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Strong sense of nationalistic spirit

The Union of Myanmar is, indeed, a land of natural beauty with high mountain ranges, large plains, temperate climate patterns, fertile soil, large area of waters, and long rivers. In addition, it is rich in natural resources in abundance. In each of the parts of the Union, people of various national races have lived in harmony since time immemorial. After waging three aggressive wars, the colonialists annexed Myanmar, a prosperous country, thereby making all national races feel deeply heartbreaking. In colonial days, the people, whenever they were called, had to answer Phayar to colonialists. As for national people, that was a bitter pill to swallow. Inspired by anti-colonialist sentiment and anti-Fascist sentiment, national races came to revolt against the invaders with strong sense of nationalistic spirit. In the end, the alien intruders had to withdraw from Myanmar.

Senior General Than Shwe

Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services

(from the message sent on the occasion of the 63rd Anniversary Union Day)

Contract signed to purchase 30,000 metric tons of 80/100 type tar

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Feb— Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint yesterday attended the signing ceremony for purchase of 30,000 metric tons of 80/100 type tar for roads and bridges construction between Public Works and Swiss Singapore Overseas Enterprises Pte Ltd at the ministry, here.

Also present on the occasion were Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Deputy Ministers for Construction U Tint Swe and U Myint Thein, Deputy Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Dr Win Myint, Deputy Minister for Industry-2 U Khin Maung Kyaw, departmental heads of Public Works and Department

of Human Settlement and Housing Development and responsible persons of Swiss Singapore Overseas Enterprises Pte Ltd.

The minister made a speech.

Managing Director U Kyaw Lin of Public Works and Chief Representative Mr PD of Swiss Singapore Overseas Enterprises Pte Ltd signed the contract.

The Public Works signed the contract with Swiss Singapore Overseas Enterprises Pte Ltd to purchase 30,000 metric tons of 80/100 type tar for roads and bridges construction. —MNA

Thriving summer paddy with water of Yaybok Dam

These days, it is not strange to see thriving paddy fields in summer. Among them, views in Taputo, Thanban and Htilon villages in Hlaingbwe Township, Kayin State, is unique. The reason is that these villages had no water for growing summer paddy in the past. But now the villages can grow summer paddy with the supply of water from Yaybok dam.

I saw growing of summer paddy along the road to Yaybok dam. So, I stopped for a break in Thanban village. "Thanks to the dam, the region where no crops were grown would now put summer paddy as well as other crops on irrigated fields as multiple-cropping pattern," said the farmers.

Construction (6) of Irrigation Department un-

Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, 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

Byline: Maung Maung Htwe (MNA)
Photos: Tha Nyan (MNA)

der the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation started building the dam near Htilon village, Hlaingbwe Township in 2005-2006 with the aims of supplying (See page 7)



Yaybok Dam supplying irrigation water to grow summer paddy.

PERSPECTIVES

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Attract tourists

Myanmar is a land of natural resources. The natural scenic beauties attract tourists and travellers.

Since time immemorial, Myanmar has been conserving natural forests, which are habitat of bio-diversity, natural teak forests, ancient pagodas and stupas and Ngapali Beach in Rakhine State are best natural recreation centres for tourists. Natural beauty of Inlay Lake in Shan State (South) and Indawgyi Lake in Kachin State are famous across the world.

Ngwehsaung Beach and Chaungtha Beach in Ayeyawady Region, Maungmagan Beach in Taninthayi Region and Ngapali Beach in Rakhine State are best natural recreation centres for tourists. Natural beauty of Inlay Lake in Shan State (South) and Indawgyi Lake in Kachin State are famous across the world.

Bagan Ancient Cultural Region is a significant venue in the international tourism industry due to location of ancient Myanmar cultural heritage. Bagan attracts the tourists to enjoy its beautiful sunset scene.

The more tourists visit Myanmar, the greater improved Myanmar hotels and tourism industry will have. As services in the tourism industry is a key role for its development, priority is to be given to providing better services to the tourists.

Myanmar shows off its adorable traditions with hospitality for convenience of tourists. More and more arrival of tourists will contribute much to earning foreign exchange for the nation. Furthermore, opportunity can be created for the tourists to be able to observe peace and stability of the nation with the scenes of natural beauty.

As such, all the people are to make strenuous efforts to conserve ancient cultural heritage and natural resources so as to improve the tourism industry in Myanmar.

Peoples' Dharma

- * Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- * Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- * Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- * Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

Industry-2 Ministry holds work coordination meeting



Industry-2 Ministry's coordination meeting for 2010-2011 fiscal year in progress.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Feb — Ministry of Industry-2 held a work coordination meeting for the 2010-2011 fiscal year at the ministry here today.

During the meeting, participants reported to Industry-2 Minister U Soe Thein on work which have been carried out and the future plans of departments, enterprises, factories and training schools.

Afterwards, Deputy Minister U Khin Maung

Kyaw reported on assessment of tasks which have been carried out and future plans.

The minister stressed the need for improvement of quality of products, for exceeding the production target, for capacity of employees, for improvement of efficiency of machines, for encouragement of research and innovations, effective use of energy, for paying attention to and for working hard to build a modern and developed nation.—MNA

Advanced Education Road Show on 13 Feb

YANGON, 2 Feb—Advanced Education Road Show 2011 will be held at Parkroyal Hotel here on 13 February from 9 am to 2 pm. The education road show provides academic information on famous institutes and universities from Singapore, Thailand and Britain.

The education road show is recommended to those who passed matriculation exam, undergraduates, those wishing to attend City & Guild diploma course, those who have finished IDCs, IADCS, Dip in Computer Art & Dip in IT, those attending or have completed LCCI, ACCA and CAT courses.

Candidates wishing to apply scholarship may sit for entrance exam on 14 February and are to enroll by 8 February. The contact address is OESC, Ph: 519092, 73094060 and 095086819.—MNA

Silent Killer and selected health articles comes out

YANGON, 2 Feb—Shinmataung Publishing House recently published a book entitled "Silent Killer and selected health articles" as the 12th work of Writer Aung Zin.

The book carries articles on longevity, cardiac cancer, side effects of coffee, silent killer, breast cancer, faith and health and others.

The book published by Shinmataung Publishing House of No. 296 on 7th Street in Ward-1 of Thakayta Township is on sales at K 3500 per copy.—MNA

Crown Education to organize Singapore Education Road Show on 11 Feb

YANGON, 2 Feb—Kaplan Higher Education will hold the Singapore Education Road Show 2011 at Summit Parkview Hotel on Ahlon Road, here, on 11 February.

The explanation of the road show will include suitable learning system for the students who

passed matriculation examination, LCCI level-3, ABE, CAT, ACCA and graduates of Institute of Economics.

For further information, contact Crown Education, Tel: 211888 (Ext: 228), and 095085185.

MNA

KNU's landmine left one civilian injured

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Feb — A Mawtaung villager in Dawei Township in Taninthayi Region was injured by landmine planted by KNU insurgents while hunting at two-mile distance south-west of the village at about 2 pm on 28 January.

Maung Nay Yu Hlaing, who lost his right foot in the blast, was brought back to the village by another local U Sein

Win on 30 January as he came across the victim. The military operation of local battalion gave the victim necessary treatment.

The injured was admitted to Taninthayi Township People's Hospital on 31 January and then transferred to Myeik People's Hospital of Taninthayi Region on the following day. Authorities are backing up the recovery of the victim.—MNA

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MNA

Mine blast injures five civilians in Afghanistan

KUNDUZ, 2 Feb—Five Afghan civilians including a health worker were injured as the vehicle they were riding struck by a mine in Dasht-e-Archi District of Kunduz Province on Tuesday, District administrative chief said.

"The head of Dasht-e-Archi District health

clinic, Dr Kamaluddin and four of his family members injured when their car ran over a mine at around 10 am local time," Shikh Saduddin told *Xinhua*.

The administration chief blamed the enemies of Afghanistan a term often used by Afghan official referring

to Taliban militants for initiating the blast in the Province 250 km north of capital City Kabul. However, the armed outfit has yet to make comment. Kunduz and neighbouring Baghlan Provinces have been the scene of Taliban-led militancy over the past couple of years.—*Xinhua*



Iraqis gather at the scene of a car bomb in a Shiite neighbourhood of Baghdad. Iraqi security forces were on alert Friday after the massive car bomb ripped through a funeral ceremony, killing 48 people in Iraq's bloodiest day in more than two months.

INTERNET

Blast kills nine near police station in Peshawar, NW Pakistan

PESHAWAR, 2 Feb—At least nine people were killed and over a dozen others injured after an explosive-laden car went off on Wednesday near a police station on the outskirts of Peshawar, main city in northwest Pakistan, police sources said.

It was a remote control blast which took place in a

Alto car in front of an old police station in Budhbir town of Peshawar. Police cordoned off the area and started investigation.

Rescue teams rushed to the scene and transferred the injured to a nearby government-run hospital, where emergency was declared. Doctors said that two children, a woman and

three security personnel were among the dead. It is feared that the death toll could rise.

According to local TV channels reports, the blast caused damages to several vehicles and some nearby build-ings. Sources said that the police station was the main target of the car bomber.

Moreover, at least five policemen were killed in a sabotage attack by terrorists in Muchh area of Quetta, southwest Pakistan, in the wee hours of Wednesday, local media reported.

According to reports, some uniden-tified miscreants opened fire at a police van on the way from Jafferabad to Quetta, killing two personnel on the spot.

Xinhua



A girl screams while being treated for shrapnel wounds from a bomb attack in Peshawar on 2 Feb, 2011.— INTERNET

Five terrorists detained in Afghanistan's Herat Province

HERAT, 2 Feb—Afghan and NATO-led forces apprehended five terrorists during an operation carried out in Shindand District of Herat Province Monday night, a police official said Tuesday.

Based on intelligence reports, joint forces went to a compound in Shindand District and detained five Taliban terrorists, a

press officer of police department in the Province, Hamid Brahawi, told *Xinhua*.

The arrested men, he added, were involved in several terrorist attacks in Herat Province some 640 km west of capital

City Kabul over the past one year.

The joint forces also found a handful of weapons from their possession, he said.

