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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

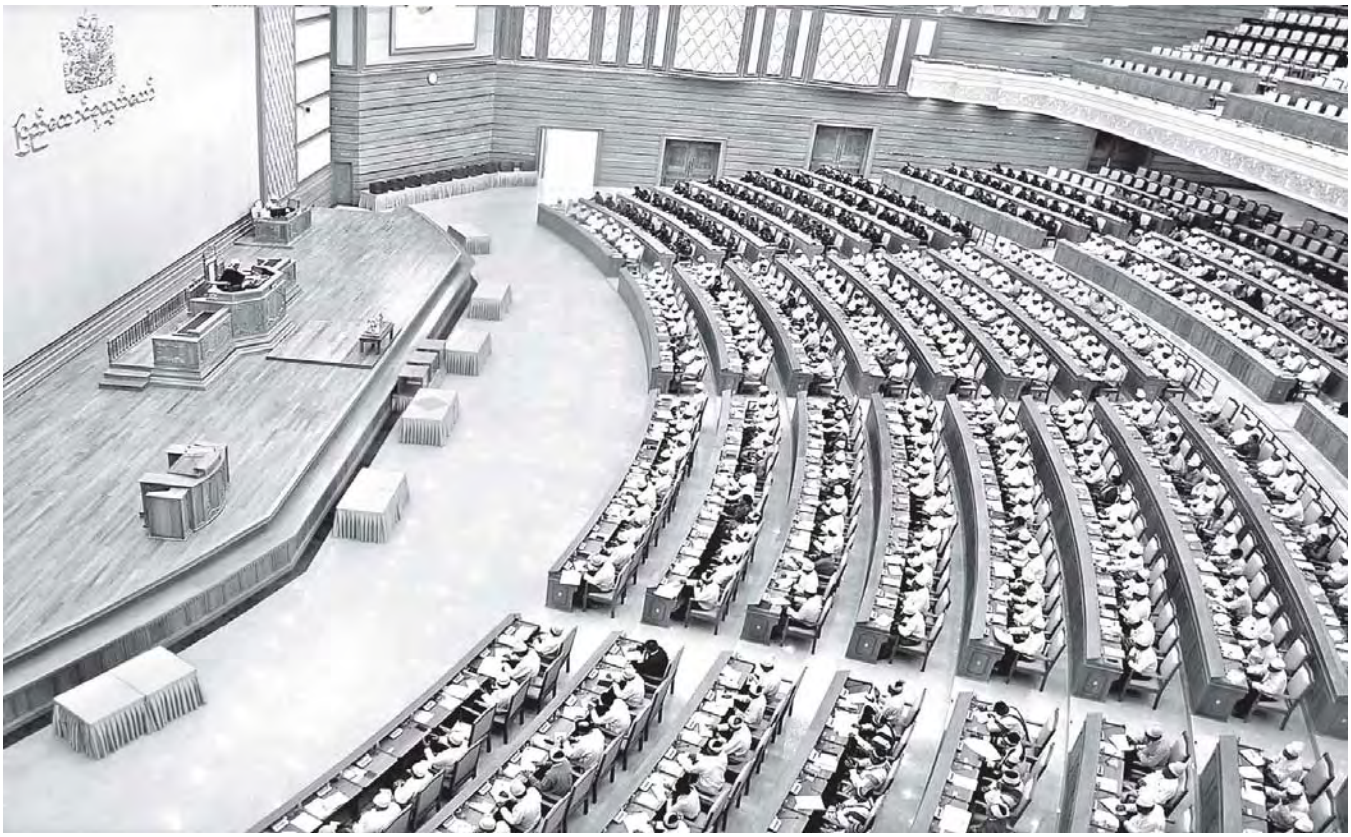
Four social objectives

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

Tenth-day regular session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw held

Approval sought for appointment of Attorney-General of the Union

Person suitable to be appointed as Auditor-General of the Union nominated



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

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Feb — The tenth-day regular session of the First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw was held at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Building, here, 11 am today, attended by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint, Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and representatives of Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw.

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

After taking position, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint announced the validity and start of the session as 654 out of 658 Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives who have the right to attend the today's session were preset, accounting for 99.39 per cent.

The Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw announced that although an announcement was issued for Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives to raise objection with clear evidences, if any, in accord with sub-section (a) of Article 242 prescribed in the constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar regarding the nomination of Dr Tun Shin for the post of Attorney-General of the Union made by the elected President, there was no objection to the nominee. Accordingly, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approved the nominee.

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PERSPECTIVES

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New bridges add impetus to transport

With a growing number of roads, railroads and bridges around the nation, Regions and States are more easily accessible by land from one another, thus leading to significant commercial growth region-wise.

The Ministry of Construction is building roads and bridges on a large scale. It is needed to carry out constant maintenance work on transport facilities. Some roads are eroded in the rainy season, which causes hindrances to transport. So, earthen roads are being upgraded to gravel ones, and then to tarred ones. As a result, many regions, which once lagged behind others in development, have enjoyed sweet taste of rapid development.

Smooth transport lies at the core of regional development. Across the nation are more and more river-spanning bridges, in addition to new roads and railroads. Many of the new roads have ensured close and constant relations among local national races in highlands.

Pyinyaung Bridge on Meiktila-Taunggyi-Kengtung-Tachilek Road in Pyinyaung Village, Thazi Township, Mandalay Region, was inaugurated on 19 February. The 200 feet long bridge is of broad crest type.

Pyinyaung Bridge, the 257th among the above-180 feet long bridges constructed by Public Works in the nation, and the 15th in Mandalay Region, will contribute towards improvement in the economic, education, health care and social sectors of the areas along it.

Commodity flows get swifter and swifter between Regions and States, and local people are enjoying better living conditions and greater development due to emergence of networks of transport facilities throughout the country.

National C'ship Tennis Tourney: 26 Feb to 2 March

YANGON, 21 Feb—The Myanmar Tennis Federation will organize National Championship Tennis Tournament (2011) at Theinbyu Tennis Court in Mingala Taungnyunt Township, here, from 26 February to 2 March.

The tournament comprises men's singles and doubles (open), women's singles and doubles, men's over-35, over-45, over-55, and over-60 singles and doubles.

Interested persons may sign up at MFF (Theinbyu Tennis Court) no later than 12 noon on 25 February. More on the tourney, dial 372360, 381991, 381992, ex (0).—*MNA*

People's Desire

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

Transport Minister meets Chairman of CCCC TDG Tainjin Dredging Co., Ltd and party of the PRC

Transport Minister U Thein Swe meeting Chairman Mr. Qian Xianguo of CCCC TDG Tainjin Dredging Co., Ltd and party of the PRC.—MNA

YANGON, 21 Feb—Minister for Transport U Thein Swe received a delegation led by Chairman Mr Qian Xianguo of CCCC TDG Tainjin Dredging Co., Ltd of the People's Republic of China at his office here this evening.

They held discussions on dredging of silt along Yangon River and cooperation in tasks for river development on mutual basis.

MNA

Setsan Village BEHS (Satsu) gets new building

YANGON, 21 Feb— A ceremony to open the new school building of Setsan Village Basic Education High School (Satsu) in Bogale Township of Ayeyawady Region was held at the school on 17 February.

Swiss Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Christoph Burgener, Deputy Director-General U Myo Nyunt of No. 1 Basic Education Department under the Ministry of Education, South East Asia Humanitarian Aid Coordinator Mr Thomas Fisler of Swiss Agency for Development and cooperation (SDC) formally opened the new school building.

Next, Mr Thomas Fisler handed over relevant documents of 18 new school buildings built for 15 schools in Bogale and Pyapon townships including Setsan Village BEHS (Satsu) to township education officers of Bogale and Pyapon township. Then, a villager spoke words of thanks.

Ceremony to open a new school building of Setsan Village Basic Education High School (Satsu) in Bogale Township of Ayeyawady Region in progress.—MNA

With a contribution of 2.5 million USD, SDC of Swiss Government constructed the storm-resistant new school buildings in Bogale Township and Pyapon Township in place of the damaged ones destroyed by cyclonic storm Nargis and donated with furnishings, water supply and sanitation system. About 2300 students can learn at those schools which can also be used as cyclone-shelters for 15,000 persons in case of natural disaster.—*MNA*

Want to join BA (Hons) Course of Wales University?

YANGON, 21 Feb—Those who have got advanced diploma from STI Education may join BA (Hons) in Business Course (Final Year) under University of Wales, UK, in Myanmar.

Those who have got an internationally-recognized advanced diploma or a degree from a university may apply for the course. And those who completed BA (Hons) of University of Wales may join MBA Course of University of Bradford or MBA Course of University of Wales at STI.

For more details, contact STI Education at 377, Upper Shwebontha Street, Pabedan Township, or at Myanmar Info-Tech at Room (7), Building (4) in Hline Township (507048, 507151).—*MNA*

Security forces inspect a destroyed television station in Sulaimaniyah, 260 kilometres (160 miles) northeast of Baghdad, Iraq, on 20 Feb, 2011. Gunmen burst into a Kurdish television station in northern Iraq on Sunday, shooting up the equipment and setting fire to the building.

INTERNET

Philippine volcano blast prompts hundreds to flee

MANILA, 21 Feb— Hundreds of villagers fled to safety Monday after a restive volcano belched ash and smoke into the sky after a monthlong lull, officials said.

Despite Mount Bulusan's ash explosion, its 13th since November, there were no signs of an imminent eruption involving magma pushing out of the cone, said government chief volcanologist Renato Solidum.

The huge plume of grayish smoke shot up to more than a mile (2 kilometres) toward the blue sky, with the ash drifting southwest toward four farming towns in Sorsogon Province, where about 1,200 villagers fled to emergency shelters and houses of relatives, said Benito Ramos, who heads the government's disaster-response agency.

Army trucks helped villagers move from communities hit by the ashfall and emergency teams handed out protective masks, Ramos said. There have not been any government orders to evacuate communities near the mountain. While many scrambled to safety, residents streamed out of houses in Irosin town to gaze or take pictures of the mid-morning spec-tacle using their cell-phones.

