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Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe attends ceremony to provide warded patients with aid, crutches

YANGON, 28 Feb—Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of the Ministry of Defence attended the ceremony to provide warded patients with aid and crutches held at Defence Services Orthopedic Hospital (500-bed) in Mingaladon Township here this afternoon.

Also present at the ceremony were Chairman of Yangon Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Tun Than, officials concerned, medical staff and patients.

On the occasion, Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe, the

commander and officials concerned presented aid to the patients and 30 pairs of crutches through an official.

Next, Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe accepted certificates of honour presented by an official.

An official spoke words of thanks.

Afterwards, Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe, the commander and officials concerned comforted the patients under medical treatment.

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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

Crops in abundance in Tatkon Township

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Soon after we had got informed that crops were in season in the villages in Tatkon Township, Nay Pyi Taw District, we made a trip to the farmlands.

Firstly, the itinerary took us to Kyathay-ai Village by Yangon-Mandalay Highway. The village has about 450 houses and its traditional business is agricultural farming. The little village gets well on with its business. As a sign of rapid economic development, most of the houses in the village have at least a motorbike. We also noticed vehicles, large and medium, in the village to get crops from the village.

A pile of potato produced at the plantations near the Hsinthay Creek.



A thriving radish farm near the Hsinthay Creek.

When asked about his business, U Kyaw Thauang of Kyathay-ai Village told The Myanmar Alin, "Mostly, our village grows cabbage, cauliflower, onion, tomato, corn and peas."

Regarding the farming of onion, he said, "We also grow extra onion to get onion seeds for following season. Onion is at harvest when it is 90 days old. I have an onion farm with an area of 1.25 acres. This season, onion output from my farm is expected to reach at least 4000 viss. I sell it at face price. I deliver my onion to Yangon and Mawlamyine."

It was heartening to view farms of crops such as onion, cabbage and cauliflower, completely surrounding the village.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Prospering west bank of Ayeyawady River

More and more transport networks are being built for smooth transport between one region and another across the nation. Railroad projects are underway in the regions and states where there were no railroads in the past. Railroad projects designed to improve commercial growth include 320 miles long Kyangin-Pakokku Railroad.

Kyangin-Pakokku Railroad is an artery along the west bank of the Ayeyawady River. Pathein-Kyangin Railroad is being extended to the western bank of the river. Completed sections of the projects have been put into service. The regions are now accessible by train from other parts of the nation.

Kyunchaung-Daungtha section, over 19 miles long, of Kyangin-Pakokku Railroad Project was inaugurated on 26 February. When Pwintbyu-Hsinbyugyun section is completed, there will be a direct railway between Pathein and Pakokku. By then, local goods of the delta and central Myanmar can be marketed in other regions.

Kyunchaung-Daungtha section crosses Tantkyi Mountain range that lies between south and north. The project is a technological challenge for Myanmar engineers. Along the railroad are over 50 bridges, large and medium, along with four stations.

Having vast expanses of arable lands with fertile soil, water sources and favourable climate patterns, the areas on the western bank are a source of crops especially edible oil crops, and beans and pulses. Previous to the transport facility projects, the areas were difficult of access and slow commodity flow due to natural barriers.

Now, Pathein-Monywa Road has upgraded to a tarred one. The delta has witnessed several bridges spanning the Ayeyawady River and many railroad networks. So, the areas on the western bank of the river are poised to become affluent with swift commodity flow.

Shu Ma Nyee Travel & Photography Magazine hits bookshops



YANGON, 28 Feb — Shu Ma Nyee Travel & Photography Magazine Vol (2) No (5), with travel section added to

Shu Ma Nyee Photography Magazine, has come out today.

The magazine with bilingual travelogues is a must read for those who are interested in Myanmar's tourist destination. Sarpay Lawka (5) at No (138/140), First Floor, Pansodan Street (Central), Kyauktada Township distributes the book to the whole nation.

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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

Special Refresher Course No.18 for Faculty Members opens



CSSTB Member U Soe Oo making speech at opening of Special Refresher Course No.18 for Faculty Members.—MNA

YANGON, 28 Feb—The opening of Special Refresher Course No.18 for Faculty Members took place at Yadanatheingya hall of Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) in Helgu Township, Yangon Region at 9 am today. On behalf of Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, Member of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Soe Oo delivered an opening address.

