in Shenyang on Sunday.—XINHUA

Malaysian police take custody of seven Somali pirates



A Malaysian police officer brings out an accused Somali pirate from a bus at Bukit Jalil Police Station in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 31 Jan, 2011.—INTERNET

KUALA LUMPUR, 1 Feb—Police in Malaysia took custody Monday of seven Somali pirates who were captured in the Gulf of Aden and brought to the Southeast Asian country to face a possible trial for hijacking a Malaysian-operated chemical tanker.

Malaysia and South Korea could become Asia's first countries to charge Somalis for piracy-

related offenses after detaining a total of 12 suspects in separate raids on two hijacked ships recently. Five Somalis captured in the Arabian Sea were brought Sunday to South Korea, where they could be sentenced to life imprisonment.

The seven other Somalis arrived under tight security at Malaysia's key western harbour Monday aboard the MT Bunga Laurel, which they attacked 20 Jan in the Gulf of Aden. Malaysian naval commandos stormed the ship and rescued 23 Filipino crew members less than two hours after the pirates boarded it.

Authorities will interrogate the Somalis in a "thorough investigation" before deciding what charges they could face, a federal police official said on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to make public statements. Malaysia's plan to charge them could be complicated because the vessel attacked was Panama-registered, even though it was chartered and operated by a Malaysian shipping firm.

None of the crew was Malaysian, and the ship's cargo was being transported to Singapore.

But officials have said the pirates could still face unspecified charges because the ship had Malaysian interests.—Internet

Pakistanis ruined by floods brace for more hardship

RAML KHOSO, 1 Feb—

Six months after Pakistan's epic floods demolished this farming village in the southern Province of Sindh, its residents still live in limbo on a roadside.

Let down by their unpopular government, and too poor to rebuild their homes, villagers living in tents can only pray the next monsoon season in July won't bring more upheaval.

"We are hardly getting any help," said Alimi Khoso, pointing to a dirty plaster around her two-month-old granddaughter's leg, broken in an accident in a tent camp.

"Where will we go if there are more floods. We don't even have enough money to run away."

Monsoon floods began roaring through Pakistan in late July last year, leaving about 11 million people homeless.

The government was slow to respond while the military, seen as a far more efficient institution, took the lead in relief operations. Pakistani leaders could face fresh criticism if dire conditions in flood-affected areas worsen.

Many communities in Sindh are still surrounded by floodwaters and hundreds of thousands of people still live in temporary shelters, even though more than \$1 billion in flood aid has been delivered to Pakistan, a strategic US ally.

Reuters

Elephant refuge starts anew after founder's firing



This 22 Dec, 2010 photo shows Tarra, bottom, and Misty, top, as they graze at the Elephant Sanctuary in Hohenwald, Tenn. An unexpected management change and a lawsuit might give the world a better glimpse of the refuge for elephants that have spent much of their lives in zoos and circuses.—INTERNET

HOHENWALD, 1 Feb—Nestled on a secluded tract in the wooded hills of rural Tennessee is a sight that would likely startle an outsider, if outsiders were permitted to see it: the nation's largest sanctuary for old, sick and rescued elephants.

For the past 15 years, elephants who had spent lifetimes in zoos and circuses have found a place

to retire, rest and roam, far from noisy audiences and free from cramped quarters.

Now, after an unexpected management change and a lawsuit filed by one of the original founders last year, their place of refuge is undergoing changes that may allow the world a better glimpse of their lives.

The sanctuary that's

never been open to the public now wants to be a worldwide educational centre for elephant care, while still remaining true to its mission to be a refuge for needy elephants.

"The sanctuary is and has always been about far more than just the people who work in it," said Rob Atkinson, the new CEO who arrived in Tennessee late last year. "It's about the elephants."

In 1995, two former elephant trainers, Carol Buckley and Scott Blais, started the sanctuary near Hohenwald, Tenn, about 85 miles southwest of Nashville, in part because Tennessee's temperate climate and vegetation made it a good home for African and Asian elephants.—Internet



Milkpowder from various brands are displayed at a drug store at Hong Kong's northern rural Sheung Shui District, neighbouring Shenzhen on 31 Jan, 2011.

INTERNET

4.8-magnitude earthquake jolts southwest China's Yunnan

BEIJING, 1 Feb — A 4.8-magnitude earthquake hit southwest China's Yunnan Province on Tuesday afternoon, according to the China Earthquake Networks Centre.

The quake hit Yingjiang County of Dai-Jingpo Autonomous Prefecture of Dehong at 3:11 pm Beijing Time, the centre said.

The epicenter, with a depth of 10 kilometres, was located at 24.7 degrees north latitude and 97.9 degrees east longitude, according to the centre.—Xinhua

5.3-magnitude quake hits sea off Taiwan (China)

BEIJING, 1 Feb — An earthquake measuring 5.3 on the Richter Scale hit the sea off the coast of Hualien County in Taiwan at 4:16 pm Beijing Time Tuesday, according to the China Earthquake Networks Centre.

The epicentre was monitored at 24.2 degrees north latitude and 121.8 degrees east longitude with a depth of about seven kilometres, the centre said.

The epicentre is about 35 kilometres away from Hualien and about 100 kilometres from Taipei, according to the centre.—Xinhua



Group of Pyithu Hluttaw representatives-elect...

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Pyithu Hluttaw representatives-elect attended the meeting, accounting for 99.6 per cent, and the meeting was valid as the attendance was more than the quorum of half of the representatives-elect. He announced the beginning of the meeting.

Representatives-elect carried out matters on nomination of vice-president, support for proposals, and submission of the proposal papers to the

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker through the master of ceremonies.

They elected a representative-elect among themselves to comprise in the group that will scrutinize whether or not the vice-presidents possess the qualifications prescribed for the President.

In the process, U Htay Oo of Hinthada Constituency nominated U Thaung of Kyaukse Constituency. U Aung Min of Toungoo Constituency

seconded the nomination. U Khin Maung Yi (a) Khaing Maung Yi of Ahlon Constituency nominated U Nelson (a) U Hsaung Hsi of Kyaukse Constituency, and it was seconded by Daw Nan Wah Nu of Kunhein Constituency. In the secret ballot, U Thaung of Kyaukse Constituency won 280 votes; and U Nelson (a) U Hsaung Hsi of Kyaukse Constituency, 44 votes. It was thereafter announced that U Thaung of Kyaukse Constituency was elected as a member of the group that will scrutinize the qualifications for the president.



Pyithu Hluttaw representatives-elect sign attendance book of meeting of Pyithu Hluttaw representatives-elect group of Presidential Electoral College.

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Pyithu Hluttaw representatives-elect arriving at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall to attend meeting of Pyithu Hluttaw representatives-elect group of Presidential Electoral College.

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The group that will scrutinize the qualifications for the president comprises speakers and deputy speakers of the two hluttaws of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, a Pyithu Hluttaw representative elected by the Group of Pyithu Hluttaw Representatives-Elect, an Amyotha Hluttaw representative elected by the Group of Amyotha Hluttaw Representatives-elect, and a Defence Services Personnel representative elected

by the Group of Defence Services Personnel Representatives.

