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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

Seventh-day regular session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw held

Approval sought for number of Union Supreme Court Judges

Person suitable to be appointed as Chief Justice of Union nominated

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Feb— The seventh-day regular session of the First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw was held at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building, here, at 11 am today, attended by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint, Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann, Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw representatives.

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

First, Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint took the position. He announced the validity and start of the session as 655 out of 658 of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives who have the right to attend the today's session were present accounting for 99.54 per cent.

Representatives attend seventh-day regular session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw at Hluttaw Building.—MNA

The Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw announced that although an announcement was issued for Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives to raise objections, if any, with clear evidences regarding the formation of Union Supreme Court with seven Supreme Court Judges including the Chief Justice of the Union there was no objection so that the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approved the formation of the Supreme Court of the Union.

The Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw submitted nomination to the post of Chief Justice of the Union made by the elected President to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

The elected President submitted nomination of U Tun Tun Oo to the post of Chief Justice of the Union in accord with Paragraph (1) of Sub-section (c) of Article 299 to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

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INSIDE

Economic sanctions are an act of imposers to make their lackeys come into power putting reliance on them in terms of economy, politics and military after making their target nation and its people poor in order to topple its ruling government through unrest and violence. In fact, economic sanctions are only a tactic of creating a neo-colony of neocolonialism.

YAN GYI AUNG

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Matriculation students to take out identity cards

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Feb—Of the students who submitted the applications for sitting the matriculation examination to be held from 7 to 17 March 2011, the students from examination centres in the whole country except Yangon are to take out identity cards printed with roll number and their photos beginning 22 February 2011 (Tuesday) and the students from Yangon municipal area are to draw the cards beginning 1 March 2011 (Tuesday) before the examination.

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PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 17 February, 2011

Fight leprosy

Leprosy is an infectious chronic disease. Over 200,000 people are suffering from leprosy across the world. Although leprosy can transmit to anyone regardless of ethnic and gender, can one be vlunerable to the disease only after long-time interaction with the infected person.

Priority was given to implementing the leprosy eradication project in Myanmar. MDT treatment was introduced for leprosy patients in 1986. Under the directives of the National Health Committee, ministries concerned and the international anti-leprosy organizations provided cash, manpower, materials and expertise to the nation.

Local social organizations, media and the entire people made collaborative efforts in eradicating leprosy. Due to preventive measures against leprosy and treatments provided to the rural areas, the aim on control of leprosy was successfully realized in 2003. As a result, the ratio of leprosy outbreak rate was down to less than one in 10000 persons, then leprosy was erased from the list of public health problems of the nation.

Although the threat of leprosy has almost completely vanished, there remains leprosy infection in the nation. Yearly, about 3000 new leprosy patients are discovered and provided with medical treatment. Based on experience on leprosy eradication task, it is necessary to maintain the momentum of eradicating the disease.

The Department of Health has set a plan to make strenuous efforts for leprosy eradication task from 2011 to 2015. The task will include disseminating health knowledge to the people, providing efficient care to patients and providing proficiency training courses to health care staff.

Control of leprosy disease is not only concerned with those from the infected areas but also the people from all walks of life. Leprosy eradication is a long-term plan. Continuous efforts are to be made for eradicating leprosy disease by counseling and providing better treatment to the patients and by rehabilitating patients and their families.

People's 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**

A&I Minister meets UNOPS Resident Representative

Minister U Htay Oo receives UNOPS Director Resident Representative Mr Sanjay Mathur.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Feb — Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo received Director Resident Representative Mr. Sanjay Mathur of the United Nations Office for The Project Services (UNOPS) at his office here this afternoon.

The meeting focused on further cooperation in agriculture sector for boosting agricultural produce and matters related to projects funded by Livelihood and Food Security Trust Fund-LIFT.

MNA

CPT Minister inspects Nay Pyi Taw Auto-Exchange

Minister U Thein Zaw receives Vice President Mr Yuan Jia Jun of CASC of China and party.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Feb—Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Zaw accompanied by Deputy Minister U Thein Tun inspected Nay Pyi Taw Auto-Exchange today.

They inspected functions of the auto-exchange, mobile communication station, network control & management centre and information technology centre and attended to the needs for better connection of networks.

The minister left necessary instructions at the meeting hall of auto-exchange.

In the evening, he received Chinese delegation led by Vice President Mr Yuan Jia Jun of CASC (China Aero Space Company) at the ministry here and discussed matters related to cooperation in communication sector.

MNA

True Value to display Geo Informatics Solutions at Software & Solution Exhibition

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YANGON, 16 Feb — Lucky Bird Group's True Value Solution will display Geo Informatics Services & Solutions at Software & Solution Exhibition 2011 at Strand Hotel here on 18 and 19 February.

The solutions include GIS Mapping & Solution (Geographic Information System), Remote Sensing & Satellite Image, GIS Solution which can designate and analyse location of factory and workshop, Digital Classification and Interpretation of Image, Geologic Field Survey & Solution and solutions which can find alignment of road and bridge construction.

The group will also showcase Geo Informatics Services & Solution including geological analysis solution, surveying and detail contour solutions, terrain analysis solution, 3D visual analysis solution and GIS Volume Calculation solution.

For more information, one may contact True Value Showrooms of Lucky Bird Group of Companies at No (351), Theinbyu Road, Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Yangon (Ph: 248167, 098022025); at No (5), 26th Street, between 78th and 79th Streets, Mandalay (Ph: 02-21572); Thabyegon Market, Northwest roundabout, Nay Pyi Taw (Ph: 067-414113).—*MNA*

Security forces, emergency responders and civilians stand near a destroyed building after a car bomb attack in Kirkuk, 290 kilometers (180 miles) north of Baghdad, Iraq recently.
INTERNET

Three Iraqis killed in Iraq's violence

BAGHDAD, 16 Feb—Three people were killed and eight wounded in separate incidents in the Iraqi capital of Baghdad and the eastern Province of Diyala on Tuesday, the police said.

A civilian was killed and five others wounded in a roadside bomb explosion in the neighbourhood of al-Zaafaraniyah in southeastern Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

In eastern Iraq, a policeman was killed when a roadside bomb detonated near his car at the al-Hadeed area, some 10 km northwest of Diyala's provincial capital city of Baquba, a local police source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

Iraqi security forces sealed off the scene and detained three suspects for interrogation, the source said.

Also in the province, a civilian was killed and two wounded in a shootout occurred after a brawling between two families at a rural area near the city of Baquba, some 65 km northeast of Baghdad, the source added.

Xinhua

Finnish peacekeeper killed in bomb attack in Afghanistan

HELSINKI, 16 Feb—A Finnish peacekeeper was killed by a roadside bomb in Samangan Province in northern Afghanistan on Tuesday, the Finnish Defence Forces said in a statement.

According to the statement, several Finnish peacekeepers were on their way to a shooting range when the blast occurred. A vehicle carrying the peacekeepers overturned in the blast, causing the death of Lieutenant Jukka Kansonen. Finnish President Tarja Halonen expressed her deep condolences to the victim's relatives on Tuesday. She said in a statement that the Finnish peacekeepers in Afghanistan are doing valuable work in demanding and dangerous conditions.

Finnish Prime Minister Mari Kiviniemi and Foreign Minister Alexander Stubb also expressed their deepest condolences to the families and friends of the victim.

Stubb said later Tuesday that the death of the Finnish peacekeeper will not affect Finland's peacekeeping operation in Afghanistan, adding that Finland will continue its participation in the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) operation as before.—*Xinhua*

***Dust and smoke rise after an explosion in Kandahar city on 12 Feb, 2011. Taleban suicide bombers killed 15 people and wounded more than 40 people on Saturday in an assault on the police headquarters in the main city in southern Kandahar Province, the focus of a NATO offensive against militants.—*INTERNET**

High military court refuses to halt Afghan murder case

SEATTLE, 16 Feb—The highest US military court has denied a last-ditch bid to halt prosecution of one of the five US soldiers in Washington state facing court-martial on charges of murdering unarmed Afghan civilians.

Lawyers for Army Private Andrew Holmes had petitioned the US Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces seeking to compel prosecutors to allow public scrutiny of photographic evidence that the defence says would exonerate their client, despite its inflammatory nature.

Defence attorneys also had asked the court to block further proceedings against Holmes, 20, from Boise, Idaho, unless the photos were ordered unsealed. But in a one-page decision issued on 9 February, the Washington DC-based court denied the petition "without prejudice to further consideration in proceedings," upholding a ruling last month by a lower appeals court.

Reuters

US and allies kill, injure Iraqi people

BAGHDAD, 16 Feb— There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

Casualties of Iraqi people

The total number of casualties as from the day they invaded the country to 16 February reached 705026 and the total number of seriously injured people reached 1276568, according to the news on the Internet.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Death toll of Iraqi people	705026
2.	The total number of seriously injured people	1276568

Internet

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

KABUL, 16 Feb—The NATO troops led by the US have invaded Afghanistan and they are there for a long time.

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

Casualties of Afghan people

According to the Internet news, a total of 33655 Afghan people were killed and 40957 injured seriously as from the day when the NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan to 16 February.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Number of Afghan people killed	33655
2.	Seriously injured Afghan people	40957

Internet

The scene of a car bombing in the northern Iraqi city of Kirkuk. Three near-simultaneous car bombs have killed at least eight people in the west of the ethnically-divided city, according to a medical official and a police officer.
INTERNET

Three Turkish workers kidnapped in N Iraq

KIRKUK, 16 Feb—Unidentified gunmen kidnapped three workers of a Turkish construction company at their residence in Iraq's northern city of Kirkuk, a provincial police source said on Wednesday.

Late on Tuesday, the kidnappers stormed a house where the Turkish workers live in southern Kirkuk, some 250 km north of Baghdad, and abducted them, the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

The three kidnapped men are working with a Turkish company contracted to rebuild a park in Kirkuk city, the source said.

