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Kyaukchaunggyi Bridge on Pathein-Chaungtha Road commissioned into service

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Feb — The opening ceremony of Kyaukchaunggyi Bridge on Pathein-Chaungtha Road in Pathein Township of Pathein District in Ayeyawady Region was held this morning, with the attendance of Chairman of Ayeyawady Region Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Brig-Gen Tin Maung Win, Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint, Deputy Minister U Myint Thein, departmental officials, officials of Public Works, members of social organizations and local people.

The commander made an opening speech followed by Minister U Khin Maung Myint explaining the purpose of constructing the bridge and facts about the bridge. A local people spoke words of thanks.

At the ceremony, the commander, the minister and the deputy minister cordially greeted the attendees.

Minister U Khin Maung Myint, Deputy Minister U Myint Thein and an official formally opened the bridge.
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Photo shows Kyaukchaunggyi Bridge on Pathein-Chaungtha Road in Pathein Township.

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Thongwakyun embankment road helps improve socio-economic status of local people

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Thongwa Village of Maubin Township like an island is rounded by Kayin Creek in the east, Pantapuk Creek in the west, Htayaw Creek in the south and Toe River

in the north.

Thongwakyun has 44 miles and six furlongs long embankment road. As the embankment road was of earthen type in the past, the local people

faced poor transport.

In 1988-99, construction of the 46 miles and four furlongs long embankment road started to be an all-season use road
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Heavy machinery at work at Thongwakyun embankment road.

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Improve sports standard for national pride

The youth of today are the future of the nation. To make sure that the nation has a promising future, younger generations are to be in great shape. So, we must improve the national sports standard to bring about healthy and fit generations.

Improvement of the national sports will gather momentum if youngsters with high intellectual power are largely attracted to sport. If so, the national health standard will improve and the youth will be able to serve the national interests greater than ever.

The Myanmar archery contingent could bring tremendous dignity to the motherland after being crowned at the First Asian Archery Grand Prix 2011 for world ranking held in Bangkok, Thailand, from 18 to 21 February. The team pocketed five gold, one silver and four bronze.

Myanmar archers managed to leave behind their arch rivals from world archery powers to stand first with 10 medals. The Asian level contest could draw attention from world archery giants such as France, Russia and the US, so it could be designated as a global level contest.

The government is nurturing and training systematically the youth since success in sport is a source of national pride. The youth on their part have to try their best with sporting spirit to be able to put the nation on the world map with greater success in sport.

The Sports and Physical Education Institutes in Yangon and Mandalay nurture the youth with natural talents.

To improve the national sports standard is protecting the nation. It is incumbent upon the youth to try their utmost to bring honour to the nation.

KNU mines wound civilians

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Feb—U Po Shwe of Chaung-inn Village, Pyundaza, Bago Region, lost his left foot when he stepped on a mine planted by KNU insurgents at the farm, about five miles south-east of Shwegyin, at about 6 pm on 25 February.

In another case, Maung Ne Lin Aung of Hlinethaya, Yangon Region, on his way to the lemon farm in Shwegyin, Bago Region, stepped on a KNU mine at about seven miles south-east of the township around 9 am the same day, and lost his left foot.

U Ar Min of Madauk, Bago Region, on his way to the forest to cut down bamboo, lost his right foot when he stepped on a KNU mine at a place about 10 miles north-east of the town at about 8 am yesterday.

Authorities are taking care of the victims who are now receiving treatment in Shwegyin General Hospital.—MNA

Peoples' Desire

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

Commander inspects regional development tasks

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Feb—Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Brig-Gen Tun Nay Lin on 23 February morning inspected the Hospital of Battlefield Medical Unit in Mawlamyine. He comforted the patients and presented them with cash and gifts.

Afterwards, the commander viewed military code conducts contest to mark the 66th Anniversary Armed Forces Day at the hall of Region Command.

He proceeded to Basic Education High School (Shwe Nat Taung) where he met teachers and fulfilled the requirements.

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LOLANE launches new products

YANGON, 27 Feb—Grand WYNN Group of companies held a prize-presenting ceremony in conjunction with a launch of LOLANE products, at Chatrium Hotel yesterday. To mark the ceremony, cosmetics such as LOLANE PIXEL hair color, Nature code color shampoo, Rina hair coat and Rico & Rina Roll-on were sold at special prices. Those who want to be sale agents contact Grand WYNN Group of companies, No.40, 67th



Prize-presenting ceremony of Grand WYNN Group of Companies in progress.—MNA

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Talks on glaucoma held

YANGON, 27 Feb—Organized by American Vision Eye Specialist Hospital, Eye Specialist Prof. Dr Tin Ag of Singapore National Eye Centre gave talks on glaucoma at Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road yesterday evening.

Present on the occasion were eye specialists, enthusiasts, guests and journalists. American Vision displayed 3D Cirrus HD-OCT machine and Visante OCT machine which can be used for testing retina and glaucoma. American Vision is the sole distributor of those machines manufactured by Zeiss Company of Germany in Myanmar. Eye specialist and guests received checks-up.

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Eye specialist Prof Dr Tin Ag of Singapore National Eye Centre gives talks on glaucoma.

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Gallant opens applied engineering, applied computer courses

YANGON, 27 Feb—Gallant training school opens the diploma courses in engineering, the applied engineering and applied computer science for engineering.

Applied engineering course lasts from two to four months.

Those who have passed the matriculation examination and graduates of BA, BSc, BE degrees and AGTI diploma may attend applied computer science course for engineering.

MANA to meet on 15 March

YANGON, 27 Feb—The 12th annual meeting of central committee of Myanmar Anti-Narcotics Association (MANA) will be held at its headquarters on Kyuntaw Street in Kamayut Township here at 8 am on 15 March.

Chairpersons of the MANAs, in states and regions are to attend the meeting without fail, announced the MANA central committee.—MNA

New sections of the courses open monthly.

For further information, contact No. 5, B-5, the fourth floor, U Tun Lin Compound Street, Hledan, Kamayut Township, Tel: 0973032670 and 539403.

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Ghamai, a 19-year-old member of Haqqani Network arrested by Afghan National Security Forces, is presented to journalists in Kabul, Afghanistan, on 26 Feb, 2011. Afghan National Directorate of Security (NDS) or intelligence agency netted 6 terrorists including a coordinator of bank attack on Jalal Abad 19 Feb, 2011, which left 38 people dead and injured 72 others.—XINHUA

Ten Afghans killed in bomb blast

ARGHANDAB, 27 Feb—Two bomb explosions on Sunday tore through a crowd of villagers watching a dogfight in the southern Afghanistan Province of Kandahar, killing at least 10, officials said.

Zemarai Bashary, Afghan interior ministry spokesman in Kabul, told *AFP* the bombing in Arghandab District targeted villagers and a police vehicle, killing eight civilians and two police.

"There have been two bomb blasts, one at the middle of a gathering and the other on the side of the road nearby. Eight civilians have been killed, two cops have been killed," the spokesman said.

He said a dozen civilians and five police were injured. He did not give details.

Shah Mohammad, the district chief of Arghandab, said the attack was aimed at villagers watching a dogfight.

"People had gathered to watch dogfighting. Two explosions, from planted bombs, happened. Eight people, all civilians, have been killed," he said.—*Internet*

NZ's Christchurch quake death toll stands at 147

CHRISTCHURCH, 27 Feb—The toll from Christchurch's magnitude 6.3 earthquake stood at 147, New Zealand police said on Sunday. They plan to release two more victims' names on Monday, bringing to eight the total number of people officially named as fatalities from the quake.

Superintendent Dave Cliff said more than 200 people were missing in the worst disaster of the city.

People from more

than 20 countries are among the dead, he said.

Search and rescue teams continued to scour the rubble of buildings that collapsed in the earthquake on Tuesday, but no survivors have been found since Wednesday afternoon.

Cliff said situations where there was intense fire, as there had been at the Canterbury Television (CTV) building, presented real difficulty and there is a risk not all those who died will be able to be identified.

"I don't want to preempt what will happen in respect to that, but we need to brace ourselves for the fact that that possibility does exist.

Xinhua



Rescue workers search for survivors in the rubble at the PGC building in Christchurch, New Zealand, on 26 Feb, 2011, after the city was hit by a 6.3 earthquake, 22 Feb. INTERNET

Bomber kills at least four in northwest Afghanistan

KABUL, 27 Feb— Amid screams of "Suicide bomber! Suicide bomber!" an militant detonated his vest of explosives Saturday, killing at least four people at a sports field in northwest Afghanistan.

It was the latest in a spate of attacks that have hit nearly every corner of the country in recent weeks. A roadside bomb also killed nine people Saturday near the eastern city of Khost.

The suicide bomber struck a game of buzkashi, a traditional Afghan sport in which players on horseback wrangle for a headless goat carcass, said Abdul Haq Shafiq, governor of Faryab

Province.

"The people and the police became suspicious of the bomber," Shafiq said. "People started running. Everyone was scared. The people called out, 'Suicide bomber! Suicide bomber!' and then the bomber blew himself up." Besides the dead, 19 people were wounded, said Shafiq. About 2,000 people were at the event when the blast occurred.

Three men, two women and four children also were killed when their vehicle hit a roadside bomb in the militant-ridden Lakan area of the capital of Khost Province, according to the Afghan Interior Ministry.—*Internet*

One Taliban militant killed in NATO operation

KABUL, 27 Feb— Afghan and NATO-led forces killed a Taliban weapons facilitator in Afghanistan's southern Zabul Province on Saturday, said a NATO Press release issued here Sunday. "Afghan National Security and International Security Assistance Forces killed Mullah Faizulla, a Taliban weapons facilitator along with one male, who threatened the security force during a security operation in Tarnek wa Jaldak area, Zabul Province yesterday," the NATO-led ISAF said.

