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Mya (North) field oil well (B), Phase 1 development of Shwe project, starts drilling

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Feb—Daewoo International Corporation is exploring oil and gas at Blocks A-1 and A-3 offshore Rakhine coast under the Gas Sales Agreement with the Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise under the Ministry of Energy. It will launch production of gas at Shwe Project by 2013. Now, it is carrying out field development tasks.

A ceremony to launch of Mya (North) field oil well (B) as the first phase of the project took place at Rig Hakuryu-5 of Block A-3 offshore Rakhine coast this morning.

It was attended by Minister for Energy U Lun Thi, Deputy Minister U Than Htay, departmental heads,



Energy Minister U Lun Thi inspects launch of Mya (North) field oil well (B).—MNA

Senior Vice President Mr Si-Bo Joo of Daewoo E & P Myanmar and officials, and foreign experts.

On arrival at Rig Hakuryu-5, the minister

heard a report by Mr Si-Bo Joo on arrangements for drilling oil wells and follow-up programmes. The minister called for completion of the drilling of oil wells on schedule

according to the agreement; cent per cent safety of tasks to be carried out technically to avert undesirable consequences in drilling oil wells; speeding up work

in the dry season; and preparedness measures against possible natural disasters. He presented baskets of fruit to foreign experts and Myanmar staff members.

The minister pressed the button to launch Mya (North) field oil well (B). The minister and the

deputy minister and party inspected Hakuryu-5. According to the feasibility study, Blocks A-1 and A-3 have 5.353 trillion cubic feet of gas. Now, all responsible are working hard for ensuring cent per cent completion of the project by the mid 2013.—MNA

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Pyinyaung Bridge commissioned into service in Thazi Township

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Feb—A ceremony to inaugurate Pyinyaung Bridge built by Bridge Construction Project Special Group-3 of Public Works was held on Meiktila-Taunggyi-Kengtung-Tachilek Road near Pyinyaung Village in Thazi Township this morning.

Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint explained the purpose of bridge construction and facts about it.

Commander of Meiktila Station Brig-Gen Than Lwin spoke words of thanks.

The minister and the station commander cordially greeted the local people.



Pyinyaung Bridge on Meiktila-Taunggyi-Kengtung-Tachilek Road.—MNA

The station commander, Managing Director U Kyaw Lin of Public Works and Meiktila District Peace and Development Council Chairman U Sein Oak formally opened the

bridge.

The station commander unveiled the bridge and sprinkled scented water on it.

Upper structure of Pyinyaung Bridge is of broad rest type and lower

structure, of reinforced concrete foundation. The 200 feet long facility has a 24 feet wide motor way and a 3 feet and 4 inches wide pedestrian walkway on either side. The bridge can withstand 60-ton

loads.

Pyinyaung Bridge, built as over 180 feet long bridge by Public Works, is the 257th facility of its kind across the nation and the 15th in Mandalay Region.

Thanks to the bridge, local people will be able to enjoy fruits of greater development in economic, social, management, education and health sectors.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Value national culture and traditional costumes

Today, the world sees dramatic changes in the communication field. As a result of globalization process, alien cultures are penetrating deep into the nation. Especially, the youth have come under the influence of western music, arts, dances, costumes, ideas and lifestyles.

Attaining knowledge of modern ideas and views is a positive sign. However, it is mandatory for the people of us not to make a carbon copy of alien music and lifestyles and relationship, unwisely thinking that using them is staying in touch with the developments around the world.

It is required to keep off decadent costumes which are absolutely against Myanmar lifestyle and culture. Therefore, it is immoral to be in decadent dresses in public areas and on passenger vehicles.

For a nation or a people, to value and preserve traditional costumes is a serious matter. Otherwise, national prestige and integrity will be degrading, and even the nation and the people will become extinct, which the people must be well aware of.

So, each and every citizen has to be equipped with a strong sense of nationalistic spirit. The spirit of cherishing and protecting own race is associated with the image, strength and value of the mass of women. Thus, women have to avoid imitating alien cultures and costumes.

Alien cultures and music are infiltrating the nation through economic and cultural doors. Therefore, it is obligatory for the entire people especially new generations to preserve and promote national prestige and integrity by having a high regard for national culture and traditional costumes.

University of Veterinary Science (1987 Batch) alumni to meet on 26 March

YANGON, 19 Feb — The respect-paying ceremony of old students of the University of Veterinary Science (1987 Batch) will be held at Shwe Shan Kan Restaurant on Inya Road here on 26 March.

In order to pay respects to old teachers and to see again happily at the get-together, old students are urged to contact Dr Maung Maung Tun (Ph: 09 5009830), Dr Win Naing (Ph: 09 5123466), Dr Nyaung Shwe (Ph: 061 50927), Dr Kyaw Swe (Ph: 09

202060), Dr Aung Nyunt Hsan (Ph: 09 5022453), Dr Kyaw Naing Oo (Ph: 09 8628721), Dr Win Win Myint (Ph: 095233244) and Dr Thida Than Maung (Ph: 01 73009789).— MNA



Peoples Desire

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

Commander attends Indian Pharma Expo-2011, religious ceremonies

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Feb — Jointly-organized by Myanmar-India Business Council and PHARMEXCIL, the opening of Indian Pharma Expo-2011 took place at Traders Hotel here on 17 February, attended by Chairman of Yangon Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Tun Than.

After delivering addresses by Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Dr Villur Sundararajam Seshadri and the chairman of Myanmar Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical and Medical Equipment Entrepreneurs Association, an official gave accounts of the expo.

The commander and the Indian ambassador formally



Commander Brig-Gen Tun Than and the Indian Ambassador formally open Indian Pharma Expo-2011.—MNA

opened the expo and observed the booths of the expo.

Next, the commander attended the first cash donation ceremony for all-round renovation of Tooth Relic Pagoda (Yangon) in

Mayangon Township. The commander and officials accepted cash donations of the Ministry of Defence and battalions and regiments and presented certificates of honour to wellwishers.

Then the com-

mander together with officials attended the 26th Buddha Pujaniya Festival of Maha Wizaya Pagoda in Dagon Township and formally opened the Htamane-making competitions.

MNA

Commander inspects progress of Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon)

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Feb—Chairman of Ayeyawady Region Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Brig-Gen Tin Maung Win on 16 February looked into progress of Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon) construction project.

An official reported on progress of works.

In Danubyu Township, the commander inspected construction of Sakkawt railway station. In Tamyia Village of Danubyu Township, the commander cordially met local farmers and view crops plantations.

While in Danubyu, the commander visited the local battalion.— MNA

MAI to run Yangon-Guangzhou, Yangon-Siem Reap

YANGON, 19 Feb—As new air routes, Myanmar Airways International (MAI) has planned to run flights twice a week from Yangon to Siem Reap (Angkor Wat) of Cambodia every Saturday and Wednesday beginning 23 February, and from Yangon to Guangzhou of China every Thursday and Sunday beginning 3 March.

MAI is running direct and transit flights to and from Bangkok, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur and Gaya by three Air Bus A-320 with seating capacity of 160 and one Air Bus A-321 with seating capacity of 220, as well as charter flight.

In addition, MAI will spread its wings to Tokyo of Japan, Seoul of South Korea, New Delhi of India, Dubai of United Arab Emirates, and Jakarta and Bali island of Indonesia in the future.—MNA

At least 18 killed in Afghan bank attack

JALALABAD, 19 Feb—Gunmen and suicide bombers dressed as border police killed at least 18 people and wounded more than 70 in an attack on a bank in the main city in Afghanistan's east on Saturday, government officials said.

A Reuters witness reported hearing blasts soon after the attack began and gunfire could be heard coming from the branch of the Kabulbank in Jalalabad, which handles salaries for the Afghan police and armed forces, for several hours.

Ahmadzia Abdulzai, a spokesman for the Nangarhar government, said fighting had gone on for several hours and described the scene as "chaotic."

The motive for the attack was not immediately clear, although coordinated assaults by insurgents against government buildings and military bases have increased in recent years, especially in eastern provinces near the Pakistan border. Insurgents often dress in the uniforms of Afghan security forces, or as women, for such attacks.

The Taliban later claimed responsibility, saying three suicide bombers had entered the bank when Afghan security forces were collecting their salaries. Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said in a text message to Reuters that "many" members of the security forces had been killed and that fighting was continuing. Violence across Afghanistan reached its worst levels last year since the Taliban were toppled by US-backed Afghan forces in 2001. Both civilian and military casualties hit record levels, despite the presence of about 150,000 foreign troops.—Reuters



Three die in bank, police station attacks in Nigeria

LAGOS, 19 Feb—Police say they have killed three men after they attacked a bank and a police station in northern Nigeria.

Bauchi state police chief told *The Associated Press* Friday that both attacks took place at about noon Thursday in the town of Darazo.

Mohammed Inda-bawa said the police killed three suspects including a man who had accidentally detonated a bomb he was holding and blew off his own hand.

He said the man was holding a home-made bomb which he was about to throw at the police station.

Indabawa said the police had arrested three suspects, but that it was not immediately clear if any particular group was behind the attacks.

Northern police have previously blamed similar bomb attacks on a radical sect locally known as Boko Haram.—Internet

Two foreign fire fighters look at the burst oil pipelines belonging to the corporation at the Altas Cove in Lagos, destroyed with dynamite by the Movement for the Emancipation of Niger Delta (MEND) in July 2009. —INTERNET

Baghdad wants US to pay \$1 billion for damage to city

BAGHDAD, 19 Feb—Iraq's capital wants the United States to apologize and pay \$1 billion for the damage done to the city not by bombs but by blast walls and Humvees since the US-led invasion that toppled Saddam Hussein. The city's government issued its demands in a statement on Wednesday that said Baghdad's infrastructure and aesthetics have been seriously damaged by the American military.

"The US forces changed this beautiful city to a camp in an ugly and destructive way, which reflected deliberate ignorance and carelessness about the simplest forms of public taste," the statement said.

"Due to the huge damage, leading to a loss the Baghdad municipality cannot afford...we demand the American side apologize to Baghdad's people and pay back these expenses."—Reuters

An Iraqi soldier stands guard as he looks at a damaged concrete wall after a bomb attack in Baghdad on 23 March, 2010. INTERNET



Afghan soldier fires on German troops, killing three

PUL-E-KHUMRI, 19 Feb—German soldiers, just back from patrol, had already started shedding their heavy body armour when shots rang out Friday at their coalition base in northern Afghanistan. An Afghan soldier, a man they thought was on their side, was spraying them with bullets at close range.