Internet

Residents of Irosin township, Sorsogon Province, about 600 kilometres (373 miles) southeast of Manila, Philippines, watch Mt. Bulusan volcano as it spews ash into the sky on 21 Feb, 2011 in another phreatic explosion.—INTERNET

At least 31 killed in suicide blast in Afghanistan

An Afghan man stands on the roof of a house damaged after an air strike in Nangarhar province on 21 Feb, 2011.—INTERNET

KABUL, 21 Feb—A suicide bomber blew himself up at the entrance to an Afghan government office Monday, killing at least 31 people — many who were waiting in line to obtain government identification cards, police said.

The attack occurred around noon in Imam Sahib District of Kunduz Province in northern Afghanistan where there has been a sharp slide in security in recent months, said district police chief Abdul Qayum Ebrahimi. At least 40 people were wounded in the blast, he said. ''We were in a meeting. It was a very powerful explosion," said Ebrahimi, who works in the district police office next door to the blast site.

"People had gathered in the front of the department to get identification cards."

He said the explosion occurred in the District centre on a day when people gather to shop. "They become the target of the terror today," he said.

Internet

Dismal commute predicted as storm hits Midwest

Heavy snow is blown by high winds along Highway 13 near Burnsville, Minn, on 20 Feb, 2011.—INTERNET

MINNEAPOLIS, 21 Feb— Hundreds of flights were canceled at Minneapolis-St Paul International Airport and officials in several states advised people to stay off the highways as a winter storm blew through the upper Midwest on Sunday.

Even before the worst of the storm hit, Delta Airlines canceled about 700 flights to and from the Twin Cities Airport and other airlines thinned out their schedules, said airport spokeswoman Melissa Scovronski. She said Sunday afternoon the storm had shut down two of the airport's four runways.

In Detroit, airlines canceled roughly 230 flights though the city's Metro Wayne County Airport, while more than 200 flights through Chicago's O'Hare Airport were off.

Internet

Suspected US missiles kill seven in northwest Pakistan

DERA ISMAIL KHAN, 21 Feb—Suspected US missiles killed seven alleged militants, including some thought to be of Arab origin, in a Pakistani tribal region along the Afghan border early Monday, Pakistani intelligence officials said.

The strike was the first since the arrest of a US Embassy employee who shot two Pakistanis in late January. There had been speculation that Washington had put a hold on the disputed tactic as it wrestled with Pakistan over whether the American has diplomatic immunity and should be freed.

The Pakistani intelligence officials said three missiles hit a house overnight Monday in the village of Kaza Panga in the Azam Warsak area of South Waziristan tribal region. Arabs and Turkmen were believed to be among the dead, the officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity because they are not authorized to speak to reporters on the record.

Internet

A man lies on a hospital bed after sustaining injuries in an explosion in western Herat Province on 20 Feb, 2011. The explosion killed three people, including a policeman, and wounded one other person. A mine planted in a road by militants caused the blast in Shindand District, the governor of the District said.

INTERNET

Global arms sales passed $400 billion in 2009

STOCKHOLM, 21 Feb—The world's 100 largest arms dealers, excluding Chinese vendors, sold weapons for $401 billion in 2009, with US vendors remaining in first place, according to a report published on Monday.

"Despite the continuing global economic recession in 2009, the total arms sales of 100 of the world's largest arms-producing companies increased by $14.8 billion from 2008," the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) said in a statement upon releasing the report.

That amounts to a year-on-year increase of eight percent, and "an increase of a total of 59 percent in real terms since 2002", the think tank said, pointing out that 61.5 percent of all 2009 arms sales made by the top 100 arms dealers could be attributed to 45 companies based in the United States.

Internet

Science

Russian defence satellite in wrong orbit

ABU DHABI, 21 Feb—A Russian defence satellite sent into the wrong orbit can't perform its mission, said First Deputy Defence Minister Vladimir Popovkin. The Geo-IK-2 defence satellite was launched from the Plesetsk spaceport earlier this month by a Rokot rocket.

Popovkin said the commission investigating the failed launch hasn't completed its work, but preliminary data indicates the booster unit and possibly the control system were responsible for its failure to go into the proper orbit.

Popovkin said the satellite is "incapable of fulfilling its mission because its orbit is wrong."

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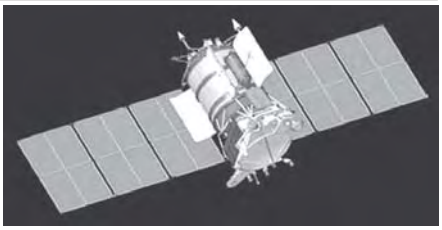


***The Geo-IK-2.*—INTERNET**

China Mars probe set for November launch

***China's first Mars probe will be launched from a Russian rocket in November, two years later than originally planned, state media reported on Monday.*—INTERNET**

SHANGHAI, 21 Feb—China's first Mars probe will be launched from a Russian rocket in November, two years later than originally planned, state media reported on Monday.

China's Mars explorer, *Yinghuo-1*, marks the country's first attempt at deep space exploration after sending a probe to the moon, the state-run *China Daily* reported, citing comments from a China Academy of Space Technology official.

The 110-kilogram (240-pound) micro-satellite was originally due to blast off in October 2009 with Russia's *"Phobos Explorer"* from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan but the launch was postponed, according to previous reports. The orbiter is due to probe the Martian space environment with a special focus on what happened to the water that appears to have once been abundant on the planet's surface, previous reports said.

China is aiming to build a space exploration programme on par with those of the United States and Russia.

It currently has a probe — the *Chang'e 2* — orbiting the moon and carrying out various tests in preparation for the expected 2013 launch of the *Chang'e-3*, which it hopes will be its first unmanned lunar landing.

It became the world's third nation to put a man in space independently — after the Soviet Union and the United States — when Yang Liwei piloted the one-man Shenzhou-5 space mission in 2003.

Internet

Using asteroids as space ships to voyage to Mars

NEW YORK, 21 Feb—A study conducted by Gregory Matioff, an adjunct professor of physics at the New York City College of Technology, suggests the best way to travel to Mars might be to hitch a ride on a passing asteroid.

The advantage of such a method would be that an asteroid would provide plenty of radiation shielding for Mars-bound astronauts. Current studies suggest a 1,000-day round trip to Mars would increase the chances of the astronauts contracting cancer by 1 percent to 19 percent, not to mention DNA damage and the possibility of cataracts caused by exposure to cosmic background radiation.

The downside to hitching a ride on an asteroid is that rocks that pass close enough to the Earth and then close enough to Mars are few and far between. One candidate would be suitable for a journey in 2037 and two more in 2086. The other problem is that each of these asteroids would not be available for a return trip for many years. So, they would likely only be useful for Earth people who intended to colonize Mars rather than just explore the Red Planet and then return.—*Internet*

Technology

Cars soon will roll into the app store

NEW YORK, 21 Feb—Auto engineers, racing to keep up with rapid computer innovation, are designing smartcars that can talk to smartphones.

To ensure that electronics, governing everything from navigation to braking, do not become obsolete in months, they are crafting vehicles flexible enough to adapt to unforeseen advances.

"Cars need to be upgraded — over the air — and they have to have smartphone connections now," Erik Goldman, president of Hughes Telematics, told *The New York Times.*

That means being able to draw diagnostic information from a car by a satellite link, or to reprogramme a transmission controller or recalibrate braking while the car is parked at home, without a trip to the dealer.

Cisco has developed an experimental dashboard that consists of LCD panels instead of dials and buttons. It is one big touch screen where drivers can drag and drop instruments and information displays. It will be able to accommodate yet-to-be-invented systems that could give vehicle-to-vehicle collision warnings or apprise drivers of dangerous intersections ahead.—*Internet*

Printers used to produce human skin

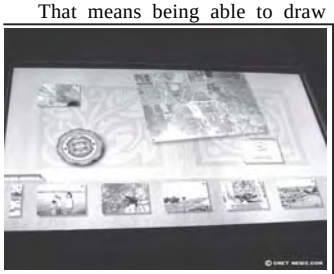
WINSTON-SALEM, 21 Feb—US medical researchers are using modified printers to produce skin for burn victims, the project's leader says.

"We started out by taking a typical desktop inkjet cartridge. Instead of ink we use cells, which are placed in the cartridge," Dr Anthony Atala, director of the Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine in Winston-Salem, NC, told *CNN.*

The process may be five years away from clinical use, he said.

Scientists from Wake Forest, Cornell University and the Medical University of South Carolina are to present findings Sunday at an American Association for the Advancement of Science conference in Washington. The Wake Forest research is funded by the Institute of Regenerative Medicine, which hopes to use skin printing to treat the wounded on the battlefield one day.

A small piece of skin is taken from the patient using a chemical solution. The cells are then separated. "We expand the cells in large quantities. Once we make those new cells, the next step is to put the cells in the printer, on a cartridge, and print on the patient" without touching him, Atala said. "It's like a flat-bed scanner that moves back and forth and puts cells on you."—*Internet*



HP's Misto PC/coffee table allows family members to gather in the living room to watch movies, view photos or play games.
INTERNET

Portal 2 supports PlayStation Move, until it doesn't

NEW YORK, 21 Feb—It looks like Valve's Portal 2 won't support PlayStation Move, after the company reportedly said it would. Portal 2? You know, the first-person puzzle game about a guy with a gun that puts holes in things that connect by means of non-Euclidean space. Think wormholes with people instead of starships.

By "the company," I mean Valve's Chet Faliszek, listed on Valve's "people" page as a writer for the games publisher. The German PlayStation blog—that's the official German Sony PlayStation blog—reportedly listed Faliszek as confirming exclusive features for the PS3 version of Portal 2, including online saves, a special PC-version code (not sure what it unlocks), and "complete PlayStation Move support."

Turns out it may not be so complete after all.

