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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

13th-day regular session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw held

Approval sought for appointment of members of Union Election Commission

Regular sessions of Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw on 1st March to form Hluttaw Committees and carry out Hluttaw functions



The 13th-day regular session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in progress at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Feb—The 13th-day regular session of the First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw was held at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building, here, at 11 am today, attended by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint, Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann, and representatives of Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw.

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

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

The Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw announced that although an announcement was issued for Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives to raise objection with clear evidences that the nominees do not meet the qualification prescribed in Sub-section (b) of Section 398 of the constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar regarding nomination of members of Union Election Commission
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PERSPECTIVES

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Create tourism industry to become greater business

Tourism is an industry where greater potentials lie for economic progress. The Asia-Pacific region including Myanmar is a tourist destination.

In the open season this year, a larger number of tourists arrive in Myanmar through main entrances such as Yangon, Mandalay, Bagan and border areas. Nearly 800,000 tourists visited Myanmar in 2010, compared with over 600,000 tourists in the past.

Myanmar participates in implementation of the ASEAN Tourism Strategic Plan. Thus, border crossing tourism industry plays more important role in the plan. Myanmar is cooperating with neighbouring countries such as Thailand and Laos for ensuring development of tourism industry.

Most of the tourists in Myanmar head for Bagan with the location of ancient cultural artistic works. They also set sight on natural scenic beauty and traditional productions of national races in Inlay Lake and Pindaya area in Shan State (South).

The sanctuaries and national parks that conserve rare and endangered wildlife and various species of biodiversities and beaches have greater prospects to extend ecotourism industry. Coral reefs near the beaches, beautiful isles, mangrove forests and tropical rainy forests are ideal places for uplifting the ecotourism business.

The international community places emphasis on tourism industry in doing their businesses. Improvement of tourism contributes much to cementing friendly relations among the people of respective regions. Based on sound foundations such as tourist attractive ancient cultural areas and eco-based tourism camps, Myanmar has to upgrade convenient tour packages with better services for gaining greater development of tourism industry in the nation.

Future Way to hold free entry exam for engineering course in Singapore

YANGON, 25 Feb — Myanmar education services provider Future Way Co., Ltd and Singaporean state-run engineering school BCA Academy will jointly hold free-of-charge entry exam for engineering diploma course in Singapore at Park Royal Hotel here in May.

Fifty out of applicants will be allowed to sit

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

Labour Minister receives Executive Director of ILO mission

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Feb—Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi received an ILO mission led by Executive Director Mr Guy Ryder of the Office of the International Labour Organization at the Ministry of Labour on 23 February morning and discussed tasks being carried out jointly by the government of the Union of Myanmar and ILO and future tasks.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister U Tin Tun Aung, Directors-General U Chit Shein and U Than Win. The ILO Executive Director was accompanied by Deputy Director Ms Karen Curtis of Labour Affairs Standard Department of ILO, Senior Legal Officer Mr Drazen Petrovic and ILO

Liaison Officer Mr Steve Marshall.

The members of the ILO affairs work group led by the Deputy Minister for Labour comprising representatives of ministries concerned held a meeting on cooperation tasks of Myanmar and ILO and future tasks. In the afternoon, the ILO mission met the Committee for Prevention against Trafficking in Persons and members of the Committee of Human Rights in Myanmar.

The Government of the Union of Myanmar and ILO extended 12 more months for the Memorandum of Understanding Appendix on elimination of forced labour.—MNA



The opening ceremony of new building at Luhtu Alinpya Library was held in Htanipu Village of Salingyi Township on 9 February.
TOWNSHIP IPRD

Viewsonic ViewPad computer introduced

YANGON, 25 Feb—Viewsonic ViewPad computer was today introduced at the Computer Application Exhibition in Mandalay.

ViewPad, with 7 inches and 10 inches sized monitors are manufactured. The computer can be connected with GSM and CDMA telephone systems. It can apply Internet of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications.

ViewPad battery's endurance is six hours. The computer with the size of notebook in size has the weight three times lighter than ordinary computers.

ViewPad computers imported by Royal Ayeyawaddy Co Ltd of Yangon are available at No. 7 on 87th Street in Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Tel: 384850 and 389366.

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Education, Living & Health Care Exhibition commences

YANGON, 25 Feb — The Education, Living & Health Care Exhibition, organized by Jade Crown Organizing Group and sponsored by Shine Construction, kicked off at the Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road, here, today.

The exhibition being opened from 9 am to 5 pm up to 28 February displays booths of companies and services, educational services, computer centres, LCCI courses, Vietnam-made construction materials, steel doors, house equipment, cosmetics, hospital and health care services, traditional and western medicines, hospital equipment and book stalls, totalling over 130.—MNA

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for the first-ever free exam in Myanmar, according to Future Way Co., Ltd to which the applications will be submitted with a deadline of 19 March. The qualification for exam sitters is not IELTS or TOEFL points but high school education or GCE 'O' Level (3 subjects).

Future Way Co., Ltd is open to those interested everyday from 10 am to 5 pm at No (9), Room No (6-a), Yawmingyi lane (beside Thamada Cinema), Thamada Condo, Dagon Township, Yangon, (Ph: 241099 and 254185).

Five killed as 40 NATO oil tankers attacked in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 25 Feb— At least five people were killed as 40 NATO oil tankers were attacked early Friday morning by some unknown militants in Pakistan's northwest city of Peshawar, reported local English TV channel Express. According to the report, the incident took place at about 2:00 am (local time) Friday when some unknown militants fired at the NATO oil tankers parked by the roadside in the downtown area of Peshawar, capital of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province in northwest Pakistan.

The attack caused a huge fire on the oil tankers. Fire tenders rushed to the site immediately following the report of the attack. It took hours to bring the fire under control, the report quoted an eyewitness as saying. Four people, believed to be the drivers and cleaners of the containers, died during the attack, said the report, adding that the police have sealed off the site and launched an investigation into the case.—Xinhua



A convoy of NATO supply trucks driven by Pakistani drivers are seen as they prepare to cross into Afghanistan near the border town of Chaman.

INTERNET

Two US drone attacks kill six in Pakistani tribal area

ISLAMABAD, 25 Feb— At least six people were killed Thursday evening when two US drones fired missiles into the northwestern Pakistani tribal area of North Waziristan, local sources said. In the first strike, four missiles were fired at a suspected militants hideout at the Data Khel area near Miranshah, the main town in North Waziristan locals said.

Shortly after the attack killed four people, a second pilotless aircraft landed two missiles at the same area, targeting a vehicle and killing two people near the border with Afghanistan.

Since Thursday afternoon, five US drones have been flying over the tribal area of North Waziristan and tribal men were firing guns with mortars and heavy guns trying to shoot them down, local sources told Xinhua.—Xinhua

'Dark days' in N Zealand as earthquake kills 113



Rubble from the ruined spire of Christchurch Cathedral lies on top of a car in Christchurch.

INTERNET

CHRISTCHURCH, 25 Feb—New Zealand warned frantic relatives to brace for the worst Friday as hundreds of toiling rescuers failed to find more survivors after a devastating earthquake left at least 113 dead.

As rain hampered the painstaking search of Christchurch's devastated city centre, Foreign Minister Murray McCully admitted: "The rescue focus is drawing towards a conclusion."

"We're getting to the end of that period in which you can still have hope," McCully said.

No one has been found alive since the last of 70 survivors pulled from underneath rubble was rescued from a collapsed office building two days ago.

Police said 113 bodies were lying in a temporary morgue, while the latest number of missing was 228 after Tuesday's earthquake laid waste to central Christchurch and several suburbs in New Zealand's worst disaster in 80 years.

The city's iconic cathedral lost its spire, office blocks folded like packs of cards and entire streets lost their shop frontages in the shallow, 6.3-magnitude tremor, which came just months after a major 7.0 quake.—Internet

Five dead, three injured in military academy blast in Spain

MADRID, 25 Feb—A powerful explosion at a Spanish military academy killed five soldiers and wounded three others on Thursday when a bomb disposal drill went awry, the Defence Ministry said.

Soldiers getting ready to deploy as peacekeepers with the UN mission in south Lebanon were carrying out an exercise involving a controlled detonation of anti-tank mines when the ordnance exploded before the soldiers could move a safe distance away, an ministry official. "They were preparing to deactivate explosives in Lebanon. They were preparing to save lives in Lebanon when they lost their own," Defence Minister Carme

Chacon said. The blast occurred at an army academy in Hoyo de Manzanares, about 30 kilometres (20 miles) northwest of Madrid.

Chacon described the explosion as very powerful and said the victims included some of Spain's top experts in bomb disposal and troops who had just returned from service in Afghanistan, where Spain also has forces deployed.

Three of the dead were from the Army and two were Marines. Spain has about 1,000 troops stationed in south Lebanon as part of the United Nations peacekeeping mission launched in 2006 after a war between Israel and Hezbollah.—Internet

Fire at Houston daycare centre kills three, injures four



Emergency Personnel respond to the location where a fire broke out at a daycare centre operated by Jessica Tata, killing three children and injuring four others, on 24 Feb, 2011, in Houston.—INTERNET

HOUSTON, 25 Feb— A kitchen fire filled a home daycare centre with smoke on Thursday, killing three children and

injuring four others. Firefighters ran with babies and small children in their arms to nearby ambulances on the crowded street, a fire

official said.

All seven children in Jackie's Child Care were taken to hospitals, said Rick Flanagan, Houston Fire Department's executive assistant chief. They ranged in age from 18 months to 3 years old, officials said.

Neighbour Michael McAndrews said he saw "smoke billowing out of the house and firemen up on the roof, trying to make a hole." Around front, firefighters were carrying children out of the smoke-filled house, then performing CPR in the yard.