Taliban militants have yet to make comments.—*Xinhua*



A woman walks past the site of a bomb attack in Baghdad's Shula District on 28 Jan, 2011. A car bomb exploded at a funeral wake in a Shi'ite area of Iraq's Capital on Thursday, killing at least 35 people, wounding dozens and triggering clashes between angry residents and police, health and security sources said.

INTERNET

US and allies kill, injure Iraqi people

BAGHDAD, 2 Feb— There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

Casualties of Iraqi people

The total number of casualties as from the day they invaded the country to 2 February reached 704895 and the total number of seriously injured people reached 1276140, according to the news on the Internet.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Death toll of Iraqi people	704895
2.	The total number of seriously injured people	1276140

Internet

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

KABUL, 2 Feb—The NATO troops led by the US have invaded Afghanistan and they are there for a long time.

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

Casualties of Afghan people

According to the Internet news, a total of 33617 Afghan people were killed and 40874 injured seriously as from the day when the NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan to 2 February.

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Internet



Afghan policemen check vehicle on the street in Kabul, Afghanistan, on 1 Feb, 2011. Security in Kabul and other Afghan cities is tightened after a suicide attack took place on 28 Jan inside a super market in Kabul which left eight people dead and injured 15 others.

XINHUA

Army blasts vehicle loaded with explosives near Nouakchott

NOUAKCHOTT, 2 Feb—Mauritanian army forces on Wednesday blasted a vehicle loaded with explosives near Nouakchott, capital of Mauritania, killing three people inside, local media reported.

The strong explosion about 12 km south of Nouakchott was heard in several Districts of the Mauritania Capital, the AFP reported.

The vehicle reportedly was enroute to Nouakchott to attack a special unit of the army when it was blasted, the AFP said.

Xinhua



Science



Giant Panda Tian Tian plays with a box at the Smithsonian Institution's National Zoo in Washington, DC. The two giant pandas at the National Zoo were about to have their first date in a year. And since the female, Mei Xiang, is only fertile for a couple of days annually, their mating ritual was closely monitored in the hopes that she and longtime mate Tian Tian would produce a cub come spring.—INTERNET

Bees can follow sun on cloudy days

BRISBANE, 2 Feb—Bees can navigate using the sun even on cloudy days using clues from polarized light to determine the hidden sun's position, Australian researchers say.

Mandym Srinivasan of the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia, says that because sunlight passing through the atmosphere is polarized in a pattern that reveals the location of the sun, it has long been suspected bees use

special photoreceptors in their eyes to navigate on cloudy days, News Scientist.com reported Tuesday.

Now, Srinivasan says, he has "the ultimate proof" that theory is correct. He and his team created a simple "maze" of four tunnels and flooded two of the corridors with light polarized parallel to the length of the corridor, the other two with light polarized perpendicularly to the corridor.

They then trained about 40 bees to enter the maze through one corridor and exit via a second that had a sugar reward at its end.

When the sugar was removed, the bees continued to use the same exit. But when the polarized light patterns were switched, the bees began using a different exit — one that now was indicated by the polarized light pattern than had previously led to the sugar.—Internet



Combo picture received from Atmosphere and Ocean Research Institute, the University of Tokyo, shows egg (L) and fry (R) of Japanese eel. Japanese researchers have collected eel eggs from the wild for the first time ever, shedding light on the mystery surrounding the spawning habits of the fish.—INTERNET

Spacecraft finds new comets, asteroids

PASADENA, 2 Feb—A NASA spacecraft surveying our solar system has discovered previously unknown objects, including 20 new comets and more than 33,000 asteroids, scientists say.

The main mission of the NEOWISE programme was to hunt for more asteroids and

comets and to finish one complete scan of the main asteroid belt, a NASA release said Tuesday.

The mission also identified 134 near-Earth objects, or NEOs, asteroids and comets whose orbits bring them within 28 million miles of Earth's path around the sun, researchers said.

"Even just one year of observations from the NEOWISE project has significantly increased our catalog of data on NEOs and the other small bodies of the solar systems," Lindley Johnson, NASA programme executive for the NEO Observation Programme, said.

Internet

Russia launches, then loses, satellite

MOSCOW, 2 Feb—Russian space forces officials say they've lost contact with a military satellite just hours after it was launched and are trying to find it.

Space forces spokesman Lt Col. Alexei Zolotukhin said the Geo-IK-2 satellite didn't establish contact with ground control centre at the expected time, Xinhua reported Tuesday.

"We are taking all measures to track the parameters of the satellite's orbit and trying to establish contact with it," Zolotukhin told Russian news agency Interfax.

A space industry source reportedly told Interfax the satellite "should enter Russia's visual monitoring zone, but it is actually out of the monitoring systems."

"Preliminary reports indicate that the Geo-IK-2 military satellite was placed in an unplanned orbit," the source told Interfax. "Apparently the Briz-KM upper stage failed to place the satellite in the designed orbit at the altitude of 1,000 kilometres (620 miles)," the source said.

"It is most likely to be declared lost."

Internet



Technology



Android, world's best selling smartphone OS

BEIJING, 2 Feb—Google's Android is now leading the smartphone operating system pack as its shipments of smartphones outnumbered all competitors in the fourth quarter of 2010, according to market research company Canalys Monday.



Google CEO Eric Schmidt holds a prototype of the Android Gingerbread smartphone during the Web 2.0 Summit in San Francisco, California on 15 Nov, 2010.—XINHUA

The last quarter shipments of Android-powered smartphones reached 32.9 million, beating the longstanding leader Symbian with its 31 million shipments.

In terms of market share, Android grew 615 percent from 2009 to take 32.5 percent, while Symbian fell from 44.4 percent to 30.6 percent in the same period.

Although Nokia still retains a big lead as the largest handset maker in the world, Google's Android is now the reigning OS.

According to Canalys, Apple's iOS fell to third, at 16 percent, remaining practically flat year-over-year. Shipments increased 86 percent, however, to 16.2 million iPhones.

RIM's BlackBerry share dropped from 20 percent to 14.4, despite seeing a reasonably strong 35 percent growth in shipments.—Xinhua

Google touts "game changer" in online art viewing



A cake decorated with the Google logo is pictured during a Google Street View startup event in Oberstaufen, on 2 Nov, 2010.—INTERNET

LONDON, 2 Feb—Google aims to bring the world's great art galleries into the home with a new website that offers virtual tours using Street View technology, the ability to build private collections and ultra-high resolution images.

While most big galleries have been busy making their works accessible online for years, experts told a launch at London's Tate Britain gallery on Tuesday that Google's site was looking to take the online art experience to a new level.

"It could be the game changer," said Julian Raby of the Freer Gallery of Art, part of the Smithsonian in Washington DC, which is one of 17 galleries taking part in the project.

Nelson Mattos, VP Engineering at Google, said the Art Project site (www.googleartproject.com) would allow children from Latin America, India and Africa, who were unlikely to see the originals,

to come close to the experience on the internet.

"This really represents a major step forward in the way people are going to interact with these beautiful treasures of art around the world," he said, adding that Google planned to expand the site over the coming years.

Mattos and art curators at the launch said they were confident that no matter how advanced the technology, the new site would never replace visiting the museums.

"We obviously don't believe this technology is going to prevent people from coming to the museums," he added. "We hope that the opposite will happen."—Reuters



A fair goer plays a game by Electronic Arts (EA) at an entertainment fair in 2008. US videogame giant Electronic Arts (EA) on Tuesday reported a deepened loss in the last quarter but saw a bright future as players opt increasingly for online play and digital downloads.—INTERNET

Health

Health Tip: Help prevent bruises

A bruise creates a darkened area of skin, when an injury causes small blood vessels to leak below the skin's surface.

The ADAM Encyclopedia suggests how to help prevent bruises:

- * Reduce your risk of falling at home by taking precautions including practicing ladder safety and being sure not to kneel stand on high surfaces, such as a countertop.
- * Always use a safety belt while you're in a vehicle.
- * When playing sports, wear appropriate protective gear, such as a helmet, shoulder pads, elbow pads, shin guards, knee and thigh pads.

Internet

Infectious disease experts call for more focus on hepatitis C

NEW YORK, 2 Feb—Among injection drug users, new cases of HIV infection have declined dramatically in the past two decades, but the number of new infections from the hepatitis C virus have dropped only a small amount, a new study reports.

The findings suggest that efforts — such as needle exchange programmes and substance abuse treatment — to

prevent bloodborne transmission of infectious diseases have been successful against HIV but more needs to be done to reduce the transmission of hepatitis C virus (HCV), according to the study's leader, Shruti H Mehta of the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health.

The researchers noted that HCV is nearly 10 times more transmissible by sharing needles

than HIV.

Sharing a needle just once can be enough to transmit HCV.

The study, which looked at infection rates among injection drug users in Baltimore over a 20-year span, found dramatic decreases in new HIV infections: from 5.5 cases per 100 person years in 1988-1989 to two per 100 in 1994-1995, and to zero cases in 1998 and 2005-2008.—Internet

A nurse prepares chemotherapy drugs in 2003.

NIH researchers have found a way to detect if cancer has spread or if it will recur by testing the tumor for a certain protein, said a study on Tuesday in the journal

Clinical Investigation.

INTERNET



A man's finger is pricked to test his cholesterol. Many Americans with high cholesterol and high blood pressure are not getting treated, putting them at higher risk for heart attack or stroke, the US government said on Tuesday.

INTERNET

If mom smokes, daughter more likely to

SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA, 2 Feb—Mothers transmit their smoking habits to their daughters and fathers transmit their smoking habits to their sons, a researcher in Spain says.

"Fathers transmit their smoking habits to a statistically significant level to their sons, and the same is true of mothers and daughters," study co-author Maria Loureiro of the Universidade de Santiago de Compostela in Spain says in a statement.

"However, if a mother smokes it does not seem to impact on the probability of her son smoking, and similarly a father that smokes does not affect his daughter."

The study, published in the journal *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*, also finds



estimated probabilities of a son or a daughter smoking if both parents smoke is about 24 percent but falls to almost 12 percent if neither parent smokes.