It was also attended by CSSTB Member U Win Aung, Judge of Supreme Court U Khin Myint, departmental heads, rectors from universities and colleges, rector of CICS (Phaunggyi), pro-rector, deans, heads and trainees.

In his speech, U Soe Oo said that the country is being transformed into a peaceful, modern, discipline-flourishing democratic one with the strength of the government, people and Tatmadaw, which is aspired by the people.

Thanks to development momentum, improvement of the state's economic and social infrastructures and consolidation among national races, processes could be implemented to hit the target of democracy. Now, Pyithu Hluttaw, Amyotha Hluttaw and Pyithaungsu Hluttaw sessions are being held in Nay Pyi Taw, which is the sixth step of the Seven-Step Road Map. At the same time,

Region and State Hluttaws meetings are also taking place systematically at their respective places. Representatives fully attended at the Hluttaw Meetings. The meetings see carrying out election and approval of executive, legislature and judiciary sectors in a democratic way. According to the Seven-Step Road Map, building a modern, developed democratic nation will be carried out with new government and authorities concerned to be formed by the Hluttaw.

In order to serve the interest of people, the government is building up basic infrastructures and good atmosphere in economic, communication, social, health and education sectors while making new executive, legislature and judiciary pillars effective. At the same time, the long-term development of these good conditions is being carried out.

The government, like other global nations, is striving for keeping abreast of the world countries for perpetuation of the Union handed down by the ancestry. The government is working hard for the country to stand tall as an independent and sovereign one in global community.

At this time, the national outlook, the love to motherland and the Union Spirit are needed to be well-rooted in the nation in parallel with the industrial technology and substantial economy. Improving national spirit and talent through enhanced national education quality, the teachers will have to bring about perpetuation of the independence and sovereignty of the nation, prolonged existence of the Union.

In conclusion, it is needed for trainees to make strenuous efforts for achieving objectives of higher education sector of 30-year long-term National Education Promotion Plan with national outlook, belief and attitude; and to learn with enthusiasm along the course of course to be able to shoulder national higher education duties for building the future nation knowing the depth of their greatness.

The four-week course is being attended by 351 teachers from universities and degree colleges in States and Regions of lower Myanmar.

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Hospitality Management Course at SRHMA in March

YANGON, 28 Feb— Star Resources Hospitality Management Academy has arranged to open in the second week of March a new International Hospitality Management Course for those willing to work in hotels and restaurants at home and abroad, and run own private hotel, restaurant and coffee shop.

The experienced lecturers nurture trainee leadership & people management, human resources management, sale & marketing management, front office management, food & beverage management, housekeeping management subjects through the course guide line recommended by HND-BETEC (UK) and Institute of AH & LA (USA).—MNA

US repositions troops in eastern Afghanistan

KABUL, 28 Feb—The US military will start carrying out more counterterrorism missions against insurgents in eastern Afghanistan and work more closely with Pakistani forces in operations against militants along the porous and rugged frontier, the US general commanding the region said.

Maj Gen John Campbell, commander of NATO coalition forces in eastern Afghanistan, said he has been repositioning some of his troops since last August to make them more effective in the region that borders Pakistan. The area has seen an upsurge in

violence and is a main route for militants infiltrating into Afghanistan from safe havens in Pakistan's tribal regions.

The realignment of troops will allow more force to be used against militants and shore up security along a key trade route from Pakistan to the Afghan Capital.

"As we realign forces it does give me the ability to provide additional forces in other areas," Campbell said in a weekend interview with *The Associated Press*. One of the most significant moves is the reduction of US troops in bases along the

remote Pech River Valley—a rugged and mountainous area in Kunar Province near the Pakistani border that has seen fierce fighting in recent years.

Campbell said the forward operating bases and remote combat outposts in the valley did not provide the flexibility needed to use the forces more effectively.

"You know there are thousands of mountainous isolated valleys out there where we don't have forces and so I can't be everywhere and I just have to prioritize the resources," he said.

Internet



Crowd of villagers watching a dog fight in the southern Afghan Province of Kandahar on Sunday, killing 10 people, officials said.

INTERNET

Three service members killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 28 Feb—Three NATO service members were killed Monday in eastern and southern Afghanistan, the scene of the heaviest fighting in the war.

NATO said two died in bomb blasts before dawn — one in the east and one in the south. A third died following an militant attack in the east, the coalition said.

The nationalities of the service members were not released.