The shooter was gunned down, but not before he killed three German soldiers and wounded six others in a tragic shooting that highlights the challenges of trying to train Afghan security forces so foreign troops can go home.

The Afghan soldier in Baghlan's provincial capital, Pul-e-Khumri, was part of a joint operation between the German and Afghan militaries, Defence Minister Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg told reporters in Berlin.—Internet

Vietnam detains sunken boat's captain, crew, owner

HA LONG BAY, (Vietnam), 19 Feb—Police in Vietnam say the captain, crew and owner of a Ha Long Bay tour boat have been detained for questioning two days after 11 foreign vacationers

and their Vietnamese guide drowned when the vessel sank as they were sleeping.

Quang Ninh police spokesman Le Thanh Binh says the director of Truong Hai Co, the boat captain and five crew members have been detained.

Vu Van Thin, chief administrator of Quang Ninh Province, says the government will offer \$1,000 to each of the foreign victims' families and \$500 to the nine survivors.

The tour boat company could not be reached Saturday, and it's unclear if additional compensation will be provided from an insurance company.

The foreign victims from nine countries remain at hospitals in Ha Long Bay.—Internet



Vietnamese crews check the tour boat after it is pulled from the water at the famed Ha Long Bay in northern Quang Ninh province, Vietnam on 18 Feb, 2011, a day after at least 12 sleeping travellers from nine countries drowned when the vessel suddenly filled with water while anchored for the night.—INTERNET

US in direct talks with Taliban

WASHINGTON, 19 Feb—The administration of President Barack Obama has entered into direct, secret talks with senior Afghan Taliban officials, according to *The New Yorker* magazine report. The talks were characterized in the story as an attempt by the Obama administration "to assess which figures in the Taliban's leadership, if any, might be willing to engage in formal Afghan peace negotiations, and under what conditions."

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Steve Coll on Friday wrote that several sources, which were not identified in the story, briefed him about

the talks. Earlier Friday, US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said that only a political solution will end the war in Afghanistan.

"We will never kill enough militants to end this war outright," Clinton said during a speech in New York. Clinton voiced hope for splitting off rank-

and-file Taliban from Al-Qaeda extremists in Afghanistan. Clinton said the surge in US-led troops over the past year was part of a strategy to "split the weakened Taliban off from Al-Qaeda and reconcile those who will renounce violence and accept the Afghan constitution."—Internet

Afghan police man stand near a crater caused by a powerful explosion in Khost, south of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 18 Feb, 2011. INTERNET





NASA clears shuttle *Discovery* for 24 Feb launch

WASHINGTON, 19 Feb—After an hours-long meeting at the Kennedy Space Centre in Florida, NASA's top officials unanimously cleared the space shuttle *Discovery* for its final launch next Thursday.

NASA shuttle managers made the decision today during the mission's Flight Readiness Review, where they discussed the current state of *Discovery*, the *International Space Station*, and the astronauts who will fly the orbiter on its 39th and final flight.

Discovery is targeted to liftoff from Kennedy Space Centre in Cape Canaveral on the same day that the European Space Agency's Automated Transfer Vehicle-2 (ATV-2) cargo ship

is scheduled to arrive and dock at the space station.

Initially, NASA officials thought the space traffic jam would force mission planners to delay *Discovery*'s launch by one day to 25 Feb. But, NASA officials decided early in today's meeting that changing the shuttle's launch date is not necessary.

"The ATV is going to dock about six hours before we launch," said Mike Moses, NASA's shuttle integration manager. "We will have tanked the vehicle by then. If they run into a problem during docking, we still might launch that day, we might not — we'll have to talk about that one in real time."

Internet



The space shuttle Discovery at Kennedy Space Centre in Florida in 2010. The space shuttle Discovery is scheduled to launch on 24 Feb from Kennedy Space Centre in Florida, its last flight before being retired as the US shuttle programme winds down, NASA said Friday.—INTERNET



Dr Kim Zarse from Jena University investigates how low-dose lithium exposure may affect mortality in nematodes. INTERNET

Scientists demonstrate that environmental lithium uptake promotes longevity

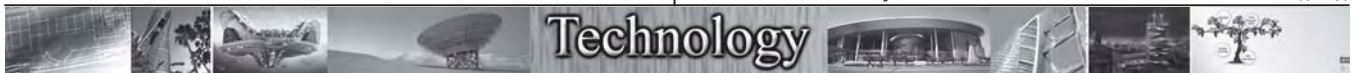
WASHINGTON, 19 Feb—Lithium is one of many nutritional trace elements and is ingested mainly through vegetables and drinking water. "The scientific community doesn't know much about the physiological function of lithium", project manager Ristow says. According to an earlier study from the US, highly concentrated lithium showed to be life-prolonging in *C. elegans*, the Professor of Nutrition in Jena continues. "The dosage that has been analyzed back then, however, is clearly

beyond the physiologically relevant range and may be poisonous for human beings", explains Ristow. To find out if lithium has a life-prolonging impact at much lower concentrations, the scientists then examined the impact of lithium in a concentration that is regularly found in ordinary tap water.

In a collaborative effort with Japanese colleagues, the Jena scientists analyzed the mortality rate in 18 adjacent Japanese municipalities in relation to the amount of lithium

contained in tap water from the respective regions. "We found that the mortality rate was considerably lower in those municipalities with more lithium in the drinking water", Ristow explains the key finding. In a second experiment, the Jena scientists examined exactly this range of concentration in the model organism *C. elegans*. The result was confirmed: "The average longevity of the worms is higher after they have been treated with lithium at this dosage", Ristow says.

Internet

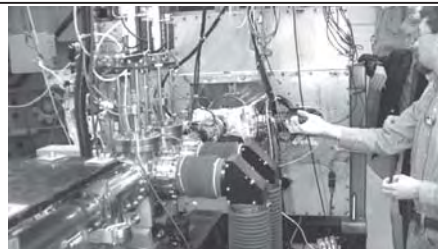


Navy breaks world record with futuristic free-electron laser

WASHINGTON, 19 Feb—The Navy just set a new world record, a test blast from a new type of laser that can shoot cruise missiles from the sky in seconds with a deadly accuracy that simply doesn't exist in the military's vast arsenal today.

And that new record moved them one step closer to proving the "holy grail" of laser guns is real.

To create incredible power requires incredible energy. After all, the more power one puts into a laser accelerator, the more powerful and precise the light beam that comes out on the other end. During a private tour of the Jefferson Lab in Newport News VA, on Friday, scientists blast unprecedented levels of power into a prototype accelerator, producing a supercharged electron beam that can burn through



Carlos Hernandez-Garcia, director of the injector and electron gun systems for the free-electron laser programme, shows off the navy's futuristic gun.—INTERNET

200 feet of steel per second.

Scientists there, in coordination with the Office of Naval Research (ONR), injected a sustained 500 kilovolts (KV) of juice into a prototype accelerator where the existing limit had been 320 kV — a world's record, the scientists explained. —Internet

VoIP meets Facebook chat in Facebook Messenger app

NEW YORK, 19 Feb—Facebook Messenger by Crisp App combines two services that many of us hold near and dear: Facebook chat and VoIP. The app aims to one-up Facebook's existing chat service by adding its own free VoIP service to the mix, making it easy to engage in voice chats with your Facebook friends free of charge.

When you log into your Facebook account through Facebook Messenger, you're presented with a list of your online friends. You can proceed to chat with a friend via text, or if the friend is also running the Facebook Messenger app on their phone, you can connect for a free VoIP chat. If your friend is using Facebook on their computer, Facebook Messenger will send them a link that takes them to a Website where they can speak with you via a Flash-based VoIP app.—Internet



A screen displays the logo of the open-source web browser Firefox in 2009 in London. INTERNET

Champions shaping up for browser battles

SAN FRANCISCO, 19 Feb—Google on Friday released a revamped version of Chrome as rivals Microsoft and Mozilla beefed up their own champions for the competitive Internet browsing software arena. In keeping with the

arrival of the lunar year of the rabbit, Google product managers Jeff Chang and Li Chan touted the latest test version of Chrome as "quick as a bunny."

The latest Chrome release came a week after Microsoft fielded an

Internet Explorer 9 (IE9) "release candidate" boasting improvements in speed, security, privacy, and website graphics capabilities.

IE9 had been downloaded more than two million times as of Friday, according to Ryan

Gavin, the senior director of the IE team.

"We are especially excited to see the number of partners and developers embracing IE9 and taking advantage of the performance capabilities," Gavin said in a blog post.—Internet



Health



A "tsunami of obesity" is unfurling across the world, resulting in a near-doubling of the numbers of dangerously overweight adults since 1980, doctors warned on Friday.—INTERNET

Health Tip: When sinusitis affects children

- Sinusitis occurs when the air-filled cavities inside the skull become inflamed.

The University of Maryland Medical Centre says these factors increase your child's risk of developing sinusitis:

- * Having hay fever or allergic rhinitis (a stuffy or runny nose often accompanied by itchy eyes and post-nasal drip).
- * Being in daycare.
- * Having a condition that affects the cilia (small hairs in the sinuses).
- * Undergoing altitude changes, such as those that occur during air travel or scuba diving.
- * Having enlarged adenoids, or rarely, an infected tooth.
- * Having an immune system that's compromised by chemotherapy, HIV infection or other conditions.
- * Having cystic fibrosis, an inherited disease that results in thick, sticky mucus in the lungs and digestive tract.—Internet

A nurse checks a crying newborn in the maternity ward of a hospital. Babies lucky enough not to get HIV from their infected mothers still face up to a four times greater risk of dying in the first year because of a greater susceptibility to infectious disease.

INTERNET



Antipsychotic drugs raise heart risks, experts warn

NEW YORK, 19 Feb—Doctors must not forget about the physical health of people with serious mental health disorders who take antipsychotic drugs, experts warn.

The authors of an editorial in the 19 Feb issue of *The Lancet* noted that patients with severe mental illness live an average of 16 years less than people in the general population. Heart disease, not suicide, is the major cause of death in these patients and antipsychotic drugs are a factor.

A study published recently in *the Archives of General Psychiatry* found that patients who took an antipsychotic drug gained 11 to 13 pounds within six to eight weeks after they starting taking the drug.

