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Friendship and harmony have been further consolidated

The geographical features of our country, which include high mountain ranges and major rivers that flow from the north to the south, make transportation difficult and impeded interactions among the national peoples. Moreover, under colonialism, they were subject to many years of systematic divide-and-rule practices. The national peoples become suspicious of one another, prompting our leaders to make strenuous efforts during the struggle for independence so that the central Myanmar and the mountainous regions could gain independence together.

In the post-independence period, suspicions toward one another intensified, giving rise to multi-coloured insurgencies across the country.

So, during the time when the Tatmadaw has assumed the responsibilities of the State, east-west and north-south networks of motor roads, railroads and airports have been built. With improved transportation and communication, friendship and harmony among the national peoples have been further consolidated and progress has been achieved in the economic, health and education sectors of the states.

Senior General Than Shwe
Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council
Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services

(from the address delivered at the Passing out of Parade of No. 12 Intake of Defence Services Medical Academy)

Second-day regular session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw takes place Designated numbers of Union Government ministries, Union ministers submitted



NAY PYI TAW, 8 Feb—The second-day regular session of the First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw took place at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here at 10 am today. It was attended by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint, Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and representatives of Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw.

At the meeting, Hluttaw Office Director-General U Myint Thein acted as master of ceremonies.

After taking position, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint announced the validity and start of the session as 658 out of 659 representatives of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw who have the right to attend today's session were present accounting for 99.85 percent attendance.

According to the agenda, the speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw presented the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw the submission made by the elected president in accord with the Section 202, Sub-section (a) of the constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Rule 24 to designate the number of the ministries of the Union Government as 34.

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Second-day regular session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in progress at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building.—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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Boost production of all crops

Myanmar's sown acreage of crops stands at more than 57 million. With over 16 million acres of monsoon paddy and over three million acres of summer paddy, the nation produces over 1500 million baskets of paddy a year. The nation also stands at the top list of green gram, pigeon pea and black gram exporting countries.

Myanmar is now making a great stride in economic growth with agriculture as the base. More than 200 dams and sluice gates have been built across the nation for supply of sufficient irrigation water.

So far, the acreage of irrigated farmlands has reached over two million. Outputs of grain crops such as paddy, wheat and corn, edible oil crops such as sesame, groundnut and sunflower and industrial raw crops such as cotton, jute and sugarcane are on the increase due to favourable conditions and supply of irrigation water.

It has yet to make sustained efforts to boost production of crops, especially highly saleable ones. In a bid to boost agricultural production, it is needed to collect data and statistics exactly, such as sown acreage and harvested acreage of crops, per acre yield, and total outputs.

Related service personnel are responsible for fulfilling requirements of the agricultural development in the regions where their offices are based. In particular, they have to provide advanced methods and agricultural assistance for boosting per acre yields of crops.

Now, assistance of advanced agricultural methods is rendered constantly. Farmers have to work harder than ever in all aspects, making good use of good agricultural foundations to help transform the nation into an agro-based industrialized nation.

Gusto to open programming course



YANGON, 8 Feb—Gusto Computer Training School will conduct applied programming courses for those wishing to become successful computer programmers.

The curriculum covering both programming techniques and

case-study is designed to promote problem solving skills, creative thinking skills of trainees for practical use so that trainees can self-study new programming languages..

Those interested may contact Gusto Computer Training School at No. 26, 14th Street (Lower Block), Lanmadaw Township, here, Ph: 0986-28806, 01-73031302 and 01-224496.

MNA

Press conference on Education, Living and Health Care Exhibition held

YANGON, 8 Feb—A press briefing on Education, Living and Health Care Exhibition, was held at the Central Hotel on Bogyoke Aung San Street here this morning.

Managing Director of

Jade Crown Organizing Group U Paing Soe Ya Kyaw explained the purpose of holding the show, deputy general manager U Soe Min Naing of Shine Construction, main sponsor, the show and managing director U

Thaw Myo Naung of Unique Model Agency, entertainment programme.

The exhibition organized by Jade Crown Organizing Group will be held at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U

Peoples' Desire

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

Construction Minister inspects upgrading of Koebin-Thagara Road

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Feb—Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint yesterday inspected tarmacking of Koebin-Thagara Road between mile post Nos. 82/4 and 82/5, mile post No. 65/7 and compacting of the road with the use of road roller between mile post Nos. 60/1 and 60/2.

The minister also inspected placing asphalt and gravels and construction of box culverts along the road.

MNA



Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint looks into tarmacking of Koebin-Thagara Road.—CONSTRUCTION

Worn-out bank notes exchangeable

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Feb—Bank notes in bad condition in circulation in the public are now exchangeable in the Central Bank of Myanmar and branches of the Myanmar Economic Bank in States and Regions.

Previously, too damaged bank notes could be exchanged with good ones only at the Worn-out Bank Note Exchange Section of the Currency Department of the Central Bank of Myanmar at 198 at the corner of Strand Road and Bo Sun Pek Street in Pabedan Township, Yangon. For the convenience

of the people, exhausted bank notes are exchangeable at the Currency Department of the Central Bank of Myanmar at Office (55) on Yazathingaha Street, Ottarathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw District, starting from 1 November 2010, and at the branch of the Central Bank of Myanmar on First Floor of Branch (1) of the Myanmar Economic Bank at the corner of 82nd Street and 26th Street in Mandalay starting from 3 January 2011.

MNA

9th AGM of Myanmar Info-Tech on 26 Feb

YANGON, 8 Feb—Myanmar Info-Tech Corporation Ltd will hold its 9th annual general meeting for 2009-2010 fiscal year at Myanmar Info-Tech here on 26

Car collision leaves one dead, 10 injured

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Feb—A Yaza Jeep driving at breakneck speed on Yangon-Pathein Road smashed into a trishaw, a betel quid shop and then

February, 2011.

The Myanmar Info-Tech has invited its members to participate in the meeting. — MNA

some pedestrians at Tamagon roundabout in Hlinethaya Township, Yangon Region at about 7:30 pm on 3 February.

The collision caused slight damage to the trishaw and the betel quid shop, leaving 8-year-old child dead, and five men and five women injured. The victims were rushed to Hlinethaya Hospital. In connection with the case, a local traffic police station

has filed a lawsuit against the driver for manslaughter, seriously injuring the victims, reckless driving and failure to report. The drivers are in need of paying serious attention to driving in crowded places and in dim light. A relative of the victim commented that careless driving is a high price to pay not only for the people but also for the State.—MNA

Landfall kills two, injures two others

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Feb—A landslide killed two people and injured two others as they were digging at the side of a mountain in Hpa-an Township, Kayin State, on 4 February.

The landslide fell down all of a sudden while 30 villagers or so were digging at the side of a mountain valley in Paingyan Village in Hpa-an Township, Kayin State at 4.30 pm for paving the village road, it is learnt. — MNA

Carnival in flames: fire destroys samba warehouses

RIO DE JANEIRO, 8 Feb—Rio de Janeiro's world-famed Carnival went up in flames Monday for thousands of people who spent nearly a year preparing for the spectacular event.

Seamstresses, set designers and musicians watched in tears as firefighters struggled to control a blaze that raged through warehouses holding many of the elaborate costumes and floats they had assembled for this year's samba parade.

With just a month left before the 6 March start of the competition, there is no way to fully replace them. "Do you know what it feels like to work all day, into the night, to make this happen, and then this?" asked Graziela Goncalves Carvalho, a seamstress with Uniao da Ilha do Governador, one of the groups that appeared to have suffered heavy losses. "It's over. There's nothing. This Carnival is over for us." Three hours after the fire, 120 firefighters had controlled the flames that appeared to have severely damaged warehouses belonging to three of the samba organizations that compete in the two-day parade, as well as Independent League of Samba Groups that organizes the event, according to Dimas de Almeida Neto, spokesman for Rio's fire department.—*Internet*



Firefighters try to extinguish a fire from a warehouse in Samba City, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on 7 Feb, 2011.—INTERNET

Russia, US must go on with work of arms reduction

MOSCOW, 8 Feb—After the new strategic arms reduction treaty (START) came into force, efforts on the further reduction of strategic arms between Russia and the United States must be continued, a Russian official said on Monday.

Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov hailed the new START treaty as a "new good start" in Russian-US relations, saying the two country "should keep the momentum and move further with this positive agenda." However, Ryabkov warned that although the two countries have

taken "an important step" to strengthen the nuclear nonproliferation regime, Russia would still consider its fulfillment of the new START if the United States keeps mounting missile defence.

"If the United States increases the size and quality of missile defence individually or together with NATO partners, a question will arise whether Russia should further comply with the treaty or other measures, including military-technical measures, would be necessary in response to the new situation," Ryabkov said.—*Xinhua*

Suicide bomb in south Afghanistan kills interpreter



Afghan policemen keep watch at the site of an incident in Kandahar Province on 7 Feb, 2011.—INTERNET

KANDAHAR, 8 Feb—A suicide bomber killed an Afghan interpreter working for US forces in an attack on a customs office in Afghanistan's southern Kandahar Province Monday, police said.

The bomber appeared to target US troops meeting Afghan customs

officials at the compound near the main city in Kandahar Province, the heartland of the Taliban insurgency.

The NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) said one person was killed and five wounded, including two ISAF service members.

Kandahar provincial police chief Mohammad Mujahid told *Reuters* that the interpreter was killed when a teenage suicide bomber blew himself up near a group of US soldiers and Afghan officials. Violence in Afghanistan is at its worst since the overthrow of the Taliban in 2001, with civilian and military casualties hitting record levels in 2010.

US and NATO-led forces say they have made significant gains in the violent provinces of Kandahar and Helmand on Afghanistan's southern border with Pakistan, but attacks are still frequent and the militancy appears to be spreading to previously peaceful areas of the north and west.—*Reuters*

225 rescued in Indonesian ferry fire



The outline of a ferry is seen on the horizon close to Jakarta. More than 200 passengers have been rescued from an Indonesian ferry that caught fire early Tuesday close to the country's capital, the transport ministry said.—INTERNET

JAKARTA, 8 Feb—More than 200 passengers have been rescued from an Indonesian ferry that caught fire early Tuesday off the coast of the country's capital, Jakarta, the transport ministry said.

The ferry, which was travelling to Batam island, south of Singapore, was 26 kilometres (16 miles) north of Jakarta when the blaze broke out at 3:35 am (2035 GMT Monday), ministry spokesman Bambang Ervan said.

The fire was extinguished about 90 minutes later, he added.

"All 225 passengers on board the *Selvia* were rescued," Ervan said,

adding the government has launched an investigation into the cause of the fire. A passenger who was travelling with her young son told local television she was asleep when an explosion occurred.

"I was woken up by a loud explosion at about 3:00 am and I heard people saying that the engine has blown up," Kurnia said.

"I saw thick smoke and rushed to find a life jacket. I then felt that the ship started to tilt to the left."

The incident came after nearly 30 people were killed earlier this month when a ferry with more than 400 people on board caught fire.—*Internet*

Rumsfeld admits 'possible' Iraq troop mistakes

WASHINGTON, 8 Feb—Former defence secretary Donald Rumsfeld releases his new memoir Tuesday, as he concedes his Iraq troop decisions may have been wrong while sparing no criticism of former colleagues.

In "Known and Unknown," Rumsfeld defends his handling of the war and recounts his government career serving Republican presidents from Richard Nixon to George W Bush.

The former defence secretary was reluctant to endorse Bush's assessment that the decision to draw down US troops shortly after the 2003 invasion of Iraq was "the most important failure in the execution of the war."

"I don't have enough confidence to say that that's right. I think that it's possible," Rumsfeld told ABC News anchor Diane Sawyer.—*Internet*



Afghan policemen and US soldiers are seen at the scene of a car bomb explosion in Kandahar south of Kabul, Afghanistan on Friday, on 4 Feb, 2011. Officials and witnesses say a car bomb exploded outside a house owned by the police chief in the southern province of Kandahar. It's the second attack on him this week.—INTERNET

Iraqi army officer killed in bomb attack in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 8 Feb—A senior Iraqi army officer was killed and four people wounded in twin roadside bomb explosions in Baghdad on Tuesday, an Interior Ministry source said.

Staff Brigadier General Ehsan Ali Mohammed from the Defence Ministry was killed when a roadside bomb detonated outside his home in Baghdad's western al-Ghazaliyah District while he was leaving for work, the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity. Later, another roadside bomb went off at the scene when Iraqi security forces and civilians gathered at the site of the first blast, wounding two policemen, a soldier and a civilian, the source said. The latest attacks are part of a wave of assassinations by militant groups against Iraqi security members and civilians.

Xinhua



Science



UK's ancient secrets may be buried with old bones

LONDON, 8 Feb—Top British archaeologists are urging the government to rethink a law requiring human remains be reburied, warning it risks undermining years of research into the island's ancient peoples and study of their DNA.

The row stems from the reinterpretation of a law introduced in 2008 by the Ministry of Justice. The rule states human bones discovered in England and Wales since that time, regardless of their age, must be re-interred after two years.

In a letter to Justice Secretary Kenneth Clarke, 40 academics complained experts would have too little time to study the remains and

that reburial would result in the needless destruction of immensely valuable material.

Important sites that will be affected include Stonehenge and a Viking mass burial pit near Weymouth on the south coast.

Many archaeologists believe secrets about ancient tribes and early humans in Britain could be lost to science forever if the rule is applied. Thousands of sites could be affected in the future, they say.

"Britain risks losing its leading role in archaeology, a decline that will be observed by a mystified international scientific community," the letter said.

Internet



A Zimbabwean farm worker harvests pumpkins on a South African farm in 2008. Floods and heavy rain across southern Africa have damaged thousands of hectares of farmland and more may be hit in coming weeks, raising fears for food supplies, according to the UN food agency.

INTERNET

Pandas weren't always vegetarians

MALAGA, 8 Feb—The giant panda, a well-known vegetarian, may have given up eating meat more recently than previously believed, Spanish researchers say.

Researchers have long thought pandas' ancestors began switching from meat to bamboo 7 million years ago and were strictly vegetarians by 2 million years ago.

However, a new study suggests some old habits die hard, NewScientist.com reported Monday.

Researchers at the University of Malaga in Spain compared the skulls of the living giant panda with two extinct panda species: a pygmy panda, Ailuropoda microta, which roamed the Earth 2 million years ago, and the 100,000-year-old Ailuropoda baoni.



They also analyzed the skulls of 171 living bear species that don't eat bamboo.

From comparison of the skulls the researchers were able to make determinations about their likely dietary preferences.

The skulls of the living pandas and Ailuropoda baoni were so similar both likely chewed the same food: bamboo.

But the 2 million-year-old pygmy panda hadn't completed the adaptation, its skull

suggesting it probably had a weaker bite than today's giant panda that would not have been able to break thick bamboo stems, so it may have supplemented its vegetarian diet with meat.

So while a genetic study has suggested the giant panda lineage lost the capacity to taste flesh 4.2 million years ago, at least one ancestor seemed to have had a hard time kicking the carnivorous habit.

Internet



Technology



Apple may go all-digital on software sales

CUPERTINO, 8 Feb—US technology giant Apple is considering making better use of its retail space by dropping boxed-software sales, company observers said.

MacRumors reported software sales could be handled only at the Mac App Store, freeing up shelf space in retail stores for iPhones and computers, which have a higher profit margin.

AppleInsider said Monday several popular software options, such as iWork and iLife, were available as downloads, but some, such as Microsoft Office and Adobe Photoshop, are not yet sold at the Mac App Store.

Apple listed "Software, Service and Other Sales" as its second-smallest revenue-generator in its fiscal fourth quarter for 2011, taking in \$786 million in sales. iPad sales in the same quarter created \$4.6 billion in revenue, although the iPad is less than a year old, AppleInsider said.—Internet



An Amazon Kindle. Amazon on Monday released a preview version of a Kindle software update that puts electronic book readers on the same page with friends still clinging to ink and paper works.

INTERNET



Dolls of "Barbie" and her friend "Ken" in wedding dresses are pictured in 2007 at the International Toy Fair in Nuremberg, Germany. Facebook users are being asked to vote on whether one of the most iconic US couples ever should be reunited after a seven-years split.