The targeted militant was responsible for distributing weapons and funding Taliban militant activities and attacks against Afghan and coalition forces, the Press release stated.

Xinhua

San Francisco hill regions get dusting of snow



A tanker steams past the San Francisco skyline on 24 Feb, 2011, as seen from Treasure Island in San Francisco Bay. INTERNET

SAN FRANCISCO, 27 Feb—Hilly areas of San Francisco got a rare light dusting of snow, the National Weather Service said Saturday.

Snow fell briefly late Friday and early Saturday on the city's Twin Peaks neighbourhood and some other areas with higher elevations, meteorologist Mark Strobin said. "A little bit up in the hills," Strobin said. "It snowed down to about 400 feet."

But there was only rain downtown and in other areas of the near sea level city, and the snow that did fall disappeared rapidly.

The city last saw snow on the ground in 1976, when an inch fell.

Strobin said the higher regions might have had snow dustings since that measureable snow fell 35 years ago. He

said it was still too early to tell how this event will be recorded.

Strobin, who is based in Monterey, Calif, said that city also got a rare dusting of snow.

The storm system moving across Northern California responsible for San Francisco's snow also dumped more than 2 feet of snow in the Sierra Nevada mountains. Just the idea of possible snow had the tech-savvy city looking skyward with anticipation.

One blogger posted a pretend ski map, noting possible beginner, intermediate and expert runs in the city's hilly Bernal Heights neighbourhood. A newly created website — isitsnowinginsfyet.com — gives a simple answer for anyone who is wondering.

Internet

Gunmen torch two NATO oil tankers

QUETTA, 27 Feb—A police official says gunmen have torched two NATO oil tankers in southwestern Pakistan.

Abdullah Lango says the attack occurred in the area of Mangocher, about 250 miles (400 kilometers) east of Quetta, on Sunday. Quetta is the capital of Baluchistan Province.

He says the attackers fired at the tankers but let the drivers go before torching the vehicles.

Oil tankers carrying supplies to NATO forces in southern Afghanistan travel from the Pakistani port city of Karachi to the border town of Chaman through the militancy plagued Baluchistan, where they routinely come under attack.

Internet

People look towards burning NATO tankers caused by a bomb explosion in a suburb of Peshawar, Pakistan, on 26 Feb, 2011. INTERNET





Science

Hawaii board OKs plan for giant telescope

HONOLULU, 27 Feb—Hawaii has moved a step closer to the construction of the world's largest telescope on the summit of Mauna Kea.

The state Board of Land and Natural Resources unanimously approved the plan Friday. A consortium of California and Canadian universities had applied for a permit to build the Thirty Meter Telescope on conservation land.

The board, however, also granted a request by opponents for a case hearing on the telescope.

Some Native Hawaiians say the construction would defile Mauna Kea's summit, which they consider sacred. The telescope would be able to observe planets that orbit stars other than the sun and enable astronomers to watch new planets and stars being formed.

Internet



Image of a human chromosome in metaphase. The colours in this image indicate the density of chromatin in the chromosome, like a heat map (red shows high density, blue low). A low density of chromatin indicates a high level of gene expression, and a high density indicates repression of gene.—INTERNET

Full house at space station as Discovery docks

WASHINGTON, 27 Feb—The US shuttle *Discovery* docked for its final visit at the orbiting *International Space Station*, where all five of the world's participating space agencies now have vehicles or equipment.

"This is the first time all visiting vehicles have something represented," NASA mission control in Houston said on Saturday, after the oldest and most heavily travelled US shuttle linked up with the space outpost 220 miles (350 kilometers) over western Australia.

Japan's *HTV* vehicle, Russia's *Progress* and *Soyuz* craft, the European *ATV-2* supply ship and the Canadian *Dextre* robot are all there, NASA said.

Internet



Cavefish embryo at around five days post-fertilisation. The embryo has been stained with an antibody against a calcium-binding protein (in green) to show different neuronal types and their processes in the nervous system. This staining also reveals taste buds, which are located around the mouth and along the body of the cavefish.

INTERNET

Who knew? testicle colour matters

NEW YORK, 27 Feb—Dark testicles might protect birds from mutation, scientists find.

These findings could explain why such inky testicles are mysteriously found throughout the animal kingdom.

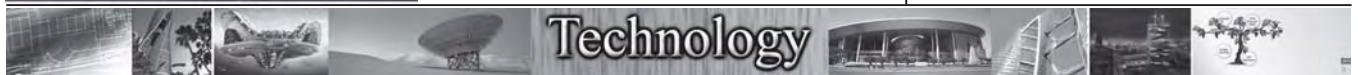
Scientists focused on the pigment melanin, which gives human skin its colour. Curiously, researchers have also seen melanin in the testes of a variety of species in all vertebrate groups. However, why this pigment is there and what it might do was unknown.

Melanin is also an antioxidant that can protect the body against reactive oxygen species, harmful compounds that can damage DNA. As such, scientists reasoned that melanin in testicles might guard against genetic mutations in sperm.

Evolutionary biologist Ismael Galván at the University of Paris-Sud in France and his colleagues studied 134 species of birds, concentrating on mutation rates in their mitochondria, which help cells respire oxygen and which possess their own DNA. Sperm need a lot of oxygen, and any mutations in mitochondria could hamper sperm and thus hobble a bird's chances at reproduction.

The researchers found the 42 species of birds with testicles darkened by melanin, such as owls and thrushes, had relatively higher mutation rates in their mitochondria than the 92 other birds without inky testes. They also discovered that melanin was most often seen in testicles during the breeding seasons of birds, when sperm was likely generated.

Internet



Technology

Hacker writes easy-to-use Mac Trojan

NEW YORK, 27 Feb—In a sign that hackers, like everyone else, are taking an interest in everything Apple, researchers at Sophos say they've spotted a new Trojan horse programme written for the Mac.

It's called the BlackHole RAT (the RAT part is for "remote access Trojan") and it's pretty easy to find online in hacking forums, according to Chet Wisniewski a researcher with antivirus vendor Sophos. There's even a YouTube video demonstration of the programme that shows you what it can do.

Sophos hasn't seen the Trojan used in any online attacks — it's more a bare-bones, proof-of-concept beta programme right now — but the software is pretty easy to use, and if a criminal could find a way to get a Mac user to install it, or write attack code that would silently install it on the Mac, it would give him remote control of the hacked machine.—Internet



Visitors are seen here playing with Xbox 360 games consoles during a game convention in France, in 2010.

INTERNET

First look at 'Sesame Street: Once Upon a Monster' game

WASHINGTON, 27 Feb—Double Fine Productions has released the first trailer for "Once Upon a Monster," its Sesame Street game for Xbox 360 Kinect.

The game takes players into a living storybook where they're joined by characters like Cookie Monster and Oscar the Grouch. It begins with Elmo and friends trying to cheer up a monster friend named Marco after no one came to his birthday party. One player can control each character, and they can rock out in a band, dance, navigate an obstacle course, and do other activities with the Sesame Street crew.

"It's not just about the characters, but also staying true to the mission of Sesame Street," project lead Nathan Martz told Gamasutra.

Internet



A humanoid robot "Robovie PC" (right) of Japanese robot venture Vstone crosses the finish line of the world's first full-length marathon for two-legged robots in Osaka.

INTERNET

Frustrated with facebook, 'Breakup Notifier' maker launches 'Crush Notifier'

WASHINGTON, 27 Feb—Facebook may have shut down your favourite stalker app, Breakup Notifier, but don't worry, creator Dan Loewenherz has released a new one for you: Crush Notifier.

"In short, it's anonymous crushing," Loewenherz, a 24-year-old programmer, explained in a blog post on Saturday. "Crush your friends without them knowing. If they crush you back, you both get an email. Simple as that!"

To start, log onto your Facebook account and accept the terms and conditions of the app. Then choose people on your Friends list on whom you have a crush. He or she won't know, but if the person happens to choose you too, both of you will be notified.

While the simplicity and aesthetics of Crush Notifier mimic its predecessor, the mechanics show a bit more sophistication. Loewenherz has implemented Facebook Credits to monetize the new app, which he hinted during an interview with PCMag on Thursday. Every user can anonymously choose two crushes for free, but to follow more, you'll have to either enter your friend's email address or purchase Facebook Credits with actual money.

Internet



Hunter High School students show off their breast cancer awareness bracelets outside the school in West Valley City, 17 Dec, 2010. As part of a national breast cancer awareness campaign aimed at youth, rubber wrist bands emblazoned with that message have become trendy teen wear.—INTERNET

Health

Health tip: If your child has cystic fibrosis

Children with cystic fibrosis may have different dietary needs than other children.

The Nemours Foundations says parents should make sure that children with cystic fibrosis get plenty of:

- * Calcium for bone health, via dairy products and calcium-fortified foods and drinks.
- * Essential fatty acids that may play a role in lung function, via walnuts, salmon, and flax seeds. Supplements are OK if your pediatrician approves.
- * Vitamins A, D, E and K — the fat-soluble vitamins — via supplements to help boost the immune system.
- * Iron to prevent anemia, via meats and dark green veggies.
- * Salt, to counteract salt loss through sweat.
- * Zinc, to boost the immune system and promote healing, via eggs, meat and seafood.—Internet

Fatty liver increases risk of type two diabetes

LOS ANGELES, 27 Feb—Individuals with fatty liver were five times more likely to develop type 2 diabetes than those without fatty liver, researchers at Stanford University in California said.

