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## Prime Minister U Thein Sein felicitates Kuwaiti counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Feb — U Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Highness Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, Prime Minister of the State of Kuwait, on the occasion of the National Day of the State of Kuwait which falls on 25 February 2011. — MNA

### Four political objectives

- \* Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, 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

## 12th-day regular session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw held Approval sought for appointment of Supreme Court Judges Persons suitable to be appointed as members of Union Election Commission nominated

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Feb — The 12th-day regular session of the First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw was held at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building, here, at 11 am today, attended by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint, Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann, Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw representatives.

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

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

The Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw announced that although an announcement was issued for Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives to raise objections with clear evidences that the nominees do not meet the qualification prescribed in Section 301 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar regarding the nomination to the posts of Judges of the Union Supreme Court made by the elected President in coordination with the elected Chief Justice of the Union Supreme Court, there was no objection to the nominees. Accordingly, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approved the nominees.

The Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw submitted the nomination to the posts of members of Union Election Commission made by the elected President to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in accord with the



The 12th-day regular session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in progress.—MNA

Sub-section (a) of Section (398) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Rule-26.

Today's submission of the nominees for members of the Union Election Commission were

U Myint Naing, U Aung Myint, Dr Daw Myint Kyi, U Tha Oo, U Win Kyi and U Nyunt Tin.

The Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw announced that the contact persons of respective parties may take  
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## PERSPECTIVES

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### Shape industrialized nation with harmonious efforts

A glittering goal has been set to build an industrialized nation. Strenuous efforts are to be made for transforming the agro-based nation into a modern and developed industrialized one. Power plants have been commissioned into service to be able to supply electricity, which is basic need for industrializing the nation.

Industrial regions and industrial zones have been established in suitable areas with a view to ensuring emergence of factories and industries. Thus, new factories and workshops come into operation. Heavy industries and import-substitute factories are gaining production momentum.

At present, over 600 State-owned factories are operating at full swing. At the same time, remarkable progress can be seen in the industries of private sector. A total of 18 industrial zones have been established across the nation. Thanks to technological and other assistance, the number of industries hits over 60,000 in the small- and medium-scale industries.

Some industrial regions are constituted with Heavy Truck Factories, Farming Machinery Factories, Machines and Machine Tool Factories and Technical Training Schools. No. 3 Automobile Assembling Factory under the Ministry of Industry-2 was opened in Magway Industrial Region recently. The factory sets a plan to manufacture about 5000 vehicles and auto parts yearly.

Mandalay Industrial Zone-1 is manufacturing many light trucks, jeeps and zone jeeps. An electric car for family use manufactured by the industrial zone has a maximum speed of 60 miles per hour, and more tests have to be conducted to extend mileage. Continues efforts are to be made for manufacturing the marketable products on a wider scale.

Products are being manufactured in Industrial Regions and Industrial Zones. Priority is to be given to manufacturing the quality products to be on a par with products of international community in the market. Thus, harmonious efforts are to be made for shaping the industrialized nation by operating all factories at full swing to be able to manufacture the marketable products.



**Booth of Shine Group of Companies at Education, Living and Health Care Exhibition in Tatmadaw Convention Hall.—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

### Religious Affairs Minister receives Cambodian guests

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Feb—Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung received a delegation led by Ven Samdech Preah Moha Ariyakvansa Sao Chanthol of Cambodia at the Ministry here this evening.—MNA

*Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung meets a delegation led by Ven Samdech Preah Moha Ariyakvansa Sao Chanthol of Cambodia.*

MNA



### FM felicitates Kuwaiti counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Feb — On the occasion of the National Day of the State of Kuwait, which falls on 25 February 2011, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Mohammad Al-Sabah Al-Salem Al-Sabah, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the State of Kuwait. — MNA

### UMFCCI meets guests from Vietnam and Sweden



### Shine Construction Co., to take part in Education, Living & Health Care Exhibition

YANGON, 24 Feb — Shine Group of Companies will take part in Education, Living & Health Care Exhibition, organized by Jade Crown Organizing Group under the main sponsorship of Shine Construction, at Tatmadaw Convention Hall here from 25 to 28 February.

Shine Group of Companies is selling condos and apartments in Yangon Region in instalments.

Under special programme during the exhibition period, condos can be bought in 10 to 24 monthly instalments after filling in a booking form worth K 50000.

In response to customers' support, gifts and prizes will be presented through lucky draw programme during the exhibition period.

For further information, contact Shine Group

**UMFCCI Vice-Presidents U Win Aung, U Aung Lwin and U Tun Aung receive Vietnamese and Swedish delegations.—MNA**

YANGON, 24 Feb—Vice-Presidents of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI), General Secretary of Myanmar Rice Industry Association, vice-chairman of Myanmar Beans and Sesame Merchants Association and chairman of Yangon Region Chambers of Commerce and Industry received a 13-member delegation from Viet Nam and Sweden, at UMFCCI Office here on 17 February.

At the call, they cordially discussed agricultural produce sector of Viet Nam, Sweden and Myanmar and trade in Myanmar Agricultural produce and development.—MNA

of Companies at No (29) on Jobyu street in Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Yangon (Ph: 01 385340~44). — MNA



**Afghan police men looks at the vehicle damaged by a explosion in Khost, south of Kabul, Afghanistan recently. A suicide bomber detonated a car rigged with explosives in the eastern Afghan City of Khost Friday morning, killing at least eight people and injuring scores of others, police said.**

INTERNET

## Roadside bomb wounds five civilian in Afghanistan

KHOST, 24 Feb— Five civilians were injured Thursday as a roadside bomb went off in Khost Province, some 150 km southeast of Capital Kabul, officials said.

The blast occurred at around 9:30 local time in Nadir Shah Kot District outside provincial capital Khost City, District chief Qasim Shirzai told *Xinhua*. He said the bomb was intentionally targeted a police vehicle that has passed the road but injured four civilians, Shirzai added.

However, Amir Badshah Mangal, director of provincial health department told *Xinhua* the five injured, two of them seriously, had been taken to hospital for medical treatment.

No group has claimed responsibility for the attack so far. However Taliban militants have been often blamed for organizing such attacks by officials.

A total of 2,043 civilians were killed and more than 5,000 others injured in Taliban-led violence and attack across the militancy-hit Afghanistan in 2010, according to Interior Ministry.

*Xinhua*

## Five people killed in Iraq's violence

BAGHDAD, 24 Feb— Five people were killed and ten wounded in gunfire and bomb attacks in Baghdad and Iraq's eastern Province of Diyala on Thursday, the police said.

In Diyala, gunmen wearing Iraqi army uniforms stormed a house in the town of al-Sa'diyah, 120 km northeast of Baghdad, and shot dead a man and his three sons, a source from the provincial

operations command told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

Iraqi security forces cordoned off the area and arrested two suspects, the source said. In a separate incident, a roadside bomb went off near a passing minibus near Diyala's Capital City if Baquba, some 65 km northeast of Baghdad, killing a civilian and wounding two others, the source added.

Also in Diyala,

Lieutenant Colonel Tha'ir al-Obiedi, deputy chief of the provincial operations command, escaped with wounds an assassination attack when a sticky bomb attached to his car detonated in eastern Baquba, the source said.

Separately, two people were wounded when a roadside bomb exploded in Baquba's northern neighbourhood of al-Ameen, he added.

*Xinhua*



**An Iraqi man rushes his wounded son to an ambulance during US assault on the city. Former US defence secretary makes no apologies for his handling of the Iraq war in a new memoir called "Known and Unknown".**

INTERNET

## Suicide blast rocks southern Afghan Province, wounds 24

KANDAHAR, 24 Feb—

A suicide blast rocked Kandahar Province Thursday, injuring 24 people, police said.

"A suicide car bomb rocked Spin Boldak District this morning leaving 24 persons injured including 16 civilians," commander of police force there in the District Abdul Razaq told *Xinhua*.

He also added that the bomber was driving an explosive-laden car when identified by security personnel he blew himself up in the bazaar of Spin Boldak injuring 24 people.

"Among those who received injuries there are 16 civilians and eight security personnel," the official said.

The bomber was also killed in the blast, he added.

*Xinhua*



**Afghan paramedics treat a wounded policeman from Saturday's attack at a local hospital in Jalalabad, east of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 20 Feb, 2011.—INTERNET**

## Bomb blast kills one soldier, injures two more in northern Iraq

MOSUL, 24 Feb— A bomb blast on Wednesday killed one soldier and injured two more in Mosul City in northern Iraq, *Aswat al-Iraq* news agency reported. An improvised explosive device (IED) exploded on Wednesday afternoon in the Sumer neighbourhood in eastern

Mosul. The bomb targeted an Iraqi army vehicle patrol.

The area was cordoned off and the injured were transported to a hospital, according to authorities. This was the second explosion in Mosul in the last couple of days.

On Tuesday, two

Iraqi soldiers were killed after a bomb exploded in western Mosul. The explosive device was placed in a refrigerator in the al-Harmat region.

Also on Tuesday, civilians were injured after an explosive device exploded in a market.

*Xinhua*

## Blast hits railway in southwest Pakistan

QUETTA, 24 Feb— A freight train was derailed Thursday when a section of the rail track was blown up in Chagai, a remote District in the southwestern Pakistani Province of Balochistan, local sources said. No one was hurt but four railway cars of the train were overturned after the railway was hit in an explosion planted by some unknown militants at the town of Dalbandin, locals said. A portion of around 1.5 metres of the track was buckled and damaged in the attack.

The train loaded with food was on its way from the provincial capital of Quetta to Turkey via Iran, a local official told *Xinhua*. Earlier this month, a series of minor blasts on railway tracks in southern Pakistan disrupted train service from the port city of Karachi to other parts of the country.—*Xinhua*



**Afghan rag picker pushes his hand cart after collecting reusable items from a garbage dump near a building destroyed in civil war in Kabul, Afghanistan, 24 Feb, 2011.**

INTERNET



## Neanderthals wore colourful feathers, study suggests

ROME, 24 Feb—Neanderthals plucked the feathers from falcons and vultures, perhaps for symbolic value, scientists find. This new discovery adds to evidence that our closest known extinct relatives were capable of creating art.