Iraqi security forces rushed to the scene and conducted search operations in the surrounding, and the photos of the kidnapped have been distributed to the security checkpoints all over Kirkuk Province, the source added.

The ethnically mix Province of Kirkuk has long been the hotbed of militancy since the US-led invasion in 2003.—*Xinhua*

Afghan soldiers frisk local men near a police headquarter which was attacked by Taleban in Kandahar south of Kabul, Afghanistan on 13 Feb, 2011.
INTERNET

Science

Glitch delays European Space Agency launch

PARIS, 16 Feb—The European Space Agency said Tuesday the launch of its re-supply mission to the *International Space Station* has been delayed for a day by a technical problem.

The scheduled Tuesday launch from the Guiana Space Centre in Kourou, French Guiana, was aborted by an instrumentation glitch giving erroneous data on fuel tank levels, Arianspace, builder of the rocket, reported.

The next launch opportunity is Wednesday at 4:50 pm EST, the ESA said.

The *Ariane 5* rocket was to boost the Automated Transfer Vehicle 2 — at more than 22 tons the heaviest European spacecraft ever built — into orbit for a rendezvous with the ISS originally scheduled for 23 Feb, SPACE.com reported.

The robotic cargo ship is one of an international fleet of unmanned spacecraft intended to keep space station crews stocked with supplies when NASA retires its space shuttle fleet later this year, SPACE.com said.—*Internet*

A bird fossil is seen at a museum in Hezheng County, northwest China's Gansu Province, on 14 Feb, 2011. The fossil is dated at between 12 million and 15 million years old.

INTERNET

Scientists watch monitors in the mission control room at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena,Calif, on 14 Feb, 2011. Barreling along at 24,000 mph, NASA's Stardust craft will swoop within 125 miles of comet Tempel 1, close enough to take high-resolution images of the surface.

INTERNET

Chinese volunteer prepares for walk on Red Planet

BEIJING, 16 Feb—A Chinese volunteer participating in a mock voyage to Mars plans to simulate his first steps on the Red Planet on Friday.

Wang Yue was preparing in his landing capsule for extravehicular activity on 18 Feb, Bai Yanqiang, vice director of the China Astronaut Research and Training Centre (CARTC), told *Xinhua* on Tuesday.

Wang Yue, 27, an instructor at the CARTC, was selected last year as one of the six crew members for the *Mars-500* international experiment in Moscow, which aims to test the human physical and psychological strains on a 500-day journey to Mars.

After 257 days of "flight" in locked capsules, two crew members, Russian physiologist Alexander Smoleevskiy and Italian engineer Diego Urbina, landed on a mock-up of Mars on Monday.

The two volunteers planted the flags of Russia, the European Space Agency (ESA) and China and took soil samples.

According to the CARTC, Wang Yue will be outfitted in a Russian-made space suit and operate a Mars exploration rover to collect rock samples.

Xinhua

Galaxy's 'bulge' offers creation clues

LOS ANGELES, 16 Feb—A US astronomer studying the Andromeda galaxy says a thick stellar disk of older stars offers clues to how large spiral galaxies like the Milky Way form.

UCLA research astronomer Michael Rich and colleagues from Europe and Australia, using the Keck Telescope in Hawaii, say about 70 percent of stars in the Andromeda galaxy are contained within a thin, flat disk surrounding a central bulge of older stars at the center of the galaxy, a UCLA release said on Tuesday.

Stars in the central "bulge" have orbits that comprise a "thicker" disk — one that extends both above and below the galaxy's thin disc, the researchers say.

"Our initial study of this component already suggests that it is likely older than the thin disc, with a different chemical composition," Rich says.

The formation process of thick discs is not yet well understood, so the discovery of such a disc in Andromeda presents a much clearer view of spiral structure.

Internet

Technology

HTC's flyer may be a standout in crowded tablet market

BARCELONA, 16 Feb—I got a close up look at the new HTC Flyer tablet at an HTC event here at Mobile World Congress in Barcelona.

HTC wouldn't let anybody touch the new tablet today, but a rep gave me a close up demo, and showed me what I wanted to see. I liked what I saw. You can see said demo in the embedded video.

The tablet is small-more the size of a Samsung Galaxy Tab than an iPad. The screen is seven inches across. It's also light, weighing in at only 530 grams, lighter than all of the other new tablets I've seen at the show. To me, the size of the Flyer and its seven-inch display seems just right. But this is a matter of taste.

The Flyer has a nice brushed-steel body and it tapers at the edge, which makes the device seem even smaller. The Tab, by contrast, has squared off edges.

But as more and more Android tablets come out, it's getting harder and harder for tablet makers to differentiate their products from the others in the market. The main differentiating point so far seems to be the size of the device itself—this can only last so long as tablets of all sizes and shapes appear. But HTC has done some things with the Android UI that I hadn't seen in other tablets.—*Internet*

How do you use Dropbox?

NEW YORK, 16 Feb—Back in December, we reviewed Dropbox, the standout combination of a Mac programme and Web service that creates a special Dropbox folder on your Mac, and then automatically syncs anything in that folder to the Dropbox servers and to any other computers you've configured for Dropbox. That article was the most-read Mac Gems review of all of 2010, despite being published the final week of the year, which speaks to Dropbox's popularity.

Dropbox has become an essential tool for many Macworld editors. We use it to keep files—and even programme settings—in sync between our work and home computers, or between our desktops and laptops; to view those files on our iOS devices; to share files and photos with other people; and as a form of off-site backup. Judging from the comments on our review, you're using it quite a bit, as well.—*Internet*

Game fans try Nintendo 3DS at an exhibition hall in Chiba, suburban Tokyo, on January 2011. Spanish police have arrested a hacker who allegedly stole data on some 4,000 Nintendo users and then tried to blackmail the Japanese videogame giant, they said.

INTERNET

iWeb update fixes FTP publishing issue, more

NEW YORK, 16 Feb—While Apple's announcement of subscriptions coming to the iOS App Store was certainly the major news from Cupertino on Tuesday, Apple also released a small update to its iWeb Web-publishing software.

iWeb 3.0.3 contains "bug fixes and improvements," and Apple specifically calls out the following changes:

* Addresses an issue when using the iSight Movie widget on certain Macs
* Addresses an issue publishing iWeb sites using FTP
* Improves compatibility with Mac OS X

The hefty update (185.9MB on my Mac Pro) is available now via Apple's Website or through OS X's Software Update mechanism (Apple doesn't sell iWeb on the App Store).

Internet

A Panasonic TC-P50VT30 3-D HD television featuring Viera Connect, Panasonic's Internet television service, displays YouTube content at the 2011 International Consumer Electronics Show at the Las Vegas Convention Centre on 6 January, 2011 in Las Vegas, Nevada.—INTERNET

Health

Rafael Dimas eats from a plate of healthy snacks during the Shapedown programme for overweight adolescents and children on 20 November, 2010 in Aurora, Colorado.—INTERNET

Health Tip: Are you getting enough vitamin D?

Vitamin D is essential for healthy bones and teeth. According to the American Academy of Family Physicians, it can also help protect against chronic disease, including diabetes, heart disease and cancer.

The academy says these people may be at higher-than-normal risk of a vitamin D deficiency:

* Senior citizens.
* Babies who are breast-fed.
* Anyone who has darker skin or lives in areas that get less-than-average amounts of sunlight.
* Anyone who is obese.
* Anyone who doesn't properly absorb nutrients, including people with inflammatory bowel disease or cystic fibrosis.
* Anyone who takes medications called glucocorticoids.

Internet

Hearing loss in elderly linked to dementia

WASHINGTON, 16 Feb—Elderly people with hearing loss have a greater chance of developing dementia, a risk that increases as their deafness worsens, according to a new report said on Tuesday.

The research studied 639 individuals between the ages of 36 and 90 without dementia, who were given cognitive and hearing testing between 1990 and 1994.

The test subjects were followed for the development of dementia and Alzheimer's disease through May 2008, according to the study published in the February issue of *Archives of Neurology*, a publication of the *Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)*.

Of the participants, 125 had mild hearing loss (25 to 40 decibels), 53 had moderate hearing loss (41 to 70 decibels) and six had severe hearing loss (more than 70 decibels).

During a follow-up midway through the study, after about 12 years of research, 58 individuals were diagnosed with dementia, including 37 who had Alzheimer's disease.

The study found that the risk of dementia was higher among those with hearing loss of greater than 25 decibels, with further increases in risk observed among those with moderate or severe hearing loss as compared with mild hearing loss.

"Hearing loss may be causally related to dementia, possibly through exhaustion of cognitive reserve, social isolation, environmental deafferentation (elimination of sensory nerve fibers) or a combination of these pathways," wrote the researchers, who are affiliated with the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland.—*Internet*

An Alzheimers patient at a psychiatric hospital. Elderly people with hearing loss have a greater chance of developing dementia, a risk that increases as their deafness worsens, according to a new report said on Tuesday. INTERNET

Lou Gehrig's disease linked to smoking

BOSTON, 16 Feb—Cigarette smoking may be associated with an increased risk of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease, US researchers say.

Dr Hao Wang of the Harvard School of Public Health in Boston and colleagues analyzed five long-term studies involving more than 1.1 million participants, of whom 832 had ALS. The follow-up among the studies ranged from seven to 28 years.

The rates of ALS in the five studies combined increased with age and were higher in men than women for all age groups.

The review, published in *the issue of Archives of Neurology*, found those who had smoked cigarettes at some time at the beginning of the study had an increased risk of ALS compared with those who had never smoked.

Internet

Business

Daihatsu to launch budget car in Southeast Asia

***Japanese automaker Daihatsu, a subsidiary of Toyota, will begin manufacturing a low-priced compact car in Indonesia in 2013 for sale in Southeast Asian nations, a business daily said Wednesday.*—INTERNET**

TOKYO, 16 Feb—Japanese automaker Daihatsu, a subsidiary of Toyota, will begin manufacturing a low-priced compact car in Indonesia in 2013 for sale in Southeast Asian nations, a business daily said Wednesday.