"Anti-smoking policies for young people need to be put in place that will also include the family and social context in which they live," Loureiro says.—Internet

Business

China's manufacturing sector PMI drops to 5-month low of 52.9% in January

BEIJING, 2 Feb—China's manufacturing sector purchasing managers index (PMI) fell to a five-month low of 52.9 percent in January, compared with 53.9 percent in December, the China Federation of Logistics and Purchasing (CFLP) said Tuesday.

The January figure means the benchmark index for economic

expansion has kept above the boom-and-bust line of 50 percent for 23 consecutive months.

Analysts said authorities' moves to cool prices prompted the decline.

Haitong Securities analyst Liu Tiejun attributed the decline to the government's tightening measures and the seasonal effect of the

Spring Festival, or the Chinese Lunar New Year, which falls on Thursday.

The PMI is a package of indexes that measure the performance of the country's manufacturing sector.

A reading above 50 percent indicates economic expansion. One below 50 percent indicates contraction.

Xinhua

Japan's average wages up for 1st time in 4-years in 2010

TOKYO, 2 Feb—Average monthly wages in Japan increased in 2010 for the first time in four years, indicating a gradual recovery in the labour market, the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare said in a report on Tuesday.

In 2010, nominal average monthly cash earnings per regular employee in Japan inched up a preliminary 0.5 percent to average 317,092 yen (3,865 US dollars), said the report. The 2010 figure follows a 3.8 percent decline logged in 2009.

Average base wages, including base salaries and family allowances, contracted 0.2 percent on year in 2010, however, marking the fifth year of decline. This follows a 1.3 percent retraction booked in 2009, it said.

In addition, the labour ministry reported that overtime hours worked, which significantly drives up cash earnings, rose 8.9 percent in 2010, marking the first rise in three years.

Xinhua



Attendees visiting the General Motors booth are reflected in the rear chrome of a 2011 Chevrolet Cruze on display in Las Vegas in 2010.—INTERNET

Economists expect Australia's central bank to lift rates later in 2011

SYDNEY, 2 Feb—Australia's low inflation and flooding in Queensland have spared borrowers a February interest rate rise, but there could be more hikes later in 2011, said economists on Tuesday.

The Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) on Tuesday cited low inflation and the "temporary adverse effect" of the Queensland floods on the nation's economy as reasons for

keeping the cash rate at 4.75 percent.

Helen Kevans, economist at JP Morgan, a leading global financial services firm, said she expected inflation to rise in mid 2011, leading to a cash rate of 5.5 percent by the end of the calendar year.

"The RBA did mention the impact of the Queensland floods and that's going to have an impact on prices," Kevans said.—Xinhua



Driver Dean Lawton loads his truck at the United Parcel Service facility on 1 Feb, 2011 in Williston, Vt UPS said Tuesday its fourth-quarter net income jumped 48 percent as shipments increased across the globe during the critical holiday season.—INTERNET

Storm grounds thousands of US flights



A woman walks amid the snow in Chicago, the United States, on 1 Feb, 2011. The blizzard with up to 20 inches of snow, 60 mph winds and whiteout condition hit Chicago Area on Tuesday.—XINHUA

CHICAGO, 2 Feb—The huge winter storm punching the US midsection Tuesday grounded thousands of flights across the nation, airline industry analysts said.

Mark Duell, chief executive officer at FlightAware.com, a flight-tracking service, said as of 4:20 pm EST, 6,116 flights — 20 percent of all flights nationwide — had been canceled, USA Today reported. More than 3,300 more were already canceled for Wednesday, he said.—Internet

Japan volcano erupts again for 6th time in southwest region

TOKYO, 2 Feb—A volcano in southwestern Japan erupted for the sixth time since last week on Wednesday morning, with the latest blast rocking the area around the Shinmoe Peak in the Kirishima volcanic group on the border of Kagoshima and Miyazaki prefectures and sending plumes of smoke 2,000 metres in the air.

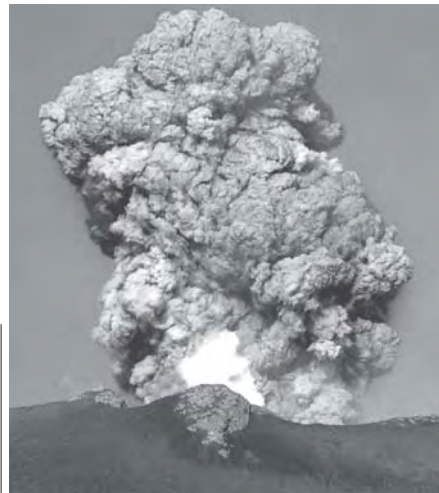
The local branch of the Japan Meteorological Agency has as yet not reported any avalanches as result of the blast, nor can confirm if volcanic debris and noxious gases were spewed from the crater, although they did say debris could fall on areas within 4 kilometres of the crater.

However, the agency did confirm that no significant damage has been reported following the 1,421-metre-high volcano erupting.

The latest eruption, recorded at 5:25 am local time (2025 GMT Tuesday), follows a massive blast at 11:19 pm Tuesday (1419 GMT) which also shot enormous columns of smoke as high as 2,000 metres into the air.

Officials from the meteorological agency noted Tuesday that the dome of lava inside the volcano had expanded to five times the size it was last Friday.

Xinhua



White smoke raises from Mount Shinmoe in Kirishima mountain range in Kagoshima prefecture, Japan's southern island of Kyushu on 1 Feb, 2011. Hundreds of people living near a Japanese volcano that has been spewing columns of smoke and ash thousands of metres into the air were forced to evacuate their homes.—XINHUA



A resident takes a home-made board at a flooded street in Yong Peng, state of Johor, Malaysia, on 1 Feb, 2011. XINHUA

SW China quake affects 80,600 people, damages 678 homes

KUNMING, 2 Feb—The earthquake that jolted southwest China's Yunnan Province Tuesday has affected 80,600 people and damaged 678 homes, local authorities said Wednesday.

A 4.8-magnitude quake hit Yingjiang County of Dai-Jingpo Autonomous Prefecture of Dehong at 3:11 pm Beijing Time Tuesday. The epicentre was about 10 km deep.

The quake had forced the emergency evacuation of 64,500 people by Tuesday night, the county government said in a statement.

The quake also had brought down one home, seriously damaged 229 homes and slightly damaged further 448, it said.—Xinhua

5 died, 6 fall sick of unknown disease in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 2 Feb—Five people, including three minors, died and six others fell seriously sick after being attacked by an unknown disease at different villages in Bangladesh's Hatibandha sub-district of Lalmonirhat District, 343 km northwest of capital Dhaka, on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The six patients were admitted to the sub-district health complex.

Doctor Bimol Roy of the sub-district health complex was quoted by private news agency UNB as saying that the patients were attacked by fever at first then the body become cold with vomiting.

Jahangir Alam, district civil surgeon confirmed the deaths. He also informed that a special medical team has been formed to tackle the situation.

Xinhua

1 killed, 5 missing in fresh flooding, landslides in Philippines

MANILA, 2 Feb—One person was killed and five others were missing in the new incidents of flooding and landslides in parts of the Philippines, a senior government official said Wednesday.

Executive director of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council, said that Reyam Bahan, 7, of Tubay town in Agusan del Norte province, drowned.

Amado Basadre, 30, from Surigao del Norte Province was reported missing when he attempted to cross a river but was carried away by strong current.

In Masbate Province, four fishermen were also reported missing.

The low pressure area has triggered widespread rains that resulted to flashfloods and landslides in the Visayas and Mindanao Regions, said the Philippine Atmospheric Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA).

Xinhua

5.9-magnitude quake hits Alaska Peninsula

WASHINGTON, 2 Feb —An earthquake measuring 5.9 on the Richter scale jolted Alaska Peninsula at 00:38:19 GMT on Wednesday, the US Geological Survey said.

The epicentre, with a depth of 36.00 km, was initially determined to be at 54.9750 degrees north latitude and 160.2990 degrees west longitude.

Xinhua



Photo taken on 2 Feb, 2011 shows two pet rabbits rest under decorations of Chinese character Happiness in Hangzhou City of east China's Zhejiang Province. Pet rabbits are popular during the Year of Rabbit in Chinese lunar calendar.

XINHUA

Nilar Win secures champion in 2nd Tournament of ITF

YANGON, 2 Feb — The ITF 14&Under Asian Championships 2011 Group (2) concluded at Theinbyu Tennis Court in Mingala Taungnyunt Township yesterday.

The prize presentation for the 1st and 2nd tournaments took place at Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road, here, in the evening.

President of

Myanmar Tennis Federation U Aung Maw Thine extended greetings.

For the first tournament, officials presented the first prize to duo Nilar Win (Myanmar) and Al-Olfi Shaema (YEM) and the second to De Silva Kavindiya and Waduge Nethmie (Sri) in the women's double event and the first prize to Allaf Kareem and Azhari Mo-

ammed (SYR) and the second to Arkar Kyaw and Win Naing Oo (Myanmar) in the men's double event, first, second and third prizes to Nilar Win (Myanmar), Ang Geraldine (Sin) and Mollogoda Thisuri (Sri) in the women's single event and first, second and third prizes to Al-Ansi Ghassan (YEM), Ong Issac (Sin) and Hossain Delowar (Ban) in the men's single event.

Officials also awarded first prize winning Nilar Win (Myanmar) and Al-Olfi Shaema (YEM) and second prize winning Delizavemne Kaur (MAS) and Qureshi Iman (Pak) in the women's double event in the second tournament, first prize winning Al-Ansi Ghassan and Thabit Samer (YEM) and Allaf Kareem Azhari Mohammed (SYR) in the men's double event, the first prize to Nilar Win (Myanmar), the second to Ang Geraldine (Sin) and the third to Syazlin Yusri Yus (Mas) in the women's single event.—MNA



Director-General U Thaung Htaik of Sports and Physical Education Department presents first prize to Al-Ansi Ghassan (YEM) in men's single event.—MTF

Mdy Mayor inspects incinerator, stone grinder

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Feb — Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor U Phone Zaw Han visited incinerator in Nyaungnapin village of Amarapura Township and stone grinder in Kyaukchaw village of Patheingyi Township on

25 January.

He addressed the coordination meeting for holding Horticulture show and contest. The mayor made concluding remarks which brought the meeting to an end after hearing reports on progress of preparations submitted by officials.