Scientists investigated the Grotto di Fumane — “the Grotto of Smoke” — in northern Italy, a site loaded with Neanderthal bones. After digging down to layers that existed at the surface 44,000 years ago, the researchers discovered 660 bones belonging to 22 species of birds, with evidence of cut, peeling and scrape marks from stone tools on the wing bones of birds that had no clear practical or culinary value.

These birds included red-footed falcons (*Falco vespertinus*); bearded lammergeiers (*Gypaetus*

*barbatus*), a type of vulture; Alpine choughs (*Pyrrhocorax graculus*), a relative of crows; and common wood pigeons (*Columba palumbus*). The birds’ plumages come in a variety of colours — the gray of the red-footed falcon, the orange-shaded slate gray of the bearded lammergeier, the black of the Alpine chough, and the blue-gray of the common wood pigeon.—*Internet*



**Mountain shed half its surface ice in just 23 years, officials said Wednesday, reinforcing concerns of climate change’s growing threat to fresh water resource. An undated photo released by ANDINA in 2010 shows technicians on the Huaytapallana snowcap in the central Andes in Junin, Peru. A glacier on Peru’s Huaytapallanaes.**

INTERNET

## Antarctic creature’s growth rate mysteriously doubles

NEW YORK, 24 Feb—Small filter-feeding animals that look like branched twigs collected more than a century ago from Antarctica’s Ross Sea reveal a mysterious increase in how fast the modern-day animals have been growing over the past two decades.

While the researchers can only speculate the cause right now, the amped-up growth makes the tiny organisms carbon collectors, potentially a positive thing for climate change.

Captain Robert Falcon Scott is best known as head of the second expedition to reach the South Pole, and who, with his team, died on the return trip in 1912. But unlike other polar explorers, he also made a variety of high-quality scientific collections, said David Barnes, a researcher with the British Antarctic Survey. “Now that people are very interested in change in the polar regions, those specimens have become incredibly valuable as the only source of information at that time,” Barnes told *LiveScience* com.

Internet

## Evidence of distant planet formation seen

KAMUELA, 24 Feb—European and Japanese astronomers say dust disks discovered around distant stars show features such as rings and gaps associated with the formation of planets.

Researchers have been searching for planets and disks around young stars using a telescope in Hawaii equipped with a high-contrast camera designed specifically for this purpose, *ScienceDaily*.com reported Wednesday.

Planetary systems like our own

solar system originate as byproducts of star formation as a newborn star’s gravity gathers leftover gas and dust in a dense, flattened disk of matter orbiting the star.

Clumps in the disk of dust sweep up more and more material, eventually developing their own gravity strong enough to compress them into planets.

A study of the star LkCa 15, about 450 million light-years from Earth, produced images showing a large gap in the centre of its “protoplanetary” disk.—*Internet*



**People walk through a dinosaur exhibit at the American Museum of Natural History in New York in 2005. A new dinosaur named “Thunder Thighs” has been identified by British and US scientists who said its huge, muscular legs would have given it a fierce kick.—INTERNET**



## Samsung prepping 8.9-Inch Galaxy Tab

NEW YORK, 24 Feb—Samsung is rumored to be preparing an 8.9-inch Galaxy Tab for release in the first half of 2011, according to *Yonhap* News.

The story cited “a company spokesperson,” who said the device would be released worldwide. It also said Samsung’s slightly larger Android-based tablet could hit stores as early as March.

The 8.9-inch Galaxy Tab would join the 10.1-inch Galaxy Tab Samsung revealed last week at Mobile World Congress. However, as of now, the Galaxy Tab 10.1 is slated for release next month, only in the European market.

The first, 7-inch version of the device, which was launched in November, runs on Android 2.2 Froyo. Both the rumored larger version and the Galaxy Tab 10.1 are expected to run on Android 3.0 Honeycomb, Google’s new tablet-optimized platform.

In the three months since Samsung unveiled the original Galaxy Tab, the company has reportedly sold more than two million units.—*Internet*



**BMW sales director Ian Robertson presents a new brand, BMWi, which will use electric and hybrid drive systems. Two new models equipped with the drive systems will be available from 2013.**

INTERNET

## Microsoft fixes a security bug in its virus-scanner

NEW YORK, 24 Feb—Microsoft has patched a bug in its malware scanning engine that could be used as a stepping stone for an attacker looking to seize control of a Windows box.

The bug is fixed in an update to the Microsoft Malware Protection Engine that was pushed out to users of Microsoft’s security products on Wednesday.

It’s what’s known as an elevation of privilege vulnerability — something that could be used by an attacker who already has access to the Windows system to gain complete administrative control.

Microsoft hasn’t seen anyone take

advantage of the bug yet — the flaw was reported to the company by security researcher Cesar Cerrudo—but Microsoft thinks that hackers could develop code that reliably exploits the issue.

In an instant message interview, Cerrudo, the CEO of security research firm Argeniss, said he disclosed the bug publicly at the Black Hat security conference in July 2010.

But because the hacker would already need have access to the machine to pull off this attack, he doesn’t believe that it presents a major security risk to most users.—*Internet*

## New Firefox 4 for Android available now

WASHINGTON, 24 Feb—Firefox 4 for Android and Nokia Maemo devices is now available in a new beta version that’s made huge leaps in terms of stability and performance.

Our mobile team has had mixed experiences with earlier versions of the Firefox mobile browser, so the improvements and bug fixes are most welcome. Some improvements include more pan/zoom responsiveness, faster booting and better page load times, the latter specifically due to JavaScript enhancements. The beta also includes features such as Firefox Sync (which lets you seamlessly carry your tabs, bookmarks and history between devices, whether those devices be mobile or desktop),

tabbed browsing, Firefox add-ons and more.

Firefox for mobile is a developing area of the browser sector we’ve been following with great interest over the past year.

The browser originally launched with the codename “Fennec.” The alpha version hit the Android Market last August, and the first beta came out last October.

Sadly, iPhone and iPad users will have to stick to Firefox Home for iOS for now. The Firefox Home app isn’t a browser itself, but it will help Apple mobile users get access to their Firefox bookmarks, browsing history and open tabs — all from within Mobile Safari.—*Internet*



## Health



### Health Tip: Symptoms that may signal dandruff

Dandruff, medically called seborrheic dermatitis, typically causes flaky skin on the scalp. In infants, it's sometimes called cradle cap.

The ADAM Encyclopedia says seborrheic dermatitis — which isn't dangerous, contagious or caused by poor hygiene — may have other symptoms:

- \* In addition to the scalp, flaky skin also may appear around the nose and lips, behind and inside the ears, on the trunk of the body, on the eyelids or the eyebrows.
- \* Large flat patches or a skin rash.
- \* Skin that appears oily.
- \* Scaly skin that may be white or yellow.
- \* Itchy skin.
- \* Loss of hair.
- \* Mild skin redness.—Internet



**Erin Andrews and her father Steve Andrews who is a prostate cancer survivor attend the On The Line prostate cancer initiative campaign event at The Millennium Broadway Hotel on 15 February, 2011 in New York City.—INTERNET**

### Germs protect children from asthma

BEIJING, 24 Feb—Researchers find that children living in farms are less likely to develop asthma than those living in cities because of the exposures with a greater variety of germs.

This finding is contained in the studies published in "New England Journal of Medicine" on Wednesday.

The risk of asthma decreased with an increase in the diversity



**Researchers find that children living in farms are less likely to develop asthma than those living in cities because of the exposures with a greater variety of germs.**

XINHUA



Munich University Children's Hospital in Germany.

It is also possible that some "good" germs can attack and wipe out "bad" ones in the germ-eat-germ world, said Ege.

But scientists still cannot explain precisely how farm germs protect children against disease.

This study may help scientists better understand why the risk of children's asthma doubled in the past 30 years, said James Gern of the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health.

About one in ten US children has asthma, according to the federal Centres for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta.

Xinhua

### Study unravels link between stress and chronic health issues

PITTSBURGH, 24 Feb—People's emotional response to challenges may affect how their body reacts to stress, according to a new study.

To reach that conclusion, researchers from the University of Pittsburgh had individuals make a speech in a laboratory in front of a video camera and a panel of judges. The participants' physical responses were monitored during the speech, and they were later asked about the emotions they felt while delivering the speech. Those who reported high levels of anger and anxiety after their speech had greater increases in a marker of inflammation called interleukin-6,

compared with those who remained relatively calm.

The findings may explain why some people with high levels of stress experience chronic health problems, the researchers said. The study is published in the February issue of the journal *Brain, Behavior, and Immunity*. "Our results raise the possibility that individuals who become angry or anxious when confronting relatively minor challenges in their lives are prone to increases in inflammation," Anna Marsland, an associate professor of psychology and nursing and the study's lead author, said in a journal news release.—Internet

of microbial exposure, according to a study on the data from 933 European children.

A possible reason is that children's immune system has to be "educated" by bacteria to learn how to differentiate the "bad" germs from the "good" ones, said the author of study, Markus Ege of



## Business



### Singapore's January CPI inflation hits 5.5 pct, at 2-yr high

SINGAPORE, 24 Feb—Singapore consumer price index in January rose by 5.5 percent year on year, the highest in more than two years, the Department of Statistics said Wednesday. The inflation rate was also higher than previous market estimates, which typically projected a rise of less than 5 percent.

The department said the increase was mainly due to higher costs of transport, housing and food. The costs of transport increased by 18.4 percent due to higher prices of cars and oil.



**A set of shantytown homes is seen in one of Jakarta's biggest slum communities. Developing economies should strengthen domestic demand to sustain Asia's strong economic growth and help rebalance the world economy, the head of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) said on Thursday.—INTERNET**

Housing cost rose 5.3 percent while food prices rose 2.8 percent.

On a month-on-month basis, the consumer price index increased by 1.6 percent from December last year.