"The combination of antipsychotic side effects with poor diet, physical inactivity, high rates of smoking and other factors associated with psychotic illness, together with socioeconomic deprivation, has a devastating effect on cardiometabolic health," according to the editorial.

"If existing antipsychotics are here to stay — at least for the foreseeable future — what can be done to ameliorate their effects and improve patients' cardiometabolic health?" the authors asked.

Sole responsibility

for safeguarding the physical health of patients with serious mental health conditions often falls to primary care providers, but mental health teams need to take an active role in that care, the editorial suggests. For example, a patient's physical health should be assessed when they enter mental health care.

They concluded: "Antipsychotic drugs are a clear risk to cardio-metabolic health. This risk is, all too often, a necessary one. But the trade-off between mental and physical well-being is one that no patient should be forced to make. The mind-body dichotomy is both outdated and dangerous.

The price of good mental health must not be a lifetime of physical illness."

Internet



Business



In this 16 Feb, 2011 photo, Brenda Akama opens up a can of Campbell Soup pasta with chicken and chicken broth at her house in Palo Alto, Calif. The Campbell Soup Co's fiscal second-quarter income fell 8 percent on 18 Feb, as soup sales slipped. The company also cut its outlook for the rest of fiscal 2011.

INTERNET

Campbell says sales, profit dip; cuts guidance

PHILADELPHIA, 19 Feb—The Campbell Soup Co sold more cans of soup in its fiscal second quarter, but at such deep discounts it drove down the company's profit.

The quarterly decline was expected, but it came with some other bad news from the food maker. The outlook for the rest of the year is cloudy enough that

Campbell lowered its full-year earnings and revenue guidance for the second time in about three months. The Camden, NJ company said Friday that its income fell 8 percent and sales were down 1 percent.

Campbell says it now expects full-year revenue to be essentially flat — between a 1 percent

decline and 1 percent growth, and earnings per share to fall by 1 to 3 percent.

To achieve that, Campbell will have to have a stronger performance in between now and the end of July than it's had over the past six months.

Previously, the company said it expected earnings for the year to be

up by 2 to 4 percent, or between \$2.52 and \$2.57 for the full year.

The revised guidance is for a profit between \$2.40 and \$2.45 per share.

The second-quarter result matched Wall Street expectations — and for exactly the reasons analysts were expecting.

Internet

Gazprom may delay Shtokman gas field to 2018

MOSCOW, 19 Feb—Russia's energy giant Gazprom may decide to delay the launch of its troubled Shtokman gas field by two more years because of the United States' rapid development of shale gas, a report said Thursday.

The Barents Sea project has experienced repeated delays caused by the 2008 global financial crisis and the subsequent development of shale gas in the United States, Canada and other Western countries.

Originally due to go online in 2013, the field might now be only commissioned in 2018, Pyotr Sadovnik, the deputy head of Russia's subsoil usage agency, was quoted as saying by RIA Novosti.

"There are questions being asked about delaying it until 2018, but there has been no final decision," said Sadovnik.

Internet



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INTERNET

Ford plans to team with Sollers in Russia

DETROIT, 19 Feb—Ford Motor Co is teaming up with Russian automaker Sollers to make and distribute cars in Russia, one of the fastest growing auto markets.

Under a deal announced Friday, Sollers will build Fords at Russian plants, helping boost a struggling local industry. Ford will have access to a huge market that could bolster its revenues. Ford and Sollers are expected to finalize their deal in June. The venture's operations could start by year's end. Ford's stock fell 20 cents, or 1.25 percent, to \$15.77 on Friday.

Under the Ford-Sollers deal, plants in the St Petersburg region and Tatarstan will make Ford passenger cars, light commercial vehicles and engines. The venture will also produce parts for Ford vehicles made in Russia and distribute imported Ford products and accessories. The joint venture will help strengthen Russia's auto industry and its local supply base, said Ford of Europe CEO Stephen Odell.—Internet

Huge security clampdown for World Cup



Bangladeshi policemen watch a warm-up match between England and Canada ahead of the 2011 World Cup at Fatullah Khan Saheb Osmani Stadium in Fatullah, on 16 Feb.

INTERNET

DHAKA, 19 Feb—The opening game of the World Cup Saturday sees a huge security operation swing into action designed to prevent any repeat of the deadly 2009 attack on the Sri

Lankan team that still haunts the sport.

Around 20,000 members of Bangladesh's elite paramilitary force the Rapid Action Battalion and regular officers have been deployed in Dhaka for the first match, police spokesman M Sohail said.

"All cricket venues, airports, the nine official hotels and transport for all the teams and officials fall under our security blanket," Sohail said as India and Bangladesh prepared to open the event.

The Federation of International Cricketers' Associations (FICA) in a statement on Friday said its security consultants — Eastern Star International (ESI) — had "found proposed security arrangements to be sound."

"ESI informed they were confident that provided the plans are implemented in a professional manner the risk to the players in this event will be minimised as far as possible," the Australia-based association added.

Internet

Pakistan judge orders arrest of US car's driver

LAHORE, 19 Feb—A judge on Friday ordered the arrest of the driver of a US vehicle that struck and killed a Pakistani while rushing to help an American detained in a pair of fatal shootings, a lawyer for the victim's family said.

The arrest warrant could add to the tensions surrounding the case of the shooter, Raymond Allen Davis. The US insists he was acting in self-defence against robbers and qualifies for diplomatic immunity because he worked for the embassy.

The odds of Pakistani police detaining anyone in the US car are low. Authorities say they do not know who was in the vehicle, and the Americans have said little on the matter, other than acknowledging the car was driven by US Embassy staff.

The judge's order could be a means of pressuring the US to produce the driver, who has not been identified. But it's highly unlikely that any Americans involved in the traffic accident are still in Pakistan. Employees of the US mission who get into trouble are typically on the first plane out of the country.

Internet

Four thrown to deaths from bridge in southern Mexico

ACAPULCO, 19 Feb—Four men with their hands and feet tied and heads covered in duct tape were thrown 600 feet to their deaths from a bridge Friday, authorities said as Mexico's increasingly bloody drug battles reached a new level of cruelty and intimidation.

The four were among 13 people slain Friday in Guerrero, which has seen a spike in violence since rival factions of the Beltran Leyva cartel

began fighting over territory after leader Arturo Beltran Leyva died in a battle with Mexican marines in December 2009.

The other nine were killed in the resort city of Acapulco. In the most gruesome of those killings, police found a severed head that had been scalped and whose face had been skinned.

The unidentified men were dropped from a 600-foot-high (200-meter) bridge near the

Guerrero state capital of Chilpancingo, the Guerrero state Public Safety Department said.

The men had bruises all over their bodies and "it's presumed they were thrown alive from the Solidarity bridge," the statement said.

Internet



An organic bread vendor, right, serves customers at Orange Grove markets in suburban Sydney, on 19 Feb, 2011.—INTERNET

Officer shot in upstate NY melee dies, gunman dead

POUGHKEEPSIE, 19 Feb—A police officer died after being shot in the head Friday during an exchange of gunfire that killed a man who fatally shot a woman near a train station, authorities said. Poughkeepsie Police Chief Ron Knapp released a statement in the evening saying the 44-year-old officer had died from his injuries.

The name of the officer, an 18-year veteran, was withheld out of respect for the family and pending notification of his relatives.

The gunman shot a woman to death in a car hours earlier, then was himself fatally shot minutes later in the struggle with police, including an officer who had taken a 3-year-old from the man and handed the child to a bystander, police said. Knapp said it

appeared the gunman shot the officer, but it wasn't immediately clear whether he was then killed by police gunfire or if he shot himself. Police didn't say whether the wounded officer was the one who'd taken the child from the man.

Knapp said he believes the man and woman who were killed were husband and wife and weren't from Poughkeepsie, a city of

about 30,000 people about 70 miles south of Albany in New York's Hudson Valley. Their names have not been released. A second officer suffered minor injuries and a half dozen others were involved, Knapp said. Officers responded to a report of gunfire at about 1 pm and one saw the man leaving the scene with a child in his arms and thought the man had been involved.—Internet



Law enforcement officers stand outside the Poughkeepsie rail station in Poughkeepsie, NY, on 18 Feb, 2011.—INTERNET

China adopts heavy metal reduction plan

BEIJING, 19 Feb—China has adopted a plan to tackle heavy-metal pollution, according to state media, after more than 30 major poisoning incidents since 2009.

The government has set a target of reducing emissions of five metals lead, mercury, chromium, cadmium and arsenic by 15 percent from 2007 levels over the next five years, the *China Daily* said on Saturday.

China discharged 900 tonnes of the highly toxic metals in 2007, the paper reported, and Environment Minister Zhou Shengxian said 75 billion yuan (\$11.4 billion) would be needed over the five years to address the problem.

The report did not say whether this funding had been allocated.

Nearly 4,500 enterprises, including mines, battery manufacturers, leather producers and the chemical industry, have been identified as key monitoring targets.

"More than 30 major heavy-metal poisoning incidents have occurred since 2009, posing a grave threat to public health, especially to children," Zhou said.

Internet



A woman reacts while standing at a crime scene in Ciudad Juarez on 18 Feb, 2011. Five young men who were driving in a car were shot dead by unknown assailants, according to local media.—INTERNET

Two trains hit packed buses in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 19 Feb—Police and news reports say two trains have plowed into packed buses in separate accidents at unmanned railroad crossings in Bangladesh, killing at least 13 people.

The *United News of Bangladesh* news agency says eight people died and 25 were injured Saturday when an express train hit a bus at a crossing in Comilla District, east of Dhaka. In the second accident, police officer Ismail Hossain said five people died and 20 were injured Saturday in Jessore District, west of the capital. All the injured people were riding in the buses.—Internet

Mind-moved bionic arm goes on display in US



Todd Kuiken (L), Director of the Centre for Bionic Medicine and Director of Amputee Services at The Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, explains the bionic arm on Glen Lehman (R), a retired sergeant first class in the United States Army.

INTERNET

WASHINGTON, 19 Feb—A bionic prosthetic arm that is controlled by its operator's thoughts and feels like the amputee's lost limb went on display Thursday at a major US science conference. More than 50 amputees worldwide, many of them military veterans whose limbs were lost in combat, have received such devices since they were first developed by US doctor Todd Kuiken in 2002.