"There's a story making the rounds regarding Portal 2 support for PS3 Move," wrote Valve in a followup statement.—*Internet*

A medical worker cleans a surgery room. Ink-jet printing technology has inspired scientists to look for ways to build sheets of skin that could one day be used for grafts in burn victims, experts said Sunday.
INTERNET

Health

Many stick with fast food after heart attack

NEW YORK, 21 Feb— It would seem logical for patients who have had a heart attack to cut back on fast food.

Some devoted fast food eaters do. But six months later, more than half can still be found at their favourite fast food places at least once a week, according to a study in the *American Journal of Cardiology*.

Of nearly 2,500 heart attack patients studied by John Spertus, at the University of Missouri at Kansas City, 884 — or 36 percent — reported in a survey while still hospitalized that they had eaten fast food frequently in the month before their heart attack. "Frequently" was defined as once a week or more. When Spertus and his colleagues checked back six months later, 503 were still eating fast food every week.

"Fast food consumption by patients with AMI (acute myocardial infarction) decreased 6 months after the index hospitalization, but certain populations — including younger patients, men, those currently working, and less educated patients — were more likely to consume fast food, at least weekly, during follow-up," he wrote.—*Reuters*

***Japanese water purifier venture Nippon Basic displays a portable water purifying system "Cycloclean," powered by pedaling a bicycle to make a maximum of 5 liter of clean water in a minute at a technolocy fair in Tokyo.—*INTERNET**

Staying healthy prime concern for Canadians

VANCOUVER, 21 Feb— The concept of wellness and how a person can live a good mental and physical life through exercise, diet and positive outlook proved the major attraction of the Wellness Show in Vancouver over the weekend as about 30,000 people turned out for the three-day event.

With about 250 booths set up in the Vancouver Convention Centre, the range of exhibitors proved wide as visitors could check out the latest in holistic healing, vitamins and supplements, massage therapy, fitness, cooking and food, and even wellness for domestic pets.

Jeanette Savard who has been organizing the Wellness Show for the past 19 years, said she started the event because of her long interest in fitness, eating well and lifestyle and wanted to get the concept under one roof.—*Xinhua*

Gene test for prostate cancer could prevent overtreatment

CLEVELAND, 21 Feb—Researchers are making progress in the development of a genetic test that is purported to have the potential to help in determining when men need immediate treatment and when they can take the watchful waiting approach. Many men with prostate cancer are overtreated. They are sent into surgery, when surgery is not actually needed at the time.

"The biggest challenge with newly diagnosed prostate cancer is deciding what to do for men with low-grade, nonaggressive tumors on biopsy", reports chairman of the Cleveland Clinic's Glickman Urological and Kidney Institute, Dr Eric Klein. He goes on to say, "even low-grade tumours have lethal capabilities. So right now, about 90 percent of men with low-risk cancer choose treatment, typically surgery to remove the prostate or radiation therapy."

Internet

***A group of seniors leave a temple and return to a HelpAge day centre after praying in Colombo's Ratmalana District, on 16 September, 2010. HelpAge Sri Lanka is a charity set up to improve the quality of life of senior citizens, and the day centres provide meals, social events, and some medical assistance for low income seniors.—*INTERNET**

Business

CIC, Blackstone buys Morgan Stanley Japan loan portfolio

HONG KONG, 21 Feb—China Investment Corp (CIC.UL), the country's $300 billion sovereign wealth management fund, has teamed up with private equity fund Blackstone Group LP (BX.N) to buy a Japanese loan portfolio from Morgan Stanley (MS.N) at a steep discount, the *Financial Times* reported on Monday.

CIC and Blackstone paid 35 cents on the dollar for the portfolio, which had a face value of $1.1 billion, the newspaper reported, citing sources familiar with the matter, adding that CIC had put up most of the money.

Reuters

Suitcases are seen in a factory formerly owned by Samsonite in Hénin-Beaumont, northern France, in 2007. The luggage-maker Samsonite is planning to raise $1 billion from a share sale in Hong Kong, the world's hottest initial public offering market last year.
INTERNET

S Korean airlines post record high sales in 2010

SEOUL, 21 Feb — South Korea's airlines posted record sales last year on the back of the global economic recovery and growing travel sentiment, a government report showed on Monday.

According to the report released by the Ministry of Land, Transport and Maritime Affairs, seven South Korean airlines registered a combined 17.44 trillion won (15.68 billion US dollars) in sales last year.

Their total oper-ating profit also stood at a record high of 1. 74 trillion won. These airlines include Korean Air Lines Co and Asiana Airlines Inc, the nation's two largest national flag carriers, along with smaller budget carriers, such as Jeju Air Co, Jin Air Co and T'way Airlines. Korean Air, the nation's top flag carrier, posted 11.46 trillion won in sales, a 22 percent jump from a year earlier, with its operating profit surging 739 percent to 1.12 trillion won, the ministry said.—*Xinhua*

McDonald's selling stake in Indian JV

MUMBAI, 21 Feb— McDonald's Corp (MCD.N) is selling its 50 percent stake in one of its Indian joint ventures to the local partner for an undisclosed amount and converting it into a franchisee operation, the *Economic Times* reported on Monday.

The world's biggest restaurant chain will exit Hardcastle Restaurants Private Ltd, one of McDonald's two 15-year-old equal joint ventures that run its outlets in India, the newspaper said citing the vice chairman of Hardcastle Restaurants.

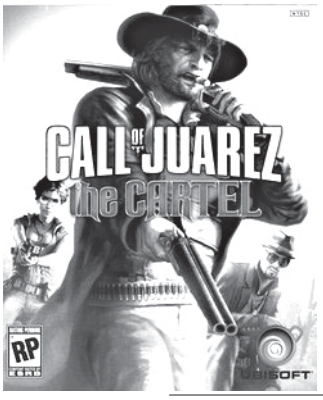
"We are excited. It gives us the freedom to grow aggressively and take quick decisions," Amit Jatia told the newspaper.

Hardcastle Restaurants owns the restaurant chain in west and south India. In northern and eastern part of the country the chain is owned by Connaught Plaza Restaurants Private Limited.

A spokesman for Hardcastle Restaurants in India said he could not immediately comment on the report, and Jatia did not respond to a mail by *Reuters* seeking comment. *The Economic Times* said the change in ownership at one of the Indian joint ventures meant McDonald's would no longer invest in Hardcastle Restaurants, but would lend its brand name and help with training, development and knowledge.—*Reuters*

A McDonald's outlet in Bangalore.
INTERNET

Mexico state congress asks ban of video game



In this product image released by Ubisoft Entertainment, the cover art for 'Call of Juarez: The Cartel' for Xbox 360 is shown.
INTERNET

CIUDAD JUAREZ, 21 Feb—A shoot-em-up video game set in the border town of Ciudad Juarez has angered local officials who are busy fighting all-too-real violence.

Chihuahua state legislators said Sunday they have asked federal authorities to ban the game, "Call of Juarez: The Cartel," which is based on drug cartel shootouts in Ciudad Juarez.

About 6,000 people died in drug-related violence in Ciudad Juarez in 2009 and 2010, making the city, located across from El Paso, Texas, one of the deadliest in the world.

The web site of game developer Ubisoft Entertainment SA says the title is due for release this summer. Screen shots from the game show three characters armed with a pistol, an assault rifle and a shotgun ready to open fire on a city street.

The game's promotional slogan urges players, "Take justice into your own hands and experience the lawlessness of the modern Wild West." No one answered a message left at the company's San Francisco office.—*Internet*

Crocodile kills boy in Outback community

DARWIN, 21 Feb—A crocodile attacked and killed a 14-year-old boy who was swimming in a creek in an Outback Aboriginal community, police said Monday.

Police, park rangers and residents spent Monday combing the remote area for any trace of the boy, who was attacked while playing in the creek with his brothers in the Northern Territory's Milingimbi community, east of Darwin, on Sunday.

Northern Territory police Superintendent Helen Braam said officials were interviewing the young Aboriginal witnesses, who speak limited English, to get more information on what happened.

"As you can imagine, the community is quite devastated and shocked by what's happened," Braam said. Both saltwater and freshwater crocodiles were hunted to near extinction in Australia, but have become plentiful in the tropical north since they became protected by federal law in 1971.—*Internet*

Natural gas pipeline explodes in northern Ontario

VANCOUVER, 21 Feb—A natural gas pipeline ruptured in northern Ontario, igniting a fireball that sent flames hundreds of feet into the air, but service was slowly being restored, officials said on Sunday.

A section of the TransCanada Corp mainline exploded near Beardmore, Ontario late on Saturday, forcing "a few hundred" people to briefly evacuate their homes, the Ontario Provincial Police said. No injuries were reported, and the fire burned itself out after several hours, Sgt Greg Moore said.

TransCanada said the rupture involved pipe No 2 of its three-pipe mainline system linking western and eastern Canada, and pipes No 1 and No 3 do not appear to have been damaged in the incident.

Reuters

A view shows the Channel Seven Network studios in Melbourne on 21 February, 2011. West Australian Newspaper Holdings (WAN) has agreed to takeover Seven Media Group in a $4.1 billion deal to create Australia's largest television and newspaper company and more than trebles the size of WAN.
INTERNET

Italy stops new boatloads of migrants

ROME, 21 Feb—Italian police intercepted two boats carrying around 60 illegal immigrants as European Union experts began helping authourities manage the inflow of migrants fleeing turmoil in North Africa, police and reports said.

Police spotted the first boat carrying 13 immigrants earlier in the day several miles off the islet of Lampedusa south of Sicily, but did not reveal the nationalities of the migrants.

Authorities stopped another boat carrying some 50 people and escorted it to the tiny island, Italian *ANSA* news agency reported.

Late Sunday, a coastguard plane spotted two other boats in Tunisian territorial waters heading to the island, one carrying about 100 migrants and the other about 40.