However, the core inflation of the Monetary Authority of Singapore, which excludes accommodation and private road transport costs, rose 2 percent year on year, following a 2.1 percent increase in the previous month.

Inflation pressure has been high in Singapore recently. The CPI inflation for January was the highest since October 2008. The CPI inflation was 3.8 percent in November and 4.6 percent in December last year.

Xinhua



**Ameresco, Inc (NYSE:AMRC) has initiated the third phase of its Energy Performance Contract (EPC) with the Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority (pictured here). With the addition of the \$4.8 million third phase of the project, the \$14.5 million portfolio-wide utility conservation programme (including all three phases) is expected to deliver approximately \$23 million in savings to the Akron, Ohio-based housing authority over the term of the contract.—INTERNET**

### Troubled banks rise to highest level in 18 years

WASHINGTON, 24 Feb—The number of banks at risk of failing made up nearly 12 percent of all federally insured banks in the final three months of 2010, the highest level in 18 years.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp said Wednesday that the number of banks on its confidential "problem" list rose to 884 in the October-December quarter, up from 860 in the previous quarter. Those are banks rated by examiners as having very low capital cushions against risk.

Twenty-two banks have failed so far this year. And more banks are at risk, even as the FDIC reported the industry's highest earnings as a group since the financial crisis hit three years ago.—Internet

### China Eastern Airlines gets 50 bln yuan of financing support from CDB

BEIJING, 24 Feb—China Eastern Airlines will get financing support of 50 billion yuan (about 7.60 billion US dollars) from China Development Bank over the next five years, according to an agreement signed here Wednesday.

The fund will be used by China Eastern to purchase and hire aircraft, as well as build hangars and other facilities during the 12<sup>th</sup> five-year-plan period (2011-2015).

Twenty billion yuan of the money will be given in the form of medium-term notes, short-term bonds or corporate debts and 30 billion yuan will be in loans, according to the agreement. Also on Wednesday, China Eastern issued 500 million yuan of medium-term notes, which is the first batch of the total 1.2 billion yuan of medium-term notes it registered for issue recently.

China Eastern, one of the country's three largest air carriers, reported 13.9 billion yuan of losses in 2008 due to the global financial crisis, but made profits of 540 million yuan in 2009.

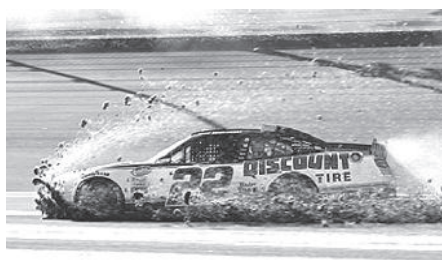
Xinhua

## Colombia, Chile, Peru jointly seek to attract Asian tourists

BOGOTA, 24 Feb—Colombia, Chile and Peru are seeking a joint strategy to attract Asians to major tourist destinations in the three countries.

At the Tourism Fair Anato 2011, which began here Wednesday, experts on tourism and investment promotion of the three countries explored possibilities of agreements to allow their agencies to form synergies, maximize resources, coordinate strengths so as to reach various markets worldwide, with particular emphasis on Asia.

MNA/Xinhua



**Driver Brad Keselowski (22) spins through the grass after a crash during the DRIVE4COPD 300 NASCAR Nationwide series auto race at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla, on 19 Feb, 2011.—INTERNET**

## China-Canada cooperation benefits each other

TORONTO, 24 Feb—Cooperation between China and Canada has yielded and will continue to produce mutual benefits and win-win results, Chinese Ambassador to Canada Zhang Junsai said here Wednesday.

“Our economic and trade cooperation enjoys a good momentum. This has brought real benefits to companies in both China and Canada,” Zhang said when addressing the Hong Kong-Canada Business Association and the Ontario Chamber of Commerce.

There has been continuous improvement and development in

China-Canada relations over recent years, and yet bilateral cooperation hasn’t reached its full potential given the existing opportunities in the two-way trade and investment relations, he said.

The bilateral trade grew 20 percent to 36 billion US dollars last year, but it was “only 1.2 percent of China’s total foreign trade and 5 percent of that of Canada,” Zhang said. China’s trade with Canada is only around 40 percent of that with Australia, said Zhang, who had served as Chinese Ambassador to Australia.

MNA/Xinhua

## China’s 2011 industrial output growth may slow to 11%

BEIJING, 24 Feb—China’s industrial output growth may slow this year, said a senior official from the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT) Thursday. The full-year industrial added value output could rise 11 percent, down 4.7 percentage points from the 2010 growth rate, Xiao Chunquan, deputy director of the MIIT Performance Inspection and Coordination Bureau, said at a press conference.

The slowdown was likely due to the risk of falling exports as Pressure for the yuan’s appreciation grew and global demand growth remained weak, as well as inflation, the financial problems of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), and environmental restrictions, Xiao said. He said the full-year industrial added value output last year rose 15.7 percent to 16 trillion yuan (2.43 trillion US dollars), a sharp contrast from 7.72 trillion yuan in 2005.—Xinhua



**People enjoy the steaming water of the Szechenyi Bath during the “Night of the Baths”, a joint event of five of the Hungarian capital’s historical spas in Budapest, Hungary, early morning on 19 Feb, 2011.**

INTERNET

## Man drives drunk with kids in trunk

MESA, 24 Feb—Arizona police have jailed a 23-year-old man on charges of driving drunk with seven children in his sports car, three of them stuffed in the trunk.

Robert Soto of Mesa faces seven counts of child endangerment and driving under the influence of alcohol, KTVK-TV, Phoenix,



**Robert Soto’s mugshot.—INTERNET**

reported.

Police said they discovered the children ranging in age from 6 to

13 when they responded to a call about a road rage incident involving Soto and another driver.

Soto, who had a blood alcohol level twice the legal limit, said he had been asked by a friend, Lynn Meza, to drive the neighbourhood children home after attending a barbecue, officials said.

Police said Soto put four of the children in the backseat and three others in the trunk area of his hatchback.

The children were terrified, police said.

“I think we’re lucky to be alive,” Ashton Voorheis, 13, told KTVK-TV. Meza, 46, was charged with child endangerment.

Internet

## Big surfing contest wipes out, no waves

SAN FRANCISCO, 24 Feb—An epic US surfing contest that in the past featured athletes riding huge waves is washing out this year, due to a lack of big surf, organizers said.

The Jay at Maverick’s Big Wave Surfing Invitational, near scenic Half Moon Bay in California, often attracts some of the surfing world’s top talent. But the competition is only held if the right weather conditions produce giant swells.

Those conditions would need to happen by 28 February, the final day in the window of time set by organizers of the northern California contest, and they have discounted that possibility.

“It’s been a bad year for big waves,” Grant Washburn, a veteran surfer who has ridden in all the past Maverick’s competitions, told Reuters on Tuesday.

The window of the time for the contest to happen began back on 1 December.

If a storm offshore had produced the right conditions for potentially big waves, the 24 surfers slated to compete would have held a vote on whether to gather shoreside at Maverick’s.

“There’s been nothing really legitimate,” Washburn said. “If there had been a good swell pattern, we would have voted.”

This will be the fourth year since the founding of the Maverick’s surf contest in 1998 that the event has not happened, said Katherine Kelly Clark, a co-director of the competition.

“It just didn’t happen this year because there were no waves. But that’s not unusual in the world of big wave events,” she said.

Reuters

## Second Russian fifth-generation jet fighter completes first flight

MOSCOW, 24 Feb—Russia’s second fifth-generation jet fighter successfully completed its first test flight in Russia’s Far East region of Komsomolsk-on-Amur on Wednesday, according to local reports.

The warplane was jointly developed by the Russian Sukhoi Aircraft Company and MIG design bureaus. So far, only two models of the type have been built, said chief designer Mikhail Pogosyan.

In 2011, three more fighters of fifth generation would be ready for tests, Pogosyan added.

The designer also revealed the first fifth-generation jet fighter has made 40 flights since last January to test the model’s aero-dynamic characteristics and electronic equipment.

Xinhua



**A snowy owl watches the camera at a zoo in Gelsenkirchen, Germany, on 22 Feb, 2011.**

**Temperatures went down minus 5 degrees Celsius, the forecast predicts sunny but ice cold weather for the next days.**

INTERNET

## Air pollution becomes major trigger of heart attack

BEIJING, 24 Feb—Air pollution has become the biggest trigger of heart attack, according to a study published in *"Lancet"* Wednesday.

Researchers from Belgium and Switzerland analyzed 36 pieces of research on heart attack, and calculated the "population-attributable fraction" (PAF) percentages of different triggers.

Air pollution got a highest PAF of 7.4%, becoming the major trigger to heart attack, followed by physical exertion (6.2%).

Other triggers included alcohol (5%), coffee (5%), negative emotions (3.9%), anger (3.1%),

eating a heavy meal (2.7%), positive emotions (2.4%) and sexual activity (2.2%).

Cyclists in heavy traffic are considered in the greatest danger of heart attack, warned the study team leader Dr Tim Nawrot from Hasselt University in Belgium.

He made it clear that cyclists are subjecting themselves to the top two triggers, "polluted air" and "physical exertion".

More than 1.2 million heart attacks occur in the United States each year, according to the National Institutes of Health.—Xinhua

A woman wearing a protective mask walks in front of Christ the Saviour Cathedral seen in the background amid heavy smog in Moscow, 4 August, 2010.

XINHUA



**BASF, the world's biggest chemicals company, presented stunning 2010 results on Thursday, including a net profit that leapt more than three-fold to 4.56 billion euros (\$6.27 billion).—INTERNET**

## Woman sues energy bracelet company

BOCA RATON, 24 Feb—A Michigan woman has filed a fraud suit in federal court against a South Florida company that sells energy bracelets on late-night television and the Internet.

Arjana Xexo charges she paid \$19.90 plus \$15.90 in shipping and handling charges for two iRenew bracelets that were advertised to improve her overall health and balance, the *Palm Beach (Fla.) Post* reported Wednesday.

iRenew President John Merritt of Boca Raton, who recently received an "F" rating from the Better Business Bureau, wasn't available to comment on the lawsuit.