"They were ash-coloured," McAndrews said. "They weren't coughing. They weren't breathing," Flanagan said no information was immediately available on the names and ages of those who died. The four injured "are apparently still clinging to life. I don't think they're out of the darkness yet," Flanagan said. One was in critical condition and one was in good condition at Children's Memorial Hermann Hospital in Houston, said hospital spokeswoman Jennifer Hart.—Internet

Key soldier reaches plea deal in Afghan murder case

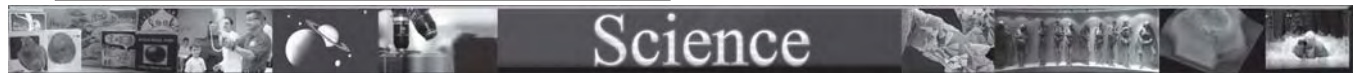
SEATTLE, 25 Feb—A key suspect in the US Army prosecution of soldiers accused of terrorizing unarmed Afghan civilians has agreed to plead guilty to murder charges next week and testify against his co-defendants, his lawyer said on Thursday. Army Specialist Jeremy Morlock has signed documents stating his intention to plead guilty to three counts of premeditated murder and several other offenses when summoned 3 March for court-martial at Joint Base Lewis-McChord near Tacoma, Washington.

The deal with prosecutors, which is subject to the approval of a military judge, calls for Morlock, 22, from Wasilla, Alaska, to serve no more than 24 years in prison, as opposed to the life term he faced if convicted of all charges in a trial.—Reuters

Afghan wounded man recover inside a local hospital in Spin Boldak District of Kandahar, south of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 24 Feb, 2011. A suicide bomber blew himself up Thursday in southern Afghanistan, killing one Afghan intelligence service officer and wounding more than two dozen other people.

INTERNET





Science

Shuttle Discovery on final flight

CAPE CANAVERAL, 25 Feb—NASA's space shuttle *Discovery* lifted into space Thursday on its final mission, 11 days that will crown a busy and eventful 27 years of duty, officials said.

Discovery launched at 4:53 pm EST from Launch Pad 39A at NASA's Kennedy Space Centre in Florida, the space agency said.

A last-minute glitch in a range-safety computer almost threatened to abort the launch but was fixed just minutes before lift-off, SPACE.com reported.

NASA said a record crowd, estimated at 40,000, watched to orbiter's launch.

"For those watching, get ready to witness the majesty and the power of the shuttle *Discovery* as she lifts off one more time," mission commander Steve Lindsey radioed from the crew cabin minutes before launch.

Crew members include Lindsey, pilot Eric Boe and mission specialists Alvin Drew, Michael Barratt, Nicole Stott and Steve Bowen.

Discovery will deliver critical supplies to the *International Space Station*, including hardware, a storage module and a humanoid robot assistant called *Robonaut 2*, a first in space. The shuttle is expected to dock with the space station Saturday afternoon.

Two spacewalks are also planned to perform routine station maintenance, NASA said.

After it returns to Earth, *Discovery* will take up residence at the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum in Washington, *The Washington Post* said. The museum holds the world's largest collection of historic aircraft and spacecraft. For the first time on this *Discovery* flight, NASA let the public choose two songs the astronauts will hear when they wake up. NASA said it got more than 2.4 million votes and will announce the top two vote-getters during the mission.

Internet



The shuttle Discovery blasted off on its final mission into orbit, marking the beginning of the end for what has been a central part of the US space programme for three decades.—INTERNET

Scientists make transgenic fungus to fight malaria

LONDON, 25 Feb—Using genetically modified fungi to infect mosquitoes that harbour malaria parasites could be an effective way to control the spread of malaria, researchers said on Thursday.

Scientists from Britain and the United States inserted the genes of human antibodies or scorpion toxins into a fungus called *Metarhizium anisopliae* that infects mosquitoes. They found that certain combinations of them were able to stop the development of malaria-causing parasites in the mosquitoes.

Writing in the journal *Science*, the researchers said the approach could become an environmentally friendly way of fighting malaria, and might also be used to control other insect- or bug-borne diseases such as dengue fever or Lyme disease.

"Though applied here to combat malaria, our transgenic fungal approach is a very flexible one that allows design and delivery of gene products targeted to almost any disease-carrying arthropod," said Raymond St Leger, a professor of entomology at the University of Maryland, who led the study.—Reuters

Robot supply craft docks with ISS

PARIS, 25 Feb—The European Space agency says its robotic Automated Transfer Vehicle has successfully docked with the *International Space Station* to deliver supplies.

Eight days after launch, the approach and docking were achieved autonomously Thursday by the robotic spacecraft's own computers, closely monitored by ESA and French space agency teams at the ATV Control Centre in Toulouse, France, as well as by the astronauts aboard the space station, an ESA release said.

At close range, the 20-ton, unmanned supply spaceship computed its position through sensors pointed at laser reflectors on the space station.

The cargo spacecraft was launched by an *Ariane 5* rocket from Europe's Spaceport in Kourou, French Guiana, on 16 Feb.

It will remain docked at the space station until June, serving as an additional research module.

The space station crew will unload about 3,800 pounds of dry cargo, including food, clothes and equipment, the ESA said.

The space shuttle *Discovery* is to hook up with the space station Saturday.

Internet



Technology

Google cooks recipes into search menu

SAN FRANCISCO, 25 Feb—Google has begun cooking recipes into its search menu in a way that lets people easily find instructions for whipping up dishes in the kitchen.

A "Recipe View" feature that Google is rolling out in the United States and Japan turns the search engine into an online cook book of sorts.

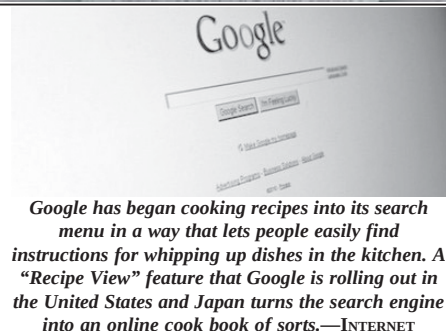
"As a math geek and computer engineer, I prefer to work with concrete numbers and instructions, including when cooking."

The feature narrows search results to only recipes along with ratings for each option.

Recipe search terms can range from names of dishes to favoured foods, such as strawberries, or holidays. Searches can be filtered by calorie count, cooking time, or ingredients.—Internet



In this 1 Feb, 2011 file photo, Indian cricket captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni poses during a promotional event of Sony's Bravia TVs in Mumbai, India.—INTERNET



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Apple releases printer updates for Xerox, HP, Epson

NEW YORK, 25 Feb—You don't have to wait until Apple's 2 March press event for product news to come out of Cupertino. Granted, Wednesday's trio of printer driver releases may lack the "wow" factor of, say, a new iPad, but owners of Xerox, HP, and Epson devices will certainly appreciate the respective downloads.

Xerox Printer Drivers v2.1 promises an update to Xerox printing software that shipped with Mac OS X 10.6. Apple includes a list of the supported Xerox printer models as well.

Likewise, HP Printer Drivers v.2.6 includes Snow Leopard-compatible HP printing and scanning software for a bevy of supported HP devices. This update targets users running OS X 10.6.1 or later.

Internet

Mariner upgrades Paperless document management software

WASHINGTON, 25 Feb—Mariner Software has released Paperless 2.0, the latest upgrade to its comprehensive digital document management software for home and business.

Formally known as ReceiptWallet, Paperless lets you scan or import receipts and other paperwork, using Optical Character Recognition (OCR) and other data entry tools to help recognize and categorize receipts and documents as PDF files. The software also features built-in search capabilities for finding and organizing receipts and documents into collections, as well as tools for tracking expenses for taxes, creating searchable PDF files for owner's manuals or other documents, and more.

Paperless 2.0 includes various new features, including the ability to create expense reports, pie charts, and contact reports. You can also now create custom field types, like text, currency and checkboxes. Data entry has also been made easier with automatic matching of thousands of popular US Merchants.

The software also now supports a wider variety of scanners through Apple's Image Capture, as well as expanded use of Fujitsu's ScanSnap scanners.

Paperless 2.0 requires an Intel Mac running OS X 10.5.8 or higher and costs \$50 for new users or \$25 for the 2.0 upgrade.—Internet



Health



Study seeks to dispel stress myth in IVF treatment

LONDON, 25 Feb—Women trying to get pregnant via IVF or other assisted reproduction techniques do not reduce their chances of success if they are emotionally distressed, according to a large scale analysis published on Friday.

In a review of data covering more than 3,500 women undergoing in vitro fertilization or other fertility treatments, British researchers found no difference in pregnancy success rates of women who were stressed and those who were not.

"These findings should reassure women that emotional distress caused by fertility problems or other life events co-occurring with treatment will not compromise their chance of becoming pregnant," said Jacky Boivin of Cardiff University's school of psychology, who led the study.

Infertility is a worldwide problem that affects 9 to 15 percent of the childbearing population, experts say. More than half of those affected will seek medical advice in the hope of eventually being able to become a parent.

IVF involves fertilizing an egg with sperm in a lab before implanting the embryo into a woman's womb, and can cost a patient many thousands of euros or dollars.

In research published last month, fertility specialists said that in the United States and Britain, IVF is successful in about a third of women under 35 years old, but in only five to 10 percent of women over the age of 40.—Reuters



Women smoke in a Times Square pedestrian island in 2010 in New York City. New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg signed a law Tuesday banning smoking in parks, beaches and busy gathering places like Times Square, the health department said.

INTERNET

Health Tip: Does acne need a doctor's care?

If your acne is well controlled by gently washing with soap and water, and by using over-the-counter lotions or creams, you may not have to visit your doctor.

On the other hand, the University of Michigan Health System says you should see your doctor if:

- * Your acne keeps getting worse.
- * You have large, fluid-filled pimples that may feel hard to the touch. This is called cystic acne.
- * Your acne keeps you from social activities, such as parties or dates.
- * You are depressed or very embarrassed because of acne.
- * Either or both your parents had severe acne that caused permanent scars.—Internet

Hot flashes, night sweats tied to heart risks

CHICAGO, 25 Feb—Women who have hot flashes and night sweats at the start of menopause may be less likely to have a heart attack later in life, US researchers said on Thursday.

But women who develop these symptoms later in menopause may have higher heart disease risks, the team reported in the journal *Menopause*.

"Our study provides reassurance that the classic symptoms of early menopause, experienced by the majority of women at mid-life, are not a marker of an increased risk of heart attack or stroke in the future," Dr JoAnn Manson of Brigham and Women's Hospital, who worked on the study, said in a statement. The findings come from a new analysis of the large clinical trial called the Women's Health Initiative in 2002 that showed hormone replacement therapy raised the risk of breast and ovarian cancers and strokes in older women, and doctors now prescribe it sparingly.—Reuters



Indian labourers at work at the Eden Gardens Stadium in Kolkata on 27 Jan. India's Eden Gardens stadium in Kolkata is drawing up plans to offer free medical check-ups to fans in a bid to fill the ground during the World Cup.