Internet

A boat full of illegal immigrants enters the port of the Italian island of Lampedusa on 20 Feb, 2011.—INTERNET

India brings hope to stalled fight against polio

TILKESHWAR, 21 Feb—Tilkeshwar is one of India's forgotten villages.

It's 20 miles (30 kilometres) from the nearest paved road, untouched by electricity, running water, sanitation and even the barest of health care. Life is so bleak that nearly all adult men leave to search for menial work for their families' survival.

Here, deep in the floodplains of the Kosi River, the polio virus has stubbornly hidden. And it is here where the long-stalled global fight to eradicate the crippling disease might be on the verge of a badly needed victory.

The sudden optimism has been stoked by a startlingly effective campaign by the government and aid groups to finally drive polio out of India.

Internet

N Zealand urges US-Australia on Pacific fisheries

A New Zealand fishing trawler is seen off the country's coast. New Zealand on Monday urged the United States and Australia to boost efforts to stop illegal fishing in the Pacific, saying the planet's last sustainable fishery was running out of time.—INTERNET

WELLINGTON, 21 Feb—New Zealand on Monday urged the United States and Australia to boost efforts to stop illegal fishing in the Pacific, saying the planet's last sustainable fishery was running out of time.

Foreign Minister Murray McCully said the fishery, rich in lucractive tuna, was the most significant economic asset of many Pacific island nations but its value was being eroded by illegal fishing.

McCully told a New Zealand-US diplomatic forum in Christchurch that Wellington was the largest provider of aerial surveillance across the Pacific fishery but could do more with US and Australian cooperation.

"I believe the time has come for New Zealand, the US and Australia to dramatically step up our collective surveillance activity in the region to provide a comprehensive assault on illegal activity," he said.—*Internet*

Orphanage blaze kills ten children in Estonia

TALLINN, 21 Feb—A fire raced through an orphanage for disabled children in western Estonia on Sunday, killing 10 of them, a rescue service spokesman said.

There were 37 children and nine adults inside the wooden building when the fire started at 2:30 pm (1230GMT) in the coastal town of Haapsalu, said Viktor Saaremets, a spokesman for the Western Estonia Rescue Services Centre.

"By the time rescue workers and firefighters arrived at the scene three or four minutes later the building was completely in flames," he said.

Ten children were killed, one adult was injured, Saaremets said. Most of the victims were wheelchair-bound and were unable to escape the rapidly spreading fire, he said. The others were evacuated to a nearby building and were not hurt, Saaremets said. The cause of the fire was not immediately clear.—*Internet*

Tenth-day regular session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw …

Director-General U Myint Thein of Hluttaw Office acting as master of ceremonies at tenth-day regular session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.
MNA

Speaker U Khin Aung Myint submits nomination to the post of Auditor-General of the Union made by the elected President.—**MNA**

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Next, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker submitted the nomination to the post of Auditor-General of the Union made by the elected President to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

The elected President nominated U Lun Maung to the post of Auditor-General of the Union in accord with sub-section (a) of Article 242 of the constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Rule 26.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker announced that the contact persons of respective parties may take out the curriculum vitae of the nominee, suitable to be appointed as the Auditor-General of the Union nominated by the elected President, at the Director-General of Hluttaw Office, to examine whether or not the said person possesses qualification prescribed in sub-section (a) of Article 237 of the constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and that if there were any Hluttaw representative inclined to raise objection against the nominee, they may report to the Director-General of the Hluttaw Office this evening with clear evidence, in accord with sub-section (b) of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Rule 27.

Next, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker announced the tenth-day regular session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw ended and the eleventh-day regular session would continue at 11 am on 22 February.

The session came to an end at 11.20 am.

MNA

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives arrive at Hluttaw Building.—**MNA**

MCDC family Htamane contest held

MCDC Chairman Mayor U Phone Zaw Han and wife Daw Moe Thida encourage participants.—**MCDC**

MANDALAY, 21 Feb—Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor U Phone Zaw Han and wife Daw Moe Thida enjoyed the sixth MCDC family Htamane contest 2011 held in the compound of MCDC Office on 18 February. A total of 14 teams participated in the event. The mayor and officials presented prizes to the winning teams.—*MNA*

CEO Magazine organizes Myanmar Executive Forum

Myanmar Executive Forum of CEO Economics and Management Magazine in progress at Chatrium Hotel.—**MNA**

YANGON, 21 Feb— Organized by CEO Economics and Management Magazine under the sponsorship of City Mart Supermarket, MDG Co Ltd, IBTC Co Ltd and Mingyikyaik, Myanmar Executive Forum under the name of "2011 Prospect" was held at Chatrium Hotel here on 18 February.

Dr Maung Maung Lay (UMFCCI General Secretary) and U Thaung Tin (KMD CEO) gave talks at the forum. It was also attended by managing directors and those with managerial role.

MNA

The regular session of First Taninthayi Region Hluttaw in progress. —MNA

Regular sessions of First Region and State Hluttaws continue…

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of the Union and the elected State Chief Minister. Next, the speaker announced the approval of the nomination as all the 20 State Hluttaw representatives made no objection.

Then, the speaker submitted the nominations of Director U Kyaw Lin Maung of the State Constitutional Tribunal and Associate Region Judge of Yangon Region Court Daw Than Than Aye proposed by the elected State Chief Minister in coordination with the elected Chief Justice of the Union as judges of Kayah State High Court. The speaker announced the approval of the nomination as all the 20 State Hluttaw representatives made no objection.

The regular session of First Kayah State Hluttaw concluded at 10.12 am.

Kayin State

At the regular session of Kayin State Hluttaw, the speaker of the State Hluttaw submitted the nomination of State Judge U Saw San Lin of Kayin State High Court as Chief Justice of Kayin State High Court proposed by the elected President in coordination with the elected Chief Justice of the Union and the elected State Chief Minister. Next, the speaker announced the approval of the nomination as all the 23 State Hluttaw representatives made no objection.

Then, the speaker submitted the nominations of State Judge U Thein Ko Ko of Shan State (East) Court and Associate Region Judge of Yangon Region Court Daw Khin Swe Tun proposed by the elected State Chief Minister in coordination with the elected Chief Justice of the Union as judges of Kayin State High Court. The speaker announced the approval of the nomination as all the 23 State Hluttaw representatives made no objection.

The regular session of First Kayin State Hluttaw concluded at 10.06 am.

Chin State

At the regular session of Chin State Hluttaw, the speaker of the State Hluttaw submitted the nomination of Associate Director U Win Myint Kyaw of Supreme Court (Yangon) as Chief Justice of Chin State High Court proposed by the elected President in coordination with the elected Chief Justice of the Union and the elected State Chief Minister. Next, the speaker announced the approval of the nomination as all the 24 State Hluttaw representatives made no objection.

Then, the speaker submitted the nominations of Director U Hla Tin of Supreme Court (Mandalay) and District Judge of Mawlamyine District Court U Myint Thein Tun proposed by the elected State Chief Minister in coordination with the elected Chief Justice of the Union as judges of Chin State High Court. The speaker announced the approval of the nomination as all the 24 State Hluttaw representatives made no objection.

The regular session of First Chin State Hluttaw concluded at 10.45 am.

Sagaing Region

At the regular session of Sagaing Region Hluttaw, the speaker of the Region Hluttaw submitted the nomination of Retired Director U San Ko of Supreme Court as Chief Justice of Sagaing Region High Court proposed by the elected President in coordination with the elected Chief Justice of the Union and the elected Region Chief Minister. Next, the speaker announced the approval of the nomination as all the 101 Region Hluttaw representatives made no objection.

Then, the speaker submitted the nominations of Region Judge U Myo Maung of Sagaing Region Court and State Judge of Mon State Court U Win Myint proposed by the elected Region Chief Minister in coordination with the elected Chief Justice of the Union as judges of Sagaing Region High Court. The speaker announced the approval of the nomination as all the 101 Region Hluttaw representatives made no objection.

The regular session of First Sagaing Region Hluttaw concluded at 10.10 am.

Taninthayi Region

At the regular session of Taninthayi Region Hluttaw, the Speaker of the Region Hluttaw submitted the nomination of Director U Myint Win of Supreme Court (Mandalay) as Chief Justice of the Region High Court proposed by the elected President in coordination with the elected Chief Justice of the Union and elected Chief Minister of the Region. Next, the speaker announced the approval of the nomination as all the 28 Region Hluttaw representatives made no objection.

Then, the Speaker of the Region Hluttaw submitted the nominations of Region Judge U Tin Aung of Taninthayi Region Court and Retired Associate Region Judge of Ayeyawady Region Court Daw Nyunt Nyunt Swe as Judges of the High Court of the Region proposed by the elected Chief Minister in coordination with the elected Chief Justice of the Union.

Afterwards, the speaker announced the approval of the nominations as all 28 Region Hluttaw representatives made no objection.

The regular session of the first Taninthayi Region Hluttaw concluded at 10.44 am.

Bago Region

At the regular session of Bago Region Hluttaw, the Speaker of the Region Hluttaw submitted the nomination of Region Judge U Maung Maung Shwe of Bago Region Court as Chief Justice of the Region High Court proposed by the elected President in coordination with the elected Chief Justice of the Union and elected Chief Minister of the Region. Next, the speaker announced the approval of the nomination as all the 76 Region Hluttaw representatives made no objection.

Then, the Speaker of the Region Hluttaw submitted the nominations of Retired Region Judge U Kyi Thein of Bago Region (West) Court and Associate Director U Tin Hon (a) U Yu Kyon of Supreme Court (Mandalay) proposed by the elected Chief Minister in coordination with the elected Chief Justice of the Union.

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The regular session of First Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw in progress. —MNA

The regular session of First Bago Region Hluttaw in progress. —MNA

The regular session of First Yangon Region Hluttaw in progress.—MNA

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Afterwards, the speaker announced the approval of the nominations as all 76 Region Hluttaw representatives made no objection.

The regular session of the first Bago Region Hluttaw concluded at 10.15 am.