This new finding was published by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) on its website.

The researchers examined 11,091 Koreans who had a medical evaluation including fasting insulin concentration and abdominal ultrasound at baseline and had a follow-up after five years.

Internet

Health officials track measles exposure at three US airports

BOSTON, 27 Feb—State health officials are trying to track down travelers who may have been exposed to measles after a passenger who was contagious passed through three major US airports.

A woman with a confirmed case of measles travelled from the United Kingdom through Washington Dulles International Airport, Denver International Airport and on to Albuquerque International Airport last week, said Tom Skinner, spokesman for the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention.

The CDC has provided state health officials with information about passengers on those flights to begin tracing who may have had contact and if immunizations are current, said Skinner.

On Friday, Colorado health officials issued a warning to travelers and workers at Denver International Airport of possible exposure to the passenger who is from New Mexico and was at the airport for several hours on Tuesday night.

Officials believe the diagnosed case of measles was contracted overseas, said Skinner.

States, with assistance from the CDC, will determine who is at risk and typically look at other passengers seated near the confirmed case, he said.

Reuters

A model presents a creation during the HIV-AIDS benefit fashion show "Venezuela se Viste de Moda 2011" in Caracas 23 Feb, 2011.

INTERNET



A Toys "R" Us shopping bag is seen inside their Times Square store in New York, 19 October, 2009.—INTERNET

Ford looking to retain Mercury owners

DEARBORN, 27 Feb—Ford Motor Co dealers in the Midwest said the company is attempting to retain its Mercury customers by offering discounts if they stay with the company.

The deals are exclusive to the Midwest, *The Wall Street Journal* reported Saturday. To keep Mercury owners loyal to Ford, the company is offering \$500 discounts toward the purchase of another Ford product and \$1,500 if they choose a Lincoln, the dealers said.

The programme is expected to end 4 April and is meant to corral Mercury owners who could wander off, as Ford discontinued the Mercury brand last year.

The programme is also intended to boost Lincoln sales, especially at exclusive Lincoln-Mercury dealerships that lost half their lineup when Mercury was phased out.—Internet

Toys R Us mulls \$800 million IPO for April

CHICAGO, 27 Feb—Toys R Us Inc (TOY.UL) is looking to raise around \$800 million in an initial public offering in April, though a final decision has not been reached, the *New York Post* said on Saturday.

The New Jersey-based retailer, which operates stores under its namesake brand and the Babies R Us and FAO Schwarz labels, had put off plans for an IPO in 2010.

"Toys R Us took more market share from competitors last year than they have in the past 20 years," said one source the Post described as close to the company. "But I don't think they were satisfied with how they did on the profit level." Toys R Us spokeswoman Kathleen Waugh said the company could not comment on the matter.

For December 2010, Toys R Us reported a 5.4 percent total sales rise at its US unit as it lured holiday shoppers away from No 1 toy retailer Wal-Mart (WMT.N) with more temporary stores and exclusive toys. But same-store sales fell 5 percent at its international segment.

Overall, a tough 2010 holiday season had margins hit across the toy industry by bargain-seeking, recession-hit consumers. So the economic environment has stoked continued debate between management and owners at Toys R Us about whether this is the best time to re-launch an IPO, according to a source briefed on the situation, the *Post* reported.

Toys R Us was taken private in 2005 by Kohlberg Kravis Roberts (KKR.AS), Bain Capital and Vornado Realty Trust (VNO.N) in a \$6.6 billion deal.—Internet

Dell to open 1,000 stores in China

BEIJING, 27 Feb—The US computer maker Dell Inc said on Thursday that it will aggressively expand its sales and after-sales service network in China this year as part of its efforts to tap the local market, where domestic player Lenovo Group dominates.

Michael Yang, president of Dell's operations on the Chinese mainland, said in an interview that the world's third-largest PC maker by market share will establish more than 1,000 new retail stores for commercial customers and also double the company's after-sales service sites in China this year.

"Although China's PC market has slowed down since last year, computer demand is still robust," Yang said on Thursday.

Internet



A Dell Inc laptop at a Microsoft event in San Francisco in December.—INTERNET

Man blows himself up near Moscow supermarket

MOSCOW, 27 Feb—A man who apparently was distraught after an argument with his wife blew himself up near a Moscow supermarket, killing himself, *ITAR-Tass* news agency reported.

No other injuries were reported in the incident in the city's northeast.

The wife of the man told police that her husband had quarreled with her about three hours earlier, after which he grabbed a gun and left their home, police spokesman Anatoly Lastovetsky was quoted as saying by *ITAR-Tass*.

Lastovetsky did not specify how the man blew himself up, but the *Interfax* news agency reported that witnesses said he parked his automobile

near the supermarket, went to its entrance while muttering unintelligibly, pulled out a grenade and set it off.

There were no indications the act was intended as terrorism and *ITAR-Tass* cited the spokesman as saying the domestic quarrel was apparently the motivation.

But the explosion initially sparked fears that it could be a terror attack in a city that experienced one just over a month ago. A suicide bomber killed 37 people in a 24 Jan blast at Moscow's Domodedovo airport, the country's busiest. A leader of militants in Russia's Caucasus claimed responsibility for ordering that attack.

Internet



A Russian police car, right, is seen at a site of explosion in Moscow, Russia, on 26 Feb, 2011.—INTERNET

Iran to build advanced fighter jet

TEHERAN, 27 Feb—The Islamic Republic of Iran Air Force has launched a project to design and build the country's most advanced fighter jet, the English language satellite Press TV reported Sunday.

Brigadier General Mohammadreza Karshki, a senior Iranian Air force commander, said Saturday that the Iranian Air Force is cooperating with the Defence Ministry in the project, which is now in the initial stages.

The new fighter jet is similar to the US-built F/A-18, while its appearance is similar to F-5E/F *Tiger II*, according to Press TV.

The new single-seater bomber has the ability to track down enemy aircraft, engage in combat, target locations on the ground, and carry assorted weapons and ammunition, said the report.

Iran said last February that it successfully tested the prototype of its first domestically-built stealth fighter, which, due to its physical attributes and the material used in its body, could not be detected by any radar.—INTERNET

Southern Israel attacked by Gaza mortar shell

GAZA, 27 Feb—A homemade mortar shell was fired on Saturday night from the Gaza Strip at southern Israel, no injuries were reported, an Israeli army spokesman said.

The spokesman told Israel Radio that a mortar shell was launched from the Gaza Strip at Negev in southern Israel, adding that no injuries or damages were reported. No one claimed responsibility for the attack.

Earlier on Saturday, Israeli war jets carried out four successive airstrikes on southern and central Gaza Strip. Three airstrikes targeted training camps for Hamas militants, the fourth one was carried out on an empty house in central Gaza Strip town of Deir el-Ballah, said the witnesses and security sources.

Two people were reported injured in the airstrikes, added the witnesses and security sources.

In the early morning on Saturday, three successive airstrikes were also carried out on central and southern Gaza Strip. —Xinhua

Int'l youths Conf on climate change ends in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 27 Feb—A five-day international youth conference held in Indonesia Yogyakarta ended here on Friday with a 32-point recommendation calling on each nation to address climate change and preserve the environment, local media reported here on Saturday.

"The recommendation, among others, urges each country to develop sustainable energy sources and promote the use of renewable energy such as solar, geothermal and wind energy," Gina Karina, a participant from Indonesia, said when reading the recommendation.

The recommendation also urged every country to promote awareness of environmental issues through mass media, education curricula and youth activities in support of environmental awareness, Gina said.

"The government of every country also needs to support community-based conservation projects, green technology and clean energy and give alternative income sources to the most vulnerable people because of climate change," she said.

Gina said each country needed to encourage development of conservation policies that take into account the needs of impoverished and marginalized people, she said.

MNA/Xinhua

Wash couple rescued after 4 days trapped in snow



John and Pat Norvell stand outside their home in Vancouver, Ore. on Saturday, 16 Feb, 2011.—INTERNET

SEATTLE, 27 Feb—John and Patricia Norvell kept thinking someone would come help them as they sat trapped for four days on a secluded, forest road near Mount St Helens with only jelly beans to eat and snow for water.

But as the third and fourth days approached, John said he felt dark at times, even as his wife's spirits remained high.

The 63-year-olds from Vancouver, Wash., played cribbage, spooned snow

into water bottles, and ran the engine just a few minutes at a time to stay warm and save gas. Sometimes, they turned the ignition just enough to run their heated seats off the battery.

Their ordeal, which began when the couple's Jeep Grand Cherokee slid into a waist-deep ditch, ended Friday when they were spotted by campers.

"'Good Samaritan' doesn't even begin to cover these guys, what they did," John Norvell said in a phone interview Saturday. "They shoveled us out and they pulled us out, they gave me five gallons of gas and they didn't want nothing in return. I'll never forget these guys."

The couple was 30 miles from the nearest town when their SUV slid into the ditch Monday during a drive amid the snow-freighted evergreens. They wanted to try a new camera that John received from the Frito-Lay plant in Vancouver, where he worked for 38 years before retiring in January.—Internet

Sailor shot after car chase at San Diego Navy base

SAN DIEGO, 27 Feb—Military officials say Navy police shot and injured one sailor and took another into custody following a car chase at Naval Base San Diego. Navy spokesman Jason Salata says the two sailors were stopped at a base gate early Saturday on suspicion of drunken driving. The sailors fled to another gate, where their vehicle smashed into two police cars.