The arm uses technology called Targeted Muscle Reinnervation (TMR), which works by rerouting brain signals

from nerves that were severed in the injury to muscles that are working and intact.

"What we do is use the nerves that are still left," Kuiken said. "Muscle becomes the biological amplifier."

Glen Lehman, a retired US military sergeant who lost his arm in Iraq, demonstrated the latest technology at the annual conference of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Washington.

"It feels great, it feels intuitive. It is a lot better than the other prosthetic I have now," said Lehman, whose forearm and elbow were blown off in a Baghdad grenade attack in 2008.

"The other one is still controlled by muscle impulse, you just flex muscle to make it move, it is not intuitive. This arm is more trained to me, whereas the other arm I had to train to it," he said.

"It does feel like my own hand."

Lehman demonstrated for reporters how he could pinch his finger and thumb together, lift his forearm and bend his elbow, and turn his wrist just by thinking about those actions.

Internet

Spain okays plan to shore up troubled savings banks

MADRID, 19 Feb—Spain's government Friday approved tough new rules that require the country's troubled savings banks to boost their core capital in a bid to shore up confidence in its battered economy. The move came as the central bank said Spanish banks' non-performing loans ratio, a key indicator of their financial health, jumped to its highest level since 1995.

Spain's regional savings banks are weighed down by loans that turned sour after the collapse of a housing bubble in 2008 and are at the heart of fears the country could need a much bigger rescue than those granted by the EU and International Monetary Fund to Ireland and Greece last year.

Internet

A display at Latin America's first museum devoted to the Beatles in Buenos Aires. Although none of the 2,500 articles on display actually ever belonged to a member of the Fab Four, thousands of visitors have already poured through the doors of the Buenos Aires-based museum since it opened a few weeks ago.—INTERNET



Roll over Tango, Beatles museum hits Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, 19 Feb—The world's tango capital is dancing to a new beat at Latin America's first museum devoted to the Beatles.

Although none of the 2,500 articles on display actually ever belonged to a member of the Fab Four, thousands of visitors have already poured through the doors of the Buenos Aires-based

museum since it opened a few weeks ago.

"Many people think I'm obsessed, but collecting is a passion, a virus which is hard to overcome," said Rodolfo Vazquez, 53, the master of the collection. He has already entered the Guinness Book of Records for owning the biggest Beatles collection in the world — some 8,500 pieces.

Now a third of his collection is up for public viewing at the permanent exhibition, with the contents to be renewed every year "to keep the



Fire fighters try to extinguish the fire after a blast at an oilfield in Batman, Turkey, on 17 Feb, 2011. Three people were killed in the blast caused by gas entrapment in the oil production facility of Turkish Petroleum Corp at Selmo Oil Field.—XINHUA

Twitter cuts off Ubermedia apps for tweets

SAN FRANCISCO, 19 Feb—Twitter on Friday suspended UberTwitter, UberCurrent, and Twidroyd applications in a clash with a startup that controls a fifth of the "tweets" at the hot microblogging service.

The UberMedia app-

lications cut off from Twitter handled messages "tweeted" from Android, BlackBerry, or iPhone smartphones.

Other software is available to "tweet" from those kinds of smartphones. "We have suspended UberTwitter and

Twidroyd for violating our policies," Twitter said in a post at the San Francisco firm's online help centre.

"Every day, we suspend hundreds of applications that are in violation of our policies."

Internet

Google makes web search more social



Google is making Web search more social, weaving posts from the Twitter, Flickr, Blogger and other accounts of a user's friends into search results.

INTERNET

WASHINGTON, 19 Feb—Google is making Web search more social, weaving posts from the Twitter, Flickr, Blogger and other accounts of a user's friends into search results.

The move is an expansion of "Google Social Search," which the Internet giant introduced in 2009.

Instead of featuring at the bottom of a page of search results, relevant posts from the social media accounts of a user's friends are now integrated into the list of results themselves.

A Google search for camping, for example, may bring up a Twitter post by a friend about hiking trails or a link to campsite pictures uploaded by a friend to Flickr.

"Relevance isn't just about pages — it's also about relationships," Google product management director Mike Cassidy and product manager Matthew Kulick said in a blog post.

"Today we're taking another step forward enabling you to get even more information from the people that matter to you, whether they're publishing on YouTube, Flickr or their own blog or website," they said.

"This means you'll start seeing more from people like co-workers and friends, with annotations below the results they've shared or created," they added.

Internet

A worker transports acacia wood at a factory of Tong Trong Nghia in Bac Giang Province, north of Hanoi on 15 February, 2011.—INTERNET





Construction Minister U Khin Maung Myint and party stroll along Pyinyaung Bridge.
(News on page 1)—MNA

Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon) being installed with steel trusses

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Feb—Deputy Minister for Construction U Myint Thein inspected installation of steel trusses at Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon) yesterday. Superintending Engineer of Special Project Group (5) U Tint Lwin reported on arrivals of steel trusses and mobile cranes and installation of steel trusses.

After leaving necessary instructions, the deputy minister inspected Kyeinbinhse-Sakkawt-Danubyu-Zalun road and Hinthada-Zalun road section.

MNA

Myanmar traditional chess open contest kicks off

YANGON, 19 Feb—The 2011 Myanmar traditional chess open contest (Individual's event) was opened at the gym of Aung San Stadium here this afternoon. On behalf of Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports, MOC Secretary Sports and Physical Education Department Director-General U Thaung Htaik attended the opening ceremony.

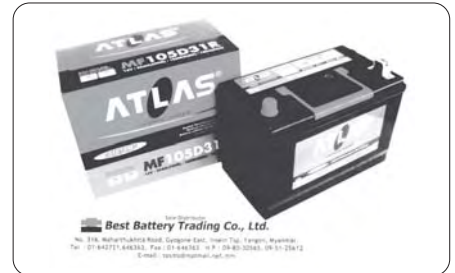
Myanmar Chess Federation President U Maung Maung Lwin accepted K 1 million for the contest donated by Director U Than Tin of Future Engineering Group.

The chess contest opened today will be included for the first time in XXVII SEA Games to be hosted by Myanmar in 2013. The contest will be held from 19 to 27 February starting from 1 pm daily.—MNA

Best Battery at Automobile & Living Products Show-2011

YANGON, 18 Feb—Best Battery Trading Co Ltd is displaying multipurpose 2-volt battery used in inverter, solar and generator at Automobile & Living Products Show-2011 from 18 to 21 February.

Best Battery Trading Co Ltd has been distributing ATLAS, E-NEX and ABX-AGM sealed maintenance free batteries made in Korea since 2001.



The batteries are available at the company showroom at No. 316, Maha Thukhita Road,

East Gyogon Ward, Insein Township, Yangon (Ph: 642721, 646363).—MNA

SMS application services displayed at Software & Solution Exhibition



YANGON, 19 Feb—e-Trade Myanmar Co Ltd showcased SMS application service, e-TM SMS, SMS2LED Interactive Quiz & Game FMCG Product at Software & Solution Exhibition 2011 at Strand Hotel, here, on 18 and 19 February.

Since November

2005, Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications has permitted application of SMS system for user to be able to receive market information on prices of commodities and other information.

At present, anyone

information through GSM, CDMA 450, CDMA 800, and www.etrademyanmar.com.

For further information, contact eTrade Myanmar Co Ltd (Yangon Head Office), Room-8, Building No-4, Myanmar Info-Tech, Hline Township, 01-652283, 507153, 507154, 095148626 and Mandalay Head Office at C/3, second floor, 32nd Street between 77th x 78th Streets, 02-69390 and 095195222.

MNA

UMFCCI, Education Resources Pte., Ltd and British Council Myanmar ink MoU

YANGON, 18 Feb — The Memorandum of Understanding signing ceremony on opening of LCCI course at UMFCCI Training Institute and designation of the institute as a LCCI Exam Center among the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Education Resources Pte., Ltd and British Council Myanmar was held on the second floor of the federation

building here on 15 February.

It was attended by UMFCCI Vice-Presidents U Win Aung, U Zaw Min Win, U Aung Lwin, U Thaung Tin and U Tun Aung, Joint General Secretary Dr Myo Thet, CEC members and executives, Chief Operations Officer Mr. Mark Joseph Disney @ Markram Abdullan and Manger (EDI) MR. Luke Wales of Education Resources Pte., Ltd.

Director Mr Alan Smart and Exam Services Manager Daw Windy Tin Win Kyi of British Council Myanmar.

Next, Vice-President U Thaung Tin, Joint-General Secretary Dr Myo Thet, Chief operations Officer Mr. Mark Joseph Markram Abdullan, Manager Mr Luke Wales, Director Mr Alan Smart and Manager Daw Windy Tin Win Kyi signed the MoU.

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Baking at Star

YANGON, 19 Feb—Star Resources Hospitality Management Academy will open International Bakery & Pastry Course for those wishing to work in local and international hotels, restaurants and cruisers and those wishing to run

own businesses in the last week of February.

The three-month course covers making fast food, Danish, puff, croissant, baking soft and hard bread, butter, chocolate cakes and muffin, making cookies, doughnut, sweet dough,

Éclair, menu planning, calculation of menu cost, food safety and kitchen operation management.

For enrollment, contact Star Resources Hospitality Management Academy, at Room. 302, Building 267, Pyay Road, Myaynigon, Sangyoung Township, here, Ph: 01-523623, 523200.—MNA

IT courses at 3W

YANGON, 19 Feb—Myanmar WWW Institute (M3WI) will open Fundamental IT, Programming and system essentials courses in the last week of February.

The two-month Basic IT Course covers Microsoft Windows

system, English-Myanmar typing, power point, photoshop, webpage building, and C++ and the two-month Essential Programming Course covers fundamental programming techniques. System Essentials course covers knowledge about

functioning, maintenance of CPU, system installation, trouble shooting, virus cleaning and data recovery.

Those interested may enroll at Room-4, Building-5, Myanmar Info-Tech, Hline University Campus, here, Tel: 652288, 521125m 652258.

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EP-2 Minister receives Chinese guests

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Feb— Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Myint received President Mr Yuan Xi Zhong and party of Central China Power Grid International Economic & Trade Co Ltd of the

People's Republic of China at the hall of the Ministry of EP-2, here, yesterday morning.