Magway Region

At the regular session of Magway Region Hluttaw, the Speaker of the Region Hluttaw submitted the nomination of Region Judge U Sein Tun of Magway Region High Court as Chief Justice of the Region High Court proposed by the elected President in coordination with the elected Chief Justice of the Union and elected Chief Minister of the Region. Next, the speaker announced the approval of the nomination as all the 68 Region Hluttaw representatives made no objection.

Then, the Speaker of the Region Hluttaw submitted the nominations of Director U Myint Thein of Supreme Court and Associate Region Judge Daw Nu Yin of Mandalay Region Court proposed by the elected Chief Minister in coordination with the elected Chief Justice of the Union. Afterwards, the speaker announced the approval of the nominations as all 68Region Hluttaw representatives made no objection.

The regular session of the first Magway Region Hluttaw concluded at 10.14

Mandalay Region

At the regular session of Mandalay Region Hluttaw, the Speaker of the Region Hluttaw submitted the nomination of State Judge U Soe Thein of Shan State Court as Chief Justice of the Region High Court proposed by the elected President in coordination with the elected Chief Justice of the Union and the elected Chief Minister of the Region. Next, the speaker announced the approval of the nomination as all 76 Region Hluttaw representatives made no objection.

Then, the Speaker of the Region Hluttaw submitted the nominations of Associate Region Judge Daw Hla Hla Yi of Yangon Region Court, Associate Region Judge Daw Tin Nwe Win of Yangon Region Court, Associate Region Judge Daw Kyin Thaung (a) Daw Lay Lay Mon of Yangon Region Court, Associate Region Judge U Kyi Thein (a) U Kyi Thein Aung of Mandalay Region Court, Associate Region Judge Daw Khin Thin Wai of Magway Region Court, District Judge U Thaung Nyunt of Pathein District Court proposed by the elected Chief Justice of the Union as Judges of Mandalay Region. Afterwards, the speaker announced the approval of the nominations as all 76 Region Hluttaw representatives made no objection.

The regular session of the first Mandalay Region Hluttaw concluded at 10.23 am.

Mon State

At the regular session of Mon State Hluttaw, the Speaker of the State Hluttaw submitted the nomination of Associate Director U Khin Maung Gyi of Supreme Court as Chief Justice of the State High Court proposed by the elected President in coordination with the elected Chief Justice of the Union and the elected Chief Minister of the State. Next, the speaker announced the approval of the nomination as all the 31 State Hluttaw representatives made no objection.

Then, the Speaker of the State Hluttaw submitted the nominations of Associate Director U Thein Myint of Supreme Court (Mandalay) and District Judge U Nyi Nyi Soe of Mandalay District Court proposed by the elected Chief Minister in coordination with the elected Chief Justice of the Union as judges of Mon State. Afterwards, the speaker announced the approval of the nominations as all 31 State Hluttaw representatives made no objection.

The regular session of the first Mon State Hluttaw concluded at 10.15 am.

Rakhine State

At the regular session of Rakhine State Hluttaw, the Speaker of the State Hluttaw submitted the nomination of State Judge U Kyauk of Rakhine State Court as Chief Justice of the State Court proposed by the elected President in coordination with the elected Chief Justice of the Union and elected Chief Minister of the State. Next, the speaker announced the approval of the nomination as all the 46 State Hluttaw representatives made no objection.

Then, the Speaker of the State Hluttaw submitted the nominations of Director U Thein Aung of State Constitutional Tribunal and Associate Director Daw Si Si of Supreme Court (Yangon) proposed by the elected Chief Minister of the State in coordination with the elected Chief Justice of the Union as judges of Rakhine State. Afterwards, the speaker announced the approval of the nominations as all 46 State Hluttaw representatives made no objection.

The regular session of the first Rakhine State Hluttaw concluded at 10.25 am.

Yangon Region

At the regular session of Yangon Region Hluttaw, the Speaker of the Region Hluttaw submitted the nomination of Director U Win Swe of Supreme Court (Yangon) as Chief Justice of the Region Court proposed by the elected President in coordination with the elected Chief Justice of the Union and the elected Chief Minister of the Region. Next, the speaker announced the approval of the nomination as all the 122 Region Hluttaw representatives made no objection.

Then, the Speaker of the Region Hluttaw submitted the nominations of Associate Director U Myo Myint of Supreme Court (Yangon) and Director U Hla Aye of Supreme Court, Associate Director Daw Sandar Thwe of Supreme Court (Yangon), Associate Region Judge Daw Soe Soe Aung of Yangon Region Court, Region Judge Daw Aye Than of Bago Region (West) Court and Associate Director Daw Thin Thin Nwe of Supreme Court (Yangon) as Judges of the High Court of the Region proposed by the elected Chief Minister of the Region in coordination with the elected Chief Justice of the Union. Afterwards, the speaker announced the approval of the nominations as all 122 Region Hluttaw representatives made no objection.

The regular session of the first Yangon Region Hluttaw concluded at 11.10 am.

Shan State

At the regular session of Shan State Hluttaw, the Speaker of the State Hluttaw submitted the nomination of State Judge U Kywe Kywe of Shan State (North) Court as Chief Justice of the State Court proposed by the elected President in coordination with the elected Chief Justice of the Union and the elected Chief Minister of the State. Next, the speaker announced the approval of the nomination as all the 138 State Hluttaw representa-tives made no objection.

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The regular session of First Magway Region Hluttaw in progress.—MNA

The regular session of First Mon State Hluttaw in progress.

MNA

Regular sessions of First Region and State Hluttaws continue…

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Then, the Speaker of the State Hluttaw submitted the nominations of Associate Region Judge Daw Khin May Tint of Yangon Region High Court and State Judge U Khin Maung Htay of Chin State High Court as Judges of the High Court of the State proposed by the elected Chief Minister in coordination with the elected Chief Justice of the Union. Afterwards, the speaker announced the approval of the nominations as all 138 State Hluttaw representatives made no objection.

The regular session of the first Shan State Hluttaw came to an end at 10.30 am.

Ayeyawady Region

At the regular session of Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw, the Speaker of the Region Hluttaw submitted the nomination of Judge U Myint Thein of Ayeyawady Region Court as Chief Justice of the Region High Court proposed by the elected President in coordination with the elected Chief Justice of the Union and the elected Chief Minister of the Region. Next, the speaker announced the approval of the nomination as all the 72 Region Hluttaw representatives made no objection.

Then, the Speaker of the Region Hluttaw submitted the nominations of Director-General Daw Thein Thein Nyunt of Supreme Court, Deputy Director-General U Kyaw Min of Union Election Commission Office, Associate Region Judge U Than Tun of Yangon Region Court and Head of Office U Myo Nyunt of Supreme Court as Judges of the High Court of the Region proposed by the elected Chief Minister in coordination with the elected Chief Justice of the Union. Afterwards, the speaker announced the approval of the nominations as all 72 Region Hluttaw representatives made no objection.

The regular session of the first Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw came to an end at 10.15 am.

At the regular sessions of the first Region or State Hluttaws, the nominations of Chief Justice and Judges of the High Court of the Region or the High Court of the State were systematically carried out in accord with Article 308 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Provisions of Rules 49 and 50 of Region or State Hluttaw.

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Regular session of First Kayin State Hluttaw in progress.

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***Regular session of First Mandalay Region Hluttaw in progress.*—MNA**

***Regular session of First Sagaing Region Hluttaw in progress.*—MNA**

Rail Transportation Minister inspects Yangon (Hlinethaya)-Pathein (Begarat) Railroad Project

***Minister U Aung Min inspects construction of Einme river-crossing bridge.*—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Feb—Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min, accompanied by Deputy Minister U Pe Than, visited construction site of Shansu railway station yard near Shansu Village at the down-road of Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon) in Nyaungdon Township on Nyaungdon-Samalauk-Hlinethaya section of Yangon (Hlinethaya)-Pathein (Begarat) Railroad Project.

The minister inspected progress in construction of Hteikwagyiinn Bridge near Insu Village on Nyaungdon-Samalauk-Hlinethaya railroad section, Sakkaw railway station yard and railway station in Nyaungdon Township, Einme railway station and under pass bridge and 933-foot long Einme river-crossing bridge near Einme, under pass bridge on Daka-Einme motor road.

At the briefing hall of Yangon-Pathein Railroad Project, the minister heard reports on progress of the works and ongoing tasks and called for timely completion of the works meeting set standard.

The minister then inspected laying of rail tracks near Singaung railway station in Kangyidaunt Township and provided cash assistance to railroad workers. He inspected laying of rail tracks between Singaung railway station and Subkwin railway station, and progress in construction of Subkwin railway station.

Staff of Myanma Railways are working hard to put Einme-Pathein (Begarat) section of Yangon (Hlinethaya)-Pathein (Begarat) Railraod Project into service as soon as possible.

MNA

Spanish bullfighter Manuel Jesus Cid, 'El Cid', performs during a bullfight at the La Macarena bullright in Medellin, Colombia, on 19 Feb, 2010.—INTERNET

Hard times again at Haiti nursing home

PORT-AU-PRINCE, 21 Feb—Skinny youths in ragged T-shirts crowd menacingly around the barred kitchen door of a city-run nursing home, waving empty bowls and demanding some of the sardines and mashed corn that the elderly residents depend on.

"Thieves! Thieves!" 68-year-old Exume Fleurentis yells from a dusty porch nearby, swinging a broken crutch over his head.

Hungry themselves, the youths ignore the partially blind man. They scamper off after kitchen workers give them some food, leaving a little less for the residents of the Asile Commune.

Food is just one of the challenges for the Asile home, as well as for elderly Haitians scattered through the mud-prone camps of tents, tarps and bed sheets that barely cover hundreds of thousands left homeless by the January 2010 earthquake that killed more than 300,000 people.

