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Various national races share joys and sorrows

Living together across the Union of Myanmar as well as in each and every part of the nation, various national races have possessed a common socio-economic life and shared joys and sorrows throughout the history.

Therefore, a national race or a part of the Union cannot be separated from national races or from the Union. And fruitful results will come out only when the entire Union and all the national races are taken into account together. This indicates a significant characteristic of the Union.

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 59th Anniversary Union Day)

Meeting of Group of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives-elect of Presidential Electoral College held

U Thein Sein elected as President, Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, Dr. Sai Mauk Kham (a) Maung Ohn as Vice-Presidents

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Feb — The Group of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives-elect of Presidential Electoral College held its meeting at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall of the Hluttaw Building

here today.

It was attended by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint, Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and representa-

tives-elect of Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw.

Director-General of the Hluttaw Office U Myint Thein acted as Master of Ceremonies.

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

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Take great care of the health of mothers and children

Myanmar is giving priority to providing health care for mothers and children. Efforts are being made to reduce mortality rates of infants, the under-fives and expectant mothers as well as combating HIV/AIDS. Two thirds of the mortality rate of children under five is infants.

With a view to reducing disease outbreaks and such mortality rates, Myanmar is attaching great importance to taking care of mothers and children, including infants.

Babies aged less than five months need breastfeeding only. And a baby must be breastfed within a half hour after its birth. The earliest breastfeeding can prevent diseases and is nutritious. Moreover, there are many benefits from breastfeeding such as family planning, prevention of breast cancer and ovarian cancer, cutting household expenses, having more time for looking after other children and having both physically and mentally fit children.

Maternal and child health care tasks are extensively being carried out as community-based health week activities. Every mother and every family needs to participate in those activities.

In taking care of the health of mothers and infants, Myanmar is taking measures for launching public educative campaigns, delivering babies by way of disinfecting, caring for mothers who have just given a birth and the under-fives, rendering assistance to nutritious development of mothers and children and carrying out vaccination processes. Mothers on their part are therefore to take part in such measures.

Future Myanmar Business Report introduced

YANGON, 4 Feb—The ceremony to introduce and hold talks about "The Future Myanmar Business Report" magazine was held at the Sedona Hotel here today.

Managing Editor Daw Soe Yu Wai explained purpose of publishing the magazine. Chairman Mr Satoshi Kuroiwa and Director Mr Akio Suzuki

of Economic Sustainable Development-ESD 21 of Japan held discussion about basic principle and practical advantage of TOYOTA production system (TPS)/ lean system.

The responsible persons replies queries raised by the attendees. Next, U Tin Maung Aye of Myanmar Resource Group spoke words of thanks.—MNA



Managing Editor of Future Myanmar Business Report Magazine Daw Soe Yu Wai speaks at the introduction of the magazine.—MNA

Report Card

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

Commander attends opening of Lifestyles Expo 2011

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Feb—Lifestyles Expo 2011 kicked off at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road, Dagon Township in Yangon yesterday morning, formally opened by Chairman of Yangon Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Tun Than.

The commander and guests then viewed the booths at the expo. The commander later visited local battalions in Bago.

The commander met officers, other ranks and families of local battalions in Taunggyikwe Village and Indagaw Model Village and Thayagon Village and fulfilled requirement.—MNA

Global Health Workforce Alliance Award-2011 goes to Myanmar midwife

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Feb—The Ministry of Health held a ceremony to honour midwife Daw Nan Than Than Oo who won Global Health Workforce Alliance Award-2011 at the ministry here today. She is from Lweston Rural Health Department (branch) of Meyan Rural Health Department in Tachilek District, Shan State (East).

Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint presented honourable brooch, cash documentation and cash to the honouree.

The 2nd Global Forum

on Human Resource for Health was held in conjunction with Prince Mahidol Award Conference-2011 in Bangkok of Thailand on 25 January 2011. Among 58 outstanding applicants in healthcare services from 27 countries across the world, Daw Nan Than Oo deservedly won the award. Her impressive achievement came from her stupendous efforts without making any excuse and complaint in giving healthcare service throughout 29 years' service.—MNA



Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint awards midwife Daw Nan Than Than Oo who won world outstanding health staff award.—MNA

Myanmar Calendar Advisory Board points out different transitional period stated in some calendars

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Feb—Some astrological calendars for 1372 Myanmar Era stated different transitional period of Aries, thus leading to arguments about the period.

So, the Myanmar Calendar Advisory

Board of the Fine Arts Department under the Ministry of Culture reminded today that astrological calendar publishers must draw calendars based on the standard calendar, and take advice from the board.—MNA

Dhammapuja, final rites of Kyakhatwaing Sayadaw 6-9 Feb

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Feb—The Dhammapuja ceremony of the final rites of State Ovadaçariya Vice-Chairman of Shwegyin Nikaya Joint-Sangharaja of Shwegyin Nikaya Presiding Nayaka of Thiri Mingala Kyakhatwaing Pariyatti Monastery of Bago Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Jotipala will be held at Yarpayae Dhammayon in the precinct of the monastery, Bago, beginning 6 February.

According to the agenda, member of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Tipitakadhara Dhammabhandagarika Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Sirindabhiwamsa Yaw Sayadaw will administer Desana at 7.30 pm on 6 February, Professor of International Theravada Buddhist University Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Maha Ganthavaçaka Pandita Dhammakathika Bahujanahitadhara Dhammadhuta Dr Bhaddanta Hsekinda on 7 February, Chancellor of Sitagu World Buddhist Academy Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Maha Dhammakathika Bahujanahitadhara Dr Bhaddanta Nanissara Sitagu Sayadaw on 8 February.

The final rites will be held at 11.30 am on 9 February, and the remains of the abbot will be moved to the field of Shweaungyway Pagoda at 1 pm, said Department of Religious Affairs.—MNA

Weather report

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Feb—According to the observation at 17:30 hrs MST today, the low pressure area over Southwest Bay and adjoining Sri Lanka Coast still persists, announced Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

MNA

Double bombing kills eight in western Iraq

BAGHDAD, 4 Feb—A suicide bomber blew himself up Thursday evening in a crowd of people rushing to help victims from a blast minutes earlier, killing eight policemen and wounding 20 bystanders, authorities said.

The first explosion came around 6 pm in downtown Ramadi, the Sunni-dominated Capital of Anbar Province 70 miles (115 kilometres) west of Baghdad, said local council chairman

Jasim al-Halbusi.

Minutes later, the suicide bomber joined the crowd of people trying to help the wounded and detonated his explosives-packed vest. Al-Halbusi said the suicide bomber was wearing a military uniform.

Eight policemen were killed and 20 people were wounded in the double-bombing, according to an official at Ramadi hospital, where the victims were taken. He spoke on condition of anonymity

because he was not allowed to release the information.

A third blast near the hospital caused no casualties, al-Halbusi said. Ramadi has been a frequent target for militants, who have attacked the government headquarters four times over the last year alone, including a bombing in which the governor lost a leg. The city was a hotbed of the militancy at the peak of the Iraqi war just a few years ago.—Internet



Damaged police vehicles are seen close to a crater following a car bomb in the western Iraqi City of Ramadi. A car bomb followed by a suicide attack on Thursday in the western Iraqi City of Ramadi killed at least eight people, including five policemen, as part of nationwide violence that left 12 dead.—INTERNET

Roadside bomb kills five civilians in N Afghanistan

KUNDUZ, 4 Feb—Five civilians were killed as a roadside bomb struck their vehicle in Kunduz Province 250 km north of Afghan Capital on Thursday, police said.

"The tragic incident happened in Gortipa District at around 10:00 am local time today as a result five innocent people including two men and three children were martyred," deputy to provincial police chief Abdul Rahman Haqtash told Xinhua.

The mine had left over from the past wars, he added. Meantime, a local who introduced himself Mohammad Aman said that there more people were



injured in the blast. Gortipa had been the scene of fierce fighting between Taleban and security forces until early January and according

Police keep watch at the site of a roadside bomb blast in Kunduz on 3 Feb 2011. XINHUA

Two killed, 21 injured in blast in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 4 Feb—At least two people were killed and 21 others injured Thursday night when a blast occurred in Pakistan's eastern city of Lahore, police sources said.

According to police, a small blast occurred when a lot of people gathered at Haider Sain shrine in the downtown area of the city.

Police and rescue teams rushed to the site and shifted the injured to the nearby hospital.

Bomb disposal squad also reached the site and was trying to know what type of explosion that was.

Local TV channel Dawn News reported that the explosive material was thrown from a passing-by vehicle.—Xinhua



An injured man receives medical treatment at a hospital in Lahore, Pakistan, on 3 Feb 2011. —XINHUA

Death toll of second blast reaches six in Turkish capital

ANKARA, 4 Feb—Death toll from the second blast in an industrial neighbourhood of Turkish Capital Ankara rose to six, Ankara Mayor Melik Gokcel said on Thursday.

The blast which occurred at around 7:45 pm in a bio-diesel filling station in OSTIM, Ankara's main industrial area, triggered a fire and blew up an LPG vehicle in front of the building.

Gokcel said at least eight workers were currently trapped in the building, while rescue

teams were trying to extinguish the fire.

