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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Senior General Than Shwe felicitates DPRK National Defence Commission Chairman

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Feb — On the occasion of the birthday of His Excellency Mr Kim Jong Il, Chairman of the National Defence Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, which falls on 16 February 2011, Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Kim Jong Il, Chairman of the National Defence Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

MNA

True patriotism

- * It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- * Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

Sixth-day regular session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw held Number of UEC members approved

Proposal submitted for the number of judges of Union Supreme Court



Sixth-day regular session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in progress.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Feb — The sixth-day regular session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw was held at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here at 10 am today, with the attendance of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann, Pyithu Hluttaw Representatives and Amyotha Hluttaw Representa-

tives.

Director-General U Myint Thein of Hluttaw Office acted as master of ceremonies.

After taking position, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint announced the validity and start of the sixth-day regular session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw as 656 Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

Representatives out of 659 who have right to attend the session were present at the session, accounting for 99.54 per cent of attendance.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approved the formation of the Union Election Commission as there was no objection although a discussion among Hluttaw representatives was invited regarding the submission made by the elected president on the formation of the Union Election Commission with seven members—one chairperson and six members—and a secretary to make sure that functions run effectively.

The elected President submitted the proposal on the number of Union Supreme Court Judges to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker. (See page 7)

INSIDE

Egoistic, negative elements who are shouting that “lifting of sanctions is unnecessary and they should remain” by turning a blind eye to such demands for the lifting of sanctions in the interests of the nation and the people will distance themselves from the people and history will punish those lackeys.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Nurture students with strong Union Spirit

In undertaking the Myanmar education tasks, the government has set a plan to turn out outstanding, healthy and fit persons equipped with good morale and discipline.

Teachers, being main strength in education sector, are to nurture new generation youths to become human resources with strengthened Union Spirit to be able to shoulder the duty of future nation. The youths are to constantly be equipped with Union Spirit called true patriotism to have noble mind such as the nationalistic spirit and the spirit of good citizen.

Priority is to be given to equipping the youths with noble abilities such as collaborative spirit, perseverance and loyalty based on the fine morale characters. Based on fine traditions and customs, religious homilies, social ethics, it is necessary to turn out the highly-qualified good and able persons of the State under the disciplines prescribed by the school, the community and the State to have a good habit of abiding by the laws of the nation.

Thus, teachers are to nurture the students to become those who can serve the national interest with strong Union Spirit.

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

Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and wife being welcomed by Ambassador of Democratic People's Republic of Korea Mr Kim Sok Chol at the birthday ceremony of H.E Mr Kim Jong Il, Chairman of the National Defence Commission of the DPRK, at the Chatrium Hotel in Yangon on 15 February. —MNA



Rice Production and climate change discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Feb—A workshop on the impact of climate change on rice production of Myanmar, under cooperation programme of Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) of Philippines, was held at Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation here this morning.

strains to Myanmar's changing climate patterns, Scholar Dr Rubenito Lampayan of IRRI managing water utilization according to climate change, Professor Dr Nam Sai Huan of Yezin Agricultural University on measuring of volume of methane gas emitted by irrigated farm. The morning session came to an end with cross-discussions.

Lecturer Dr U Myint Thauung presided over the paper-reading session in the afternoon.

Scholar of IRRI Mr David Johnson submitted a paper on paddy strains adaptable to climate change, Dr Daw Khin Mar Htay of Agricultural Research Department on response to different alternate wet and dry systems of different paddy strains, Scholar Dr Grant Singleton of IRRI on climate change and insects management, Dr Ye Tint Tun of Myanmar



Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Myint speaking at workshop on impact of climate change on rice production of Myanmar. —MNA

K Link to showcase Kaspersky at Software & Solution Exhibition

YANGON, 15 Feb — K Link Co Ltd will display Kaspersky Antivirus Software at Software & Solution Exhibition 2011 to be held at Strand Hotel here from 18 to 19 February.

The company will return special gifts to buyers of its antivirus software at the exhibition.

K Link Co Ltd (Kaspersky Antivirus Software) has opened sale centres seven days a week at No (524), Dhammayon Street, 11th ward, 6 ½ mile, Hline Township, (Ph: 505278, 539151); and at Room No (1), Building No (4), Myanmar Info-Tech, Hline Universities Campus, Hline Township, (Ph: 507043, 507047).—MNA

It was attended by Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Myint, Chairman Dr Myint Thein of Myanmar Agriculture, Forestry, Livestock and Fisheries Academy, personnel of departments and enterprises under the ministry, officials of Ministry of Commerce, and Department of Meteorology and Hydrology, delegations from Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, rice production experts form INGOs and private organizations, guests and enthusiasts.

First, the deputy minister extended greetings. Scholar Mr David Johnson of IRRI made a speech. It was followed by paper-reading session chaired by Dr Myint Thein.

Scholar Mr David Johnson submitted a paper on effect of climate change on environs of rice-growing regions, Dr Daw Su Su Win of Agricultural Research Department on approach to reduction of greenhouse gas by seeking paddy strains that can produce moderate yield of harvest with little use of nitrogen, Scholar Dr Abdelbagi Ismail of IRRI on paddy strains adaptable to climate change, Daw Tin Tin Myint of Agricultural Research Department on nurturing suitable paddy



Expert of IRRI Mr David Johnson extends greetings. MNA

Agriculture Service on relation between temperature and growth of diverse paddy strains in Lower Myanmar. Then the first-day session ended with cross-discussions.

The workshop which ends tomorrow focuses on effects of climate change on Myanmar's rice production through exchange of views, experiences and knowledge between Myanmar agriculturalists and international agricultural experts.

MNA



A view of the damaged entrance of the City Centre shopping mall after a suicide bomb attack, in Kabul on 14 Feb. 2011.—INTERNET

Small commercial plane crash kills 14 in Honduras

TEGUCIGALPA, 15 Feb—A small Honduran commercial airliner crashed Monday near the capital, killing all 14 people aboard, including a senior government official and a top union leader, authorities said.

Two Americans and a Canadian were listed as passengers on the Central American Airlines' flight to Toncontin Airport in Tegucigalpa, said Melvin Duarte, spokesman for the Attorney General's office. US and Canadian embassy officials said they would release details on the victims after notifying their families.

The *Let L-410 Turbolet* crashed on Monday morning in the town of Las Mesitas, about three miles (five kilometers) south of the airport.

Internet



Debris and baggage are seen at the scene of the Central American Airways plane crash in Las Mesitas, 20 km (12 miles) north of Tegucigalpa, on 14 Feb. 2011.—INTERNET

Argentina, US in diplomatic spat after cargo seized

BUENOS AIRES, 15 Feb—Argentina accused the United States of being un-cooperative with a probe into why undeclared weapons and drugs were sent the South American country on a US military aircraft last week.

The diplomatic spat went public after Buenos Aires authorities seized what they said were undeclared weapons and drugs, but US officials described it as routine equipment for training the Argentine federal police.

Argentine Foreign

Minister Hector Timerman on Monday told CNN that the United States has not provided sufficient answers.

"They must give an explanation," Timerman said. "The United States must understand that they can't send war materials without informing the government. And now they refuse to cooperate with the investigation."

But the US State Department on Monday said it was "puzzled and disturbed" by the seizure of what it said was routine equipment for police training.—Internet

Brazil, Germany, India, Japan demand UN change

UNITED NATIONS, 15 Feb—Brazil, Germany, India and Japan said Friday that they would press for "concrete" action this year to open up the UN Security Council to new members.

Foreign ministers from the four nations met at the UN headquarters to step up their campaign even though there is no broad acceptance within the 192 UN members on how to reform the world body's supreme peace

and security body.

"Pressure is mounting here at the United Nations for the UN membership to finally face the challenge of addressing Security Council reform in a realistic manner, adjusting it to the current geo-political realities," said Brazil's Foreign Minister Antonio de Aguiar Patriota after the meeting.

The four nations believe "that we should

work towards concrete outcome in the current session of the general assembly," which ends in September, he added.

India's Foreign Minister SM Krishna said "the response that we are getting is overwhelming and we feel confident that we can move in that direction."

He said the four would "press ahead for reform of the Security Council on an urgent basis."—Internet



Soldiers inspect a semi-submersible vessel in Timbiqui, southwestern Colombia, on 14 Feb. 2011. INTERNET

Colombia nabs fully submersible drug submarine

BOGOTA, 15 Feb—Colombian soldiers have for the first time seized a fully submersible drug-smuggling submarine capable of reaching the coast of Mexico, authorities announced Monday.

Last July, another fully submersible "narcosub" was seized just across the border by authorities in neighbouring Ecuador.

Previous drug-carrying vessels found in Colombia were only semi-submersible, meaning part of the structure always remained above the surface.

But the sub discovered Sunday can operate completely underwater, Col Manuel Hurtado, chief of staff of Colombia's Pacific Command, told *The Associated Press*. He estimated it could hold eight tons of drugs.

Internet

10,000 lose homes in Philippines slum fire



Residents stand outside the remains of their homes following a fire which left one boy dead in suburban Quezon City, north of Manila, Philippines on 15 Feb. 2011. Fire officials estimate the fire, which started late Monday, gutted around 500 houses leaving about 2,000 people homeless.—INTERNET

MANILA, 15 Feb—Around 10,000 people lost their homes and one child was killed when a fire swept through one of the Philippines' largest shantytowns in Manila on Tuesday, an arson investigator said.