The mayor inspected production of concrete blocks at MCDC's factory and automobile department on 28 January. He then observed tasks for proper water flow of Nadi drainage and construction project in Pyigyidagun Township.—MNA

Concordia offers printer, copier discounts

YANGON, 2 Feb — The Concordia Int'l Co Ltd will participate in the Lifestyles Expo-2011 at the Tatmadaw Convention Hall in Dagon Township from 3 to 6 February.

During the Expo, the Co Ltd will sell Fuji Xerox brand laser printers, injet printers, colour copiers, toner cartridges

and accessories, Japan-made Topcon brand equipment for land survey, Garmin brand GPSS.

Besides, the Concordia will also give presentation on Fuji Xerox colour printers and copiers and colour theories for offset and colour printers and will show how to calculate lost per page.

As a special programme, the Concordia will sell the printers, copiers and their accessories from 5% to 30% discount rates, including cartridges of color laser printers.

More information are available at the Concordia Co Ltd at 3rd floor and 5th floor of Shwegon Plaza, Bahan Township, Ph: 01: 73009221; 73009215, Fax: (951)544199; at No 5, ground floor, SY Building in 30th street, between 77th street and 78th street, Chanaye-thazan Township, Ph-09 5067172, 02-36478 in Mandalay, No. 144, Thiri Yadana Market, in Nay Pyi Taw, Ph: 09 49200948; 067-420819.—MNA

Joint Sangharaja of Shwegyin Nikaya passes away

YANGON, 2 Feb — State Ovadaçariya Vice-Chairman of Shwegyin Nikaya Joint Sangharaja of Shwegyin Nikaya Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Jotipala, aged 90 and 70 vasa, of Thiri Mingala Kyakhatawaing Pariyatti Monastery of Bago in Bago Region passed away at 8.25 pm yesterday, according to the Department of Religious Affairs.—MNA

Thriving summer paddy ...

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irrigation water to about 5452 acres of farmlands in Hlaingbwe Township and helping facilitate development of the region. With the water storage area of about 36,000 acres feet, the dam measuring 17,720 feet in length and 46 feet in height lies on Yaybok Creek and Kasai Creek. Construction of the dam's embankment has been com-

pleted and canal works are being carried out. During this rainy season, the dam received more rain water than its brim mark. So, water has been supplied to the surrounding villages through tributary canal and direct canals since December so as to grow summer paddy. Now plans are under way to put 1000 acres of land under summer paddy. The dam is due to be completed. In

the near future, the region would see thriving summer paddy. And the socio-economic status of the local farmers will be more improved.

A total of 23095 acres of summer paddy was grown in Hlaingbwe Township last year. Growing 1,000 acres of summer paddy is set this year and 3,000 acres in the coming years.

Hlaingbwe is a township of wide area in Kayin State. The township sees



Thriving summer paddy saplings grown with the supply of water from Yaybok Dam.



Farmers reaping groundnut plants.

progress and development. Shwegun is more developed than Hlaingbwe because Shwegun is located on main waterway. Shwegun is famous for its groundnut. Under the supervision and arrangement of Kayin State Peace and Development Council, alluvial soils were created by taking silt from

Thanlwin River. Being grown on alluvial soils, the Shwegun groundnut has a good harvest. Regarding the education, Shwegun Basic Education High School has a high pass rate of matriculation exam.

In the time of the SPDC, emphasis is constantly placed on the development of agricultural

sector. Now the region has reached the stage of excess of food sufficiency. Thanlwin River attests to that and the natural beauties of Myanmar — Ayeyawady, Chindwin, Sittoung and Thanlwin Rivers do so respectively.

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HAILING THE 64th ANNIVERSARY UNION DAY:

Don't trivialize the national cause

Banyar Aung

National brethren United we stand



Talking about Myanmar's political affairs, national consolidation cannot be left behind. Reviewing Myanmar's political landscape, struggles for building national consolidation, incitements to disintegration of national consolidation, conflicts caused by the breakup of national unity, and instability and delay of progress caused by the conflicts have taken a lot of pages in history.

Since the time of independence struggles, the patriotic leaders had understood the importance of national unity. The moment Myanmar came under servitude, national leaders of various national races such as Bamar, Shan, Kayin, Chin and Kayah launched anti-colonialist movements in order to drive the British colonialists out of the country. Yet, with the lack of good leadership, those anti-colonialist forces were easily defeated by the British imperialists. Then, the British adopted their administrative machinery systematically in Myanmar so that a major armed resistance could not emerge.

When the Upper Myanmar was put under the British rule in the aftermath of the third Anglo-Myanmar war, the British administrative system in the Lower Myanmar was in place already. Therefore, it was only needed to spread the administrative system of the Lower Myanmar to the Upper Myanmar. However, the colonialists, who had decided to stop the emergence of more resistance forces, designated the regions of Upper Myanmar, excluding Shan State, as scheduled districts on 4 May 1886. Later on, they ruled the Kachin people and the Chin people separately by promulgating the hilly Kachin nationality law in 1895 and the hilly Chin nationality law in 1896. As the divided rule had reigned up to the time of WWII, the regions of Shan, Kachin, and Chin were separated from the Myanmar administrative area, designated as Region-1 and Region-2 and directly ruled by the governor when the diarchy was adopted in 1923 and the 91-department administrative rule in 1935. The administrative systems among the national races were different from each other. And even the hilly regions had different administrative systems.

With the hilly regions dividedly ruled in terms of race and politics, they gained no access to political developments and independence struggles of the mainland Myanmar. What's more, the British colonialists gave their follower rich men power to take charge of administrative and political affairs in the mainland. In the hilly regions, the colonialists entrusted Sawbwas, Sawphyas and Duwas with the arbitrary powers to rule

on their behalf. Their aim was to provoke class differences among the national races and to prevent the possible emergence of united political forces.

The British colonialists adopted the following divide-and-rule policy in three categories in order to break up the national unity in Myanmar.

- (a) The divided rule of the regions of national races can cause geographical-divide.
- (b) Adoption of different administrative systems among the national races and giving of different rights can lead to racial discord.
- (c) Use of lackeys for ensuring smooth administrative machinery can lead to different classes.

In consequence, the hilly regions did not participate in political movements of the mainland until before 1945. In addition, politicians from the mainland were not allowed to go to the hilly regions. At the same time, political organizations operated for own rule and independence such as GCBA and Doh Bamar Asiayon were split into two and four groups because of the colonialists' instigation and incentives. When independence struggles surfaced after the Second World War, patriotic politicians led by Bogoyoke Aung San and military leaders formed AFPFL in order that political forces in Myanmar became politically united.

However, when Bogoyoke Aung San-led AFPFL demanded Myanmar's independence from the British, the issue of the hilly regions came to a head. When the Myanmar delegation led by Bogoyoke Aung San went to Britain in February 1947 for independence, the British claimed that the Myanmar side should first enquire whether the hilly regions wanted to cooperate with the mainland in achieving independence as they had received a telegraph sent by Shan Sawbwas saying the delegation did not represent them. In signing Aung San-Atlee Agreement, the Myanmar side had to agree to the point that Myanmar was to inquire about the stance of the hilly regions in the effort for achieving independence by forming an inquiry commission.

That was why Bogoyoke Aung San met with the national leaders from the hilly regions, built national consolidation and held Panglong Conference in February 1947 in order to regain independence. But, only the Kachin, Chin and Shan representatives from the hilly regions took part in the conference, and Kayin representatives from Thanlwin District, another hilly region attended the conference only as observers. It was found that Rakhine, Mon and Kayah nationals living outside the hilly regions and the remaining nationalities such as Pa-O, Palaung, Danu, Wa, Kokant and Lahu whose regions were ruled by feudalist Shan chieftains did not attend the conference. Anyhow, the Panglong Conference was able to forge national unity so that the whole country, including the hilly regions, could achieve independence. It, therefore, can be said that Myanmar was able to build national consolidation to a certain extent during the period of independence struggles.

Again in the post-independence period, national consolidation was disintegrated quickly due to different ideologies, ism and racism. The ruling AFPFL government at that time tried to rebuild national consolidation, but in vain as there were personal conflicts among the party. U Nu's Pa-Hta-Sa government that won the 1960 elections held a national convention on 24 February 1962 so as to discuss the establishment of Rakhine, Mon and Chin States and the problems of rights of Shan State. The convention was attended by political leaders and national race representatives. Since the Shan chieftains threatened to secede from the Union of

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Happy anniversary

- * Our peaceful and tranquil country
Free from all dangers
Striving all national people
For developing country
Our golden land
Beautiful in every aspect
Lots of roads and bridges
Blossoming like flowers
Dawn of golden era
The country at present
- * Dams and irrigation facilities
All filled to the brim
Supplying plenty of water
Even in drought
Pagodas and temples
Our invaluable heritage
Race and literature
And religion at their height
Till reaching the top
All striving in continuity
The noble spirit
- * Amity as underpinning
Unity is forged
Brethren of Union
Reinvigorated ever
Panglong spirit the base
All cherish own land
Fostering in hearts
True patriotism
- * In the silvery mist
The 12th of February
Ever fresh and new
Symbol of peace
Emerald mountains and forests
Like a beautiful painting
A new democracy
Cherished she always is
Joyfully singing
All the national people
Brethren joining hands
Flourishing forever is
The whole Union

Hailing the 64th Anniversary Union Day
Khun Ye Thway-Ayethaya (Trs)

Myanmar if their demands were not met at the convention, the Revolutionary Council had to take over State duties on 2 March 1962.

The Revolutionary Council continued to try to build national consolidation. Issuing the stances of the Revolutionary Council and holding internal peace talks to solve the problem of internal insurgencies were the measures the Revolutionary Council had taken for ensuring national reconsolidation. Besides, the goal of socialism aspired in the period of independence struggles was a long way away in the parliamentary democracy age due to the different political parties with different ideologies. So, the nation decided to adopt a single party system in order for political parties and national people to work
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Don't trivialize the national cause

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together under the leadership of a single party. Yet, national consolidation could not be achieved as Pa-Hta-Sa and AFPFL leaders that favoured the parliamentary democracy system, leftist communists and racial extremists were in constant opposition to the State.