INTERNET

Cellphone security threats rise sharply

LONDON, 8 Feb—Cellphone security threats rose sharply last year as a proliferation of Internet-enabled mobile devices like smartphones and tablets provided new opportunities for cybercriminals, security software maker McAfee (MFE.N) said.

In its fourth-quarter threat report, released on Tuesday, McAfee said the number of pieces of new cellphone malware it found in 2010 rose 46 percent over 2009's level. "As more users access the Internet from

an ever-expanding pool of devices — computer, tablet, smartphone or Internet TV — web-based threats will continue to grow in size and sophistication," it said.

McAfee, which is being bought by Intel (INTC.O) for \$7.68 billion, said it expected PDF and Flash maker Adobe (ADBE.O) to remain a favourite of cybercriminals this year, after it overtook Microsoft (MSFT.O) in popularity as a target in 2010.

It attributed the trend

to Adobe's greater popularity in mobile devices and non-Microsoft environments, coupled with the ongoing widespread use of PDF document files to convey malware.

Reuters

Dancers perform "Thousand-hand Bodhisattva" during the "Cultures of China, Festival of Spring" performance in London, Britain, on 7 Feb, 2011. Over 50 Chinese artists, organized by the Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of the Chinese State Council as one of the "Cultures of China, Festival of Spring" performance groups, which are sent abroad to celebrate the Chinese lunar new year every year, presented their show to overseas Chinese people in London on Monday.—XINHUA



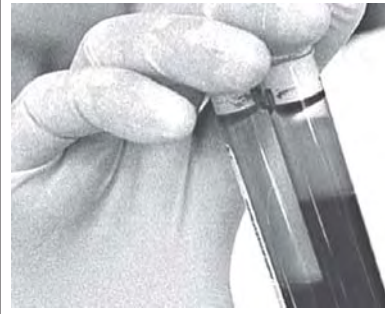
Health

Health Tip: Symptoms that may indicate preeclampsia

Preeclampsia occurs when a pregnant woman's blood pressure spikes rapidly. It can lead to stroke, organ failure and other life-threatening conditions in both the mother and baby.

The American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists says possible warning signs of preeclampsia include:

- * Headaches.
- * Vision abnormalities.
- * Quickly gaining weight.
- * Swollen face and hands.—*Internet*



A doctor holding blood samples. Doctors in France on Monday announced the country's first birth of a "saviour sibling," selected at the embryonic stage to be a close genetic match to save a brother or sister suffering from a fatal inherited disorder.

INTERNET

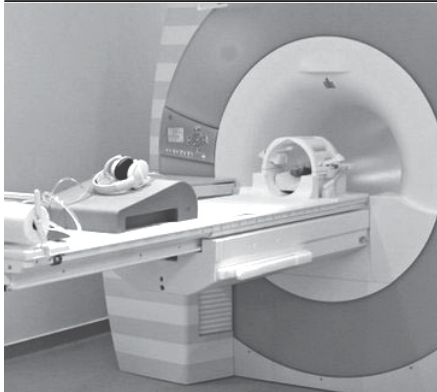


Photo illustration of a MRI machine set up for detailed scans of the brain. People who are genetically predisposed to produce lower amounts of a certain brain chemical that regulates appetite and stress may be at higher risk of severe depression, researchers said Monday.—INTERNET

Binge drinking a rural problem, too

NUREMBERG, 8 Feb—Binge drinking is often considered an urban problem, but German researchers say binge drinking in rural areas is more of a problem than previously thought.

Dr Carolin Donath of the Psychiatric University Clinic Erlangen in Nuremberg examined the drinking patterns of more than 44,000 teens ages 15 and 16 in Germany.

The study, published in the journal *BMC Public Health*, found more than 93 percent of the young people from the countryside and more than 86 percent of those from urban areas had tried alcohol.

Of the adolescents who had drunk alcohol in the last month, 78 percent from rural areas and 74 percent from cities said they had five or more drinks at one time.

"Whilst there is awareness of the problems of binge drinking in towns and cities, this study demonstrates that both drinking and binge drinking are as much of a problem for rural teenagers," Donath says in a statement.—*Internet*

Benefits to exercising outdoors

EXETER, (England), 8 Feb—There are unique benefits to exercising or physical activity outdoors, researchers in Britain say.

A systematic review by a team at the Peninsula College of Medicine and Dentistry — run in partnership with the University of Exeter and the University of Plymouth — and colleagues analyzed existing studies including 11 randomized and non-randomized control trials incorporating information from 833 adults.

The study, published in the journal *Environmental Science and Technology*, found that most studies showed an improvement in mental well-being compared with exercising indoors.

Exercising in natural environments is associated with greater feelings of revitalization, increased energy and positive engagement, together with decreases in tension, confusion, anger and depression. The study participants also reported greater enjoyment and satisfaction with outdoor activity and stated that they were more likely to repeat the activity at a later date, the study says.

Internet

Business

Toyota reports drop in quarterly profit

TOKYO, 8 Feb—Toyota reported a 39 percent drop in quarterly profit but raised its full-year forecast, citing a global auto sales recovery.

Toyota Motor Corp, the world's biggest automaker, reported Tuesday a fiscal third quarter profit of 93.63 billion yen (\$1.1 billion), down from 153 billion yen in the October-December quarter of 2009.

Quarterly sales at the Japanese automaker declined 1.2 percent to 4.673 trillion yen.

Internet



Toyota Motor Corp's logo is seen behind a traffic sign in Yokohama, south of Tokyo, on 26 Jan, 2011.

INTERNET

Recovery hopes boost Japan stocks

SINGAPORE, 8 Feb—Asian shares struggled for traction on Tuesday, despite gains on Wall Street, but Japan's Nikkei touched a 9-month high as hopes of a sustained economic recovery for the rich world encouraged investors to switch funds from emerging to developed markets.

The euro drifted back from a two-week low plumed after surprising weak German industrial orders data, but fading expectations of a near-

term eurozone interest rate rise stopped the single currency pushing higher.

Merger activity drove US stocks to two-and-half year highs on Monday, when the Dow Jones industrial average (DJI) and broader S&P 500 (SPX) both rose 0.6 percent.

Market players in Tokyo said better-than-expected earnings reports from US and Japanese companies have accelerated a shift

of money out of inflation-dogged emerging markets and into developed markets with loose monetary policies.

Reuters

Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, on 1 Feb, 2011.

INTERNET



Dollar ends flat, as does gold

NEW YORK, 8 Feb—Gold prices were flat Monday in New York, adding 90 cents to \$1,349.90 per troy ounce, as the dollar started strong, then faded as the day progressed. Equities on Wall Street posted gains as March contract crude oil on the New York Mercantile Exchange lost \$1.77 to \$87.26 per barrel.

Germany announced factory orders in December fell 3.4 percent, which gave the dollar strength relative to the euro. By late afternoon, however, the dollar

index was down 0.1 percent. The euro fell to \$1.3583 from Friday's \$1.359. Against the yen, the dollar rose to 82.3 yen from Friday's 82.2 yen.

The dollar was mixed in Europe and mostly lower in Asia. In India, the dollar fell to 45.32 rupee from 45.579 rupee. The US dollar dropped to 7.7827 Hong Kong dollars from 7.787 HKD. The dollar fell to 1,102 South Korean won from 1,113.96 won.

Internet

Firework warehouse blast kills two, injures four in NE China

CHANGCHUN, 8 Feb—A blast that occurred at a firework warehouse in Baicheng City, northeast China's Jilin Province, Tuesday morning has left two dead and four others injured.

The first blast broke out at 11:06 am and triggered firework explosions that continued for more than two hours and diffused heavy smoke, before it was contained, according to

firefighters. The injured have been sent to hospital. Eighty-five firefighters and 15 fire engines were dispatched to fight the fire, which burnt an area of 2,300 square meters, according to the fire brigade. The warehouse owned by Tianyi Groceries Co Ltd is located four km away from the city proper of Baicheng.—Xinhua



Firefighters are seen at an explosion site in Baicheng City, north China's Jilin Province, on 8 Feb, 2011.
XINHUA

S Korea to make film of Somali piracy raid



Handout photo from the south Korean Navy shows elite soldiers storming a ship hijacked by Somali pirates in the Indian Ocean. The South Korean navy's dramatic raid on the hijack group will be made into an action film, a Seoul movie producer said Tuesday.—INTERNET

SEOUL, 8 Feb—The South Korean navy's dramatic raid on Somali pirates who hijacked a ship will be made into an action film, a Seoul movie producer said Tuesday.