The authorities had yet to determine the cause of the blaze that destroyed about 500 houses in the Bahay Toro slum, fire inspector Catherine Albino said.

A five-year-old boy was killed, six other people were injured and about 2,000 families were left homeless, she added. Firemen battled for more than three hours before the blaze was brought under control.—Internet

Moderate quake rumbles near Mount St Helens

SEATTLE, 15 Feb—An earthquake measured at a magnitude of 4.3 struck near Mount St. Helens in Washington state on Monday, shaking an area extending north to Puget Sound and south across the Oregon border, geologists said.

It was the biggest tremor to hit the geologically active seismic zone around Mount St. Helens since 1981, a year after the volcano erupted in a catastrophic blast that decimated over 200 square miles of forest, said Carolyn Driedger, a hydrologist for the US Geological Survey's Cascades Volcano Observatory in Vancouver, Washington.

There were no reports of damage or injuries, but the main tremor was felt over a distance of roughly 120 miles from north to south, said Bill Steele, a spokesman for the University of Washington's Pacific Northwest Seismic Network.

Reuters

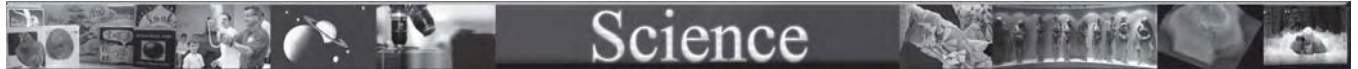
Moderate quake rocks eastern Java, Indonesia

JAKARTA, 15 Feb—A shallow earthquake with magnitude of 5.5 struck off eastern Java in Indonesia on Monday, the Meteorology and Geophysics Agency reported here.

The quake jolted at 18: 43 Jakarta Time (1143 GMT) with epicentre at 212 km southeast of Jember in East Java Province and the depth at 10 km, the agency said.—Xinhua



Photo illustration of a US military C-17 transport plane. Argentina accused the United States of being uncooperative with a probe into why undeclared weapons and drugs were sent the South American country on a US military aircraft last week.—INTERNET



Science

Human DNA found in gonorrhoea genome

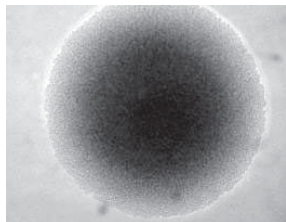
EVANSTON, 15 Feb—US researchers say they have found the first evidence of a transfer of human DNA to a bacterial genome — in this case, the bacterium that causes gonorrhoea.

Researchers at Northwestern University say this is the first evidence ever seen of a direct transfer of DNA from human to bacteria, a university release said on Monday. Scientists say the discovery offers insight into evolution as well as gonorrhoea's singular ability to continually adapt and survive in its human hosts.

"This has evolutionary significance because it shows you can take broad evolutionary steps when you're able to acquire these pieces of DNA," Hank Seifert, Northwest professor of microbiology, said. "The bacterium is getting a genetic sequence from the very host it's infecting. That could have far reaching implications as far as how the bacteria can adapt to the host."

Scientists have long known of gene transfers between different bacteria, and even between bacteria and yeast cells.

Internet



Photomicrograph of a colony of *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* bacteria; magnified 100X.
INTERNET

Patty Lin, a postdoctoral candidate in ASU's School of Earth and Space Exploration, holds Northwest Africa 5000, a lunar meteorite in the collection of the ASU Centre for Meteorite Studies. Lin and her adviser professor Ed Garnero use seismology to study inaccessible regions of Earth's interior, a technique they are now applying on the moon to learn more about Earth's natural satellite.—INTERNET



Mich students win satellite competition

DETROIT, 15 Feb—A team of Michigan college students has won a competition to have the US Department of Defence launch their custom-built satellite into orbit, officials said.

Michigan Technological University students took first place in the University Nanosat 6 competition sponsored by the Air Force Research Laboratory, which handpicked 11 university teams from dozens of applicants for the competition, WWJ-TV, Detroit, reported on Monday.

Michigan Tech's satellite, *Oculus-ASR*, will serve as an orbiting eye to assist scientists on the ground with satellite attitude and shape recognition.

"The DOD wants to know what's orbiting the Earth, who owns it, what it's doing, and what it might do in the future," team adviser professor L Brad King said. "In general, our role will be to calibrate their telescopes," by releasing targets which both *Oculus* and air force scientists on the ground can photograph, King said.

"It's a very capable little vehicle. There's a lot packed into it."—Internet

Phosphorous overused, running out

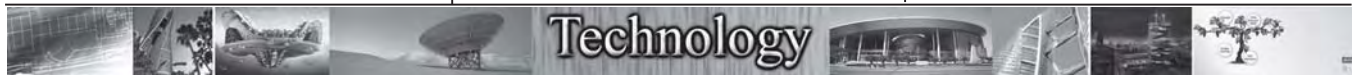
MADISON, 15 Feb—US researchers say world stocks of phosphorous, a fertilizer vital to agriculture, are low but its overuse has become a leading cause of water pollution.

Scientists at the University of Wisconsin-Madison report the human use of dwindling supplies of phosphorous, primarily in the industrialized world, is causing widespread eutrophication, or algae "blooms" in fresh surface water, a university release said Monday.

Excess phosphorous from fertilizer that washes from farm fields and suburban lawns into lakes and streams is the primary cause of the blooms that throw freshwater ecosystems out of kilter and degrade water quality, Stephen Carpenter, a UW-Madison professor of limnology, says.

"Phosphorous stimulates the growth of algae and weeds near shore and some of the algae can contain cyanobacteria, which are toxic, Carpenter says. "You lose fish. You lose water quality for drinking."

Internet



Technology

Artificial retina helps some blind people



In this photo taken on 12 Feb, 2011, Eric Selby poses for a photograph with a 'sight' camera fitted in a pair of glasses, as well as its associated computer and transmitter, which work in conjunction with an artificial retina implant called the Argus II fitted in his right eye, enabling him to detect light, in Coventry, England.
INTERNET

LONDON, 15 Feb—For two decades, Eric Selby had been completely blind and dependent on a guide dog to get around. But after having an artificial retina put into his right eye, he can detect ordinary things like the curb and pavement when he's walking outside. "It's basically flashes of light that you have to translate in your brain, but it's amazing I can see anything at all," said Selby, a retired engineer in Coventry, central England.

More than a year ago, the 68-year-old had an artificial implant called the Argus II, made by US-based company Second Sight, surgically inserted into his right eye.

The implant works with a tiny video camera and transmitter in a pair

of glasses and a small wireless computer. The computer processes scenes captured by the camera and converts them into visual information in the form of an electronic signal that's sent to the implant. The device stimulates the retina's remaining healthy cells, causing them to relay the data to the optic nerve.

Internet

Zevrix solutions releases BatchOutput PPT 2.0 for Mac

TORONTO, 15 Feb—Toronto-based Zevrix Solutions today announced a new point release of BatchOutput PPT 2.0, a handy tool for Mac OS X users that automates the creation of PDFs from Microsoft PowerPoint.

BatchOutput PPT's main purpose is that it removes the time and effort associated with post-processing in generating professional quality PDFs, especially when working with large batches of files. BatchOutput supplies a simple interface where users can set up their file output preferences and then run the processes on a huge number of files in

one shot.

Version 2.0 adds some new features, including the ability to easily divide PowerPoint documents into single-page PDFs and apply Quartz filters to batches of documents to adjust the colour, tone, brightness, and file size. The tool also lets users control image resolution and compression, as well as add encryption and password protection to the final PDFs to restrict copying, printing, and viewing.

Another aspect of the new release is that you can assign variable file names based on the page number, user name, current date, and other attributes associated with the files.—Internet

Intel's six-core I7-990X is its fastest desktop chip yet

NEW YORK, 15 Feb—Intel started shipping the six-core Core i7-990X Extreme Edition processor on Monday, calling it the fastest Intel desktop processor ever.

The processor runs at a clock speed of 3.46GHz and has overclocking features that allow users to manually crank up the speed, Intel said. The chip includes 12MB of cache and draws 130 watts of power. The processor's overclocking features could appeal to hardcore gamers, 3D artists and media enthusiasts, Intel said in a blog entry on Monday.

In addition to manual overclocking, the chip includes a feature called Turbo Boost, which can ratchet up the clock speed to as high as 3.73GHz, depending on the power drawn and the performance demanded by an application.—Internet



A worker prepares a stand the day before the opening of the 3GSM World congress in Barcelona, on 13 February. The Wholesale Applications Community (WAC), set up last year by major international operators to develop a universal platform for mobile applications.—INTERNET



Health



Eating more fiber could mean longer life

CHICAGO, 15 Feb—Eat more fiber and you just may live longer.

That's the message from the largest study of its kind to find a link between high-fiber diets and lower risks of death not only from heart disease, but from infectious and respiratory illnesses as well.

The government study also ties fiber with a lower risk of cancer deaths in men, but not women, possibly because men are more likely to die from cancers related to diet, like cancers of the esophagus. And it finds the overall benefit to be strongest for diets high in fiber from grains.

Most Americans aren't getting enough roughage in their diets. The average American eats only about 15 grams of fiber each day, much less than the current daily recommendation of 25 grams for women and 38 grams for men, or 14 grams per 1,000 calories. For example, a slice of whole wheat bread contains 2 to 4 grams of fiber.

In the new study, the people who met the guidelines were less likely to die during a nine-year follow-up period.