Salata says police then shot at the vehicle, hitting one of the sailors. KNSD-TV reports the shot sailor is hospitalized in stable condition. The other sailor was not hurt and was taken into custody. No charges have been filed. The sailors' names have not been released.—Internet



A boy watches the military parade in Subiya, Kuwait, on 26 Feb, 2011. The parade was held here on Saturday to mark Kuwait's 50th Independence Day and 20th anniversary of the end of the Gulf war with the liberation of Kuwait from Iraqi occupation.—XINHUA



People amuse themselves among blossoming plum trees in Donghu Park in Wuhan, capital of central China's Hubei Province, 26 Feb, 2011.

XINHUA

NYC rower tries for third time to cross Atlantic

NEW YORK, 27 Feb—There is something about the sea that has caused Victor Mooney to lose all reason.

For years now, the 45-year-old New Yorker has believed that for all its vastness, the Atlantic Ocean is ripe for conquest; That a lone man pulling a pair of oars can shove off an African beach and slowly, steadily, row partway around the globe to New York harbour.

This is an idea he has refused to relinquish, despite repeated failure.

When the 24-foot wooden rowboat he built by hand for his first trans-Atlantic attempt in 2006 sank just hours into his trip from Senegal, he went out and got another, built by a professional. When that boat's drinking water systems failed two weeks into his 2nd attempt in 2009, necessitating a rescue, he chalked it up to bad luck, rather than fate telling him "No."

Now, he is trying again.

Mooney departed from a marina in the Cape Verdean islands at about 7:30 am Saturday, according to the local port captain. He pointed his bow west toward the Caribbean, and if his luck holds, and his latest boat remains afloat, and his back stays strong, and he doesn't go mad with loneliness, he plans to land in Brooklyn in six to eight months.

Speaking by telephone from the island of Sao Vicente on Thursday, Mooney said he was ready for the nearly 5,000-mile trip. He had already begun sleeping on his oceangoing rowboat to get his sea legs.

Internet



In this 7 May, 2006 file photo, Victor Mooney prepares his rowboat for a transatlantic voyage between Goree Island, Senegal, and New York.—INTERNET

Vintage vehicles a labour of love for collectors

VANCOUVER, 27 Feb—Harking back to an easier time when the car was king and cool rides with big engines ruled the North American roads, Vancouverites displayed their love for all things automotive this weekend when about 15,000 people turned out for the three-day run of the Fraser Valley World of Wheels.

Now in its 17th year, the Abbotsford-area show, located about 75 kilometers from downtown Vancouver, featured 218 customized cars, motorbikes, the odd boat, and even a vintage fire engine that had been restored to its 1930s' glory when it was functioning public safety vehicle.

While most of the vehicles on display were being exhibited by their owners who had undertaken a labor of love to restore their cars, usually at great personal expense, for the serious exhibitors, it was all about collecting points.

Xinhua

An IndiGo Airways aircraft prepares to land at Mumbai airport in Mumbai. An Indian pilot who allegedly landed a passenger plane on its nose wheel faked documents to obtain her licence and had a record of poor landings, newspapers have reported.

INTERNET



Social networking websites influence Fiji population

SUVA, 27 Feb—Social networking websites have a growing influence on the population in Fiji and many business houses and organizations are now changing their attitude towards social websites exploring ways to utilize its influential powers as many are drawn to it. It is a recent study by "the What's on Network". Based in Fiji's western city Nadi, "the What's on Network" specializes in social networking and its commercial implications is looking into how social networking is changing the mindset of the people of Fiji through Facebook, Twitter, Yahoo, You Tube and Skype amongst others.

Its director Ian Collingwood revealed

that according to their findings, the use of social networking websites is growing at a significant level in Fiji and helping disseminate information very quickly as many are hooked on.

Collingwood said their findings show that there are currently 110,000 Facebook accounts origination in Fiji with an annual growth in 2011 expected to exceed 75 percent. Their survey on radio station Fiji Village's website shows that the dominant social media user segments in Fiji are aged between 18 and 44 years old. This represents 80 percent of all social networking users while the fastest growing segment are aged between 45 and 55 years old.—Xinhua

Mexican F1 driver Sergio Perez, 21, runs a show circuit in his hometown Guadalajara Jalisco, Mexico, on 26 Feb, 2011. Perez, qualified in the Sauber C30 for the world F1 championship.

XINHUA



Fiji's former Miss South Pacific becomes goodwill ambassador for UNICEF

SUVA, 27 Feb—Fiji's former Miss South Pacific Mere-walesi Nailatikau joined a global list of international goodwill ambassadors and regional and national ambassadors for UNICEF.

UNICEF said in its "State of the World Children Report 2011" that Nailatikau's appointment is the first

ever UNICEF regional ambassador for the Pacific.

UNICEF representative Isiye Ndombi confirmed to media that Nailatikau joined a growing list of wellknown and highly respected personalities throughout the world from sports, music, and performing and film arts and many other specialist fields who play an important advocacy role to help promote the work of UNICEF.

UNICEF's goodwill and regional ambassadors include world renowned figures like Bollywood mega star Amitabh Bachchan, Soccer's most valuable player David Beckham and Hollywood stars such as Orlando Bloom, Jackie Chan Danny Glover, Whoopi Goldberg, Ricky Martin and Susan Sarandon.

Xinhua

Indian pilot 'forged papers' to get licence

NEW DELHI, 27 Feb—An Indian pilot who allegedly landed a passenger plane on its nose wheel faked documents to obtain her licence and had a record of poor landings, newspapers reported on Sunday.

Parminder Kaur

Gulati, who has had the licence revoked, "used the nose wheel to touch down instead of the rear landing gear" at the end of a commercial flight from New Delhi to Goa last month, the Times of India reported.

An inquiry into her performance then revealed she had landed planes incorrectly between 10 and 15 times, Indian media said, citing information from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).

Gulati, who works for budget carrier IndiGo, was found to have forged papers

to get her airline transport pilot licence (ATPL).

"We have revoked her licence. The pilot seems to have obtained an ATPL by submitting forged documents," director-general of civil aviation Bharat Bhushan told the Times. "We are going to file a police complaint."

The DGCA is probing how she got her licence having failed the examination seven times, the paper added. IndiGo said: "We will follow any instructions from the regulator."—Internet

Kyaukchaunggyi Bridge on Pathein-Chaungtha Road...

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Commander Brig-Gen Tin Maung Win unveiled the stone plaque of the Kyaukchaunggyi Bridge and took a stroll along the bridge.

The 360 feet long bridge is of reinforced concrete type with a 24 feet wide two-lane motor road and two 3-foot-wide walkways on it. It can withstand 60 tons of loads per vehicle.

The Kyaukchaunggyi Bridge, constructed by Bridge Construction Special Group (1) of Public Works of the Ministry of Construction, is 258th facility among over 180-ft bridges nationwide and



Commander Brig-Gen Tin Maung Win unveils stone plaque of Kyaukchaunggyi

Bridge.—MNA



54th among its counterparts in Ayeyawady Region.

The newly-opened bridge will shorten Yangon-Chaungtha trip and will help boost the transportation of products from factories in Thabaung Township of Pathein District—MNA

Commander Brig-Gen Tin Maung Win and

Minister U Khin Maung Myint walk on

Kyaukchaunggyi Bridge.—MNA

Myanmar Info-Tech Corporation Ltd holds 9th Annual General Meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Feb—Myanmar Info-Tech Corporation Ltd held the ninth Annual General Meeting 2009-2010 at Myanmar Info-Tech Building in Hline Township in Yangon yesterday morning.

Chairman of Yangon Region Peace and

Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Tun Than and Vice-Chairman of e-National Task Force Deputy Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun delivered speeches.

Also present on the occasion were mem-

bers of e-National Task Force, departmental officials, members of Myanmar Computer Development Council, responsible persons of Myanmar Computer Federation, BOD members of Myanmar Info-Tech Corporation Ltd and shareholders.—MNA

Dy Health Minister visits National Poison Control Center

YANGON, 27 Feb—Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe visited National Poison Control Center (Lower

Myanmar) on Ziawaka Street in Dagon Township here this morning.

The deputy minister inspected chemical

toxic research section, poison information section, pharmaceutical poison research section, and labs.—MNA

Disaster Risks Reduction Course on 12 March

YANGON, 27 Feb—The Myanmar Engineering Society (MES) and the Myanmar Credent Technology will jointly conduct GIS and Remote Sensing Applications for Disaster Risks Reduction Course on 12 March.

The six-day weekend course runs from

9 am to 4 pm. Staff from civil service, NGOs and UN agencies, members of the MES and students are offered a discount of 20%.

Ministries, universities, colleges, training schools, companies, NGOs and UN agencies may place an order for GIS courses at their mother

units.

For more on the course, contact Myanmar Credent Technology at Room (7), Building (1), Myanmar Info-Tech (Ph: 652285 and 652286). The number of trainees is fixed only 20. Interested persons may sign up no later than 11 March.—MNA

EP-2 Minister visits YESB

YANGON, 27 Feb—Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Myint met officers of Yangon Electricity Supply Board at YESB headquarters in Ahlon Township here yesterday morning.

The minister gave instructions on administration, finance, office works, disciplines and electricity supply tasks. Next, Chairman of YESB U Khin

Maung Soe, Technician Dr San Oo of Ministry of Electric Power No.2, Managing-Director U Myint Aung of Electricity Supply Enterprise and Chief-Engineer U Kyaw Kyaw of YESB reported to the minister on work progress and future plans. The meeting came to an end with concluding remarks of the minister.—MNA

Top dealers awarded at MCG dinner



Managing Director U Kyaw Swa Myint of MCG Co Ltd presents prize to a top dealer.