In the 1988 unrest, the situation of national unity in Myanmar was the worst. The Tatmadaw government that had to take over State responsibilities in such a dire situation tried its best to achieve national consolidation. It can be found that the Tatmadaw government used different approaches as it had found out why the previous governments failed to forge national unity.

The Tatmadaw

government held a national convention with the participation of eight delegate groups namely delegates of political parties, delegates of representatives-elect of 1990 election, delegates of national races, delegates of peasants, delegates of workers, delegates of intellectuals and intelligentsia, delegates of State service personnel and delegates of national race armed groups who exchanged arms for peace and other invited persons. Basic principles and detailed basic principles were laid down for writing a constitution. Among more than 1000 delegates to the convention were over 600 delegates of national races. So, it can be said at least one national race delegate from one township out of

325 in Myanmar could participate in the convention. Thanks to the discussions those delegates made about shaping the future nation

with a view to seeking the national interest without sectarianism and ism, national reconsolidation could be built among the Myanmar political forces at the national convention.

In order to thwart the hardships and difficulties of the people living in border areas which lacked stability and the rule of law due to armed clashes, the government took measures to reach ceasefire agreement with national race armed groups. As a result, many of those armed groups who returned to the legal fold and are working side by side with the government for regional development. Even some of them competed in the 2010 elections after they had given up the armed struggle line and made eternal peace with the State. The national consolidation that broke up due to armed clashes could be rebuilt through peace negotiations.

In order to repair the damage to national unity caused by inequitable infrastructural development in the country, the Tatmadaw government formed the Central Committee for Progress of Border Areas and National Races under the leadership of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe and started implementing develop-

ment tasks in 21 border regions. Likewise, the project of 24 development regions was launched to ensure balanced development of all parts of the nation. To ward off the geographical barrier to the regions of the Union, networks of roads, bridges and railroads have been and are being built as national level projects. This means national reconsolidation was built by carrying out national development tasks.

While building infrastructures that can facilitate national reconsolidation and national unity, the government had to prevent the destructive acts of internal and external elements who attempted to harm the national unity. Measures had to be taken to be able to activate the State administrative machinery and form a strong government.

The government's work programmes for national reconsolidation and national unity were not carried out only with political and military outlooks. They were a strategic plan carried out in consideration of all sectors such as politics, economy, military, social affairs, development and administration. As a result, many parts of the nation have achieved

greater peace and stability, rule of law and progress ever than before.

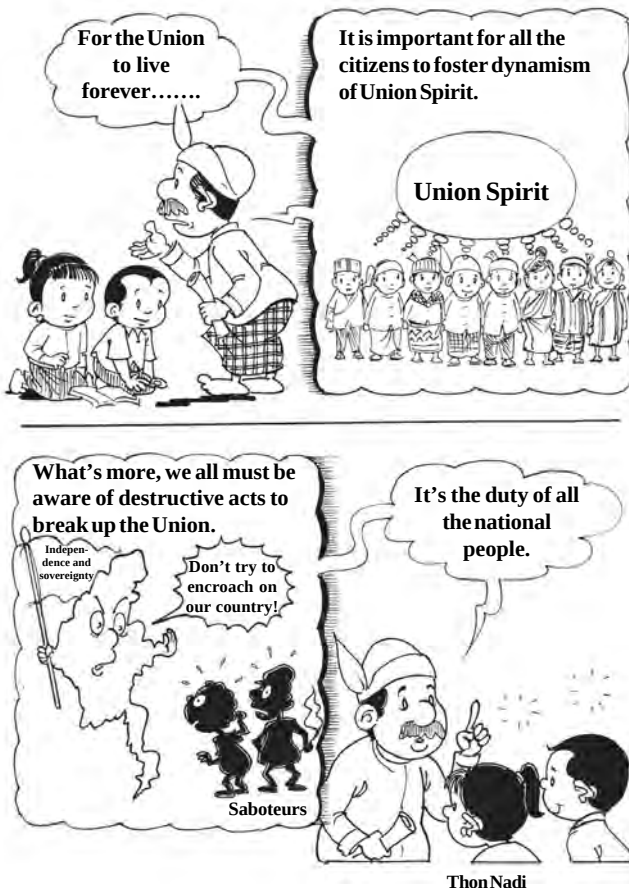
However, it cannot be said that the endeavours for national reconsolidation have met with complete success. There are many tasks ahead for the State structure. The relations between the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and State/Region Hluttaws and the relations between the Pyidaungsu government and State/Region govern -ments will be totally different from the State structure of the past. In addition, there will be separate executive, legislative and judicial sectors, and the executive structure with check and balance will be formed for the first time. So, there will be many challenges to be addressed in the future. Again, there are still tasks to build eternal peace in the areas of some national races where peace was made temporarily and to prevent the danger of internal and external elements who are still attempting to disrupt the seven-step Road Map of the State. Only if those challenges are addressed successfully, can it be said that national reconsolidation has been built.

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Objectives of 64th Anniversary Union Day (2011)

1. For all national races to safeguard the national policy—Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of national solidarity, and Perpetuation of sovereignty
2. For all national races to keep Union Spirit ever alive and dynamic among national people
3. For all national races to wipe out, through national solidarity, disruptions caused to peace, stability and development of the nation by internal and external subversives
4. For all national races to make efforts with might and main to build a modern, developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation in accordance with the State Constitution approved by the great majority of the people
5. For all national races to work in concert with national unity for perpetuation of the Union that has existed for thousands of years

Union Spirit



Don't trivialize...

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Ignoring the achievements in national reconsolidation to this date, there are calls for holding a conference like the one organized in Panglong in 1947 to build national unity. Some are even giving suggestions to convene it online.

Seemingly, those people think that the process of national reconsolidation can be materialized through a meeting between four or five groups under the leadership of a certain person. Just try to reach an agreement to select representative for each of the ethnic race groups and the political forces let alone trying to convene the conference. That's my advice for those people.

Today is not the time to hold a conference like the Panglong conference in which AFPFL and leaders of Shan, Kachin and Chin met. They should understand this. National race groups who did not get the opportunity to participate in Panglong conference are seeing greater political and economic development at present. Some of the national races groups now have armed troops existing under a provisional peace agreement. Armed members of some have transformed themselves into border guard forces. In addition, they have officially set up political parties. On the other hand there are armed insurgent groups and exile groups claiming themselves as representatives of certain ethnic races. There are also party representatives and independent representatives elected in the 2010 elections for the respective legislative Hluttaws.

In 1947, the nation had to face only the British

who colonized her. British agents had created a lot of difficulties before and during the Panglong conference. Even Bogyoke Aung San was so disappointed that he had to arrange a flight back home to Yangon. These facts can be found in the books compiled by the persons who took part in the conference.

Geopolitics has changed a lot during the past over 60 years. There are new powerful players taking the place of the British in Asia. Apart from those powers, many neighbouring countries and regional countries are getting involved in or are trying to get involved in Myanmar affairs for their own interest. Some with good intention and some with bad motives.

A conference held under different voices and views and which is open to every individual or organization assuming himself or itself as the representative of his or its own ethnic race will bring no results.

Conceiving an idea to convene a conference based on hero-worshipping without having any firm and strong background organization and precise representative selection system will be just a fantasy extremely opposed to reality. Or maybe it is an arrogant act. One important thing to note is that Bogyoke Aung San and AFPFL were included in the cabinet of the British governor when they held the Panglong conference; that they were entrusted with the power to run the administration affairs except from defence matters and foreign affairs; that the British government had accepted AFPFL as the only organization to deal with matters concerning Myanmar's independence. So, AFPFL was able to sponsor the conference successfully.

Understandably, the idea to hold a Panglong-

conference-like meeting without giving any role to the Tatmadaw that is leading the national transition process and the parties that won seats in the 2010 elections will not be better than a cheap political stunt. The Tatmadaw has already achieved success to a certain extent in restoring national reconsolidation in all aspects to ensure a peaceful transition process.

Even if they hold this kind of conference without Tatmadaw's participation with goodwill, the conference will surely become a tool for the organizations opposing the government or trying to harm the seven-step Road Map. So, the scheme is not a remedy for any problem but a poison for the national reconsolidation process.

But I do not mean that nothing should be done for the national reconsolidation process. There are ways. The constitutional Hluttaws at all levels are the venues to strengthen the established national consolidation. Public elected representatives are the members of the Hluttaws. People of the respective constituencies have already chosen the persons regardless of their political base to serve their interest. National races and specifically elected national races are included in those representatives-elect. Moreover, there are also Tatmadaw representatives. Hluttaws at all levels are the venues where dialogues among the political parties, national races representatives and the Tatmadaw, a current popular issue, can be held practically. They will be able to build mutual trust and understanding while carrying out legislative affairs hand in hand. The rights of the national races, the Hluttaws, the local governments and the legislative power to preserve and promote their languages and cultures, are already enshrined in the Constitution. Basically, they will have to make effective use of the advantages and amend the faults in cooperation at the Hluttaws.

What about the unelected persons and organizations? They will have the right to discuss and present their views externally in accord with the rights of citizens stipulated in the Constitution, and to give suggestions to the representative-elect of their constituency concerned. And if they believe that their opinions and views win public support, they can take part in the next elections to do politics in the Hluttaws.

What I have presented in this article will be the best means for political forces to strengthen national reconsolidation within and outside Hluttaws and the best opportunities for all-inclusiveness in the national reconsolidation process. All should be aware of the fact that there will be more harm than benefits, if those people try to realize their fantasies instead of applying the best means of the time.

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Shwebin Ngwebin U Than Tun Company partaking in Lifestyles Expo-2011

YANGON, 2 Feb— Shwebin Ngwebin U Than Tun Company exhibits its furniture in Lifestyles Expo-2011 at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road

here from tomorrow to 6 February.

The observers could not help seeing variety of woodcuts and wood-carvings fascinatingly displayed by the

company that offers discount to the customers.

Those who want to order the furniture may contact No. 166 on Maha Bandoola Street between 53rd and 54th Street in Pazundaung Township, Yangon, Ph: 01-292192 or 01-703803 or 01-399884.