Internet



Women wait to have their children vaccinated against pneumonia at a healthcare centre in Managua, Icarague, last month. A vaccine against pneumonia, the leading cause of child deaths around the world, has been rolled out in Kenya and is expected to save hundreds of thousands of lives in coming years.—INTERNET

Hand movements may give clues to ADHD severity

BALTIMORE, 15 Feb—Measuring hand-movement control in children with attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder may reveal insights into the brain-based differences of those with the condition, according to two new studies.

In joint research, scientists from Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Centre and the Kennedy Krieger Institute in Baltimore performed sequential finger-tapping experiments on youngsters with ADHD, noting that they exhibited more than twice the amount of unintentional extra or "overflow" movements than typical children on one of the two measures

used. The researchers also used a device emitting magnetic pulses to children with the disorder to measure cortical inhibition — the brain's "braking system." They found that children with ADHD were 40 percent less able than typical children to inhibit resulting hand movements.

"We now have a real, quantifiable measure of a problem with controlling behaviour in these children," said Dr Stewart Mostofsky, senior author of the finger-tapping study and director of the Laboratory for Neurocognitive and Imaging Research at the Kennedy Krieger Institute.—Internet

Overweight women show lower glaucoma risk

NEW YORK, 15 Feb—Overweight older women may be less likely than their thinner peers to develop the potentially blinding eye disease glaucoma, a study published on Monday suggests.

Researchers found that of nearly 4,000 older Dutch adults followed for a decade, heavier women were less likely to be diagnosed with so-called open-angle glaucoma. There was no clear link, however, between weight and glaucoma risk among men.

Open-angle glaucoma is the most common form of glaucoma. It arises when fluid buildup increases pressure in the eye, damaging the optic nerve that runs from the eye to the brain.

The new findings, reported in the *Archives of Ophthalmology*, may sound counterintuitive, since obesity would seem likely to boost pressure in the eye. And, in fact, overweight and obese women in the study did have somewhat greater pressure within the eye — called intraocular pressure.

But the researchers speculate that there may be something protective about extra fat tissue in women — like increased estrogen levels — that helps lower their risk of glaucoma.—Reuters



A senior figure monitoring Britain's National Health Service (NHS) detailed "harrowing" cases of the neglect of elderly patients in a report released on Tuesday.

INTERNET



Business



Starbucks and Green Mountain in tie-up talks



An employee of Starbucks Corp works inside the branch in Antiguo Cuscatlan, some 8 km (4 miles) southwest of San Salvador on 5 November, 2010.

INTERNET

LOS ANGELES, 15 Feb— Starbucks Corp and Green Mountain Coffee Roasters are in partnership negotiations, a source close to the talks told *Reuters* on Monday, sending Green Mountain shares to a lifetime high.

Starbucks, the world's biggest coffee chain, has been looking for growth beyond its namesake cafes and

wants to be a big player in the new and fast-growing single-serve coffee segment. Green Mountain dominates the US single-cup market with its Keurig brewer.

Starbucks said on Sunday that it planned to announce a new product for the single-cup coffee market in the near future, reviving speculation of a tie-up between the two companies. The person close to the partnership talks would not say if the pending announcement would involve Green Mountain, and declined to describe the type of partnership that Starbucks and Green Mountain were exploring. A Starbucks spokesman declined comment on the negotiations.—Internet

GM to add over 20 new, upgraded models in China: CEO

BEIJING, 15 Feb—General Motors Co will add over 20 new and upgraded models in China, its CEO said Tuesday at the US automaker looks to use its leading position in the world's biggest car market to reclaim the No.1 carmaker spot from Toyota Motor Corp.

"China is clearly a crown jewel in the GM universe," said GM Chief Executive Daniel Akerson, speaking in Beijing.



GM Chief Executive Daniel Akerson pauses at a news conference in Beijing on 15 Feb, 2011.

INTERNET

son, speaking in Beijing. "China is a unique market sitting in what I think is the highest growth area in the world for the next 10, 20, 30

years."

GM, which completed its IPO last year, is the largest overseas automaker in China, where it operates auto manufacturing ventures with state auto groups SAIC Motor and FAW Group. It lost the top global automaker spot to Toyota in 2007.

Global industry giants, from Bayerische Motoren Werke AG to Volkswagen, have in the

past two years racked up eye-popping sales in China, where growing national wealth has pushed auto sales to record highs.

But the once-booming market is settling into a more rational growth pattern of 10-15 percent this year after the government scrapped most of its auto incentives at the end of 2010.

Reuters

Marriott announces plans to split business

NEW YORK, 15 Feb—Marriott International Inc is splitting into two publicly traded companies.

The company said as it reported on its earnings Monday that it will spin off its struggling timeshare development and management company later this year. The remaining business will concentrate on lodging management and franchising.

Marriott said the move will help both companies focus on opportunities in their respective industries.

It also helps the hotel chain shed the timeshare business. Marriott will continue to receive franchise fees from the timeshare company's use of the Marriott

and Ritz-Carlton brands.

Marriott curbed its development of timeshares in 2009, but revenue from the segment continued to fall in 2010. The company recently tried to increase its appeal by allowing customers to purchase timeshares in smaller increments and offering more flexible terms. "It's unexpected because people didn't know what the fix for timeshare was going to be," said Janet Brashear, an analyst for Sanford Bernstein. "The spinoff is kind of a neat solution: You get rid of the business and clean up your model so that it is purely lodging."—Internet



Farmers shovel channel water to a wheat field in Ganyu County, east China's Jiangsu Province, 14 Feb, 2011. Local government allocated 10 million yuan (1.52 million US dollars) and dispatched more than 100 technicians to the farmlands for drought fight.

XINHUA

18 killed cartel-plagued northern Mexican town

CIUDAD VICTORIA, 15 Feb—A series of shootings left 18 people dead Monday in a town in northern Mexico where a turf war has raged between two brutal drug cartels.

The violence damaged the city hall, a court and the police headquarters in Padilla, a town just north of the Tamaulipas state capital of Ciudad Victoria, the state government said in a statement.

Seven bodies were dumped in Padilla's main square on Monday, another five people were shot to death inside their car, and another person was killed in an attack on a passenger bus, the statement said. Five other inhabitants of the town were killed, but the statement did not specify how.

Tamaulipas, a state bordering Texas, has seen some of the worst atrocities in Mexico's drug war since fighting broke out last year between the Gulf cartel and a gang of its former enforcers known as the Zetas.—Internet



A forensic team stands next to a SUV set ablaze by gunmen in Monterrey on 13 February, 2011. Suspected drug hitmen killed a senior police chief in one of the most brazen attacks yet in Monterrey, Mexico's richest city, El Norte daily reported.—INTERNET

Motorola Mobility buys mobile software firm 3LM

WASHINGTON, 15 Feb—Motorola Mobility has made its first acquisition since being spun off as a separate company, buying mobile software maker Three Laws Mobility in a bid to expand corporate use of Android phones.

Financial terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

Three Laws Mobility, known as 3LM, develops mobile enterprise security software and solutions and mobile device management products for Google's Android operating system.

Motorola Mobility, which split off from parent company Motorola on 4 January to become a separately traded entity, has been betting on Android handsets to power its bid to return to



A Motorola store in the state department store (GUM) in Moscow.—INTERNET

the ranks of leading mobile phone makers.

Motorola said in a statement that 3LM's technology is designed to enable the adoption of Android devices by businesses and governmental entities.—Internet

Floods in eastern Australia to increase numbers of feral animals

CANBERRA, 15 Feb—Scientists on Tuesday said recent big rain and flooding across parts of eastern Australia is expected lead to an increase in the numbers of feral pigs, rabbits, wild dogs and cane toads.

According to Associate Professor Steve Lapidge from the Invasive Animals Cooperative Research Centre, a decade of hard work in controlling feral animals and weeds could be about to come undone because of the recent rainfall and flooding in parts of Australia.

He said feral pigs, in particular, are likely to take advantage of the wet conditions to breed.

"Species like feral pigs thrive after floods go through," he told ABC News on Tuesday.

"It is an unfortunate fact that after the tsunami in Indonesia about the only species that benefitted from that tsunami was feral pigs."

Internet

Danish teacher presumed dead after boat accident

COPENHAGEN, 15 Feb—Danish police have abandoned the search for a 44-year-old teacher who went missing after a dragon boat with two adults and 13 teenagers capsized in a chilly fjord.

Six of the teenagers are in critical condition with severe hypothermia.

Copenhagen University Hospital chief surgeon Michael Wansher says their body temperatures dropped to between 60-65 Fahrenheit (16-18°C) following the accident Friday in the Praestoe Fjord, some 50 miles (80 kilometers) south of the Danish capital.

Survivors who swam ashore told Danish media they spent more than an hour in the water, which was just above 36 degrees Fahrenheit (2 degrees Celsius).

Xinhua



Pedestrians cross the street as snow falls in the Ginza District of central Tokyo. Japan's real gross domestic product slipped by an annualised 1.1 percent in the October-December quarter as the expiration of auto subsidies hit car sales, a new tobacco tax sapped cigarette demand and a surging yen hurt exports.—INTERNET

At northern border, agents fight drug war on ice

MASSENA, 15 Feb—Border Patrol agent Glenn Pickering slowed his rumbling snowmobile to a stop and eyed two trails of churned-up snow running down a riverbank.

They were snowmobile tracks leading out onto the ice of the frozen St Lawrence River that runs between upstate New York and Canada. At night smugglers race across the ice with bags of marijuana. Pickering shielded his eyes with his hand as the wind covered the tracks; he couldn't see whether they went all the way across the border.