The latest deaths bring to 33 the number of NATO service members killed this month, after 31 were killed in January.

Last year was the deadliest of the 9-year-old Afghan war for the international forces, with 701 killed.

Internet

Ramadi bombing



A suicide bomber killed 11 people who were commemorating the birth of the Muslim Prophet Mohammed in the western Iraqi city of Ramadi on Thursday, police said.

INTERNET

Iraqi court sentences Briton to 20 years

BAGHDAD, 28 Feb—An Iraqi court has convicted a British man and sentenced him to 20 years in the shooting deaths of two contractors.

The conviction on Monday makes Danny Fitzsimons the first Westerner to be convicted in an Iraqi court since the 2003 US-led invasion. Fitzsimons was convicted in the 2009 shooting deaths of a British and Australian contractor who worked with him and with attempting to kill an Iraqi guard.

A US-Iraqi security pact that took effect 1 Jan, 2009, lifted immunity for foreign contractors, an important development for Iraqis who viewed the security contractors operating in Iraq as reckless and acting with impunity.—Internet

Attacks in Mexican bars kill 15

MEXICO CITY, 28 Feb— At least 14 people were killed and 15 others injured in three bar attacks by armed groups in northern Mexico, authorities said Sunday.

In Torreon City of Coahuila State, three gunmen killed five clients and injured nine more in a bar on Saturday afternoon.

In another bar in the city, two men shot dead five people, leaving six others wounded.

Coahuila's public security department has ordered all bars, night clubs and cantinas in the state to be closed to shun new violence.

Assailants killed another five men late Saturday in a bar in the crime-ridden border city of Ciudad Juarez in Chihuahua State.

Earlier reports said the attacks were due to revenge among different organized crime groups.—Xinhua

A wounded Afghan policeman holds his mobile phone as he leaves after being treated, after a blast in Arghandab District of Kandahar Province on 27 Feb, 2011.

INTERNET



Two judges kidnapped in SW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 28 Feb—Unknown men kidnapped two lower court judges in Pakistan's troubled southwestern Balochistan Province, local media reported on Monday.

Session Judge Jan Muhammad Gohar and Senior Civil Judge Muhammad Ali went missing along with their driver and body guard in Jafarabad District late Saturday night, the *daily DAWN* reported, quoting official sources.

Jaffarabad Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Ayub Jaffar said the judges had gone to Usta Muhammad to attend a marriage ceremony but lost contact with their families.

Assistant Commissioner Dera Murad Jamali said the judges were kidnapped and their vehicle was abandoned.

The security forces Sunday launched a major operation to recover the judges, Muhammad said.

Three lawyers were also abducted last week from Sibi area of Balochistan.—Xinhua

Afghan police officer inspects a damaged police vehicle after an explosion in Herat, Afghanistan, on 27 Feb, 2011. A roadside bomb that appeared to be targeting a passing police vehicle killed a 10-year-old boy, said provincial spokesman Shafiq Ahmad Behrood. No police officers were killed, he said.—INTERNET





New state of matter found at star's core

BEIJING, 28 Feb—Scientists have discovered the direct evidences for a new state of matter, superfluid, at the core of a neutron star, according to the study published in *Physical Review Letters* Friday.

The finding was based on a study of the supernova remnant "Cassiopeia A" 11,000 light years away from the Earth.

The ultra-dense neutron star in "Cas A" was found in a more rapid temperature decline than scientists expected, according to the data collected by NASA's Chandra X-ray Observatory.

The study was conducted by two

independent research teams. And they drew the same conclusion that this rapid cooling can be explained by the formation of the neutron star.

"The rapid cooling is the first direct evidence that the cores of these neutron stars are, in fact, made of superfluid and superconducting material," said the leader of a team, Peter Shternin of the Ioffe Institute in St Petersburg, Russia.

Superfluidity is a state of matter, like solid, liquid or gas, in which substance can flow uncontrollably and be at exactly the same temperature throughout itself.

Xinhua



This undated image provided by NASA shows science workers monitoring a crane lifting NASA's Glory satellite's upper stack for attachment onto the Taurus XL rocket at Vandenberg Air Force Base in California.