Tapping its expertise in minicars, Daihatsu plans to develop a fuel-efficient vehicle in Indonesia and supply 70 percent of the output to be sold under the Toyota brand, the *Nikkei daily* said without citing sources.

To sell for up to 900,000 yen ($10,750) — the cheapest Toyota car in the global market, the new vehicle will be a little smaller than the Etios, a strategic small sedan that Toyota launched in India late last year, it said.

Internet

A sign points the way to the headquarters of Genzyme in Cambridge, Massachusetts. INTERNET

Dell 4Q net income more than doubles, shares soar

SEATTLE, 16 Feb—Personal computer maker Dell Inc said Tuesday its net income more than doubled in the most recent quarter to handily beat expectations, as businesses spent more on computers, servers and other technology.

Dell also issued annual revenue guidance for the current fiscal year that beat Wall Street's forecast. The results sent Dell's shares soaring in extended trading after the report was released.

Companies that clamped down on spending during the economic downturn continued to upgrade technology in the quarter. Dell's business is more heavily weighted toward corporate customers than its competitors, so this resurgence in spending is giving it a relatively big boost.

Those increases helped Dell offset sluggish consumer spending on computers. Dell Chief Financial Officer Brian Gladden said he expects the consumer PC business will remain weak this fiscal year, in part because people are thinking about buying tablets such as Apple Inc's iPad.

Dell's results bring an extra month's perspective to an earlier report from technology bellwether Intel Corp. The strong corporate spending and the weakening of the consumer PC market that Intel, the world's largest maker of PC processors, observed in the last three months of 2010 continued through January.

Internet

Sanofi to buy Genzyme for about $19 billion

BOSTON,16 Feb—Sanofi-Aventis SA (SASY PA) has reached an agreement in principle to buy Genzyme Corp (GENZ O) for about $19 billion in cash plus future payments based on the performance of an experimental Genzyme drug, according to two sources with knowledge of the talks.

Under the agreement, Genzyme investors will receive $74 per share in cash plus a contingent value right, or CVR, whose value will depend on Genzyme's experimental multiple sclerosis drug Lemtrada, the sources said on Tuesday.

Reuters

British gun merchant faces extradition to US

LONDON, 16 Feb—The British owner of a gun company faces an extradition hearing after being arrested on United States weapons-trafficking charges.

Guy Savage, owner of Nashville-based Sabre Defence Industries LLC, was detained in London last week after armed officers shot out the tires of his Mercedes.

He is wanted by US authorities investigating illegal weapons trading between 2003 and 2009.

Sabre Defence Industries supplies M16 rifles and .50-caliber machine-gun barrels to the US military.

Savage and four US-based colleagues have been charged with illegal arms trafficking. Prosecutors in Tennessee say they illegally exported firearms components to and from the United States.

Savage is due to appear at City of Westminster Magistrates' Court later Tuesday.

Internet

Photo taken on 15 Feb, 2011 shows an ambulance at the main entrance of Princess Margaret Hospital in Hong Kong, south China. The Hong Kong Hospital Authority (HKHA) announced on Monday that a 61-year-old male hospitalized in Princess Magaret Hospital had succumbed to the H1N1 virus on 12 Feb, making him the 5th victim of H1N1 since 25 Jan, 2011.—XINHUA

Russian pilot among two killed in DR Congo crash

A map locating the town of Bukavu in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo. A small plane used to deliver World Food Programme aid crashed near Bukavu, killing its Russian pilot and his Congolese co-pilot, the airport said Tuesday.—INTERNET

KINSHASA, 16 Feb—A small plane used to deliver World Food Programme aid crashed in the Democratic Republic of Congo, killing its Russian pilot and his Congolese co-pilot, the airport said Tuesday.

The twin-engine Czech-made *Let-410* crashed minutes before it was due to land in the city of Bukavu on Monday after it struck a hill in the Kahuzi-Biega National Park, an airport official said on condition of anonymity.

The pilots were the only people onboard the plane, owned by private Congolese company African Air Services, which was returning from a mission to deliver seeds on behalf of the World Food Programme, the official said.

Plane crashes are frequent in the vast central African country and all of the Democratic Republic of Congo's about 50 aviation companies are on a blacklist of the European Union, which bans them from its air space.

Internet

One US immigration agent dead, one injured in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 16 Feb—A US Immigration and Customs Enforcement agent was killed and another wounded while driving through northern Mexico Tuesday, in a rare attack on American officials in this country which is fighting powerful drug cartels.

Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano said one agent was critically wounded in the attack and died from his injuries. The second agent was shot in the arm and leg and remains in stable condition.

ICE Director John Morton late Tuesday identified the slain agent as Jaime Zapata, who was on assignment from the office in Laredo, Texas, where he served on the Human Smuggling and Trafficking Unit as well as the Border Enforcement Security Task Force. The injured agent was not identified.

"I'm deeply saddened by the news that earlier today, two US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) special agents assigned to the ICE Attache office in Mexico City were shot in the line of duty while driving between Mexico City and Monterrey by unknown assailants," she said.

US and Mexican officials said they were working closely together to investigate the shooting and find those responsible. They did not give a motive for the attack.

"Let me be clear: any act of violence against our ICE personnel — or any DHS personnel — is an attack against all those who serve our nation and put their lives at risk for our safety," Napolitano said.

"We remain committed in our broader support for Mexico's efforts to combat violence within its borders."

Internet

Turkish police seizes 221 kg of hashish

ANKARA, 16 Feb—Turkish police seized 221 kg of hashish in a truck in eastern Turkey on Tuesday, the semi-official *Anatolia* news agency reported.

Turkish police searched the truck and found 221.8 kg of hashish stashed in secret compartments of the truck in Baskale town of Province of Van, according to the report.

Two people were detained in the operation and an investigation is underway, it said.

Turkey is a key transit route for smuggling drugs from Asia and the Middle East to markets in western Europe.—*Xinhua*

Japan confirms another bird flu outbreak, 67,000 chickens to be culled

TOKYO, 16 Feb—Local Japanese officials confirmed another outbreak of bird flu on Wednesday that left 160 chickens dead at a poultry farm in Kiho, Mie Prefecture in the western Kansai region of the country.

Officials said that genetic testing revealed that the virus found in some of the dead birds was the highly virulent H5 strain that has plagued poultry farms in southern Japan this season, making it the worst national outbreak in Japan since 2004.

A total of 67,000 chickens at the affected farm will be culled and prefectural officials have moved to prohibit any movement of the farm's chickens and eggs within a 10-km cordon.

According to the central government, no humans have been reported infected in Japan this flu season, which began in November.

Furthermore, Japanese agriculture ministry officials said the virus won't affect humans who eat meat and eggs from infected birds if the products are properly cooked.—*Xinhua*

Mexican federal police guard a US Embassy vehicle after it came under attack by unknown gunmen on Highway 57 between Mexico City and Monterrey, near the town of Santa Maria Del Rio, San Luis Potosi state, Mexico, 15 Feb, 2011.—INTERNET

A Somali soldier guards a camp for internally displaced people in Galkacyo, Somaliland, in 2010. Fifty-one illegal Somali immigrants died after a boat transporting them sank off the coast of northern Mozambique 10 days ago, police said on Tuesday.—INTERNET

51 Somali migrants killed in Mozambique boat sinking

MAPUTO, 16 Feb—Fifty-one illegal Somali immigrants died after a boat transporting them sank off the coast of northern Mozambique 10 days ago, police said on Tuesday.

"There were 51 deaths, 50 Somalis and the captain of the boat," police spokesman Pedro Cossa told journalists, saying the boat sank off the Suhavo Island in Cabo Delgado. He said the Tanzanian-owned boat was coming from Somalia carrying 129 illegal immigrants, 89 Somalis and 40 Ethiopians, when it sank on 5 February.

The survivors were sent to a refugee centre in Nampula, northern Mozambique, said Cossa.

Last week authorities "repatriated 123 Somali illegal immigrants who had landed on that island (Suhavo)," he added. Last year a boat carrying illegal immigrants from Somalia sunk off the coast of Cabo Delgado province, killing nine people.

The country has seen a continual stream of Somali, Ethiopian, Bangladeshi Indian and Chinese migrants enters northern Mozambique and most are believed to be headed for South Africa.—*Internet*

Seventh-day regular session...

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The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker announced that the contact persons of respective parties may take out curriculum vitae of the person suitable to be appointed as the Chief Justice of the Union nominated by the elected President to examine his qualifications, at the Director-General of the Hluttaw Office this evening and that in accord with Sub-section (b) of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Rule 27, Hluttaw representatives who want to raise objection with clear evidences against the said person that he does not possess the qualifications prescribed in Article 301 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar may report to the Director-General of the Hluttaw Office this evening.

Afterwards, the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw announced that seventh-day session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw ended and the eighthday regular session will continue at 11 am tomorrow.

The meting came to an end at 11.15 am.