Navy commandos rescued the Samho Jewelry, an 11,500-ton freighter hijacked in the Arabian Sea, and its 21 crew — including eight South Koreans — in a dramatic pre-dawn raid.

Five pirates were killed in the 21 January operation. The South Korean captain was wounded but none of the other crew members was injured.

During the much-praised mission, the navy captured five pirates who

were later flown to South Korea to face possible trial.

The upcoming movie will resemble "Saving Private Ryan", a Hollywood epic about a group of World War II US soldiers going behind enemy lines to rescue a paratrooper, said a spokesman for production house Christmas Entertainment.

"This is such dramatic, perfect material for a movie," said the spokesman, adding production will cost about 20 billion won (\$18 million). He said the story will largely centre on members of the UDT/SEAL units who staged the rescue.—Internet

Hong Kong holiday gives young lovers ring of confidence

BEIJING, 8 Feb—Beijing bank clerk Liu Chang, 26, and her fiancé, Gao Shan, 28, are counting the cost of young love — skyrocketing housing prices and the cost of their once-in-a-lifetime wedding ceremony.

"We are tightening our belts after paying a 600,000-yuan down payment on a 70-square-metre home with the help of our parents, and the wedding ceremony will cost at least 30,000 yuan," says Liu.

So why did they splash out on a week-long holiday in Hong Kong and Macao just a few months before their big day?

Doing the sums, they reckon they saved 4,000 yuan (608 US dollars) by buying their wedding rings in Hong Kong,

where the absence of sales tax and a strengthening yuan, the Chinese currency, are drawing a rising tide of young mainland lovebirds.

"At any jewelry store in the Causeway Bay shopping centre, you can see swarms of young Chinese tourists like us," says Liu.

"We used the money

we saved having a week-long holiday, taking in the sights of Hong Kong and Macao," says Liu.

The value of the yuan, or renminbi, has risen steadily against the Hong Kong dollar, which is pegged to the US dollar, from about 1 to 0.93 in 1997 to the current 1 to 1.18.

Xinhua



Photo taken on 7 Feb, 2011 shows lanterns in Ruian City, east China's Zhejiang Province. A lantern show was held during the Spring Festival holiday here.—XINHUA

Nikkei closes at fresh 9-month high

TOKYO, 8 Feb—Tokyo stocks climbed to a fresh nine-month high Tuesday with the key Nikkei index jumping 0.41 percent.

The benchmark Nikkei 225 Average advanced 43.94 points from Monday to 10,635.98, marking a fresh closing high since 6 May, 2010. The broader Topix index was up 3.57 points, or 0.38 percent, to 944.00.

The leading winners included insurance, banking and warehouse sectors, while the pulp and paper, rubber products, and electricity and gas sectors were among the decliners.

Trading volume on the main section contracted to 2,143 million shares from 2,159 million on Monday.—Xinhua

Nine friends die in Vietnam at New Year party

HANOI, 8 Feb—Vietnamese police say nine friends died during a lunar New Year party after they started a car parked inside a house to play music following an electricity outage.

Police in Hai Phong said Monday that seven men and two women, all in their 20s, died of apparent carbon monoxide poisoning early Sunday.

A police officer says the car was started after the power went out. Its headlights and stereo were turned on inside the 20-square-metre (215-square-foot) house, which had all windows and doors closed. The officer identified himself only as Le because he was not authorized to speak to reporters.

Pham Van Thuc, 27, owned the house, and he and his fiancé were among the dead. Le says the man's father discovered the bodies Sunday afternoon.

Internet

Russian company to develop artificial intelligence in China

MOSCOW, 8 Feb—Russia's leading anti-malware company, Kaspersky Lab, planned to invest 10 million US dollars in the Chinese software market, Moscow's RBC Daily reported Tuesday.

The company would develop its Nanosemantics artificial intelligence (AI) project in China, opening a research and development centre there this spring, co-owner Natalia Kasperskaya said. Eight million dollars out of the funding would be invested

by a local Chinese partner, whose name Kasperskaya declined to reveal. "The Chinese AI market is empty so far, so we have ambitious plans for the introduction and development of our technology," she said. The number of people using the Internet in China rose to 457 million by the end of 2010, up 73.3 million from a year earlier, meaning more than a third of the Chinese population is online, according to the China Internet Network Information Centre (CNNIC).—Xinhua



Buffalos fight during a competition in Dazhai Village of Anshun, southwest China's Guizhou Province, on 7 Feb, 2011. The 4-day competition attracted nearly 200 buffalos from nearby regions.—XINHUA

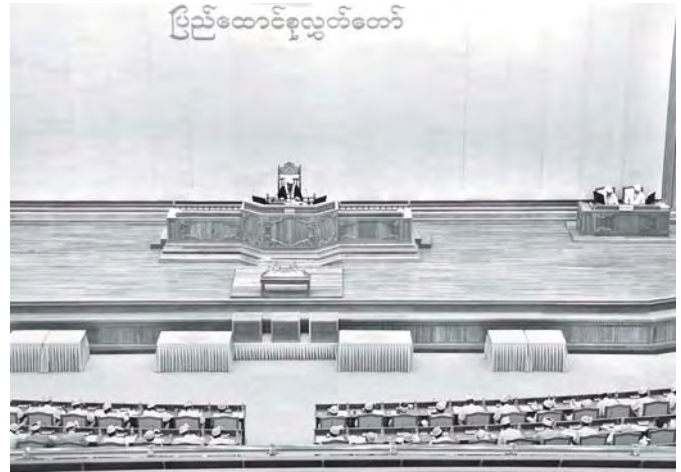
Second-day regular session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw...

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Next, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw speaker announced that the representatives may discuss matters related to the designated number of the Union Government ministries at tomorrow's session if they have to do so and that those who are going to discuss are to register at the office of the director-general of Hluttaw Office this evening.

The 34 designated Union Government ministries submitted to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw are as follows:

1. Ministry of Defence
2. Ministry of Home Affairs
3. Ministry of Border Affairs
4. Ministry of Foreign Affairs
5. Ministry of Information
6. Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation
7. Ministry of Finance and Revenue
8. Ministry of Construction
9. Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development
10. Ministry of Commerce
11. Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs
12. Ministry of Social Welfare,



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint submits lists of ministries and ministers of Union Government to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.—MNA



Arrival of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Building.

MNA

Then, the speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw submitted to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw the number of Union ministers to be designated as 30, put forward by the elected president in accord with Section-202 Sub-section (b) of the constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Rule 24.

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13. Relief and Resettlement
14. Ministry of Forestry
15. Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries
16. Ministry of Mines
17. Ministry of Cooperatives
18. Ministry of Labour
19. Ministry of Transport
20. Ministry of Hotels and Tourism
21. Ministry of Industry-1
22. Ministry of Industry-2
23. Ministry of Rail Transportation
24. Ministry of Energy
25. Ministry of Electric Power No. 1
26. Ministry of Electric Power No. 2
27. Ministry of Education
28. Ministry of Health
29. Ministry of Culture
30. Ministry of Religious Affairs

31. Ministry of Science and Technology
32. Ministry of Immigration and Population
33. Ministry of Sports
34. Ministry of President's Office
- Ministry of Myanma Industrial

Development
Later, the speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw announced that the second-day session ended and that the third-day session continues tomorrow at 10 am.

MNA

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives sign attendance book.—MNA



Myanmar delegation back home after paying study visit to India

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Feb —A Myanmar delegation led by Member of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Soe Oo arrived back here after paying a study tour of Public Service Organizations in New Delhi, Jaipur and Agra from 31st January to 5th February, 2011.

The Myanmar delegation paid a study tour of the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) and Foreign Service Institute (FSI) under the supervision of Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi on 31st January. The delegation visited the Union Public Service Commission on 1st February, the State Insti-

tute of Public Administration and Office of the Public Administrator in Jaipur on 2nd February, and Taj Mahal in Agra on 3rd February. On the last day, 4th February, the Myanmar delegation visited places of interest around New Delhi.