They focused on construction of power grid and power station projects and cooperation in technology.—MNA

Sailun tyres on sale at Automobile & Living Products Show

YANGON, 19 Feb — Sailun brand tyres of Sann Ngwe Yaung Co., Ltd are available at Automobile & Living Products Show organized by Conquest Organizing Group under the main sponsorship of Shwe

Than Lwin Co., (Sky Net) at Tatmadaw Convention Hall here from 18 to 21 February.

At the booth of the company, Sailun brand S.911 and S.917 tyres suitable for vehicles used in timber production and dam construction sites

and, S.711, S. 815 tyres suitable for vehicles running on the plain are showcased together with the latest S.737 tyre for trucks. S.636 tyre for Express is also available at the booth.

Those who want to buy Sailun tyre may contact No (94) on Bayintnaung Market Road in Mayangon Township, Yangon (Ph: 01 686292 and 01 686293), Mandalay Office at No H/Z on Po Yaza street in Industrial Zone (1) in Mandalay (Ph: 02 54403 and 02 53455) and No (I-21-90) at the corner of Yaw Mingyi and 65th Streets in Industrial Zone (1) in Mandalay (Ph: 02 52117).—MNA



Booth of Sailun tyres at Automobile & Living Products Show.—MNA

Industry-1 Maung Myanmar Cycling Contest held in Welaung

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Feb— The men's event of Industry-1 Maung Myanmar Cycling Contest, organized by Ministry of Industry-1, kicked off in front of Chedawya Pagoda in Htabaukkon Village Taungtha Township this morning and the women's event at Aungtha Village of Taungtha Township.

Cyclists participated in the events along Mahlaing-Taungtha Road and finished in front of Bo Ya Nyunt Statue in Welaung.

Managing Director U Maung Maung Toe of Myanmar Pharmaceutical Industries, Chairman U Hla Moe of Myingyan District Peace and Development Council, Chairman of Taungtha Township PDC U Soe Soe Naing and officials awarded respective winners.

A total of 52 men and 43 women took part in the contest, and K 4,680,000 was awarded to the winners.

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Digital scales on sale at Automobile & Living products Show

YANGON, 19 Feb— Mya Pan Wah Company is taking part in Automobile & Living Products Show, organized by Conquest Organization Group, at Tatmadaw Convention Hall here. The Show will be held up to 21 March.

Various kinds of digital scales and book drive scanner are on sale at a discount at the Show. Any one may dial 096501747 and 095021144 to enjoy a door-to-door service.

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Mya Pan Wah Company displays digital scales at Automobile & Living Products Show.

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Asian Wings airline,...

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Soon, the plane started its engine to leave Yangon International Airport. It takes about one hour and 20 minutes to fly from Yangon to Heho at 12,000 feet above the ground. Along the route, the flight attendants explain dos and don'ts patiently for the safety of travellers. It was greatly pleasing to us to see the crew tending

to a sick traveller aboard the plane.

On arrival at Heho Airport, national races troupes gave tumultuous welcome to the travellers. After carrying travellers at Heho Airport, the plane took to the air to Mandalay International Airport. About 30 minutes later, we arrived at Mandalay International Airport

where altogether the chief pilot, travellers and crew were welcomed and presented commemorative gifts by damsels from the airport.

Later on, the plane we boarded left Mandalay International Airport and about one hour and ten minutes later reached Heho Airport in golden triangle of eastern Myanmar after passing staggeringly beautiful Shan mountain range, pleasurable sight of Shan State and the copiously flowing Thanlwin River.

At the airport, responsible persons and national races accorded warm welcome to all our travellers, the chief pilot and crew.

The chief pilot guided the responsible persons around the plane



A flight attendant explains dos and don'ts for safety of passengers.



Smile-wearing damsels welcome flight attendants at Tachilek Airport.

and explained facts about the modern plane and its efficiency in detail. Then, ATR 72-500 aircraft returned to Yangon carrying travellers aboard.

The launch of Asian Wings new airline in Myanmar is not only the victory for Asian

Wings airline but also for the entire national people. It is also the epitome of one of the economic objectives saying "The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national people".

The successful launch of airline contributes a great deal to better transport sector, thereby improving social economic status of the entire people.

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Intel to invest \$5 billion in new Arizona plant

HILLSBORO, 19 Feb — US computer chip giant Intel announced plans on Friday to invest more than \$5 billion to build a new state-of-the-art chip manufacturing facility in Arizona.

The announcement was made by Intel president and chief executive Paul Otellini

during a visit by President Barack Obama to an Intel facility in Hillsboro, Oregon.

Intel, the world's largest computer chip maker, said construction of the new facility, Fab 42, in Chandler, Arizona, will begin in the middle of this year and it is expected to be completed in 2013.

"When completed, Fab 42 will be the most advanced high-volume semiconductor factory in the world," Otellini said, and will create thousands of jobs.

Intel said the new Arizona factory will make transistors with a minimum size of 14 nanometers.—Internet

Japan's Skymark signs for six Airbus A380s



File photo shows a Skymark Airlines jetliner.
INTERNET

TOKYO, 19 Feb— Skymark Airlines said Friday it had signed a firm contract to buy up to six Airbus A380 jetliners, making it the first Japanese carrier to purchase the double-decker super-jumbo aircraft.

Skymark is aiming to go head-to-head with Japan's two dominant carriers — Japan Airlines (JAL) and All Nippon Airways (ANA) and stunned the industry last year when it ordered the A380s at a cost of \$2.8 billion.

For Airbus, the deal gives the European firm a foothold in a market where US rival Boeing has long had a near-monopoly.

"Skymark Airlines Inc signed a firm contract with Airbus SAS for purchase of Airbus A380s on Thursday" in Toulouse, France, where Airbus is headquartered, the Japanese carrier said in a statement.

The airline ordered six A380s, including two on an optional basis, it said.

The first aircraft is scheduled for delivery in 2014 and will be deployed on international routes.

Internet



This file photo shows an Airbus A380 superjumbo aircraft, equipped with Rolls Royce Trent 900 engines. Qantas said it was checking with Rolls-Royce after an oil problem with an A380 engine, but added the incident was not connected to November's mid-air blast.—INTERNET

Qantas in Rolls-Royce talks after new A380 problem

SYDNEY, 19 Feb—Qantas said it was checking with Rolls-Royce after an oil problem with an A380 superjumbo's engine, but added the incident was not connected to November's mid-air blast.

A spokeswoman said the flagship Airbus craft was flying from Singapore to London on Tuesday when oil supplies dropped on one of its four Rolls-Royce Trent 900 engines, but did not pose a safety problem.

"The crew detected a decrease in oil supply to the engine, so they just monitored it throughout the flight," she told AFP on Saturday.

"The engine was never shut down. There was no need for the flight to be diverted and it landed without any issue."—Internet

Trade pact is 'win-win' for S Korea, EU

SEOUL, 19 Feb—A sweeping free trade agreement between South Korea and the European Union is a "win-win" deal for both parties, an EU diplomat said Friday after Europe's parliament approved the deal.

The parliament in Strasbourg voted 465-128 for the pact Thursday after securing safeguards to protect Europe's auto industry from tough South Korean rules on fuel efficiency and CO2 emissions.

"This FTA is a win-win deal to both sides and will bring great benefits to both EU and Korean businesses, workers and consumers on both sides," Tomasz Kozlowski, EU ambassador to Seoul, told a Press conference.—Internet

Malaysia and India ink free trade pact

KUALA LUMPUR, 19 Feb— India and Malaysia signed a free trade agreement Friday, the second this week for Southeast Asia's third-largest economy as it seeks to deepen its economic ties in the region.

The economic partnership agreement came just two days after India sealed a similar pact with Japan, and will pave the way for trade between Malaysia and India to reach \$15 billion by 2015.

The deal signed by Indian Commerce Minister Anand Sharma and his Malaysian counterpart Mustapa Mohamed, expands upon a trade pact that came into effect January last year between India and the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations. Mustapa said in a statement that the Malaysia-India agreement is more extensive — covering services, investments, technical barriers to trade and other areas that were excluded in the regional pact.—Internet

Olympic archers 'won't target' Lord's wicket



A general view of Lord's cricket ground, seen here in 2010. The London 2012 Olympic archery competition will see stands built on the Lord's pitch and arrows fired over the wicket but the Games organizers have pledged to protect cricket's hallowed turf.—INTERNET

LONDON, 19 Feb— The London 2012 Olympic archery competition will see stands built on the Lord's pitch and arrows fired over the wicket but the Games organizers have pledged to protect cricket's hallowed turf.

They have switched their plans so that the archers will now fire from the Pavilion End, requiring the construction of two temporary stands on the home of cricket's grass, in front

of the Pavilion.

England are due to host a Test match against South Africa at the north London venue within two weeks of the archery medals being won, meaning there can be no slip-ups in returning cricket's sacred ground to normal.

The original plans had the archers shooting on a north-south line, from the corner between the Pavilion and the Tavern Stand.

Internet

India to host new international art biennale

NEW DELHI, 19 Feb— India's booming art scene is set for a new event modelled on the Venice Biennale that will feature 60 international artists by the sea in the tropical south of the country.

The Kochi-Muziris Biennale, launched this week, will be held in January next year and will be the first event of its kind in India, featuring artists from all over the world in a three-month show.

Conceived by artists Bose Krishnamachari and Riyas Komu and funded in part by the local state of Kerala, the show will make use of numerous industrial spaces in Kochi and exhibition areas in the ancient port of Muziris.

"We've always had this idea of bringing in international art into India," Komu told AFP in a telephone interview. "We thought that a Biennale would be the best bet."

Artists working in all mediums will be invited, including several from countries with which India has poor diplomatic relations, notably neighbouring Pakistan and rival Asian powerhouse China, he said.— Internet



A local fisherman is seen here catching fish at Fort Kochi, in Kochi. India's booming art scene is set for a new event modelled on the Venice Biennale that will feature 60 international artists by the sea in the tropical south of the country.

INTERNET

Electrode therapy aids severe compulsive disorder



A computer image mapping parts of the brain. The use of brain surgery to treat psychiatric disorders has long been controversial, but new technologies are emerging that can help people with severe illnesses, scientists said.

INTERNET

WASHINGTON, 19 Feb — The use of brain surgery to treat psychiatric disorders has long been controversial, but new technologies are emerging that can help people with severe illnesses, scientists said Friday.

The field has come a long way since the horrors of the frontal lobotomy and electro-shock therapy seen last century, but experts urge caution because they are still learning how these deep brain stimulation (DBS) therapies work.