On Thursday morning, a powerful explosion hit a factory manufacturing hydraulic machines.

Two floors of the four-story OSTIM Mega Centre building collapsed in the blast and windows of nearby buildings and cars were shattered.

"We have counted six dead, 27 others injured," Turkish Interior Minister Besir Atalay was quoted as saying by Anatolia news agency.

Xinhua

Afghan detainee dies after exercise at Guantanamo



Guantanamo Bay Camp VI in Guantanamo. The US military said on Thursday an Afghan inmate at the American prison has collapsed and died after exercising on an elliptical machine.—INTERNET

SAN JUAN, 4 Feb—A 48-year-old Afghan prisoner at Guantanamo Bay collapsed and died, apparently from natural causes, after exercising inside the jail, the US military said Thursday.

Awal Gul fell in the shower Tuesday night

after working out on an elliptical machine in Camp 6, a communal section of the Guantanamo reserved for well-behaved prisoners, said military spokesman Army Col Scott Malcom. The prisoner was taken to the base hospital, where he later died.

Authorities planned to send his remains back to Afghanistan.

Gul is the seventh prisoner to die at the detention centre since January 2002, when the US began using the American Navy base in southeastern Cuba to hold captured detainees suspected of links to al-Qaeda or the Taleban. Five other deaths were declared suicides. Another was from colon cancer.

Malcom said the death was still under investigation but that an autopsy completed Thursday appeared to indicate a heart attack or a pulmonary embolism as the cause. He said US patient privacy laws prevented him from discussing any details about Gul's medical history.

As a prisoner, he was "among the most compliant" at Guantanamo, which now holds about 172 men, but he had not been cleared for release, said Malcom, a spokesman in Miami, Florida, for the military command that oversees the detention centre.

Gul had been held more than eight years without charge, and the military said in a statement that he was an "admitted Taleban recruiter" who operated an al-Qaeda guesthouse and had met several times with Osama bin Laden.

Internet

Fire is seen after an explosion hits a thinner factory in an industrial district in Ankara, capital of Turkey, on 3 Feb 2011. Death toll from the second blast in an industrial neighbourhood of Turkish Capital Ankara rose to six, Ankara Mayor Melik Gokcel said on Thursday.—XINHUA





Science



Tree rings give clues to ancient droughts

FAYETTEVILLE, 4 Feb—A study of tree rings in Mexico may give clues to the role major droughts played in the fates of long-gone ancient civilizations, US researchers say.

Scientists at the University of Arkansas say their 1,238-year-long tree-ring chronology — the longest and most accurate of its kind for Mexico and Central America — is the first to reconstruct the climate of pre-colonial Mexico on an annual basis for more than a millennium, pinning down four ancient megadroughts to their exact years, an American Geophysical Union release reported Thursday.

One large ancient drought previously confirmed in the US Southwest between 1149 and 1167 is

shown to have extended into central Mexico, where it may have devastated maize crops, potentially giving a fatal blow to the declining Toltec culture, David Stahle, a UA paleoclimatologist, says. The rainfall chronology provides confirmation of the so-called Terminal Classic drought that some anthropologists tie to the collapse of the Mayan civilization.

"Certainly these cultural changes were very complicated — probably not one single explanation can account for the collapse of the Mayan civilization," Stahle says. "[But] our study will allow other scientists to more thoroughly investigate and understand the impact of these droughts."

Internet



An image recieved from NASA in 2009 shows Mars' seasonal cap of carbon dioxide ice as it sublimates (goes directly from ice to vapor) in the Martian spring. Mysterious dark sand dunes around Mars' northern polar cap are shifting with the seasons, as carbon dioxide gas changes form and sparks landscape-altering avalanches, said a study published Thursday.

INTERNET

'Static' Mars dunes seen moving

TUCSON, 4 Feb—Sand dunes in a vast area of Mars, long thought to be static and frozen in time, are moving, US researchers say.

Researchers at the University of Arizona have been collecting images of the dunes using the High Resolution Imaging Science Experiment camera on NASA's Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter, which reached Mars five years ago. The images show sand avalanches and ripple changes in the dune fields covering an area the size of Texas at the edge of the planet's northern polar cap, a university release reported Thursday.

Scientists had long believed the dunes to be fairly static since being created long ago when winds on the planet's surface were much stronger than seen today, HiRISE investigator Candice Hansen of the Planetary Science Institute, Tucson, Ariz, said.

However, before-and-after images from HiRISE over a period covering two Martian years — four Earth years — show "surprising" changes, researchers found. Seasonal coming and going of carbon dioxide ice and stronger-than-expected gusts of wind are seen as agents of change.—Internet



This artists conception shows the Kepler spacecraft in 2009.

INTERNET

Insect group in evolutionary freeze

CHAMPAIGN, 4 Feb—US researchers say a fossil of an ancestor of modern cricket-like insects shows the category has undergone little evolutionary change in 100 million years. Scientists at the University of Illinois say the find in a limestone fossil bed in northeastern Brazil differs little from a modern group of large carnivorous insects living today in Asia, Indochina and Africa, showing the genus has been in evolutionary "stasis" since the time of the dinosaurs in the Early Cretaceous Period, a university

release reported Thursday.

"Schizodactylidae, or splay-footed crickets, are an unusual group of large, fearsome-looking predatory insects related to the true crickets, katydids and grasshoppers, in the order Orthoptera," University of Illinois entomologist Sam Heads said. They get their common name from the large, paddle-like projections on their feet, which help support their large bodies as they move around their sandy habitats, hunting down prey," he said.—Internet



Technology



Wireless charging powers forward for mobile devices

NEW YORK, 4 Feb—Gadgets are increasingly becoming more mobile and wireless, and we're breaking free of cords and wires—or so we wish. Even wireless devices have to be plugged in every so often to recharge their batteries. Wireless charging technology could change that, though, and enable us to live in a truly cord-free world.

What if you could travel with just one charging option for all your digital devices, instead of lugging around a tangle of charging cables? Wouldn't it be nice if you could set down your smartphone on a special charging table or car dashboard to power it

up without any cords?

Plugging your device into an electricity source with a cord is a tedious pain—especially when you consider the diverse array of connector types and power cords involved. Traditional charging relies on electricity conducted directly between a device and a connecting physical wire or through contact with batteries. On the other hand, inductive charging uses magnetic and electromagnetic energy to induce a transfer of power wirelessly. Many electric toothbrushes charge this way.

Internet



File photo shows, imperial stormtroopers from the movie Star Wars take up positions at the Panasonic booth the Blu-ray release of the complete Star Wars movie saga during the first day of the 2011 International Consumer Electronics Show (CES) in Las Vegas, Nevada 6 January, 2011. It was announced by Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment President Mike Dunn that complete Blu-ray Star Wars movie saga will be available in September.—INTERNET

AI turns sloppy Yelp reviews into useful information

BOSTON, 4 Feb—Online review sites, like Yelp and Citysearch, are rife with caveats. Watch out for the reviewer who didn't actually eat at the restaurant (and admits to it in her review). Beware of inflated scores. Keep an eye out for obvious self-promotional reviews. The information to guide an intelligent recommendation is there, but you have to dig through the crap. Now, researchers at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology are hoping to automate your BS detector by applying algorithms previously used in linguistic studies.

A new system from the Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory's Spoken Language Systems Group can comb through text and come up with a highly advanced understanding of the context and meaning of the words. The group has already been tested it out on user-written reviews.—Internet



Amit Sood, Head of Art Project for Google, demonstrates the software at the launch of the new "Google Art Project" website, at the Tate Britain gallery in London.—INTERNET

Google releases Chrome 9 stable

NEW YORK, 4 Feb—Google has updated the stable branch of its Chrome browser to version 9. The latest stable release brings in many features Chrome beta users have been enjoying for several months, including Chrome Instant, WebGL support and access to the Chrome Web Store.

Chrome Instant is basically Google Instant but in the chrome URL/search box. For end users, the two most compelling features are WebGL support and the Chrome Web Store.

Chrome 9.0 brings stable support for WebGL. WebGL lets web developers create hardware-accelerated 3D graphics inside the web browser. We discussed WebGL and the Google Body experiment back in December. If you haven't seen WebGL in action, be sure to check out the WebGL Experiments page.—Internet

Health

Physical exercise helps keeps cancer at bay

GENEVA, 4 Feb—The World Health Organization is advising people engage in at least 150 minutes of “moderate” physical exercise a week to reduce the risk of breast and colon cancers, in new recommendations published on Friday.

“Cancer is preventable and many cancers are avoidable,” said Eduardo Cazap, president of the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC) and one of the authors of the joint “Global Recommendations on Physical Activity for Health”. UICC and WHO experts estimate based on scientific evidence that around 25 percent of breast and colon cancers could be prevented by undertaking physical activity, while exercise can also affect other types of cancers. “The dose of physical activity required is 150 minutes a week,” WHO health promotion expert Tim Armstrong told journalists. “Most individuals can accomplish it, it’s 30 minutes of moderate effort like walking on five days of the week,” he explained.