INTERNET



Business



Volvo to invest \$11 bln in next five years



A vehicle manufactured by Chinese car firm Geely is seen at the company's headquarters in eastern China's Zhejiang Province.—INTERNET

BEIJING, 25 Feb—Swedish car maker Volvo hopes to become a global luxury brand and turn China into a major manufacturing base by investing \$10-\$11 billion over the next five years, a report said on Friday.

Volvo, which was bought by Chinese group Geely last year, plans to build a new assembly plant in the southwestern City of Chengdu as it expands its China operations, chief executive Stefan Jacoby told the *Wall Street Journal*.

The company wants to boost annual sales to 800,000 cars globally by 2020 — more than double the 373,000 sold last year — with half of

that growth coming from China, the world's biggest auto market, Jacoby said in an interview.

"We're in the middle of a big transition — a big transformation. We are redefining the brand," Jacoby said ahead of a news conference in Beijing later Friday at which Volvo and Geely will officially announce the strategic plan.

Internet

Japan's CPI drops 0.2% in January

TOKYO, 25 Feb— Japan's core consumer price index dropped 0.2 percent from a year earlier in January, marking the 23rd straight month of decline, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications said in a preliminary report on Friday.

The CPI reading in the recording period, which excludes volatile fresh food prices, was less than median economists' forecasts for a 0.3 percent retraction, but the government report noted that the pace of the decline had slowed from a 0.4 percent drop logged in December last

year. The government said the decline in January was predominantly attributed to lower prices for durable goods such as consumer electronics on sale in the post-holiday period and ongoing drops in high school tuition fees after state subsidies kicked-in last April. The ministry also highlighted rising energy costs in Japan, which increased 0.7 percentage point in January over a month earlier to 4.7 percent.

In the Tokyo Metropolitan area specifically, energy costs jumped 1.4 percent in February, although the pace had slowed from the 2.8 percent on year leap logged in January, the ministry said.—Xinhua

US home loan giants Fannie, Freddie post losses in Q4

WASHINGTON, 25 Feb— Two US housing finance giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac Thursday announced huge losses in the fourth quarter of last year, fresh evidence of the still struggling US property market.

Fannie Mae registered a net loss of 2.1 billion US dollars in the fourth quarter last year, and requested an additional 2.6 billion dollars in federal aid, the Washington-based company said Thursday in a statement.

Freddie Mac posted a net loss of more than 1.7 billion dollars in the same period, and asked for an additional 500 million dollars in federal aid, according to a statement released by the company on Thursday.

The Obama administration earlier this month unveiled a report to Congress on reforming the US housing finance market, aiming to wind down the two government-sponsored enterprises, while giving the private sector a bigger say on the multi-trillion-dollar market.

The two companies played a major role in the run-up to the severe financial crisis.—Xinhua



A candy seller walks past a suburban train at a railway station in Mumbai on 25 Feb, 2011. India's railways minister Mamata Banerjee vowed to support the "common people" as she unveiled her third annual budget on Friday that promised to invest 576.3 billion rupees (\$12.68 billion) in the network in the financial year 2011-12.

INTERNET

Fighting cyber-attacks is matter of national security

HAVANA, 25 Feb—Cuba is waging efforts to prevent cyber-attacks by developing national software and migrating all Cuban State institutions to a national open source code programme, Cuban Informatics and Communications Vice Minister Boris Moreno told *Xinhua* Thursday.

He said Cuba is a poor embargoed country with a "historical enemy", referring to the United States, and the development of national software and computers to replace the imported ones is a "matter of national security."

He said every transnational

organization producing computer hardware and software is obliged "by law" to leave open backdoors to world's major intelligence agencies, affecting Cuba's national sovereignty and security and thus underlining the importance of developing its national software to prevent the extraction of important data.

Moreno added the protection of Cuba's network is aimed to prevent attacks by hackers not only from the United States "as many people might think," but from anywhere else in the world.—*Xinhua*



The debris of a house is seen in Concepcion, about 500km south of Santiago, capital of Chile, on 24 Feb, 2011. Concepcion, among the areas hit by a major earthquake and tsunami on 27 Feb, 2010, marks the first anniversary of the 8.8 magnitude earthquake.—XINHUA

14 Filipinos missing in New Zealand quake

MANILA, 25 Feb—

The number of Filipinos missing in New Zealand after Tuesday's magnitude 6.3 quake in Christchurch has climbed to 14, the Department of Foreign Affairs said on Thursday.

New Zealand officials announced that they have started to shift from rescue to retrieval operations as hopes dim in finding more survivors, three days after the disaster.

But Foreign Affairs spokesman Eduardo Malaya said Philippine officials in Christchurch have appealed to the New Zealand government to resume rescue operations since there is an indication that the most of the 14 missing Filipinos are still alive.

"They have been receiving text messages from these missing individuals and they are not presumed dead," Malaya said.

Xinhua

Australian passengers affected by smoke on Virgin Blue flight

CANBERRA, 25 Feb—Australian police launched an investigation on board a Virgin Blue plane that landed at the Melbourne Airport on Friday morning with smoke in the cabin. Virgin Blue flight 302 from Brisbane to Melbourne, carrying 160 passengers, landed without incident after passengers and crew smelled smoke coming from the galley area.

The airline denied there was any smoke, just an odour, and said a faulty oven was removed. "It (the smoke) was coming from the oven in the galley of the plane and the oven has been removed from the plane and it is being investigated," Virgin Blue media spokeswoman Fiona Sugden told the *Australia Associated Press* on Friday.

Victorian Police are conducting a routine investigation of the incident. "We're trying to get to the bottom of as to what the cause of the smoke was," Victoria Police spokesman told *The Australian* newspaper. "We've set up a crime scene to preserve the area." Paramedics treated six people on board the flight, including cabin crew, for distress but they did not require hospital treatment.—*Xinhua*

12 pregnant women die in Indian hospital

NEW DELHI, 25 Feb—Twelve pregnant women have died in 10 days in an Indian government hospital, with contaminated fluids administered during child birth suspected to be the cause, reports said Friday.

Another five women are in a



A nurse adjusts an IV drip in a hospital ward. Twelve pregnant women have died in 10 days in an Indian government hospital, with contaminated fluids administered during child birth suspected to be the cause, reports said on Friday.—INTERNET

serious condition, according to doctors at the Umaid Hospital in the city of Jodhpur, in a case that highlights the often poor standards of care in state-run health facilities in India.

The first death occurred on 13 February and a meeting of leading doctors was held three days later which failed to identify the cause, *The Indian Express* newspaper reported, citing doctors and officials at the hospital.

"All the women died after severe haemorrhaging and for now we believe the cause might be an infection after they were administered tainted IV fluids," Umaid Hospital Superintendent NG Chaggani told the newspaper.

Police have lodged a case against the local company that supplied the fluids and the Indian manufacturer.

"We have begun our investigation and are checking the suspected stock," Jodhpur police commissioner Bhopendra Kumar Dak told the *Times of India* newspaper.

Internet

A blindfolded girl hits a pot of goodies during a pot hitting contest at a religious town festivity in Malabon, Metro Manila on 25 Feb, 2011.
INTERNET



Swiss tourist killed by elephant in Thailand

BANGKOK, 25 Feb—An elderly Swiss woman was trampled to death and four other tourists were injured when elephants they were riding fought with each other in southern Thailand, police said Thursday.

The 63-year-old woman was thrown to the ground and fatally injured during an elephant trek

with friends in the south of the country on Tuesday, *Bangkok Post* online reported.

"It happened because the elephants quarrelled with each other. One reared up on its feet so the tourists fell to the ground, and it trampled on her," *Bangkok Post* online quoted Pol Lt-Col Apidej Chuaykuar, who is the officer in charge of the case, as saying.

He said a total of five tourists, who were staying in the nearby resort of Phuket, were riding two male elephants when the creatures became aggressive.

The woman was pronounced dead at a hospital in nearby southern province of

Surat Thani Province that evening.

She was travelling with two other Swiss nationals who were injured, according to an official source, who said some members of the group were forced to jump from one of the animals when it began running through the forest.

Two more tourists, whose nationalities were not immediately clear, were also believed to have been injured.

The Swiss embassy in Bangkok confirmed it was aware of the situation and was providing assistance to the victims and their families.

Xinhua

People look into a bullet-riddled car at a crime scene in Ciudad Juarez on 24 Feb, 2011. Three hitmen were shot dead while driving in their car and several bystanders were injured during the attack, according to local media.
INTERNET



Earliest human remains in US Arctic reported



This undated handout photo provided by the journal Science shows a trench connecting both areas of the site in Alaska.

INTERNET

WASHINGTON, 25 Feb—Some 11,500 years ago one of America's earliest families laid the remains of a 3-year-old child to rest in their home in what is now Alaska. The discovery of that burial is shedding

new light on the life and times of the early settlers who crossed from Asia to the New World, researchers report in Friday's edition of the journal *Science*.

The bones represent the earliest human remains discovered in the Arctic of North America, a "pretty significant find," said Ben A Potter of the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

While ancient Alaskan residents were known to hunt large game, the newly discovered site shows they also foraged for fish, birds and small mammals, he explained. "Here we know there were young children and females. So, this is a whole piece of the settlement system that we had virtually no record of."

The site of the discovery, Upper Sun River, is in the forest of the Tanana lowlands in central Alaska, Potter and his colleagues report.—*Internet*

Murder rate among youths soars in Brazil

BRASILIA, 25 Feb—The murder rate among Brazil's youths has soared to epidemic levels, almost doubling between 1998 and 2008, the Justice Ministry said Thursday.

In its "Map of Violence" report, the ministry said the number of Brazilians aged 15 to 24 murdered rose from 30 per 100,000 inhabitants in 1998 to 52.9 a decade later. It did not say why the murder rate increased.

The report said that among the population as a whole, the murder rate in 2008 was 20.5 per 100,000. Sociologist Julio Jacobo Weiselfisz, who prepared the report, said that "if the overall rate is very high, the murder rate among youths has reached epidemic proportions."