MNA

YANGON, 27 Feb—MCG Co Ltd held the annual dinner and awarded the outstanding dealers at Inya Lake Hotel, here, yesterday

evening.

Managing Director U Kyaw Swa Myint and responsible persons presented prizes to top dealers.

MCG Co Ltd distributes household and office use air-conditioners as sole agent.

The buyer can get three years warrantee for Chigo Air-con with free services of charge and cost of parts for the first year and free of charge for maintenance for following two years.

Various types of air-conditioners distributed by MCG are available at branches outside Yangon, its head office, showroom and service centre at No. 202/A, Lower Kyimyindine Street, Ahlon Township, Tel: 01-227034 and 705060.—MNA

Title recipient monks conferred religious titles

YANGON, 27 Feb—Members of the Sangha who passed the 93rd Cetiyaangana Pariyatti Dhamma Nuggaha Examination were conferred religious titles at Chanthagyi Hall of the Shwedagon Pagoda

here this morning.

The examination was organized by the Shwedagon Pagoda Board of Trustees from 25 to 31 December 2010.

Of the 127 candidates, 98 passed the oral

examination. And among the 98 oral examination winners and 35 outsider candidates, two Dhammacariya Degree holders and five monk passed the written examination.—MNA

Minibus plunges into valley, two dead and ten injured

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Feb—An accident on Pakokku-Matupi road on 24 February caused two dead and ten injured out of 18 passengers on board.

The minibus which left Pakokku for Matupi plunged into 50-foot-deep ravine because of an error occurred while shifting

gear at milepost No (77/6) on Pakokku-Matupi road at about 2 am.

The injured have been admitted to the hospital of Kyaukhtu Township (branch) and Kyaukhtu police station have filed a lawsuit against driver Aung Naing Soe. A member of Nay Pyi Taw

Traffic Rules Enforcement Committee said, “the similar tragedy will be averted if the situation of vehicle is checked cautiously before drive,” for the incident had only brought about casualties and charges to be faced by the responsible person.

MNA



Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Maung Maung Swe inspects Tamway Township Fire Station.(News Reported)—MNA

One wounded in Papun mine blast

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Feb—A civil car driven by U Myint Zaw Oo who resides in Methalwat village, Papun Township of Kayin State, stepped on a KNU-planted mine about

2 miles to the southwest of Papun Township at 1:30 pm yesterday. The blast caused damage to the front of the car. Due to the incident, the driver left his left ankle injured as well as

getting his left leg broken. The victim is under treatment at Tatmadaw Hospital in Papun, and officials concerned are proving necessary assistances to him.—MNA

Thongwakyun embankment road helps improve socio-economic...

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in Thongwakyun under the supervision of the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs and the Ayeyawady Region Development Affairs Committee. Up to 2009-2010, the embankment has been paved with asphalt on 3.1 miles and four furlongs long section, gravel on 24.4 miles and three furlongs section and earth on 4.3 miles and one furlong long section. In addition, strand roads of Kyaung, Khanaunghto and Pandaw villages and the roads in Thongwa Villages have been repaved with asphalt.

In 2008-2009

financial year, one brick bridge and three concrete conduits were built on the alignment leading to Kawakkin Village. The alignment was upgraded to the 8400 feet long and 8 feet wide gravel road in 2009-2010.

The original embankment of Thongwakyun was about 10 feet wide. At present, the embankment is being upgraded to the 12 feet wide gravel road on 18 feet wide earthen one. Out of 46 miles and four furlongs long embankment road, six miles and five furlongs long tarred road and 12 miles and six furlongs long gravel road have been constructed.

Senior Engineer U Tun Tun Naing and party



Workers seen at placing of gravel on Thongwakyun embankment road.

are constructing 25 miles long and 12 feet wide gravel on the 29 miles and two furlongs long and 18 feet wide earthen road linking Pantapuk to Kyonthin villages.

They are expanding the eight miles and four

furlongs long earthen road from Khanaung to Achan villages to the 12 feet wide facility. The Senior Engineer and party are carrying out the construction tasks with the use of eight backhoes, four dozers,

one loader and seven rollers.

The Development Affairs Department built 23 schools, one monastery and one dispensary, Senior Engineer U Tun Tun Naing explained.

Thongwakyun constituted with 76 villages in 17 village-tracts is home to 51771 people of 9568 households. The local people are engaged in cultivation of paddy, vegetables and horticultural tasks and fishery.

The embankment road prevents overflow of river and creeks for enabling the local people to safely carry out cultivation task. Thanks to embankment road, the local people have easy access to other areas such as Maubi, Twantay,

Kyaiklat and other townships. Construction of schools, monastery and dispensary contributes to improvement of education, culture and health sectors of the area.

Thanks to digging 30 drains in Thongwakyun by the government for implementation of Paddy-1 Project, a total of 12465 acres of land can be put under paddy. On completion, the Thongwakyun embankment road will be a drive for better transport of paddy and contribute much to improvement of social-status of the local people.

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Placing of gravel on embankment road in progress in Thongwakyun.

Freight train derails near Tacoma



Lights from a truck illuminate train cars near Chambers Bay in University Place, Wash, after two trains collided on 26 Feb, 2011.—INTERNET

UNIVERSITY PLACE, 27 Feb—A freight train derailed and sideswiped another Saturday night on the banks of Puget Sound, sending some cars carrying a hazardous chemical careening off the rails near the water, officials said.

Fourteen cars derailed and most were empty, but four were tankers carrying sodium hydroxide, or lye, BNSF spokesman Gus Melonas said. The chemical is used in industry and

to regulate the pH levels of water but can be hazardous and cause breathing problems and burns.

No one was injured in the derailment, which occurred about 8:30 pm 13 miles south of Tacoma in Pierce County, he said.

Some of the derailed cars were lying near the shore of Puget Sound but none went into the water, he said.

One of the cars had leaked 10 to 20 gallons of the chemical and a hazardous materials crew was working to seal it.

Melonas said no evacuations had been ordered even though there are some homes in the area.

"Not much of the chemical leaked and there were no vapors," he said. "A hazmat team determined that there was no public threat."

The accident occurred as a 109-car BNSF train was heading north from Portland, Ore, passing an area known as the Tacoma Narrows.—Internet



Customers buy roasted beans at a supermarket in Qingdao, east China's Shandong Province. According to local traditions, people will eat roasted beans to pray for blessing on the day titled with Er Yue Er, also known as Longtaitou (dragon raises head) day, which falls on the second day of the second month on the lunar calendar.

XINHUA

31 Thai workers injured in gas explosion

BANGKOK, 27 Feb—Thirty-one workers were injured when a bio-gas pipe of a tapioca factory in northeastern province of Chaiyaphum exploded, causing massive fire that engulfed them, local media report on Saturday.

Police said the accident at the Chaiyaphum Starch Co Ltd in that happened at 4:30 pm local time on Friday, Thailand's English-language newspaper *The Nation* reported.

A factory engineer told police that the explosion was caused by sparks from wild grasses burning that were flown to the bio-gas pipe.

Police said 18 workers were severely injured in the fire and were rushed to hospital. The remaining injured workers were being treated at the Chaiyaphum Hospital. The tapioca factory used bio-gas, which was made from cassava wastes, to generate electricity for using in the factory.

MNA/Xinhua



People participate a rehearsal of the Carnival in Sambodromo in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on 26 Feb, 2011. The Carnival of Rio de Janeiro will open on 6 March.

XINHUA

Vintage jet crashes in Hudson near Kingston, NY

KINGSTON, 27 Feb—A vintage military jet, now privately owned and flown in air shows, crashed into ice on the Hudson River on Saturday as it came in for a landing at an airport in Kingston, authorities said. The pilot was missing and feared dead.

A search for the pilot, identified as Michael Faraldi, 38, of Germantown, was suspended late in the evening,

state police said.

Divers searching the river for signs of Faraldi discovered that the front section of the plane, including the cockpit, had struck the river bed in about 5 feet of water, police said. The search was expected to resume Sunday.

The accident happened at about 1:30 pm near the Kingston-Rhinecliff Bridge, which spans the river midway

between Albany and New York City.

Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman Holly Baker said the aircraft was partially submerged after the crash. Only one person was known to be aboard the plane when it went down.

Faraldi was piloting the plane from Nashville, Tenn, to an airport in Ghent, NY, state police said.—Internet

Seven missing after cargo ship capsizes in East China Sea

HANGZHOU, 27 Feb—Seven sailors are missing after a cargo ship from east China's Zhejiang Province capsized in wee hours Sunday near Zhoushan of the province, according to company sources.

The ship, dubbed *Zheyuji No.618*, belonged to Haitong Shipping Business Company of Yuhuan County of Zhejiang, the sources said. It left Songmen Harbour of Wenling for Shanghai Saturday, carrying more than 500 tonnes of scrapped steels. It capsized after colliding with another cargo ship, and seven men aboard fell into the sea.—Xinhua



Staff members load a plane with cloud-seeding chemicals during a mission of artificial precipitation enhancement in east China's Anhui Province on 25 Feb, 2011. The operation was launched Friday in order to mitigate the shortage of moisture in the soil in the drought-stricken areas within the province.

XINHUA

Moderate earthquake hits central Japan

TOKYO, 27 Feb—A shallow earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 5.4 hit Japan's Honshu island at 5:38 am Sunday (2038 GMT Saturday), said the Japan Meteorological Agency.