The WHO ranks lack of physical activity alongside tobacco, diabetes and high blood pressure as a health risk, leading to the deaths of 3.2 million people a year. “Physical inactivity is the fourth leading risk factor for all global deaths, with 31 percent of the world’s population not physically active,” said Dr Ala Alwan, WHO assistant director-



A woman uses a treadmill. The World Health Organization is advising people engage in at least 150 minutes of “moderate” physical exercise a week to reduce the risk of breast and colon cancers, in new recommendations published on Friday.—INTERNET

general for non-communicable diseases and mental health.—Internet

Coffee ups women’s performance, hurts men

BRISTOL, 4 Feb—Caffeinated coffee at work boosts the performance of women in stressful situations but hurts the performance of men, British psychologists say.

Lindsay St Claire and Peter J Rogers, both of the University of Bristol in England, tested whether increased caffeine consumption exacerbates stress and disrupts team performance.

The researchers gave

64 men and women in same-sex pairs a range of tasks to complete, including carrying out negotiations, completing puzzles, memory tasks and high-pressure meetings. To add to the stress, each was told to deliver a public presentation. The researchers gave decaffeinated coffees, half of which contained added caffeine, to the coffee drinkers.

The researchers measured individual cognitive appraisals, emotional feelings,

bodily symptoms, coping, performance, memory, psychomotor performance, and negotiation skills under higher or lower stress conditions.

The study, published in the *Journal of Applied Social Psychology*, found women performed better and faster under stress, provided caffeine had been consumed, but the men were greatly impaired if they consumed the caffeinated coffee.

Internet

Health Tip: Do you have risk factors for constipation?

Constipation is characterized by producing fewer bowel movements than you typically do, or by producing bowel movements that are difficult or painful to pass.

The US National Digestive Diseases Information Clearinghouse says risk factors for constipation include:

- * A change in your normal patterns of travel, exercise or diet.
- * Not going to the bathroom when you feel the need.
- * Being under significant stress.
- * Not getting enough fiber in your diet, or not drinking enough fluids.
- * Taking some medications, such as diuretics, antacids, pain relievers or antidepressants.
- * Taking certain dietary supplements, such as calcium or iron.—Internet



Food for medical purposes is displayed during a Press conference for the creation of the Nestle Institute of Health Sciences at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (EPFL) in Ecublens, near Lausanne, on 27 September, 2010.—INTERNET

Business

Steel takeover plan powers Tokyo shares



People walk towards Wall Street in New York City.—INTERNET

TOKYO, 4 Feb—Tokyo shares rallied Friday as investors cheered robust earnings and a major takeover in the steel sector.

The Nikkei 225 stock average rose 1.1 percent to 10,550.02, as much of the region took a break for the Lunar New Year holidays. Markets in Hong Kong, mainland China, South Korea, Malaysia and Singapore were closed.

Nippon Steel Corp advanced 9.1 percent, and Sumitomo Metal

Industries Ltd surged more than 16 percent. On Thursday they announced plans to combine their businesses next year to create the world’s second-biggest steelmaker. The move is an effort by both companies to stay competitive in the global steel industry and expand into high-growth markets like China and India.

Companies that reported bullish earnings Thursday also advanced, including Sony Corp, Hitachi Ltd and Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group Inc. Elsewhere, Australia’s S&P/ASX 200 rose 0.9 percent to 4,861.70 and New Zealand’s benchmark was up 0.6 percent at 3,369.72.—Internet

MasterCard profit rises on spending, but fee caps loom

NEW YORK, 4 Feb—MasterCard Inc’s (MA.N) fourth-quarter profit soared 41 percent, beating expectations, as consumers around the world spent more money using credit and debit cards.

Revenue rose almost 11 percent to \$1.44 billion, slightly above expectations, and grew from the previous quarter in all regions.

“Based on the spending trends we have seen and the improving consumer confidence, I think I am cautiously optimistic that we will see continued improvements in 2011,” MasterCard Chief Executive Ajay Banga told investors in a conference call on Thursday. Cross-border volumes, which indicate that people are travelling more and using their cards in foreign countries, grew almost 19 percent in the fourth quarter.—Reuters



A MasterCard logo is seen on a door outside a restaurant in New York, on 3 February, 2010.—INTERNET

Energy efficiency of China’s energy intensive sectors up 20 pct in past five years

BEIJING, 4 Feb—The energy consumption per unit of gross domestic product (GDP) for China’s major energy intensive industries decreased by more than 20 percent during the 2006-2010 period, the statistics authorities have reported.

The National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) attributed the rising energy efficiency for the industries to the government’s growing investment in energy savings, and the accelerated energy-saving technological upgrading for the sectors.

The sectors include oil processing, coking and nuclear fuel processing, chemicals and chemical product manufacturing, non-metallic mineral product manufacturing, ferrous metal smelting and rolling, nonferrous metal smelting and rolling, and electricity and heat producing and supplying.

Data from the energy department of the NBS showed that the industries had saved a total of 400 million tonnes of standard coal, contributing more than 60 percent to the entire country’s energy savings. The performance of the energy intensive sectors is key to whether China can reach its energy efficiency goal, as the industries accounted for about 77 percent of China’s total industrial energy consumption and more than half of the country’s total energy consumption, said the NBS.—Xinhua

Three dead, five hurt after SUV plunges into icy river



This photo provided by the Oklahoma Highway Patrol shows responders working the scene in Miami, Okla. where an SUV packed with eight people veered off of an icy highway bridge on 3 Feb, 2011. —INTERNET

OKLAHOMA, 4 Feb—A SUV carrying eight people plunged 80 feet from a highway into an icy river in Northeast Oklahoma in subzero temperatures, killing three and injuring the other five, state officials said on Thursday.

The accident raises the state's death toll from the recent winter storm to four, according to the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management. "Three people died this morning after the

vehicle they were occupants in went off the Spring River Bridge on the Will Rogers Turnpike," said department spokeswoman Michelann Ooten. "Five other occupants in the vehicle were injured in the crash."

Oklahoma Highway Patrol Capt Chris West said the occupants of the vehicle were all Hispanic males, but had no other information regarding their identity. He said the survivors of the crash remain in serious condition. Officials said minus-15-degree Fahrenheit temperatures hampered the rescue effort. —Reuters

New Year fire destroys China hotel

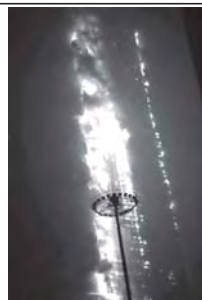
BEIJING, 4 Feb—State media reports say a fire set off by fireworks to celebrate the Lunar New Year destroyed a five-star hotel in northeast China.

The official Xinhua New Agency said the fire gutted the hotel in Shenyang, capital of Liaoning Province, before dawn Thursday. There were no casualties.

Xinhua said firefighters had trouble dealing with the fire because their fire engines shot water up only 50 metres (165 feet), while the building was 219 metres (720 feet) tall.

New Year fires are common in China, with the Beijing News saying there were more than 160 small ones in the capital alone. The most famous in recent years destroyed a hotel under construction next to state broadcaster CCTV's iconic headquarters in Beijing in 2009.

Internet



Fire devours an entire block of the Dynasty Wanxin Hotel in Shenyang in northeast China's Liaoning Province on 3 Feb, 2011.—INTERNET

Video appears to show Houston police beating teen

HOUSTON, 4 Feb—Prosecutors said Thursday they remain confident four former Houston police officers can get a fair trial despite the release of a surveillance video that appears to show them kicking and stomping a teenage burglary suspect last year.

But the attorney for one of the officers charged with official oppression in the case said he is concerned after the video was aired a day earlier by KTRK-TV.

A community activist gave the Houston television station a copy of the surveillance video despite a court order by a federal judge in October that had barred its release before the officers' trials. It appears to show the officers kicking, punching and stomping on the then 15-year-old during his arrest last March at a self-storage business in southwest Houston.

Police said the teen was arrested following a brief chase after he and three others had allegedly burglarized a home. The teenager's mother has said her son's nose was fractured, and he had multiple bruises and limped after the beating. The four officers have been fired and are set to be tried on official oppression charges later this year. The teenager, now 16, was convicted in October in juvenile court of burglary and put on probation.—Internet

Pakistani judge orders American held eight more days

LAHORE, 4 Feb—A court on Thursday ordered the detention of an American official suspected in the shooting deaths of two Pakistanis extended by at least eight days, in defiance of US demands the man be released immediately.

The United States says the American, identified by Pakistanis as Raymond Allen Davis, has diplomatic immunity and is being illegally detained. He has told a Pakistani court that he acted in self-defence last week when he shot two armed men who were intent on robbing him at gunpoint as he drove his car in the city of Lahore. Police say they are pursuing possible murder charges.

The shootings have stoked anti-American sentiment in Pakistan just as Washington is trying to seek more cooperation with Islamabad in the campaign against militants. The US is already widely unpopular in Pakistan, in part because of its undeclared campaign of drone missile strikes in the northwest borderlands.

The deaths have also added to pressure on Pakistan's weak government here, which will face charges of being an American lackey if it hands over Davis to the United States. Refusing to do so risks

Decades-long 'banana war' ends

BRUSSELS, 4 Feb—A decades-long "banana war" between Europe and the Americas drew towards a definitive end Thursday as the European Parliament passed a deal to reduce import tariffs.