The speaker announced that the meeting will be adjourned for a day in order that the Pyithu Hluttaw speaker and the deputy Pyithu Hluttaw speaker can scrutinize the submitted proposal papers and make a list of vice-presidential candidates, and the meeting continues at 10 am on 3 February. The meeting ended at 11.15 am.

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Education Road Show 2011 on GAC on 11 Feb

YANGON, 31 Jan—Global Assessment Certificate (GAC) programme and application for entrance to over 100 international universities from the US, England, Canada, Australia, Mexico, Malaysia and Indonesia will be explained at Education Road Show 2011 at Summit Parkview Hotel from

10 am to 4 pm on 11 February.

GAC has three levels to provide English, Mathematics, Information Technology, Economics and science subjects to the trainees in addition to IELTS/TOEFL of their choice.

The course will last from nine months to one

year. Outstanding persons in GAC entrance will get university stipends. Responsible persons of Ascensia Academy will explain the detailed facts about GAC. Those interested may contact Crown Education, Tel: 211888, (Extension: 228-229), 095085185 and 73040688.—MNA

Aleinmar Pyokhin Library opened in Kayan Township

YANGON, 1 Feb—A ceremony to open Aleinmar Pyokhin Library was held in Maungma Village of Kayan Township on 27 January.

Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council U Tin Myint, Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Ei Zar Hlaing and Chairman of Maungma Village PDC U Chit Khaing formally opened the library.

The Chairman of Township PDC

donated 100 books, the chairperson of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association one radio and publications, Township Women's Affairs Organization publications, the Head of Township IPRD 100 books, local people one table, two chairs, one bench, one shelf and 300 books. The library was built with K 1 million contribution by Yangon Region PDC and K 9.3 million by the local people.—MNA

ISR Football Tournament continues

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Feb—The second round robin matches of the 56th Inter-State/Region Union Football Tournament continued at Magway Region Sports Ground and Magway District Sports Ground on 30 January.

Taninthayi Region beat Ayeyawady Region 4-2 at Magway Region Sports

Ground while Sagaing Region tied at Chin State 1-1 at Magway District Sports Ground.

Yesterday, Mandalay Region routed Bago Region 3-1 at Magway Region Sports Ground whereas Kachin State and Yangon Region ended a 1-1 draw at Magway District Sports Ground.—MNA

Talk on Industrial Promotion & FDI on 18 Feb

YANGON, 1 Feb—A talk on Industrial Promotion & FDI: Focusing on Small & Medium-sized Enterprises, jointly organized by the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) and Japanese Embassy in Yangon, will be held at UMFCCI Office Tower (first floor) on MinYeKyawSwa

Road in Lanmadaw Township here on 18 February.

Representative Mr Tatsuya Hoshino of Itochu Australia Corporation, Machinery Division of Japan will give the talks. Those wishing to attend the talk are to register at UMFCCI (International Relations Department) (from Ph:214344 to 49).—MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw representatives meet for vice-president nomination

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Feb— Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and Pyithu Hluttaw representatives from States and Regions met at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Building here at 10 am today for nomination of vice-president.

The Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker supervised the election process and Deputy Director-General U Kyaw Soe of Hluttaw Office acted as master of ceremonies.

First, Hluttaw representatives took out proposals from the deputy director-general to nominate candidates for vice-presidency.

Next, representatives presented proposals describing facts about nominees to the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker through the master of ceremonies.

U Thein Sein from Zabuthiri Constituency was nominated by Daw Dwebu from M'Jangyang Constituency and sec-

onded by U Aik Mone of Mantung Constituency. U Thein Sein was also proposed by U Tin Aye from TadaU Constituency and seconded by U Htay Oo from Hinthada Constituency.

U Saw Thein Aung from Hlaingbwe Constituency was nominated by Daw Tin Ngwe Oo from Dagon (North) Constituency and Daw Nan Wah Nu from Kunhein Constituency and Daw Khin Saw Wai



Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann supervises election process for vice-president of Pyithu Hluttaw representatives from States and Regions.—MNA

from Yathaedaung Constituency seconded the candidacy. He also got nomination by Daw Nan Sae Auh from Hpa-an Constituency and Daw

Myint Than from Ye Constituency and Daw Tin Ngwe Oo from Dagon Myothit (North) Constituency seconded the candidacy. He was proposed by U Ngun Moun from Haka Constituency and U Pai Lin from Paletwa Constituency and Daw Zatalem from Thantlang Constituency seconded the candidacy.

The two nominees

for the vice-president were U Thein Sein from Zabuthiri Constituency and U Saw Thein Aung from Hlaingbwe Constituency.

Then, the meeting of Pyithu Hluttaw representatives was adjourned for a day so that the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker and the Deputy Speaker may have time to recognize proposals and list the names of the nominees.—MNA

Deputy Director-General U Kyaw Soe of Hluttaw Office acts as Master of Ceremonies.

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Bus conductor succumbs to injuries

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Feb—The news story "Reckless driving causes traffic accident" that appeared in the 26-12-2010 issue of daily newspapers says that a Canter bus plying between Myinkaseik and Pathein, while trying to overtake Shwe Wathon express bus, accidentally hooked up itself to the express bus and fell down on the shoulder of the road and the express bus was therefore pulled down to the left drain at about 9 am; and action was being taken against the driver of the Canter bus.

Further investigation into the case revealed that in reality, Myaungmya-Pathein Shwe Wathon express

bus while trying to overtake Myinkaseik-Pathein passenger bus, hit hard the back of the bus. The whole rear part of the bus was ravaged, and the bus fell down on the right side. The head and body of bus were then damaged. Shwe Wathon express bus went down into the left drain, but did not fall down.

The accident left 25 passengers on Kantar bus and two passengers on the express bus injured. The injured were receiving treatment in Pathein Hospital. Of them, the bus conductor of the bus Chit Phwe, son of U Win Kyi, succumbed to the injuries.

Bus drivers are therefore reminded to drive safely.—MNA

Slight earthquake jolts

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Feb—A slight earthquake of magnitude (4.8) Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (Yunnan Province) about (230) miles north-east of Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at (13) hrs (45) min (24) sec M.S.T today, Department of Meteorology and Hydrology announced.

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Leather jerkins available at Myanmarpyi-hmar Sun Shine

YANGON, 1 Feb—Maung Naing Phyto San, son of U Aik San (Myanmarpyi-hmar Sun Shine) distributes pure leather jackets.

Thakhin Chit brand leather jackets are available at Myanmarpyi-hmar Sun Shine shops across the nation.