INTERNET

Mission to extra-solar planets approved

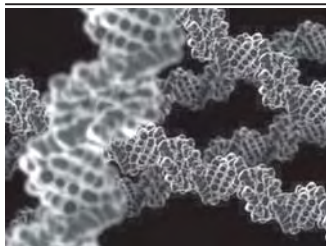
LONDON, 28 Feb—The European Space Agency has backed a £400 million mission to study extra-solar planets, led by UCL (University College London). A key objective of the mission is to look for signs of life in planets which are orbiting stars nearby our Sun.

The Exoplanet Characterisation Observatory - is led by Dr Giovanna Tinetti, from the UCL Department of Physics and Astronomy, and is supported by over 150 of Europe's top astronomers. It will consist of a 1.2 metre telescope designed to carry out spectroscopy of the atmospheres of a range of extra solar planets, from giant gas planets (similar to Jupiter in our own Solar System) down to terrestrial planets in the habitable zone of some stars.

The telescope should be launched some time between 2020 and 2022, and will look at the atmospheres of planets that may be orbiting in the "habitable zone" of their stars, where water can exist as a liquid.

"This is tremendously exciting news," said Dr Tinetti. "One of the key aims of our mission is to see if we can detect molecules such as ozone and carbon dioxide in the atmospheres of planets not much bigger than our Earth."

Internet



A model of strands of DNA. DNA damage, if not kept in check, can lead to many problems including cancers. Researchers have shown that the process of replication is even riskier than originally thought.

INTERNET

NASA assesses new launch dates for the Glory mission

WASHINGTON, 28 Feb—Preparations for the launch of NASA's Glory mission from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California have been suspended temporarily. Engineers continue to troubleshoot a malfunction in ground support equipment associated with the *Taurus XL* rocket.

On 23 Feb. a false indication was received about the rocket's status after commands were sent approximately 15 minutes before launch to activate the *Taurus*.

"We had an indication that a 'hold-fire' command was sent when indeed it had not," said Omar Baez, NASA launch director.

The commands originated from the Vehicle Interface Control Console in the mobile launch support van stationed a few miles from the launch pad. The problem has not yet been isolated, and troubleshooting continues. Managers are evaluating possible Glory launch opportunities in early to mid-March.—Internet



Microsoft shows off the latest in gesture interfaces

WASHINGTON, 28 Feb—The future is here (well, sort of) with the latest in gesture technology from Microsoft. Not only could you soon be able to draw without ever touching the screen or a mouse, but the screen could follow your eyes to project a 3D image directly at you. Check out this video from Microsoft Research on YouTube as Microsoft's Applied Sciences director, Steven Batchiche, shows off the latest gesture tech.

The gesture control you see is a projector facing down at a retroreflective screen which grabs the shadow from your hands (or any other object in the path of the light) and sends it back to the projector and then to the computer. From here, any movements you make are rendered into a drawing both on the PC's monitor and the retroreflective screen (by the projector). This allows you to draw without using a mouse or touching the screen.—Internet



A screen shows Internet services available through an broadband-connected TiVo digital video recorder at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, Nevada on 5 Jan, 2006.—INTERNET

SeaMicro's new server has latest intel atom N570 chip

NEW YORK, 28 Feb—SeaMicro on Monday announced a low-power server that includes 256 of Intel's latest Atom N570 dual-core processors.

The SM10000-64 has 512 Atom processing cores running at 1.66GHz, which combine to deliver 850GHz of processing power, the company said. Each core is capable of running two threads simultaneously, which helps boost application performance.

Intel's low-power Atom processors are typically used in netbooks. But these chips are considered more power-efficient than traditional server chips for certain tasks such as Web transactions, which contain small amounts of data and can be quickly processed.

The server is targeted at data centers that handle a large volume of Internet transactions, such as e-mail, search and social networking, said Andrew Feldman, CEO of SeaMicro. The server is also targeted at managed hosting providers and cloud-based service providers.—Internet



The Efika MX Smarttop (on the right) and the Efika MX Smartbook (on the left) from Genesi: Reduced pricing gives people and businesses in emerging markets access to affordable mobile computing and the Internet.—INTERNET

Google glitch disables 150,000 Gmail accounts

WASHINGTON, 28 Feb—Google, we have a problem. About 150,000 Gmail account holders woke up to a nightmare this morning, with all their e-mail, attachments and Google Chat logs gone. What happened?

Google explains that "less than 0.08%" of all Gmail users were affected by the bug, which completely reset accounts, even down to the detail offering a welcome message to those users when they first logged on today. They, and especially visitors to the Gmail Help Forum, were not amused.