Xexo's attorney has asked the court to permit him to sue iRenew on behalf of the hundreds of people who purchased energy bracelets.

He estimates damage at \$5 million.—Internet

## Ford recalls 144,000 F-150 trucks for airbag risk

DETROIT, 24 Feb—Ford Motor Co said it would recall about 144,000 F-150 models in the United States and Canada from the 2005 and 2006 model years over a risk that airbags could deploy because of a short circuit.

The automaker said a mistake in the assembly of the trucks at its Norfolk, Virginia, plant could cause an airbag wire in the steering wheel to short circuit.

Ford said that it had received an unspecified number of complaints about the airbag problem. In most cases, it said, airbags had deployed just a few seconds after the trucks were started.

A recall notice was not immediately posted on the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's website, and it was not immediately clear how many drivers had complained of the problem or if there had been any reports of related injuries.

"Ford is aware of one customer that jumped from the vehicle after a deployment that occurred in a driveway," the company said in a statement.

The F-150 is the top-selling vehicle in the United States and Ford's dominance of the lucrative truck market has contributed to its turnaround under Chief Executive Alan Mulally.

Ford said it would notify owners of the vehicles covered by the recall in early March.

The automaker said it expected that the repair to replace the potentially flawed wiring

harness would take less than half a day and would be done at no charge at Ford dealerships.

Ford said that most of the vehicles with the flawed wire appeared to have been built during the first shift working at the Norfolk plant from November 2004 to June 2005.

In cases where the airbag has deployed in the trucks, Ford said that a warning light had been illuminated notifying driver's that the vehicle needed service.—Reuters



**Ferrari Formula One driver Fernando Alonso of Spain drives his new F150 car during the first test session of the year at the Ricardo Tormo racetrack in Cheste in this 1 Feb, 2011 file photo. Ford Motor Co sued luxury automaker Ferrari on Wednesday for trademark infringement after Ferrari named its 2011 Formula 1 racing car the "F150." Ferrari's F150 logo bears striking resemblance to the one on Ford's F-150 pickup truck, the top-selling vehicle in the United States, Ford said in a complaint filed in federal court.—INTERNET**

## Supreme Court allows lawsuits over seat belts

WASHINGTON, 24 Feb—The US Supreme Court ruled that federal regulations setting vehicle safety standards do not bar lawsuits seeking damages from automakers for installing lap-only seat belts. The unanimous ruling held that a California lawsuit against Mazda Motor Corp over a fatal 2002 collision involving a 1993 Mazda minivan could proceed. A passenger sitting in a rear seat and wearing a lap-only seat belt was killed.

The lawsuit by the family of the passenger, Thanh Williamson, claimed that the minivan was defectively designed because it lacked a lap-and-shoulder seat belt for the rear seat.

Mazda said it complied with federal safety regulations in effect at the time and that an appellate court in California

correctly ruled the product liability lawsuit could not go forward.

The Supreme Court overturned the appellate court ruling. Justice Stephen Breyer said in the court's opinion that the federal safety regulation does not preempt state tort lawsuits claiming manufacturers should have installed lap-and-shoulder belts, instead of lap-only belts, on rear inner seats.—Reuters



**Automobiles wait in a traffic jam on a New York City highway in a file photo.—INTERNET**

## Child killed, four wounded in a southern Gaza explosion

GAZA, 24 Feb—A Palestinian young girl was killed and four civilians wounded on Wednesday in a mysterious explosion in a house in the southern Gaza Strip city of Khan Younis, medical sources and witnesses said.

The sources told Xinhua that a homemade bomb had suddenly detonated by a mistake into a house in the eastern part of the city, adding that a young girl was killed and four wounded. All are members of the same family.

The medical sources

at Nasser Hospital in the city said that the four wounded are in moderate conditions.

However, local residents said the house belongs to a militant who is active in one of the militant groups acting in the Gaza Strip.

Earlier on Wednesday, 11 Palestinians were injured, including three members of the armed wing of the Jihad (Holy War) movement, after they were hit by an Israeli army tank's shell in eastern Gaza, according to witnesses.

Adham Abu Selmeya,

Gaza emergency chief, told reporters that an Israeli army tank's shell wounded 11 people, including three children, adding that one of them was pronounced death and three in serious conditions.

Meanwhile, an Israeli army spokesman told Israel Radio that Gaza militants fired earlier on Wednesday three mortar shells from the Gaza Strip at southern Israel.

No damages or injuries were reported, and no one claimed responsibility for the mortar's attack.

Xinhua

## 12th-day regular session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw...

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out the curriculum vitae of the nominees, suitable to be appointed as members of the Union

Election Commission nominated by the elected President at the Director-General of the Hluttaw Office, to examine

whether the said persons posses qualification prescribed in Sub-section (b) of Section 398 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, and that if there was any representative inclined to raise objection against



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives sign attendance book.—MNA

## Religious title presentation to be held in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Feb — According to the announcement No. 1/2011 of the State Peace and Development Council, religious titles have been accorded. The ceremony to present the religious titles will be held at Sasana Maha Beikman in the precinct of Uppatasanti Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw at 4 pm on 19 March, Fullmoon Day of Taboung, 1372 ME. Invitation cards have been sent to arrive in Nay Pyi Taw between 15 and 16 March 2011 (11<sup>th</sup> Waxing of Taboung and 12<sup>th</sup> Waxing of Taboung, 1372 ME). Those, who do not receive the invitation cards in time, are also invited to arrive in Nay Pyi Taw, Religious Affairs Department stated.—MNA

## 33<sup>rd</sup> Inter-State/Region Team Golf Championship-2011 on 8-11 March

YANGON, 24 Feb—Under the supervision of Sports and Physical Education Department, Myanmar Golf Federation will hold the 33<sup>rd</sup> Inter-State/Region Team Golf Championship-2011 at Myanmar Golf Club (9<sup>th</sup>-mile) here from 8 to 11 March.

The championship will include team event (scratch) and individual (scratch).

The meeting for team leaders and observance committee will be held at the same venue at 10 am on 7 March. For details, please phone (09-73078544 and 01-651374).—MNA



## Chuangxiang brand Computer Tables (Steel Frame) on sale

YANGON, 24 Feb — Chuangxiang brand Computer Tables distributed by Micro Computer Co., Ltd, a sole agent in Myanmar, are available in the market.

Chuangxiang Computer Table with different colours and designs can be used for a



Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint submits nominees for members of Union Election Commission made by the elected President.—MNA

the nominees, they may report to the Director-General of the Hluttaw Office this evening in accord with the Sub-section (b) of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

Rule-27, taking clear evidences.

Next, the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw announced the 12th-day regular session of the First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

came to an end and the 13th-day regular session will continue at 11 am tomorrow.

The session ended at 11.15 am.

MNA

Photo shows arrival of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall.—MNA



Victory Myanmar Group Co Ltd cooperating joint venture with Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd holds prize presentation for best selling shops and introduction to Mandalay Hi-5 along with dinner at Mandalay Hill Resort Hotel in Mandalay on 18 February to pay regard to business partners.—MNA

## Commander attends military code of conduct contest

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Feb—Chairman of Sagaing Region Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Brig-Gen Soe Lwin watched the military code of conduct contest

held to mark the 66<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the command at the local regiment in Monywa on 21 February.

He comforted cheft-lip and palate patients in Monywa General Hospital, and inspected

medical checks-up to the patients to undergo operation and treatment.

He delivered an address at the meeting to coordinate agricultural work at the command.—MNA

## Industry-2 Minister receives Chinese guests

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Feb—Minister for Industry-2 U Soe Thein received Assistant President Mr Shou Jinsong of China New Era International Engineering Corporation of the People's Republic of China at the Ministry of Industry-2, here, this evening.

Their discussions

focused on implementation of engine modification project in Thagara Industrial Region of Bago Region and production of machinery from Gear & Transmission Plant in Magway Industrial Region of Magway Region.—MNA

## Farm census taken in Thayet Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Feb—Land Record Department of Thayet Township took an appendix census of Myanmar farm census for 2010 at Taungmintee ward of Thayet

## "A Collection of the Teachings of the Buddha" Volume (I) in circulation

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Feb—Kaba Aye Publishing House under the Ministry of Religious Affairs today published Volume (I) of "A Collection of the Teachings of the Buddha" (Myanmar Version and English Version) which was featured in

newspapers as a series of religious works.

The book covers codes of conduct for laypersons and monks, benefits of wishing well-being of others, Myanmar sayings, the 10 ways of speaking, sermons of venerable monks and the



38 Ways to Auspiciousness.

MNA

## Coordination meeting on Ayeyawady roads network development held

YANGON, 24 Feb—A coordination meeting on development project of 11 roads network in Ayeyawady Delta took place at district senior engineer office of Pyapon District Public

Works, attended by Deputy Minister for Construction U Myint Thein. At the meeting, 16 teams of project engineers, district senior engineers and incharge engineers reported to the

deputy minister on completion of roads and bridges works and future tasks. After that, superintending engineer of Ayeyawady Region U Kyaw Kyaw and deputy chief engineer U Soe Tint gave supplementary reports.

The meeting came to an end after the deputy minister left necessary instruction.—MNA

## Take preventive measures...

(from page 16)

Yangon Region is about six million, so it accounts for one-tenth of the nation's population. Yangon Region has hotels, motels, large markets and supermarkets in addition to about one million buildings and industrial zones. We raise public knowledge about fires through radio and TV programmes, newspapers, journals and magazines to avoid fires. We are trying to accelerate fire preventive measures such as



**Deputy Director U Thin Htay Shwe (Yangon Region Fire Services Department).**

occasionally inspecting schools, factories, workshops and wards, giving talks about fires and organizing firefighting

drills. At the firefighting drills, we demonstrate how to use an extinguisher to put out fire.

"As part of fire prevention, we inspect houses door to door in wards. We also inspect departments, markets, restaurants, factories, hotels and schools. Fire outbreaks are largely due to negligence, so often issue public reminders of fire apart from audiovisual shows about fires."