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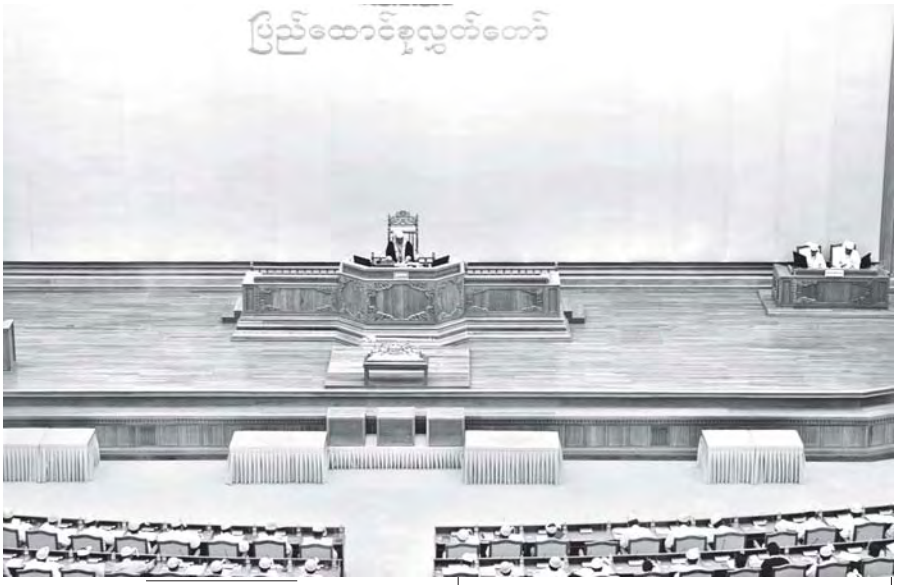

***Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint submits nomination for Chief Justice of Union.*—MNA**

***Representatives of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw arrive at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.*—MNA**

Matriculation students...

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The students from Basic Education High Schools, BEHS Branches and Affiliated BEHSs are to take out the identity cards from the school heads and the external students are to take out the cards from the supervisors of the examination centres.

Those who suffer inconvenience in taking out the identity cards may contact the respective supervisors and township education officers, announced the Myanmar Board of Examinations.

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New Building of Pyinnya Alin Library in Pale Township opens

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Feb — Honouring the 64th Anniversary Union Day, the opening of new building for Pyinnya Alin Library was held at Aingma Village of Mintaingpin village-tract in Pale Township was held in front of the building on 9 February.

Officials formally opened the new building and Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department U San Myint gave talks on durability and sustainable development libraries.

Next, Aingma village PDC Chairman U Zaw spoke words of thanks and wellwishers donated furniture and publications for the library through the librarian. — *MNA*

Nanda Thein Zan to give talk at MFF hall

YANGON, 16 Feb — Writer Nanda Thein Zan will give talks on the traditions of Myanmar's perspective and other perspectives at Thiri Anawa Hall of Myanmar Fisheries Federation in Insein Township here on 19 February.

The talk, which is jointly organized by Myanmar Fisheries Federation and Myanmar Prawn Entrepreneurs Association and sponsored by Han Sein Thant Engineering & Trading, is open to all those interested.—*MNA*

Workshop on Taking Agricultural Census held in Pale Township

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Feb — The opening of Workshop on Taking Agricultural Census (township level) took place at Land Record Department in Pale Township of Monywa District on 2 February.

Pale Township PDC Chairman U Aung Kyaw Soe made an opening address and Head of Pale Township LRD U Kyaw Zay Thiha Thu gave accounts on process of taking agricultural census.

The workshop was held up to 6 February.

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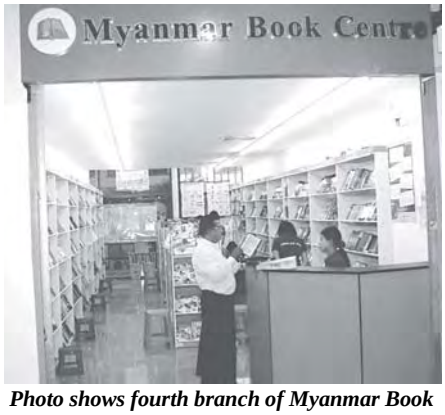

***Photo shows fourth branch of Myanmar Book Centre on Pyay Road in Yangon.*—MNA**

Myanmar Book Centre opens Taw Win Centre Branch

YANGON, 16 Feb — Myanmar Book Centre has opened its fourth branch at Room (3004), Second Floor, Taw Win Centre on Pyay Road here.

MBC is selling child books, course books, reference books, academic books, medical and engineering books and teaching aids from international publishers at reasonable prices.

Marking the opening of new shop, MBC launches discounts and lucky draw programmes.

Newly-opened Taw Win Centre Branch's brother shops are at No. (55), Baho Street, at the corner of Ahlon and Baho Streets, Ahlon Township, Yangon; at No. (561-567), Room No. (3), Ground Floor, MAC Tower I, Merchant Street, Kyauktada Township, Yangon; and at No. (429), Fourth Floor, 78 Shopping Centre, Mandalay. The Taw Win Centre Branch will be kept opened from 10 am to 10 pm seven days a week.

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All this needs to be known

* **Do not be frightened whenever intimidated**
* **Do not be bolstered whenever flattered**
* **Do not be softened whenever appeased**

Economic sanctions only a tactic of colonialists to create neo-colony of neo-colonialism

Kyaw Myint Naing

In the aftermath of the 1988 uprising, neo-colonialist countries of West Bloc aided and abetted the aboveground and underground anti-government groups covertly or overtly in their clashes with the then State Law and Order Restoration Council government. At the same time, pressures and economic sanctions were imposed against Myanmar to instigate another unrest and violence by making the people poor. The main aim was to help their stooges gain power through regime change.

However, as Myanmar is a mid-level country with a population of more than 50 million, favourable geographical conditions plus national resources enough for the people, the market economy and multi-party system adopted by the SLORC government after abolishing the Myanmar Socialist Programme Party, the right of farmers making up of 70% of the population to openly trade in their farm produce despite having been oppressed by the landlords due to nationalized farmlands and their increased profitability through the sales of crops to neighbouring countries, most of the farmers improved their economy and domestic demands increased. As a result, small and medium enterprises were ubiquitous in the urban areas, thereby contributing to the improvement of the economy and living conditions of the people and the development of rural regions.

Witnessing the developing physical structures across the country, 17 major national race armed groups made peace with the government through ceasefire negotiations, and over 20 small armed groups unconditionally exchanged arms for peace. Therefore, peace and stability has prevailed year by year in the country.

With those developing infrastructures in sight, the ultimate attempt of the colonialists and their lackeys to help the anti-government elements come to power by overthrowing the Tatmadaw government was aborted. Consequently, the popularity of the aboveground and underground anti-government groups decreased and their strength waned.

The people, big-hearted organizations at home and abroad and the government alike realized that the economic sanctions encouraged by NLD and western countries were a mistake and they were in opposition of those sanctions.

Again, the colonialists have come to provide more assistance for the anti-government elements by saying that their economic sanctions are aimed at reducing and eliminating the government's oppression of democracy cause and its violation of human rights. The accused the government of arresting and detaining those who committed destructive acts to harm peace and stability of the State by levelling accusations that it violated human rights. Although the declaration of human rights states that human rights mean people's economic, education, health, mental and physical development, broadcasting stations such as BBC and VOA are accusing the Tatmadaw government that is working for development of those sectors of violating human rights.

Considering Daw Suu Kyi's detention lifted recently and the 2010 elections, some are talking about whether or not the economic sanctions against Myanmar should be lifted and ASEAN nations are demanding the lifting of sanctions. Then, the US government said it would maintain its economic sanctions as the Myanmar government still violates human rights and the 2010 elections failed to meet the required standards of democracy. Some internal stooges are also shouting that economic sanctions only affect the military government and its allies ignoring the fact that workers have become jobless as some garment factories were shut down. Moreover, some NLD members are claiming that the NLD itself does not need to call for the lifting of sanctions because they are imposed by the nations concerned.

In reality, economic sanctions affect the entire people. This is because the development of a backward country relies on proper evolution of market-oriented economic system and sales of products of that country.

Myanmar had very few people of affluent class who are capable of shaping market economy as it had bitter experiences such as being under servitude of the colonialists for over a hundred years, lagging behind the neighbours in development for 40 years due to multi-coloured insurgencies and being under the rule of a single party socialist system with centralized economy for 26 years.

That is why modernization and development of Myanmar call for outside capital and technology. Despite the fact that the Tatmadaw government is realizing the four economic objectives such as proper evolution of the market-oriented economy system and development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad, foreign investments are not made in consumer goods manufacturing sector and they are only made in oil and gas exploration and mining and hotel industry. Consequently, there are few productive forces.

The farmers of today have achieved progress to a certain extent. With the increasing population, there had been some difficulties in extension of sown acreage. When employment of rural people was needed, urban areas bore the brunt of it due to the closure of factories resulting from the sanctions. As a consequence, some jobless people from rural and urban areas were forced to work in neighbouring countries as general workers.

Although there has been an increase in the number of educated persons in rural and urban areas thanks to extended construction of educational institutions and better living standard of the people, they have to go abroad to take jobs that are unsuitable for their own higher education degrees as sanctions prevented them from being employed

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at home. These are ill consequences of economic sanctions. But the colonialists and anti-government elements put all the blame on the Tatmadaw government accusing that its economic and financial mismanagement burdens the country's economy.

In the practical way, economic sanctions can harm the entire people as it is the act of hindering the modernization and development of the nation.

The trouble of the poor is far greater than the rich. Entrepreneurs who are accused of having close relations with the government hardly any suffer the economic sanctions. As factories were shut down, the general workers have been out of job putting them into great trouble.

Proper evolution of market-oriented economic system brings about human rights development and success of democratization process. The difference of democracy and human rights between rich and poor countries has proved that poverty results in weak democracy and human rights.

Actually, economic sanctions are an act of imposers to make their lackeys come into power putting reliance on them in terms of economy, politics and military after making their target nation and its people poor in order to topple its ruling government through unrest and violence.

In fact, economic sanctions are only a tactic of creating a neo-colony of neocolonialism.

Translation: ST+YM

True Value Solution to participate in Software & Solution Exhibition 2011

YANGON, 16 Feb—True Value Solution of Lucky Bird Group will display electronic article surveillance system and security solution at the Software & Solution Exhibition 2011 at Strand Hotel, here, on 18 and 19 February.

EAS system can be installed at department stores, supermarkets, textile shops, libraries and offices.

True Value gives services on installation of CCTV cameras, black box cameras, wireless home alarm system, real time tracking system at necessary buildings of customers.