Lawmakers sitting in Brussels voted 501 for, 114 against, to greenlight a December 2009 deal brokered by the World Trade Organization to buy off complaints by Latin American and US producers of preferential treatment for bananas grown in far-flung EU outposts and rival African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) ex-colonies.

The deal sees customs duties for Latin American exporters gradually fall from 176 euros per tonne (240 dollars) to 114 by 2017, with the first cut already applied even awaiting formal entry into European Union law, according to a parliament spokesman.

Producers in the Americas agreed to drop their longstanding pursuit of Brussels at the Geneva-based WTO,



Bananas for sale at the wholesale fruit market in Lima. A decades-long "banana war" between Europe and the Americas drew towards a definitive end Thursday as the European Parliament passed a deal to reduce import tariffs.—INTERNET

which dates back to the early 1990s, while the EU offered a 200-million-euro sweetener to ACP partners.

Nevertheless, lawmakers also called for a fresh look at aid for "ultra-peripheral" EU territories, namely the French Caribbean and Indian Ocean territories of Guadeloupe, Martinique, French Guiana and Reunion, Spain's Canary Islands and Portugal's Azores and Madeira.

Internet

Global food prices hit record high in January

ROME, 4 Feb—Global food prices reached a new record peak in January, the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) warned on Thursday in an update of its Food Price Index.

According to FAO, food prices have been steadily rising since the last seven months. The food price index averaged 231 points in January, up 3.4 percent from December 2010. The rise, the highest since FAO

started measuring food prices in 1990, was mainly due to surging international wheat and maize prices amid tightening supplies.

While ruling out a new food crisis similar to that of 2007-2008, the Rome-based agency has repeatedly urged countries not to underestimate hiking food prices, especially in front of a long-term trend which may trigger excessive market volatility.

"The new figures

clearly show that the upward pressure on world food prices is not abating," said FAO economist and grains expert Abdolreza Abbassian. "These high prices are likely to persist in the months to come and this is of major concern especially for low-income food deficit countries that may face problems in financing food imports and for poor households which spend a large share of their income on food," he warned.—Xinhua



An armoured car carries a US consular employee, suspected in a shooting, leaves a court in Lahore, Pakistan on 3 Feb, 2011.

INTERNET

severing a relationship with a vital ally and donor.

Pakistani officials have avoided definitive statements on Davis' level of diplomatic clearance and whether he qualifies for immunity. They have said the decision on his fate is up to the court.

Davis was arrested soon after the 27 Jan shootings. He made a brief appearance in a court session Thursday that was closed to the media.

Police officer Zulfiqar Hameed said a judge ordered Davis be held another eight days. His next court appearance is set for 11 Feb.—Internet



Speaker U Khin Aung Myint of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw casting vote for presidential election.—MNA

Meeting of Group of ...

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Speaker U Khin Aung Myint announced the validity and start of the meeting as it was attended by all 659 representatives-elect accounting for cent per cent attendance.

Afterwards, the Speaker announced that three vice-presidents elected by the respective groups of Presidential Electoral College were found to have possessed presidential qualifications

after they have been assessed by the scrutiny group.

Afterwards, members of the Group of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives-elect of Presidential Electoral College cast secret votes in the presence of the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and the members of the group. The Speaker and Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw also cast secret votes together with the

members of the group.

After the casting of votes, ballot boxes were opened and counting of votes was carried out of the presence of members of the Group of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives-elect of Presidential Electoral College in accord with the rules and regulations. After counting the votes, it was announced that there were five cancelled votes.

Next, the number of votes cast for each presidential candidate was filled in the Form-15,



Speaker U Khin Aung Myint announcing that U Thein Sein of Pyithu Hluttaw representatives-elect group is elected as President.—MNA



Group of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives-elect of Presidential Electoral College cast secret votes.—MNA

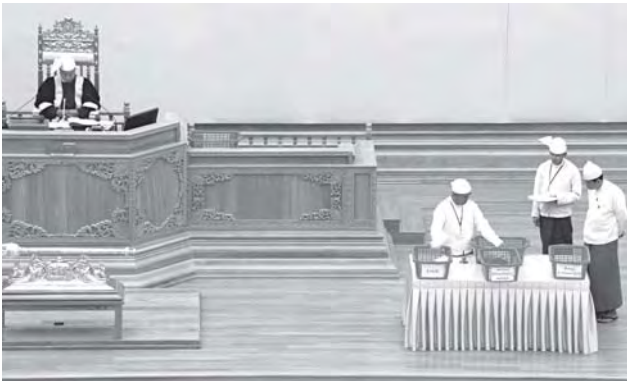
signed by members of the scrutiny group and signed by the Speaker for approval. Afterwards, the Speaker announced that U Thein Sein from the Group of Pyithu Hluttaw Representatives-elect

and Dr. Sai Mauk Kham (a) Maung Ohn from the Group of Amyotha Hluttaw Representatives-elect got 75 votes.

Therefore, the Speaker announced that U Thein Sein from the Group

Myint Oo and Dr. Sai Mauk Kham (a) Maung Ohn as vice-presidents.

Afterwards, the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw announced that the presidential election of Presidential Electoral College



Officials counting votes for presidential election.—MNA



Photo shows arrival of group of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives-elect at Hluttaw Building.—MNA



Group of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives-elect sign attendance books.—MNA

won 408 votes while Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo from the Group of Defence Services Personnel Representatives-elect obtained 171 votes

of Pyithu Hluttaw Representatives-elect was elected as the President as he won the majority of votes. Next, the Speaker announced Thiha Thura U Tin Aung

ended at 1.20 pm and the second-day meeting of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw would be held at 10 am on Tuesday, 8 February, 2011.

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HAILING THE 64th ANNIVERSARY UNION DAY:**Perpetuation of the Union, fundamental cause of all national races****Ko Ko Maung Gyi****National brethren
United we stand**

“For perpetuation of the Union” is a fundamental concept conceived by Union Spirit of national brethren.

Union Spirit is the patriotic spirit of every citizen who loves the Union of Myanmar. In this regard, patriotism means national races’ spirit of loving own races as well as the Union of Myanmar.

The Union of Myanmar is a multiethnic country. In the course of the nation’s history, national races have been living through thick and thin, dealing with varieties of vicissitudes. Various national races such as Mon, Shan, Bamar and Rakhine have been preserving fine traditions of the motherland. Chin, Kachin, Kayah and Kayin national races have been joining hands with other national races region-wise throughout successive periods.

In late Konbaung period and the time of the British colonists, Myanmar was the language used by the great majority of national brethren. But, in the time of the British government, English was the first official language and Myanmar was the second official language in the nation. So, British colonialists termed Myanmar as Burma.

After regaining independence, Myanmar became the Union of Myanmar of all national races of states and regions.

So, the term “the Union of Myanmar” became the common term of all national races.

Internal armed conflicts broke out for many years after the independence. However, successive governments and the Tatmadaw throughout the periods managed to safeguard the sovereignty of the Union of Myanmar. Therefore, the Union of Myanmar has stood till today.

For perpetuation of the Union is a bounden duty of all Myanmar people of various national races.

Only with cooperation and harmony, will it be possible for national races to make a good headway in carrying out tasks for development of the Union of Myanmar. It is because a national race alone is not capable of exploiting and utilizing natural resources of the Union. In the process, they can achieve greater success only if they put reliance and trust in one another.

That is an objective approach. Indeed, each national race has to try to develop and preserve their languages, cultures and customs, while working hard for progress of the region concerned. At the same time, they have to work closely in the interest of the whole Union of Myanmar.

For ensuring perpetuation of the Union is not the spreading of a political propaganda. That is, in fact, exactly the most important thing needed by all national brethren. All Myanmar citizens have to be convinced of and exercise that point as an unarguable concept.

Therefore, none of the people should think of breaking up the Union. The entire people are also to consider that Our Three Main National Causes, namely Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of national solidarity, and Perpetuation of sovereignty embodies the drive for perpetuation of the Union.

Only then, will the people of all national races be able to serve the public interests.

To serve the interests of the entire people of the Union covers social improvements such as fulfillment of the basic needs of all national races, improvement of the education, health care and relations, promotion and preservation of their cultures, and peaceful life enjoyed in accordance with the law and customs.

In order to improve the socio-economic status of the people of the Union, all must work together

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Reinforced with perseverance
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For industrial development also
Work with might and main
Patriots our forefathers
Ever on self-help basis

* Wealth of Union
Water and land resources
Plentiful for economy
Meat, fish, teak in abundance
Layers of oil and gas
Bountiful in territory
Rich in a variety of gems
Found are gold and minerals
In all seasons
Crops thriving in fields
Inexhaustible source of food
Country ever has
On us sanctions
Imposed whoever
Shaken never we are

* Security for our Union
People’s force we build
Strong and with iron will
Noble are the Union people
Kith and kin in unity
Firmly joining hands
Valor the fine tradition
We Myanmarers in unity
Raising the flag of victory
Nothing can terrify us

**Hailing the 64th Anniversary Union Day
Maung Aye Nyein-Hinthada (Trs)**

with fair-mindedness.