The sales centre No.1 is located at No. 443 at the corner of Merchant and 43rd Streets in Botahtaung Township, Tel: 01-291453, No. 2 at No. 14/A on 83rd Street between 18th and 19th Streets in Mandalay, Tel: 02-72806, No. 3 at the corner of 80th and 9th Streets in Mandalay, Tel: 02-22640, No. 4 at 139 of northern housing, ground

floor, Zaygyo Market, Mandalay, Tel: 02-72184, No. 5 at 173/A at the corner of 81st Street and 19th Street, Mandalay, Tel: 02-71006, No. 6 at No. 56 at the corner of 26th Street and 88th Street in Mandalay, Tel: 02-35653, No. 7 at Room-

10 of Ngu Wah Hostel at Modern Thiri Marlar Housing in Mandalay between 23rd and 24th Streets and 88th and 89th streets, and at No. 8 in front of Myoma Cinema, PyinOoLwin, Tel: 085-22927 and 095114833.

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Customers seen at leather wear sale centre of Myanmarpyi-hmar Sun Shine.

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Group of Amyotha Hluttaw representatives-elect nominates vice-presidents

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Feb—Group meeting of Amyotha Hluttaw representatives-elect comprising in Presidential Electoral College was held at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Building in Nay Pyi Taw at 10 am today. Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and the Amyotha Hluttaw representatives-elect from Regions and States attended the meeting, and the Amyotha Hluttaw representatives-elect nominated the vice-presidents.

Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint supervised vice-presidential election and Deputy Director-General U Win Swe of Hluttaw Office acted as master of ceremonies.

The Amyotha Hluttaw representatives-elect took out form No. 1 from the Deputy Director-General. After that, the proposal forms were submitted to the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker through the master of ceremonies.

In the process of nominating the vice-presidents, U Aung Tun of

Magway Region Constituency No. 11 nominated Dr Sai Mauk Kham (a) Maung Ohn of Shan State Constituency No. 3 and it was seconded by U Kyaw Din (a) U Htay Reh of Kayah State Constituency No.2. U Hsaing Paung Nut of Shan State Constituency No.12 nominated Dr Sai Mauk Kham (a) Maung Ohn of Shan State Constituency No. 3 and it was seconded by U Nay Win Tun of Shan State Constituency No.9. Dr Myat Nyana Soe of Yangon Region Constituency No.4 nominated Dr Aye Maung of Rakhine State Constituency No.1 and it was seconded by U Phone Myint Aung of Yangon Region Constituency No.3. U Sai Thant Zin of Shan State Constituency No.4 and U Min Myo Tint Lwin of Kayin State Constituency No.10 nominated Dr Aye Maung of Rakhine State Constituency No.1 and it was seconded by U Paw Htan Htaing of Chin State Constituency No.3. U Naing Tun Ohn of Mon State Constituency No.5 and U Kyaw Thein of Mon State Constituency No.4 nominated Dr Aye Maung of Rakhine



Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint supervises vice-presidential election of Amyotha Hluttaw representatives-elect.—MNA

State Constituency No.1 and it was seconded by U Banya Aung Moe of Mon State Constituency No.7.

There were two nominees—Dr Sai Mauk Kham (a) Maung Ohn of Shan State Constituency No. 3 and Dr Aye Maung of Rakhine State

Constituency No.1.

Afterwards, the group meeting was adjourned for one day in order that the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker and the deputy speaker may scrutinize and make a list of vice-presidents.

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Amyotha Hluttaw Representatives-elect group ...

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After taking the seat, Speaker U Khin Aung Myint of Amyotha Hluttaw supervised the meeting according to the agenda. The speaker announced that the meeting was valid and the start of meeting as 168 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives-elect who have the right to attend the meeting were all present at the meeting with cent per cent attendance.

The Amyotha Hluttaw representatives-elect named Vice-President Nominees, seconded the nominations and presented the proposals to the speaker through the master of

ceremonies.

Amyotha Hluttaw Representative-elect U Myo Myint of Mandalay Region Constituency (6) was

announced as member of the group that will scrutinize the qualification of the president with the agreement of Amyotha Hluttaw representatives-elect group.

The Amyotha Hluttaw speaker announced the group meeting of Amyotha

Hluttaw representatives-elect will pause for a day to scrutinize the proposals by the speaker and the deputy speaker and to list Vice-President nominees and it will restart on 3 February (Thursday). The meeting came to an end at 10.35 am.

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Amyotha Hluttaw representatives-elect sign attendance book.

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Diploma in Software Engineering Course in second week of Feb

YANGON, 1 Feb— Myanmar Professionals Education Centre will open CICT Diploma in Software Engineering Course in the second week of February.

The diploma will be conferred by Cambridge

ICT of Malaysia.

The course will last nine months. Experienced teachers will provide practical and theoretical training to the students.

For further information, contact Myanmar Professionals Education Centre at No. 804 (B) at Dagon Centre, Myenigon, Sangyung Township, Yangon, Tel: 01-73066278.—MNA

MMCWA (Central) provides nutritious food to pregnant mothers in Pyawbwe

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Feb—A ceremony to provide nutritious foods to pregnant women in Pyawbwe Township, Yamethin District, Mandalay Region was held at Pyawbwe Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association on 21 January.

It was attended by President of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association (Central) Daw Nilar Thaw, Vice-President Dr Daw Wai Wai Tha and CEC members, Chairpersons of Mandalay Region Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Htay Htay Aung and members, Chairpersons of Yamethin District and Pyawbwe Township MCWSCs and the pregnant women.

At the ceremony, the MMCWA (Central) president made a speech. After that, the president and members provided twenty pregnant women with nutritious foods and visited the delivery room.—MNA

Gallant opens engineering courses

YANGON, 1 Feb—Gallant training school will conduct Applied Engineering Course and Engineering Applied Computer Course that will last two to four months.

Applied Engineering Course includes TV, DVD, VCD and mechanic course, wiring course, air-conditioner maintenance course, motor operating course, welding course, plumber course, mechanical & electrical competency, and computerized numerical control course.

The Engineering Applied Computer Course comprises Auto-CAD (basic), Auto-CAD (M&E), Programmable logic control (PLC) and Microcontroller Course. For detailed information, contact No. 5 B (5), 4th floor, U Tun Lin Compound road, Hledan, Kamayut Township, Yangon, Tel: 73032670, 539403 and 095128026.

MNA

Study says phone counseling can help cut heart disease risk

NEW YORK, 1 Feb—A greater percentage of people at high risk for heart disease keep up their exercise and diet programmes when they get group telephone counseling, according to a study.

Everyone in the group of nearly 700 patients in the study, published in the American Journal of Cardiology, saw doctors who evaluated their health and got advice about making good lifestyle changes. But some also got group counseling sessions by phone on — and that helped more of them stick with the suggested changes.

The message itself is nothing new — eat more fruits and vegetables, cut back on salt, exercise more, and stop smoking. “It’s more of a question in how you can deliver it. We all know what’s recommended for lifestyle change,” said lead author Robert Nolan, a psychologist who studies heart disease at the University Health Network in Toronto.

MNA/Reuters



The camera of a Google street-view car. The US state of Connecticut said Friday it would hold negotiations with Google over the collection of private wireless data by its Street View mapping cars and not take the Internet giant to court.