The report said that, according to the latest figures available, Brazil's murder rate ranks sixth among 100 countries, both in terms of the population as a whole and among youths.—*Internet*

FDA grants meeting on Avastin for breast cancer

WASHINGTON, 25 Feb—The Food and Drug Administration has granted Swiss drugmaker Roche a first-of-a-kind public hearing to defend the effectiveness of its drug Avastin for treating breast cancer, just months after the agency ruled that the drug is ineffective for that use. Roche said Thursday it will make its case at the two-day hearing in June for keeping the drug approved for treating recurring breast cancer.

Avastin is the world's best-selling cancer drug and is also approved for several types of colon, lung, kidney and brain cancer. Those uses have not been questioned by the FDA. In December, the FDA ruled that recent studies failed to show that Avastin significantly extended or improved breast cancer patients' lives. The agency began proceedings to revoke the drug's approval for treating breast cancer, but Roche took the rare step of challenging the decision.

Drug companies almost always follow FDA requests, and the meeting starting 28 June over the fate of Avastin will be the first of its kind.

"We believe Avastin is an important option for women with this disease and should remain an FDA-approved choice," said Roche Chief Medical Officer Hal Barron, in a statement. A spokeswoman for the non-profit Breast Cancer Action group said the meeting could be productive if it leads to reforms in how the FDA reviews and approves cancer drugs. "But if this is just going to be about Roche buying their way into the FDA and putting profits before patients, then I think this meeting is going to be highly questionable," said Angela Wall, communications manager for the San Francisco-based advocacy group.—*Internet*



Sotheby's Asia Deputy Chairman Nicolas Chow poses with the cover of "Famille rose peach box and cover" at a preview by auction house Sotheby's in Hong Kong on 25 Feb, 2011. The box and cover are expected to fetch around \$5.1 million to 7.7 million in the 7 April auction of "The Meiyintang Collection".—INTERNET

Test launch of Russia's Bulava missile postponed

Moscow, 25 Feb—The next test launch of Russia's *Bulava* intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) will be carried out in late spring, head of Russia's General Staff Gen Nikolai Makarov said on Friday. The 15th test launch of the *Bulava* from the Yury Dolgoruky nuclear submarine was slated for 17 Dec, but had been postponed due to the ice conditions in the Barents Sea.

"The test launch is most likely to be carried out late spring or in early summer, as ice situation in the Barents Sea permits," Makarov said.

Earlier, the Russian Defence Ministry said it planned to put the *Bulava* ICBM into service by the end of 2011. According to the missile's chief designer Yuri Solomonov, Russian strategic forces wanted to conduct five more test launches of the sea-based missile.—*Xinhua*

A woman walks her dog following a blizzard in Manhattan's Greenwich Village neighbourhood in 2010. Just like their human masters, a majority of American pets have a weight problem, a study released on Thursday says.—INTERNET



Taking after master: US pets obese, too, study finds

WASHINGTON, 25 Feb—Just like their human masters, a majority of American pets have a weight problem, a study released Thursday says.

In its fourth yearly study of how fat Americans' four-legged furry friends are, the Association for Pet Obesity Prevention (APOP) found that 53 percent of cats and more than 55 percent of dogs were overweight or obese.

That means there are around 50 million fat cats and 43 million pudgy dogs in the United States.

The study looked at 133 adult cats and 383

dogs.

Nearly a third of the cats were classified by their veterinarians as overweight and nearly 22 percent were deemed to be clinically obese, the study found. Among the canines observed, 35 percent were found to be overweight and 20.6 percent were obese. "Were seeing a greater

percentage of obese pets than ever before," said Dr Ernie Ward, founder of APOP.

In 2007, roughly 19 percent of cats and a mere 10 percent of dogs were found in the APOP study to be obese—defined for the family pet as having a body weight that is 30 percent greater than normal.—*Internet*

Three young girls killed in Mexico border attack

CIUDAD JUAREZ, 25 Feb—Gunmen opened fire on six children playing in the yard of a home in the border city of Ciudad Juarez, killing three girls aged 12, 14 and 15, prosecutors said Thursday.

Three other children in the yard were not hit by the bullets in the Wednesday attack. Some were as young as 8.

Ciudad Juarez, in northern Chihuahua State across the border from El Paso, Texas, has been the scene of bloody drug cartel turf battles that have killed more than 6,000 people the past two years. In several instances, youths have been killed just because they were in the same home as the gunmen's intended targets.

The Chihuahua state prosecutors' office said in a statement that the gunmen in the Wednesday attack were apparently targeting the father of two of the dead girls in a dispute that may have involved low-level drug dealing.

Two of the dead girls were sisters, and the third victim was their friend.—*Internet*



Thai customs officials prepare to display seized elephant tusks smuggled into Thailand from Nigeria before a news conference in Bangkok 25 Feb, 2011. A total of 118 elephant tusks, worth about \$1.7 million, hidden in cases, were seized at Bangkok's Suvarnabhumi Airport.

INTERNET

13th-day regular session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw held

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made by the elected President, there were no objections to the nominees. Accordingly, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approved the nominee. Afterwards, the

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker explained procedures that Hluttaw representatives are to abide by in submitting questions, proposals and bills to Hluttaw. Next, the

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker announced that the 13th-day regular session of the First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session ended; that the regular session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session would be adjourned in order that Pyithu Hluttaw



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint explains procedures that Hluttaw representatives are to abide by in submitting questions, proposals and bills to Hluttaw. —MNA

Committee and Amyotha Hluttaw Committee could be formed and functions of Hluttaw be carried out; and that the regular sessions of Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw would be held at 11 am on 1st March. The session came to an end at 11.20 am.—MNA

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives signing the attendance book.

MNA

A&I Minister meets foreign guests

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Feb — Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo received Chief Operating Officer Mr. Ng Chee Joong of Prestige Platform Sdn. Bhd and party from Malaysia at

his office here this noon. They discussed matters related to investments in palm oil cultivation in agriculture sector. The minister also met with Director Mr. Aral Hitoshi of

Panasonic Electronic Works Co., Ltd and party at 1 pm and held discussions on growing of high yielding kenaf jute and its foreign market share.

MNA



A&I Minister U Htay Oo receives Chief Operating Officer Mr Ng Chee Joong of Prestige Platform Sdn. Bhd and party from Malaysia.

MNA

Industry-2 Minister receives Chinese guests

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Feb—Minister for Industry-2 U Soe Thein received President Mr Liu Jian Ye and party of

Shandong Puli Construction Engineering Co Ltd of the People's Republic of China at the Ministry of

Industry-2, here, yesterday evening.

Their discussions focused on sending of trainees for implementation of 2200-2700 HP Diesel Engine and 6200-7000 HP Diesel Engine production projects in Thagara Industrial Region of Bago Region, manufacturing of spare parts, rapid importing of materials and timely implementation of the projects.

MNA

MBA of University of Wales available at STI Education

YANGON, 25 Feb — Any educates with two-year work experience and fair qualification in English language can have access to MBA course of University of Wales in England at STI Education.

Subjects they have to take for the course during two or four years through online are Personal Skills

Development, Financial Management, , Marketing Management, Operations Management, Managing the Human Resource, Managing Change in Organizations, Strategic Management and Research Methods. Those who failed to meet the requirements in English Language have to take an English programme. There are

four intakes—Jan, April, July and Oct. Those who want to take the April intake may register in February and early March. For further information, contact STI Education at No (377) on upper Shwewontha Street in Pabedan Township and Room (7), Building (4) in Myanmar Info-Tech in Hline Township (Ph: 700273 and 507048).

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AUX air conditioner with a four-year warranty on sale

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4 Years Warranty

AUX AIR CONDITIONER

YANGON, 25 Feb — AUX air conditioners with a four-year warranty are on sale at five percent discount.

For further information, contact United Asia Co., Ltd at No (225) on Anawrahta Street between 11th and

Hledan Streets in Lanmadaw township, Yangon (Ph: 01 210834, 218021 and Fax: 0095-1-228384).

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Pyawbwe Township covered with various thriving crops

Byline & Photos: Myint Lwin Thein (Pyawbwe)

As various kinds of crops were successfully grown on a commercial scale in Moenangon Village, southern part of Pyawbwe Township, local farmers were busy in harvest, winnowing, plucking and packaging works.

On arrival at the village, we witnessed

colour grape can be sold at K 1600 per viss, green colour one at K 1200 and oval-shaped one at K 1000."

Grape is cultivated in Moenangon, Kyeeyoe, Ohnbin, Yonlaygon, Shwedah and Ywadan village-tracts on a commercial scale.

cultivation of grape there.

Ko Ma Gyt (a) Ko Zaw Lwin, a grape farm owner, said, "Grape is to be grown with the use of fresh water. Grape plant can thrive from seven to twenty years in its life span. I have established my grape farm for seven years."



Cluster of brown colour grape highlighted in the photo.

clusters of grape at bunches at the grape farms. Greening grapes were seen in groups of plants. We saw betel farms beside the grape farm.

In an interview, farmer U Maw Si said, "At present, brown

"Cultivation of grape was introduced in Pyawbwe Township in 1970. U Pay Thee, U Than Gyaung, U Po Yi of Ohnbin Village and I participated in growing of grape at first," U Pyu Kyaw explained the history on

He further explained, "Grape is transported to Yangon, Mandalay, Taunggyi, Mawlamyine, Pyay and Muse at the border area of China by car or by train."

Local farmers of the Anya (dry region of



Photo shows a thriving sunflower plantation.

Myanmar) are engaged in various traditional livelihoods such as agriculture task, production of knife and ironware at blacksmith industry, making of mats, baskets, small

containers and sieves made up of bamboo.

The Anya land is covered with thick foliage of tamarind plants, rain trees and Htanaung (*Acacia leucophloea*) plants. At

a time when cotton, sesame, gram, chilli and onion are harvested, the local farmers fetch the increased incomes.

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Pea plants seen as mixed cropping in long staple cotton plantation.



Photo shows Tatkon Creek Bridge at the entrance to Kyunhla.

Kyunhla on right track...

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niger and 5767 metric tons of edible oil. As the town needs 821 tons of edible oil, a total of 4946 metric tons of surplus was transported to Shwebo, Monywa, Mandalay, Kawlin, Mogaung and

Mohnyin."