"As we stick devices into people's brains it turns out that this has become very promising. There are really exciting results but we remain cautious as we move forward," said Michael Okun, neurologist at the University of Florida.

Okun was part of a panel at the annual American Association for the Advancement of Science conference in Washington to describe new progress and setbacks in treating Parkinson's disease, obsessive compulsive disorder and Tourette's syndrome.—*Internet*



Farmers perform a traditional dragon dance during a celebration of the upcoming Lantern Festival at Yangdian Township in Xiaogan, central China's Hubei Province, on 15 Feb, 2011.—XINHUA

Nokia head swaps Microsoft shares for own firm

HELSINKI, 19 Feb—Nokia chief executive and former Microsoft executive Stephen Elop, who has sealed a tie up deal with the US giant, this week swapped all of his Microsoft shares for Nokia stock, reports said Friday.

"On Thursday, Elop bought 150,000 Nokia shares for one million euros (\$1.35 million)," financial daily *Kauppalehti* reported, adding that this was the first time Elop had bought Nokia stock.

Elop's dearth of Nokia shares has raised some eyebrows, but he told reporters ahead of the Mobile World Congress in Barcelona last week that insider trading rules had long prohibited him from selling Microsoft or buying Nokia stock earlier, as negotiations were underway with Microsoft on a strategic partnership.—*Internet*

Robotic arm mimics human movement

BEIJING, 19 Feb—Computer scientists in Japan are developing a robotic arm, that mimics human movement. They believe the technology will eventually replace the mouse and keyboard, for a 3D interactive experience on future computers. Tsukuba University's robotic arm can do almost anything a human arm can do. Two cameras stream real-time video of human estures to a pair of laptop computers. The laptops process the video signal and send corresponding instructions to the robotic arm so when the human reaches to grab an object, so does the robot.

The arm has a future in remote robotics, but its developers say the underlying technology has far more exciting implications for human interaction with computers of the future. University of Tsukuba Professor Kiyoshi Hoshino says that future will be in three dimensions. Professor Kiyoshi Hoshino, University of Tsukuba, said, "If your output medium is two-dimensional, a touchpanel is a very effective way of inputting information. However, displays will likely soon become 3D.—*Xinhua*

US closes four banks, 22 total so far in 2011

WASHINGTON, 19 Feb—US banking authorities closed four banks on Friday, bringing the total number shuttered in 2011 to 22.

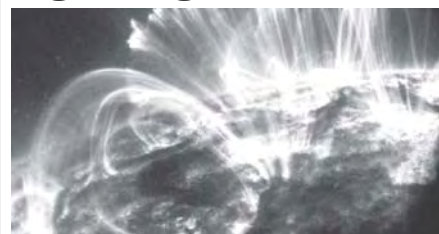
In 2010, 157 banks failed following 140 failures in 2009. The bulk of the failures have increasingly been smaller institutions, those with less than \$1 billion in assets, as large banks have recovered more quickly from the 2007-2009 financial crisis.

The FDIC announced the following closures on Friday:

*Habersham Bank of Clarkesville, Georgia was closed. The bank's eight branches will reopen as part of SCBT National Association (SCBT.O). As of 31 December, 2010, Habersham Bank had approximately \$387.6 million in total assets and \$339.9 million in total deposits.

*Citizens Bank of Effingham of Springfield, Georgia, was shuttered, with its four branches reopening on Saturday as part of HeritageBank of the South (HBOS.O). As of 31 December, 2010, Citizens Bank of Effingham had about \$214.3 million in total assets and \$206.5 million in total deposits.—*Reuters*

Earth dodges geomagnetic storm



NASA image shows a solar flare that leapt from the Sun in 2000. A wave of charged plasma particles from a huge solar eruption has glanced off the Earth's northern pole, lighting up auroras and disrupting some radio communications, a NASA scientist said.—INTERNET

Americans unswayed by menu calorie counts



A hamburger with four beef patties, topped with bacon, cheese, sauce, lettuce, pickles and onions with a side order of fries.—INTERNET

WASHINGTON, 19 Feb—The high calorie counts of the artery-clogging fast foods were right in front of their eyes, but adults and teens in a recent US study went ahead and ordered burgers anyway. So said researchers at New York University whose findings were published this week in the

International Journal of Obesity, just as a major policy to display calorie counts on menus is taking effect across the United States.

The study examined 427 parents and teenagers in low income areas of New York City and Newark, New Jersey before mandatory menu labeling began in 2008 and after. Teenagers noticed the labels, but fewer than one in 10 used the information in their purchase choice.

"After labelling began, 57 percent in New York and 18 percent in Newark said they noticed the calorie in-formation. A total of nine percent said that the information influenced their choices," said the study. Among adults, 28 percent said the information influenced what they ate. But in the end, the calorie counts show that having the information ahead of time made no difference in the amount that adults and teens gobbled down.

"Teens purchased about 725 calories and parents purchased about 600 calories for their children," it said. Those averages were the same as before calorie labels went on display.—*Internet*

WASHINGTON, 19 Feb — A wave of charged plasma particles from a huge solar eruption has glanced off the Earth's northern pole, lighting up auroras and disrupting some radio communications, a NASA scientist said. But the Earth appears to have escaped a wide-spread geomagnetic storm, with the effects confined to the northern latitudes, possibly reach-ing down into Norway and Canada.

"There can be sporadic outages based on particular small-scale

events," said Dean Persnell, project scientist at NASA's Solar Dynamics Observatory at Goddard Space Flight Centre. He told *AFP* the official forecast is "for generally quiet conditions today, perhaps some minor storming tomorrow, but nothing extraordinary."

The event began Tuesday at 0156 GMT with a spectacular solar eruption in a sunspot the size of Jupiter that produced a Class X flash the most powerful of all solar events.

Internet

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV KOTA TABAH VOY NO (425)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TABAH VOY NO (425) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 20.2.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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Barclays UK corporation tax bill for 2009 was £113m



Mr Diamond disclosed the tax data after being questioned by the Treasury Select Committee.— INTERNET

LONDON, 19 Feb — Barclays has revealed it paid £113m in corporation tax to the UK in 2009, 2.4% of its £4.85bn annual profit. Labour MP Chuka Umunna, of the Treasury Select Committee, who requested the detail, described it as

“shocking”. Barclays said the amount of corporation tax it paid for the year included losses for the previous year.

The UK tax authorities’ relatively low take also reflects the global nature of the British bank, with the bulk of its profits coming from outside the UK. Mr Umunna said it showed that the bank was not paying its fair share towards a deficit they had helped create, despite having benefited from the government’s rescue of the financial system.

INTERNET

Take That choreographer Kim Gavin lands Olympics gig

LONDON, 19 Feb — Choreographer Kim Gavin, who worked with Take That on their Circus tour, has been appointed artistic director for the 2012 Olympics closing ceremony. The Royal Ballet trained dancer also choreographed the Concert for Diana and the Help the Heroes Concert.

Gavin said he was “honoured” to be involved with the sporting event, which will be held in London next summer. Composer David Arnold, who has scored several James

Bond films has been appointed music director. Arnold has also produced records for artists including Dame Shirley Bassey, George Michael and the Kaiser Chiefs.

“As a nation we excel throughout the world in music, and our team will be readying an electrifying and thrilling soundtrack for this spectacular event,” he said. Award-winning costume designer Es Devlin will be in charge of costumes for the event. — INTERNET



Europe's Earthcare satellite is unlikely to get into space before 2016. INTERNET

Europe's Earthcare space laser mission gets go ahead

LONDON, 19 Feb — Europe is to press ahead with its Earthcare space laser mission, despite a 30% rise in its probable final cost. The satellite will study the role clouds and atmospheric particles play in a changing climate. But the difficulty in finding a workable design for the spacecraft's

lidar instrument means its total budget will now top 590m euros (£500m). Member states of the European Space Agency are convinced though that Earthcare will deliver invaluable data.

Delegates to the 18-nation alliance this week accepted the findings of a review that assessed the technical risks of proceeding. They also heard a clear message from the scientific community that Earthcare would do pioneering research. “The Programme Board confirmed the conclusions of the independent assessment,” said Dr Volker Liebig, Esa's director of Earth observation.

INTERNET

The researchers carried out gene research.—INTERNET

Key breast cancer ‘driver’ gene found

LONDON, 19 Feb — Cancer experts have identified a gene which can cause a particularly aggressive form of breast cancer to develop. ZNF703 is the first “oncogene” to be discovered in five years. It is overactive in around one in 12 breast cancers, and could account for up to 4,000 UK cases a year. Cancer Research UK, whose scientists carried out the work, said the gene was a “prime candidate” for the development of new breast cancer drugs.

An oncogene is one which would normally help instruct healthy cells to divide but if it becomes overactive, it upsets the normal checks and balances that control

that process. That damage is described as being “like a car's accelerator becoming stuck down”, and the cell and all its daughter cells are permanently instructed to divide. Her2 — another oncogene — is already tested for. The drug Herceptin was developed to treat Her2 positive breast cancers.—INTERNET



‘Aeroecology’ uses radar to track flying animals

WASHINGTON, 19 Feb — The study of birds, bats and flying insects could be transformed by the use of technology designed for tracking storms, researchers say. Meteorologists once treated the signals from flying animals as a nuisance that complicated their measurements. But recent improvements in computing power and networking of radar stations have turned that

nuisance signal into a valuable data source on animal ecology.

A panel told the AAAS conference that radar could spot a single bee at 50km. Further improvements to the technique must be made before that level of resolution can be reached, however; now it is the storms that are complicating the signals that interest biologists. But pioneer of

the “aeroecology” field, Thomas Kunz, of Boston University, told the conference why radar is needed.—INTERNET

The power of the method could be massively increased with the use of more, smaller radar units. INTERNET



Negative experiences can stop painkillers working

LONDON, 19 Feb — A patient's belief that a drug will not work can become a self fulfilling prophecy, according to researchers. They showed the benefits of painkillers could be boosted or completely wiped out by manipulating expectations.

The study, published in *Science Translational Medicine*, also identifies the regions of the brain which are affected. Experts said this could have important consequences



Negative thoughts rendered painkillers ineffective.— INTERNET

for patient care and for testing new drugs.

Heat was applied to the legs of 22 patients, who were asked to report the level of pain on a scale of one to 100. They were also attached to an intravenous drip so drugs could be administered secretly. The initial average pain rating was 66.