INTERNET

Microbreweries turning from glass to metal

LEWISTON, 1 Feb—Canned beer isn’t just for swilling anymore.

Baxter Brewing in Maine has joined a growing number of small craft-beer breweries distributing their brews in cans — just like mainstream mass-produced beers — rather than in bottles. A decade ago, it’s believed there weren’t any US craft breweries canning their suds. Nowadays, nearly 100 sell at least one beer variety in metal.

Baxter Brewing founder and president Luke Livingston said cans are good for the beer, the environment and consumers, because they’re easy to take to places like camping trips

and golf outings. Still, cans in some quarters have to overcome the stereotype of chugging contests or a beer-bellied John Belushi crushing cans on his forehead in the 1978 movie “Animal House.”

When Livingston decided to open a small brewery sans bottles, some people told him they would never stoop to drinking beer from a can — that bottles were way better, and draft beer was the best. “My retort to those people is that draft beer comes out of a keg,” Livingston said at his brewery, located inside a former textile mill in this central Maine City. “And what’s a keg? A keg’s just a big can, it’s a big metal container.”—Internet



In this Thursday, on 26 Jan, 2011 photo, cans of beer are sorted at the Baxter Brewing Co, in Lewiston, Maine. The beer company has joined a growing number of small craft-beer breweries distributing their brews in cans, rather than in bottles.—INTERNET

ANA swings to black in April-December



A man walks past a poster of All Nippon Airways Co (ANA) in Tokyo, on 31 Jan, 2011.

Japan’s No 2 airline said Monday it swung sharply into the black in the April-December period by booking a net profit of 37.54 billion yen (\$457.4 million), compared with a loss of 35.2 billion yen during the same nine months last year.—INTERNET

TOKYO, 1 Feb—All Nippon Airways Co pivoted back into the black in the April-December period as robust travel demand and cost cuts bolstered the carrier’s bottom line.

Japan’s No 2 airline said Monday it booked a net profit of 37.54 billion yen (\$457.4 million), compared with a loss of 35.2 billion yen during the same nine months last year.

Revenue rose more than 12 percent to 1.04 trillion yen. Operating profit came to 77.7 billion yen, a turnaround from an operating loss of 37.8 billion a year earlier.

The carrier, known as ANA, credited a strong rebound in business travel for bolstering revenue on international routes. Flights from the new international terminal at Tokyo’s Haneda Airport, which opened in late October, also boosted business. ANA reported healthy demand on its domestic routes. During peak travel periods, the company added extra flights and used larger aircraft to expand the number of seats.—Internet

Seafarers, gaze at horizon to stay steady

NEW YORK, 1 Feb—It may not be news to those who spend a lot of time at sea, but a new study reports that if you’re aboard a ship, looking at the horizon can help keep your body stable, researchers say. In the study, investigators compared a group of crew members as they stood on land and aboard a ship and focused on something about 16 inches in front of them and then a far-off object — a distant mountain when standing on land or the horizon when standing on the ship.

On land, the participants were steadier when they looked at a nearby object and swayed more when they looked far away. On the ship, they were steadier when they focused on the horizon, the study found.

When on a ship, looking at the horizon may make you more stable by helping you

differentiate between the natural movement of your body and the movement caused by the ship, explained Thomas A.

Stoffregen of the University of Minnesota.

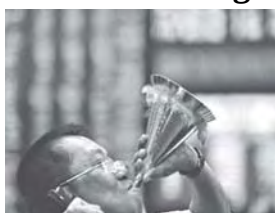
He has been studying “body sway” — how much a person’s body moves in a back and forth motion in various situations — for decades.

The movement of a person’s body may predict seasickness, Stoffregen noted in the report published online and in the January issue of the journal Psychological Science.

“It’s the people who become wobbly who subsequently become motion sick,” he said in a news release from the Association for Psychological Science.

Internet

Philippines posts record economic growth



A trader celebrates by blowing a horn at the Philippine Stock Exchange in Manila. Renewed global demand for Philippine exports allowed industrial growth to accelerate to 8.3 percent in the final quarter of 2010, up from 3.8 percent during the same period the previous year.—INTERNET

MANILA, 1 Feb—The Philippine economy expanded by 7.3 percent last year, the highest since democracy was restored to the country more than two decades ago, the government said Monday.

Growth domestic product (GDP) growth in the last three months of 2010 also surpassed expectations to reach 7.1 percent, the National Statistical Coordination Board said.

The global economic recovery played a big part in the strong performance by helping to boost exports and revive key industries, while better weather towards the end of the year helped the struggling farming sector, it said.

The economy grew by just 0.9 percent in 2009, its lowest in 11 years, as the Philippines struggled amid the global financial crisis.

Renewed global demand for Philippine exports allowed industrial growth to accelerate to 8.3 percent in the final quarter of 2010, up from 3.8 percent during the same period the previous year, it said in a statement.—Internet

ROK student commits suicide in Shanghai

SHANGHAI, 1 Feb—A young man from the Republic of Korea who studied at a university in Shanghai is believed to have committed suicide on Sunday, school and police authorities said Tuesday.

The man is said to have hanged himself Sunday afternoon in the student apartments at Shanghai Jiao Tong University, school officials and police officers told Xinhua.

However, they gave no other details of the death. The student’s relatives are on their way to Shanghai. The university administration promised to properly deal with the incident, assist the student’s family and improve psychological counseling services for students to prevent other tragedies.

Xinhua



Pedestrians walk past a large mound of snow in New York's Times Square, on 27 Jan, 2011.
INTERNET

Major winter storm expected to hit Great Plains, eastern states

CHICAGO, 1 Feb—A massive storm system bringing heavy snow, sleet, and freezing rain could potentially impact 100 million people as it slams the Rockies, Plains, and Midwest regions early this week before travelling to the eastern seaboard Wednesday, according to forecasts on Sunday.

Freezing rain is expected to develop Sunday night and continue through Monday, producing a light grazing of ice that could lead to dangerous travel conditions in the central states, the National Weather Service said, but the primary storm system will hit early Tuesday and continue through Tuesday night.

The storm's "stripe of snow" will move eastward across the central plains and into the Ohio Valley and touch parts of Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois

and Indiana, according to a mapped forecast of the storm's 1 February movements on Weather.com. "This storm will produce significant impacts across a large portion of the central United States," the National Weather Service said, and some areas could experience snowfall of more than six inches, according to Weather.com.

Then, after slamming the Plains and Midwest, the storm will move into the Appalachians, Mid-Atlantic, and New England regions early Wednesday morning, Groundhog Day, with conditions improving early Thursday. The heaviest snow is expected across the interior northeast from Pennsylvania into upstate New York and New England, according to mid-week forecasts on Weather.com.

Reuters

Bolivia flash flood sweeps away bus, truck; 30 die

LA PAZ, 1 Feb—Police in Bolivia say a raging river has swept at least 30 people to their deaths after swamping a bus and a truck that tried to cross.