There were no immediate reports of damage or casualties. No tsunami warning has been issued.

The quake was most strongly felt

in Takayama City of Gifu Prefecture in central Japan.

The inland quake hit at a shallow depth of 3.8 kilometers. The epicenter of the quake was around 221 kms west of Tokyo.

The United States Geological Survey (USGS) said the quake measured 5.2 magnitude.

Xinhua

Philippine rebels kill three soldiers, wound four others

GAMU, 27 Feb—Philippine police say suspected rebels have killed three soldiers and wounded four others in an ambush despite the recent resumption of peace talks.

Police Senior Superintendent Laurence

Mombael says New People's Army rebels fired at about 30 army troops on patrol near Asipulo township in northern mountainous Ifugao province on Saturday then fled. Mombael said Sunday that reinforcement troops brought by a helicopter later clashed with and wounded an unspecified number of fleeing rebels.

Government and rebel negotiators last week resumed talks in Norway after more than six years and agreed to negotiate for a settlement of the 42-year conflict, one of Asia's longest, possibly by June 2012.—Internet

Fresh case of bird flu confirmed in S Korea

SEOUL, 27 Feb — South Korea on Sunday confirmed an additional outbreak of bird flu in a southeastern region, raising fears of further spread, local media reported.

The deadly H5N1 avian influenza virus was found at a chicken farm in Yangsan, South Gyeongsang province, after some 60 chickens on the farm died Thursday.

Quarantine authorities had culled 300 chickens and 100 ducks on the

farm as a precautionary measure before the test results came out on Sunday.

The latest outbreak is the first to be confirmed in three years in South Gyeongsang province, and the provincial government plans to cull birds within a 500-meter radius of the infected farm.

A record 5.5 million birds have been put to death in South Korea since the outbreak of the disease started in December last year.—Xinhua

A tourist experiences traditional iron forging in a village of Jinuo ethnic group in Jinghong City of Xishuangbanna Dai Autonomous Prefecture, southwest China's Yunnan Province, 25 Feb, 2011. The village attracted tourists with its distinctive characteristics.
XINHUA



A high-speed train departs a railway station in Beijing. China already has 8,300 kilometres (5,150 miles) of high-speed rail and from next year will boast more than half of the world's fast tracks.

INTERNET



China rail firms look abroad for expansion

BEIJING, 27 Feb—China's rail and train builders, who gained valuable experience at home in projects with Western heavyweights, are now competing with them for global contracts, but analysts say a lack of international savvy could clip their ambitions.

China already has 8,300 kilometres (5,150 miles) of high-speed rail and from next year will boast more than half of the world's fast tracks.

The country is also pouring money into its urban underground networks, with nearly two dozen major cities given the green light in late 2009 to build 89 metro lines by 2016 — at an estimated cost of 880 billion yuan (\$134 billion).

Train constructors China Northern Railway (CNR) and China Southern Railway (CSR), along with China Railway Group and China Railway Construction Corp Ltd, are now

confidently battling — and earning the respect of — industry giants Alstom, Bombardier and Siemens, from whom they acquired significant technology. Chinese firms gained the rights to use certain rail technology when they bought equipment from Western firms, which they went on to modify.

China says its products are the result of home-grown innovation, but some foreign executives complained in the past that technology meant for domestic use is now being used — unfairly — in products for export.

Internet

Europe races to meet 'Mad March' debt deadline

BRUSSELS, 27 Feb—European leaders get back to the pressing business of trying to fix the eurozone debt crisis with a hectic series of summits counting down to a 25 March deadline.

Governments know they have their work cut out to satisfy expectant markets, with the heat still on over fears for Portugal and Greece, a country that wants its existing bailout renegotiated.

Final decisions are due to be reached on the size, shape and scope of a permanent financial rescue system being set up for 1 January, 2013.

A temporary fund, already tapped by Ireland in December, offers little room for manoeuvre if Portugal needs help in the short term.

Eurozone paymaster Germany won't guarantee its backing unless Berlin wins concessions on how other nations govern their finances first. Germany, supported by France, wants to reform everything from pensions to business taxation across the 17-nation eurozone in particular.

Internet

US billionaire Buffett ready for more takeovers

NEW YORK, 27 Feb—US billionaire chief executive Warren Buffett said Saturday he is "itchy" for more takeovers less than one year after his \$26.5-billion purchase of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway company.

In his annual letter to

his Berkshire Hathaway shareholders, Buffett wrote that in 2011 "we will need both good performance from our current businesses and more major acquisition."

"We're prepared," said Buffett, 80, the third richest man in the world. "Our elephant gun has

been reloaded, and my trigger finger is itchy."

Buffett said that his company is "envisioning a year free of mega catastrophe in insurance and possessing a general business climate some what better than that of 2010, but weaker than that of 2005 or 2006."

Berkshire Hathaway reported that 2010 net income was up 61 percent compared to the previous year to 12.97 billion dollars, and its per-share book value increased by 13 percent.

Buffett, widely seen as one of the most savvy investors in the United States, was bullish on the future of the US economy. "Money will always flow toward opportunity, and there is an abundance of that in America," he wrote.

Internet



US billionaire chief executive Warren Buffett, pictured in 2010, said Saturday he is "itchy" for more takeovers less than one year after his \$26.5-billion purchase of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway company.—INTERNET

A male cardinal pauses on a snow-covered dogwood branch while searching for food during a wet and heavy snowfall on 25 Feb, 2011, in West Bath, Maine.—INTERNET



Anything really tasty promotes heartburn

DALLAS, 27 Feb—Eating or drinking certain types of foods, such as milk, in an attempt to reduce stomach acid generally doesn't work, a US digestive specialist advises.

Dr Stuart Spechler of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Centre in Dallas says doctors used to suggest milk as an antacid, but it's really a very poor choice.

"Most of the foods that we eat buffer acid, but they also stimulate the stomach to produce acid later," Spechler says in a statement. "That's why we don't recommend them as a specific treatment."

However, avoiding foods that historically cause heartburn —

anything fatty or chocolate — is the better strategy, Spechler says.

Heartburn often is caused by reflux or backwash of acid from the stomach up into the esophagus — the long tube that carries food from the throat to the stomach. A valve at the end of the esophagus is supposed to function as a one-way release, relaxing to allow food into the stomach and closing back up so food and acid in the stomach stay there, but a leaky valve will result in heartburn, Spechler says.

"Anything that tastes really good is likely to give you heartburn and the reason is the fat content," Spechler says.—Internet

China-US Governors Forum helps promote bilateral co-op



Li Xiaolin (1st R), vice president of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC), and Chris Gregoire, chair of the US National Governors Association (NGA) and also Washington Governor, sign an agreement at a ceremony in Washington C, capital of the United States, on 26 Feb, 2011.

INTERNET

WASHINGTON, 27 Feb — China - US Governors Forum, a newly launched sub-national consultation mechanism, will strengthen bilateral cooperation in a more effective way, a senior Chinese official said here Saturday.

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"The forum is one of the direct, pragmatic and effective platforms between the two countries," Zhou Qiang, secretary of the Hunan Provincial Committee of the Communist Party of China, told reporters on the sidelines of the US National Governors Association (NGA) Winter Meeting.

Xinhua

Cancer test leading to 'needless biopsies'

NEW YORK, 27 Feb — Rapidly rising levels in a blood test for prostate cancer are a poor indication of whether or not a man has the disease, a study has shown. Doctors responding to the speed at which test results change — known as "PSA velocity" — may carry out unnecessary biopsies, say researchers.

PSA, or prostate spe-

cific antigen, is a protein produced by cells in the prostate gland and also prostate tumours. Blood tests for PSA are routinely used to decide whether or not a man may have prostate cancer. Both higher-than-average PSA levels and sharp increases over time can lead doctors to perform follow-up biopsies. — Internet

China's first law for preserving intangible cultural heritage passed

BEIJING, 27 Feb — China's top legislature has passed the country's first law for intangible cultural heritage. After ten years in drafting, the legislation is expected to ensure the better preservation of the country's cultural legacies.

With one of the world's few continuous civilization histories, China has a wealth of intangible cultural heritage.

As early as 1998, authorities organized nationwide investigations into folk art and ethnic customs, laying an important foundation for the law.

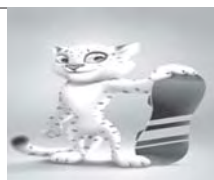
Zhu Bing has been working at the National People's Congress Standing Committee for over two decades, and has been involved in the whole process leading to the birth of the law.

Zhu Bing, NPC Standing Committee, said, "The primary target of China's heritage protection efforts used to be tangible items including all artifacts and historic relics. The enactment of the this new law means that for the first time Chinese traditional cultural practices now have legal protection."

In 2004, China was enlisted into the UN Intangible Culture Heritage Protection Pact. Acting with a strong sense of obligation, China began speeding up the legislative process. — Internet

The Leopard — one of three mascots for the 2014 Sochi 2014 Olympic Winter Games.

INTERNET



Snow leopard heads Sochi 2014 mascots

MOSCOW, 27 Feb — Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin got his wish when a snow leopard, polar bear and hare were chosen as the official mascots of the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympics on Saturday.

Putin, who was largely responsible for Sochi's successful bid to host the 2014 Games, said earlier in the day that a snow leopard would be his "symbolic choice".

The snow leopard received 28 percent of the votes during a live broadcast on Russia's main Channel One, followed by the polar bear in second place with 18 percent and the hare in third (16 percent).