True Value Showrooms are located at No. 351 on Theinbyu Road in Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Tel: 01-73151500 and 399011, at No. 5 on 26th Street between 78th and 79th streets in Mandalay and at Thabyegon Market, the northwest roundabout, Nay Pyi Taw, Tel: 067-414113.

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***Head of Labutta Township Information and Public Relations Department, Chairman of Bopyae Village-tract Peace and Development Council U Thein Tun, and community elders drive stakes for construction of Bepauk Village Library on 13 February.—*TOWNSHIP IPRD**

Contracts signed for purchase of electrical equipment

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Feb—Myanma Electric Power Enterprise under Ministry of Electric Power No. (2) signed contracts with five private companies for purchase of electrical equipment for power stations at the ministry here on 14 February.

It was attended by Minister for Electric Power No. (2) U Khin Maung Myint, Minister for Electric Power No. (1) U Zaw Min, Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Deputy Minister for Electric Power No. (2) Dr Win Myint, Deputy Minister for Construction U Myint Thein, Deputy Minister for Industry-2 U Khin Maung Kyaw, departmental heads and personnel of the companies—Barons Machinery & Engineering Pte Ltd, Sino Hydro Corporation Ltd, Gunkul Engineering Public Co Ltd, United National Oil & Gas Pte Ltd, and Chint Electric Co Ltd.

Minister U Khin Maung Myint spoke on the occasion and Managing Director Daw Ei Phyusin Htay of Barons machinery & Engineering Pte Ltd spoke words of thanks on behalf of the companies.

Managing Director U Aung Than Oo of MEPE and executive directors of the companies signed contracts for purchase of electrical equipment for 230 KV power grid (in/out) for Sittoung Power Station, Thaphanseik Power Station and Ngapya-wdaing Power Station.

MNA

C-in-C (Navy)'s Shield Table Tennis Championship concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Feb—The opening ceremony of the Commander-in-Chief (Navy)'s Shield Table Tennis Championship 2011 was held at the Hall of Ayeyawady Naval Region Command Headquarters on 11 February.

On behalf of the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), the Acting Commander of Ayeyawady Naval Region Command made an opening speech.

In the final matches, No. 1 Naval Training Depot secured the championship shield.

Officials presented prizes to the winners in the respective events.

On behalf of the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), the Acting Commander of Ayeyawady Naval Region Command awarded championship shield to No. 1 Naval Training Depot.

MNA

BHP Billiton profits up 72% on surging demand

File photo shows a worker inspecting the iron ore at a BHP Billiton mine in West Australia.—INTERNET

SYDNEY, 16 Feb —The world's top miner BHP Billiton Wednesday said half-year net profits surged 72 percent to $10.52 billion as emerging markets snap up raw materials and the West edges out of its economic slump.

BHP, which was foiled in takeover plans for Canadian fertilizer giant Potash Corp and an Australian iron ore merger with arch-rival Rio Tinto, also said it would buy back $10 billion in its shares this year.

Chief executive Marius Kloppers said the results came despite BP's major oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico and several flood disasters, including widespread inundations in northeastern Australia.

The company said its earnings were reduced by $464 million after the United States suspended drilling when a deadly blast aboard the BP-leased Deepwater Horizon rig caused America's worst ever environmental disaster.

"We are proud of the results, despite things like the Gulf of Mexico events and floods around the world," Kloppers told a media briefing.

"The portfolio has shown that it performs at record margins, almost record cash flow, and we have done that in a manner which has been safe.

"We're very pleased with what opportunities the market has afforded us and how we have responded to them."—*Internet*

KEPCO consortium signs $1.43 B UAE power plant deal

SEOUL, 16 Feb—A consortium grouping Korea Electric Power Corp. (KEPCO) and Japan's Sumitomo Corp. has signed a $1.43 billion deal to build a thermal power plant in the United Arab Emirates, the South Korean firm said Wednesday. Under the deal with the Abu Dhabi Water and Electricity Authority (ADWEA), the consortium will construct a gas thermal power plant in Shuweihat city, 260 km (162 miles) west of Abu Dhabi, KEPCO said in a statement.

It will raise funds through borrowing from South Korean, Japanese and other foreign banks

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by May and the plant will be completed in March 2014. The costs will be recovered by selling electrity produced at the plant to Abu Dhabi Water and Electricity Co, a wholly owned unit of ADWEA, for 25 years.—*Internet*

Fiji ranked among world's top honeymoon destinations

SUVA, 16 Feb—Fiji's tourism industry stakeholders have smiles on their faces as Fiji has been ranked amongst the world's top honeymoon destinations by popular wedding magazine *Bride*, local media reported Wednesday.

Bride, which has over 6.5 million readers per issue and is published 12 times a year, is the most widely read wedding magazine in the world.

Xinhua

India's Tata Steel Q3 profit more than doubles

MUMBAI, 16 Feb—India's Tata Steel, the world's seventh-largest steel maker, said Tuesday its consolidated quarterly profit more than doubled as demand grew, but lagged behind forecasts as raw material prices rose.

It said net profit rose to 10.03 billion rupees ($222 million) for the three months to December, from 4.72 billion rupees in the same period a year earlier.

The earnings however failed to live up to the forecasts of analysts who expected the company to show a profit of near 11 billion rupees.

Tata Steel, which bought British-Dutch company Corus for 13.7 billion dollars in 2007, said in a statement that sales rose 11 percent to $6.5 billion.

The data included financials of the Indian, south-east Asian operations and Corus.

Tata Steel shares closed down 0.65 percent, or 2.65 rupees, to 616.55 at the Bombay stock exchange, ahead of the earnings announcement.

Steel deliveries fell 5.7 percent to 5.68 million tonnes in the quarter, from a year earlier.

Tata Steel's European sales rose seven percent in the quarter to $4.01 billion, from $3.75 billion a year earlier.—*Internet*

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Maldives free Briton after mid-air bomb scare

COLOMBO, 16 Feb—Maldives police have released a British man accused of sparking a bomb scare on a Sri-Lankan Airlines flight, a spokesman said on Tuesday, explaining he had been misunderstood by cabin crew.

The unnamed elderly passenger was detained on Monday after a false alarm aboard a Colombo-London flight that made an emergency stop in the Maldives, an Indian Ocean atoll nation.

"It was a case of

Photo illustration of a SriLankan Airlines plane.—INTERNET

miscommunication between the elderly British passenger and the airline crew," Maldivian police spokesman Ahmed Shiyam told *AFP* by telephone from the capital Male.

Internet

Energy drinks harmful to children

LOS ANGELES, 16 Feb—Energy drinks, many of which contain too much caffeine, may be harmful to children, according to a new study published on Monday.

The finding was based on a review of the literature on energy drinks, researchers at the University of Miami said in the study appearing in the journal *Pediatrics.*

Many of the energy drinks reviewed contain three times the caffeine of a cola and some of which have five times more, said the study.

The study showed that caffeine in the drinks can exacerbate cardiac conditions, especially in children with eating disorders, and interfere with calcium absorption and bone mineralization in young adolescents.

Energy drinks produce extra calories which can contribute to diabetes, high body mass index and dental problems, according to the study.

Also, energy drinks contain additional ingredients which may boost caffeine levels, said the study.—*Xinhua*

Food prices push 44 m into poverty

WASHINGTON, 16 Feb—Rising food prices have pushed about 44 million people into poverty in developing countries since last June, the World Bank warned on Tuesday.

Food costs are continuing to rise to near 2008 levels, when price spikes in food and oil had devastating impacts on the poor, the development lender said, noting its numbers were released ahead of a Group of 20 finance chiefs meeting this week.

"Global food prices are rising to dangerous levels and threaten tens of millions of poor people around the world," World Bank president Robert Zoellick said in a statement.

"The price hike is already pushing millions of people into poverty, and putting stress on the most vulnerable, who spend more than half of their income on food."

According to the bank's latest Food Price Watch, prices rose by 15 percent between October 2010 and January 2011.

The report came ahead of a two-day G20 meeting of finance ministers and central bank governors scheduled to open Friday in Paris.

Zoellick told reporters that the report "underscores the need for the G20 to put food first."—*Internet*

An Indian vendor waits for the customers at a wholesale vegetable market in Hyderabad in January 2011. Rising food prices have pushed about 44 million people into poverty in developing countries since last June, the World Bank warned on Tuesday.—INTERNET

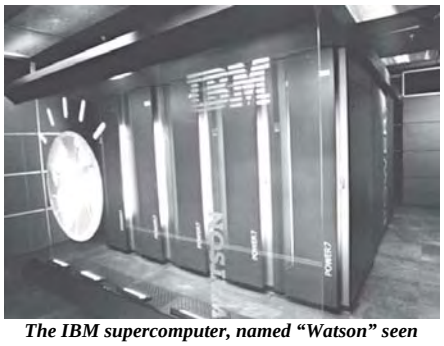
IBM computer, Jeopardy! champ tied after first day

WASHINGTON, 16 Feb—An IBM computer displayed a few quirks but played to a draw on the opening day of a man vs machine showdown with two human champions of the popular US television game show Jeopardy!.

"Watson," a supercomputer named after the founder of the US technology giant Thomas Watson, and human contestant Brad Rutter each had $5,000 after the first day of the three-day match.

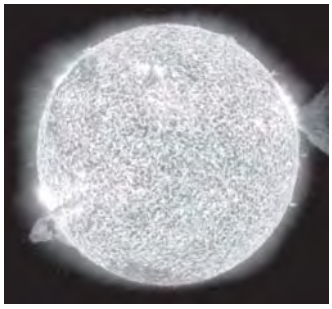
The other human player, Ken Jennings, was trailing the pair with $2,000. Watson, represented on stage by a large computer monitor, was frequently quicker to the buzzer than Rutter and Jennings, correctly answering questions in its artificial voice.