In this 10 Feb, 2011 photo, snow flies over US Border Patrol agent Glenn Pickering as he rides a snowmobile along the St Lawrence River in Massena, NY.—INTERNET

"There are all these islands out here, and the snowmobiles just come shooting across," Pickering said. "It's a constant battle."

This is the United

States' forgotten border, where federal agents and police play cat-and-mouse with smugglers and illegal immigrants along 4,000 miles of a mostly unmarked and unfortified frontier with Canada.

Internet

Two soldiers die, five missing after explosion in Colombia

BOGOTA, 15 Feb—Two Colombian marines were killed, four others were wounded and five more went missing after an explosive device detonated on Monday in Putumayo department bordering Ecuador, the Colombian Navy said in a statement.

The Navy said that "the explosion occurred around 8:00 am, local time (1300 GMT) when the units were transporting personnel" in a rural area of Puerto Leguizamo, located in the southwest of this country.—Internet



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint presents number of judges of Supreme Court of the Union to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw submitted by elected President.—MNA

Sixth-day regular session of First Pyidaungsu...

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The Speaker announced that the elected President, in accord with the Sub-section(b) of Article 299 of the Constitution

of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Rule-24, submitted the number of judges of Supreme Court of the Union as seven. The

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Representatives may participate in the discussions regarding the submission at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session tomorrow. The representatives who will take part in the discussions are to submit their names to the Director-

General of the Hluttaw Office this evening.

Afterwards, the Speaker of Pyidaungsu

Hluttaw announced the sixth-day regular session of the First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw ended and the seventh-day regular ses-

sion will continue at 11 am tomorrow.

The meeting came to an end at 10. 10 am.

MNA



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives signing attendance book.

MNA



Pyidaungsu

Hluttaw representatives seen

arriving at

Hluttaw session.

MNA



National-level Monsoon Forum held

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Feb—National-level Monsoon Forum jointly organized by Department of Meteorology and Hy-

drology of Ministry of Transport and Food and Agriculture Organization took place at Amara Hotel here this morning.

It was attended by Director-General U Tin Ngwe of Department of Meteorology and Hydrology, departmental heads,

Resident Representative Dr Shin Imai of FAO and officials, delegates from agricultural organizations, meteorologists and hydrologists, and agriculturalists from Magway, Ayeyawady and Bago regions.

First, the director-general extended greetings and the FAO resident representative gave a speech.

The forum focused on review and analyzing creditability of last year's weather forecasts, means for issuing more effective weather forecasts for agriculture according to requirements of respective regions, weather forecasts for coming monsoon. The forum ends tomorrow.—MNA



National-level Monsoon Forum held at Amara Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw.

MNA

MCC, AIT to conduct bachelor in engineering courses

YANGON, 15 Feb — MCC Group in cooperation with Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) will open Bachelor in Engineering (BSE) courses at MCC Training Institute (Yatanarpon) beginning this year.

Foundation courses were jointly conducted with ILBC. After completing the courses, the student will be qualified to attend Master and PhD courses conducted by AIT.

Six-month foundation courses are being opened at Yangon and Mandalay Campuses of MCC Training Institute for AGTI and GTC diploma holders, Mathematics and Physics graduates and those who passed second year of University of Distance Education.

For more information, one may contact MCC Yangon Campus (Head Office) at Building (3-4), Complex (C), Third Floor, Theingyi Market, Shwedagon Pagoda Road, Pabedan Township, Yangon, (Ph: 245762 and 249152); Mandalay Campus on Wakhingon Pagoda Street, 35th Street, between 56th and 57th Streets, Kankauk ward, Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay, (Ph: 02-91034062, 02-77930); and MCC Training Institute (Yatanarpon), Incubation Centre-No (3), Yatanarpon Myothit, PyinOoLwin, (Ph: 02-78112, 02-78114).—MNA

Sanctions

Yan Gyi Aung

(Continued from yesterday)

I had already presented that West-imposed sanctions had impact on the ordinary people of Myanmar to a certain extent and that Myanmar has been able to rise like a phoenix thanks to earnest efforts of the government and the people, rich resources and development contributed by economic cooperation with regional countries.

Now, I would like to present the effectiveness of sanctions showing how the West Bloc realized the aims they expected by imposing sanctions against Myanmar.

It is mainly said that sanctions against Myanmar by the West Bloc aimed to flourish human right and democratization in Myanmar and to contribute towards better living standard of Myanmar people. These are the aims they usually announce.

With their foreign policy as usual, there may be ulterior motive and objectives as usual. Obviously, they are to put the nation into pretty trouble till there is regime change.

It is apparent that the sanction-leader US administration is using various ways and means intentionally to make the entire Myanmar people poor.

The US administration started imposing sanctions against Myanmar on the pretext of human rights and democratic cause in 1997. The International Emergency Economic Powers Act of 1977-IEEPA was used in imposing sanction against Myanmar at that time. The IEEPA authorizes the president to impose sanctions against the nation which posed threats to the US after declaring the national emergency in response to the existence of an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy or economy of the United States.

In accord with the Act, every US President from Bill Clinton to Barack Obama, the incumbent president, maintains sanctions against Myanmar by issuing national emergency in May every year starting from 1997 saying Myanmar poses a

threat to the national security, foreign policy or economy of the United States.

Here, I have to think about who is posing a threat to whose national security, foreign policy or economy.

Even in the view of ordinary people to compare powers of two nations, how can anyone say that Myanmar with a population of 50 million and which is still a least developed nation can threaten a super power with a population of 300 million and the largest economy in the world and the highest military spending that is equivalent to the half of defence expense of world nations.

Practically, it is the US that was conducting military drills with the use of a fleet of aircraft carriers at the area adjacent to the Myanmar Sea in 1988 uprising.

Although it was known through data sent by the Satellite in early May, 2008 that the severe Cyclone Nargis was heading toward Myanmar and there would be heavy casualties due to the storm, it was a US President who signed order to renew the sanctions saying that Myanmar is threatening security and economy of the United States.

Due to sanctions, philanthropic NGOs in the US found it very difficult to conduct rescue work and render humanitarian aids to Myanmar. But, Myanmar government was blamed for not allowing the US warships to enter her territorial waters in order to carry out rescue works in storm-hit areas.

I would like to know the goodwill of the US which sent two aircraft carriers including Kitty Hawk flanked by a number of escort ships in the disaster period of Myanmar which is said to be threatening the security of the US. When Katrina hit US coast the US not only failed to use its naval ships but also denied help offered by Cuba with the help of Russian naval forces. So, what is the aim of shouting for R2P or "Right to Protect" at that time?

The US declared national emergency under

the IEEPA saying Myanmar is threatening it. Actually, the victim is mistaken for the aggressor. The aggressor is taking the place of the victim.

In 1857 when King Mindon ruled Myanmar, he sent the US a message of amity stating that 'Myanmar wishes to form an alliance with America with a view to benefiting the two peoples of the two countries in the long run'. Since the establishment of bilateral relations, Myanmar had never aimed at the US even with a pin. But the US government blatantly supported Chinese Kuomintang troops in invading Myanmar in the 1950s. The very first air strikes broke out between a CIA-owned military cargo plane in the name of the American Airline ownership and a fighter of Myanmar Defence Services (Air) in Southeast Asia in the post war period. The enemy's plane could be shot down but fighter pilot Lt Peter from Myanmar side had to sacrifice his life for the nation. However, the Myanmar government out of magnanimity remained normal relations with the US as it had been dealing with all world countries by upholding the non-alignment policy.

It is very difficult to understand why the US has repeatedly regarded Myanmar as a threat to international security. Actually, Myanmar has no capability to harm the US security, no history of doing so and no motive to do so. But one-sidedly, the US has remained an alliance with Vietnam against which it waged war from 1962 to 1975 and with Saudi Arabia whose nationals were mainly involved in the September 11 attack in 2001 in which the hijacked planes intentionally crashed into the important US buildings killing over 3000 Americans.

Likewise, the US included Myanmar, which worked hard to reduce poppy cultivation significantly, in the list of 'Countries that have no reluctance to fully cooperate in the drug elimination' annually published by the US State Department by excluding some Latin America countries smuggling narcotic drugs most into the US and Afghanistan producing 98 percent of world's opium. It's so incredible!

What's more, an official of the US's DEA to Myanmar came under fire by the US Embassy and CIA officials for reporting that the Myanmar government actually and affectively worked for reduction in the poppy cultivation. His phone was tapped. When he came back to America, he sued them for defamation. But they tried to stop him from suing. Finally, the case was settled through a deal worth US\$ 3 million made under-the-table. In reality, they do not want to make known to the world that the Myanmar government is effectively carrying out drug eradication tasks.

Drawing an overall picture of the abovementioned true facts, it can be revealed that the US and the West Bloc are imposing sanctions against Myanmar as an instrument of foreign policy with a political motive to install a puppet government by toppling the Tatmadaw government rather than on the grounds of 'democracy cause' and 'human rights'.

How effective are acting or imposing sanctions with political motive? To what extent can they be done to accomplish the motive? Amidst the various sanctions and challenges,

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Sanctions

Yan Gyi Aung

(from page 8)

Myanmar has been carrying out national development tasks day in, day out, and anyone cannot deny the fact that the nation could have built firm economic and political foundations. Many a foreign affairs officials and experts from the West Bloc countries have even publicly disclosed that there is no way the unilateral sanctions against Myanmar are effective against their political motive and that it can affect the ordinary people only.