The Myanmar delegation consisted of 17 members from Office of the State Peace and Development Council, Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Information, Ministry of Cooperatives, Ministry of Culture, Civil Service Selection and Training Board and Mandalay City Development Committee.

MNA

KNU's mine injures innocent civilians

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Feb —A mine blast occurred in the forest about two miles southwest of Myittalinmyaing village in Myawady, Kayin State on 6 February while Maung Ye Ko Oo, Maung Than Naing, Maung Than Tun, U Toe Ko and Ko Khin Naing Oo were cutting woods. The mine went off when the

branch fell onto the ground where it was planted by KNU insurgent group.

The mine blast left Maung Than Naing both eyes injured and Maung Ye Ko Oo, his face. The victims are now under treatment at Myawady People's Hospital. Officials concerned are providing necessary assistances. —MNA

HAILING THE 64th ANNIVERSARY UNION DAY:**Cultivate patriotic spirit correctly****Tun Lin Latt****National brethren
United we stand**

Everyone considers that they have a great love of their countries. And everyone hates to be considered to lack patriotic spirit. Then, what should be set as a yardstick to judge whether a person is patriotic or not?

In the course of the nation's history, there are many patriotic heroes who have sacrificed their lives and property in national interests, aspired by their patriotism, whereas there are many traitors harming national interests.

For instance, while marching by water along the Ayeyawady River to occupy Yadanabon royal city, British colonialists asked a national traitor Ba Than to be sitting on the head of the warship to disguise himself as Prince Shwe Gyobu to avoid defensive attacks to be launched by Myanmar patriots. In the time of the British rule also, there were many national people who turned traitors to the nation to curry favour with the colonialists, and so were many national people in the time of Fascists.

If a citizen wants to prove that he really loves his motherland, he has to put his words of patriotism into practice. Some are up in arms under the pretext of national unity, national reconciliation, national consolidation and national integration. However, in practice, all they are doing is just to harm national

integration.

In the parliamentary democracy period, some Shan chieftains demanded federal system, taking advantage of the defects of Panglong Agreement, which could lead to national disintegration. Therefore, the Tatmadaw had to take over State power in 1962. Later, that attracted a demand that the nation practise real union system. Many considered that the demand was not much different from federal system.

Now, some groups are very loud to hold second Panglong Conference or 21st century Panglong Conference. What for? They should notice that the objective conditions of the nation now in the 21st century are different from that while first Panglong Conference was on its way in the 20th century.

First Panglong Conference was aimed at helping both highlands and mainland regain independence together from the British government, breaking up the British colonialists' intention of granting only mainland independence, setting aside highlands.

Now, there have emerged Pyithu Hluttaw, Amyotha Hluttaw, and Region/State Hluttaws according to the constitution. National races have been bestowed the right to submit their affairs to hluttaws for discussion.

Panglong Agreement is designed to help the whole country, states and mainland, achieve independence through consolidated unity of national races, and to address issues of internal affairs without alien intervention, living in harmony with Union Spirit.

In the Union of Myanmar, a multiethnic country, every national race wants to stand as a national race, and enjoy rights and development equally with other counterparts.

The 2008 constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar gives guarantee to fulfil all these aspirations of national races.

Regarding rights of a national race, Article (3) of the constitution says "The State is where multi-national races collectively reside". And Article (355) says "Every citizen shall have the

POEM**Union Day as testimony**

- * Nectar they collect for honey
Busy building hive as home
Roam actively honeybees
- * Well organized and in harmony
Tiny creatures with strong will
Termite-hills they set up
- * Food they are gathering
Working with perseverance
Little ants in action night and day
- * Attacking enemy in waves
Brave are the crows
So much they love their kin
- * Blood thicker than water
Ever with efficiency
Unity at heart
Safeguard community
- * At Panglong in harmony
Energy for solidarity
Nationalities of Union
Brethren with alertness
Awareness and courage also
Restored independence of Myanmar
Our flesh and blood
Hearts of nobleness
Strength and solidity
Enemy they defeat
Reach the age of prosperity
Testimony, the Union Day

**Hailing the 64th Anniversary Union Day
Nyunt Hlaing Win-Kungyangon (Trs)**

right to settle and reside in any place within the Republic of the Union of Myanmar".

In connection with equal rights of all national races, Article (34) says "Every citizen is equally entitled to freedom of conscience and the right to freely profess and practise religion subject to public order, morality or health and to the other provisions of this constitution".

Article (370) says "Every citizen has, in accord with the law, the right to conduct business freely in the Union, for national economic development". So, it grants equitable development of all national races. Article 22 (c) says "The State shall assist to promote socio-economic development including education,

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HAILING THE 64th ANNIVERSARY UNION DAY:**Cultivate patriotic spirit correctly****Tun Lin Latt**

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health, economy, transport and communication, so forth, of less-development national races.” That indicates that the State gives high priority to the interests of national races.

The constitution prescribes hluttaws of five self-administered zones and one self-administered division in addition to seven Regions, seven States, of the Union of Myanmar. They have the rights to exercise legislative, judicial and executive powers respectively. Moreover, except respective national races, any other national race whose population constitutes 0.1 percent or above of the population of the Union will have the

right to elect a representative to deal with the affairs of the national race concerned. So, all national races will have the rights to decide their future.

Colonialists exercised the divide-and-rule policy to undermine the unity of national races with the intention of extending their colonial rule over Myanmar. Now, external elements who are anxious to put Myanmar under their political control are resorting to all possible ways and means to sow doubt and hatred among national races.

National races have to value and develop their own races, languages, literatures, traditions and cultures, but keep off extremes.

National races

residing in various parts of the nation have different languages, traditions, cultures and customs according to geographical features. Indeed, they are the same, national brethren who were descended from those of Tibet highlands.

Adhering to the

saying that goes “Blood is thicker than water”, all national races worked closely in the times of repulsing attacks launched on Myanmar by British colonialists and

Fascists.

Therefore, I would like to urge the entire people to cultivate a strong sense of patriotic spirit for ensuring non-

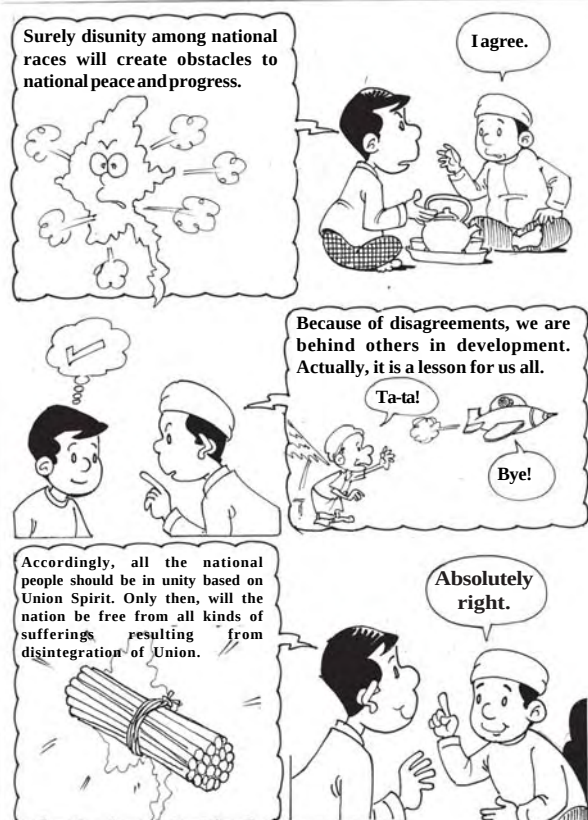
disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty.

Translation: MS

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

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Stay united forever

Thon Nadi

HAILING 64TH ANNIVERSARY UNION DAY**Chin State gaining development momentum in the time of State Peace and Development Council****Colourful Chin State***(from page 16)*

The State Peace and Development Council made greater efforts than ever before to ensure significant development of the whole Union in its bid to remedy the issue that the nation has lagged behind others countries in development. The government has been strengthening national unity by narrowing gaps among the national races and generating equitable development of highlands and plains.