Chuquisaca police chief Iver Marquez says volunteer rescuers have recovered 30 bodies so far, and more people are feared missing. Thirteen people managed to reach safety on dry land.

Marquez told state-run news agency ABI on Sunday that police and soldiers have joined locals in the remote southern area to look for more victims. Marquez said the vehicles became trapped in the muddy waters of the Molle Punku River on Friday night. Intense hail hours earlier unleashed the flash flood in the river, which is dry much of the year.

There is no bridge where the vehicles were trying to cross.—Internet



A member of French street art company Generik Vapeur performs during the close of the National Festival Of Arts in the streets of Valparaiso City, 137km (85 miles) northwest of Santiago, on 29 Jan, 2011.—XINHUA

Costa Rica: Network used fishermen to ship cocaine

SAN JOSE, 1 Feb—Costa Rican authorities say they have dismantled a cocaine smuggling network that used fishing vessels to ship drugs from Ecuador and Colombia through Central America and into Mexico.

The Security Ministry says in a Sunday statement that the Colombian-run network paid fishermen to haul cocaine to Guatemala and Mexico.

The ministry says raids in the Costa Rican Capital of San Jose and in the Pacific coast city of Puntarenas were carried out Saturday. Five Colombians and a Costa Rican national were arrested.

Costa Rican officials say powerful drug cartels are increasingly using the country as a transshipment point for cocaine — much of it ultimately bound for the United States.

Internet

Floodwaters sweep away Bolivian bus, killing 31

LA PAZ, 1 Feb—Floodwaters swept away a bus and a truck as they crossed a swollen river in southern Bolivia, killing at least 31 people, police said on Monday.

Children were among those killed in the incident, which took place in a remote area some 200 kilometres (125 miles) from the city of Sucre, the poor Andean nation's constitutional capital. "We have policemen, people

from the provincial government and the army helping with the search and rescue mission but the area is too large," Police Chief Ivan Marquez told the ABI state news agency.

Marquez said the incident happened on Friday, but the remote location meant the details took days to come to light. At least 19 people were also hurt, he said. Survivors told local media how

they grabbed onto rocks and plants to stop themselves being pulled into the water as the vehicles crossed the flooded Mollepunku river. Floods frequently cause devastation in Bolivia during January, the height of the rainy season. Leftist Bolivian President Evo Morales has blamed extreme weather on pollution from wealthy nations.

MNA/Reuters



A palm oil plantation is seen here in Malaysia. Peatswamp forests home to such species as the Borneo pygmy elephant are being obliterated in Malaysian Borneo to make way for palm oil plantations, according to a new study.
INTERNET

Mexican navy rescues shark-bit fisherman at sea

MEXICO CITY, 1 Feb—The Mexican navy says it has rescued a fisherman who was badly bitten by a shark while at sea.

A navy statement says sailors received a distress call Friday from a shark fishing boat near the Revillagigedo Islands off Mexico's Pacific coast.

One of the crew had suffered a serious bite wound on his leg and lost a dangerous amount of blood.

Sailors gave the boat's captain instructions on how to stabilize the 25-year-old man, and sent an amphibious ship and a helicopter to get him into emergency treatment.

The navy said Sunday that he was in stable condition and out of danger.

It did not give details on the attack or say what kind of shark was involved.—Internet



A man drives on a frozen road connecting Xianning County and Liupanshui City, southwest China's Guizhou Province, on 29 Jan, 2011. A severe freezing disaster has been affecting Xianning County for more than 20 days in a row.—XINHUA

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV KOTA TAMPAN VOY NO (369)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TAMPAN VOY NO (369) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 2.2.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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British oil giant BP is forecast to post its first annual loss in almost 20 years on Tuesday.—INTERNET

BP braces for huge annual loss after oil spill crisis

LONDON, 1 Feb — Oil giant BP is forecast to post its first annual loss in almost 20 years on Tuesday as the group struggles to cope with the aftermath of the devastating Gulf of Mexico oil disaster.

BP, which publishes its official results at 0700 GMT, might update its cost of last year's fatal oil spill catastrophe, which currently stands at about 40 billion dollars.

The Gulf of Mexico oil disaster was triggered by a blast on the Deepwater Horizon rig — leased by BP and operated by Transocean Energy — that killed 11 workers on 20 April. The broken well was eventually plugged but not before it gushed about 4.9 million barrels of oil into the Gulf waters.

The spill destroyed hundreds of miles of fragile coastlines and caused BP's share price to collapse while its reputation in the United States took a hammering.—INTERNET

US judge deals new blow to Obama health reform

WASHINGTON, 1 Feb—A second US federal judge declared President Barack Obama's health care law unconstitutional, sparking a fierce new showdown with Republicans who vow to repeal the historic reform act.

The Obama administration immediately pledged to appeal and branded the ruling by a Florida judge as an "outlier" from the judicial mainstream, warning that health care costs would soar if it was allowed to stand.

But Republicans crowed that the ruling was one step closer to the outright repeal of a law that has been a Democratic dream for decades but that conservatives say will explode the

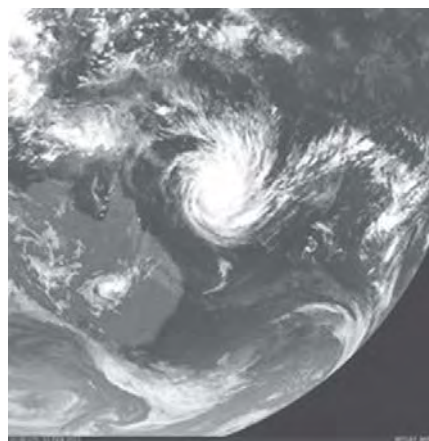
deficit and kill jobs.

US District Judge Roger Vinson said a key provision of the law known as the "individual mandate" exceeds Congress's regulatory powers by requiring Americans to either purchase health insurance by 2014 or pay a fine.

INTERNET



A second US federal judge declared President Barack Obama's health care law unconstitutional, sparking a fierce new showdown with Republicans who vow to repeal the historic reform act.—INTERNET



A weather satellite image obtained from the Japan Meteorological Agency shows tropical cyclone Yasi in the Coral Sea approaching the coast of Australia on 1 Feb, 2011.—INTERNET

Hard for doctors to remind about vaccines

AURORA, 1 Feb—Physicians' offices find reminding patients to update their immunizations challenging despite programmes to help, US researchers say.

Researchers led by Alison Saville and Dr Allison Kempe, both of the University of Colorado School of Medicine in Aurora, learned physicians' practices underutilize a statewide immunization registry. The Colorado Immunization

Information System offers a Webbased tool listing children behind on immunizations and generates mailing labels or phone numbers.

"This is the first study to explore the real world issues that influence private practices' decisions to implement an evidence-based intervention to increase immunizations," Saville says in a statement.