Elderly women sit in the Asile Commune, a city-run nursing home, in the Bel-Air slum of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on 18 Feb, 2011.—INTERNET

In Port-au-Prince's crowded encampments, about 20 percent of elderly quake victims are going hungry a year after the disaster, according to a survey by HelpAge International, a network of non-profits that helps disadvantaged elderly people across the globe. About 11,000 older Haitians living in camps were interviewed. More than 2,300 reported eating just one meal a day or less.

Things were supposed to be getting better at Asile Commune, a two-storey concrete building surrounded by tarps and tents that shelter about 2,000 quake victims on the edge of the Bel-Air slum.—*Internet*

Woman's cells keep on fighting cancer

DETROIT, 21 Feb—A Michigan bus driver's cells are being used to fight breast cancer decades after they were taken from her.

"It's the weirdest feeling," Sue Cutting of Northville told the Detroit Free Press. "My son called one day and said, 'Mom, I'm watching your cells on YouTube.'"

In 1984, a Michigan Cancer Foundation scientist put a scraping of her non-malignant breast cells, taken during surgery for fibrocystic disease, into a standard culture solution. While most cells divide a few dozen times and die, Cutting's began reproducing without stopping or mutating.

The Karmanos Cancer Institute in Detroit patented the tissue, known worldwide as MCF-10. As the first known non-cancerous human epithelial breast cell line to spontaneously reproduce, it offers an endless supply of tissue that can be studied to trace the progression of breast cancer.—*Internet*

SoCal truants monitored by GPS devices

ANAHEIM, 21 Feb—A technology company says a pilot programme using the Global Positioning System to monitor truants in Southern California isn't a punishment.

The Anaheim Union High School District is issuing kids who are chronically late for school a handheld GPS device that requires them to check in at regular intervals and ensures they are where they are supposed to be when they are supposed to be there.

"The idea is for this not to feel like a punishment, but an intervention to help them develop better habits and get to school," Miller Sylvan of AIM Truancy Solutions told The Orange County Register.

The GPS device is being field tested on middle-school kids with four or more unexcused absences in lieu of detention or other traditional remedies.

PC Magazine said Sunday the devices, which cost as much as $400 each, require the user to check in when leaving for school in the morning and then four more times into the early evening. As an added incentive to get to school on time, each kid gets a morning wake-up call telling them to hit the deck and get to class.

Internet

Suicide car bomb rocks Mogadishu base

MOGADISHU, 21 Feb—A suicide car bomb exploded Monday at a Somali government security camp in Mogadishu, causing an unknown number of casualties, a security official said.

Police officers ride on the back of a pick-up truck in Mogadishu on 15 Feb.—INTERNET

"A suicide attacker detonated an explosives-laden vehicle at the Darwish camp," a base used by police units near the capital's seaport, security official Mohamed Ali said.

He said the blast, which was heard across several Mogadishu neighbourhoods, had caused some casualties but he could not say how many.—*Internet*

Planet could be 'unrecognizable' by 2050, experts say

WASHINGTON, 21 Feb —A growing, more affluent population competing for ever scarcer resources could make for an "unrecognizable" world by 2050, researchers warned at a major US science conference on Sunday.

Undated image of Earth's city lights released by NASA. A growing, more affluent population competing for ever scarcer resources could make for an "unrecognizable" world by 2050, researchers warned at a major US science conference Sunday.—INTERNET

The United Nations has predicted the global population will reach seven billion this year, and climb to nine billion by 2050, "with almost all of the growth occurring in poor countries, particularly Africa and South Asia," said John Bongaarts of the non-profit Population Council. To feed all those mouths, "we will need to produce as much food in the next 40 years as we have in the last 8,000," said Jason Clay of the World Wildlife Fund at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).

"By 2050 we will not have a planet left that is recognizable" if current trends continue, Clay said.

The swelling population will exacerbate problems, such as resource depletion, said John Casterline, director of the Initiative in Population Research at Ohio State University.

Internet

Brazilian fisherman Jose Alfredo de Souza Costa shows a live shipworm he just pulled out of a mangrove trunk near Curuca at the mouth of the Amazon River on 18 Feb, 2011. Although it resembles a worm, the shipworm is actually a type of mollusk related to the clam and is commonly eaten raw by the region's residents.
INTERNET

Two earthquakes jolt Russia's Kamchatka

VLADIVOSTOK, 21 Feb—Two earthquakes, one with a magnitude of 6.6 degrees and another with a magnitude of 6.5 degrees on the Richter scale Sunday night, rattled the east coast of Russia near the Kamchatka Peninsula, local media reported on Monday.

There were no immediate reports of damage or injuries, and no tsunami alert was issued.

Xinhua

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV TAY SON 3 VOY NO ( )

Consignees of cargo carried on MV TAY SON 3 VOY NO ( ) are hereby notified that the vessel arrived on 20.2.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W(7) where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S VERTEX SHIPPING CO LTD

Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV KOTA MACHAN VOY NO (285)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA MACHAN VOY NO (285) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 22.2.2011 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.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S ADVANCE CONTAINER LINES

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV HANSEDUO VOY NO (004)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV HANSEDUO VOY NO (004) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 21.2.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S REGIONAL CONTAINER LINES

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

MINISTRY OF RAIL TRANSPORTATION
MYANMA RAILWAYS
INVITATION TO SEALED TENDER

1. Sealed Tender is invited for supply of the following items in Euro;

Tender No	Description	Quantity
12(T)4/MR(ML) 2010-2011	Spare Parts for Locomotive Engines (Turbocharger GP, Housing, Turbine, Injector Nozzle Tip, Plunger & Barrel and Valve)	15 Items

Closing date/time - 24.3.2011 (Thursday) (12:00) hr

2. Tender documents are available at our office starting from 22.2.2011 during office hours and for further details, please contact: Deputy General Manager, Supply Department, Myanma Railways, Corner of Theinbyu Street and Merchant Street, Botahtaung, Yangon. Phone: 95-1-291985, 95-1-291994.

Daewoo Shipbuilding wins 1.8 bln dollar containership order

SEOUL, 21 Feb — Daewoo Shipbuilding & Marine Engineering, South Korea's second-largest shipbuilder, won a 2 trillion won (1.8 billion US dollars) worth of deal to build 10 recordsized containerships.

The local shipyard agreed with AP Moller-Maersk, the world's biggest container line, to build vessels able to carry 18,000 containers in London, Daewoo Shipbuilding said in an e-mailed statement on Monday.

The deal also includes options for 20 more ships with the same size, estimated to be worth about 4 trillion won assuming the options are exercised.

"This deal is a momentous event to change the whole landscape in the containerships market," Daewoo Chief Executive Officer Nam Sangtae said in a statement. "This order is the prelude to fierce competition for fuel efficiency among shipping lines across the globe as fuel prices will likely stay higher down the road," Lee Sok-je, a shipbuilding analyst at Mirae Asset Securities in Seoul, told *Xinhua*.—*Xinhua*

***Two local residents wade through flooding caused by high ocean tides in low-lying parts of Majuro Atoll.*—INTERNET**

Extreme tides flood Marshalls capital

MAJURO, 21 Feb— Extreme high tides have flooded parts of the low-lying Marshall Islands capital Majuro with a warning Sunday of worse to come because of rising sea levels.

Several areas of the city were flooded Saturday and forecasters predicted more to come on Sunday evening before the current high tide levels ease.

Flooding of the Marshall Islands atolls, many of which rise less than a metre (three feet) above sea level, will increase in "frequency and magnitude" in the coming years, University of Hawaii marine researcher Murray Ford said.

Ford, who is studying rising sea levels in the Marshall islands, said the weekend's extreme tides of 1.67 metres were exacerbated by La Nina, a weather phenomenon that has caused the base sea level to rise by 15 centimetres (six inches) in recent months.—*Internet*

***A man holds "The Mouawad 1001 Nights Diamond Purse" on display at the Doha Jewellery and Watches Exhibition, 20 Feb, 2011.*—XINHUA**

100 whales die in New Zealand mass stranding

WELLINGTON, 21 Feb — More than 100 pilot whales died in a mass stranding at a remote New Zealand beach, conservation officials said on Monday. Hikers on Sunday reported finding 107 whales beached on Stewart Island, off the South Island's southwest coast, a Department of Conservation (DoC) spokesman said.

He said some of the whales were already dead and DOC rangers had to euthanise the 48 remaining survivors as there was no prospect of refloating them. "We were quickly aware that it would be at least 10 to 12 hours before we could attempt to refloat them and that given the hot, dry conditions many more would soon perish," he said.

The spokesman said a storm was also bearing down on the beach near Mason Bay where the whales were stranded, making it too dangerous to try to get them back into the sea.

"We were worried we would be endangering the lives of staff and volunteers," he said.

Pilot whales up to six metres (20 feet) long are the most common species of whale seen in New Zealand waters.—*Internet*

At least 11 people killed as bus falls ridge in Thailand

BANGKOK, 21 Feb — A bus carrying teachers fell from a ridge in northern province of Nan in Thailand on Monday morning, killing at least 11 people.

At around 08:00 am local time, the bus skidded off the road and fell from a 300-metre ridge in Nan's Songdwae district during its way from northern province of Chiang Rai to a school in Nan, Pol Lt Col Kiatthiyot Suwankhasri said. From the total of 31 passengers, 11 were killed, 17 injured and three other missing, news website of local newspaper *Matichon* reported.

The police suspected that the driver was speeding and was not familiar with the road.

Xinhua

***An electric car and power station made by Japan's Mitsubishi Motors are on display at the Canadian International Auto Show in Toronto, Canada, on 20 Feb, 2011. The 11-day Canadian International Auto Show opened on Thursday in Toronto.* XINHUA**

Verdict due in appeal of Mumbai gunman

MUMBAI, 21 Feb — Two Indian judges are on Monday to give their decision in the appeal of the sole surviving gunman from the 2008 Mumbai attacks against his conviction and death sentence, lawyers said.