In 2010, Yangon Region saws 130 fires, the majority of which were due to negligence, which caused death and



**Fire Services members in a firefighting session.**

damage on a large scale. Yangon Region encountered 268 fires in 2000; 279 fires in 2001; 321 fires in 2002; 301 fires in 2003; 432 fires in 2004; 286 fires in 2005; 287 fires in 2006; 257 fires in 2007; 161 fires in 2008; and 127 fires in 2009. Statistics show that fire outbreaks could be reduced by half in a period of one decade.

He said, "We install modern communication equipment and deal with auxiliary fire brigades, Myanmar Police Force and administrative bodies so that we get informed as soon as there is a fire. We have our fire engines

served regularly. We also have Fire Services members and fire engines standing by with fuel and water to deal with fires as soon as possible. We take all possible arrangements to put out fire without any delays."

Head of Kyauktada Township Fire Services Department U Soe Win said that they got ready 86 fire engines in total including four from his department, eight from surrounding township departments, 15 emergency engines, 23 from Yangon Region Fire Services Department, and 36 engines from the headquarters to cope with

fires.

Today, there have been many changes in the lifestyle and advancements. Unsystematic use of electrical apparatuses may cause fires. The more negligently people use electrical equipment, the more fire outbreaks there will be. Only if individuals use electricity with great care will it be possible to reduce fire outbreaks. So, all are urged to take all possible preventive measures against fire to prevent and control the disaster.

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**Fire Services members learning firefighting methods theoretically.**



Emergency services work to remove a body from the site of the CTV building in Christchurch, New Zealand, on 24 Feb, 2011, after the city was hit by a 6.3 magnitude earthquake Tuesday.—INTERNET

## NZ earthquake toll at 98 dead, 226 missing

CHRISTCHURCH, 24 Feb—Hopes faded of finding more survivors Thursday in the collapsed downtown towers of New Zealand's quake-shattered Christchurch, as officials said the death toll rose to 98 with grave fears for many of the 226 missing.

Police said up to 120 bodies may still lie trapped in the tangled concrete and steel that was the Canterbury Television or CTV building, where dozens of students from Japan, Thailand, China and other Asian countries were believed buried when an English-language school collapsed along with other offices.

"The longer I don't know what

happened, the longer my agony becomes," said Rolando Cabunilas, 34, a steel worker from the Philippines whose wife, Ivy Jane, 33, was on her second day of class at the school when the quake struck. She hasn't been heard from since.

"I can't describe it — it's pain, anger, all emotions," he said.

The official death toll from Tuesday's 6.3-magnitude temblor stood at 98, Police Superintendent Dave Cliff said. An additional 226 people were listed as missing, and Prime Minister John Key said there were "grave fears" that many of them did not survive.—Internet

## Grenade blast kills 3 soldiers in Colombia

BOGOTA, 24 Feb—Three soldiers were killed and three wounded when they accidentally set off a grenade at a base in La Guajira, a province in Colombia's Caribbean Region, the army said Wednesday.

The accident occurred Tuesday afternoon at an artillery battalion base in the town of Buenavista, the army's 1<sup>st</sup> Division said in a statement released in the coastal city of Santa Marta.

"According to the initial information, the incident happened when the soldiers, who were carrying out maintenance of the area, handled a grenade, which exploded," the army's 1<sup>st</sup> Division said. A military brigade in the area is conducting the investigation, the army unit said, adding that it was confident that "the causes of the accident" would be determined.—Internet



Japanese ornamental "hina" dolls, made of pure gold, is unveiled at the Ginza Tanaka store in Tokyo on 23 Feb, 2011. Hina dolls, representing the Emperor and Empress, are decorations for the "Hinamatsuri" dolls festival which will be held on 3 March to pray for young girls' growth and happiness. The dolls, which are made out of 30g of pure gold, are priced at 350,000 yen (4,232 US dollars) per pair.—XINHUA

## Mild quake hitting Laos felt in Thailand

BANGKOK, 24 Feb—Thai people in some northern and northeastern provinces felt tremor as a 4.7 magnitude quake struck Saiyaburi Province of Laos late Wednesday night, local media reported.

There were no reports of injuries or damage but residents in northern Nan and Phrae Provinces as well as northeastern Udon Thani, Nong Khai, Nong Buo Lampu, Khon Kaen and Loei Provinces in Thailand could feel the quake.

The epicentre of the earthquake was about 55 kilometers from Nan's Mae Rim District of Thailand.

In Loei Province, patients and others fled a hospital buildings after it was rocked by quake for about 5 seconds. Besides, people living around Num-man dam were urgently evacuated as the earthquake alarm went off.

Xinhua

## One officer of missing helicopter found dead, four still missing

SEOUL, 24 Feb—Rescuers found the body of a female police officer who was on board a Coast Guard helicopter that went missing with four other crew members Wednesday night in waters off South Korea's southern resort island of Jeju, local media reported Thursday.

The body was recovered with the wreckage of the AW-139 helicopter, which was on a medical evacuation mission off the island when it disappeared.

The helicopter took off from Jeju International Airport at 8:20 pm on Wednesday and picked up the deceased 28-year-old female officer, Lee Yoo-jin, who needed emergency medical treatment from a patrol ship in waters off the island, Yonhap News Agency reported.

The Coast Guard has been continuing its search operation for the missing crew members.

The AW-139 helicopter, manufactured by Italy's AgustaWestland and equipped with high-tech medical devices, was deployed to the island last Friday.—Xinhua

## Dozen injured in Ibiza stabbing rampage

IBIZA, 24 Feb—A dozen people were injured on Wednesday after being stabbed by a man armed with a machete and an iron bar in the town of Sant Antoni in the Spanish island of Ibiza, local newspaper *Diario de Ibiza* reported.

Local police have arrested the alleged assailant, a 41-year-old Moroccan living in the town. The incident occurred at a supermarket around 13.15 pm, when several employees of the establishment called the attention of the man who was allegedly stealing, according to a witness. The man assaulted a cashier, and two other employees, before running away. He then stabbed a number of people

indiscriminately in nearby streets.

The victims were taken to the hospital, but their identities are not yet known. According to the Spanish news agency *EFE*, one of the most serious victims who was wounded in the neck is being operated. Some of the injured have already been discharged.

Medical sources said the number of victims could be up to thirteen. The government of Sant Antoni has called a press conference to report the facts, according to the newspaper.

Ibiza, an island in the Mediterranean Sea, attracts large numbers of young tourists every year.

Internet



Farmers pick fresh tea leaves at a tea plantation in Xishuangbanna Dai Autonomous Prefecture of southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 22 Feb, 2011. Tea planting has been a main support of local economy, where is famed for its Puer tea.—XINHUA

## Moderate earthquakes hit Russia's Kamchatka peninsula

VLADIVOSTOK, 24 Feb—A magnitude-5.1 earthquake rattled the east coast of Kamchatka peninsula in Russia's Far East early Thursday morning, *RIA Novosti* reported.

The epicenter of the earthquake was 70 kilometres south-west of the Ust-Kamchatsk Area. There were no immediate reports of damage or injuries, and no tsunami alert was issued.

Several hours earlier another earthquake, with a magnitude of 4.6, struck the Kronotsky gulf, 130 kilometres northeast of Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky.

Xinhua



Photo taken on 23 Feb, 2011 shows the under-restoration Mingtang, an octahedral architecture in China's Tang Dynasty style, at Sui and Tang Dynasties Relics Protection Park in Luoyang City, central China's Henan Province.—XINHUA

## New battery technology described

CHAMPAIGN, 24 Feb—US researchers say they've developed a new lithiumion battery that can heal itself, last longer and provide more safety in today's electronics.

Scientists at the University of Illinois looked at the chemistry of rechargeable lithiumion batteries — found in cellphones, laptop computers, digital cameras and other portable electronics — and found that like all batteries they tend to break down over time, *NewScientist.com* reported on Tuesday.

"There are many different types of degradation that happen, and fixing this degradation could help us make

longer-lasting batteries," Scott White, a UI materials engineer, said.

One site of damage is the battery's negatively charged terminal, the anode, which swells and shrinks as the battery is charged and then discharges over time, eventually creating cracks that can interfere with the flow of current and, ultimately, kill the battery.

White embedded tiny microspheres in the anode that would tear open as the anode began cracking, releasing a liquid metal alloy, indium gallium arsenide, that fills the cracks in the anode and restores the flow of electricity.—*Internet*



Chinese acrobats perform on the grand show titled "Cultures of China, Festival of Spring" during its special global art tour in Washington, capital of the United States, on 21 Feb, 2011.—XINHUA

## Thousands of UK lives lost to drink, experts warn

LONDON, 24 Feb—Failure to tackle Britain's persistent alcohol problem could lead to hundreds of thousands more people dying from liver disease in the UK than in many other European countries, health experts said on Monday.

Accusing British ministers of pandering to drinks producers, leading doctors said France had seen "phenomenal success" in cutting death rates, partly by curbing availability of cheap alcohol, while in the UK, the alcohol industry and retailers "are reliant on people risking their health to provide profits."

In a worst-case scenario, up to 250,000 extra lives could be lost in England and Wales alone due to alcohol over the next 20 years unless tougher restrictions are introduced, they wrote in a report in *The Lancet medical journal*.

*Internet*

## Firms combine software for DNA system

PLEASANTON, 24 Feb—Two US firms have incorporated software to produce unique human DNA profiles in standardized formats compatible with identification database search systems.

IntegenX Inc of California and Pennsylvania's SoftGenetics LLC said their GeneMarker HID forensics software will power the data analysis feature of IntegenX's Apollo 200 RapidHIT DNA profiling system.

The system automatically prepares, processes and sequences DNA from cheek swabs and other suitable human tissue samples. With the incorporation of GeneMarker HID software, the integrated system will automate and speed up the production of critical information for border security operations, crime scene analysis, paternity and other kinship

determinations and other human identification needs.