To have equitable development in the regions which lagged behind, the government implemented development programme across the country. Like other Regions and States, Chin State has achieved progress in all aspect. Chin State sees significant progress, compared with the olden days. Due to the government's genuine goodwill, Chin State is gaining development momentum along with other States and Regions, as evidenced by a comparison of the present condition with the past.

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Digital auto-exchange of Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications seen in Tiddim of Chin State.

Development of Chin State

Sr	Subject	Unit	1988	2010	Progress
1.	Farmland areas	acres	170977	331953	160976
2.	Dam	dam	-	1	1
3.	Reserved forest	sq/mile	605	645.10	40.10
4.	Protected forest	sq/mile	-	1335.20	1335.20
5.	Motor road	mile	928	1670	742
6.	Above-180-foot bridge	bridge	2	5	3
7.	Post office	office	28	52	24
8.	Telegraph office	office	11	24	13
9.	Telephone office	office	8	30	22
10.	Microwave station	station	-	6	6
11.	Hydropower plant	plant	4	10	6
12.	University/college	university/college	-	1	1
13.	Technological University	university	-	1	1
14.	University of Computer Studies	university	-	1	1
15.	Basic education school	school	1089	1183	94
16.	Governmental Technical High School	school	-	1	1
17.	Hospital	hospital	18	24	6

New General Hospital (200-bed)

Chin State General Hospital (200-bed) in Haka to provide health care services to local people.



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HAILING 64TH ANNIVERSARY UNION DAY**Projects to be implemented for the progress of Chin State**

Sr	Subject	Location	Remark
1.	Laingvar hydropower sub-station	Falam	0.7 megawatt
2.	124-mile-long Kalay-Falam-Haka road	Chin State	upgrading to all- weather road
3.	86-mile-long Gangaw-Haka road		
4.	173 miles and three furlongs long Mindat-Matupi-Rezwa-Haka road		
5.	57-mile-long Thaingngin-Reedkhoda road		
6.	80-mile-long Tiddim-Tongzan-Kyikhar road		
7.	Government Technical High School	Tiddim	Under construction

Government Technical High School

Government Technical High School seen at entrance to Haka.

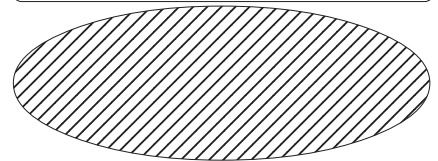
**Manhsawng Bridge**

Photo shows magnificent Manhsawng Bridge seen with Chin mountain range in the background.



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Ministry of Transport Myanma Airways Invitation to Tender

The following aircrafts and components belonging to Myanma Airways are invited to tender. Tender forms including concerning facts can be achieved at Administration Department, Myanma Airways, No. 104, Kanna Road, Yangon. The sealed tender will submit at the last date of 15th February 2011.

- Two F-27 aircrafts with flyable condition (as is where is)
- One F-28 MK-1000 aircraft (Beyond Economical Repair) (only hull)
- Twenty two Rolls-Royce Dart Engines (beyond economical repair)
- F-27 components (Serviceable) (132 items)

MYANMA AIRWAYS

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV OCEAN PEARL VOY NO (-)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV OCEAN PEARL VOY NO (-) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 9.2.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S KOOK YANG SHIPPING CO, LTD**

Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

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**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S GATI COAST TO COAST**
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Sudan makes preparations for next world capital

JUBA, 8 Feb — The mud-hut town of Juba has earned a promotion to world capital later this year. Only Southern Sudan needs far more than its own currency and a national anthem: Most of the roads here are dirt and even aid workers live in shipping containers. In a little more than five months, Southern Sudan is slated to become the world's newest country. Final results from last month's independence referendum announced on

Monday show that 98.8 percent of the ballots cast were for secession from Sudan's north.

Juba is oil-rich but lacks the embassies and skyscrapers of other world capitals. There was only a mile or two of pavement here just a year ago, and the local archives are stored in a tent. Many, though, see great potential, and are excitedly looking forward to controlling their own destiny.

Internet



**WikiLeaks founder
Julian Assange**

Assange faces 'denial of justice' lawyer

LONDON, 8 Feb — WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange would face a "flagrant denial of justice" if extradited to Sweden over allegations of rape and molestation, his lawyer told a court Monday.

The 39-year-old Australian could face the death penalty if further extradited to the United States on separate charges relating to WikiLeaks, his lawyer Geoffrey Robertson said at the start of a two-day extradition hearing in London.

Swedish prosecutors want to question the whistle-blowing website's chief over allegations he raped one woman in Sweden and molested another, moves which Assange claims are politically motivated. Robertson said a rape trial in Sweden would violate Assange's human rights.—Internet

A picture provided by BP shows pipes at an oil production facility in Prudhoe Bay, Alaska.
INTERNET



US not ready for Arctic oil drilling

WASHINGTON, 8 Feb — The United States is ill-equipped to deal with a major oil catastrophe in Alaska, the Coast Guard admiral who led the US response to the massive Gulf of Mexico oil spill and others warn.

Only one of the US Coast Guard's three ice breakers is operational and would be available to respond to a disaster off Alaska's northern coast, which is icebound for much of the year, retired admiral Thad Allen told reporters this week.

Former Alaska lieutenant governor Fran Ulmer said that before drilling in the Arctic, the United States must "invest in the Coast Guard."

Internet



Grace Guajardo, right, from Chile, accompanied by her couple, Rodrigo Gomez, leaves the court where she was taken after making a bomb threat to keep Gomez's flight from taking off in Santiago, Chile, on 7 Feb, 2011. —INTERNET



Md lawmakers face off on chess board

Maryland lawmakers said they have kicked off this year's bipartisan, inter-cameral chess tournament, which will eventually crown a champion of the Legislature.

The lawmakers said the tournament, which spun off from a chess event organized after the 2009 session, began last week and involves members of the Senate and House of Delegates playing against one another in their respective chambers, leading to a showdown between the top players of the two chambers 14 March, *The Baltimore Sun* reported Monday.

Neighbour buries shovel thief's car

A Chicago man who says his security camera recorded a neighbour stealing his snow shovel got his revenge by using his snowblower to bury the woman's car.

David Welles, who posted the video to YouTube, said it depicts his neighbour, a woman he does not know, walking through a gate, climbing his front steps and taking the snow shovel from his porch Thursday following the 20.2-inch snowfall that buried the area Tuesday and Wednesday, WBBM-AM, Chicago, reported Monday.

Welles said he was particularly upset by the theft because he had promised to finish building an igloo for his 2-year-old daughter, Mayson, WGN-TV, Chicago, reported.



The video next depicts Welles using his snowblower to bury the woman's car in snow and concludes with footage of the woman spending 4 hours clearing her car Friday morning.

News Album

Idina Menzel brings some Gaga to the Philharmonic

NEW YORK, 8 Feb—“Hey you guys, don't you feel that you've arrived, playing this song?” quipped singer Idina Menzel to the assembled elite musicians of the New York Philharmonic. They were in the middle of performing Lady Gaga's “Poker Face,” for the first and quite possibly the last time.

Menzel, the Tony-winning “Wicked” star, was making her Philharmonic debut with a



In this 5 Feb, 2011 publicity image released by the New York Philharmonic, Idina Menzel performs with the New York Philharmonic at Avery Fisher Hall in New York.—INTERNET

one-woman show over the weekend, part of an ongoing concert tour. And despite the rarified environment of Lincoln Center's Avery Fisher Hall, she wasn't going to ignore

any Glee's that might have been lurking in the audience — fans, that is, of the Fox megahit “Glee,” on which she has a recurring guest role.

Internet

Oscar producers seek tweeting moms on awards night



Costume designer Jenny Beavan poses for a portrait before the Academy Award Nominees Luncheon in Beverly Hills, Calif., on Monday, on 7 Feb, 2011.—INTERNET

BEVERLY HILLS, 8 Feb—Oscar organizers rolled out the digital red carpet on Monday, unveiling their slogan

“you're invited” for the upcoming film honours, detailing a Web-friendly show and inviting the nominees' mothers to

tweet on Hollywood's big night.