Prosecution and defence lawyers said the judgement in the case of Pakistani national Mohammed Ajmal Amir Kasab was due to be handed down from 11:00 am local time (0530 GMT) at the Mumbai High Court.—*Internet*

Moscow lowers heating despite Siberian temperatures

Moscow Mayor Sergei Sobyanin, pictured in 2010, has asked local services to lower heating in the Russian capital despite extremely low temperatures, after residents complained of overheated apartments, a report said.

Moscow's mayor has asked local services to lower heating in the Russian Capital despite extremely low temperatures, after residents complained of overheated apartments, a report said Friday.

"If buildings are overheated, this means that the networks (of urban heating) are badly adjusted.

We need to take care of it," Sergei Sobyanin said according to *the Ria Novosti* news agency.

The mayor made the proposal during a meeting after deputy mayor Piyotr Biriukov pointed out that despite the sub-zero temperatures, residents complained of being too hot instead of too cold, the report said.

District heating, a system that connects residential buildings to centralised municipal heating, is widespread in Russian cities.

Australian city to expel 22,000 bats from downtown gardens

News Album

A colony of 22,000 bats may be coming to a neighbourhood near you after an Australian court served the flying foxes with an eviction notice and allowed the government to chase them away with loud industrial noise. The court ruled that the grey-headed flying foxes, the largest bats in Australia, could be driven out of the Royal Botanical Gardens in the heart of Sydney as the colony grew too big and threatened hundreds of rare and protected trees.

But conservation groups say the gardens are a critical roosting habitat for the bats, listed as a "vulnerable" species by the government, and, if chased away, they have few places to go other than the city.

Ugandan President says may release rap album

President Yoweri Museveni says he might release an album after a rap he performed became a smash hit on Uganda's radio stations and in its nightclubs.

"I was very happy with the reaction of the youth because that means they are very thirsty for the music of their ancestors," the 67-year-old told a news conference before elections on Friday.

"So after the election you may get quite a big album of the classics."

The leader, nicknamed "M7", performed two children's folk chants from his birthplace in Western Uganda at several election rallies over the last few months — "Naatema akati" (I cut a stick) and "Mp'enkoni" (Give me the stick).

Mamma Mia! Actors appear with amped-up brides

You've heard the old warning about waving red in front of a bull.

A department store eagerly waved white in front of hundreds of amped-up brides-to-be on Friday in a chaotic tradition known as the "Running of the Brides."

"It was crazy," said successful competitor Lauren Grace of Woodbridge, NJ.

Cast members from the Broadway show "Mamma Mia!" were even on hand for the noisy Manhattan event, which was punctuated by cheers when brides nailed their prey.

Organizers said dresses originally priced up to $10,000 were going for $249 to $699.

Grace was among the victors. "I got a bargain. It was $499, originally $3,000," she said.

She said she and her shopping team had stayed overnight at a hotel. They arrived outside the store at 4 am. and waited four hours before they were allowed to pounce on the deeply discounted dresses at the Filene's Basement/ SYMS event.

Lauren Grace, centre, of Woodbridge, NJ, is hugged by her aunt, Diane Wood, after selecting her wedding gown during the 'Running of the Brides' at Filene's basement, on 18 Feb, 2011 in New York.

In this film publicity image released by Newmarket Films, Joseph Gordon-Levitt is shown in a scene from, 'Hesher.'—INTERNET

A dogged Aussie collective lands at the Oscars

NEW YORK, 21 Feb—The Australian filmmaking collective Blue-Tongue Films has been around since 1996, when a handful of friends made a short that turned out good enough to warrant persistence.

Next Sunday, they'll enjoy a moment in movies' biggest spotlight: the Academy Awards. Among the nominees of Hollywood veterans and glamorous movie stars is Jacki Weaver, whose supporting actress nod represents not just her fine, disarming performance in David Michod's crime film "Animal Kingdom," but the ascendance of Blue-Tongue films and its tenacious gang of mates.

"We'll all be watching it from wherever we are," says Nash Edgerton, one of the group's founders, speaking from Berlin.

"It's a long shot, but awesome that it got that far."

Internet

Luhrmann to shoot 'Gatsby' movie in Sydney

SYDNEY, 21 Feb—Moulin Rouge director Baz Luhrmann is to shoot a 3D remake of F Scott Fitzgerald's "The Great Gatsby" starring Leonardo DiCaprio in Sydney, officials said Sunday.

Luhrmann, an Australian, had also considered filming in New York — the setting of the novel — but New South Wales Premier Kristina Keneally said Sydney finally won out on the Warner Bros-backed blockbuster.

"What better endorsement of our state's world-class film making capabilities — we've won (the) right to produce this iconic New York story ahead of New York itself," said Keneally.

"The Great Gatsby will be a boon for the NSW film industry, particularly given Baz Luhrmann's commitment to maximising use of local cast, crew and visual effects expertise."

Keneally said the movie would be based at Sydney's Fox Studios and pre-production would begin in March.

The project would bring more than Aus$120 million (US$121.7) into the local economy and create hundreds of jobs, she added.

"This comes at a good time for the film industry," Keneally said.

"Australia was thought to be losing international filmmaking due to the strong Aussie dollar. Put simply, this is a big win."

Internet

File photo of film director Baz Luhrmann, who is to shoot a 3D remake of F Scott Fitzgerald's "The Great Gatsby" starring Leonardo DiCaprio in Sydney, officials said Sunday.—INTERNET

Cuba's celebration of books draws millions

HAVANA, 21 Feb—A river of people flows through the old colonial fortress, and the antics of clowns and music blasting from loudspeakers are interrupted only when an announcer summons the parents of a lost child. It's a festival all right, but a festival of books.

The high walls of El Morro and La Cabana, which offer a spectacular view of Havana's bay, house a giant celebration that mingles literary chitchat with an exuberant popular fair where some 6 million visitors socialize, browse for sandwiches of sizzling pork and scramble for novels, essays and scientific tomes.—*Internet*

People attend the annual International Fair Book at the Morro Castle fortress in Havana, Cuba, on 16 Feb, 2011. Cuba is in the middle of hosting the 20th edition of its' International Book Fair, which was inaugurated on 10 Feb.
INTERNET

Ranieri resigns as Roma coach

AS Roma's coach Claudio Ranieri.

ROME, 21 Feb — Claudio Ranieri has resigned as Roma coach following Sunday's disastrous 4-3 defeat at Genoa, despite having led 3-0.

It was the club's fourth defeat in a row and Ranieri then told Italian news agency *ANSA* he had decided to quit.

"After the final whistle of a vibrant game I went into the changing rooms to thank the team for their performance and I decided to hand in my resignation," he said.

"I've always thought about the good of Roma, both the club and the team.

"Today we began with the desire to fight for the victory for all those who love this shirt and this city.

Internet

Montpellier stun Lille to give title rivals hope

PARIS, 21 Feb — French league leaders Lille saw their 13-game unbeaten run in all competitions come to an abrupt end on Sunday as they sank to a potentially damaging 1-0 defeat at Montpellier. Moroccan attacking midfielder Younes Belhanda claimed the game's only goal in the 84th minute, condemning Lille to a first league defeat since October and breathing new life into the title race in the process.

Lille's Moussa Sow (down) fights for the ball with Montpellier's French goalkeeper Geoffrey Jourdren. **INTERNET**

Rennes won 2-1 at Toulouse to close to within two points of Lille, while fellow title contenders Marseille, Lyon and Paris Saint-Germain are now all within four points of the leaders.—*Internet*

Hooper scores twice as Celtic beat Rangers 3-0

GLASGOW, 21 Feb — Gary Hooper grabbed a fine double to inspire Scottish Premier League leaders Celtic to a stunning 3-0 win over bitter rivals Rangers here on Sunday to record their biggest victory over them since November 2005.

The Englishman - bought from unglamorous English Championship outfit Scunthorpe last summer - struck twice in the first-half while recent signing Kris Commons added a brilliant third in the second period.—*Internet*

Gary Hooper, pictured during Celtic's Scottish FA Cup match against Rangers at Ibrox earlier this month, grabbed a fine double to inspire the Scottish Premier League leaders to a stunning 3-0 win over their Old Firm rivals.— **INTERNET**

Results on 20 February

West Bromwich A.	1 - 1	Wolverhampton W.
England - FA Cup		
Manchester C.	5 - 0	Notts County
Fulham	0 - 1	Bolton W.
Leyton Orient	1 - 1	Arsenal
Italy - Serie A		
Lecce	2 - 0	Juventus
Chievo	1 - 2	AC Milan
Fiorentina	0 - 0	Sampdoria
Genoa	4 - 3	AS Roma
Lazio	1 - 0	Bari
Parma	2 - 2	Cesena
Udinese	0 - 0	Brescia
Napoli	1 - 0	Catania
Spain - Primera Division		
Almeria	1 - 1	Deportivo La Coruna
Getafe	0 - 1	Racing Santander
Osasuna	4 - 0	Espanyol
Villarreal	1 - 1	Malaga
Sevilla	1 - 0	Hercules
Barcelona	2 - 1	Athletic Bilbao
Germany - Bundesliga I.		
Bayer Leverkusen	4 - 2	Stuttgart
Monchengladbach	2 - 1	Schalke

Arsenal held as Orient snatch late leveller in FA Cup

LONDON, 21 Feb — Arsenal were held to an embarrassing 1-1 draw by Leyton Orient in the FA Cup fifth round after the League One (third-tier) side snatched a last-gasp equalizer at Brisbane Road on Sunday.

Leyton Orient's Captain Stephen Dawson (R) vies with Arsenal's Danish player Nicklas Bendtner. — **INTERNET**

Arsene Wenger's team had enjoyed a famous 2-1 win over Spanish champions Barcelona in their Champions League last 16 first leg on Wednesday, but they were brought back down to earth in east London as Orient substitute Jonathan Tehoue cancelled out Tomas Rosicky's opener. Wenger made 10 changes from the line-up that beat Barca, with 18-year-old Spanish centre-half Ignasi Miquel making his debut, and Orient were never overawed against the understudies.—*Internet*

Tseng wins LPGA Thailand by 5 shots; Wie second

PATTAYA, 21 Feb — Top-ranked Yani Tseng earned her third tournament win in three weeks Sunday, shooting a 6-under 66 to pull away for a comfortable five-shot victory over Michelle Wie in the LPGA Thailand.