The study, published in *Academic Pediatrics*, finds among the reasons for resistance to the system

are a lack of awareness, distrust in data accuracy, and perceived difficulties with implementation or effectiveness. Saville, Kempe and colleagues interviewed 24 physicians and staff members in 11 practices who received 2-hour, computerbased training that provided an opportunity for attendees to run real-time reminder programmes with state staff assistance. Of the 11 practices, four implemented programmes.

INTERNET

Snow storm threatens 100 million in US

CHICAGO, 1 Feb—A mammoth storm threatens to dump mounds of fresh snow, sleet and ice on about 100 million already winter-weary people from the US heartland to the east coast, forecasters said.

Blizzard, winter storm

and freezing rain warnings were issued for more than 25 states, from North Dakota and Colorado down to New Mexico, then up through Texas, Kansas and Missouri to the Great Lakes region and across Pennsylvania to New England.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) urged residents to prepare in earnest for the fury of the storm as it barrels eastward across the country.

INTERNET



A snow figure sits on a bench on 28 Jan, 2011 in New York's Central Park.

INTERNET

US wants TV producer to face murder charge in Mexico

LOS ANGELES, 1 Feb—US prosecutors on Monday filed court papers to send a former "Survivor" television producer to Mexico to stand trial for murder in the death of his Brazilian wife, according to court papers. The extradition request for Bruce Beresford-Redman, filed in a federal court in Los Angeles, comes less than three months after police arrested him at his Southern California home.

No hearing dates have been set in the extradition request, and the US attorney's office declined further comment.

Mexican authorities accuse Beresford-Redman of strangling his wife, Monica, in April 2010 in the resort city of Cancun while the couple was on vacation with their two children.—INTERNET



Newly married couples wait in line during a ceremony in Dushanbe, Tajikistan. Any foreign man seeking to marry in Tajikistan will now have to provide an apartment for his bride, according to legal changes introduce.

NY mail carrier pinched discount coupons

A mail carrier on New York's Long Island is accused of pinching thousands of discount coupons intended for residents' mailboxes.

Police say 38-year-old Thomas Tang of Baldwin stole more than 7,000 JC Penney Co discount coupons he was supposed to deliver to

the department store's customers. Police say Tang then sold the coupons on eBay.

Tang was charged with grand larceny. He pleaded not guilty at his arraignment Friday and was ordered held on \$5,000 cash bail.

His attorney was not immediately available for comment.

The alleged theft occurred between October 2009 and this January.



A woman prepares mud cakes at the Cite-Soleil neighbourhood, in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on 31 Jan, 2011. Some people eat mud cookies made of dirt, butter and salt to fill their stomachs.

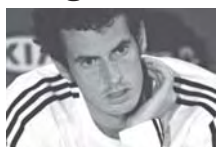
Muddled Murray admits he forgot score

Britain's Andy Murray Friday got so wrapped up in his hard-fought Australian Open semi-final with David Ferrer that he forgot the score — and saved a crucial set point without knowing it.

Murray said he hadn't realised he was a set point down in the second set, which he came back to win and level the match. The world number five finally took it in four sets, 4-6, 7-6 (7/2), 6-1, 7-6 (7/2).

Murray, 23, thought he was serving at 3-4 down, rather than 4-5, when he came up with an unplayable serve to deny Ferrer a break. He said he was stunned when he realised the Spaniard had been just one point from taking the set.

"It wasn't until the umpire called 5-5 that I realised that, yeah, I just saved a set point," he said. "I was obviously a bit surprised. But you need to sort of get back into focusing. It was quite a big stage of the match."



Britain's Andy Murray, seen here addressing reporters in Melbourne, admitted he got so wrapped up in his hard-fought Australian Open semi-final with David Ferrer that he forgot the score — and saved a crucial set point without knowing it.

News Album

Company pays \$10K for 9-year-old's cake at auction

A 9-year-old girl's cake brought in a lot of dough in Florida.

Cash, that is — \$10,000 to be exact. A fertilizer company paid the sum for Abigail Putnam's cake at the Polk County Youth Fair. Abigail's father, Adam Putnam, is the state's agriculture commissioner. He says even she knew a cake isn't worth \$10,000 and donated \$9,000 of her money back to the fair.

Fair officials tell The Ledger of Lakeland that the company, Mosaic, typically buys many things from the students who sell livestock and baked goods at the annual event.

Mosaic spokesman Russell Schweiss says an employee had been given a lump sum to buy items at the fair. He says the company is investigating the pricey cake purchase.

With drummer injured, Kings of Leon postpone dates



Members of the band Kings of Leon, from left, Jared Followill, Nathan Followill, Matthew Followill and Caleb Followill, pose for a portrait in New York.—INTERNET

NASHVILLE, 1 Feb—Rock band Kings of Leon has been forced to postpone several international tour dates because their drummer is injured.

A news release from the band says Nathan Followill's surgery for a torn right bicep and labrum will force postponements of tours in South Africa and Australia until October and November.

The band will still play a few scheduled dates, including an appearance at the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival on 15 April.

Spokesman Ken Weinstein says Followill hurt himself while working out. The surgery will require several months of rehabilitation, but Followill is expected to play all shows with the band this spring, starting with Coachella and including European dates in May, June and July.

Internet

'Catch Me If You Can' delays B'way preview start

NEW YORK, 1 Feb— You'll have to wait a little more to catch "Catch Me If You Can" on Broadway.

Producers on Monday cited the heavy snowfall in New York and the extension of The Neil Simon Theatre's outgoing tenant, "Rain — A Tribute to the Beatles," as the reasons they need more time to move into the space and start technical rehearsals.

The musical is adapted from the 2002 Stephen Spielberg-directed film starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Tom Hanks. It will star Norbert Leo Butz, Aaron Tveit, Tom Wopat and Kerry Butler. Music and lyrics are by Marc Shaiman, and lyrics are by Scott Wittman. Both of them worked on "Hairspray." The book is by Terrence McNally, who wrote "Love! Valour! Compassion!"

The start of previews is being moved from 7 March to 11 March.

Opening night hasn't changed. It remains 10 April.—Internet

Eva Longoria, Tony Parker finalize divorce

BEIJING, 1 Feb— "Desperate Housewives" star Eva Longoria has finalized her divorce from French NBA star Tony Parker, according to the actress' publicist Tuesday.

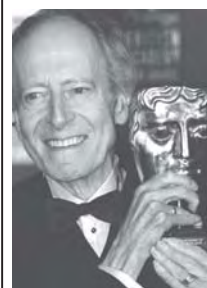
The 35-year-old decided to divorce Parker after finding text exchanges with the wife of one of his former San Antonio Spurs teammates, Brent Barry, People magazine and TMZ reported.

She filed for divorce in November in Los Angeles, citing "irreconcilable differences," and the 28-year-old Parker filed in Bexar County, Texas. It was the Texas divorce case that was finalized.