It was Bernard Couchner, French Foreign Minister, who spoke out regarding the sanctions against Myanmar. Speaking to the foreign affairs committee of French Congress on 7 October, 2009, he supported a dialogue with the Myanmar government saying "Sanctions are useless. Everyone has known (recognized) it. Shouldn't be the door open to that government then?"

Norwegian Foreign Minister Jonas Gahr Støre told *Afterposten* newspaper on 16 May, 2008 (soon after the storm Nargis) that the sanctions against the Myanmar government imposed by western nations are not effective at all.

The research papers and articles by scholars stating that the West Bloc's sanctions against Myanmar are ineffective are countless. But let me refer to following some research papers compiled by widely-respected experts for those who want to

conduct a thorough study.

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- Oehlers, A.2004. 'Sanctions and Burma: Revisiting the Case Against', Development of Economics Auckland University of Technology.
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Studying a collection of those papers, it will be found that the compliers are not those who wrote what they had seen after having been to Myanmar on a two-week visa but the credible persons from internationally-accredited universities and research departments.

The abovementioned papers and articles can be read online. In comparison with the NLD paper, they will give the reader insights into the true, objective conditions.

It does not matter whether there are sanctions of the West Bloc or not. The Myanmar government is in transition of democracy and for development of human rights after laying down systematic work programmes. The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw has been called to hand over State duties to the democratically-elected government, which is the final step of the seven-step Road Map. The new constitution that has come into force has guaranteed the fundamental rights for citizens and democratic practices, including the right to speak and assemble freely. Therefore, changes and reforms in Myanmar's democracy and human rights have come together with the emerging democratic nation.

This is why the farsighted neighbouring nations and legitimate political parties and national races in Myanmar unanimously are claiming the sanctions that are affecting the ordinary people and no longer effective should be lifted.

However, egoistic, negative elements who are shouting that "lifting of sanctions is unnecessary and they should remain" by turning a blind eye to such demands for the lifting of sanctions in the interests of the nation and the people will distance themselves from the people and history will punish those lackeys. Here, I would like to exhort them to play a part in nation-building by mending their wrong ways as it is never too late to mend.

Translation: YM+ST

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Iran, Turkey call for development of all-out ties

TEHERAN, 15 Feb—The presidents of Iran and Turkey called here on Monday for the development of all-out ties between the two countries.

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said that his country is determined to triple the volume of annual trade with Turkey to 30 billion US dollars.

"Iran and Turkey enjoy deep, brotherly and enduring relations," Ahmadinejad said at a joint Press conference with his visiting Turkish counterpart President Abdullah Gul, adding the two countries have been bolstering ties in different fields during recent years.

Ahmadinejad said the two neighbouring

countries are determined to enhance the political, cultural and economic cooperation, which will be the interest of the region and will bring peace and stability to the region. Gul said there is no obstacle to the expansion of cooperation between Teheran and Ankara.

Xinhua

23 fishermen missing in Russia

MOSCOW, 15 Feb—A Russian fishing trawler with at least 23 people on board has gone missing in the Sea of Okhotsk off the Kamchatka Peninsula, the ITAR-TASS news agency reported on Monday.

The *Ametist* vessel stopped transmitting daily position reports on Friday, with the search mission being hampered by heavy storms and poor visibility, the news

agency quoted rescue official as saying.

The *Interfax* news agency said the trawler had 24 crew members on board and enough fuel to last until Tuesday.

An *Il-38* maritime patrol aircraft and a helicopter had been dispatched to the region to help locate the trawler, whose crew had been fishing for crab, news reported said.

But wind gusts of up to 55 miles (88

kilometres) per hour had forced officials to temporarily call off their search Monday evening.

"The search and rescue mission will resume as soon as weather conditions improve," *Interfax* quoted a local rescue official as saying.

The vessel did not issue a distress signal before losing radio contact with the ground, ITAR-TASS said.

Internet



Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo comforts Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Maung Maung Gyi of Sagaing Region Constituency (10) at Nay Pyi Taw People's Hospital (1000-bed).

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A&I Minister receives FAO Resident Representative

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Feb — Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo received Resident Representative Dr Shin Imai of Food and Agriculture Organization, who has concluded his tour of duty, at the ministry here this noon. They held discussions on agricultural cooperation.

The minister also received Mr Bengt Ekman of Swedish International Cooperation Agency, Dr Hans Anders Peter Engvall, Mr Jorgen Schonning, Director-General Dr Dang Kim Son of Institute of Policy and Strategy for Agriculture and Rural Development of Vietnam, Chairman Ms Pham Hoang Ngan of Biznet Corporation and party, who attended the Rural Development Seminar which focused cooperation in agricultural sector among Myanmar, Vietnam and Sweden hosted by Myanmar, at the same office at 2 pm. Matters related to boosting agricultural production and cooperation in agricultural sector were discussed.

MNA

Fourth-day regular session of First Chin State Hluttaw held One cancelled out of nine State approved ministers by the State Hluttaw

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Feb — The fourth-day regular session of First Chin State Hluttaw took place at the meeting hall of the State Hluttaw at 10 am this morning, with the attendance of all 24 State Hluttaw Representatives including State Hluttaw Speaker U Hauk Khin Kham.

At the session, U Zan Kyint Paw (a) U Zozan of Tiddim Township Constituency 2 raised an objection signed by 11 Hluttaw representatives to State Hluttaw Speaker stating that U Kwi Htan of Kanpetlet Township Constituency 1, one of

the nine state ministers nominated by the elected chief minister and approved by the State Hluttaw on the third-day regular session, was under 35 according to the Article 261 (a) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

As regards the objection, the curriculum vitae of U Kwi Htan was examined and it was found that he was 19 days to 35 and the objection was in conformity with the law. Thus the Speaker of the State Hluttaw announced the cancellation of the nomination of U Kwi

Htan as state minister in accord with the law.

The fourth-day regular session of First Chin State Hluttaw concluded at 10. 7 am.—MNA

Dy Construction Minister inspects Kyahtoo bridge construction site

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Feb — Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe visited construction site of Kyahtoo Bridge being implemented by Bridge Construction Special Group (7) Seikpyu on Magway-Natmauk-Pyawbwe road yesterday.

He left necessary instructions and inspected construction works.

MNA



Minister U Htay Oo receives Mr Bengt Ekman, Dr Hans Anders Peter Engvall, Mr Jorgen Schonning of SIDA, Director-General Dr Dang Kim Son of IPSARD of Vietnam, Chairman Ms Pham Hoang Ngan of Biznet Corporation.—MNA

Officials formally opened Pyinnya Alinyaung Library in Hlegu Township in Yangon Region North District on 10 February morning.

TOWNSHIP IPRD



Industry-1 Maung Myanmar Men's/Women's Cycling Contest on 19 Feb

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Feb — Industry-1 Maung Myanmar Men's/Women's Cycling Contest will be held in Welaung of Taungtha Township in Mandalay Region on 19 February. Those from Meiktila, Mahlaing and Myitha Township who want to participate in competition may

contact Industry-1 Bicycle Shops in Taungtha and Welaung and Kyaukse Bicycle Factory (Ph: 066-50536 and 066-50609) with purchase voucher dated since 1 January for bicycle from Industry-1 bicycle shops.

The men's 27-mile competition will take

place on Mahlaing-Taungtha motor road and start from Chetawya Pagoda near Htanpaukkon village and the women's 17-mile competition will start from Aungtha village. Both will end at Bo Ya Nyunt Statue in Welaung and first to tenth prizes will be awarded.—MNA

Butterflies make partial comeback in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 15 Feb—The number of monarch butterflies migrating from Canada and the US to Mexico has increased this year, a hopeful sign following a worrying 75 percent drop in their numbers last year, experts reported on Monday.

The total amount of forest covered by the colonies millions of orange-and-black butterflies that hang in clumps from the boughs of fir trees more than doubled from last year's historic low.

But concerns persist about the monarchs' long-term survival, because their numbers remain well below average. This winter, there are 9.9 acres (4 hectares) of colonies, more than double the 4.7 acres (1.9 hectares) last year, the lowest level since comparable record-keeping began in 1993.

"These figures are encouraging, compared to last year, because they show a trend toward recovery," said Omar Vidal, director of the conservation group World Wildlife Fund Mexico, which sponsored the study along with the government Commission on Natural Protected Areas and the cell phone carrier Telcel.—Internet



In this 25 Nov, 2007 file photo a couple of monarch butterflies perch on a tree at the Monarch Butterfly Biosphere Reserve in the central Mexican town of Cerro Prieto.—INTERNET

Chilean miners considered cannibalism

WASHINGTON, 15 Feb—The trapped Chilean miners contemplated suicide and were days away from cannibalism before rescuers made contact with them, according to a new book.

Veteran American journalist Jonathan Franklin writes in "33 Men" that nearly all of the miners have suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder since being rescued last fall after 69 days deep underground.

They had to survive on dwindling rations of tuna in the first 16 days after the mine collapsed.

"Food, or no food, I was going to get out of there," Mario Sepulveda told CBS television's "60 Minutes" in a Sunday broadcast.

"How? I had to think about which miner was going to collapse first and then I started thinking about how I was going to eat him, I promise you, I wasn't embarrassed, I wasn't scared."