Jeopardy!, which first aired on US television in 1964, tests a player's knowledge in a range of categories, from geography to politics to history to sports and entertainment.—*Internet*



The IBM supercomputer, named "Watson" seen here, is playing two games of Jeopardy! over the next three days against Ken Jennings, who holds the show record of 74 straight wins, and Brad Rutter, winner of $3.25 million in prize money.—INTERNET

Sun fires off with major solar flare



This image of the sun, captured by The Solar Dynamics Observatory spacecraft 28 January, 2011, shows nearly simultaneous solar eruptions on opposite sides of the Sun, in this photograph released by NASA 28 January.—XINHUA

BEIJING, 16 Feb— The most powerful solar flare in years erupted from the sun on Tuesday, sending a blast of X-rays from a hotspot of activity that may still belch solar storms in the days to come.

The sun unleashed the flare on Tuesday at about 1:44 am (Greenwich Mean Time) from a sunspot region that was barely visible last week. Since then the spot has grown to more than 100,000 kilometers across - nearly eight times the width of the Earth.

The United States' National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Space Weather Prediction Centre in Colorado categorized the flare as a class X2.2, the strongest solar flare observed so far in 2011. "Astronomers have five categories of flares: A, B, C, M and X," explained Bao Xingming, solar physicist with the National Astronomical Observatories of the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

"The M and X flares are the most potent and the one that erupted (on Tuesday) was an X2.2, which is just about the most powerful flare we've seen in many years."

Solar flares appear to be caused by a sudden release of magnetic energy and emit light, ultraviolet waves and X-rays.

Xinhua

Japan and India sign free trade pact

TOKYO, 16 Feb— Japan and India have signed a free trade agreement amid a push by Japan to revive its sweak economy by lowering barriers to trade and investment — particularly with the fast-growing nations of emerging Asia.

The agreement, signed by Japanese Foreign Minister Seiji Maehara and Indian Commerce Minister Anand Sharma on Wednesday, will slash tariffs on goods from auto parts to bonsai plants, and introduces measures to promote investment.

Internet

Chinese firm signs $1.2 B Khartoum airport deal

A propeller-powered plane sits at the tarmac of Khartoum Airport, August 2004. A state-owned Chinese firm has won a 1.2-billion-dollar contract to build Khartoum's new international airport, the company said.
INTERNET

KHARTOUM, 16 Feb—A state-owned Chinese firm has won a 1.2-billion-dollar contract to build Khartoum's new international airport, the company said.

The China Harbour Engineering Company said in a statement late Monday that the contract, signed in Khartoum on 1 February, was worth 900 million euros (1.2 billion dollars).

The project, which covers the construction of the new airport's runway, airline terminals, control towers and other key facilities, will replace Khartoum's existing airport located in the centre of the capital.

It said the runway would be capable of handling the Airbus superjumbo, *A380*.

"Upon completion, the new airport will greatly upgrade (the) internationalization of Khartoum," said the firm, a subsidiary of the majority state-owned contracting giant China Communications Construction Company.—*Internet*

Tokyo, Moscow have highest expat rents

HONG KONG, 16 Feb—Tokyo's rents are the highest in the world for expatriates followed by Moscow and Hong Kong, where prices surged 22 percent, the biggest yearly increase, according to a new survey.

Expats living in the Japanese metropolis paid an average $4,352 a month for a two-bedroom apartment last year, followed by Moscow at $3,500 and Hong Kong at $2,830, the annual report by human resources consultant ECA International said.

The surging value of the yen — which struck a 15-year high against the US dollar in November — helped push Tokyo to the top of the list, it said.

"Currency movements can have a big impact on costs for companies sending employees on assignment," said Lee Quane, the regional director of ECA Asia, based in Hong Kong. "Tokyo is a case in point."

Rents in Moscow tumbled 25 percent in 2009 as foreign workers left the city during the global financial crisis, but now expats are returning to the Russian capital, the survey said.

"The return of expatriate demand to Moscow in 2010 and continually tight supply has led to price increases of approximately 17 percent in the city to $3,500 a month," it said.—*Internet*

The Tokyo skyline.
INTERNET

Asian shares head higher despite weak Wall Street

TOKYO, 16 Feb—Asian stock markets rose Wednesday, reversing course after an indecisive opening following a sluggish day on Wall Street. Oil prices rose to near $85 a barrel Wednesday in Asia after a report showed US crude supplies unexpectedly fell last week, suggesting demand may be improving.

The Nikkei 225 stock average in Tokyo added 0.4 percent to 10,788.13. Exporters, including electronics makers, generally rose as the dollar hovered in the upper 83-yen range. Toshiba Corp was up 2.8 percent, Pioneer Corp rose 2.6 percent, and Sharp Corp rose 0.9 percent. Financial issues also advanced, with Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group Inc up 2.3 percent. Hong Kong's Hang Seng index rose 0.4 percent to 22,996.87, and the Shanghai Composite index was up 0.1 percent to 2,902.59. South Korea's Kospi index was nearly flat at 2,011.36, while benchmarks in Singapore and Indonesia retreated.—*Internet*

Pedestrians walk past the New York Stock Exchange, 15 February, 2011.—INTERNET

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV DELIGHT VOY NO (146)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV DELIGHT VOY NO (146) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 17.2.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W(4) 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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People use computers at an Internet cafe in Changzhi, Shanxi province 30 Dec, 2010.
INTERNET

Chinese film wins three awards in 17th Vesoul Int'l Film Festival

PARIS, 16 Feb—Chinese film "Addicted to Love" won three awards in the 17th Vesoul International Film Festival of Asian Cinema on Tuesday, including the highest Golden Cyclo Award.

The film, directed by Liu Hao, features a Chinese retiree, Old Pop, who lives in Beijing with his extended family. One day, he meets his first love accidentally. In spite of their children's reluctance, the two start meeting in secret. Discovering his first love has Alzheimer, Old Pop plays little games with her to exercise her mind.

Liu combined "prudence, tenderness and humour" in this film and established touching personalities, the jury of the festival said at the closing ceremony.

The film also won the Special Langues "O" Award by the French National Institute of Oriental Languages and Civilizations and the Emile Guimet Award by the Friends Association of National Museum of Asian Arts-Guimet at the festival.

Uzbekistan director Elkin Tuychiev shared the Golden Cyclo Award with Liu Hao with his film "PS." The Golden Cyclo of Honor, the festival's reward of lifelong achievement was granted to South Korean director Kim Dong-ho, who founded the International Film Festival of Pusan.The Vesoul International Film Festival of Asian Cinema is an annual special-interest film festival focusing on films from Asia. Created in 1995, the festival is held annually in Vesoul, France. It is regarded as the earliest film festival of Asian films in Europe.—*Internet*

New guidelines aimed at getting kids moving

TORONTO, 16 Feb—Canadian youngsters should spend no more than two hours daily in front of computer and TV screens, according to new behaviour guidelines.

The Canadian Society for Exercise Physiology unveiled the guidelines Tuesday, in hopes of minimizing the time children and youth between ages five and 17 spend in low energy behaviours.

On top of the expected recommendations — spend less time playing passive video games and watching TV — the guidelines say youth should try to scale back sedentary transport, such as taking the bus or travelling by car.

Kids, five to 11, are encouraged to walk to school with a group of friends in their neighbourhood. Older youth are asked to consider biking to school. Or instead of texting a friend, why not try getting up and visiting them in person.

But it's a tough task, reducing "screen time."

The average school-age Canadian spends about 62 per cent of their waking hours in screen time — that's 8.6 hours a day.

Internet

Rocket, a Cocker Spaniel, has its hair combed during the 135th Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show in New York 15 Feb, 2011.
INTERNET

China Mobile signs strategic agreement with Vodafone

BARCELONA, 16 Feb—China Mobile Limited and Vodafone Group Plc signed a Strategic Co-operation Framework Agreement in Barcelona Tuesday.

Wang Jianzhou, the Chairman of China Mobile and Vittorio Colao, the Chief Executive of Vodafone Group Plc signed the agreement at the China Mobile-Vodafone Strategic Co-Operation/CEO Forum which took place during the celebration of the Mobile World Congress this week in Barcelona. The agreement means that the two telecommunications giants will continue to cooperate in various areas of their business, including exchanges in corporate management and also in technical and operational expertise.

They will also work together in areas such as Enhanced Roaming Services; Multinational Customers; Green Technology; Network Roadmap Management, Joint Innovation and Research and Development.

They will also promote converged LTE technology and LTE terminal development as the industry moves towards 4G as the next step in mobile broadband.

Both companies hope to be able to improve their competitiveness and raise their influence on international organization, value chain and industry by partnership in management, technology and operation.—*Xinhua*

Facebook used as tool for drug trade

KUALA LUMPUR, 16 Feb—It is becoming more popular for drug syndicates, either international or local, to use social networking site Facebook to recruit Malaysians as drug mules.

Malaysian police made the statement in Kuala Lumpur on Wednesday, giving the example of the arrest of a 23-year-old Malaysian at the Ezeiza International Airport in Buenos Aires, Argentina, last month.

The man was said to have been paid about 7,000 ringgit (2,300 US dollars) to smuggle a package containing black diamonds into Argentina.

The alleged illicit drug deal was conducted via Facebook, said the police.

So far, police have arrested five Malaysians said to be involved in illegal drug trade using Facebook.

"The Nigerians and Iranians recruited (the Malaysian) women, communicating with them using Facebook. Local and foreign syndicates were also found to be collaborating in drug smuggling.

"The young Iranians and Nigerians have switched their modus operandi from recruiting drug mules to working with the locals," said Noor Rashid Ibrahim from Malaysia's Narcotics Criminal Investigation Division.—*Internet*

Teen throws herself under train

BROMSGROVE, 16 Feb—The brother of a British teenager who threw herself under a train, possibly because of bullying at school, said Natasha MacBryde "never knew how loved she was."