"There are three mascots for the Olympic Winter Games, representing the three places on the Olympic podium," Sochi 2014 chief Dmitry Chernyshenko said in a statement. — Internet

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European space concepts enter competition

LONDON, 27 Feb — The European Space Agency (Esa) has selected four new mission concepts to compete for a launch opportunity at the start of the 2020s. The mission ideas cover a broad range of disciplines, from investigations of black holes and general relativity to a near-Earth asteroid sample-return and studies of planets orbiting far-away stars.

The concepts have rather impenetrable names right now — Loft, STE-Quest, MarcoPolo-R, and Echo — but that will change for the one eventually selected.

"Originally we had 47 proposals," said Fabio Favata, head of Esa's Science Planning and Community Coordination Office.

Internet



Telescopes such as Nasa's Kepler observatory are finding huge numbers of exoplanets.

INTERNET

Two held over Vegas \$33,000 poker heist

LAS VEGAS, 27 Feb — Police in Las Vegas have made two arrests after an armed robber grabbed poker chips worth \$33,000 (£21,000) from one of the city's casinos. The theft was the second large-scale robbery of chips in Las Vegas in three months — suggesting that casino chips have almost become a currency in their own right for armed robbers. A taxi driver and a second man were arrested after a lone gunman stole the chips from the Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino, near the Las Vegas Strip last Thursday.

The alleged gunman, Steven Gao, 45, snatched the chips from a pai gow poker table before fleeing in a taxi driven by 61-year-old Hiroyuki Yamaguchi, according to the police. — Internet

Cyclone puts cassowary in greater peril



Rains have washed away large parts of the cassowary's habitat.

INTERNET

LONDON, 27 Feb — The cassowary, one of the world's largest birds, beaten for size and weight only by the ostrich and emu, is in a fight for its life. The flightless bird has

talons that can tear open a human with one swipe, but it is normally a placid and shy fruit-eater. Now it is in peril as food supplies run low in the wake of Cyclone Yasi, which flattened vast swathes of rain-forest in northern Queensland earlier this month.

Emergency food drops have already been made in the Mission Beach area, south of Cairns. The Queensland government has set up more than 50 feeding stations to supplement the birds' diet. Graham Lauridon, a local vet, said the main threat is to younger cassowaries, unable to fend for themselves, who have to compete for food

with adult birds. "There's a strong likelihood we will lose quite a few in the next six months," he said.

Such was the devastation caused by Cyclone Yasi, which passed directly over Mission Beach, that much of the fruit that forms the principal ingredient of the bird's diet was left to rot on the forest floor. "Their habitat has been severely damaged, and very soon there won't be any fruit left for them to eat for some months," Mr Lauridon said. There are an estimated 200 cassowaries in the Mission Beach hinterland, roughly a 10th of Australia's population.

Internet



People attend the cowboy festival in Houston, the United States, on 26 Feb. 2011. A parade of the cowboy festival began on Sunday in Houston.

Woman sues over lottery numbers miscue

A New Jersey woman says a New York City television station caused her thousands of dollars in emotional damage when it broadcast the wrong lottery numbers. In a lawsuit against WABC-TV and its parent companies, American Broadcasting Co and Walt Disney, Raket Daniele of Fort Lee said she believed she was \$250,000 richer and was "severely damaged" upon learning that was not true, *The Record of Hackensack* reported on Saturday.

The suit, originally filed in New Jersey Superior Court, was transferred to federal court last week.

In legal papers, Daniele said WABC compounded the wrong by broadcasting the same incorrect numbers twice. On 29 June, 2009, the station said the winning numbers in the Mega Millions multi-state lottery were 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 with 12 as the Mega ball. Daniele had the first five numbers, which would have given her \$250,000.

Worker rejects \$3.2M overpayment

A spokesman for a British company said a worker who immediately notified bosses of his mistaken \$3.2 million paycheck will be rewarded for his honesty.

The spokesman for Alcoa Howmet in Exeter, England, said the engineer, who makes turbine blades for the company, immediately informed his manager when he received a paycheck for \$3.2 million instead of the usual \$3,200 amount, the BBC reported on Friday.

"We are very happy that this employee acted so quickly but we are also looking into the incident," the spokesman said.

"We are obviously very pleased that the person acted in such an honest and immediate way, and showed so much integrity."

News Album

London cooing over breast milk ice cream

Ice cream made with breast milk has proved a big hit in a London restaurant, with the first batch sold out within days of going on sale, its makers said on Friday.

The ice cream, called Baby Gaga, is made with milk expressed by 15 women who replied to an advertisement posted on an online mothers' forum.

Each serving of Baby Gaga at the Icecreamists cafe in trendy Covent Garden costs £14 (\$22.5, 16 euros).

One of the milk donors, Victoria Hiley, 35, said that if adults realised how tasty breast milk was then more new mothers would feel happier about breastfeeding.

She expressed the milk at the cafe



A notice informing customers that 'Baby Gaga breast milk ice cream' has sold out is seen in the window of the Icecreamists cafe in central London.

and it was pasteurised before lemon zest and vanilla pods were added during the churning process.

Hiley, who is paid Â£15 for every 10 ounces of milk she donates to the company, told the BBC: "What's the harm in using my assets for a bit of extra cash?"

Child gets trapped in bank vault for hours

A little girl walked into a bank vault in an Atlanta suburb and was trapped for hours, authorities said.

Deputy Chief Mike Lee of the Rockdale County Fire Department told WXIA-TV, Atlanta, the toddler wandered into the vault at a Wells Fargo in Conyers after closing time Friday evening. Her grandmother works there, and the girl and her mother were visiting.

The vault's timers activated, locking the toddler inside. The mother and grandmother quickly realized where she was, and police rushed a technician to the scene. He drilled into the lock and rescued the girl after three hours, around 9 pm.

The girl was "crying a little bit, but doing well," Lee said. She had plenty of air and was safe, although "she was crying, which was certainly understandable," said bank spokesman Jay Lawrence.

The girl's mother and grandmother declined comment as they took the girl home. Their names were not released.

'Black Swan' wins top honour at indie Spirit Awards

SANTA MONICA, 27 Feb—The ballet thriller "Black Swan" won four prizes Saturday at the Spirit Awards honouring independent film, including best picture, best actress for Natalie Portman and director for Darren Aronofsky.

James Franco was picked as best actor for the survival story "127 hours," while the Ozarks crime story "Winter's Bone" earned both supporting-acting prizes, for John Hawkes and Dale Dickey.

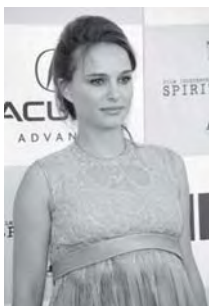
All three films are up for best picture at Sunday's Academy Awards, where Portman is considered the favourite to win the best-actress Oscar and Franco is a co-host alongside actress Anne

Hathaway.

With plenty of overlap among nominees at the Oscars, the Spirit Awards are a warm-up for Hollywood's biggest party.

The British monarchy saga "The King's Speech," the best-picture front-runner at the Oscars, won the prize for best foreign film.

"Black Swan" also took the cinematography award for Matthew Libatique. Portman and Aronofsky joked about the difficulty in getting "Black Swan" off the ground, with cash tight and few people believing the film could ever make its money back.—*Internet*



Natalie Portman arrives at the Independent Spirit Awards on 26 Feb, 2011, in Santa Monica, Calif.

INTERNET



In this undated file photo originally provided by Warner Bros, from left, actresses Kim Cattrall as Samantha Jones, Sarah Jessica Parker as Carrie Bradshaw, Cynthia Nixon as Miranda Hobbes and Kristin Davis as Charlotte York are shown in a scene.

INTERNET

'Last Airbender' rules Razzies as worst picture

LOS ANGELES, 27 Feb—The action fantasy "The Last Airbender" — about people who can command fire, air, water and earth — now controls something else: the Razzie awards for Hollywood's worst film achievements of 2010.

"The Last Airbender" led Saturday's Razzies with five awards, among them worst picture, worst director and worst screenplay for M Night Shyamalan.

The movie also received Razzies for worst supporting actor (Jackson Rathbone, who was cited for both "The Last Airbender" and "The Twilight Saga: Eclipse") and for a special award, worst eye-gouging misuse of 3-D.

A spoof of the Academy Awards, the Razzies were announced the night before the Oscars, Hollywood's biggest party.—*Internet*

Oscar stars come to Kodak a day early to rehearse

LOS ANGELES, 27 Feb—Hilary Swank was feeling a little height-challenged at Oscar rehearsals.

She'll be presenting the best director award alongside last year's winner, Kathryn Bigelow, who stands a statuesque six feet, so Swank looked to her shoes for help.

"I need 10-mile-high shoes so I can remotely come close," she said,

toting a Gucci shoe box onto the Kodak Theatre stage on Saturday.

She traded her flat boots for spiky stilettos before stepping out to rehearse her lines. Meanwhile, Bigelow swapped the sneakers she arrived in for some strappy gold heels.

"Oh my God, we're wearing the same shoes!" she said to Swank.

"I am going to be standing with the best posture ever," the actress said.

Swank was tickled that her bedazzled shoes seemed to match the crystals embedded in the Oscar stage, so she set a lone stiletto down and had her boyfriend, Jon Campisi, snap a quick photo. Then she went back to flats.—*Internet*



Oprah Winfrey rehearses at the Kodak Theatre in the Hollywood section of Los Angeles, 26 Feb, 2011. The 83rd Academy Awards airs Sunday.