He further explained, "In the education sector, the township has facilitated with one Basic Education High School, six BEMs and 83 BEPSs where a total of 363 teachers are training 13980 students. In

addition, village libraries have been opened in 112 villages for broadening horizons of the local people."

He said that Thaphanseik Dam is the significant one in the township. Coal can be produced from Thitcho and Nyaungbinyoe villages. Under the

permission of the State, Honda-Myanmar Co of Mandalay and Than Myan Thu Co of Mandalay are producing crude oil in Mawkei, Naungkauk, Yayshin and Hekin region, he said.

Kyunhla Township has one town hall of the Township Development Affairs Committee, Thityamyang Market and Padaukmyang Market, one guest house, a sports ground and a gymnasium

and Kyunhla railway station. A sub-power station is contributing to supply of electricity to the town round the clock. In addition, the township has been equipped with one auto-telephone exchange installed with 545 telephones. Moreover, the local people can use CDMA telephones. As part of efforts to develop the town, seven main roads of the town have been repaved with asphalt, 12

roads with gravel and 55 roads as the earth one. A total of 74 roads are stretching 47.4 miles long. The town has been facilitated with ten concrete bridges and eight wooden bridges.

After visiting downtown area of Kyunhla, we the news crew of Kyemon Daily left for Thaphanseik Dam.

Translation: TTA Kyemon: 24-2-2011



Bogyoke Road decorated with shade trees in a row.

Suspect in ICE agent slaying evaded earlier charge



In this 11 Dec, 2009 photo obtained by the Associated Press on 23 Feb, 2011, Julian Zapata Espinoza aka "El Piolin" shown to the press along with other suspects after their detention at the 12th Military Zone in the city of San Luis Potosi, Mexico.—INTERNET

MEXICO CITY, 25 Feb.—A Mexican judge said Thursday that he revoked bail for an alleged drug cartel member just weeks before the man allegedly shot a US immigration agent to death and wounded another.

The judge said he had originally granted the suspect a form of bail in another case because the most serious charges against him did not hold up.

Suspect Julian Zapata Espinoza was detained Wednesday by the Mexican army. The army said he confessed to killing US Immigration and Customs Enforcement agent Jaime Zapata on a highway near the northern city of San Luis Potosi on 15 Feb, in what he claimed was a case of mistaken identity.

Zapata Espinoza had been arrested in 2009 on charges of illegal weapons possession, organized crime and possession of counterfeit police insignia and using a stolen car. He was released and later jumped bail.

District court judge Juan de Dios Monreal explained the bail ruling Thursday, saying he had to dismiss the only two charges under which he could have denied bail for Zapata Espinoza because of a lack of evidence.

Internet

Japan sees slowest population growth since 1920

TOKYO, 25 Feb.—Japan's population has grown at the slowest pace since 1920 as the rapidly aging country grapples with extremely low birthrates, a census report showed Friday.

Japan, the world's 10th most populated country, said its population stood at 128.05 million as of October 2010, up 0.2 percent from the previous census in 2005.

The figure marked the slowest population growth since Japan began a census in 1920, said Keiko Nozaki, an official at the internal affairs ministry, which released the once-in-five-years census data.

"The weak population growth was mainly due to Japan's very low birthrates," Nozaki said.

While the census showed marginal population growth, Japan's population has continued to decline since 2007, the ministry said.

Like in other advanced countries, young Japanese people are waiting to get married and choosing to have fewer children because of careers and lifestyle choices.

Japan's fertility rate — the average number of children born to a woman over her lifetime — stood at 1.37 in 2008, one of the lowest in the world, the government said.

Japan's population is also aging faster than anywhere else.—Internet

\$2,000 fine for each cigar smoked in apt

NEW YORK, 25 Feb.—A New York man settled a lawsuit by agreeing to pay \$2,000 to his neighbours if he is caught smoking a cigar inside his apartment in the future.

The \$2 million lawsuit, filed in city Supreme Court by Russell and Amanda Poses, claimed next door neighbour Harry Lysons was stinking up their apartment by smoking cigars inside his domicile, the *New York Post* reported Thursday.

Lysons settled the lawsuit by agreeing to pay a \$2,000 fine for each future incident involving indoor cigar smoking.

The Poses family said the smoke was causing health problems for their children, ages 3 and 6.

"Each party hereto shall afford the other party access to their apartment, upon reasonable notice for the purpose of verifying that the plaintiffs' apartment smells from cigar smoke which emanated from defendants' smoking cigars in the prohibited areas," the settlement states.

"They could have put in a million-dollar fine and it would have been fine with us, because my client won't be smoking any cigars in the apartment," said Jeffery Marcus, Lysons' lawyer.—Internet

Colombian police seizes 5.6 tons of marijuana

BOGOTA, 25 Feb.—Colombian police Thursday seized over 5 tons of marijuana, with a black market value of some 718,000 US dollars, in a district of Medellin City in northwest Colombia.

The 5.6 tons of marijuana belonged to organized crime gangs in Medellin, the second largest city of Colombia, police commander in the area, Colonel Juan Pablo Guerrero said.

The drugs were found inside a cargo truck whose final destination was Cali, southwestern Colombia, Guerrero told the media.

Xinhua



A policeman rescues stranded vehicles on the No 217 national highway in Altay, northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, on 24 Feb, 2011.—XINHUA

One passenger killed as boat sinks in S Philippines

MANILA, 25 Feb.—A person died when a passenger boat capsized in south Philippines, police said Friday.

MV *Dominique* was carrying five passengers and 10 crew members when it sank at about 10 miles of Burungcaan, Bulalacao in Oriental Mindoro on Thursday due to strong wind and big waves, police spokesman Senior Superintendent Agrimero Cruz Jr said.

One person was confirmed dead while the crew members and other passengers were brought to the Semirara Rural Health Clinic for medical treatment.

Xinhua

High-speed train suspended near Seoul

SEOUL, 25 Feb.—A high-speed KTX train bound for Seoul from the southern port city of Busan stopped Friday morning but resumed its operation in less than one hour, *local media* reported.

The train stopped around 8:24 am after leaving a tunnel in the city of Hwaseong, 40 kilometres south of Seoul, and resumed its operation around 9:07 am, *Yonhap News Agency* reported.

The state-run Korea Railroad said the train driver stopped the train for safety reasons after a heat detection sensor was turned on, according to *Yonhap*.

A Korea Railroad official said the suspension of the service was not related to engine problems.

The Korea Railroad is looking into what disrupted the train operation.

Another KTX train heading to Seoul from Busan on 11 Feb was derailed by a small nut and bolt in a switching box that hadn't been tightened by a repairman.—Xinhua

Boeing beats EADS in US tanker battle

WASHINGTON, 25 Feb.—US aerospace giant Boeing has won a massive contract to supply aerial refueling tankers to the US Air Force, defeating European rival EADS in a long and tortuous contest.

Announcing the first part of a contract worth more than \$30 billion, the Pentagon said: "Boeing was a clear winner."

The US firm is now tasked with delivering 18 aircraft by 2017, but the contract is expected to grow to 179 tankers.

The planes, effectively flying gasoline stations, give the air force global reach and allow the United States to project military power well beyond its borders.

The decision capped a nearly 10-

year attempt by the air force to begin to replace an aging Boeing-built fleet of 400 tankers dating back to the 1950s.

But it was an upset, with most experts predicting the European Aeronautic Defence and Space Company would land the contract.

Air Force Secretary Michael Donley said both firms met 372 mandatory requirements, but because Boeing's bid was more than one percent lower, extra requirements were not taken into account.

The lower-priced Boeing proposal will offer taxpayer savings, he added.

But facing the prospect that the decision may be contested, Donley emphasized that the process was careful and thorough.

Internet



An emergency service vehicle is seen at the Manhattan exit of the Lincoln Tunnel in New York, on 24 Feb, 2011. A traffic accident involving three buses and one motorcycle left 29 people injured in Lincoln Tunnel on Thursday.—XINHUA

Indonesia's Bali to hold heritage festival

JAKARTA, 25 Feb — Indonesia's most prominent resort island, Bali, is scheduled to hold a festival presenting Balinese traditional heritage that combines yoga, music and dance from 23 to 27 March, to be participated by international performers, local media reported on Friday.

The Bali Spirit Festival 2011 will assemble the island's largest and most diverse collection of yoga masters, musical talent and dance genres from around the world.

"This event brings to Bali a wealth of talented and respected creative masters from around the world, merging the indigenous and rich cultures of Indonesia in

the spirit of learning, collaboration and celebration of our creative and spiritual diversity," the event's media coordinator Kezia Winny said in a Press statement.

Combining over 95 inspiring kinds of yoga, music and dance, the five-day event will have more than 100 workshops, master classes and nightly world music performances.

Growing in size and recognition every year since 2008, the much-admired festival showcases Indonesia's rich indigenous cultures and attempts to merge East and West.

Proceeds from festival ticket sales will support AYO! Kita Bicara HIV/AIDS (Let's Talk about HIV/AIDS), an HIV/AIDS prevention and education initiative.

Xinhua



Handcraft works are displayed at the Berlin exhibition hall in Berlin, Germany, on 24 Feb, 2011.

Handwork fans meet in Berlin from 24 to 26 Feb to share their handcrafts.

XINHUA

Uruguay, Argentina to build joint regasification plant

MONTEVIDEO, 25 Feb — Uruguay has reached an agreement with Argentina to jointly build a regasification plant, Uruguayan President Jose Mujica said Thursday.

"We are about to enhance cooperation in natural gas production via state organizations of both countries," Mujica told a radio programme on Thursday, one day before his meeting with his Argentine counterpart Cristina Fernandez.

According to the 15-year contract, natural gas would be supplied by Argentina and processed in Uruguay.

The plant is expected to change Uruguay's energy matrix and reduce the cost of energy generation in some thermal power plants, Mujica said.

Xinhua

Mortgage co official admits \$1.9bn fraud scheme

WASHINGTON, 25 Feb — The treasurer of a once-leading US private home lender pleaded guilty Thursday in a \$1.9 billion scheme to sell worthless loans that sparked the country's largest bank failure in 2009, the justice department said.

The scheme, which continued straight through the 2008-2009 collapse of the US housing market, fed billions in home loans that either did not exist or that had already been sold to banks and investors, to raise cash for its business.