Trapped Chilean miners pose inside the San Jose Mine in September 2010, near Copiapo, north of Santiago, Chile.—INTERNET

But on the 17th day, rescuers made contact when a drill punched through the ceiling of the shaft in the San Jose Mine. "They told me that they had a pot and a saw ready," Franklin said.

Victor Zamora said he and the other miners became so desperate that they strongly considered taking their own lives.—Internet



A woman inspects a Ferrari displayed at the luxury car maker's showroom. Italian sports car maker Ferrari said that 2010 was "an exceptional year" with a record number of vehicles sold thanks to a boom in Asia and the recovery of the US market.

INTERNET

Shell, Brazil's Cosan form \$12 billion ethanol unit

SAO PAULO, 15 Feb—Anglo-Dutch energy giant Shell and Brazilian sugar-production group Cosan said Monday they were forming one of the biggest joint ethanol fuel ventures in the world, with an estimated market value of \$12 billion.

The new entity, to be called Raizen, will employ around 40,000 people and produce over 2.2 billion liters (580 million gallons) of ethanol per year to Brazilian and international markets, the two companies said in a statement.

Raizen should be launched in the first half of this year, they said.

"Due to the size of its operations, Raizen will help sugar cane ethanol, a sustainable, clean and renewable source of energy, to consolidate itself worldwide and strengthen Brazil's position in the international biofuels trading business," said the venture's chief executive, Vasco Dias. Raizen will have 23 mills able to crush 62 million tonnes of sugar cane per year to produce the ethanol.—Internet



A peasant cuts sugar cane with his machete in the Usina Bonfim farm plantation in Guariba, 400Km from Sao Paulo, in 2008.

INTERNET

Nokia CEO says Co to get billions from Microsoft

BARCELONA, 15 Feb—Nokia Corp will get billions of dollars from Microsoft Corp to ditch its current smart-phone software in favour of Windows Phone 7, Nokia CEO Stephen Elop said Sunday, in a defence of the deal.

Nokia, the world's largest maker of phones, and Microsoft announced their alliance Friday. Both investors and employees reacted with dismay: Nokia's stock dived 14 percent and Finnish employees used flex time to go home early.

On Sunday, a day ahead of the start of the Mobile World Congress cell phone trade show in Barcelona, Elop told press, analysts and industry players that apart from the benefits of the alliance that were laid out Friday, Microsoft is paying Nokia billions of dollars to switch to Windows Phone 7.—Internet

800,000 child car seats recalled in US



Motorists on the Dan Ryan Expressway navigate the morning rush hour on 21 January in Chicago, Illinois.

INTERNET

WASHINGTON, 15 Feb—Leading child car seat maker Dorel is recalling nearly 800,000 kids' car seats due to a faulty button for locking and releasing the harness, the US highway safety department said Monday.

The Canadian group's Dorel Juvenile division said the recall involves car seats sold under the brand names Safety 1st, Cosco, Quinny, Maxi-Cosi brands, Disney and Eddie Bauer, produced between 1 May, 2008 and 30 April, 2009.—Internet



The entrance to the Ice Hotel in Quebec, Canada. Since its opening, the 36 room hotel made of giant igloos, with animal fur covered benches and two connected bars attracts thousands of visitors a year.—INTERNET

China moves to reduce smoking scenes in films, TV dramas

BEIJING, 15 Feb—China's film and broadcast watchdog has issued a circular ordering to reduce smoking scenes in films and TV dramas following complaints last month about the nation's failure to honour the tobacco-control commitment of the World Health Organization(WHO).

"Frequent smoking scenes in films and TV dramas do not accord with China's stance on tobacco control and will mislead the public, especially the young," read the circular posted on the website of the State Administration of Radio, Film and Television (SARFT).

Tobacco brands or signs and

smoking scenes with juveniles present should not be allowed to appear in films or TV dramas, it said.

Scenes which have to show smoking should "last as short as possible," said the circular. The circular also urged censoring and broadcasting institutions to intensify supervision of films and TV dramas before their screening and "try their best to cut smoking scenes."

A survey conducted among 11,000 middle school students by Beijing Municipal Centre for Disease Control and Prevention, showed 32.87 percent of the students wanted to try smoking after seeing actors smoke on TV.—Xinhua

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV CTP EAGLE VOY NO (102)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV CTP EAGLE VOY NO (102) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 16.2.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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Heart-shaped diamond to fetch £5m

The 56-carat, heart-shaped diamond is expected to fetch up to 7.5 million pounds.
INTERNET

LONDON, 15 Feb — A box of chocolates and a bunch of flowers may cut it for some, but for more demanding partners there is gift that is guaranteed to impress — a 56-carat, heart-shaped diamond. The gem has a hefty price tag, with the likely buyer expected to pay in excess of £5 million.

But there is still a bit of time to save up, with Christie's selling the item in Geneva in May. The diamond is cut to a perfectly symmetrical heart. It is one of only a handful of 50 carat-plus jewels to be offered in an auction over the last 20 years. Part of Christie's Magnificent Jewels collection, the item has an estimated price tag of between £5.6 million and £7.5 million.—*Internet*



A worker at Thorpe Park investigates an area of the theme park in Surrey thought to be haunted.—INTERNET

'Ghostbuster' at theme park ride

SURREY, 15 Feb — A paranormal "expert in residence" will be on hand at the opening of a theme park ride next month to monitor any strange activity after fears that an ancient burial ground has been disturbed.

A new ride at Thorpe Park in Surrey was moved to another part of the site after workers said they started noticing ghostly sightings nearby, including what appeared to be a headless monk.

Since details of the ghostly goings on were revealed, the park has been inundated with requests from mediums and paranormal experts and enthusiasts, to visit the site and carry out detailed research.

Managers have now decided to hire paranormal investigator Jim Arnold for the opening day of the new season, on 17 March, to monitor the site and the new water ride, Storm Surge.

Internet

Hero pilot declares Airbus A380 'indestructible' and 'absolutely safe'

SYDNEY, 15 Feb — The pilot who managed to land a new Airbus A380 after one of its engines exploded in mid-air has declared the aircraft "absolutely safe". Captain Richard de Crespigny was hailed a hero when he managed to land the Qantas aircraft after the engine exploded over Singapore, resulting in more than 60 separate system failures. He said the Airbus flew on almost normally, despite one of its wings being "clusterbombed".

"No aircraft is ever designed to take the beating that this aircraft got," Mr de Crespigny told Australia's 60 Minutes TV show. "The wing was clusterbombed, the aircraft had phenomenal damage to all systems — and it didn't just recover, it performed brilliantly. It is indestructible." Just minutes into the Qantas QF32 flight from Singa-

pore on 4 November last year there was a small oil leak in the intermediate pressure turbine of engine number two. The oil ignited, causing a turbine disk to explode at high speed.

Internet

Charity's concern at alcohol-related hospital admission

Alcohol misuse is linked to heart disease, stroke and some cancers.—INTERNET

LONDON, 15 Feb — The number of people admitted to hospital in the UK because of problem drinking could rise to 1.5 million a year by 2015, a charity says. Alcohol Concern estimates that it will cost the NHS £3.7b annually if nothing is done to stop the increase. It wants alcohol special-

ists to be employed in all hospitals and GP practices. The Department of Health said it would publish a new alcohol strategy in the summer. Thousands of people die each year as a result of their drinking, mostly as a result of alcoholic liver disease. Drinking is also associated with an increased risk of heart disease, stroke and some cancers. The charity says the number of people being treated in hospital for alcohol misuse has gone from 500,000 in 2002-3 to 1.1 million in 2009-10.

Internet



The mangled wreckage of the doomed Manx2 aircraft, on which six people lost their lives, was removed from the runway at Cork Airport on Friday.—INTERNET

No trace of fire or failure on tragic Flight NM7100

CORK, 15 Feb — Preliminary inspections by aviation safety experts have revealed no trace of a fire or major structural failure on board the Manx2 plane before it crashed on landing at Cork Airport in dense fog, killing six passengers. Six passengers were also injured when the 19-year-old Fairchild Metroliner ploughed into the concrete runway while attempting its third landing at 9.52am last Thursday. Visibility was reported to have been low at 300 metres.

Those killed included Brendan McAleese, 42, a cousin of President Mary McAleese's husband Martin; Pat Cullinan, a partner in the Belfast office of the accountancy firm KPMG, who was from Omagh, Co Tyrone; Michael Evans, Deputy Harbour Commissioner in Belfast; pilot Jordi Sola Lopez, 31, from Spain; co-pilot Andrew Cantle, 27, from England; and Richard Noble, a businessman from Derbyshire in the UK, who was living Belfast.

The bodies of the six victims were expected to be released to the families over the next 24 hours, with funerals expected to be staged early next week. Ireland's Air Accident Investigation Unit (AAIU) is leading the probe into the crash, which includes experts from Ireland, the UK, Spain and the US.

Internet

Airlift rescues abandoned LA chihuahuas



Janet Folk of Orange Dog Inc poses on the steps of her company's Gulfstream jet which will fly 58 homeless Chihuahuas and small mixed breed dogs from Los Angeles to Edmonton.

Blame it on Paris Hilton: the craze for owning small dogs as fashion accessories has led to an explosion in the number of chihuahuas in Los Angeles, where tiny canines are everywhere.

But now an animal-friendly philanthropist has come to their rescue, organizing an airlift of diminutive pooches abandoned by impatient owners in California — jetting them off by private plane to Canada, of all places. “In Los Angeles, in particular, we have an overpopulation of small dogs, many of them Chihuahuas because people think that having a small dog is easy to maintain in a home,” said organizer Madeline Bernstein.