"Combining SoftGenetics' unique human identity analysis software with IntegenX's revolutionary microfluidic chips will enable us to greatly expand the utility of DNA detection for both existing and new applications," said Stevan Jovanovich, chief executive officer of IntegenX. "The integration of GeneMarker HID represents a giant step forward in our Apollo 200 RapidHIT DNA profiling system development and commercialization programme."

IntegenX is developing the Apollo 200 RapidHIT DNA Profiling system for deployment with law enforcement agencies and the US departments of Defence and Homeland Security.

*Internet*

## Poor park planning drives kids indoors

MELBOURNE, 24 Feb —Neighbourhood features such as parks and play areas can determine if children watch less television and play fewer computer games, Australian researchers say.

Dr Jenny Veitch and colleagues at the Centre for Physical Activity and Nutrition Research at Deakin University in Australia found time spent using the computer and playing electronic games, but not watching television, rose from 2004 to 2006.

The study, published in the *Annals of Behavioral Medicine*, found the more satisfied parents were with the quality of their parks and playgrounds, the less time their children spent using computers and computer games. In addition, the study also found the more satisfied parents were in 2004, the less television their children watched in 2006.

For example, children who lived near a large public open space with a water feature or lived in a cul-de-sac spent less time in sedentary activity with a computer, but those who lived near a park walking path — which may be perceived as less safe — spent more time using computers and electronic games, because parents kept them from the park, the study says.—*Internet*

## French drone fleet to modernize, expand

ABU DHABI, 24 Feb—France's defence procurement agency DGA has contracted Sagem to modernize and expand the French army's fleet of Sperwer tactical drones.

Under the contract, three French Army Sperwer drones will be equipped with Sagem's new Euroflir 350 optronic observation system.

The contract, which includes an option to purchase more drones, covers delivery of Sagem's remote video terminals and modernization of the RVTs delivered under a previous contract.

Developed and produced by Sagem, the RVT comprises a touch screen and portable transmitter-receiver, either a man-pack version or installed in a vehicle.

Used by forward observers or front-line troops, the RVT provides a high-resolution, real-time display of geo-referenced images sent by the drone, against a digital map background.—*Internet*



A Sagem Sperwer drone at the Paris Air Show in 2009, courtesy of Wikimedia user Tangopaso. *INTERNET*



Grown high in the Andes for millennia, quinoa — a grain the Incas so prized they deemed it sacred — has become a global star and is now being touted as the health food of the future.

*INTERNET*

## Study says most locked-in patients "happy"

BEIJING, 24 Feb—The majority of people with locked-in syndrome, in which they are conscious but completely paralyzed, are happy, European researchers reported Wednesday.

The study, published online by the *British Medical Journal*, found 72 percent reported being happy — with 68 percent indicating that they never had suicidal thoughts.

Just 7 percent wanting help to commit suicide, according to the study.

The authors argue that the findings could have implications on the assisted suicide debate in Europe, as to whether assisted suicide should be made available to locked-in patients on the

assumption that their life is intolerable.

"We suggest that patients recently struck by the syndrome should be informed that, given proper care, they have a considerable chance of regaining a happy life," said lead author Dr Steven Laureys with the University of Liège, Belgium, and colleagues.

However, the researchers warned that there could be some bias in the study with the most unhappy patients refusing to take part.

As part of the study, the experts sent questionnaires to 168 members of the French Association for Locked-in Syndrome, asking them about their medical history, emotional state and quality of life.—*Xinhua*

## CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

### MV SANG THAI GLORY VOYNO (02)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SANG THAI GLORY VOYNO (02) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 24.2.2011 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.

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## MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY HOLIDAY NOTICE

As the wharves warehouses and chellan Offices of Yangon Port will be closed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2011 (Peasant's Day) Goods Shipped or delivered on payment will be received as Holiday Fees.

## Airplane accidents in 2010 lowest in history - IATA

TOKYO, 24 Feb —The International Air Transport Association (IATA) on Wednesday said the accident rate in 2010 for Western-built jet aircraft was the lowest in aviation history.

IATA, which represents some 230 airlines comprising 93 percent of scheduled international air traffic, said the 2010 global accident rate (measured in hull losses per million flights of Western-built jet aircraft) was 0.61, that is, one accident for every 1.6 million flights.

With 2.4 billion people flying safely on 36.8 million flights (28.4 million jet, 8.4 million turboprop) during 2010, the report is a significant improvement of the 0.71 rate recorded in 2009 (one accident for 1.4 million flights), and just below the 2006 rate of 0.65.

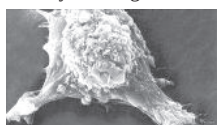
Compared to 10 years ago, the accident rate has been cut 42 percent from the rate recorded in 2001. A hull loss is an accident in which the aircraft is destroyed or substantially damaged and is not subsequently repaired.

IATA further detailed that there were 17 hull loss accidents involving western-built jet aircraft compared to 19 in 2009, 94 accidents (all aircraft types, Eastern and Western built) compared to 90 in 2009, 23 fatal accidents (all aircraft types) compared to 18 in 2009, and 786 fatalities compared to 685 in 2009.

"Safety is the number one priority," said Giovanni Bisignani, IATA's Director General and CEO. "Achieving the lowest accident rate in the history of aviation shows that this commitment is bearing results."—*Internet*

## Blocking enzyme cut cancer spread

LONDON, 24 Feb — Scientists at the UK's Institute of Cancer Research have prevented breast cancer spreading to other organs in mice by blocking a chemi-



**Blocking an enzyme  
can prevent cells  
spreading.**— *INTERNET*

cal. In their experiments, they showed that blocking the enzyme LOXL2 prevented metastasis. They said their findings, published in *Cancer Research*, provided a "fantastic drug target" and were "highly likely" to be used in a clinical setting.

Cancer charities say the research shows great promise. The authors of the report say 90% of cancer deaths are due to tumours

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### Bank Holidays

All Banks will be closed on 2<sup>nd</sup> March (Wednesday) 2011, Peasant's Day, being public holidays Under the Negotiable Instruments Act.

Central Bank of Myanmar

## Cyber criminals find new targets on unsuspecting sites

LONDON, 24 Feb — The proportion of websites secretly harbouring malware has reached one in 3,000 according to security firm Kaspersky. It found a surge in the number of web-based attacks in 2010, with more than 580 million incidents detected. Risk was no longer focused on sites with illegal content, such as pirate films and music, the report said. Instead, criminals were increasingly using legitimate websites, such as shopping and online gaming.

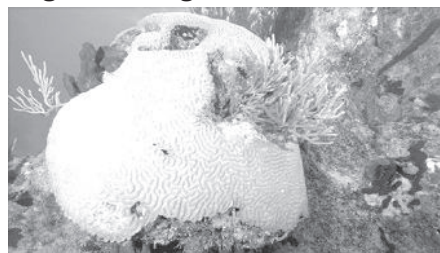
The malware writers target vulnerable web

## Coral reefs heading for fishing and climate crisis

WASHINGTON, 24 Feb —

Three-quarters of the world's coral reefs are at risk due to overfishing, pollution, climate change and other factors, says a major new assessment. Reefs at Risk Revisited collates the work of hundreds of scientists and took three years to compile. The biggest threat is exploitative fishing, the researchers say, though most reefs will be feeling the impact of climate change within 20 years.

But, they say, there are measures that can be taken to protect at least some. The report is compiled by a group of more



**Healthy coral reefs provide a living for about 275 million people, with many more dependent on them.**— *INTERNET*

than 20 research and conservation organizations, led by the World Resources Institute (WRI) in Washington DC. "This report serves as a wake-up call for policymakers, business

leaders, ocean managers, and others about the urgent need for greater protection for coral reefs," said Jane Lubchenco, head of the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency (Noaa).—*Internet*

## Mobile phones 'affect the brain'



**Mobile phone use increased brain activity.**— *INTERNET*

LONDON, 24 Feb — A study by the National Institutes of Health in the US suggests that mobile phones could have an effect on the brain. They reported higher sugar use in the brain, a sign of increased activity, after 50 minutes on the phone. The research published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* said the clinical significance was unknown. Experts in the UK said there was no suggestion of a health risk.

Since the boom in mobile phone use, there has

been considerable interest in the effect on the body. The largest study on 420,000 mobile phone users in Denmark, has not shown a link between phone use and cancer. This small study on 47 people investigated the effect of magnetic fields (RF-EMFs) coming from a phone's antenna. It suggests that brain activity is affected, but cannot draw any conclusions about possible health implications.—*Internet*

**Visiting reputable  
websites can still  
result in malware  
being downloaded on  
to users' computers.**  
*INTERNET*



## Owls change colour as climate warms

LONDON, 24 Feb — Tawny owls turn brown to survive in warmer climates, according to scientists in Finland. Feather colour is hereditary, with grey plumage dominant over brown. But the study, published in the *journal Nature Communications*, found that the number of brown owls was increasing. As winters become milder, the scientists say, grey feathered tawny owls are likely to disappear. This study indicates that the birds are evolving in response to climate change.

Dr Patrik Karell from the University of Helsinki, who led the study, gathered together data from long-term tawny owl studies carried out across Finland over the last 30 years.—*Internet*

## Police seize speeding Arsenal footballer Alex Song's car

LONDON, 24 Feb — Arsenal footballer Alex Song's car was impounded by police after he was caught speeding in Hertfordshire. The 23-year-old was pulled over for speeding in Radlett last Thursday but drove away from police after allegedly refusing to give his details. Police pursued him and seized his car.

The Cameroon international has been given seven days to produce his driving licence and insurance documents. He was allegedly doing 50mph in 40mph and 30mph zones. "The driver was unable to verify relevant documentation requested by police," a spokeswoman said. "Following checks the vehicle was seized on suspicion of the driver not being insured to drive the vehicle."