INTERNET

Bologna's Di Vaio heaps misery on Juve

ROME, 27 Feb — Marco Di Vaio came back to haunt his former employers as he bagged a brace in Bologna's shock 2-0 win at Juventus on Saturday. Still reeling from their defeat by the same scoreline at lowly Lecce last week, Juve failed to heed coach Luigi Delneri's warning that they needed to show an improved attitude if they are to succeed.

Despite having the better of the game, hitting the post and having a shot cleared off the line, Juventus fell to a pair of strikes from former striker Di Vaio. It was sweet revenge for the veteran forward who spent two years at Juve but never managed to cement a regular starting berth.—*Internet*



FC Bologna's forward Marco Di Vaio (3rd L) celebrates after scoring against Juventus' goalkeeper Marco Storari (C) during their Italian Serie A football match at Turin's Olympic stadium.—*INTERNET*

Football in Italy is hell, says Ranieri

ROME, 27 Feb — Former Roma boss Claudio Ranieri has launched a stinging attack on football in his homeland and his ex players. Ranieri described Italian football as hell and suggested some of his Roma players refused to give their all for him. The 59-year-old has also coached in England and Spain during his career but his 18-month stay at his home town club has left him bitter.

heaven and hell. You can decide where you want to stand between the two but compared to England, it's hell here," he told Rai TV. "I still want to coach. England fascinates me but I also like the Italian league.

—*Internet*



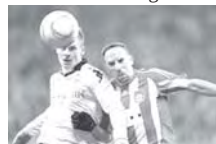
Former Roma boss Claudio Ranieri

Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle



Dortmund show Bundesliga title credentials with win at Bayern

BERLIN, 27 Feb — Borussia Dortmund laid one hand on the Bundesliga title on Saturday with an impressive 3-1 win at defending cham-



Bayern Munich's French midfielder Franck Ribery (R) and Dortmund's Polish midfielder Lukasz Piszczek vie for the ball during the German first division Bundesliga football match.—*INTERNET*

pions Bayern Munich. The defeat leaves Bayern 16 points behind Dortmund and, with 10 games left, Dortmund are firmly on course for their first German league title since 2002 while the shield is almost certain not to find its way to Munich this season.

Dortmund's young team — their average age is just 22.3 years — proved their status as Bundesliga winners-in-waiting with victory in Bayern's backyard and their second win over Munich this season.

—*Internet*

S P O R T S

Martin Kaymer takes over No 1 in the world

MARANA, 27 Feb — Stoic as ever, Martin Kaymer rolled in an 8-foot par putt on the 18th hole on Saturday and treated it like another day at the office, removing his cap to shake hands with his latest victim. Kaymer is not ready to celebrate becoming the new No 1 player in golf. Right now, he just wants to be No. 1 at the Match Play Championship.

The 26-year-old German outlasted Bubba Watson to end a long day at Dove Mountain and reach the championship match, assuring that he will be No 1 in the next world ranking. Kaymer

becomes the 14th player to top the ranking and the second-youngest player to be No 1.

—*Internet*



Luke Donald of England, right, walks off the 14th green after defeating Ryan Moore, left, 5 and 4 during the quarterfinal round of the Match Play Championship golf tournament on Saturday, in Marana, Ariz.—*INTERNET*

Tipsarevic reaches Delray Beach final

DELRAY BEACH, 27 Feb — Sixth-seeded Serbian Janko Tipsarevic beat Japan's Kei Nishikori

6-4, 6-4 on Saturday to reach the final of the ATP \$442,500 Delray Beach Championships. Tipsarevic, ranked 52nd in the world, booked his third career final and will be hoping to earn a first career victory after runner-up finishes at Moscow in 2009 and 's-Hertogenbosch in 2010.

A member of Serbia's triumphant 2010 Davis Cup team, Tipsarevic has

dropped just one set in four matches here. Against Nishikori, the 2008 Delray Beach champion, Tipsarevic converted both of his break point opportunities as he added another victory over the Japanese player to the one he claimed in the Chennai quarter-finals last month.—*Internet*



Manchester United's Wayne Rooney lies injured during their English Premier League match vs Wigan Athletic at The DW Stadium, Wigan, north-west England, on 26 February.—*INTERNET*

Man United survive scare to rout Wigan

WIGAN, 27 Feb — Wayne Rooney was accused of elbowing Wigan midfielder James McCarthy after Manchester United went four points clear at the top of the Premier League with a 4-0 win at the DW Stadium. Angry Wigan manager Roberto Martinez insisted United's England striker should have been sent off after the first half incident on Saturday.

The game was goalless when Rooney clashed with McCarthy, but United eventually ran out easy winners with Rooney scoring the killer third goal. Rooney caught McCarthy in the face with his elbow during the opening minutes, but referee Mark Clattenburg took no action apart from awarding the hosts a free-kick.—*Internet*

Rennes beat Lens to go top in France

PARIS, 27 Feb — Rampant Rennes grabbed provisional top spot in the French Ligue 1 on Saturday following a 2-0 win against struggling Lens, Saint Etienne were shocked 2-0 by Nice. Goals from Razak Boukari and Victor Hugo Montano ensured the Bretons their fourth consecutive victory to pile the pressure on faltering leaders Lille, who host league rivals Lyon on Sunday.

Rennes' newly-signed French-born Togolese striker Boukari set the hosts on their way after 14 minutes with a superb strike from 25 metres out,

with Montano getting the second after 70 minutes to leave Lens stuck in the relegation zone.—*Internet*



Rennes' Colombian striker Victor Hugo Montano celebrates after scoring during the French L1 football match Rennes against Lens at the route de Lorient stadium in Rennes, western France.—*INTERNET*

Barca stretch La Liga lead to seven points as Real held

MADRID, 27 Feb — Barcelona moved seven points clear in La Liga after Real Madrid showed plenty of effort but insufficient invention as they drew 0-0 against a well-organised Deportivo La

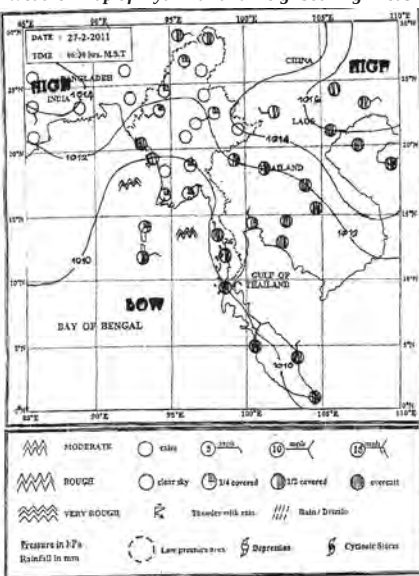
Coruna on Saturday. After Barcelona's 3-0 win over Mallorca earlier, the pressure was on Real who went into the late game in confident mood after three consecutive wins.

From the start though it was evident that it would be a tough task as Deportivo defended deeply and appeared to be battling for their lives. Cristiano Ronaldo was a constant threat but most of Real's shots came from distance.

—*INTERNET*

—*Internet*

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



- ★ 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

Mercy Malaysia hands over Kyondah Station Hospital (16-bed) to Health Department

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Feb—Kyondah Station Hospital (16-bed) in Dedaye Township of Ayeyawady Region was commissioned yesterday morning. The opening ceremony was attended by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Soe Naing, Malaysian Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Dato Mazlan Muhammad, Executive Member of Mercy Malaysia Mr Norazam Ab Samah, Director-General Dr Win Myint of Health Department, heads of Health Departments of Ayeyawady and Yangon Regions, departmental personnel, members of social organizations and locals.

Minister Dr Kyaw Myint, Minister U Soe Naing, the Malaysian Ambassador and the executive member of Mercy Malaysia formally opened the station hospital

and unveiled the stone inscription. The ministers and guests looked round laboratory, medical store, operation theatre, labour room, and patient wards. Executive Member Mr Norazam Ab Samah handed over the relevant documents of the hospital to the director-general of Health Department who

returned certificate of honour to the former.

Mercy Malaysia contributed US\$ 326,860 for construction of well furnished hospital. Moreover, it also donated US\$ 913,703 for setting up Toe rural health centre (branch), Tawkyaik rural health centre, Thaugndan rural health centre

(branch), staff quarter of the station hospital, West Mayan rural health centre(branch), Ywadan-sahe health centre (branch), and Sukalek rural health centre. Swanar (Power) Company undertook the construction works and also contributed US\$ 35,943 to health centres.—MNA



Minister Dr Kyaw Myint, Minister U Soe Naing, Malaysian Ambassador Mr Dato Mazlan Muhammad and Executive Member Mr Norazam Ab Samah of Mercy Malaysia formally open Kyondah Station Hospital (16-bed) in Dedaye Township.—MNA



This stink bug has been infected with a fungi. St. Leger and his team also are creating transgenic fungi designed to control stink bugs, bed bugs, locusts and other pests.—INTERNET

Higher vitamin D intake could cut cancer risk

CALIFORNIA, 27 Feb—A new study says it takes far more vitamin D than initially thought to dramatically cut the risk of several major diseases, including breast cancer.

"We found that daily intakes of vitamin D by adults in the range of 4,000-8,000 IU are needed to maintain blood levels of vitamin D metabolites in the range needed to reduce by about half the risk of several diseases — breast

cancer, colon cancer, multiple sclerosis and type 1 diabetes," study co-author Dr. Cedric Garland, a professor of family and preventive medicine at the University of California at San Diego, said in a university news release.

Garland admitted that he was surprised that the levels required were so much higher than the 400 IU a day needed to vanquish rickets in the 20th century.

Internet