Rat delays Alaska Airlines flight out of Seattle

Alaska Airlines had to delay a flight about to leave Seattle-Tacoma International Airport when a rat was seen scurrying in the cabin.

The airline says the flight from Seattle to Denver had just pulled away from the gate Thursday morning when the little stowaway was spotted. The 737

jetliner returned to the terminal and passengers and crew boarded another plane about 90 minutes later.

Airline spokesman Bobbie Egan says the plane won't be returned to service until maintenance workers make sure the rat didn't damage equipment or chew any wires — and an

exterminator certifies the plane is rodent-free.

Egan says workers also are trying to figure out how the rat got aboard. She says in cold weather, “sometimes rodents can seek shelter in strange places.”

News Album



A cook works on a food sculpture mainly made of radish during a food sculpture competition in Qingdao, east China's Shandong Province, on 11 Feb, 2011. Over 40 sets of food sculpture works were exhibited on the activity.

Man shovels at train station for fiancée

A man shoveling snow at a suburban Chicago train station said he was getting the sidewalk ready for his fiancée's return from work.

Phyllis Jones, a legal assistant at a Chicago firm, said she was at the Harvey Metra station the day after nearly 2 feet of snow fell on the area when she spotted a lone man clearing the sidewalk, *the Chicago Sun-Times* reported on Friday.

The man told her he was not working for Metra or the city, but rather was getting the sidewalk ready for his fiancée's commute home from work.

“My fiancée had to come through here, and when she gets off from work, I want to make sure that she can get through without a problem,” she quoted the man as saying.

Jones put out flyers seeking to identify the “hero in Harvey” and they caught the attention of Sylvia Tookes, 43, who knew they were talking about her fiancée, Charles Pryor, 35.

“Whatever it takes to make sure she's OK, that is natural to me,” Pryor said of Tookes. “I'm supposed to make sure if it's snowing, she has a path to walk down. Asking if she had a nice day or even trying to cook for her, whatever it takes.”

The couple said the Harvey Metra station was where they first met.



Two donkeys get married on the eve of Valentine's Day at a zoo in Santo Domingo, capital of Dominican Republic, on 13 Feb, 2011.

World's YouTube clips wow Berlin film festival



A photographer takes a photo of the Berlinale Logo in Berlin on 11 February.

INTERNET

BERLIN, 15 Feb— On a single day last year, ordinary people from 192 countries made a short movie and uploaded it to YouTube. The result: a touching global “day in the life” that has

wowed the Berlin film festival.

Oscar-winning film-maker Kevin Macdonald, backed by “Gladiator” director Ridley Scott and his brother Tony, asked the planet three questions: “Tell us your story, tell us what you fear and show us what's in your pockets.” Macdonald told reporters: “We set up our team on an estimation of 12-15,000 clips, under 1,000 hours of footage, but by the end of July that figure had reached 81,000 clips and 4,500 hours.”

Many of the events captured on that day, July 24, were momentous for those recording: in New York, a young man tells his grandmother he is gay; elsewhere another man films the birth of his baby.—*Internet*

Fiennes directorial debut a hit in Berlin

BERLIN, 15 Feb—British actor Ralph Fiennes won applause at the Berlin film festival Monday for his directorial debut, “Coriolanus”, a modern adaptation of the Shakespeare tragedy about a vengeful Roman general.

The all-star cast includes the two-time Oscar nominee in the title role, alongside Vanessa Redgrave as his ambitious mother Volumnia and Gerald Butler as Tullus Aufidius, an enemy army commander. Swapping swords and sandals for automatic weapons and mobile phones, the film borrows from present-day conflicts such as those in Afghanistan and Iraq by depicting a world power locked in combat with militants.—*Internet*



British director and actor Ralph Fiennes, seen here during a photocall for his movie with British actress Vanessa Redgrave(L).

INTERNET



Spanish actor Javier Bardem picked up Best Actor for his performance in Mexican director Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu's “Biutiful”, adding to the Best Actor Prize he won for the role at the Cannes Film Festival last year.

INTERNET

‘Pan Negro’ triumphs at Spain's Goyas film awards

MADRID, 15 Feb— “Pan Negro”, a drama set in the years following the Spanish Civil War, on Sunday triumphed at the Goyas, the Spanish film awards. The drama picked up nine prizes, including Best Picture and Best Director for Agusti Villaronga.

The film is a coming-of-age story that tells the story of a boy in rural Catalonia who discovers the bodies of a man and his son.

When the authorities try to blame his father for the killings, he sets out to find the true killers.

“The King's Speech” won for Best European Film, on the same night it picked up seven awards at Britain's BAFTA awards in London, including Best Film.—*Internet*

Radiohead ditch ‘pay what you want’ for new album

LONDON, 15 Feb—British rock group Radiohead said Monday they will release a new album online this week but abandoned the experiment they made with their last record when they let fans decide the price.

In a surprise announcement on their website, the band said “The King of Limbs”, their eighth album, could be downloaded for £6 (\$9, 7 euros) from Saturday.

In October 2007 Radiohead caused a major stir in the music industry when they parted company with EMI's Parlophone label and told listeners they could pay whatever they wanted to download their album “In Rainbows”. At the time the website said “It's up to you” in place of a price.

A survey soon after-wards showed that about a third



Radiohead singer Thom Yorke performing in California in 2010.

INTERNET

of people paid nothing for the down-loaded album, with the average price being four pounds.—*Internet*

Anelotti concedes Premier League title as Chelsea held

LONDON, 15 Feb — Chelsea manager Carlo Anelotti conceded defeat in the Premier League title race after his side played out a goalless draw at Craven Cottage on Monday night.

His goalkeeper Petr Cech saved a Clint Dempsey penalty in the last minute of a game with precious few chances.

But the draw means Chelsea are now 12 points behind leaders Manchester United with as many games to play.

And Anelotti admits the FA Cup and the Champions League are Chelsea's only hopes of trophies this season.

He said: "Now (12 points adrift) is too much. Our aim is to play every game like we played tonight: use the spirit and the attitude. "Obviously it's very difficult to come back to fight for the title, but we have a very important aim to reach until the end with the FA Cup.

"We want to come back quickly into the top four, and the Champions League returns next week.

"The most important thing is to finish in the top four. I think we will be able to do this if we play like we did tonight.—*Internet*



Chelsea's Frank Lampard controls the ball watched by Fulham's Captain Danny Murphy during a Premier League match.—*INTERNET*

Man Utd to smash £100 m revenue mark

LONDON, 15 Feb — Manchester United were predicted Monday to become the first Premier League club to smash the 100 million pound barrier for commercial revenue alone. The most recent accounts from Old Trafford showed revenues rising to 24 million pounds over the first quarter of the accounting year, and it is thought the second, up to 31 December, will be just as strong.

United's new approach to commercial opportunities, agreed with owners the Glazer family and implemented by commercial director Richard Arnold,



Manchester United's Wayne Rooney (left) celebrates with Portuguese midfielder Nani after scoring the goal.—*INTERNET*

has allowed the club to rapidly expand that area of their revenue.

The last annual figures showed a 16 percent growth in commercial income to 81 million and last week global logistics giant DHL became the latest company to confirm an extended "partnership" with the Old Trafford outfit, their three-year deal allowing them to take charge of the distribution of United's massive merchandising operation.—*Internet*

Osasuna fire coach Camacho

MADRID, 15 Feb — Spanish first division club Osasuna fired their coach, Jose Antonio Camacho, on Monday after the side's 1-0 defeat to Real Sociedad at the weekend left it in the relegation zone. Osasuna said it would name a replacement for the 55-year-old shortly, with local media reporting former Valladolid coach Jose Luis Mendilibar was poised to fill the vacancy at the club. Camacho, who coached the Spanish national team between 1998 and 2002, said he was surprised to be let go.

"I am sad because they are not letting me work and because I have to say goodbye to friends here. And I



Spanish first division club Osasuna fired their coach Jose Antonio Camacho.—*INTERNET*

am a bit upset because I am not able to train," he told reporters. "I did not expect it but coaches are always there to put out the fire and take the blame. This year has been harder but I have always been dedicated, I have worked hard and have coached from the first minute until the last.

Internet

Redknapp vows to attack Milan



Tottenham's coach Harry Redknapp

MILAN, 15 Feb — Tottenham manager Harry Redknapp insisted his team would have a go at AC Milan when the sides clash in the Champions League at the San Siro on Tuesday.

Spurs are the top scorers in the competition this season (alongside north London neighbours Arsenal) with 18 goals in the group stage, an average of three a game. However they also conceded 11 goals, the most of any team to reach the knockout phase.

They let in four goals on their last visit to the San Siro in a 4-3 defeat against Inter Milan in the group stage but

Redknapp says they can't change their style.

"We've got to make sure we're solid here, we can't come out and be completely gung-ho but we do have a problem setting the team up to defend, it's no good saying otherwise," he said.

"Rafa van der Vaart plays that way, Niko (Kranjcar) plays that way, (Aaron) Lennon... We haven't got defensive minded players in those positions who are going to come here, sit there with five across the midfield and soak it up".—*Internet*

Hodgson unsure if West Brom can escape relegation

LONDON, 15 Feb — Roy Hodgson was unveiled as the new coach of West Bromwich Albion on Monday but said he does not yet know if the English Premier League strugglers have the players to stave off relegation.