*Internet*



**A Kashmiri groom and bride in traditional attire walk their "Yanivol" or wedding day in Srinagar, India. The Indian government is considering proposals to limit the number of guests allowed at weddings to reduce food wastage.**

## Big cleaning bill for missing snake on Mass train

A woman whose 3-foot-long snake slithered away from her in a Boston subway car and hid there for nearly a month has gotten a hefty cleaning bill. Transit officials want Allston, Mass, resident Melissa Moorhouse to pay \$650 to cover the costs of disinfecting and sanitizing the Red Line train to protect passengers from germs such as salmonella that may have been left by a boa constrictor named Penelope.

Moorhouse had travelled with the snake around her neck and lost it between stations 6 Jan. The snake was spotted on the train earlier this month by a commuter. The *Boston Globe* reported Tuesday the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority says some subway riders wrote in with health concerns. Moorhouse says she'll pay more attention the next time she takes the snake out in public.

## Brazil woman finds gator behind couch after flood

After floodwaters receded from her home, a Brazilian woman was shocked to find a most unwelcome house guest: a 5-foot (1.5-metre) alligator lying tamely in the living room as her 3-year-old son petted the reptile's head. The animal apparently was washed inside by the high water Monday night, said Luiz Claudio Farias, a captain of firefighters in the north-central city of Parauapebas.

When the woman went to clean up the following day, she saw the boy playing with something behind the couch, Farias said. It turned out to be a gator. "She snatched the boy away and called us," he said.

Farias said it was lucky the reptile apparently wasn't in the mood for a meal: "If he was hungry, he could have seriously hurt or even killed the boy." Firefighters trapped the alligator and took it to a nearby environmental preserve, where they set it free.

"Cities in this region were built very near rivers and the rain forests, which is why it is not uncommon to see animals like alligators and snakes entering people's houses," Farias said. He declined to identify the woman or her son.

## Handcuffed burglary suspect drives off in police car

A 19-year-old Henderson, Nevada man arrested for burglary managed to drive off in a police car on Wednesday, despite wearing handcuffs, only to be nabbed on foot a few hours later.

The unidentified burglary suspect drove off in the police car while officers stood outside their Chevrolet Tahoe shortly after apprehending him on suspicion of attempting to break into a nearby home, police spokesman Todd Rasmussen said.

While sitting in the back seat of the patrol car, the suspect managed to slide his handcuffed hands behind his back and scramble through a square-foot-wide opening in a plexiglass window separating the back from the driver's seat.

"He was pretty thin," Rasmussen said.

The suspect then drove off while still handcuffed, making it as far as a softball field about two miles away, Rasmussen said. Authorities found the car using its built-in GPS, and shortly after that discovered the suspect hiding between nearby houses.



**Two African white lion cubs are seen at a wildlife reserve near Livingston, Zambia, on 22 Feb, 2011. Two African white lion cubs were imported from South Africa on 21 Feb, and then were shown to visitors at the wildlife conservancy in Zambia.**

## News Album

## Justin Bieber to get wax figure at Madame Tussauds

BEIJING, 24 Feb—Canadian pop singer Justin Bieber will have his own wax figure at Madame Tussauds museum next month, according to *Reuters* reports on Tuesday.

This was announced one day after the 16-year-old teen sensation tweeted that he had a new haircut and would give the cut hair to charity.

Bieber's wax figure will make its debut in March at Madame Tussauds in New York, London and Amsterdam. "To be immortalized in wax alongside some of



**Singer Justin Bieber poses at the premiere of the documentary "Justin Bieber: Never Say Never" at Nokia theatre in Los Angeles on 8 Feb, 2011.**

XINHUA

my idols Michael Jackson, Prince, Beyonce and my mentor, Usher is incredibly exciting and very cool," Bieber said. Liz Edwards, Madame Tussauds' PR manager, said: "Justin Bieber is truly a worldwide sensation. We have been absolutely inundated with requests from young fans from around the world to see him at Madame Tussauds. We're sure his fans will be just as delighted as we are that Justin will be joining the A-list here in March."—Xinhua

## Jennifer Aniston shows off new hairstyle



**Cast members Jennifer Aniston, Adam Sandler and Brooklyn Decker (L-R)**

XINHUA

WASHINGTON, 24 Feb—Jennifer Aniston unveiled her new haircut – a chin-length bob style – while promoting her latest movie "Just Go with It" in Madrid, Spain. The 42-year-old actress completed her new look with a black Theory tank top, Celine pants, Fred Leighton jewels and Pierre Hardy shoes.

She was joined at the event by her co-stars Adam Sandler and Brooklyn Decker. "Jen looked great with her short style. It was a surprise to see her with a new look because her hair was still long before she arrived in Spain," Contactmusic quoted a source saying.—Internet



**Mexican singer Yuri performs during the International Song Festival in Vina del Mar city, about 75 miles (121 km) northwest of Santiago, on 21 Feb, 2011.**

XINHUA

## "The King's Speech" among Costume Designers Guild winners

LOS ANGELES, 24 Feb—Leading Oscar award contender "The King's Speech" was among three films to win honors at the 13<sup>th</sup> Costume Designers Guild awards Tuesday night.

Jenny Beavan beat designers from other Oscar favorites, "The Fighter" and "True Grit," to win excellence in period film. Amy Westcott, who designed costumes for "Black Swan," was honoured for excellence in

contemporary film.

Designers of other nominees, including "Burlesque," "Inception," "The Social Network" and "Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps" walked away empty-handed.

In the excellence in fantasy films category, Colleen Atwood was honored for "Alice in Wonderland." Founded in 1999, the CDG Awards honors costume designers in motion pictures, television and commercials.—Xinhua



**Concrete barricades are put in place as preparations are made for the 83rd annual Academy Awards in Hollywood on 22 Feb, 2011.**

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## SPORTS

## Bayern beat Inter Milan in Champions League

MILAN, 24 Feb — Mario Gomez scored a last minute winner to put Bayern Munich firmly in control of their last 16 Champions League tie against Inter Milan on Wednesday. The Germans' 1-0 success meant that all three remaining Italian teams in the competition lost their second round home legs and all face the prospect of crashing out at this stage with tougher away games still to come.

For Bayern it also went some way to exacting revenge for their Champions League final defeat to Inter in Madrid back in May.

Gomez said his goal was rich reward for

Bayern's positive approach to the game.

"That was certainly my most important goal in the Champions League," he said.—Internet



**Bayern Munich's midfielder Bastian Schweinsteiger (L) fights for the ball with Inter Milan's Brazilian midfielder Thiago Motta during their Champions League football match at San Siro Stadium in Milan. Bayern won 1-0.—INTERNET**

## Montella makes winning Roma start

ROME, 24 Feb — Vincenzo Montella began his Roma reign with a hard-worked 1-0 victory away to Bologna on Wednesday to rekindle the club's Champions League hopes.



**AS Roma's Norwegian defender John Arne Riise (L) vies with FC Bologna's forward Marco Di Vaio during their Italian Serie A football match.—INTERNET**

Daniele De Rossi scored the only goal of the game in the last minute of the first half in a game postponed in January due to snow. The victory moved Roma up to sixth in the table and six points behind city rivals Lazio in the final Champions League qualification berth.

It was welcome relief for the club who had lost four matches in a row before Claudio Ranieri fell on his sword on Sunday having just watched his side blow a 3-0 lead to lose 4-3 at Genoa.

Internet

## Woods knocked out in first round by Bjorn

MARANA, 24 Feb — The slow road back for Tiger Woods took another detour Wednesday when he followed a clutch birdie with a shocking shot into the desert and lost to Thomas Bjorn in the first round of the Match Play Championship.

It was only the second time that Woods, the No 3 seed, had been eliminated in the first round.

But this was stunning even to Woods.

Moments after he made an 8-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole to extend the match, he hit a 3-wood so far to the right that it

landed in a desert bush. It took two shots just to get it back onto the grass. After badly missing an 18-foot bogey putt, he conceded to Bjorn.

Internet



**England's Ian Poulter prepares to putt on the first green while playing Stewart Cink during the first round of the Match Play Championship.**

INTERNET



**Manchester United's striker Wayne Rooney (C) controls the ball in front of Olympique Marseille's Senegalese defenders Leyti N'Diaye (L) and Souleymane Diawara (R) during the Champions League football match Olympique de Marseille versus Manchester United at the Velodrome stadium in Marseille, southern France.—INTERNET**

## Marseille, United in Champions League goalless draw

MARSEILLE, 24 Feb — Manchester United and Marseille shared the spoils, but no goals, as the first leg of their Champions League last 16 tie ended in a drab and forgettable 0-0 draw here on Wednesday.

With Marseille fearful of conceding an away goal and United rusty in attack the game was reduced to a war of attrition in which ponderous passing and stout defending were the order of the day.

The game's best chance saw Darren Fletcher draw a smart save from Marseille goalkeeper Steve Mandanda with a low drive and it was one of few highlights on a night when the teams succeeded only in cancelling each other out.—Internet

## Capitals sign Hendricks to 2-year, \$1.6m extension

ARLINGTON, 24 Feb — Forward Matt Hendricks has signed a two-year, \$1.6 million contract extension with the Washington Capitals. Hendricks signed the deal Wednesday, further cementing his place on a team he joined on a tryout basis



in training camp.

Hendricks scored a hat trick in Washington's first exhibition game and soon had a one-year deal for this season worth \$575,000.

He has seven goals and 12 assists in the regular season.—Internet

**San Jose Sharks right wing Devin Setoguchi (16) moves the puck past Washington Capitals center Matt Hendricks.**

INTERNET

## Wozniacki, Zvonareva survive seed cull at Qatar Open tennis

DOHA, 24 Feb — Caroline Wozniacki and Vera Zvonareva stayed on course for a possible title clash after they survived the cull of seeded players at the 721,000-dollar event here on Wednesday.

World number one and top seed Wozniacki posted a 6-3, 6-2 win over Russian Nadia Petrova in the second round on a day when three seeded players crashed out, while the second seeded Zvonareva breezed past Slovakian Dominika Cibulkova 6-1, 6-2.