Xinhua



Actress Eva Longoria sits between MLS New York Red Bulls player Thierry Henry and her husband, San Antonio Spurs guard Tony Parker (R), as they watch an international exhibition basketball game between France and USA at Madison Square Garden in New York on 15 Aug, 2010.—XINHUA



This photo shows British composer John Barry as he holds his Academy Fellowship award at the British Academy Film Awards in London's Leicester Square. British film composer John Barry, who won five Oscars and is best known for creating music for the James Bond movies, has died at age 77. Barry's family said Monday on 31 Jan. 2011 that he had died in New York on Sunday. INTERNET

I'm no magician, says Santander's Indian owner

SANTANDER, 1 Feb — Indian businessman Ahsan Ali Syed and the new owner of modest Spanish First Division club Racing Santander turned up to a rapturous welcome at the home league match with Valencia on Monday and said he dreamed of making them a world force.

Syed - who made an unsuccessful 300-million-



Indian businessman Ahsan Ali Syed

pound (480-million-dollar) bid to buy English Premier League side Blackburn Rovers earlier this season - added, however, that he was no magician and it would take time for his dreams to become reality.

"I am not a magician," said Syed.

"I would like the team to become not only a household name in Spain but also on the world stage."

The match ended in a 1-1 draw doing no favours to Santander's relegation battle which sees them just three points above the drop zone.—Internet

Karimi reunited with Magath at Schalke

GELSENKIRCHEN, 1 Feb — Former Asian footballer of the year Ali Karimi was reunited with German football coach Felix Magath on Monday when he signed for Bundesliga side Schalke 04 until the end of the season.

The 32-year-old Iranian - capped 112 times - played under Magath during a largely unsuccessful two-year spell at Bayern Munich where he scored just three times and made only 33 appearances.

Karimi - who moved to Qatar after Bayern and then returned to Iran to play for Steel Azin - is

Magath's 40th signing since he took over in July 2009. The Iranian star is the fourth arrival during the winter transfer window, Magath having signed Greek veteran striker Angelos Charisteas, Ghana's Anthony Annan and Brazilian Avelar.

Internet



Former Asian footballer of the year Ali Karimi

Clijsters up to second in world tennis rankings

PARIS, 1 Feb — Australian Open winner Kim Clijsters has risen to second place in the world rankings and within close range of Caroline Wozniacki who holds on to the top spot despite once again failing to win a Grand Slam title.

China's Li Na, who lost



Kim Clijsters poses with the Australian Open women's singles trophy on Melbourne's Brighton Beach.—INTERNET

in Saturday's final in Melbourne, moves up to a career-best seventh place with Francesca Schiavone of Italy up to fourth behind Vera Zvonareva. Former world number one Serena Williams, who has not played since winning the Wimbledon title last year, falls out of the top 10.

WTA world top 20:

1. Caroline Wozniacki (DEN) 8655 pts
2. Kim Clijsters (BEL) 8515 (+1)
3. Vera Zvonareva (RUS) 7405 (-1)
4. Francesca Schiavone (ITA) 5055 (+3)

Internet

Chelsea shatter British transfer record to land Torres



Chelsea signed Spain striker Fernando Torres

LONDON, 1 Feb — Chelsea signed Spain striker Fernando Torres from Liverpool on Monday in a 50 million pounds (80 million dollars) deal that shattered the British transfer record.

Torres has signed a five-and-a-half-year contract with the Premier

League champions, who announced the deal on their website 35 minutes after the official close of the January transfer window.

"Chelsea Football Club is delighted to announce the signing of Fernando Torres on a five-and-a-half year contract," a statement on the Blues' website announced. The 26-year-old's transfer smashed the previous British record set less than an hour earlier when Liverpool paid Newcastle 35 million pounds (56 million dollars) to sign England striker Andy Carroll as Torres's replacement.—Internet

Cavenaghi seals loan move to Porto Alegre

BORDEAUX, 1 Feb — Argentinian international striker Fernando Cavenaghi moved on loan to Brazilian side Internacional Porto Alegre for a year on Monday.

The 27-year-old scored 33 goals in 83 matches for Bordeaux - starring for them in their title-winning season in the 2008/09 season - after joining from Spartak Moscow in 2007.

However, he has since fallen out of favour, playing just twice under Jean Tigana this season and a loan move to Spanish side Real Mallorca failed to



Argentinian international striker Fernando Cavenaghi

work out as he scored just twice in 11 appearances.

Bordeaux, though, have replaced him by taking on loan highly-rated young Brazilian international striker Andre from Ukrainian outfit Dynamo Kiev.

Internet

Not even Woods knows his progress

SAN DIEGO, 1 Feb — The trouble with being so good for so long is that it makes the bad times look even worse.

Tiger Woods never looked worse at Torrey Pines.

One of the more astute assessments about the state of Woods' golf game came last year at the



Tiger Woods rehearses his swing while playing the South Course at Torrey Pines during the final round.—INTERNET

Australian Masters. He was paired in the third round with Kieran Pratt, a 22-year-old from Melbourne. A longtime observer noted that one player had won 14 majors among 82 titles around the world, the other was making his pro debut, and you couldn't tell the difference. Pratt shot a 70. Woods had a 71.

A new year looked a lot like the old one for Woods.

To see him open with a pair of 69s at the Farmers Insurance Open made it appear as though his game was on an upward trend, until recognizing that Anthony Kim was better in each of the two rounds.—Internet

Holloway to appeal weakened team fine

LONDON, 1 Feb — Blackpool manager Ian Holloway plans to appeal against a 25,000 pounds (40,000 dollars) fine for fielding a weakened side against Aston Villa in November.

The Seasiders were punished by the Premier League after Holloway sent out an under-strength



Blackpool manager Ian Holloway

team in their 3-2 defeat at Villa Park late last year.

However, Holloway, who threatened to resign over the incident, has vowed to fight the fine as he is incensed with the Premier League effectively influencing which players he selects. "I am totally confused as to the rules, who is making them and why I am a football manager and I'm not allowed to manage," he said on Monday. "How can they dare say my lads who did play are not good enough - which is basically what they are saying?—Internet

S P O R T S

Spanish press writes off Real's title chances

MADRID, 1 Feb — Spain's press on Monday all but wrote off Real Madrid's title chances, pointing an accusing finger at coach Jose Mourinho's tactics and the goal drought of star striker Cristiano Ronaldo. Archrivals Barcelona, who went seven points clear at the top of the Liga, were feted for their history-making success.

But Real's shock 1-0 defeat at relegation-threatened Osasuna on Sunday was the big story.

"KO from the League," headlined Mundo Deportivo alongside a picture of Ronaldo with his head in his

hands.