If the people lack unity in working in the interest of the Union, without any doubt, they will never achieve the common goal. It is because natural resources and enterprises, which can bring about benefits to the whole Union, are interrelated to each other.

If the Union splits into pieces, none of the people enjoys fruitful results. Only if the people work hard together like a national family, can they all enjoy the taste of development.

(See page 9)

However much the history of the Union of Myanmar, home to all national races, was like in the past, good or bad, at a time when the nation has seen the State Constitution, it is required of the entire people to have positive attitude in looking back to past events of the nation. We have to learn lessons from the strengths and weaknesses of past experiences.

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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

Strength of unity

have to learn lessons from the strengths and weaknesses of past experiences.

And only with positive attitude, can they put trust and mutual understanding to each other. Positive attitude and mutual understanding are two interrelated attitudes. Only when two understand each other, can they set mutual trust between them. And only with mutual trust, will the people cultivate the sense of optimism.

In that case, positive attitude means the people ignore weak points, mistakes and misunderstanding of one another, but view only good behaviours of one another such as strong points, good deeds, good habits, good moral conduct, preservation of national culture and fine traditions, peaceful nature, and willingness to do wholesome acts.

Surely, there will be a peaceful and prosperous Union of Myanmar if nation-building tasks are carried out with positive attitude among national races, Regions and States, governing bodies who will take over State duties, and political parties that have rights to deal with national and political affairs.

So, it is obligatory for each and every citizen to have positive attitude and optimism in shouldering nation-building tasks in order that the people can have much-needed requirements fulfilled. To be able to do so, we all have to show good behaviours such as great forbearance, patience, hard work and magnanimity.

I believe that only then will the Union of Myanmar be a peaceful land with a promising future. Therefore, every citizen must abstain forever from thinking of, speaking and doing things that can be harmful to perpetuation of the Union.

In conclusion, I would say that all must have a deep conviction that perpetuation and prosperity of the Union is the most fundamental cause of the entire national races.

Translation: MS

International community...

(from page 16)

Deputy Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin made clarification, saying that the international community had misunderstood Myanmar regarding human rights because anti-government groups and certain powers, which aided and abetted the groups, were one-sidedly manufacturing fabrications; that for Myanmar, Universal Periodic Review was an opportunity to make Myanmar's objective conditions clearly to the international community; that the constitution of Myanmar carried a separate chapter about fundamental rights of citizens whose standards and norms were on a par with that of international constitutions; that in addition, the power to issue five writs was vested in courts and a tribunal court was set up in order that citizens could enjoy their rights; that on 31 January, the sixth and seventh steps of the State's seven-step Road Map would be implemented by holding sessions of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Region/State Hluttaws elected by the people; that so Myanmar had seen democratization processes; and that he

hoped that member countries would objectively view positive changes, national development and Myanmar's protection of human rights.

U Wunna Maung Lwin made further clarification on implementation of the Road Map and holding of a free and fair multiparty election, saying that recently-held free and fair elections were initial steps for democratization; that Myanmar would keep implementing democratization step by step; that forthcoming hluttaw sessions would form executive and judicial bodies; and that so Myanmar would be able to exercise discipline-flourishing democracy system correctly, firmly and effectively.

High-ranking officials of the Myanmar delegation presented facts about education, health care, information, culture, rights of national races, women's rights, fight against trafficking in persons, ongoing movements being taken by the government for rights of prisoners, work progress, and combined efforts of the government and the people, NGOs and social organizations to

implement the processes.

Of the attendee countries, 57 countries recognized positive changes in Myanmar, and suggested suitable programmes Myanmar should implement, and points for which international community would cooperate with Myanmar.

As regards the discussions, Dr Tun Shin explained Myanmar's judicial policies and practice of the policies. He said that Myanmar is implementing and will keep implementing human rights protection tasks in line with the provisions of the constitution and international norms; that so the ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Retreat and the meeting of ASEAN Coordination Council held in Indonesia on 16 January suggested that unfair sanctions against Myanmar should be lifted in recognition of Myanmar's progress; that Myanmar marked a new milestone in her history; and that he wanted the international community to encourage and support Myanmar's efforts, viewing Myanmar's objective conditions as they really were.

Universal Periodic Review (UPR), part of work programme of



Chairman of Yangon Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Tun Than and wife being welcomed by Charge d' Affaires of Sri Lankan Embassy Ms Nirmala Paranavithana at the reception to mark 63rd Anniversary Independence Day of Sri Lanka at the residence of Sri Lankan Ambassador in Yangon on 4 February.—MNA

Human Rights Council, is held once every four years to view human rights movements being implemented by all the 192 world countries.

At the review, the majority of the countries recognized Myanmar's development in various sectors and made positive suggestions, but some Western countries, disobe-

ysed unfair accusations against and criticized Myanmar for political purposes. However, the Myanmar delegation could refute and turn down unfair accusations.

All countries, irrespective of strength and size, have to participate in UPR alternately. Human rights promotion and protection of 48

countries are reviewed every year. At the ninth review, human rights conditions of 16 countries including the US were reviewed. The 10th review was for 16 countries including Myanmar. Suggestions in the UPR report are stances of each country, not Human Rights Council's resolution.

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Conference of Anaesthetic Surgeons kicks off



Chairman of Myanmar Society of Anaesthetic Surgeons Professor Dr Tin Myint speaking at 9th Conference of Anaesthetic Surgeons.

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YANGON, 4 Feb—The 9th conference of Myanmar Society of Anaesthetic Surgeons took place at Panda Hotel in Lanmadaw Township here yesterday morning.

On behalf of the Chairman of Myanmar Medical Association (Central), Professor Dr Khin

Maung Aye extended greetings, and Chairman of the society Professor Dr Tin Myint gave an opening speech.

Dr Daw Theingi of the reception subcommittee gave an introductory speech. Next, the 9th conference followed. The conference included sympo-

sium and workshop, exhibition and academic programmes.—MNA

Strong earthquake jolts

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Feb—A strong earthquake of magnitude 6.4 Richter Scale with its epicenter inside Myanmar (about 35 miles Northeast of Tamu Township) about 200 miles Northwest of Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at 20 hrs 26 min 24 sec MST on 4th February 2011.—MNA

Fires break out in Yangon, Magway regions

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Feb—A fire broke out from the frying-pea stove of a house on Thitsapankhin Street in Hta Ward of North Okkalapa Township, Yangon Region at about 00:25 am on 31 January, leaving seven houses

burnt down and ten family households homeless.

Similarly, 12 houses caught fire as a result of cooking in Shangan Village, Natmauk Township of Magway Region at about 11:30 am on the

same day. Fire Services Department warns all the people to seriously take fire preventive measure individually as well as in combination as anyone's negligence causes losses and damages to other people.—MNA

Speeding car overturns on Mandalay-Lashio Road killing five, injuring five

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Feb—A speeding pilgrimage bus with 20 passengers on board reroute from Yangon turned over at Mile Post

No.51/1 on Mandalay-Lashio Road near Yaythayaukkon Village in PyinOoLwin Township at about 7.30 am yesterday, killing three men and two women and injuring four men and one woman. Peikchinmyaung Police Station has opened a case to arrest driver Myo Nyunt, who is at large.

After the incident, a witness said that motor-

ists are still found to be reluctant to follow the traffic rules and regulations although the country's transport facilities have been in better condition. There are still reckless driving, violations of traffic rules and regulations and hit-and-run drivers despite the country's efforts for giving educative talks on traffic rules and regulations, it is learnt.—MNA

Europe aims to boost innovation

BRUSSELS, 4 Feb—Remi Caron, a computer programmer and entrepreneur in Amsterdam, thought he had the perfect idea. One of his clients, a researcher, had been collecting the blood pressure, temperature and other vital signs of thousands of livestock across Europe.

Now he was looking for an easy, cheap way to store all that data.

Caron suggested cloud computing, which allows people and businesses to store their data on servers managed by big tech companies like Google or Microsoft, at much lower cost than building up their own data storage.

But he ran into a problem: Luxembourg law forbids personal data to be stored on shared servers outside the country, and livestock like cows or sheep might be included in that legislation — or so Caron feared.

He headed for Brussels, the

headquarters of the European Union, which oversees data protection on the continent, to find answers, but even there no one could help him, he says.

"The EU itself doesn't really know where to find the legislations of various member states," says Caron.

Roadblocks to innovation like the one encountered by Caron have caught the attention of European policymakers as they scramble for ways to get their economies growing after a financial crisis that has pushed several states to the brink of bankruptcy.

Like US President Barack Obama and his call for a "sputnik moment," the EU is touting innovation as the magic bullet for economic recovery. At a summit in Brussels Friday, the EU wants to get leaders to agree on investing more in education, research and technology, even as they slash spending elsewhere.—*Internet*



Hundreds of cars are seen stranded, on 2 Feb, 2011 in Chicago. A winter blizzard of historic proportions wobbled an otherwise snow-tough Chicago, stranding hundreds of drivers for up to 12 hours overnight on the city's showcase lakeshore thoroughfare and giving many city schoolchildren their first ever snow day.