At Monday's Oscar nominees luncheon, which is one of the most exclusive of the annual Academy Award gatherings, top stars such as Natalie Portman, Nicole Kidman and Javier Bardem turned out to get their “class picture” taken, listen to tips on acceptance speeches and rub elbows with fellow stars.—Reuters

Animal Planet joins Bigfoot search

Cable network Animal Planet said a camera crew will join a Bigfoot search led by a North Carolina man who claims to have videotaped the legendary ape in 2009.

Tahli Kouperstein, director of communications for the Animal Planet, said the camera crew will follow Bigfoot seeker Michael Greene of Salisbury as he looks

Saturday for the Sasquatch in the Uwharrie National Forest in Montgomery County, the Charlotte Observer reported Monday.

“They are using modern technology to finally find the legendary and elusive creature,” Kouperstein said. He said the footage will be part of the network's six-part series on US Bigfoot sightings.



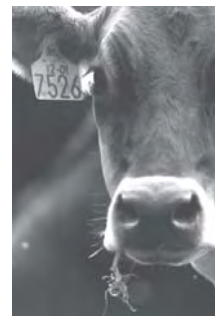
A statue of bigfoot in Silver Lake, Washington courtesy of Plazak via Wikimedia Commons.

Triplet cows the latest in a long line

An Arkansas farmer said triplet calves born on his property come from a line with a long history of multiple births.

David Jones of Jonesboro said the mother cow, which gave birth to the triplets 25Jan, was herself a triplet and her mother and grandmother both gave birth to several sets of twins and triplets, *The Jonesboro Sun* reported Monday.

Jones said the father



also came from a set of triplets, all but guaranteeing there would be a multiple birth.

The farmer said the triplets born in January, two males and a female, each weighed more than 40 pounds at the time of their birth.

He said cows with multiples usually go into labor early, but the mother gave birth to her triplets about 13 days past her estimated due date.

Jones said he named the calves after another famous threesome — Larry, Curly and Moe.

NY exhibit pays homage to Apollo, black music greats

NEW YORK, 8 Feb—From Michael Jackson to James Brown, Harlem's The Apollo Theater is famed for helping launch some of the most successful figures in US black entertainment and marking their influence in popular culture.

A new exhibit, “Ain't Nothing Like the Real Thing,” displays images, videos and artifacts including instruments, shoes and costumes from music greats such as Ella Fitzgerald, Ray Charles, Louis Armstrong, Miles Davis and Sammy Davis Jr who performed at the theater over the past 75 years.

Reuters

Paltrow, Levi to sing at Oscars ceremony



Gwyneth Paltrow. INTERNET

BEVERLY HILLS, 8 Feb—Gwyneth Paltrow and Zachary Levi have been booked to sing at the upcoming Oscars ceremony in Los Angeles, said telecast producers Bruce

Cohen and Don Mischer.

Paltrow will perform “Coming Home” from her film “Country Strong” at the 83rd Academy Awards 27 Feb at the Kodak Theatre at Hollywood & Highland Centre. The event is to be televised live on the ABC Television Network. Original Song nominees AR Rahman and Florence Welch, of Florence + the Machine, will perform “If I Rise” from the film “127 Hours.” Rahman is nominated for writing the music, while Dido and Rollo Armstrong are also nominated for the song's lyrics.

Internet

Natalie Portman, best actress nominee for her role in “Black Swan”, arrives at the nominees luncheon for the 83rd annual Academy Awards in Beverly Hills, California on 7 Feb, 2011.—XINHUA



Santander show Portugal the door

MADRID, 8 Feb — Racing Santander on Monday sacked coach Miguel Angel Portugal, its first change since the struggling Spanish first division side was bought last month by Indian billionaire Ahsan Ali Syed.

"Racing have reached an agreement with Miguel Angel Portugal on the cancellation of his contract," the club said in a statement posted on its web site.

The club, based in the northern port city of Santander, are 16th in the standings, one point above the relegation places.

Syed, the founder of Bahrain-based asset manager Western Gulf Advisory, has said he wants to focus on talent, and not



Racing Santander coach Miguel Angel Portugal.—INTERNET

big names, in his quest to create a "great" club.

"We want to sign talented players, managers with talent, financial officers with talent. Everything to create a consistent club, a great club," he said in an interview published in Spanish sports daily AS last week.

Syed made an unsuccessful 300-million-pound (480-million-dollar) bid to buy English Premier League side Blackburn Rovers earlier this season.—Internet

Rooney set for new court battle with former agents

LONDON, 8 Feb — Wayne Rooney will face a new court battle after his former agents were given leave to appeal over a £4.3-million (\$6.6-million) claim they have brought against the Manchester United and England striker.

A judge ruled at Manchester Mercantile Court in July last year that the agreement between sports management firm Proactive and Rooney for a 20 percent commission for a number of deals was unenforceable.

The judge added that the eight-year contract Rooney signed as a young Everton player

was "an unreasonable restraint" of his trade when the Football Association recommended a maximum of two years.

But appeal judge Lord Justice Alan Ward said Monday that Proactive did have a prospect of success in its arguments over Rooney's contract.

Internet



Wayne Rooney will face a new court battle after his former agents.

INTERNET

Malaga keeper sidelined for rest of season



Malaga keeper Sergio Asenjo

MADRID, 8 Feb — Malaga keeper Sergio Asenjo will require surgery on a right knee injury he picked up during a weekend league match and will miss the rest of the season, the Spanish club said on Monday.

Medical tests carried out on the 21-year-old confirmed a tear on the

ligament of his right knee and he will undergo surgery later this week, it said in a statement.

"The recovery period is estimated at some six to eight months," the club said.

Asenjo was carried off the pitch after just eight minutes of his side's goalless draw against Sevilla on Sunday after his right boot got caught in the turf of the pitch at Sevilla's Sanchez Pizjuan stadium.

The Spain Under-21 international was replaced by substitute keeper Francesc Arnau.

Internet

Ricco in hospital after taken ill in training

ROME, 8 Feb — Italian cyclist Riccardo Ricco has been hospitalised after he was taken ill during training, Italian news agency ANSA reported late Monday.

The Vacansoleil racer was first reported to be in a critical condition but later reports said he was making progress.

ANSA said that "his state of health, critical to start off with - according to the Nuovo Ospedale Civile Sant'Agostino Estense di Baggiovara clinic - has improved," but the report reserved any judgement on further



Italian cyclist Riccardo Ricco

progress. Rubinho Ricco, the racer's father, said he had suffered a "kidney failure" after a Sunday training session amid reports he could be suffering from kidney stones.

He added his son was conscious and talking while the hospital said it would update the racer's news Tuesday afternoon.

Internet

McClaren sacked by Wolfsburg

BERLIN, 8 Feb — Ex-England coach Steve McClaren was on Monday sacked by Bundesliga side Wolfsburg after just seven months in charge with his side just one point off from the relegation zone.

The 49-year-old became the first English manager to coach in the Bundesliga last August, but McClaren has been dismissed in the wake of Saturday's 1-0 defeat at Hannover, when he criticised star player Diego for missing a penalty.

McClaren's co-trainer Pierre Littbarski will take over as caretaker coach.



Ex-England coach Steve McClaren

"We were no longer sure that we could work with Steve McClaren until the end of the season with some stability," said director of sport Dieter Hoenes in a statement.

"We have tried to make things work for as long as possible, but we have lost faith that we can bring success."—Internet

Walcott glad of belated Capello backing

LONDON, 8 Feb — Theo Walcott revealed on Monday he had been inspired by Fabio Capello's admission that leaving the Arsenal winger out of his squad for last year's World Cup in South Africa had been a "mistake".

Walcott finds himself back in the fold ahead of the first England match of 2011, a friendly away to

Denmark, and he is set to be in the starting XI in Copenhagen on Wednesday.

As for Capello conceding he'd made an error in Walcott's case, the 21-year-old Gunners flyer told a news conference at England's hotel on Monday: "It's a nice quote and that's helped me out so much this season, it's shown that the manager's taken responsibility for what he did."

"I had a good pre-season and started the season brightly, it's always nice when the manager's got faith in you - even though I didn't go to the World Cup."—Internet



Arsenal player Theo Walcott

Chelsea's Cech picked as top 2010 Czech player

PRAGUE, 8 Feb — Chelsea goalkeeper Petr Cech became the Czech footballer of the year 2010 at a ceremony in Prague on Monday, winning the trophy for the third consecutive time and for the fourth time overall.