Serbian Jelena Jankovic, the fifth seed, also advanced to the last eight stage dispatching Indian star Sania Mirza 6-0, 6-1 on a day of one-sided matches.—Internet



Caroline Wozniacki

## Injuries take gloss off Arsenal win

LONDON, 24 Feb — Sebastien Squillaci headed the winner at the Emirates Stadium as Arsenal beat Stoke to move within a point of Manchester United at the top of the Premier League here Wednesday.

But the victory came at a cost as both Cesc



**Arsenal's striker Theo Walcott is stretchered off after being tackled by Stoke City's midfielder Dean Whitehead.—INTERNET**

Internet

Fabregas and Theo Walcott were forced off with injuries. Fabregas went off after 14 minutes with what appeared to be a minor muscle strain, but Walcott's injury looked far more serious.

After a thumping challenge from Dean Whitehead he lay prone for three minutes before being taken off in agony on a stretcher.

Arsenal are already missing Robin van Persie in attack and Laurent Koscielny in defence as they head into a crucial period of games including the League Cup final and the Champions League last-16 tie against Barcelona.

## Ben Arfa back for early April, says Pardew

LONDON, 24 Feb — Injured Newcastle striker Hatem Ben Arfa could return to action for the league match against Wolverhampton on 2 April, Magpies boss Alan Pardew said Wednesday.

Ben Arfa, who joined Newcastle last summer on loan from Marseille, has been sidelined since October when he sustained a double leg fracture in a challenge from Manchester City's Nigel de Jong.

The French midfielder signed a permanent deal at St James' Park in January, though, and now Pardew believes the home game

against Wolves in just over five weeks' time is a realistic target for his return to action. "You'd like to think he's got every chance of playing against Wolves," Pardew told the Newcastle Chronicle newspaper.

Internet



**Injured Newcastle striker Hatem Ben Arfa of France could return to action for match against Wolverhampton.**

INTERNET

## Guardiola signs new Barcelona contract



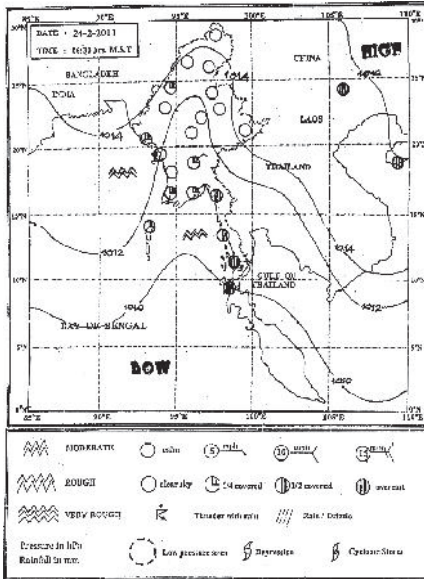
**Barcelona coach Josep Guardiola will remain with the Spanish champions until June 2012 after signing a one-year extension to his current contract.—INTERNET**

MADRID, 24 Feb — Barcelona coach Josep Guardiola will remain with the Spanish champions until June 2012 after signing a one-year extension to his current contract on Wednesday.

The 40-year-old's current deal was due to expire at the end of the season but earlier this month the club announced he had agreed to stay for another year.

Guardiola, who spent most of his playing career at Barcelona, coached Barcelona's B team before taking control of the first-team squad in June 2008 from Dutchman Frank Rijkaard. The former Spanish international playmaker has won eight trophies, including successive La Liga titles and the 2009 Champions League, since taking over Barcelona's senior team.—Internet

## Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



## WEATHER

Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2011

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T.**  
 During the past 24 hours, light rain have been isolated in Taninthayi Region and weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin, Chin and Mon States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Night temperature were (4°C) below February average temperature in Kachin State, (5°C) to (6°C) below February average temperature in Upper Sagaing Region and Chin State and (3°C) to (4°C) above February average temperature in Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Rakhine and Mon States, (6°C) above February average temperature in Kayah State and about February average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant night temperatures were Haka (2°C), Pinlaung (5°C), Putao, Nansam and Heho (6°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Myeik (0.36) inch.

## Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 23-2-2011 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 24-2-2011 was 61°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 24-2-2011 was (74%). Rainfall on 24-2-2011 was (Nil).

## Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 23-2-2011 was 97°F. Minimum temperature on 24-2-2011 was 70°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 24-2-2011 was (56%). Total sunshine hours on 23-2-2011 was (10.1) hours (Approx).

Rainfall on 24-2-2011 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 Northwest at (12:30) hours MST on 23-2-2011.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of the 25<sup>th</sup> February 2011:** Light rain are likely to be isolated in Taninthayi Region, Kachin, Kayin and Mon States and weather will be partly cloudy in Upper Sagaing, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Shan, Chin and Rakhine 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 slight increase of night temperatures in the Lower Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 25-2-2011:** Generally fair weather.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 25-2-2011:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 25-2-2011:** Generally fair weather.

## Cyclist Roberts re-signs with Saxo Bank

PARIS, 24 Feb—Former Olympic track champion Luke Roberts has re-signed with Saxo Bank-SunGard, the Danish cycling outfit announced on Thursday.

The 34-year-old Roberts, who won team pursuit gold at the Athens Games in 2004, has signed a one-year deal with the team he rode for in 2005-2007.

Team owner and manager Bjarne Riis, who also announced the signing of Polish talent Rafal Majka, is hoping Roberts will reinforce his team's campaigns in the one-day classics and Grand Tours.

"We know Luke and his assets very well. He is a real pro, strong and experienced, and he is a rider you can rely on in all kinds of races," said Riis.

"He has experience from Grand Tours and the ability to strengthen our classics group. So I'm obviously happy to get him on board."

Roberts rode for the now-defunct German outfit



**Former Olympic track champion Luke Roberts, seen here in January 2011, has re-signed with Saxo Bank-SunGard.**

INTERNET

Milram until December and, having then signed with Pegasus, is only too happy after the fledgling Australian outfit failed to secure crucial financial backing and collapsed at the end of last year.

Internet

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL  
Programme Schedule  
(25-2-2011) (Friday)

## Transmissions

Local - (09:00am~11:00am)MST  
 Oversea Transmission - (25-2-11 09:30 am ~ 26-2-11 09:30 am) MST

## Local Transmission

- \* Opening
- \* News
- \* Honeymoon Trip
- \* News
- \* Super Star Singing Contest
- \* Myanmar Arts & Sculptures
- \* A Souvenir of Patheir
- \* News
- \* "Youth of The Future" Archery
- \* News
- \* Foundation of Toungoo Kingdom (500<sup>th</sup>) Anniversary (Episode-4)

## Overseas Transmission

- \* Opening
- \* News
- \* Honeymoon Trip
- \* News
- \* Super Star Singing Contest
- \* Myanmar Arts & Sculptures
- \* A Souvenir of Patheir
- \* News
- \* "Youth of The Future" Archery
- \* News
- \* Foundation of Toungoo Kingdom (500<sup>th</sup>) Anniversary (Episode-4)
- \* News
- \* Record Album
- \* News
- \* "Myanmar's Traditions and Culture" Tea
- \* News
- \* Culture stage
- \* Eco-Friendly Rattan & Hyacinth
- \* News
- \* Why So Melodious?
- \* Myanmar Movie "On Getting Six Lives"



**Friday,  
25 February  
View on today**

7:00 am

1. Paritta By Venerable  
Mingun Sayadaw

7:25 am

2. To Be Healthy  
Exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. Dhamma Puja Song

7:50 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:05 am

6. Health Programme

8:15 am

7. The Mirror Images  
Of The Musical  
Oldies

8:25 am

8. Myanmar Traditional  
Cultural Performing  
Arts Competitions

8:40 am

9. International News

8:45 am

10. Musical Programme

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Songs Of Yester  
Years

4:20 pm

3. Joint Performance  
by State Traditional  
Orchestra

4:30 pm

4. Dance Of National  
Races

4:40 pm

5. University Of  
Distance  
Education  
(TV Lectures)  
-First Year (History)

4:55 pm

6. Songs For  
Upholding  
National Spirit

5:00 pm

7. Myanmar  
Language

5:10 pm

8. Musical Programme

5:20 pm

9. Teleplay (Forest)

5:35 pm

10. Images of Innocent  
Child

6:00 pm

11. Evening News

6:15 pm

12. Weather Report

6:20 pm

13. Internet Garden

7:00 pm

14. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm

15. News

16. International News

17. Weather Report

18. Just For Laughs  
(Gags Asia)

19. TV Drama Series

20. Song Lover

- ★ 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

### Take preventive measures to avert fires

Preventive measures against fires such as firefighting drills are to be taken to avert fires.

In Yangon Region, fire outbreaks were decreasing from 2008 to 2010 thanks to fire preventive measures taken in concert by departments, members of industrial zone committees and local people. Concerning fire preventive measures being taken in Yangon Region, we interviewed Head (Deputy Director)

**Interviewer: Maung Maung Myint Swe;**  
**Photos: Tin Soe (Myanma Alin)**

of Yangon Region Fire Services Department U Thin Htay Shwe.

He said to The Myanma Alin, "The population of (See page 9)



A firefighting drill is conducted to be ready in the face of fires.

### Pyinnya Alin library opens in Lashio Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Feb—Opening of new building of Pyinnya Alin library took place in Loilwamp Village, Nawngphawt Village-tract, Lashio Township, Lashio District of Shan State (North) this morning. Secretary U Khin Maung Myint of District Peace and Development Council, Township PDC Chairman U Htein Lin, Deputy Director Daw Khin San of Shan State Information and Public Relations Department and a village head opened the library.

The district PDC

secretary and township PDC chairman gave opening speeches, and Shan State IPRD deputy director talked about "five tasks" for development of the library.

The officials handed over cash assistance contributed by the State and wellwishers, electronic appliances and publication to responsible persons.

The newly built library building, which is 24 feet in length, 14 feet in width and 12 feet in height, is CI-roofed brick building.—MNA

### Slight earthquake jolts

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Feb—A slight earthquake of magnitude 4.8 Richter Scale with its epicentre inside Myanmar (about 5 miles southwest of Yamethin) about 200 miles south of Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at 15 hrs 00 min 32 sec MST today, according to the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.

MNA