Shwebin Ngwebin U Than Tun Company displays furniture and craftworks in Lifestyles Expo-2011 at Tatmadaw Convention Hall.

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Dozens taken ill as heatwave continues in Australia's New South Wales

SYDNEY, 2 Feb—A fierce heatwave has continued for a third day in New South Wales (NSW), Australia, with temperatures rising into the forties, dozens of people taken to hospital and bush fires erupting across the state, the *Australia Associated Press* (AAP) reported on Wednesday.

Paramedics have helped more than 55 people suffering from heat-related illnesses since the heatwave began on Monday, and the number of calls for assistance

is expected to rise as the big heat continues.

On Monday and Tuesday, the state saw peaks of 41°C and 43°C respectively. The state was on Wednesday in the third day of a heatwave, which has already seen temperatures rise above 40°C.

Most of those needing help were construction workers, elderly people and young women suffering from dizziness, heat exhaustion and severe dehydration, a

NSW Ambulance spokesman said on Wednesday.

NSW Health continued on Wednesday to urge people to stay hydrated and to avoid prolonged periods in the sun. The state Premier Kristina Keneally asked people across the state to take heed of fire and health warnings as temperatures rise. There were 72 bushfires across NSW on Tuesday alone, and more than a dozen new ones on Wednesday.

MNA/Xinhua



Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao (C) cooks soup in a villager's home in Hetang Village, Shuanghe Town of Jinzhai County, east China's Anhui Province, on 1 Feb, 2011. Wen made a tour Tuesday in Jinzhai County in the Dabie Mountains area, former revolutionary base, to know about local economic and social development, and spend the Spring Festival holiday with local officials and residents.—XINHUA



Members of the Chinese Art Ensemble of the Handicapped (CAEH) perform dancing entitled "Thousand-Hands Kwan-Yin" at a celebration for Chinese Lunar New Year in Bangkok, Thailand, on 1 Feb, 2011.—XINHUA

Bird flu outbreak hits Indonesia's Jambi

JAKARTA, 2 Feb—Bird flu (H5N1) outbreak has attacked Indonesia's Jambi Province, triggering death of thousands of chicken in Kerinci regency, *Kompas.com* online news reported on Wednesday.

Secretary of Animal Husbandry Division of Kerinci regency, Igor, said that at least 4,164 chickens were killed due to the disease.

"To prevent spreading disease, Animal Husbandry Division of Kerinci regency is now working hard to supervise people and to spray disinfectant," said Igor.—Xinhua



Mother-of-two, who spent 11-yr in wheelchair, crowned Ms America

LONDON, 2 Feb—A woman in the US, who has overcome numerous obstacles, like being wheelchair bound for 11-years, has now been crowned Ms America 2011.

Tracy Broughton, 36, who has been paralysed and wheelchair-bound twice, has raised twin boys as a single mother while also modelling, working with charities and running a legal aid business.

She wore a 35,000-dollar headpiece on the runway at the Doubletree Hotel in Anaheim, California, after being unveiled as Ms America 2011, claiming the title from a group of 26 participants from 14 states.

Broughton, from Ladera Ranch in Orange County, used a crutch on the runway as she continues her recovery from a 1996 hit-and-run that left her in a wheelchair for 11 years.

"I was able to overcome my disability through a combination of experimental therapy, faith and perseverance," the *Daily Mail* quoted her as telling the Orange County Register.—Internet



Solar boat Turanor sits anchored off San Cristobal Island, Galapagos Islands, Ecuador, on 25 Jan, 2011. The boat set sail from Monaco 120 days ago, driven only by solar energy, reaching the Galapagos on Tuesday in its round-the-world expedition.—INTERNET

83-yr-old UK grandma chases burglar, brings him to justice

LONDON, 2 Feb—An 83-year-old UK grandma showed no fear when a prolific thief confronted her at her home. Instead, she chased him down the streets and brought him to justice.

Betty Thornton was alone when Michael Hall knocked on the front door of her home in Darlington, County Durham, in November last year, reports the *Daily Mail*.

Hall, who tricked his way into her home when her husband, Ray, 87, had gone to play bowls, pretended it was an emergency

and he needed to use her phone. Believing he was telling the truth, Thornton left him on the doorstep and returned inside to fetch the telephone.—Internet

At least 15 riding atop train coach killed

NEW DELHI, 2 Feb—At least 15 people riding atop the coach of a crowded train in India were killed when they were struck as the train passed under a bridge, authorities said.

The *Times* of India reported at least 50 were critically injured in the incident Tuesday near Lucknow, capital of the northern state of Uttar Pradesh.

Internet

Building fire leaves three dead in S France

PARIS, 2 Feb—A fire in the southern French City of Vichy killed three people and injured another 12, local media reported on Tuesday.

The cause of the fire, which broke out around 2:00 am local time on Tuesday in a building was unknown yet, but local authorities have opened investigation.

The wounded people have been hospitalized, with two of them in serious condition, according to RTL radio and BFM TV reports.

Xinhua

Indian Army helicopter crashes

NEW DELHI, 2 Feb—An Indian Army helicopter Wednesday crashed in the western State of Maharashtra, an incident in which two pilots on board are feared killed, an official said.

"The crash happened near a residential area in the City of Nashik at 09:15 am. The Cheetah helicopter of Indian Army aviation got completely mangled in the crash," the official said pleading anonymity.

The Indian Army plans to replace by 2017 its aging fleet of indigenously developed Cheetah helicopters that it uses for reconnaissance and observation at high altitudes.

Xinhua

Canadian stable after Mexico shark attack

CANCUN, 2 Feb — A Canadian tourist was in a stable condition on Tuesday after being attacked by a shark off Mexico's Caribbean beach resort of Cancun, tourism officials said.

Nicole Moore was "recovering in a stable condition" after surgery in a private hospital, the Cancun Convention and Visitors Bureau said in a statement.

"The tourist is out of danger," and suffered "injuries to the hip, thigh and arm," Jesus Almaguer, head of the bureau, told Cancun Enfoque Radio.

The bureau said it was working with marine experts to investigate the

"rare incident" off Cancun on Monday.

Local media said the shark had approached the shore to give birth and the woman, who had been swimming with a group, got too close.

Internet



A shark attacked a Canadian woman, ripping her arm and severely injuring a leg as she swam off the beach.—INTERNET

100 dogs in Canada killed after business slows

VANCOUVER, 2 Feb — The 100 dogs were shot dead over two days after an expected post-Olympics boom in dogsledding business at an adventure company didn't pan out. Most died instantly, but oth-

ers suffered — like the one that ran away with its "face blown off and an eye hanging out."

The gruesome event was described in documents awarding compensation to a worker, who claimed he suffered

post-traumatic stress disorder from shooting the dogs after bookings dropped sharply for a tour operator following the 2010 Winter Olympics.

"He had to chase her down and finish her off," Marcie Moriarty, general manager of cruelty investigations for the BC Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, said of the wounded dog that was run down and slain.

Moriarty said the slaughter left her sickened and said it is the worst case she's ever handled. Both the British Columbia SPCA and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police are investigating the slaughter.—Internet



Sled dogs pull tourists during a tour run by Outdoor Adventures in the Soo Valley north of Whistler, British Columbia, Canada, on 31 Jan, 2011.—INTERNET

Pakistan rejects "New York Times" nuclear arms report

ISLAMABAD, 2 Feb — Pakistan Tuesday dismissed a New York Times report that Pakistan has steadily "expanded its nuclear arsenal" since President Obama came to office.

The report said that it is building the capability to surge ahead in the production of nuclear-weapons material, putting it on a path to overtake Britain as the world's fifth largest nuclear weapons power.

The NYT reported that Pakistan's determination to add considerably to its arsenal — mostly to deter India — has also become yet another irritant in its often testy relationship with Washington, particularly as Pakistan seeks to block Obama's renewed efforts to negotiate a

global treaty that would ban the production of new nuclear material.

Commenting on the report titled "Pakistani Nuclear Arms Pose Challenge to US Policy" published by New York Times on 31 January 2011, the Foreign Office Spokesman said that unnecessary alarmist reporting about Pakistan's nuclear programme continues to surface occasionally. "In the nuclearized environment of South Asia, Pakistan continues to follow a responsible policy of maintaining credible minimum deterrence. Pakistan is mindful of the need to avoid arms race with India but would never compromise on its national security," the Pakistani spokesman said.—MNA/Xinhua

Swiss police: man admits abusing 100 in his care

BERN, 2 Feb — A 54-year-old man has admitted sexually abusing more than 100 mentally disabled children and adults in care homes in Switzerland and Germany during almost three decades, in what Swiss police described on Tuesday as an unprecedented case.

The abuse took place

in nine different institutions where the unidentified man had worked as a therapist since 1982, police in the canton (state) of Bern said.

Authorities have identified 122 of the victims, with the youngest being 1 year old at the time of the crime. Forty-two of the victims were over 18.

"It's possible that in the course of the investigation more victims will come to light," the head of Bern police's special investigations unit, Gabriele Berger, told a news conference in Bern. Some 100 investigators have been assigned to the case.

Internet

In this product image provided by T-Mobile, the

T-Mobile G-Slate is shown.

INTERNET



Five killed in latest Colombia mine explosion

BOGOTA, 2 Feb — A gas explosion ripped through a mine in Colombia on Tuesday, killing five workers and injuring a sixth, days after the government promised a safety overhaul following a string of similar tragedies.

The methane blast occurred at around 1245

GMT at La Escondida coal mine in the central province of Cundinamarca, a spokesman from the state Institute of Geology and Mining said.

The sixth miner was being treated in hospital, the spokesman said, but the extent of his injuries was not immediately known. No other workers were in the mine at the time of the blast, the official added.

President Juan Manuel Santos cut short a trip to Europe last week to be at the side of the victims of an earlier blast last Wednesday that left 21 workers dead at a coal mine in the northeast of the country.