The duped customers included Colonial Bank, which collapsed spectacularly in August 2009; government-backed home loan guarantor Freddie Mac; and Ocena Funding, a Florida entity backed by Deutsche Bank and BNP Paribas.

They also tried to push worthless assets on the government's Troubled Asset Relief Programme, ironically designed to salvage the scandal-ridden home-loan industry, the department said. —Internet



Chinese rescue team members carry relief materials upon their arrival at an airport in Auckland, New Zealand, on 25 Feb, 2011. The 10-member Chinese rescue team, including experts and rescuers, arrived in Auckland on Friday and head for the quake area in Christchurch by New Zealand's military aircraft. —XINHUA

Brazil's unemployment rate drops to 6.1 percent in January

RIO DE JANEIRO, 25 Feb — Brazil's unemployment rate fell to 6.1 percent for the month since 2003, the lowest for the month since 2003, the national statistics office IBGE said on Thursday. The figure was slightly higher than the 5.3 percent for December. Cimar Azeredo, who coordinates the IBGE's employment survey, explained that the small rise is a natural consequence of the end of

temporary Christmas contracts.

"That always happens, it is a seasonal effect and is expected," he said. According to him, it is important to compare January's figures with the same period last year, when the rate was at 7.2 percent. The employed population in Brazil totaled 22 million in January, down 1.6 percent from December and up 2.2 percent from the same period last year. —Xinhua

Toyota recalls more than two million vehicles

WASHINGTON, 25 Feb — Japanese automaker Toyota has recalled another 2.3 million vehicles to fix floor mat and carpet defects that could jam the accelerator, the latest in a spate of recalls to hit the firm.

Pressed by US authorities, Toyota announced the recall of 2.17 million vehicles in the United States to fix flaws in its Lexus GS, RX and LX models and



A row of Toyota vehicles are seen on display at a car dealership in Oakland, California. —INTERNET

Toyota's Highlander, 4Runner and RAV4 SUVs. It also called in 147,000 vehicles in Canada, bringing total worldwide recalls to more than 12 million vehicles worldwide since late 2009, which have battered the firm's previously stellar reputation for safety.

Like those earlier recalls, Thursday's

announcements were linked to "sticking" in accelerator pedals caused by jammed floor mats or carpets. The US National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) said it had asked Toyota to carry out the move, after a 10 month probe which ruled out problems with the vehicles' electronic control systems.

Internet



Customers wait outside a re-opened Best Buy Store in east China's Shanghai, on 24 Feb, 2011. US consumer electronics retailer Best Buy Co Inc re-opened four outlets in Shanghai, Hangzhou and Suzhou for one month after it closed nine outlets in China on Tuesday, to deal with related issues. —INTERNET

Big change in perceptions of Spanish wine

MADRID, 25 Feb — Twenty years ago if you asked someone to name three Spanish wines they would almost certainly have replied "Sherry, Cava and Rioja." While those three are still probably the most popular Spanish wines backed up by generations of expertise and tradition, there are now plenty of reasons to look at the new exciting wines that are being produced in the country.

Spain has a tradition of wine production dating back 3,000 years to the arrival of the Phoenicians. Techniques improved with the arrival of the Romans in the country.

Today Spain has more land dedicated to grape cultivation than any other country in Europe. Its 1,200,000 hectares of vines means 35 percent more land is dedicated to wine production than in either Italy or France.

Yet the amount of wine being produced is no guarantee of quality; indeed some would argue it is the opposite.

Xinhua

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV GUAN HE KOU VOY NO (243)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV GUAN HE KOU VOY NO (243) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 25.2.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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

Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV XIANG XIU VOY NO (1118)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV XIANG XIU VOY NO (1118) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 26.2.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
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Wedding Announcement**San Thidar Htwe B.Sc (Chemistry)**

Daughter of (Bo Thein) and Tin Tin of
Yangon, Myanmar

And

Nay Myo Aung B.E (Electronics)

Son of Mya Aye (a) Mying Shinn and Khin
Aye Thin (a) Lim Bee Thin of
Yangon, Myanmar

have the Pleasure of announcing their
marriage which took place on 25th Feb, 2011
at Western Park Royal.

**Malaysian experiment releases
3 orangutans in wild**

KUALA LUMPUR, 25 Feb—Malaysian researchers are testing whether three young orangutans reared in captivity can adapt to life in the wild outside Borneo, while activists insisted on Wednesday the experiment was a flawed way of trying to help the endangered primates.

The project is spear-

headed by a private foundation that runs Orangutan Island, a research centre and tourist attraction in northern peninsular Malaysia. The facility has bred orangutans in captivity over the past decade despite criticism by animal rights groups that conservation programmes should focus instead on protecting existing orangutans in the jungles of Borneo and Sumatra.

D Sabapathy, the centre's senior manager, said researchers released three captive orangutans on a neighbouring island last week. They are expected to remain there for up to six years before officials determine whether they can be let loose, either in peninsular Malaysia or Borneo.—*Internet*



A sail boat with two Norwegians and one British national on board has gone missing off Antarctica.
INTERNET

Antarctic boat missing in storm

OSLO, 25 Feb — Rescuers say a Norwegian sailing boat with three people on board, including one Briton, has gone missing in a storm off Antarctica. Oeyvind Aadde of the Norwegian Maritime Rescue Service says there were two Norwegians and one British national on the Berserk, which signalled an emergency earlier this week.

He said two other crew members who had gone ashore on an expedition to reach the South Pole had called the rescue service, saying they had lost contact with the boat. Rescuers in New Zealand say the vessel sent out a distress signal on Tuesday when it was about 20 miles north of the Scott Base research facility in Antarctica. They say they searched an area of 1,500 square miles after the storm calmed down on Thursday but did not find the boat.—*Internet*

Boy's ski lift horror sparks probe

PORTES DU SOLEIL, 25 Feb — A British teenager is in a critical condition in France after he was left hanging from a chairlift during a school ski trip to the



A 14-year-old boy was left hanging from a chairlift during a school ski trip to the Alps.—*INTERNET*

Alps, police have said. The 14-year-old found himself suspended by his own clothing after he failed to free himself from a metal seat on Wednesday afternoon in the Portes du Soleil.

He was later cut free and resuscitated by a rescue team as holidaymakers looked on in horror from the slopes below. The youngster, who has not been named, was skiing with classmates in the popular resort of Chatel, when he took the Echo des Montagnes chairlift at about 1pm. Local police said he was unable to get off his seat and remained on the lift as it went back down the mountain. Moments later he fell towards the piste.—*Internet*

Missing pizza order leads to rescue

MEMPHIS, 25 Feb — Authorities say a pizza delivery driver who was concerned about a regular customer in Memphis, Tennessee, may have saved the elderly woman's life. Domino's delivery driver Susan Guy told WMC-TV that Jean Wilson has ordered pizza every day for the past three years. On Monday, Guy said her boss told her Wilson had not called in three days. Guy insisted on going to check on the woman.

When no one came to the door, Guy asked a neighbour whether he had seen her and then called police. Police



A Domino's delivery driver may have saved the life of one of her regular customers.—*INTERNET*

broke the door down and found Ms Wilson on the floor. She had fallen on Saturday and could not get to a phone to call for help.—*Internet*

Most patients 'happy' with dentists

LONDON, 25 Feb — Almost nine in 10 patients in Northern Ireland are satisfied with their dentist, a survey has found. Despite this, many felt some sections of the community like migrants and rural dwellers were disadvantaged by the current system, with some having to travel a considerable distance for NHS treatment, the Patient and Client Council study added.

Health Minister Michael McGimpsey has recently made an additional investment of £17 million for general dental services to ease problems of access, the full impact of which has yet to be realized.—*Internet*

No place left to hide drugs with new X-ray technology for airports

SYDNEY, 25 Feb — New X-ray technology that can reveal drug smugglers' internal cavities will be trialled at airports under a plan to fast-track security searches. Legislation before Federal Parliament would enable customs officers to use new body scanners instead of sending suspects to hospital for internal X-rays ordered

by a doctor, reported the *Herald Sun*.

Federal police wasted more than 4600 hours in hospital waiting rooms last year because of drug smugglers waiting for scans. More than 200 people were taken to hospital for internal searches, with almost 50 found to have drugs in their bodies.—*Internet*



New X-ray machines that highlight internal cavities will be trialled at airports.—*INTERNET*



This undated handout, a computer-generated image provided by Chinese scientist Liu Jianni shows the probable appearance of the remarkable 520 million year old fossil *Diania cactiformis* in life discovered in southwest China's Yunnan Province. The legs are partially jointed and the front of the animal, with the projecting proboscis, is to the left. The research was published on *Nature Magazine* on 24 Feb.

Stumped ICC so sorry after South Africa anthem cut short

Organizers apologised to the South African team for a technical snag that led to an abrupt end to their national anthem before their World Cup match against West Indies, the team manager said on Thursday.

"The International Cricket Council has apologised to the team on behalf of the host union and have stressed that this will not happen again going forward," team manager Mohamed Moosajee said in a statement.

"We also realized that the anthem was of a poor quality and we will make sure that a better quality version is used for all of our matches going forward."

The incident took place in the pre-match ceremony at Feroz Shah Kotla even though skipper Graeme Smith and his team mates ignored it to complete the anthem.

Men face charges after cow head prank

Police in Pennsylvania said two men are facing charges after a prank involving the placement of a cow's head on the doorstep of some friends.

Ebensburg police Chief Terry Wyland said a couple returned from a trip Saturday to discover a cardboard box bearing their name and address on their doorstep, *The (Johnstown) Tribune-Democrat* reported.

"They opened it up and it was a cow's head," Wyland said. "They're very upset," Wyland said. "It really caused the victims, especially the wife, stress."

Wyland said an investigation revealed two suspects, friends of the couple, and the men came into the police station and confessed Tuesday.

The chief said he will not identify the men until they are charged with harassment and disorderly conduct later in the week.

When pigs fly.. well their frozen knuckles anyway

The police joked he'd caught lunch and the autobody repairman will be glad of the business, but a German driver was shaken up when a frozen pig's knuckle collided with his car on the high speed autobahn.

The piece of frozen pork flew from a truck and damaged the unnamed man's car in the Ruhr region of western Germany before he could swerve to avoid it, German police said on Thursday.