INTERNET

Kim Gavin has choreographed and directed several Brit award performances.— INTERNET

Father, 8-year-old son shot; car torched in Mexico

CIUDAD JUAREZ, 18 Feb — A man and his 8-year-old son were shot and their car set on fire on late Wednesday in the Mexican border city of Ciudad Juarez, a municipal police spokesman said.

The boy's body was found burned inside the car, while his father was able to get out before dying from his injuries, according to spokesman Adrian Sanchez.

At least 32 shell casings were found at the scene, local newspaper *El Diario de Juarez* reported. Sanchez declined to comment on the casings report. Family mem-

bers of the victims were at the scene of the attack on late Wednesday, according to local journalist Arturo Chacon.

State prosecutors said two women were found dead on Tuesday night inside a car at a mall parking lot. The parking lot is at the same center where a police officer was fatally shot in late January while standing guard at a local government booth.

The city has seen a spike in violence, including at least 14 people killed in 48 hours earlier in February.

INTERNET

Pirates could walk plank over porridge attack

South African premier league leaders Orlando Pirates face possible sanctions and a heavy fine after a fan threw porridge at a match official at a match in Durban last month.

The Pirates are being charged with spectator misbehaviour and bringing the game into disrepute after one of their supporters lobbed a handful of stodgy porridge, which South Africans commonly eat with most meals, at the referee.

The incident came at the end of a comfortable away win for the Pirates.

In October last year, arch rivals Kaizer Chiefs were handed a suspended 500,000 rand (44,816 pounds) fine after angry fans threw two plastic vuvuzelas and a cabbage onto the pitch during a cup tie to protest refereeing decisions.

The throwing of missiles onto the field by frustrated fans was a major problem in South African soccer for some time but has almost disappeared in recent years.

Estonia claims Europe's longest ice highway

Stretching for 26 kilometres (16 miles) across a frozen expanse of the Baltic Sea, an ice road will open to motor traffic Saturday linking Estonia's mainland port of Rohukula with Hiiumaa island.

"The ice road is opened in years when the winter is cold enough to freeze the sea strongly enough to carry cars," Raido Randmaa from Estonia's highways administration said.

Under a special law, Estonian authorities can

give the green light to ice roads when the marine ice sheet becomes at least 25 cm (9.8 inches) thick, according to Randmaa.

"But we usually wait until it gets to 30 cm (11 inches) everywhere," he explains, adding the ice sheet was judged thick enough for traffic last week. The grand opening of the ice highway between the port of Rohukula in



A worker measures the thickness of the ice along Estonia's ice road on 17 February. The 26.5 kms ice road in western Estonia, which links the mainland to the country's second largest island of Hiiumaa, is Europe's longest.

north-east Estonia and Hiiumaa island—10,000 — is always a big event for the population slightly over islanders.

Doctors remove knife from man's head after four years

Surgeons in southern China successfully removed a rusty, 4-inch (10-centimetre) knife from the skull of a man who said it had been stuck in there for four years, the hospital said Friday.

Li Fuyan, 30, had been suffering from severe headaches, bad breath and breathing difficulties but never knew the cause of his discomfort, said the senior official at the Yuxi City People's Hospital in Yunnan Province.

Li told doctors he had been stabbed in the lower right jaw by a robber four years ago and the blade broke off inside his head without anyone realizing it, said the director of the hospital's office who would only give his surname, He.

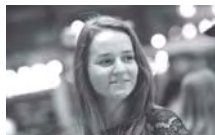
Surgeons worked cautiously to remove the badly-corroded blade without shattering it, He said. The hospital's website also reported the successful surgery.

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In this photo taken on 13 Feb, 2011, Li Fuyan lies on a bed after the head surgery at the People's Hospital in Yuxi in southwest China's Yunnan Province.



Berlin fest competition ends with bold blood feud drama



Actress Sindi Lacey arrives on the red carpet for the premiere of the film "The Forgiveness Of Blood" by US director Joshua Marston during the international Berlinale film festival.—INTERNET

In this 13 Feb, 2011 undated handout file photo provided by KCBS in Los Angeles, veteran TV journalist Serene Branson reports on the Grammy awards show outside the Staples Centre in Los Angeles. INTERNET

BERLIN, 19 Feb—The race for the Golden Bear top prize at the Berlin film festival wrapped up Friday with "The Forgiveness of Blood", an Albanian blood feud tale by hot US independent director Joshua Marston.

The keenly awaited new picture by Marston, 42, follows his drug-mule drama "Maria Full of Grace" which won a Silver Bear prize at the Berlinale in 2004 and an Oscar nomination for its Colombian star, Catalina Sandino Moreno.

Marston had primarily worked in television since then, directing episodes of "Six Feet Under", "Law and Order" and "In Treatment".

His return to feature film-making tackles centuries-old traditional laws in the Balkans, which hold sway even as the modern world transforms society.—INTERNET

TV reporter speaks about speech problem at Grammys

LOS ANGELES, 19 Feb—A TV reporter who lapsed into gibberish during a live shot outside the Grammys said she was terrified when it happened and

knew something was wrong as soon as she opened her mouth.

KCBS-TV reporter Serene Branson's incoherence Sunday fueled Internet speculation that she suffered an on-air stroke. But doctors at the University of California, Los Angeles, where she went to get a brain scan and blood work done, ruled it out. Doctors said she suffered a type of migraine that can mimic symptoms of a stroke.

INTERNET



A boy holds an issue of Rolling Stone Magazine at Dover High School's gym in Dover, New Hampshire in 2004. The magazine is holding a contest to let its readers choose which of 16 unsigned bands should feature on the cover of Rolling Stone later this year. INTERNET

Readers to pick Rolling Stone cover band

WASHINGTON, 19 Feb—Getting on the cover of Rolling Stone has long been a musician's dream — Dr Hook and the Medicine Show even wrote a hit song about it. "Wanna see my picture on the cover. Wanna buy five copies for my mother. Wanna see my smilin' face on the cover of the Rolling Stone," goes the 1973 song penned by Shel Silverstein.

Now the magazine is holding a contest to let its readers choose which of 16 unsigned bands should feature on the cover of Rolling Stone later this year.

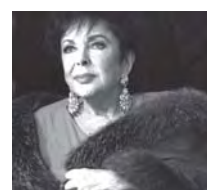
Readers are being asked to vote online at rollingstone.com/choosethecover or at AOL's Music Page at music.aol.com/blog/rollingstone.

INTERNET

Elizabeth Taylor improving but still hospitalized

LOS ANGELES, 19 Feb—Elizabeth Taylor's health is improving, but the Oscar winner is still hospitalized in Los Angeles. A spokeswoman for

the 78-year-old actress says Taylor "has continued to show great improvement, and her family and friends are very pleased with her progress." Publicist Jamie Cadwell said Friday that Taylor will remain under observation at Cedars-Sinai Medical Centre "for the time being." She was admitted more than a week ago.—INTERNET



Elizabeth Taylor arrives for a play in Los Angeles in this 1 December, 2007 file photo.—INTERNET

Everton win penalty shootout to beat Chelsea in FA Cup



LONDON, 19 Feb—Everton knocked holders Chelsea out of the FA Cup when they won their fourth-round replay 4-3 on penalties after a 1-1 draw at Stamford Bridge on Saturday.

With the shootout scores at 3-3, Ashley Cole missed his penalty for Chelsea and Everton captain Phil Neville sealed the victory by scoring with his kick.

An extra-time goal from Frank Lampard looked like giving Chelsea a 1-0 win to keep them on course to become the first club for 125 years to win the FA Cup three times in succession. Leighton Baines however, equalised for Everton with a free kick in the last minute of extra time.

Everton will now face Championship (second division) Reading in the fifth round.—*Internet*



**Saturday,
19 Feb, 2011.**

Birmingham	3-0	Sheff Wed
Chelsea	1(3)-(4)1	Everton
Man Utd	1-0	Crawley Town
Stoke	3-0	Brighton

Birmingham 3 - 0 Sheff Wed

BIRMINGHAM, 19 Feb—Birmingham eased into the last eight of the FA Cup with a convincing win over Sheffield Wednesday.

Jean Beausejour swept home Lee Bowyer's cut back after just six minutes, following good work by Alexander Hleb.



Obafemi Martins

scored his first goal for Birmingham before David Murphy scored from close-range in the second half to ensure Birmingham's progress.

The Owls toiled for a consolation after their torrid first half, but were unable to penetrate the home defence. Birmingham's win was tempered by an injury to Hleb, making him a doubt for next Sunday's Carling Cup final against his former club Arsenal.—*Internet*

Stoke 3 - 0 Brighton

LONDON, 19 Feb—Stoke reached the last eight of the FA Cup following a comfortable victory over League One leaders Brighton.

The Premier League side took the lead in the 14th minute when John

Carew headed in Rory Delap's long throw-in.

Stoke's second was scored by Jon Walters after he nodded Marc Wilson's cross across keeper Peter Brezovan.

And the third came shortly before the interval



when Ryan Shawcross headed in Wilson's flick-on from Jermaine Pennant's corner.—*Internet*

Giggs signs one-year extension with Man Utd

LONDON, 19 Feb—Manchester United's long-serving midfielder Ryan Giggs has signed a one-year contract extension with the Premier League giants, it was confirmed on Friday. Giggs, who turned 37 in November, had already signalled

his intention to prolong his Old Trafford career into a 21st season, and the club confirmed on Friday the deal had now been signed. "All I've ever wanted to do is play for United and I've been lucky enough to do that for 20 years," said Giggs.

"It is great to know I'm still contributing to the team's success and I feel I've got a lot to offer on and off the pitch. "This is an exciting time to be involved with so many good young players coming through." —*Internet*



**Manchester United's
Ryan Giggs**

Anelotti defends 'good man' Gattuso

LONDON, 19 Feb—Chelsea coach Carlo Ancelotti defended Gennaro Gattuso on Friday following the AC Milan stalwart's headbutt on Tottenham coach Joe Jordan during the Champions League this week. Ancelotti, who managed Gattuso for eight years during his stint at the San Siro, said the midfielder's behaviour in Tuesday's



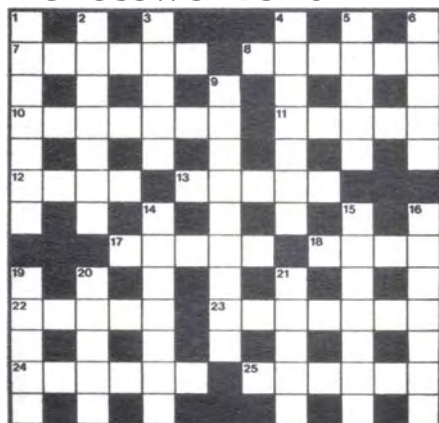
**Chelsea's Italian
manager Carlo Ancelotti**

match in Milan was out of character. "I was obviously not happy because Gattuso is a very generous player, is a very good man," Ancelotti said.