"I'll never grow tired of this, it's a great honour," said the 28-year-old Cech, with 78 appearances for the Czech national team, after being picked by players, coaches, officials and journalists.

"I'm glad my work has been valued as excellent, and I believe this is not the last time I'm here," added Cech, who

won ahead of Arsenal midfielder Tomas Rosicky and Atletico Madrid defender Tomas Ujfalusi.

The ceremony was held two days before the 80th birthday of Czech midfielder Josef Masopust, the 1962 Ballon D'Or winner and playmaker of the Czechoslovak team that made it to the final of the World Cup in Chile in the same year.—Internet



Chelsea goalkeeper Petr Cech

SPORTS

Mark Wilson wins playoff at Phoenix Open

SCOTTSDALE, 8 Feb — Packers fan Mark Wilson celebrated a big victory of his own on a playing field about as close to frozen tundra as it gets on the PGA Tour.

A self-described cheesehead from Menomonee Falls, Wis., Wilson won the frost-delayed Phoenix Open on Monday for his second victory in three starts this year, holing a 9-foot birdie putt on the second hole of a playoff with Jason Dufner.

"I'm just enjoying the ride here and that's just kind of the way I'm go-



Mark Wilson reacts after winning the Phoenix Open PGA golf tournament.—INTERNET

ing to look at the year here, just ride this train as long as I can," Wilson said.

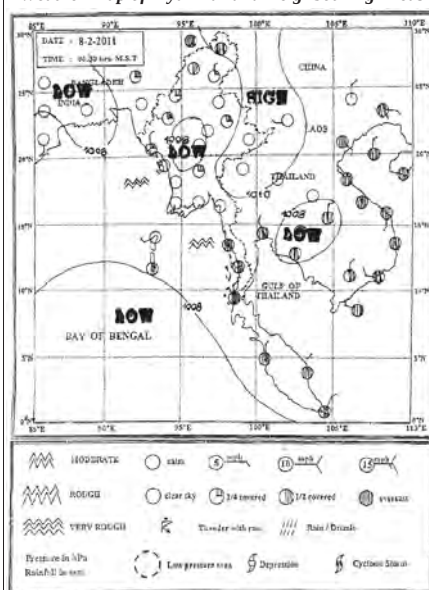
After playing until dark Sunday and fulfilling some parental duties, he was able to watch only a few minutes of the Super Bowl.

"I had to wash Lane's face and put his jammies on, and I had to eat, too," Wilson said. "The chaos, with two little kids running around — I like the chaos; it's a good distraction. But at that time, I want to at least get to watch the last 15 minutes of this game. This doesn't happen every year, the Packers in the Super Bowl."

"Luckily, my son, after we played Candy Land in the middle of the fourth quarter, he said, 'OK, the last two minutes we can watch it together.' So we watched that last stand, and I was happy that they somehow pulled it off."

Delays for frost and frozen turf the first four days forced the Monday finish.—Internet

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Tuesday, 8th February, 2011

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

During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Taninthayi Region, Kachin and Rakhine States, generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below February average temperature in Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions, Northern Shan and Kayin States, (5°C) to (6°C) below February average temperatures in Upper Sagaing Region and Chin State, (3°C) above February average temperatures in Rakhine and 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, Namhsan and Heho (4°C) each.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 7-2-2011 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 8-2-2011 was 57°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 8-2-2011 was (73%). Rainfall on 8-2-2011 was (Nil).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 7-2-2011 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 8-2-2011 was 62°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 8-2-2011 was (63%). Total sunshine

hours on 7-2-2011 was (9.8) hours (Approx).

Rainfall on 8-2-2011 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 (9) mph from Northwest at (14:30) hours MST on 7-2-2011.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 9th February 2011: Light rain are possible to be isolated in Upper Sagaing Region and Kachin State. Weather will be partly cloudy in Taninthayi Region and Shan State and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of isolated light rain in the extreme Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 9-2-2011: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 9-2-2011: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 9-2-2011: Generally fair weather.

Peru discovers gold and silver beds

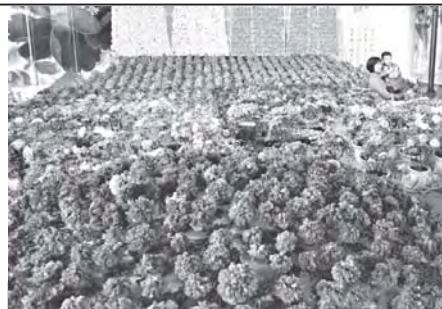
LIMA, 8 Feb—Peruvian Energy and Mining Ministry (MEM) on Monday reported the discovery of large gold and silver beds in the north of the Peruvian Andes, in Cajamarca region, some 850 kilometres northeast to Lima, the country's capital.

According to a MEM statement the gold bed is of 1.34 million ounces and the silver one of 33.3 million ounces.

The statement was published in the context of the 7th International Congress of Exploration "ProExpo 2011" being hosted in Lima with the attendance of geologists from all the world and executives from companies specialized on the location of new beds.

The MEM said that the discovered gold bed could be of even 6 kilometres long and more than 400 metres deep.

This gold-silver bed is located between the two main gold beds already being exploited.—Xinhua



A mother and her son pose for a photo surrounded by peony blossom in a garden in Guangzhou, capital of south China's Guangdong Province. Over 30 types of peony, China's national flower, went on show in Guangzhou on Sunday.

XINHUA

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL

Programme Schedule
(9-2-2011) (Wednesday)

Transmissions

Local - (09:00am~11:00am)MST
 Oversea Transmission - (9-2-11 09:30 am ~ 10-2-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Residing in the Union with...Union Spirit (Mon State)
- * News
- * Those who never give up
- * News
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- * News
- * "Youth of the Future" (Episode-1) Golfer
- * News
- * Myanmar Traditional Instruments "Myanmar Dram"
- * News
- * Silk-Ware from Amarapura
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Mile of Road...Piles of Hope (Patheon-Monywa Motor Road) (part-II)
- * Myanmar Movie "Unchangeable Love"

Myanmar

TV

Wednesday,
9 February
View on today

7:00 am

1. Paritta By Venerable Min Gun 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

7:50 am

6. Health Programme

8:10 am

7. Cultural Dances

8:20 am

8. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition

8:25 am

9. Teleplay (Health)

8:30 am

10. 64th Anniversary Union Day Programme

8:40 am

11. International News

8:45 am

12. Musical Programme

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:05 pm

2. Classical Songs

4:10 pm

3. 64th Anniversary Union Day Programme

4:25 pm

4. 2011 University Entrance Examination (Geography)

5:00 pm

5. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

5:05 pm

6. 64th Anniversary Union Day Programme

5:15 pm

7. "ASEAN" Programmes

5:25 pm

8. Melody Tunes (Sogya Pyawshwin Tay Thansin)

6:00 pm

9. Evening News

6:15 pm

10. Weather Report

6:20 pm

11. Traditional Boxing

6:30 pm

12. Shwe Yin Chone Than

7:00 pm

13. Ratha Pawlwin Thayotesaung Lwin Pyin (Character Contest)

7:30 pm

14. Union Day Programme

8:00 pm

15. News
16. International News
17. Weather Report
18. Korea NG Award
19. TV Drama Series
20. Myanmar Drama

- ★ 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

Chin State gaining development momentum in the time of State Peace and Development Council

Colourful Chin State

Chin State with a total area of 13906.92 square miles lies at the western part of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. In Chin State, Chin national has long been living together with Mro, Khami and Bamar. It is mountainous region and has few plains. There exists ravines stretching

from north to south. Mt Victoria or Kaw Nu Symm is the highest mountain in Chin State, reaching at a height of 10,200 feet above sea level. There are many creeks in the State. Manipura River flows through the north of the State.

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Var Bridge in Chin State.

HAILING 64TH ANNIVERSARY UNION



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Cultivate patriotic spirit correctly

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Union Day as testimony

* Nectar they collect for honey
Busy building hives as home
Roam actively honeybees

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Significant night temperatures (8-2-2011)

Haka	(0° C)
Lashio	(3° C)
Pinlaung	(3° C)
Namhsan	(4° C)
Heho	(4° C)