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Bitter cold sets in as US digs out from epic storm

CHICAGO, 4 Feb—Bitterly cold temperatures set in Thursday as millions of Americans dug out from a massive storm which dumped snow, ice and sleet over a 3,000 kilometres (2,000 miles) stretch from Texas to Maine.

The storm — one of the largest since the 1950s — had ground travel nearly to a halt Tuesday and Wednesday, and authorities warned that road conditions remained treacherous even though the storm had dissipated.

"Motorists should still not travel if it can be avoided," said Colonel Ron Replogle of the Missouri State Highway Patrol as he announced the reopening of Interstate 70, which had been closed all day from one end of the state to the other.

"Also, remember that many other roads around the state are still not passable."

An Oklahoma news crew captured the dramatic rescue of eight people whose truck skidded off a highway bridge into a frozen river near Tulsa Thursday morning.

Six people had managed to climb onto the roof of the truck and the other two were able to stay out of the frigid water which seeped inside. But three of them nonetheless died from exposure and the conditions of the others was unknown, News on Six reported.—*Internet*



A pickup truck sits upside down in a ditch along I-380 between Cedar Rapids and Iowa City, Iowa. Bitterly cold temperatures set in Thursday as millions of Americans dug out from a massive storm which dumped snow, ice and sleet over a 3,000 kilometres (2,000 miles) stretch from Texas to Maine.—INTERNET

Australian rescuers battle to reach cyclone towns



Local residents sit on a tin roof as they watch a thunderstorm approaching after Cyclone Yasi tore through Tully, on 3 February.—INTERNET

TULLY, (Australia), 4 Feb—Australian rescuers cut their way through to towns splintered by a monster cyclone, as officials urged people stranded by the storm to stay calm until help arrives.

Authorities on Friday announced the first death linked to top-strength Cyclone Yasi, which roared into Queensland state Thursday: a young man who suffocated on fumes from a generator running in an enclosed

space.

"This is a tragic loss of life and again our condolences go to that young man's family and friends," Queensland State Emergency Services Minister Neil Roberts said, urging people without power to ventilate if using generators.

The biggest storm to hit Australia in a century wrought huge damage to small coastal communities, cutting some of them off completely.

But while two men were reported missing, there were no confirmed deaths caused directly by Yasi.—*Internet*

Over 43,000 marooned in Sri Lanka floods

COLOMBO, 4 Feb—At least three were killed with over 43,000 marooned in the flooding caused by heavy rains in the north, north central and eastern parts of Sri Lanka, officials said on Thursday.

"There are 51 camps housing 10,043 people in the Ampara, Trincomalee, and Vavuniya districts", Pradeep Kodippilly, a top disaster management official said.

Commenting on the damage caused to housing, Kodippilly said some 702 houses have been fully destroyed

while 3,310 more were partly damaged.

The department of irrigation said sluice gates of many reservoirs have been opened as most reached spill levels.

Gayana Hendawitharana, a meteorologist said over 100 millimetres of rains had been recorded in the east.

All schools in the North Central Province will remain closed Thursday, Chief Minister Berty Disanayake said.

Sri Lanka has been experiencing a wet patch since November and the weather department says

the wet conditions with heavy rains would be continued until May.

The island country was hit by massive floods early January, with over a million people affected and dozens killed.

Xinhua

Ruins of wooden Great Wall discovered in NE China

SHENYANG, 4 Feb—Archaeologists have identified the dilapidated walls in northeast China to be the remains of the "Wooden" Great Wall, breaking the stereotype that the landmark wall of China was only made of stone and earthen bricks.

Some willow fences, found in the mountainous areas of Dandong City, Liaoning Province, helped corroborate the existence of the "Wooden Great Wall", which is mentioned in ancient history books, according to a report jointly released by Liaoning Culture Relics Bureau and Liaoning Bureau of Surveying and Mapping.

The willow fences were built upon the remains of the oak walls in the Qing Dynasty (AD 1636 - 1911), after the wooden structures corroded and collapsed, said the report.—*Xinhua*

A girl displays "bunny dolls" at the Spring Festival cultural temple fair held in Ditan Park, Beijing, capital of China, on 2 Feb, 2011.

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China to invest 288 mln USD in road projects in Benin

COTONOU, 4 Feb—China will invest 144 billion FCFA (288 million US dollars) in road projects in Benin to boost the West African country's infrastructure, officials said here on Friday.

An agreement on the projects was signed on Wednesday by Beninese Foreign Minister Jean-Marie Ehuzou and Chinese Ambassador to Benin Geng Wenbing. Geng said the grant will be used for the rehabilitation of roads running 102,350 km long and two bypasses totalling 33.5 km.

Officials in the Beninese capital Cotonou disclosed that the construction work involves the Akassato-Bohicon road, 102.5 km north of the city, and two bypasses

respectively measuring 6 km and 27.5 km. The projects were launched on Thursday.

The Akassato-Bohicon road is part of the inter-state road Cotonou-Parakou-Malanville-Gaya, linking Benin to Niger, Burkina Faso, Mali and Chad. The rehabilitation of the road is the latest in a series of cooperative projects between Benin and China. They also include the administrative unit in Cotonou, the construction of a dormitory at the Natitingou girls high school, 550 km northwest of Cotonou, the agricultural pilot center, the Parakou referral hospital, 125 km north of Cotonou, and the interchange at the western entry to Cotonou.—Xinhua

Man 'hid 63 guns' on UK flights

RALEIGH, 4 Feb — A man hid 63 pistols in his luggage on multiple trips to the UK, where he exchanged them for large cash payments, US court documents said.



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INTERNET

documents said. A new indictment accuses American Steven Greenoe of 50 federal charges related to the weapons.

Greenoe, 37, of North Carolina, would buy the firearms, take them apart and disguise them as engineering samples and inert weapons before concealing them in his luggage, prosecutors said. He is said to have travelled at least eight times from Raleigh to the UK in 2010 and delivered the firearms to unnamed co-conspirators. Greenoe was first charged last summer with attempting to illegally export 16 guns. — Internet

Study shows breast cancer risk is rising

LONDON, 4 Feb — The risk of women getting breast cancer has risen and growing numbers are being diagnosed with the disease every year, according to research from Cancer Research UK (CRUK). The chance of any woman in the UK developing breast cancer at some point — the "lifetime risk" — has increased from one in nine to one in eight.

The number of women diagnosed rose from 42,386 in 1999 to 46,302 in 2007 and 47,693 in 2008. Women aged 50-69 saw the biggest rise in their risk, up 6% over the decade; the risk for 25- to 49-year-olds decreased slightly, by 0.5%. The charity said diet, excessive

drinking, the ageing population, too little exercise and the trend towards older motherhood are among the factors which explain the rise, as well as family history.—Internet



Women are being advised to keep to the 14-units-a-week recommended drinking limit.—INTERNET

Antarctica cruise cut short after ship hits rock

NEW YORK, 4 Feb — It's an adventure the passengers on an Antarctic cruise hadn't bargained for when they signed up for a voyage to the icy continent. Eighty travelers, including 32 Americans, are trying to get back to the southern tip of Argentina after their ship — the *MV Polar Star* — struck an uncharted rock while anchoring near Detaille Island at the Antarctic Peninsula on Monday.

No one was hurt in the

accident, which led to a "minor breach of the outer hull," according to the International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators. The ship was later able to travel "uneventfully and at normal cruising speed." Polar Star Expeditions — a Halifax, Nova Scotia, company that operates the vessel — at first expected the *MV Polar Star* to return to Ushuaia, Argentina, with everyone aboard.

Internet



The *MV Polar Star* had 80 passengers and 35 crew on board when it struck an uncharted rock.

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Obesity affects one in ten adults around the world

LONDON, 4 Feb — One in 10 of the world's adults is obese, according to a joint UK-US study published in *The Lancet*. Imperial College London and Harvard researchers studied body mass index (BMI), cholesterol and high blood pressure data from 1980 to 2008. High blood pressure and cholesterol fell in many developed countries while obesity generally rose worldwide.

Men in the UK have the sixth highest BMI in Europe while UK women have the ninth highest BMI in Europe. Obesity, cholesterol and high blood pressure are all risk factors for heart disease. —Internet

Theft suspect 'left charging phone'

MARYLAND, 4 Feb — Police in the United States have arrested a man after finding his cell phone charging at the scene of a burglary. The alarm was raised when the son of a Maryland homeowner arrived home and disturbed an intruder going through rooms in the property.

Startled, the burglar jumped out a window and fled. The son called police, who searched the home and found a cell phone charging in an electric socket. The phone led Montgomery County police to 25-year-old Cody Wilkins, who was later charged in connection with a string of burglaries.— Internet



Police in the United States arrested a man after finding his cell phone charging at the scene of a burglary.

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Man arrested after shoveling argument

Police in Boston said they arrested a man who allegedly threatened a neighbour with kitchen knives while they were both shoveling snow.

Investigators said William Plaza, 38, was shoveling a parking spot alongside a neighbour Tuesday evening and began dumping his snow into the spot being shoveled by the other man, *the Boston Herald* reported on Thursday.