After pulling over he found a frozen pork knuckle had penetrated the bumper of his car. "We've seen many odd cases but a flying pork knuckle is something new," a police spokesman in the town of Hagen said on Thursday. The car suffered 200 euros (171.11 pounds) of damage, police estimated and joked that the man, although unlucky, had caught himself some lunch.

News Album

Tree-planting world record set in Philippines

Philippine environmentalists have set a world record for the most trees planted simultaneously, kickstarting an enormous reforestation programme, organizers said on Thursday.

Nearly 7,000 people helped in the mass planting of saplings in denuded forest and grassland in the eastern Province of Camarines Sur on Wednesday, said Mara

Joneil Cordova, spokeswoman for El Verde (The Green) project. "We had 64,096 trees planted in 15 minutes. This was certified by the *Guinness Book of World Records* that everything was accurate and correct," Cordova said.

The effort beat the previous Guinness world record of 50,033 trees planted in India last year, she said.



Residents plant seedlings during a tree planting organized by the provincial government conservation project in Pili, Camarines sur Province, south of Manila. The effort beat the previous Guinness world record of 50,033 trees planted in India last year.

Anne Hathaway trains for catwoman, preps for Oscar

LOS ANGELES, 25 Feb—These days, Anne Hathaway is a busy woman. Or make that a busy catwoman.

The 28-year-old actress is training for the physical demands of her lead role as catwoman (and its sleek, physique-revealing catsuit) in "The Dark Knight Rises" as she flexes her comedy muscles alongside James Franco as co-hosts of Sunday's Academy Awards.

"There's a lot going on, but it's all really super-duper positive," Hathaway said between fittings



Anne Hathaway.
INTERNET

Wednesday. "I feel like I have a big fight coming up and everyone's giving me the thumbs-up and the 'you'll-rock-it' fist pump. I have unbelievable support."

The Oscar team is helping Hathaway and Franco find their funniest material, she said, and the producers "are making it as easy as possible on me."

"It's all been kind of wonderful and jovial," she said. "It turns out it takes a village to host the Oscars."

Hathaway's biggest challenge this week? Navigating Los Angeles' famous freeways and making it to all her appointments on time. But the New York City resident has that one covered: "Luckily my assistant is a really good driver—*Internet*

Liu Yifei cites "Up" as her influence for new film



Actress Liu Yifei stands in front of a film poster as she promotes her new movie "A Chinese Ghost Story" in Beijing, capital of China, on 23 Feb, 2011.—XINHUA

BEIJING, 25 Feb—Actress Liu Yifei says the tomboy Ellie in Disney-Pixar's animated film "Up"

has helped her gain the right feeling for her character in the fantasy thriller, "A Chinese Fairy Tale" ("Qian Nv You Hun").

In her new film, Liu Yifei plays a leopard cat that takes a human form. "The director thinks animals respond to things by instinct, and I was advised to observe Ellie's instinctive features," Liu said 23 Feb, 2011 in Beijing.

"A Chinese Fairy Tale" is director Wilson Yip's take on a short story by 17th-century writer Pu Songling, about the love between a human and a non-human spirit. The fairytale has spawned films and TV dramas, with a 1987 film

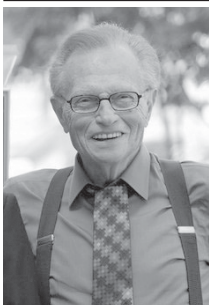
starring Joey Wong and Leslie Cheung being widely regarded as a classic.

But Liu Yifei was confident to outdo previous versions, and said her performance would be refreshing.

Actor Yu Shaoqun from "Forever Enthralled" plays the man who is attracted to Liu's character.

Other stars in the film include Louis Koo, Kara Hui, and Lin Peng.

The film is slated for release in China on 22 April. Its overseas rights have been sold to 12 countries and regions in Asia, Europe and North America, according to the film's production company.—*Xinhua*



In this 14 Sept, 2010 file photo, broadcaster Larry King is shown in Los Angeles. King who retired last year after 25 years at CNN will be taking the stage in seven communities to dish about his storied career in a one-man show. "Larry King: Stand Up" kicks off 14 April, 2011 in Torrington, Conn.—INTERNET

Elizabeth Taylor said to be recovering

BEIJING, 25 Feb—A spokesperson said that Elizabeth Taylor's doctor is encouraged by her improving health, according to the *Press Association*.

"She is in good spirits and continues to feel stronger every day," said Jamie Cadwell, the

spokesperson, on Wednesday.

Cadwell added that Taylor, 78, will continue to stay in the hospital so that she can be closely observed.

The spokeswoman clarified that the legendary actress had suffered neither a heart attack nor a



Elizabeth Taylor (R).
INTERNET

stroke. The Oscar winner was admitted to the hospital in Los Angeles

about two weeks ago because of an ongoing "congestive heart failure."

The actress had a heart surgery to get her "leaky valve" repaired in 2009, and she twittered afterwards: "It is like having a brand new ticker."

Xinhua

Mourinho says Benzema still needs to improve

MADRID, 25 Feb — French striker Karim Benzema, who scored within seconds of coming on in Real Madrid's 1-1 draw against his former club Lyon on Tuesday, still needs to



Real Madrid forward Karim Benzema (left)

improve, Real Madrid coach Jose Mourinho said on Thursday.

"Everyone knows his potential which is impressive. But everyone knows, and he himself knows it, because he is an intelligent boy, that during matches he still needs to improve certain aspects," he said in an interview published in sports daily AS.

"He is working to improve. He is going in the right direction," the Portuguese coach added. Benzema, 23, who left Lyon for the Spanish capital two years ago, made an instant impact in Tuesday's Champions League match at his old stomping ground, Stade Gerland.

Internet

Ibrahimovic says I would have killed for Mourinho

ROME, 25 Feb — Zlatan Ibrahimovic has admitted that he would have been prepared to kill for former boss Jose Mourinho, with whom he spent a season at Inter Milan. Both have since moved on with the big Sweden forward now knocking in the goals for Inter's cross city rivals AC Milan and the Portuguese coach plotting the Real Madrid resurrection.

But in one season together, Ibrahimovic finished top scorer in Serie A as Inter won what was then a fourth straight Serie A crown. Mourinho stayed one more year in

Milan but Ibrahimovic moved on to Barcelona, where he spent only a year before heading to the rossoneri. "Given the motivation and stimulation he gave me, I would have killed for Mourinho," said the martial arts black belt, who aimed a dig at Barcelona for not having faith in him. — Internet



AC Milan's Swedish forward Zlatan Ibrahimovic

Fish, del Potro advance to ATP Delray Beach last eight

DELRAY BEACH, 25 Feb — Colombian qualifier Alejandro Falla upset French eighth seed Adrian Mannarino 6-3, 6-2 to reach the quarter-finals of the ATP Delray Beach International Championships. The 119th-ranked South American on Thursday opened with a break and closed out the match in 77 minutes with another break to win the battle of the left-handers and oust 61st-ranked Mannarino from the \$442,500 event.

Falla will try to qualify



Alejandro Falla of Colombia

Friday for only his second ATP semi-final, his first since 2007 in Lyon, when he faces US second seed Mardy Fish, who needed only 57 minutes to beat Brazil's Ricardo Mello 6-2, 6-1.

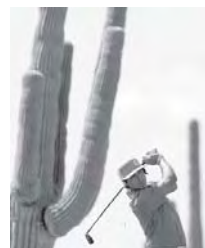
"I felt great," Fish said. "I couldn't be happier, obviously, with the way it's gone this week." Fish is the top-ranked player on the Florida courts this week after top seed Andy Roddick pulled out due to illness. In the night match, Juan Martin del Potro of Argentina crushed Teymuraz Gabashvili of Russia 6-1, 6-1.

Internet

Fowler bounces Mickelson out of match play

MARANA, 25 Feb — In a Match Play Championship with a youthful complexion, Rickie Fowler was dressed in matching pink shoes and shirt when he walked onto the driving range and past his opponent, Phil Mickelson, who looked him up and down and smiled. "Sophia has some shoes like that," Mickelson said, referring to his 9-year-old daughter. "She wears them to her dance class."

Mickelson has become somewhat of a mentor to Fowler, so the kid knew what was coming. Once they got onto the course, Fowler was hotter than his choice of color at Dove Mountain. Fowler was 8-under par when



Rickie Fowler tees off the fourth hole while playing Phil Mickelson during the second round of the Match Play Championship golf tournament on Thursday, in Marana, Ariz. — INTERNET

their match ended on the 13th hole, a 6-and-5 win that sent Mickelson to his worst loss ever in this fickle tournament.

Internet

If Neuer signs, I am off, says Bayern's Kraft

BERLIN, 25 Feb — Bayern Munich goal-keeper Thomas Kraft has said he will not stay with the Bavarian giants if Germany star Manuel Neuer joins the German champions from rivals Schalke 04. Kraft, 22, produced a top performance to keep Bayern in their Champions League, Round of 16



Bayern Munich goal-keeper Thomas Kraft

first-leg tie at Inter Milan on Wednesday night with a string of saves before Germany striker Mario Gomez scored to seal a 1-0 win.

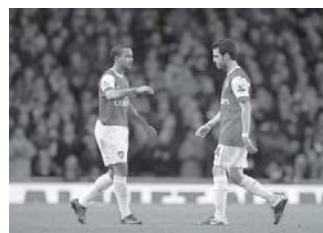
Top-class saves from Samuel Eto'o, either side of half-time, a first-half shot saved from the boot of Esteban Cambiasso and a late effort to deny Thiago Motta have earned Kraft plenty of praise here. His contract expires in June, but with rumours rife that Bayern are set to swoop for Schalke's Neuer, current shot-stopper Kraft has said he has no desire to sit on the bench if Germany's Number One moves to Munich.

Internet

Fabregas out of League Cup final

LONDON, 25 Feb — Arsenal captain Cesc Fabregas will miss on Sunday's League Cup final against Birmingham because of a hamstring strain, adding to the Gunners' injury problems as they seek their first trophy since 2005. The Spanish midfielder was hurt in Arsenal's 1-0 win over Stoke in the Premier League on Wednesday, leaving in the 14th minute.