Santos, before returning from the summit in Switzerland, described the



Miner Luis Arnulfo Marin rests after retrieving the corpses of his colleagues from the shafts at "La Preciosa" in Corregimiento San Roque, Colombia on 27 Jan. —INTERNET

accident as a tragedy that should never have happened. "We must massively reinforce mine safety measures," he told reporters. "For that reason, when I return, I am going to give instructions for a detailed review of all the regulations and their enforcement."—Internet



Christof Scheurer, speaker of the public prosecutor's office, right.—INTERNET

T-Mobile to sell tablet with 3-D cameras, glasses

NEW YORK, 2 Feb — Aiming to ride two crazes at once, T-Mobile USA will sell a tablet computer that can shoot 3-D videos.

The cell phone company said Wednesday that the "G-Slate" tablet from LG Electronics Inc will be out this spring, but it didn't say exactly when, or how much it would cost.

The tablet will have an 8.9-inch screen and two cameras on the back, which together can capture 3-D, high-

definition video. The tablet will come with red-blue 3-D glasses for 3-D viewing while shooting.

The G-Slate will be one of the first tablets with Honeycomb software, a version of Google Inc's Android operating system specifically designed for tablet computers. The G-Slate will have a third camera on the front, for video-conferencing over T-Mobile's wireless broadband network.

The 3-D tablet comes as gadget makers and phone companies are trying to ride the coattails of Apple Inc's hit iPad tablet computer. Meanwhile, Hollywood studios and TV makers are pushing 3-D movies and TV sets, but 3-D TV sales have so far been disappointing.—Internet



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

California mayor wants to broadcast bird songs

It may sound like a bird-brained idea, but the mayor of a Mojave Desert City wants to brighten the streets by broadcasting recorded bird songs.

Lancaster Mayor R Rex Parris proposed the idea during his State of the City talk on Monday.

The Antelope Valley Press says Parris wants to play the bird chatter from loudspeakers on Lancaster Boulevard. The mayor says there's science to show that listening to birdsong makes people happier.

Parris is known for his flamboyant ideas. He got a law passed giving the Southern California City the right to castrate pit bulls, ordered City officials to learn the Mandarin language in a bid to woo Chinese business, and riled some people by saying he was growing Lancaster into a Christian community.



Singer Jay Chou (R) and actress Lin Chiling perform during a rehearsal of the Spring Festival Gala Evening at China Central Television (CCTV) in Beijing, capital of China, on 31 Jan, 2011.

US couple get married in middle of marathon

A couple in the US, who started the Chevron Houston Marathon as two single people, is said to have crossed the finish line as newlyweds after exchanging vows halfway through the run.

David and Molly took part in the marathon, and then after running 16 miles they stopped at the Williams Tower water wall for their wedding ceremony.

"She was getting a little tired back there and I thought she was going to dump me," MyFoxHouston quoted David, the groom, as saying.

Molly's sister Rachel had come up with the idea, because the couple was always running so much.



A girl poses with a stereography in Xuanwu Lake Park in Nanjing, capital of east China's Jiangsu Province, on 30 Jan, 2011.

'Rent-a-girlfriend' hoax causes stir in France

A hoax website in France has revealed something poignant in modern society by offering to rent men a girlfriend who can stun relatives, friends or business partners with their charm and beauty.

"Have you had enough of being alone? Had enough of your wife?" loueunepetiteamie.com (translatable as rentagirlfriend.com) asked last month, stressing that the "rental services" it offered were strictly non-sexual.

After creating an Internet buzz where chat rooms fought

over the morality and legality of renting out fake girlfriends, all was confirmed on Tuesday to be a marketing ploy for a site selling classified ads.

In just one month, it said, the bogus site had 180,000 hits, 550 women offered their services as rental girlfriends and 5,000 men wanted to hire one out.

Alexandre Woog said the media sting had cost his organisation a grand total of 15 euros (20.5 dollars), to buy the domain name and graphic design.

News Album



A model presents a creation by the brand Do Estilista during the 30th Sao Paulo Fashion Week Autumn-Winter Collection in Sao Paulo, Brazil, on 1 Feb, 2011.
XINHUA

Adam Sandler honoured with Walk of Fame star

LOS ANGELES, 2 Feb—Golden Globe Award-nominee Adam Sandler was honoured by a dedication of the 2,431st star on the famous Hollywood Walk of Fame Tuesday, 10 days before the scheduled release of his latest film "Just Go With It."

"This is a big deal," Sandler said at a ceremony held in front of the W Hollywood Hotel on Hollywood Boulevard. "I feel honoured and can't believe this has happened in my life."

Sandler, 44, made his television debut on "The Cosby Show" in 1987. Three years later he wrote script for "Saturday Night Live" and remained part of the cast from 1991 through 1995. He also played leading roles in films such as "Billy Madison," "Happy Gilmore," and "Grown Ups."

Sandler was nominated for one Golden Globe Award and two Emmy Awards.

A successful singer, Sandler has recording five albums.—Xinhua



Musician Miranda Lambert performs "Only Prettier" at The Grammy Nominations Concert Live - Countdown to the Music's Biggest Night event in Los Angeles. Miranda Lambert, one of country music's hottest entertainers, led the way on Tuesday with seven nominations for the 46th annual Academy of Country Music Awards, including her first Entertainer of the Year nod.
INTERNET

Sir Elton John wants to see Robert Downey Jr play him in biopic

WASHINGTON, 2 Feb—Sir Elton John has said that he would like to see Robert Downey Jr portray him in the planned film about his



life.

The "Rocket Man" singer has already announced there is a film based on his life planned, and that he is teaming up with British screenwriter Lee Hall on the project. Although the film is in its early stages at present, Elton already has one actor in mind to play him, reports Contactmusic.

Internet

Cameron Diaz joins Colin Firth in "Gambit" remake

LOS ANGELES, 2 Feb—Cameron Diaz is attached to join Colin Firth in "Gambit," a remake of the 1966 British caper that starred Michael Caine and Shirley MacLaine. Michael Hoffman ("The Last Station") is directing the film, which is being written by Joel and Ethan Coen. Shooting begins in London in May.

Firth plays a London art curator who plots an elaborate scheme to con a wealthy collector into buying a fake Monet painting. As part of the ruse,

he recruits a Texas steer roper (Diaz) to play the part of a woman whose grandfather liberated the painting at the end of WWII.—Internet



Cast member Cameron Diaz.
INTERNET

Actor and comedian Adam Sandler signs autographs for fans during a ceremony honouring Sandler with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in Hollywood, California on 1 Feb, 2011.

INTERNET



Charlie Davies could be loaned to DC United



In this 13 Oct, 2009, file photo, United States' Charlie Davies, left, controls the ball as teammate Stuart Holden looks on during a CONCACAF Gold Cup soccer match against Grenada at Qwest Field in Seattle.—INTERNET

WASHINGTON, 2 Feb — DC United has agreed to take Charlie Davies on loan from France's Sochaux but wants to evaluate how far the American forward has progressed in his comeback from a near-fatal car crash before deciding whether to finalize the deal.

The Major League Soccer team said the 24-year-old is expected to report to the team on Wednesday in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where it is practicing ahead of the start of the MLS season in March. Davies will train with DC United and be evaluated by team doctors.

DC United said Tuesday that a weeklong evaluation period "will include training and game time with the first team and a full medical evaluation by team doctors in DC." "Details of a 12-month loan have already been negotiated," the team said, "but nothing will be official until DC United is satisfied he is physically capable of playing at the level required to be successful in MLS."—*Internet*

Man United's Rooney leads goal-spree against Villa

MANCHESTER, 2 Feb — Sir Alex Ferguson believes Wayne Rooney has finally rediscovered his scoring touch after the England striker netted twice in Manchester United's 3-1 win over Aston Villa here on Tuesday.

Rooney had not scored from open play at Old Trafford since the 2-1 victory over Liverpool in March last year, the game before he suffered an ankle injury at Bayern Munich.

The forward has only scored five goals so far this season yet United are still five points clear at the top of the Premier League table and this latest victory equalled their club record of 29 league games un-

beaten, set in the 'treble' winning season of 1998/99.



Manchester United's English striker Wayne Rooney celebrates scoring his second goal during the English.

INTERNET

Ferguson insisted he never doubted Rooney would get back on the goal trail, saying: "Goals always help strikers still had the appetite to play and that's the important factor in it all, that he never stops trying the lad. "It's an in-bred thing in the lad.

"He can't be criticised when he gives that effort. He gets his rewards eventually," the veteran United manager added.—*Internet*

Lazio hold Milan to goalless draw in Italian league

ROME, 2 Feb — Lazio produced a spirited rearguard action to hold Serie A leaders AC Milan to a 0-0 draw at the San Siro on Tuesday.

Lazio came into the match in third place in the league and knowing that a defeat would almost certainly rule them out of the title running.

And although the hosts dominated throughout, with Zlatan Ibrahimovic hitting both posts with a single shot, they could not find a way through the Romans' stubborn resistance.

Milan extended their lead at the top to five points but Napoli can close that to just two if they beat Chievo on Wednesday.—*Internet*



AC Milan's Swedish forward Zlatan Ibrahimovic reacts against Lazio during their Italian serie A football.—INTERNET

Koscielny keeps Arsenal's title bid alive

LONDON, 2 Feb — Laurent Koscielny kept Arsenal's title bid alive as his late goal clinched a 2-1 victory over Everton at the Emirates Stadium on Tuesday. Koscielny's winner ensured Arsene Wenger's side cemented second spot and kept them within five points of Manchester United, but for a while it looked as though the Gunners would fall well behind the leaders.

The manner of Arsenal's recovery after falling behind to Louis Saha's controversial goal - ad-



Arsenal's French defender Laurent Koscielny celebrates after scoring Arsenal's second goal.—INTERNET

judged to be legitimate despite the striker clearly standing in an offside position - will strengthen Wenger's belief his side can maintain their title challenge.—*Internet*

Red Bull Arena to host MLS All-Star match

NEW YORK, 2 Feb — Red Bull Arena will host Major League Soccer's All-Star game in July, and Red Bulls forward Thierry Henry hopes the opponent will be one of his two former clubs - Barcelona or Arsenal.

The league said on Tuesday that the game will be held 27 July in Harrison, New Jersey.