Natasha died early Monday morning at the train station in Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, where she lived with her mother and her brother, James 17.

Friends said the 15-year-old was upset when her parents separated several years ago and even more so by their recent divorce, although her father continued to live nearby. They said she had been bullied and teased by some of the girls at Worcester Royal Grammar School.

"The split was hard on her and her brother, James. The other kids teased Natasha about it," the mother of a classmate told the *Sun*. "Lots of the children at the school are wealthy and a few of the kids can be quite snobby. The bullying was obviously too much for Tasha. It's so desperately sad."

James posted a message on Facebook just before 8 am, when his sister had already been dead for several hours, asking if anyone had seen her. Sixteen minutes later he posted a brief notice of her death.

Internet

Advice-seeking letter wins Italy trip

A New York woman whose "letter to Juliet" earned her a trip to Verona, Italy, said she didn't even known she was entering a contest. Beth Gillespie, 28, said she was following a long tradition of sending letters seeking romantic advice to "Juliet Capulet," the heroine of William Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet," to Verona and was unaware a team of volunteers were looking through the letters for "the most beautiful," *the New York Post* reported.

Gillespie said she was surprised to receive a reply to her letter and even more surprised to learn she and two other winners had been awarded a weekend trip to Verona for the city's Valentine's Day celebrations. "It was one of those things that was so personal and private," she said. "Just my luck to win an award and have it published. I am also honoured at the same time." Gillespie and the other winners were each awarded a small statue of Juliet at the city's celebration.

Those funny moments

Tire thief made his capture easy, cops say

A California man allegedly stole tires using a van showing his name and number, authorities say.

Rich Richardson found more than a dozen tires missing from his Best for Less Tire Pros in Temecula 17 Jan, *The Riverside Press-Enterprise* reported.

Jeffrey Yancey of Rancho Cucamonga was arrested after surveillance cameras caught him and an accomplice putting the tires into a van labeled "Jeff Tires" with his cell phone number on it, court records state.

Riverside County Sheriff's Sgt Kevin McDonald said investigators arrested Yancey at his home after calling the number and pretending to buy the tires. Yancey, who has several prior convictions, has pleaded not guilty to burglary and property fraud. Richardson said he qualified as one of the "world's dumbest criminals."

Lithuania opens all-chocolate room to sweeten Valentine's

Lithuanian shoppers on Monday had a sweet Valentine's Day visual treat in the form of an entire chocolate room, but will have to wait to actually taste a piece of the walls and decor, organizers said.

"We wanted to create something special for Valentine's Day. The chocolate room looks just like a traditional Lithuanian sitting-room," Frederikas Jansonas, spokesman for the Akropolis shopping mall in the capital Vilnius said.

The 17-square-metre (183-square-foot) room is made of chocolate from floor to ceiling, and also contains chocolate furniture and interior decorations such as candlesticks, pictures and books.

Seven artists used 300 kilogrammes (661 pounds) of chocolate to create it. "Everybody who sees a full-size chocolate room will have no doubt. It's the best place for a romantic Valentine's Day dinner," sculptor Mindaugas Tendziagolskis said in a statement.

For now, however, the curious can only look, not touch or taste. The room will be on view until 8 March— International Women's Day — when it will be broken up and the chocolate distributed to visitors, Jansonas said.

Heart-shaped chocolates prepared for St Valentine's day. Lithuanian shoppers on Monday had a sweet Valentine's Day visual treat in the form of an entire chocolate room, but will have to wait to actually taste a piece of the walls and decorations, organizers said.

News Album

Musician Chris Martin of the band Coldplay performs in San Francisco, California, in September 2010. INTERNET

Coldplay to headline Glastonbury festival

LONDON, 16 Feb— British band Coldplay will make a "triumphant return" to perform as one of the headline acts at Glastonbury festival, organizers announced on Tuesday, ending months of speculation.

The group, which had been widely tipped to top the bill, will play the main Pyramid Stage on Saturday 25 June in their first appearance at the UK festival since 2005. Last week Beyonce also revealed she was to perform at the weekend festival, and U2 who pulled out of the 2010 event after singer Bono injured his back — are expected to be the third headliners. The full line-up will be confirmed nearer to the event, staged in Somerset, southwest England and said to be the largest open air music and performing arts festival in the world.

Internet

A model wearing a dress by designer Katelyn Bischof walks the runway during the 83rd Academy Awards Oscars Designer Challenge fashion show at the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences in Beverly Hills, Calif, on 15 Feb, 2011.—INTERNET

Nine designers and models vie for spot on Oscar stage

BEVERLY HILLS, 16 Feb— Nine fashion designers need your help to make their Oscar dreams a reality.

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences is again hosting its Oscars Designer Challenge, where emerging fashion designers can win a chance to have one of their original gowns worn by a trophy model during the Academy Awards telecast.

Oscar fans and fashionistas can see the dress contestants online and vote once daily for their favourite until Monday. The winning gown — and the model wearing it — will appear onstage during the Oscar ceremony.

Designer Clay Sadler said seeing his floor-sweeping, cream-colored creation on the big show "would be a lifelong dream."

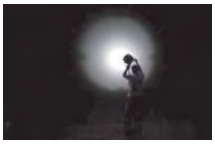
Internet

Famous Bollywood studio up for sale

MUMBAI, 16 Feb—One of Bollywood's most famous film studios has been put up for sale, reports said on Tuesday, with the location in line to be turned into a residential or commercial complex.

Several newspapers said that the 4.5-acre (1.8-hectare) Filmistan Studio site in the Mumbai suburb of Goregaon, which produced hits in the golden age of the 1940s and 1950s, could be sold for up to six billion rupees ($131 million).

"It is a prime piece of property and we expect to get a good price for it," ML Gupta, vice-chairman and managing director of the site's joint owners, Kamanwala Housing Construction Limited, told *the Hindustan Times* newspaper.—*Internet*



An Indian lighting assistant or 'spot boy' adjusts a light during the filming of a musical on a set in Mumbai 2007.—INTERNET

Will Young arrives for the Brit Awards 2011 at The O2 Arena in London, on 15 Feb, 2011.—INTERNET

Tinie Tempah, Plan B rule at Brit music awards

LONDON, 16 Feb— Dapper London lads Plan B and Tinie Tempah were popular local winners at the Brit music awards Tuesday, while Arcade Fire followed their surprise Grammys victory with two prizes at the British ceremony.

Tempah, a 22-year-old product of London's dubstep scene who released his first album, "Disc-Overy," last year, won trophies for British breakthrough act and British single, for "Pass Out."

Dressed in a snazzy white dinner jacket and black-rimmed spectacles, Tempah dedicated his best single award to "UK music, peace and love."

Internet

Valencia frustrated by Schalke in Champions League

MADRID, 16 Feb — Veteran Spain striker Raul Gonzalez enjoyed a successful return to his homeland scoring a vital equaliser as Schalke managed a 1-1 first leg draw against Valencia at the Mestalla stadium on Tuesday to gain the edge in the Champions League last 16 tie.

***Schalke's Spanish striker Raul celebrates his goal during the UEFA Champions League football match.*—INTERNET**

Roberto Soldado's sixth Champions League goal had put Valencia in front on 17 minutes but 33-year-old veteran Raul, who ended 16 glorious years at Real Madrid when he joined Schalke in the summer, equalised on 64 minutes with an important away goal.

Raul is the all-time top-scorer in Champions League history and his 69th goal in the competition hands Schalke the advantage for the second leg in Gelsenkirchen on 9 March.

Internet

SPORTS

Tunisia, Angola seal last-eight places

JOHANNESBURG, 16 Feb — Tunisia scored late in each half to triumph 2-0 against Senegal Tuesday in a top-of-the-table African Nations Championship Group D clash and secure a quarter-finals place. Angola also advanced to the knockout stage in Sudan by coming from behind against lowly Rwanda to win 2-1 and snatch second spot on the final standings after another dramatic day at a tournament for home-based footballers.

***Angola advanced to the knockout stage of the African Nations Championship.*—INTERNET**

Tunisia collected seven points from three games, Angola five, Senegal four and Rwanda shared with Uganda and Ghana the humiliation of heading home having suffered three consecutive losses.—*Internet*

Cyclist Contador cleared of doping charges

MADRID, 16 Feb — Spain's cycling federation cleared three-time Tour de France champion Alberto Contador Tuesday of knowingly using a banned substance in a dramatic U-turn in the case that means he can ride in this year's race. The 28-year-old's future has hung in the balance since he announced last August he had tested positive for minute traces of the banned substance clenbuterol during last July's Tour de France.

He has repeatedly denied knowingly taking any banned substances, blaming the result on a steak he says was contaminated with traces of the muscle-building drug.

"I'm relieved and obviously happy about this ruling. It has been some very stressful months for me, but throughout the case I have been totally available for all inquiries," Contador said after the federation's final ruling was announced.

Internet

***Spain's cycling federation cleared three-time Tour de France champion Alberto Contador.* INTERNET**

Crouch stuns Milan as Spurs take crucial Champions League lead

MILAN, 16 Feb — Tottenham's dream European adventure continued at the San Siro on Tuesday night as Peter Crouch grabbed the only goal in a 1-0 victory over AC Milan.

Despite playing without the injured Gareth Bale, the hat-trick hero when Spurs last played in this stadium in a 4-3 defeat to Inter Milan, Spurs put in a controlled and professional performance that belied their relative inexperience on this stage.

Crouch struck 10 minutes from time on a lightning counter attack in a half otherwise dominated by the hosts.

It puts the English side in a strong position ahead of the second leg at what will surely be a white hot White Hart Lane in three weeks time.—*Internet*

***Tottenham's forward Peter Crouch (L) celebrates with teammate defender Benoit Assou-Ekotto.* INTERNET**

Team is behind me, says under-fire Ranieri

Roma coach Claudio Ranieri

ROME, 16 Feb — Roma coach Claudio Ranieri insists he has the support of the dressing room despite rumours to the contrary and speculation that he is about to lose his job.