"It is a very small injury but certainly Cesc will be out for Sunday," Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger said. "For how long I don't know, but definitely for Sunday. He is disappointed. We all feel sorry and sad for him. The only way we help him now is to win the cup as he contributed a lot in this competition." — Internet



Arsenal's Cesc Fabregas, right, is consoled by Theo Walcott as he walks off the pitch with an injury that ended the game for him during the English Premier League soccer match between Arsenal and Stoke City at the Emirates Stadium in London, on Wednesday. — INTERNET

Edu advances Rangers to Europa 3rd round

LISBON, 25 Feb — Goals by American midfielder Maurice Edu and New Jersey-born Giuseppe Rossi helped their teams advance to the third round of the Europa League on Thursday night. Edu scored in the second minute of second-half injury time, giving Glasgow Rangers a 2-2 tie at Sporting Lisbon. Edu bundled the ball in from 1 yard after David Healy slid the ball across the goal mouth, tying the home-and-home, total-goals series 2-2. Rangers advanced because of a 2-1 advantage in away goals.



"To be honest, I didn't see anybody waiting for the ball but myself, even though there were others wanting to put it in," Edu told Rangers website. "Luckily, I was in the right place at the right time to tap it in." El Hadji Diouf scored on a 20th-minute header for Rangers, but the hosts took a 2-1 lead on goals by Pedro Mendes in the 42nd and Yannick Djalo in the 83rd. Rangers advanced to a third-round matchup with PSV Eindhoven. "Tonight showed just how much it does mean to us," Edu said. — Internet

Rangers' Maurice Edu, from US, left, is congratulated by Kyle Bartley and David Healy, right, after scoring their second goal against Sporting during their Europa League round of 32, second leg, soccer match on Thursday at Sporting's Alvalade stadium. — INTERNET

Liverpool, Rangers edge their way into Europa last 16

PARIS, 25 Feb — An 86th-minute header from Dirk Kuyt earned Liverpool a narrow 1-0 win over Sparta Prague on Thursday, on a night when all three British clubs in action reached the last 16.

Rangers, beaten finalists in 2008, needed an equaliser at the death to prevail at Sporting Lisbon, while Manchester City's expensively assembled squad eased past Greek representatives Aris.

Liverpool enjoyed the lion's share of possession against the Czech side but, as in the first leg, they struggled to make their dominance count.

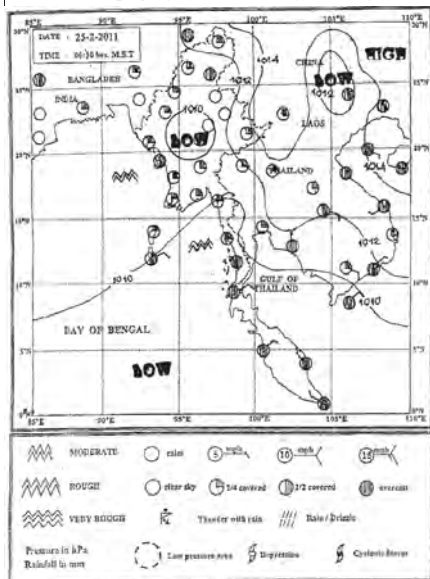
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Liverpool's matchwinner Dirk Kuyt

S P O R T S

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Friday, 25th 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 Sagaing and Mandalay Regions, Kachin, Chin, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Night temperature were (5°C) below February average temperature in Chin State, (4°C) below February average temperature in Kachin State and (3°C) above February average temperature in Mon State and about February average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant night temperatures were Haka (2°C), Pinlaung (4°C), Heho and Mogok (5°C) each.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 24-2-2011 was 97°F. Minimum temperature on 25-2-2011 was 61°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 25-2-2011 was (66%). Rainfall on 25-2-2011 was (Nil).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 24-2-2011 was 97°F. Minimum temperature on 25-2-2011 was 70°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 25-2-2011 was (60%). Total sunshine hours on 24-2-2011 was (10.0) hours (Approx).

Rainfall on 25-2-2011 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 Southwest at (21:30) hours MST on 24-2-2011.

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 26th February 2011: Light rain are likely to be isolated in Taninthayi Region, Kachin and Mon States and weather will be partly cloudy in Mandalay, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Rakhine and Kayin States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 26-2-2011: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 26-2-2011: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 26-2-2011: Partly cloudy.

Bulls charge past Heat with third-quarter surge

CHICAGO, 25 Feb — The Chicago Bulls staged a big third-quarter rally to help seal a 93-89 win over the Miami Heat on Thursday in a tight battle between two of the leading teams in the Eastern Conference.

The victory enabled the Bulls (39-17) to snap the Heat's three-game winning streak and moved the home team to within two games of second place Miami in the conference standings.

Miami (42-16) strug-



Miami Heat guard Dwayne Wade (C) drives to the basket between Chicago Bulls forward Taj Gibson (L) and Chicago Bulls forward Carlos Boozer in the first quarter of their NBA basketball game in Chicago, Illinois on 24 Feb, 2011.—INTERNET

gled through a disastrous third quarter to squander a 53-44 halftime lead, as the Bulls outscored the Heat 27-14, led by Luol Deng and Derrick Rose with 12 and 10 points respectively.

The teams took turns dominating in the fourth quarter which was finally decided by Deng's three-pointer to break an 89-89 tie with just 16 seconds remaining when Rose identified a double team as he drove the lane and passed to his wide open team mate.—Reuters

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL
Programme Schedule
(26-2-2011) (Saturday)

Transmissions

Local - (09:00am~11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission - (26-2-11 09:30 am ~ 27-2-11 09:30 am) MST

Times

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * PhaungdawU Pagoda Festival
- * News
- * Happy Valentine's Day Live Show Concert
- * News
- * Foundation of Toungoo Kingdom (500th) Anniversary (Episode-5)
- * News
- * Music Gallery
- * Myanmar-Korea Archery

Oversea Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * PhaungdawU Pagoda Festival
- * News
- * Myanmar Elephants from Myanma Forests
- * Monastery Bagaya Kyaung
- * News
- * Foundation of Toungoo Kingdom (500th) Anniversary (Episode-5)
- * News
- * Music Gallery
- * Myanmar-Korea Archery
- * News
- * Your Home in Pyin-Oo-Lwin
- * Uniquely.....Artistic Straw Paintings of Myanmar
- * News
- * More Income Through Value-Wood Products
- * Animated Myanmar Cartoon
- * News
- * Secret Places for Yummy Foods
- * The Art of Making Pennant
- * Singing Mo U for HR Development
- * News
- * Let's Visit Flower City by Coach
- * Myanmar Movie "Loud Speaker"



Saturday,
26 February
View on today
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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

8:00 am

6. Health Programme

8:10 am

7. Poem Garden

8:25 am

8. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

8:30 am

9. Teleplay (Health)

8:40 am

10. International News

8:45 am

11. Musical Programme

11:00 am

1. Martial Song

11:10 am

2. Musical Programme

11:25 am

3. Game for Children

11:50 am

4. Round Up of The Week's TV Local News

12:40 pm

5. Yan Can Cook

1:00 pm

6. TV Drama Series

1:50 pm

7. Song of National Races

1:55 pm

8. Mahowthada

2:20 pm

9. One Village and One Product

2:30 pm

10. Teleplay (Education)

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Musical Programme

4:20 pm

3. Cultural Dances

4:30 pm

4. 2011 University Entrance Examination (Physics)

4:45 pm

5. Songs for Upholding National Spirit

4:50 pm

6. Health Programme

5:20 pm

7. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

5:45 pm

8. Musical Programme

6:00 pm

9. Evening News

6:15 pm

10. Weather Report

6:20 pm

11. Ahlshamae

Hlagabawai

6:35 pm

12. Yindagomae

7:00 pm

13. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm

14. News

15. International News

16. Weather Report

17. Cartoon Series

18. TV Drama Series

19. Gitadagale

Phwintbaohn

20. Metta Bhavana By

Mingun Sayadaw

- ★ 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

Profit-sharing contract on mass production of coal and limestone signed

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Feb—A ceremony to sign the profit-sharing contract on mass production of coal and limestone in Taninthayi Township of Taninthayi Region between No. 3 Mining Enterprise under the Ministry of Mines and Yuzana Cement Industries Ltd was held at the Ministry of Mines, here, yesterday evening.

Minister for Mines U Ohn Myint delivered an address. Managing Director U Win Htein of No. 3 Mining Enterprise explained heavy production of coal and limestone.

Chairman of Yuzana Cement Industries Ltd U Htay Myint spoke words of thanks.

The managing director of No. 3 Mining

Enterprise, the chairman of Yuzana Cement Industries Ltd and witnesses signed the contract and exchanged notes.

The minister presented the permit of heavy production of mineral to the chairman of Yuzana Cement Industries Ltd.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Myanmar Investment Commission Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Maung Maung Thein, heads of enterprises and departments under the ministry, officials of the MIC and the Attorney-General's Office, members of the BOD of Yuzana Cement Industries Ltd and guests.

MNA

IPRD opens Pyinnya Alin Library in Paletwa Township

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Feb — Information and Public Relations Department opened Pyinnya Alin Library in Peinnetabin village in Paletwa Township on 17 February.

Deputy Director (Admin) U Myint Swe of IPRD (Nay Pyi Taw Head Office), Paletwa Town-

ship Chairman U Kyaw Swar Ohn and Village Chairman U Saw Ohn Tin formally opened the library. The deputy director gave accounts on advantages of reading.

Assistant Director U Win Myaing of Rakhine State IPRD donated cash and publication to the library.—MNA

Kyunhla on right track of cumulative development

Byline & Photos: Pyu Myint Oo

Recently, I have an opportunity to visit Kyunhla of Shwebo District for the second time. In the first time, I missed to observe all-round development of the town. Therefore, I grasped the opportunity to make interviews with Chairman of Township

Peace and Development Council U Kyaw Myint and officials on all-round development tasks.

Chairman of the Township PDC U Kyaw Myint explained location of Thaphanseik Dam in the western part of the town and agriculture as main

business of local people.

He continued, "Due to production of 1,485,144 baskets of paddy, the township achieved 115.32 per cent of rice sufficiency. Moreover, the township produced 1,392,981 baskets of groundnut, sunflower, mustard and
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Photo shows beauty of landscaping on Bogyoke Road.