Tseng led by one stroke over Wie and IK Kim going into the final round of the season-opening LPGA event and had the lowest score of the day with seven birdies and one bogey to finish at 15-under 273.

Wie settled for a 70 to finish second in the season-opening LPGA event, while Kim had a 71 was another stroke back in a tie for third with Karrie Webb, who shot a 69. Paula Creamer was fifth at 8 under after a 71.—*Internet*

Tseng Yani tees off from the 9th hole during the final round of the LPGA Thailand golf tournament.— **INTERNET**

Messi to the rescue as Barcelona go five clear in Spanish league

MADRID, 21 Feb — Argentine Lionel Messi scored a vital 77th-minute winner as Barcelona laboured to a 2-1 home win over Athletic Bilbao on Sunday to restore their five-point lead over Real Madrid at the Spanish first division summit.

Barcelona's Argentinian forward Lionel Messi celebrates his goal during the Spanish league football match.— **INTERNET**

Barcelona looked set to drop two more points after Andoni Iraola's penalty had cancelled out David Villa's third-minute opener, however, Messi popped up with his 25th league goal of the season to clinch the points at Camp Nou.

"We couldn't afford another slip-up as Real Madrid were close," said Messi. "We won a very important match. There isn't that much left of the league to go now and every game is vital."—*Internet*

Pato rescues Milan against Chievo in Serie A match

ROME 21 Feb — AC Milan maintained their grip on top spot in Serie A after Alexandre Pato scored a late winner to earn them a 2-1 success at 10-man Chievo on Sunday.

AC Milan's Brazilian forward Pato celebrates at the end of the Serie A football match. **INTERNET**

Robinho had given them a controversial first-half lead before Gelson Fernandes equalized in the second period, but Pato came off the bench to score the winner before Bostjan Cesar was dismissed for a second booking late on.

Milan coach Massimiliano Allegri described the victory as a gift to club president Silvio Berlusconi, who was celebrating 25 years as club owner.—*Internet*

Leverkusen go second in Bundesliga with win over Stuttgart

BERLIN, 21 Feb — Bayer Leverkusen went second in the Bundesliga table on Sunday with a 4-2 win at home to strugglers VfB Stuttgart that dropped their guests further into the relegation battle.

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With bottom side Moenchengladbach beating Schalke on Sunday evening, only five points now separate the bottom five clubs and Stuttgart, the 2007 German champions, are level on 19 points with 'Gladbach at the foot of the table.

Stuttgart fought in vain as they came from behind twice before Leverkusen's Stefan Reinartz headed the winning goal on 81 minutes then Stefan Kiessling netted his second of the game in added time.—*Internet*

Roddick wins 30th career ATP title

MEMPHIS, 21 Feb — US top seed Andy Roddick captured his 30th career ATP title on Sunday by defeating Milos Raonic 7-6 (9/7), 6-7 (11/13), 7-5 to deny the Canadian his second title in as many weeks.

Eighth-ranked Roddick fired 20 aces to join US legend Jimmy Connors and Germany's Tommy Haas as three-time winners at the $1.32 million Memphis indoor tournament, which was played alongside a WTA women's event.

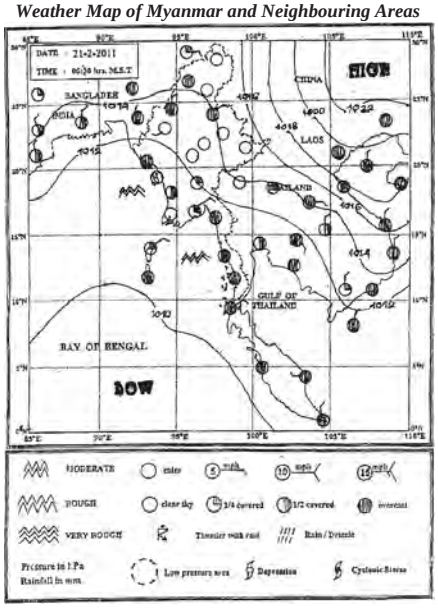
Roddick, whose prior Memphis titles came in 2002 and 2009, ranks third among active players in titles — only Roger Federer with 67 ATP titles and Rafael Nadal with 43 have more.

Internet

US top seed Andy Roddick.— **INTERNET**

SPORTS

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Monday, 21st February , 2011

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

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 20-2-2011 was 94°F. Minimum temperature on 21-2-2011 was 61°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 21-2-2011 was (65%). Rainfall on 21-2-2011 was (Nil).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 20-2-2011 was 97°F. Minimum temperature on 21-2-2011 was 69°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 21-2-2011 was (56%). Total sunshine hours on 20-2-2011 was (9.8) hours (Approx).

Rainfall on 21-2-2011 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 (7) mph from Southwest at (14:30) hours MST on 20-2-2011.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 22nd February 2011: Light rain are likely to be isolated in Upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Regions, Kachin and Chin States weather is partly cloudy in Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Shan, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 22-2-2011: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 22-2-2011: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 22-2-2011: Partly cloudy.

Bayne probably won't race for Sprint Cup title

DAYTONA BEACH, 21 Feb—Daytona 500 winner Trevor Bayne says he's probably not going to attempt to run for the Sprint Cup championship this year.

The 20-year-old became the youngest winner in Daytona 500 history Sunday with a surprise victory in NASCAR's biggest race.

He's scheduled to run only 17 Cup races this season for the Wood Brothers while he competes for the Nationwide Series title for Roush-Fenway Racing.

NASCAR rules this season made drivers pick just one series to collect points, and Bayne chose the second-tier Nationwide Series.

He can change his mind, but he would not be given retroactive points for the Daytona 500.

NASCAR officials were still discussing Monday if his win would count toward seeding in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship.

Internet

Trevor Bayne, center, holds up the trophy in Victory Lane with help from Eddie Wood, left, and Leonard Wood, right, of Wood Brothers Racing, after winning the NASCAR Daytona 500 auto race at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla, on 20 Feb, 2011.—INTERNET

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL
Programme Schedule
(22-2-2011) (Tuesday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am~11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission	- (22-2-11 09:30 am ~ 23-2-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

* Opening
* News
* Mant Hero, Beauty Queen On Shweli River
* Implementing New Farm Land Project Utilizing Underground Water
* News
* Songs for you
* News
* Foundation of Taungoo Kingdom (500th) Anniversary (Episode-1)
* News
* A Day in Bagan

Oversea Transmission

* Opening
* News
* Mant Hero, Beauty Queen On Shweli River
* Implementing New Farm Land Project Utilizing Underground Water
* News
* Songs for you
* The Beauty and Lifestlye of Taung Yoe Tribe
* News
* A Day in Bagan
* Foundation of Taungoo Kingdom (500th) Anniversary (Episode-1)
* News
* Exquisite Silver Jewellery
* Weaving Industry of Lotus Cloths
* News
* Youth of the Future (Puppet)
* News
* Planetary Posts! What do they serve?
* Music Gallery
* News
* Industrial Advencement for The National Interest
* Myanmar Movie "An Ugly Fate"

Myanmar TV

Tuesday, 22 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. Songs Of Yester Years

8:20 am
8. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

8:25 am
9. Song Of National Races

8:30 am
10. Musical Programme

8:40 am
11. International News

8:45 am
12. Local Talent

4:00 pm
1. Martial Song

4:10 pm
2. The Mirror Images Of The Musical Oldies

4:20 pm
3. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

4:30 pm
4. Teleplay (Agri)

4:45 pm
5. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Second Year (Physics)

5:00 pm
6. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

5:10 pm
7. Musical Programme

5:20 pm
8. Documentary

5:30 pm
9. Star Garden

6:00 pm
10. Evening News

6:15 pm
11. Weather Report

6:20 pm
12. Kyae Pwint Myaye Yin Khone Than

6:35 pm
13. Teleplay (Health)

7:00 pm
14. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm
15. News
16. International News
17. Weather Report
18. Just for Laughs
19. TV Drama Series

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

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

People's Desire

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

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

Regular sessions of First Region and State Hluttaws continue

Approval sought for nomination of Chief Justice, Judges of Region or State High Courts

The regular session of First Kayah State Hluttaw in progress.

MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Feb – The regular sessions of the First Region and State Hluttaws were held in the respective regions and states at 10 am today. Nomination of Chief Justice of Region or State proposed by the elected President in coordination with the elected Chief Justice of the Union and the elected Chief Minister of Region or State and nomination of judges of the High Court of the Region or State proposed by the elected Chief Minister of Region or State in coordination with the elected Chief Justice of the Union were approved by respective Hluttaw representatives.

Kachin State

At the regular session of Kachin State Hluttaw, the speaker of the State Hluttaw submitted the nomination of State Judge U Tu Ja of Kachin State Court as Chief Justice of Kachin State High Court proposed by the elected President in coordination with the elected Chief Justice of the Union and the elected State Chief Minister. Next, the speaker announced the approval of the nomination as all the 51 State Hluttaw representatives made no objection.

Then, the speaker submitted the nominations of State Judge U Zaw Win of Kayah State Court and Associate Region Judge of Mandalay Region Court Daw Pyone Pyone Aye proposed by the elected State Chief Minister in coordination with the elected Chief Justice of the Union as judges of Kachin State High Court. The speaker announced the approval of the nomination as all the 51 State Hluttaw representatives made no objection.

The regular session of First Kachin State Hluttaw concluded at 10.30 am.

Kayah State

At the regular session of Kayah State Hluttaw, the speaker of the State Hluttaw submitted the nomination of Director U Tin Win of Supreme Court (Mandalay) as Chief Justice of Kayah State High Court proposed by the elected President in coordination with the elected Chief Justice

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