Roma entertain Shakhtar Donetsk in the Champions League on Wednesday hot on the heels of a poor run of form in Serie A that has virtually seen them ruled out of the title race.

And with boardroom uncertainty as well behind the scenes as the current club owners search for a buyer, Roma are in dire need of an on-field boost.

But Ranieri claims the club's recent dip is not down to him.

"The coach is like the husband, he's the last to find out about certain things," said Ranieri on Tuesday following a question about his future.

Internet

Mickelson thought about Seve tribute

JACKSONVILLE, 16 Feb — Phil Mickelson was planning a Spanish menu for the Champions Dinner at the Masters to honor two-time champion Seve Ballesteros until realizing the Spaniard was not healthy enough to travel.

Mickelson said Tuesday on a conference call that he had been in contact with Ballesteros, hopeful that he would be able to return to Augusta National this year despite his ongoing battle with brain cancer.

"I just sent him an e-mail saying that if he were able to come, and feeling healthy enough to be able to make this tournament, I would love to have the dinner be something that he would like — a Spanish dish of paella or whatever he thought would be appropriate," Mickelson said. "I wanted to kind of honor him."

***Phil Mickelson reacts after his shot from the third tee of the Monterey Peninsula Country Club.* INTERNET**

Mickelson said some e-mails he received recently indicate that Ballesteros will not be able to make it.

Internet

Newcastle sink sorry Blues

LONDON, 16 Feb — Newcastle scored their first win since the departure of striker Andy Carroll on Tuesday, winning 2-0 at Birmingham with a goal in each half from Peter Lovenkrands and Leon Best. Lovenkrands opened the scoring for the visitors after only two minutes, sliding in to meet a low cross from Jonas Gutierrez at the near post.

Best made sure of the points after pouncing early in the second half as Birmingham crashed to their first defeat in six matches.

Newcastle's Premier League campaign has been blown off course since the stunning 35 million pound transfer of Carroll to Liverpool at the end of the January transfer window.

Alan Pardew's side had picked up only two points from a possible nine since Carroll headed to Anfield.

However, they always had the upper hand over Birmingham on Tuesday, with Jose Enrique marauding effectively down the left flank and midfield duo Joey Barton and Kevin Nolan dominating the middle of the park.

Internet

***Newcastle United's Leon Best (R) scores his goal against Birmingham City.*—INTERNET**

Jones pens new Blackburn deal

BLACKBURN, 16 Feb — Blackburn defender Phil Jones on Tuesday signed a new contract with the Premier League club.

Jones, who can play in defence or midfield, follows captain Chris Samba, Michel Salgado, Jason Roberts and Mark Bunn in agreeing new contracts in the last month.

Blackburn defender Phil Jones

The England Under-21 international, currently sidelined with a knee injury, has added another 12 months on to his current deal, which now takes him up to the summer of 2016.

"This is great news, especially on the back of so many other key players committing themselves to the club," said manager Steve Kean.

"Phil has made incredible progress over the past year or so and his form, prior to his unfortunate injury setback, attracted a lot of attention.—*Internet*

Tennis veteran Schnyder repels retirement thoughts

DUBAI, 16 Feb — Patty Schnyder spoke of retirement after losing in the first round of the Australian Open last month but responded by upsetting the seedings in the Dubai Open on Tuesday.

Schnyder's 4-6, 7-6 (7/2) 6-2 win over former world number one Ana Ivanovic was her first of a year which has been blighted by bronchitis and other health problems.

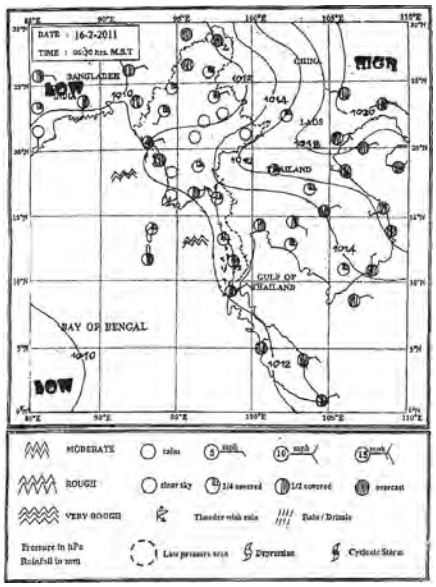
Now the 32-year-old was a canny revelation. She recovered from a set and 1-3 down with loopy left-handed forehand drives and changes of pace, which together began to gnaw at the 14th-seeded Ivanovic's confidence.

"It feels great to win, especially after what I've been through," said the former world number seven from Switzerland.

"She was taking the ball early and hitting it hard. I started to find my footwork a bit. I was kind of slow, but I hung in there."—*Internet*

***Swiss Patty Schnyder returns a backhand to Serbian Ana Ivanovic in their match in the WTA Dubai Open.*—INTERNET**

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Wednesday, 16th February , 2011

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

During the past 24 hours, light rain have been isolated in Taninthayi Region and Kachin State, weather has been partly cloudy in Upper Sagaing and Yangon Regions, Rakhine State, generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Night temperatures were (3°C) below February average temperature in Magway, Bago and Ayeyawady Regions and Chin State, (3°C) to (4°C) above February average temperature in Upper Sagaing Region, Kachin and Rakhine States and about February average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant night temperatures were Haka (2°C), Pinlaung (4°C) and Heho (5°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Putao and Myelk (0.07) inch each.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 15-2-2011 was 94°F. Minimum temperature on 16-2-2011 was 59°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 16-2-2011 was (65%). Rainfall on 16-2-2011 was (Nil).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 15-2-2011 was 93°F. Minimum temperature on 16-2-2011 was 66°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 16-2-2011 was (62%). Total sunshine hours on 15-2-2011 was (10.2) hours (Approx).

Rainfall on 16-2-2011 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 (5) mph from Southeast at (12:30) hours MST on 15-2-2011.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 17th February 2011: Light rain are possible to be isolated in Taninthayi Region and Kachin State, weather will be partly cloudy in Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Shan, Kayin 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 continuation of light rain in the extreme Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 17-2-2011: Generally fair weather .

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 17-2-2011: Partly cloudy .

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 17-2-2011: Generally fair weather .

Grabner scores again, Isles win 4-3 in shootout

OTTAWA, 16 Feb — Michael Grabner and the New York Islanders were just too much for slumping Ottawa. Frans Nielsen scored in a shootout Tuesday and the New York Islanders beat the Ottawa Senators 4-3 Tuesday night, winning for the fifth time in six games. Ottawa has lost 18 of 20 games

Grabner, the Islanders' star rookie, scored a short-handed goal for New York and set up Josh Bailey's third-period score.

"Every shift he's out there, you notice him," Islanders goalie Nathan Lawson said. "He's flying around and he always seems to get pucks in great areas. It's unbelievable."

Grabner scored eight goals in four games last week, including a hat trick in the Islanders' win at Buffalo on Sunday. Robbie Schremp had the other New York goal in the shootout, while Lawson, who picked up his first NHL victory with 28 saves, stopped Jason Spezza and Bobby Butler after Alex Kovalev scored.

Ottawa Senators right wing Chris Neil collides with New York Islanders defenseman Ty Wishart (6) and goalie Nathan Lawson (52) during the second period of an NHL hockey game in Ottawa, Tuesday on 15 Feb, 2011.—INTERNET

Blake Comeau had the other goal in regulation for the Islanders, who have won four straight. "That's another big step for us because we did not have our best game and we found a way to get two points," right-winger Kyle Okposo said.—*Internet*

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Programme Schedule
(17-2-2011) (Thursday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am~11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission	- (17-2-11 09:30 am ~ 18-2-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

* Opening
* News
* Your Shopping to Youth Empowerment
* News
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* News
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* News
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* Daily Routine About A Bank (AGD Bank)
* News
* ''Youth & Language'' What is she talking about?
* News
* Living in Paradise
* Inlay traditional Cotton Clothes
* News
* MI People's Celebrities ''Myanmar Style or Westren Style''
* Music Gallery
* News
* Mularsheedi we Love!
* Myanmar Movie "Beyond Love"

Myanmar TV

Thursday, 17 February
View on today

7:00 am
1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw

7:25 am
2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am
3. Morning News

7:40 am
4. Dhamma Puja Song

7:50 am
5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am
6. Health Programme

8:15 am
7. Dance Of National Races

8:25 am
8. Dance Variety

8:40 am
9. International News

8:45 am
10. Musical Programme

4:30 pm
1. Martial Song

4:20 pm
3. Cute Little Dancers

4:30 pm
4. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Perfrofoming Arts Competition

4:40 pm
5. 2011 University Entrance Examination (Biology)

5:00 pm
6. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

5:10 pm
7. Health Programme

5:30 pm
8. Song Varieties

5:45 pm
9. Science And Environment

6:00 pm
10. Evening News

6:15 pm
11. Weather Report

6:20 pm
12. Myanmar Series

6:40 pm
13. Approaching Science Discovery World

7:00 pm
14. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm
15. News
16. International News
17. Weather Report
18. Documentary
19. TV Drama Series
20. TV Drama Series

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★ 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

Secretary-1 Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo receives Chinese Vice-Minister of Commerce

SPDC Secretary-1 Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo receives Vice-Minister of Commerce Mr Zhong Shan of the People's Republic of China and party.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Feb—Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo received a delegation led by Vice-Minister of Commerce Mr Zhong Shan of the People's Republic of China at the hall of the State Peace and Development Council Office, here, this noon.

Also present at the call were Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Thein Swe, Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw Win of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departmental heads.

The Chinese Vice-Minister and party were accompanied by Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to the Union of Myanmar Mr Li Junhua.

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Significant night temperatures (16-2-2011)

Haka	(2° C)
Pinlaung	(4° C)
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