"The victim asked the suspect to stop," the police report said. "The suspect responded 'What are you gonna do about it?'"

Police said the pair argued and Plaza retrieved a pair of kitchen knives from his home.

"Someone's going to get stabbed," the report quoted Plaza as saying.

Plaza was arrested and later freed on \$300 bail.



Fat patients force British ambulances to supersize

Britain is having to buy new ambulances and upgrade others to cope with a growing number of fat patients as an obesity crisis grips the country, a report said.



Ambulances in downtown London. Britain is having to buy new ambulances and upgrade others to cope with a growing number of fat patients as an obesity crisis grips the country, a report said.

Every ambulance service in Britain has had to buy extra-strength wheelchairs and wider stretchers while reinforcing existing vehicles at a cost of millions of pounds (dollars, euros), the BBC said, citing official figures.

Several fleets have also had to buy specialist ambulances costing up to £90,000 (\$145,000, 105,285 euros) each, according to the figures, which the broadcaster obtained through a freedom of information request.

"The fact is patients are getting larger and larger and ambulances need to be able to respond immediately to what could be life-threatening situations," Jo Webber, director of Britain's Ambulance Service Network, told the BBC. "Every service is having to invest money in this. It shows that some of the lifestyle changes we are seeing have a range of costs."

News Album

'Stupid smoking' led to house fire

Firefighters in Oregon said "stupid smoking" led to a house fire when residents decided to use a hole in the floor as an ashtray.

Portland Fire spokesman Paul Corah said the fire began at about 10:30 am when residents apparently used the floor hole as an ashtray for their cigarettes and firefighters had the blaze under control within about 20 minutes, *The (Portland) Oregonian* reported on Thursday.

Phone customer hears Pizza Hut robbery

Police in California said they were alerted to a pizzeria robbery by a customer who heard the demands for money while placing a phone order. Officer Rhonda Long, a spokeswoman for the Palm Springs police, said a call came in at 6:37 pm PST Tuesday from a customer who called the Pizza Hut location and heard the robber's voice while placing an order, *The Desert Sun, Palm Springs*, reported Wednesday.

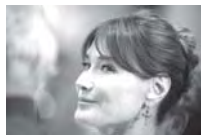
"Someone was calling in a pizza, and they heard the suspect in the background calling for the money," Long said. "About four seconds later, (dispatchers) received a call from a second reporting party, which was probably one of the victims." Long said the robber, whose face was covered, fled with an unspecified amount of money from the cash register.

Woody Allen, Carla Bruni film to open Cannes

PARIS, 4 Feb—Woody Allen's "Midnight in Paris"—featuring French first lady Carla Bruni-Sarkozy in her first movie role—will open the Cannes film festival in May, organizers said Wednesday.

The romantic comedy, with a starry cast that includes Oscar-winner Marion Cotillard and US actors Owen Wilson and Adrien Brody, will be shown out of competition at the world's most prestigious film bash. "Midnight in Paris" is a wonderful love letter to Paris, festival director Thierry Fremaux said of the period comedy set in the 1920s.

"It's a film in which Woody Allen takes a deeper look at the issues raised in his last films: our relationship with history, art, pleasure and life," he said in a statement. US actor Robert De Niro is the president of the jury of



lady Carla Bruni.
INTERNET

this year's festival, which opens on May 11 on the French Riviera. The list of films picked for the official selection competing for the top prizes is due in April.
Internet

Guggenheim returns to its roots, traces collection

NEW YORK, 4 Feb—The Guggenheim Museum is returning to its roots with an exhibition presenting the masterworks of modern art that form the foundation of Solomon R Guggenheim's collection. Beginning in the late 1920s, Guggenheim began to branch out into new artistic directions with the help of an adviser, German artist Hilla Rebay. She steered the American industrial-



This image from the Guggenheim Museum shows "Yellow Cow" by Franz Marc. It is part of the show "The Great Upheaval," at the Guggenheim Museum in New York which opens on 4 Feb, 2011 and runs through 1 June.
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ist toward artists who were making nonobjective, almost abstract art.

Until then, Guggenheim had been fond of old master paintings, the realistic landscapes of the French Barbizon school and similar works; under Rebay's direction, he began acquiring art of the moment that captured the vast social and technological changes transforming early 20th century society.
Internet

Jagger to make first appearance on Grammy stage

NEW YORK, 4 Feb—The Recording Academy is finally getting some satisfaction, with Mick Jagger's first appearance on the Grammy stage.

The Rolling Stones frontman will perform at the 13 Feb ceremony as part of a tribute to soul great Solomon Burke, who died last year. The Rock and Roll Hall of Famer opened for the Rolling Stones several times during his career comeback late in life.

Jagger will perform with soul singer Raphael Saadiq during the 53rd annual Grammy Awards, which will air live on CBS from the Staples Centre in Los Angeles (8 pm EST). "We're thrilled, delighted, excited and very much looking forward to Mick doing his debut on the Grammy stage," said Neil Portnow, president and CEO of the Recording Academy.—Internet

Actress cast for TV film about British royal wedding



Prince William (R) and his fiancée Kate Middleton pose for photographers during a photocall to mark their engagement in 2010.—INTERNET

LOS ANGELES, 4 Feb—A relatively unknown British actress has been cast to play Prince William's fiancée Kate Middleton in a TV film of Britain's upcoming royal wedding, a movie executive said.

Camilla Luddington, whose previous appearances have mostly been in US TV series, will play Middleton in "William and Kate," the story of the couple's relationship after they met as students in Scotland.

"We have cast Camilla Luddington to play Kate Middleton," said Frank Konigsberg of the planned film, being produced by US television network Lifetime.

It also stars New Zealand-born actor Nico Evers Swindell as Prince William, and British actor Ben Cross as William's father Prince Charles, the heir to the British throne.—Internet

Redknapp ponders new Beckham bid

LONDON, 4 Feb — Tottenham Hotspur manager Harry Redknapp is contemplating a new bid for David Beckham even as the former England captain prepared to end his temporary stay without having played for the London club. Redknapp hasn't ruled out making a move for Beckham when the midfielder's current deal with the Los Angeles Galaxy expires in November, even though the dead-ball expert will then be 36.

Beckham has been training with Spurs ahead of the new Major League Soccer season in the United States and is due to return to Los Angeles on Wednesday. Redknapp



David Beckham

tried but failed to seal a loan move for the midfielder and had to be content in seeing Beckham train with his squad. "I think David will go back on the ninth (of February)," Redknapp said on Thursday. — *Internet*

Roma ready to sell to US businessman Di Benedetto

ROME, 4 Feb — Roma has announced it is ready to negotiate a sale to American businessman Thomas Di Benedetto, a part owner of the parent company of the Boston Red Sox and Liverpool. Members of the Roma's management have been in the United States for over a week to try to find buyers, and chose Di Benedetto's company Di Benedetto AS Roma LLC ahead of four other offers.

A club announcement on Thursday says the American company "present themselves as the most competitive offer." The two parties hope to conclude the deal within two weeks. Di Benedetto is a partner in the Fenway Sports Group, formerly New England Sports Ventures, which owns the Red Sox, Fenway Park, Liverpool, New England Sports Network and Roush-Fenway Racing. — *Internet*

Inter Milan's Giampaolo Pazzini (R) celebrates after scoring during their Serie A match AS Bari vs Inter Milan at San Nicola Stadium in Bari.

INTERNET



Hoffenheim coach Pezzaioli signs until 2014

HOFFENHEIM, 4 Feb — Hoffenheim coach Marco Pezzaioli on Thursday signed a contract which will keep him at the Bundesliga side until 2014. Pezzaioli, 42, took over as head coach last month after stalwart Ralf Rangnick quit in early January after four-and-a-half years in charge.

Since taking over as head coach, Pezzaioli has endured a torrid time as his team were dumped out of the German Cup by second division Energie Cottbus and went three games without a win before they won 1-0 at Schalke last weekend. Hoffenheim are eighth in the Bundesliga and take on Kaiserslautern on Saturday. — *Internet*



Hoffenheim coach Marco Pezzaioli

Inter up to third in Italian league after Bari win

ROME, 4 Feb — Inter Milan moved up to third in the Serie A table after labouring to a 3-0 victory at rock bottom Bari on Thursday.

Following league leaders AC Milan's 0-0 draw with Lazio on Tuesday, Inter closed the gap to their bitter city rivals to seven points and with a game in hand.

Although the final score appeared comfortable it did not tell the story of a game that for 70 min-

utes seemed destined to finish in a sterile goalless stalemate.

But 20 minutes from time Morocco midfielder Houssine Kharja struck his first goal for the champions in his first start for the club. Fellow transfer deadline day signing Giampaolo Pazzini then took his tally for the

nerazzurri to three goals in two games with the first of two added time strikes before Wesley Sneijder on his injury comeback added the third. Inter coach Leonardo started the game with three strikers but admitted that his team improved when he made changes. — *Internet*

Cologne lose appeal over dodgy transfer fax

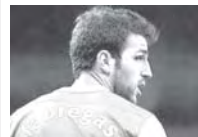
FRANKFURT, 4 Feb — The German football league (DFL) on Thursday rejected an appeal from Bundesliga club Cologne over a failed last-minute transfer which was scuppered by a temperamental fax machine.