"Seven points. A lot of problems," blasted AS. "A bad Madrid failed against the consistent effort of Osasuna." "Madrid hanging on by its fingernails," headlined leading sports daily Marca, saying Real Madrid now have to focus on winning the King's Cup or the Champions League.—Internet



Portuguese forward Cristiano Ronaldo

Big night for Blackhawks at NHL All-Star game

RALEIGH, 1 Feb — This NHL All-Star game ended much like last sea-



Team Lidstrom's Patrick Kane (88) and Duncan Keith (2), Team Staal's Patrick Sharp (10) and Team Lidstrom's Jonathan Toews, all of the Chicago Blackhawks, pose for a photo after hockey's NHL All-Star Game on 30 Jan, 2011, in Raleigh, NC Team Lidstrom won 11-10.—INTERNET

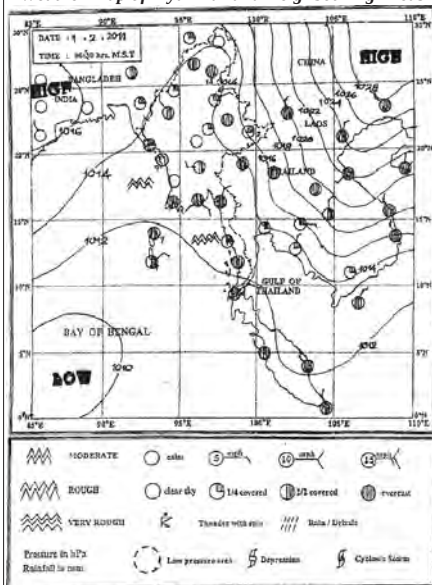
son did — with a bunch of victorious Blackhawks on the ice, and a player from Chicago skating off with the biggest prize.

Now for the twist: They weren't all on the same team.

Patrick Sharp won the MVP award — and the new car that goes along with it — as a member of local favorite Team Staal, but three Chicago teammates helped Team Lidstrom claim an 11-10 victory Sunday night in the first All-Star game in which the rosters were chosen by a draft of the captains.—Internet



Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Tuesday, 1st February, 2011

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T.
 During the past 24 hours, rain have been widespread in Yangon Region, scattered in Bago and Ayeyawady Regions, Kachin and Mon States, isolated in Upper Sagaing Region, Shan and Kayin States and weather has been partly cloudy over the remaining Regions and States. Night temperatures were (5°C) below February average temperature in Upper Sagaing Region, (3°C) above February average temperatures in Eastern Shan, Rakhine and Mon States, (5°C) to (6°C) above February average temperatures in Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Rakhine State and about February average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant night temperatures were Lashio and Haka (5°C), Namhsan (6°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Myitkyina (0.51) inch, Cocogyun (0.28) inch, Hinthada (0.20) inch and Ngathachau (0.16) inch.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 31-1-2011 was 93°F. Minimum temperature on 1-2-2011 was 64°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 1-2-2011 was (74%). Rainfall on 1-2-2011 was (Nil).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 31-1-2011 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 1-2-2011 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 1-2-2011 was (83%). Total sunshine hours on 31-1-2011 was (2.8) hours (Approx).

Rainfall on 1-2-2011 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, (Nil) at Kaba-Aye and (Tr) at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (1.97) inches at Mingaladon, (1.89) inches at Kaba-Aye and (3.54) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum windspeed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Northeast at (09:30) hours MST on 31-1-2011.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 2nd February 2011:

Light rain are likely to be isolated in Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady, Taninthayi Regions and Mon State and weather will be partly cloudy over Sagaing and Mandalay Regions, Kachin, Shan and Kayin States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Strong Easterly winds with moderate to rough seas are likely at times. Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Tanintha Coast. Surface wind speed in strong wind may reach (35) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of isolated rain in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 2-2-2011: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 2-2-2011: Likelihood of isolated light rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 2-2-2011: Partly cloudy.

Suzuki to recall 4,007 vehicles in China

BEIJING, 1 Feb— Japanese carmaker Suzuki Motor Corp will recall 4,007 Grand Vitara vehicles in China to repair problems that could pose safety risks, China's quality watchdog said on Monday.

The recall, set to begin February 28, affects four models of the Grand Vitara, which were manufactured between 2 June, 2008 and 20 October, 2010, the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ) said in a statement on its website.

The automaker will replace a faulty component in the serpentine belt tensioner of affected cars at no charge, the statement said.

Owners may contact the automaker at hotline number 13816524549 or dial phone numbers 010-59799616 or 65537365 for the defective products control center with AQSIQ.—MNA/Xinhua



A visitor takes photos of an exhibit during a press preview of "The Emperor's Private Paradise: Treasures from the Forbidden City" exhibition at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, the United States, on 31 Jan, 2011. The exhibition featuring 90 objects from the Forbidden City will be opened to the public from 1 Feb.—XINHUA

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (2-2-2011) (Wednesday)

Transmissions

Times

Local - (09:00am~11:00am) MST
 Oversea Transmission - (2-2-11 09:30 am ~ 3-2-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Travelling on the Chin Mountain Ranges
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- * News
- * Being Young (Youth and Fashion)
- * News
- * The Legacy of Painting
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * "Myanmar Traditional Instruments" Myanmar Harp (Episode-2)
- * News
- * Sittway, Evergreen Seaside Town
- * Myanmar Movies "He sows when he reaps"

Myanmar

TV

Wednesday,
2 February
View on today

7:00 am

1. Paritta By Hilly
Region Missionary
Sayadaw

7:25 am

2. To Be Healthy
Exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. Dhamma Puja Song

7:50 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am

6. Cultural Dances

8:25 am

7. Myanmar Traditional
Cultural Performing
Arts Competitions

8:30 am

8. 64th Anniversary
Union Day Programme

8:40 am

9. International News

8:45 am

10. Musical Programme

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:05 pm

2. Musical Programme

4:10 pm

3. Song Of National
Races

4:15 pm

4. 2011 University Of
Entrance Examination
(English)

4:50 pm

5. Songs For
Upholding
National Spirit

4:55 pm

6. Classical Songs

5:05 pm

7. "ASEAN"
Programmes

5:15 pm

8. 64th Anniversary
Union Day Programme

5:25 pm

9. International
Science News

5:30 pm

10. Melody Tunes
(Sogya
Pyawshwin
Tay Thansin)

6:00 pm

11. Evening News

6:15 pm

12. Weather Report

6:20 pm

13. Traditional Boxing

6:35 pm

14. Shwe Yin Chone
Than

7:00 pm

15. Ratha Pawlwin
Thayokesaung
Lwin Pyin
(Character Contest)

7:35 pm

16. Alinka Wut Yi
Music Troupe

8:00 pm

17. News
18. International News
19. Weather Report
20. Korea NG Award
21. TV Drama Series
22. MyanmarVideo
Feature



- ★ 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

Amyotha Hluttaw Representatives-elect group of Presidential Electoral College meets



Amyotha Hluttaw Representatives-elect group of Presidential Electoral College participate in group meeting at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Feb — The group meeting of Amyotha Hluttaw Representatives-elect group of Presidential Electoral College was held at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here at 10 am this morning. Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint and Amyotha Hluttaw Representatives-elect from Regions and States attended the meeting.

The Hluttaw representatives-elect arrived at the hall starting at 8.30 am and signed the attendance book before the meeting started.

The Amyotha Hluttaw representatives-elect then attended the group meeting of Amyotha Hluttaw Representatives-elect group of Presidential Electoral College held at the Amyotha Hluttaw Hall.

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