—*Internet*

SPORTS

CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 7 Part of violin
- 8 Judgment, sentence
- 10 Do a bunk
- 11 Carrion-feeding animal
- 12 Summit
- 13 Control, manage
- 17 Awe
- 18 Combination of nations
- 22 Deep humming
- 23 Skit (4-5)
- 24 Idle chatter
- 25 Saunter

DOWN

- 1 Father of Hebrew people
- 2 Priory church
- 3 Ardent
- 4 Paving surface
- 5 Flax cloth
- 6 Rot
- 9 Navy controller
- 14 A poison
- 15 Intoxicant liquid
- 16 Confused struggle
- 19 Old saying
- 20 Goods lift
- 21 Flat fish

Algeria end fairytale South Africa run

JOHANNESBURG, 19 Feb—The fairytale winning run of South Africa in the African Nations Championship ended Friday as they fell 2-0 to Algeria in Sudan. Abdelkader Laifaoui broke the quarter-final deadlock from a penalty one minute before half-time and Hocine Metref added a second goal three minutes into stoppage time on an artificial Kharoum Stadium pitch.

Sudan needed a penalty shootout, which they won 4-3, to oust Niger in the late fixture after Bakri

al-Gadir had given the host nation an early lead in regulation time and Sidibe Modibo levelled midway through the second half.

—*Internet*



Abdelkader Laifaoui, scored on a penalty as Algeria went on to beat South Africa 2-0 in the African Nations Championship quarter-finals in Sudan.—INTERNET

Canadians Raonic, Marino win at Memphis

MEMPHIS, 19 Feb—Canadian wild card Milos Raonic, seeking his sec-



**Milos Raonic of
Canada**

ond title in two weeks, and compatriot Rebecca Marino, seeking her first WTA final, advanced on Friday at an ATP and WTA indoor event. Raonic, a 20-year-old whose ATP San Jose crown was the first by a Canadian in 16 years, kept his sizzling run going by



**Malaga's Brazilian
striker Julio Baptista**

Baptista out for six weeks

MADRID, 19 Feb—Malaga's Brazilian striker Julio Baptista will be out of action for up to six weeks with a right knee injury, the Primera Liga club said on Friday. The 29-year-old picked up the injury in training and will undergo surgery in the coming days.—*Internet*

Couples turns back clock at Riviera

LOS ANGELES, 19 Feb—Fred Couples does not look like he belongs atop the leaderboard on the PGA Tour. Except that he's at Riviera. Despite a bad back that hurts when he stoops over a short iron, Couples navigated around his favorite tour course without a bogey Friday for a 5-under 66 that gave him a two-shot lead in the Northern Trust Open.

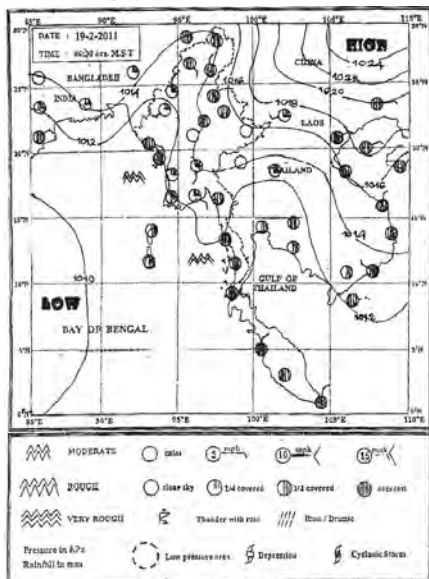
It helped that he knocked in an eagle putt of nearly 100 feet on his opening hole, along with a pair of 30-foot birdie putts. But even for a 51-year-old well past his prime, he was carried along by a languid swing and his love for Riviera.

—*Internet*



Fred Couples

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Saturday, 19th February, 2011

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

During the past 24 hours, light rain have been isolated in Upper Sagaing, Bago and Ayeyawady Regions, Kachin State, weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States. Night temperatures were (6°C) above February average temperature in Mandalay Region, (3°C) above February average temperature in Sagaing Region, Eastern Shan and Rakhine States and (6°C) below February average temperature in Chin State and about February average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant night temperatures were Haka (0°C) and Pinlaung (4°C).

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 18-2-2011 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 19-2-2011 was 63°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 19-2-2011 was (74%). Rainfall on 19-2-2011 was (Nil).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 18-2-2011 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 19-2-2011 was 70°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 19-2-2011 was (66%). Total sunshine hours on 18-2-2011 was (9.0) hours (Approx). Rainfall on 19-2-2011 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 South at (15:30) hours MST on 18-2-2011.

Bay Inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 20th February 2011: Light rain are possible to be isolated in Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago, Ayeyawady and Yangon Regions, Kachin and Rakhine States and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 20-2-2011: Possibility of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 20-2-2011: Possibility of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 20-2-2011: Possibility of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Real Madrid chase Barca in La Liga title race

MADRID, 19 Feb—Real Madrid have had an extended rest, with their Champions League trip to Lyon not until 22 February, ahead of Saturday's home match against promoted Levante. Madrid have won all 11 of their home matches at the Santiago Bernabeu this season and Portuguese centre-back Pepe believes Mourinho is capable of reeling in Barcelona in the title race.

"The more they attack (Jose) Mourinho, the more we want to win," Pepe said. Levante, two points above the relegation zone, drew 0-0 with Real earlier in the season but were thrashed 8-0 by them in the King's Cup and will be gunning for revenge. Levante can take heart from the absence of Real's first-choice goalkeeper Iker Casillas, who is suspended after his red card in the 1-0 win at Espanyol last weekend.—*Internet*



Real Madrid's players celebrate after winning their Spanish La Liga match against Espanyol at the Cornella-El Prat Stadium in Cornella, on 13 February.— INTERNET

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (20-2-2011) (Sunday)

Transmissions

Local - (09:00am~11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission - (20-2-11 09:30 am ~ 21-2-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Architecture of the Great Ananda
- * Noble Charity (Kaung Hmu Daw Pagoda)
- * News
- * Amazing Sculptural Works of Poe-win Hill
- * "Easily Cooked & Tasty Dishes" Sour Fish Soup with Drumstick
- * Happy News Year
- * News
- * Youth & Education "Engineering Day"
- * Live Concert
- * News
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- * To the world Biggest Reclining Buddha Image
- * News
- * Myanmar Toys...For Your Eye-catching
- * The Enchanting Ahkha Village
- * News
- * Surprising Myanmar (Longyi)
- * News
- * Memorable Visit to Inlay Lake & Unforgettable Stay at Hupin Hotel
- * Music Gallery
- * Myanmar Movie "Guilt Over Love"
- * Ayeyar River View Hotel



**Sunday,
20 February
View on today**

7:00 am

1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw -Uppatasanti Paritta

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

8:10 am

7. (38) Phyar Mingalar

8:25 am

8. Myanmar Traditional Culture Performing Arts Competitions

8:40 am

9. International News

8:45 am

10. Musical Programme

11:00 am

1. Martial Song

11:10 am

2. Musical Programme

11:20 am

3. Round Up Of The Week's International News

11:30 am

4. TV Drama Series

12:30 pm

5. Golf Magazine (TV)

12:50 pm

6. Myanmar Movies

2:55 pm

7. International News

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Dance Of National Races

4:15 pm

3. 2011 University Entrance Examination (Economic)

4:45 pm

4. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

4:55 pm

5. Teleplay (Agri)

5:20 pm

6. Sing & Enjoy

6:00 pm

7. Evening News

6:15 pm

8. Weather Report

6:20 pm

9. Cartoon Series

6:40 pm

10. Tamyethnar Takwetsar

7:00 pm

11. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm

12. News
13. International News

14. Weather Report

15. Cartoon Series

16. TV Drama Series

17. Yinhlainkhatthan

Taythihan

- (Song Competition)

- ★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
- ★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

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

People's Desire

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

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

Asian Wings airline—the epitome of better air travel

(Byline & Photos: Maung Yin Kyay (Tachilek))

It is totally sure to say that the 27 January sweetened the aviation sector of Myanmar with honey. Because it was a day when the private-owned new airline Asian Wings launched its maiden flight. With the progress of the nation, air travel considerably grows day by day. Asian Wings airline, therefore, plans on running domestic air routes with two ATR 72-500 aircrafts in an attempt to fulfill the transport requirement of the country by doing its bit.

We Myanmar Alin daily news collectors boarded the plane on Yangon-Heho-Mandalay-Tachilek route that would take off Yangon

International Airport and would land in Tachilek. It was learnt that Yangon-Bagan-NyaungU-Mandalay-Heho route had also started in the early morning.

White and Red colours on the body of ATR 72-500 aircraft stand for cleanliness and courage. Travelers boarded the plane at 11 am, receiving warm and sweet welcome from chief pilot U Khin Maung San and the crew led by senior flight attendant Ma Thida Myint wearing elegant smile. It is a fine service that satisfies the travellers.

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Local people from Tachilek welcoming maiden flight of Asian Wings.

Fire drill conducted in Pobbathiri Township



NAY PYI TAW, 19 Feb — As an effort to prevent houses, office buildings and markets from possible danger of fire in Pobbathiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw District, talks on fire preventive measures were organized in conjunction with a fire drill at the staff quarter of A-1 construction company on 30 January.

First, Engineer in-charge U Hla Htay spoke on the occasion. Next, Head of Township Fire Service Department U Soe Than gave talks on fire preventive measures.

Next, attendees took part in the fire drill.

MNA

Talks on traffic rules given

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Feb — Head of Traffic Police No. 2 of Yangon Region Wireless and Traffic Police Corps Police Captain Khin Maung Win and members gave talks on traffic rules and regulations to 42 trainee drivers at Fire Services Department (Headquarters) 1 Mayangon Township on 16 February.—MNA