Cologne launched the appeal after managing to fax the transfer request for Hamburg's Cameroonian Eric-Maxime Choupo-Moting to the DFL 12 minutes after the deadline of 6:00 pm (1700 GMT) on Monday.

To make matters worse, Cologne had twice tried to fax the relevant documents before the deadline, to no avail. But the DFL stuck to its mantra of one rule for all, insisting that adhering to the deadline strictly guaranteed the integrity of transfers. — *Internet*

SPORTS

Wenger attacks Fabregas 'witch hunt'



Arsenal skipper Cesc Fabregas

LONDON, 4 Feb — Angry Arsenal boss Arsene Wenger claimed on Friday that his skipper Cesc Fabregas has become the target of a witch hunt. The 23-year-old midfielder was at the centre of controversy in midweek when he was involved in an angry confrontation with match officials after Everton striker

Louis Saha scored despite being in an offside position.

After the match at the Emirates, in which Arsenal hit back to win 2-1, Everton manager David Moyes claimed Fabregas made unrepeatable comments to the officials. Asked if he thought there was a witch hunt against the Spanish international, Wenger replied: "Yes." "We are long enough in the job to know that somebody picks on you for a while, and you are in the heat of the moment."

But for me what is the most important is the player behaves well. — *Internet*

Carroll ready to live up to record price tag



Liverpool's new signing English striker Andy Carroll.

LIVERPOOL, 4 Feb — Andy Carroll has insisted he will cope with the pressure of his record-breaking transfer to Liverpool. The 22-year-old England striker moved to Liverpool from Premier League rivals Newcastle for £35 million — the highest

sum paid for a British player — on Monday's transfer deadline day. Carroll was also given the No 9 shirt of Fernando Torres — the man he replaced at Anfield — following the Spain forward's £50 million transfer to English champions Chelsea.

But having been a striker with hometown club Newcastle where forwards such as Alan Shearer have always been accorded special status by the north-east club's fans, the 6ft 3in Carroll is looking forward to life at Liverpool. Currently sidelined with a thigh injury, he also believes the off-field controversies he endured at Newcastle, including being fined for common assault, will also stand him in good stead on Merseyside. — *Internet*

Anderson, Mannarino survive at S African Tennis Open

JOHANNESBURG, 4 Feb — Normality returned to the shock-strewn South African Open on Thursday with remaining seeds Kevin Anderson and Adrian Mannarino reaching the quarter-finals. South African Anderson gradually took control against Israeli Dudi Sela to triumph 6-4, 6-2 in the 442,500-dollar ATP tournament at the Tuscan-style Montecasino entertain-



South African Kevin Anderson

ment centre north of Johannesburg.

Frenchman Mannarino took a little longer to take command against German Denis Gremelmayr before winning 6-7 (2/7), 6-4, 6-4 in an error-saturated match. Indian Davis Cup star Somdev Devvarman is the sole Asian among the last eight after Japanese Go Soeda failed to build on a bright start and was eventually overwhelmed when losing 6-3, 5-7, 0-6 to Slovak Karol Beck.

Internet



Cameroonian Eric-Maxime Choupo-Moting

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T.
During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Upper Sagaing, Yangon and Taninthayi Regions, generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Night temperatures were (7°C) below February average temperatures in Upper Sagaing Region, (5°C) to (6°C) below February average temperatures in Kachin and Chin States, (3°C) below February average temperature in Mandalay Region and Northern Shan State and (4°C) above February average temperatures in Mon State and about February average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant night temperatures were Haka (0°C), Lashio and Pinlaung (3°C) each and Putao (4°C).

Maximum temperature on 3-2-2011 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 4-2-2011 was 58°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 4-2-2011 was (73%). Rainfall on 4-2-2011 was (Nil).

Maximum temperature on 3-2-2011 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 4-2-2011 was 64°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 4-2-2011 was (54%). Total sunshine hours on 3-2-2011 was (10) hours (Approx).

Rainfall on 4-2-2011 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

Bay Inference: According to the observations at (12:30) hrs MST today, the low pressure area over Southwest Bay and adjoining Sri Lanka Coast still persist. Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 5th February 2011: Light rain are possible to be isolated in Taninthayi Region, weather will be partly cloudy in Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Kachin, Mon and Kayin States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Generally fair weather in the Whole country.

Forecast for NayPyi Taw and neighbouring area for 5-2-2011: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area
for 5-2-2011: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area
for 5-2-2011: Generally fair weather.

Weather outlook for second weekend of February 2011: During the coming weekend, weather will be generally fair in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay Region and partly cloudy in Yangon Region.

GENEVA, 4 Feb.—Ten different goal-line technology systems will compete to persuade FIFA that referees need high-tech help to make correct decisions. FIFA said on Friday that the 10 systems, which it did not identify, will be tested privately at its headquarters next week by researchers from a Zurich-based technology institute. “A report will be presented to the IFAB (International Football Association Board) following an independently monitored testing phase of 10 companies and their respective technology systems,” FIFA said in a statement.



MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL
Programme Schedule
(5-2-2011) (Saturday)

<u>Transmissions</u>	<u>Times</u>
Local	- (09:00am~11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission	- (5-2-11 09:30 am ~ 6-2-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Hundred Fruits from a Common Stem, Our Union (Kachin State)
- * News
- * A Visit To Kayah State (Part-1)
- * All Lives Under The Sky: “Catch of Fish by Cooperation of Fisherman and Dolphin”
- * News
- * Youth and Music (Part-1)
- * Poem Garden “The Moon”
- * News
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- * News
- * Offering 9900 Light at Prominent Pagodas
- * News
- * Music Gallery
- * Colourful Flowers you can find in Myanmar
- * Taunggyi; An Environmentally Sustainable City
- * The World of Mro Nationals
- * News
- * Seven Special Stops around Inlay Lake
- * News
- * Secret Places for Yummy Foods (Episode-2)
- * Record Album
- * News
- * Your Home in Pyin Oo Lwin
- * Myanmar Movies “Life As Parents”
- * I am Novice

 <p>Saturday, 5 February View on today</p>	<p>8:10 am 7. Poem Garden</p> <p>8:20 am 8. Dance of National Races</p> <p>8:30 am 9. 64th Anniversary Union Day Programme</p> <p>8:40 am 10. International News</p> <p>8:45 am 11. Local Talent</p> <p>11:00 am 1. Martial Song</p> <p>11:10 am 2. 64th Anniversary Union Day Programme</p> <p>11:20 am 3. Game for Children</p> <p>11:45 am 4. Round up of The Week's TV Local News</p> <p>12:35 pm 5. Yan Can Cook</p>	<p>12:55 pm 6. TV Drama Series</p> <p>1:45 pm 7. Mahowthada</p> <p>2:15 pm 8. Teleplay</p> <p>2:50 pm 9. International News</p> <p>4:00 pm 1. Martial Song</p> <p>4:10 pm 2. Musical Programme</p> <p>4:20 pm 3. Cultural Dances</p> <p>4:30 pm 4. Union Day Programme</p> <p>4:45 pm 5. 2011 University Entrance Examination (Chemistry)</p> <p>5:05 pm 6. Songs for Upholding National Spirit</p>	<p>5:10 pm 7. 64th Anniversary Union Day Programme</p> <p>5:20 pm 8. International Science News</p> <p>5:30 pm 9. Game for Children</p> <p>6:00 pm 10. Evening News</p> <p>6:15 pm 11. Weather Report</p> <p>6:20 pm 12. Ahlashamae Hlagabawai</p> <p>6:35 pm 13. Yindagomae</p> <p>7:00 pm 14. TV Drama Series</p> <p>8:00 pm 15. News</p> <p>8:15 pm 16. International News</p> <p>8:30 pm 17. Weather Report</p> <p>8:45 pm 18. Cartoon Series</p> <p>9:00 pm 19. TV Drama Series</p> <p>9:15 pm 20. Gitadagale Phwinfoahon</p>
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- ★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
- ★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

- ★ Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
- ★ Riots beget riots, not democracy
- ★ Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People's Desire

- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

- ★ VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
- ★ RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
- ★ Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

International community had misunderstood Myanmar regarding human rights because anti-government groups and certain powers, which aided and abetted the groups, were one-sidedly manufacturing fabrications

Constitution of Myanmar carried a separate chapter about fundamental rights of citizens whose standards and norms were on a par with that of international constitutions



Deputy Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin and party participating in 10th Session of Universal Periodic Review Working Group of Human Rights Council.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Feb—The review of Myanmar's progress of human rights took place on 27 January, at the 10th Session of Universal Periodic Review Working Group held from 24 January to 4 February 2011 in Geneva, Switzerland.

The Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin and deputy leader Permanent Representative Ambassador U Wunna Maung Lwin of Office of Permanent Myanmar Representatives of United Nations in Geneva took part in the discussions.

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HAILING 64th ANNIVERSARY UNION DAY

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Perpetuation of the Union, fundamental cause of all national races

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The pride of the Union

* Union developing fast
Amazing in every aspect
Railroads and tunnels

MAUNG AYE
NVEIN-HINTHADA

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