An opponent for the All-Stars hasn't yet been named, but in recent years the match has pitted the MLS stand-outs against a

European club on a pre-season tour of North America.—*Internet*



Red Bull Arena will host Major League Soccer's All-Star game in July, and Red Bulls forward Thierry Henry, pictured in 2010, hopes the opponent will be one of his two former clubs - Barcelona or Arsenal.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Torres creates striking problem for Chelsea



Chelsea's English midfielder Frank Lampard (L) celebrates with Ivorian striker Salomon Kalou.

INTERNET

SUNDERLAND, 2 Feb — Fernando Torres is set to make his debut for Chelsea against Liverpool — the club who sold him for a British transfer record 50 million pounds — on Sunday despite the English champions winning 4-2 against Sunderland without him.

Spain striker Torres's exit from Anfield was the standout deal of Monday's transfer window deadline day. It was also a clear sign billionaire Chelsea owner Roman Abramovich, whose side are still 10 points behind Premier League leaders Manchester United despite an impressive away win against Sunderland, means business.

Based on Chelsea's performance at the Stadium of Light, Carlo Ancelotti could afford to ease Torres into the team off the bench whilst retaining strike duo Didier Drogba and Nicolas Anelka up front for the time being.

Internet

Bradley says he wants to emulate Keane at Villa

BIRMINGHAM, 2 Feb — Michael Bradley says he wants to become an all-around midfielder like former Manchester United great Roy Keane when he starts his new



In this 20 June, 2010, file photo, US national soccer coach Bob Bradley, right, speaks to his son, midfielder Michael Bradley during training at Pilditch Stadium in Pretoria, South Africa.

INTERNET

career at Aston Villa.

The 23-year-old American was loaned to the Villans on Monday by Borussia Moenchengladbach. Bradley, a son of US national team coach Bob Bradley, says he has tried to model his play on that of Keane.

Internet

Nadal out 10 days with thigh muscle tear

MADRID, 2 Feb — Spanish world number one Rafael Nadal must rest for ten days with a thigh muscle tear, he said Tuesday on his website.

Nadal crashed out of the Australian Open after struggling with the injury against compatriot David Ferrer and he explained he has to rest up following tests which showed that he is suffering from an 'adductor longus rupture of the right leg' according to a report submitted by Dr Angel Ruiz Cotorro.

Internet

Mickelson eyes a big year with focus back to golf

SAN DIEGO, 2 Feb — One of the more compelling images from Torrey Pines apparently won't be forgotten anytime soon.

Phil Mickelson, in the middle of a five-week stretch of tournaments, took time off to rest Tuesday. That allowed his caddie a chance to sneak over to play golf at Whisper Rock before getting back to work at the Phoenix Open.

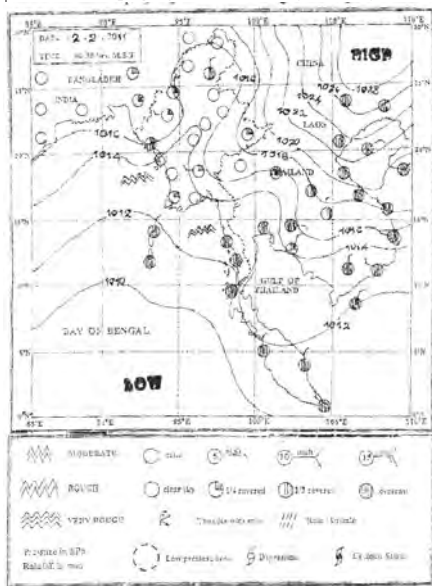
Jim "Bones" Mackay wasn't on the phone very long when it was time for

him to play a shot, so he handed the phone off to someone in his group. That turned out to be Geoff Ogilvy, who provided details of the round.—*Internet*



Jim 'Bones' MacKay, the caddie for Phil Mickelson, tends the flag for a shot from 72 yards over a pond that Mickelson needed to sink to tie Bubba Watson for the championship of the Farmers Insurance Open golf tournament in San Diego, on 30 Jan, 2011.—INTERNET

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Wednesday, 2nd February, 2011

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

During the past 24 hours, light rain have been isolated in Kayin State and weather has been partly cloudy in Upper Sagaing, Ayeyawaddy and Taninthayi Regions, Kachin and Rakhine States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Night temperatures were (5°C) below February average temperature in Kachin State, (7°C) below February average temperatures in Upper Sagaing Region and Chin State, (3°C) to (4°C) above February average temperatures in Bago and Yangon Regions, (5°C) above February average temperature in Mon State and about February average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant night temperatures were Haka (-1°C), Putao, Lashio and Heho (4°C) each, Pinlaung and Katha (5°C) each.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 1-2-2011 was 93°F. Minimum temperature on 2-2-2011 was 61°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 2-2-2011 was (73%). Rainfall on 2-2-2011 was (Nil).

Yangon(Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 1-2-2011 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 2-2-2011 was 68°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 2-2-2011 was (88%). Total sunshine hours on 1-2-2011 was (3.2) hours (Approx).

Rainfall on 2-2-2011 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and 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 wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Northeast at (11:30) hours MST on 1-2-2011.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 3rd February 2011:

Light rain are likely to be isolated in Yangon and Taninthayi Regions and Mon State and weather will be partly cloudy in Upper Sagaing and Mandalay, Bago and Ayeyawady 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 winds with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coast. Surface wind speed in strong wind may reach (35) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of slight decrease of night temperatures in the Eastern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 3-2-2011: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 3-2-2011: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 3-2-2011: Generally fair weather.

Flu typically spreads boy to boy, girl to girl

BEIJING, 2 Feb—A new study in UK shows that flu in kids predominantly spreads from boys to other boys and from girls to other girls, according to media reports Tuesday.

The study, aiming to look at how social networks control flu spread, found that children are about three times more likely to transmit flu to children of the same gender than to children of the opposite gender. It also found that flu transmission is more intensive within students sitting in the same class. But sitting next to someone with the flu doesn't, in itself, increase one's risk.

The data "could help us better understand whether and when it would be appropriate to close a school, or whether it might be better to close individual classes or grades," Dr Simon Cauchemez, the lead author of the study and a researcher at Imperial College London, said in a news release.—Xinhua



A lantern illumination ceremony is held during a lantern carnival near the Qinhuai River in Nanjing, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 31 Jan, 2011. Nanjing held its annual lantern carnival from Monday to celebrate the upcoming Spring Festival.

XINHUA

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL
Programme Schedule
(3-2-2011) (Thursday)

Transmissions

Times

Local - (09:00am~11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission - (3-2-11 09:30 am ~ 4-2-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Mother of Pearl Arts and Handicrafts
- * OK Big Sales
- * News
- * Flying Over Mrauk-Oo
- * VCD Centre
- * News
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- * News
- * IT Youths & Knowledge Age
- * Myanmar Alternative Medicine (Noni)
- * News
- * The Beauty and Lifestyle of Taung Yoe Tribe
- * Myanmar Traditional Food...Soya Bean
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * MI People's Celebrities (Pyae Ti Oo)
- * Bamboo Paper
- * News
- * Myanmar Movies
- * "The Moon Born from the Sun"

Myanmar

TV

Thursday,
3 February
View on today

7:00 am

1. Paritta By Hilly
Region Missionary
Sayadaw

7:15 am

2. Dhamma Puja Song

7:25 am

3. To Be Healthy
Exercise

7:30 am

4. Morning News

7:40 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

7:55 am

6. Health Programme

8:05 am

7. Dance Of National
Races

8:20 am

8. Dance Variety

8:30 am

9. 64th Anniversary
Union Day
Programme

8:40 am

10. International News

8:45 am

11. Musical
Programme

3:30 pm

1. Myanmar National
league MNL grand
Royal (2011)
Football
Competition
(Delay)
(Southern Myanmar
FC &
Manaw Myay FC)

5:00 pm

2. Cute Little Dancers

5:05 pm

3. 2011 University
Of Entrance
Examination
(Maths)

5:35 pm

4. Songs For
Upholding
National Spirit

5:45 pm

5. Science And
Envoriment

5:50 pm

6. 64th Anniversary
Union Day
Programme

6:00 pm

7. Evening News

6:15 pm

8. Weather Report

6:20 pm

9. Myanmar Series

6:40 pm

10. Approaching
Science Discovery
World

7:00 pm

11. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm

12. News

13. International News

14. Weather Report

15. Documentary

16. TV Drama Series

17. TV Drama Series

18. Mytta Pawana
By Mingun
Sayadaw Phayagyi

- ★ 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

Hsimeekhon BEHS in Myingyan Township gets new building



The opening ceremony of new school building in progress at Hsimeekhon BEHS in Myingyan Township.

MYANMA ALIN

MANDALAY, 2 Feb—A ceremony to open Kyan Taing Aung school building at Hsimeekhon Basic Education High School in Myingyan Township, Mandalay Region was held in conjunction with the ceremony to hand it over to the Ministry of Education, in front of the school on 5 January.

It was attended

by Chairman of Myingyan Township Peace and Development Council U Min Swe, the District Education Officer and wellwisher family formally opened the new school building and the stone inscription.

The new school building was built with K 130 million contribution by U Aung Min-Daw Kyaing Kyaing Lin (Kyan Taing Aung Bag)

family at the corner of 26th and 75th Streets in Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay.

Next, the ceremony to hand over the school building followed at the hall of the school. Wellwisher U Aung Min handed over documents related to the building to the Myingyan District Education Officer.

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Don't trivialize the national cause

The government's work programmes for national reconsolidation and national unity were not carried out only with political and military outlooks. They were a strategic plan carried out in consideration of all sectors such as politics, economy, military, social affairs, development and administration. As a result, many parts of the nation have achieved greater peace and stability, rule of law and progress ever than before.

BANYAR AUNG

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Taninthayi beat Bago, Yangon tie with Sagaing in Union shield football tourney

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Feb—The second round matches of 56th Inter-Region/State Union Shield Men's (Open) Football Tournament continued today at

Magway Region Sports Ground and Magway District Sports Ground. Taninthayi Region team seized narrow win over Bago Region team with a 1-0

result at the Region Sports Ground while the match of Yangon Region team against Sagaing Region team ended at a 2-2 tie.

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