Hodgson, sacked by Liverpool last month, has replaced Italian coach Roberto di Matteo after the Italian coach was relieved of his duties following a run of 13 defeats in 18 matches in all competitions.



Roy Hodgson

Hodgson was at The Hawthorns on Saturday to watch his new charges throw away a 3-0 half-time lead to draw 3-3 with West Ham United, leaving the Baggies above the relegation zone on goal difference.

Internet

Stoke's Sidibe out for season with Achilles injury



Stoke City's Malian striker Mamady Sidibe

LONDON, 15 Feb — Stoke City's Malian striker Mamady Sidibe has been ruled out for the rest of the season after rupturing his Achilles tendon for the second time in six months,

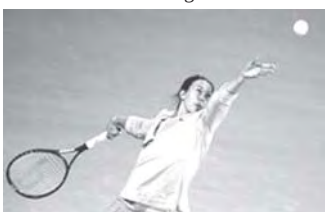
coach Tony Pulis revealed on Monday. Sidibe, 31, was on the verge of a comeback from a previous Achilles problem when he broke down in training on Thursday. "It's the same ankle but higher up on the tendon this time," Pulis told the Premier League club's website.

"It's wretched luck for the lad, who has had more than his fair share of injury setbacks over the past two years. "But there is no reason why he can't battle his way back to full fitness. I know he has the determination and dedication to do it, and we will give him all the support that he needs.

Internet

Bartoli back with a bang

DUBAI, 15 Feb — Marion Bartoli, who thought she might be out for six weeks after injuring her calf at the Australian Open, returned after only four with a morale-boosting first round win



French Marion Bartoli serves to Kimiko Date-Krumm of Japan during their match on the first day of the Dubai Open.—*INTERNET*

at the Dubai Open on Monday.

The former Wimbledon finalist from France overcame Kimiko Date-Krumm, the former Wimbledon semi-finalist from Japan, 7-6 (10/8), 6-4 after saving three set points in the first set. Even though that swung the match Bartoli's way, Date-Krumm still made a break-back in the second set and, at the age of 40, played so many spirited rallies that the two-set contest went well over two hours.

It was also an unusual encounter in that both players showed ambidextrous abilities — Bartoli striking the ball with two hands on both wings, and Date-Krumm occasionally using her left hand to return a wide ball on her double-handed backhand side.—*Internet*

Woods apologizes after fine for spitting in Dubai

VIRGINIA WATER, 15 Feb — Tiger Woods apologized after he was fined an undisclosed sum by the European Tour on Monday for spitting on the green during the final round of the Dubai Desert Classic.

The tour said in a statement that tournament director Mike Stewart reviewed the matter and "feels there has been a

breach of the tour code of conduct."

"The Euro Tour is right — it was inconsiderate to spit like that and I know better," Woods said on Twitter. "Just wasn't thinking and want to say I'm sorry."

The tour would not give the amount of the fine but it is probably between \$400 and \$16,000 for a minor breach.

Woods spit on the 12th hole after missing a par putt on his way to a 3-over 75. He began the final day one shot off the lead but never recovered after making two bogeys in his first three holes.

The 14-time major winner, now ranked No. 3, tied for 20th place at 4-under 284. Woods has gone 17 tournaments without a victory for the first time since turning professional in 1996.—*Internet*



Tiger Woods from US throws a club to his caddy Steve Williams on the 2nd hole during the final round of Dubai Desert Classic.—*INTERNET*

S P O R T S

WEATHER

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

Nav Pvi Taw

Yangon (Kaba-Ave)

Maximum temperature on 14-2-2011 was 93°F. Minimum temperature on 15-2-2011 was 65°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 15-2-2011 was (61%). Total sunshine hours on 14-2-2011 was (9.5) hours (Approx).

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 16thFebruary 2011: Light rain are possible to be isolated in Upper Sagaing Region and Kachin State, weather will be partly cloudy in Taninthayi Region, Northern Shan and Mon States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (40%).

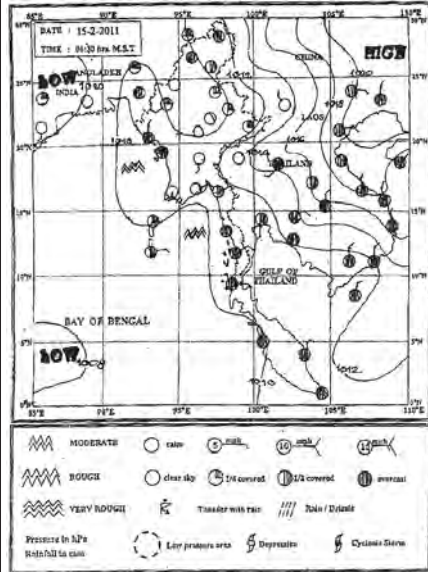
State of the sea: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of slight increase of night temperatures in the middle Myanmar areas

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 16-2-2011: Generally fair weather .

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 16-2-2011: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 16-2-2011: Generally fair weather.



LONDON, 15 Feb — Mark Davies on Wednesday signed a new deal with Bolton tying him to the Premier League side until 2015. The midfielder, who joined Bolton from Wolves in January 2009, has emerged as a key player under manager Owen Coyle this season, making 25 appearances and scoring once.

The 22-year-old is delighted to have been rewarded with a new four-and-a-half-year deal. He said: "The football club has been good to me since I moved here two years ago and I'm really settled in the area. The manager believes in me and I feel like I'm part of his plans."

Coyle, whose side are eighth in the table and pushing for a Europa League spot, told www.bwfc.co.uk: “Mark was already under contract but what this shows is that we are trying to build a football club for years to come. “The nucleus is centred around young, exciting players and Mark certainly comes into that category.



Mark Davies, seen here in 2009, signed a new deal with Bolton tying him to the Premier League side until 2015. INTERNET

He is enjoying an extended run in the team at the moment and he is showing his qualities. To have a player of his ilk commit his long-term future to the football club is a tremendous boost.”—*Internet*

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL
Programme Schedule
(16-2-2011) (Wednesday)

<u>Transmissions</u>	<u>Times</u>
Local	- (09:00am~11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission -	(16-2-11 09:30 am ~ 17-2-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * A Visit to 'Lwe' Nationals
- * Live Concert
- * News
- * Special Watercolour Exhibition
- * A Brief Account of Bagan
- * News
- * Padalin Cave: A Hidden Treasure House
- * News
- * Biological Expedition to Hponkan Razi Region

Overseas Transmission

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- * News
- * Fabulous Coiffure Hairstyle
- * News
- * Taking an Oath for Life
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Myanmar's Traditions and Culture
"Myanmar Pottery"
- * News
- * Floral Lovers Paradise
(National Kandawgyi Gardens)
- * A Myanmar Tapestry
- * Myanmar Movie "Life is struggling"

	7:55 am 6. Health Programme 8:00 am 7. Cultural Dances 8:10 am 8. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions 8:20 am 9. Teleplay (Traffic) 8:35 am 10. Documentary 8:40 am 11. International News 8:45 am 12. Musical Programme 4:00 pm 1. Martial Song 4:05 pm 2. Song Of National Races 4:10 pm 3. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
Wednesday, 16 February View on today ////////// 7:00 am 1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw 7:15 am 2. Dhamma Puja Song 7:25 am 3. To Be Healthy Exercise 7:30 am 4. Morning News 7:40 am 5. Nice & Sweet Song	

4:15 pm	6:00 pm
4. Musical Programme	11. Evening News
4:30 pm	6:15 pm
5. 2011 University Entrance Examination (Physics)	12. Weather Report
4:50 pm	6:20 pm
6. Songs For Upholding National Spirit	13. Traditional Boxing
4:55 pm	6:35 pm
7. Classical Songs	14. Shwe Yin Chone Than
5:00 pm	7:05 pm
8. "ASEAN" Programmes	15. Ratha Pawlwin Thayotesaung Lwin Pyin (Character Contest)
5:15 pm	7:40 pm
9. International Science News	16. Alinka Wut Yi Music Troupe
5:25 pm	8:00 pm
10. Melody Tunes (Sogya Pyawshwin Tay Thansin)	17. News
	18. International News
	19. Weather Report
	20. Korea NG Award
	21. TV Drama Series
	22. 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

SPDC Secretary-1 Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo comforts hospitalized Hluttaw representatives

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Feb—Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, accompanied by Minister for Culture U Khin Aung Myint and personnel, comforted Hluttaw representatives who are receiving treatment at Nay Pyi Taw People's Hospi-

tal (1000-bed) this evening.

On arrival at Nay Pyi Taw People's Hospital (1000-bed), the Secretary-1 and party were welcomed by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, deputy ministers and responsible persons.

The Secretary-1 and party comforted

Amyotha Hluttaw representatives U Maung Maung Gyi of Sagaing Region Constituency (10) and U Win Maung of Mandalay Region Constituency (4) who are receiving treatment at the hospital.—MNA



Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo comforts Amyotha Hluttaw representative U Win Maung of Mandalay Region Constituency (4) at Nay Pyi Taw People's Hospital (1000-bed).—MNA

Slight earthquake jolts

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Feb — A slight earthquake of magnitude (4.8) Richter Scale with its epicenter inside Myanmar (about 90 miles Northwest of Myitkyina) about (290) miles North of Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at (06) hrs (16) min (10) sec MST today, the Meteorology and Hydrology Department announced.

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Significant night temperatures (15-2-2011)

Haka	(3° C)
Pinlaung	(4° C)
Heho	(4° C)
Namhsan	(5° C)