In an earlier message, Google wrote, "For those Gmail users reporting missing messages, our engineers are working to restore them as soon as possible." So maybe this is not so bad after all. As long as Google restores the messages, all we had was a big scare. Will Google restore all the messages? We've contacted a Google spokesperson, and will let you know when we hear back.

Internet



Health



Gum disease can kill you

BEVERLY HILLS, 28 Feb—When people with gum disease chew or brush their teeth bacteria can enter the blood stream boosts clotting risk and risk of stroke, a US periodontist says.

Dr Mahnaz Rashti, a Beverly Hills, Calif, periodontist says dental care is a key way to prevent the development and progression of periodontal disease, ultimately decreasing one's propensity for having a stroke.

Having healthy teeth and gums not only decreases the chances of stroke, but the chances of cardiovascular disease, diabetes, preterm pregnancies, prostate cancer and breast cancer as well, Rashti says.

Periodontal disease is a chronic inflammatory disease that affects the gum tissue and other structures supporting the teeth. If left untreated, it can lead to tooth loss and may also interfere with other systems of the body.—Internet



Practitioners of Chinese traditional medicine say the foot has a multitude of pressure points and that manipulating them — while loosening up those tired soles — promotes health in other parts of the body and helps prevent illness.—INTERNET

The more advanced degrees a person has, the lower their blood pressure, a study published online has found.—INTERNET

Doctors urge indoor tanning ban for minors

NEW YORK, 28 Feb—US tanning salons should close their doors to minors to protect them from skin cancer, a group of 60,000 pediatricians said Monday in a new policy statement.

With the move, the American Academy of Pediatrics joins the World Health Organization (WHO), the American Academy of Dermatology and other groups that are already pushing for a ban.

"There are more tanning facilities in the US than there are Starbucks or McDonald's," said Dr Sophie J. Balk, who helped write the new statement for the American Academy of Pediatrics. "More than a million visits are made every day."

Since 2009, the International Agency for Research on Cancer, a part of the WHO, has classified tanning beds as cancer-causing.

Research shows people who start going to tanning salons before age 35 have a 75-percent increase in their chances of developing melanoma, the deadliest type of skin cancer.

The actual numbers remain small, however. In one large Scandinavian study, 24 out of every 10,000 young women who tanned regularly developed melanoma compared to 17 out of every 10,000 who had never or only rarely used a tanning bed.

Reuters



Depressed new moms respond differently

LARAMIE, 28 Feb—New mothers who are depressed respond differently to their crying babies than do other mothers, US researchers found.

Heidemarie K Laurent, assistant professor at the University of Wyoming, who led the study as a postdoctoral researcher in the laboratory of Jennifer C Ablow, a professor of psychology at the University of Oregon, examined brain activity of depressed women responding to recordings of crying infants, either their own or someone else's.

The study found that as a group, brain responses in non-depressed mothers listening to their own babies' cries were seen on both sides of the brain's lateral paralimbic areas and core limbic sub-cortical regions, including the striatum, thalamus and midbrain. Depressed mothers showed no unique response to their babies.

The study's findings were published online in advance of the print edition of the *Social Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience*.—Internet



Business



China used less energy per unit of GDP in 2010

SHANGHAI, 28 Feb—China's efforts to reduce energy consumption per unit of economic output were less successful in 2010 with the reduction far less than achieved in the previous year.

The National Bureau of Statistics said Monday that energy intensity — energy use per unit of gross domestic product — fell 4 percent last year from 2009.

The bureau released the figure in an annual report of economic statistics posted on its website. It said the percentage decline was measured in terms of energy use per 10,000 yuan (\$1,520) of GDP, but gave no specific figure.

The report nonetheless noted strong absolute increases for most types of energy used, with the combined total at 3.25 billion tons of coal equivalent, up 5.9 percent from the year before.

Coal consumption, which accounts for about three-quarters of China's electricity generation, rose 5.3 percent, oil use climbed 12.9 percent, natural gas use jumped 18.2 percent and electricity consumption surged 13.1 percent, the report said without providing breakdowns for each category.

Internet



This photo provided by Tuscarora Yarns, Inc, shows Martin B Foil, Jr CEO and Chairman of the Board of Tuscarora Yarns, Inc. Foil's business, which sells yarn that winds up in clothes from the Gap, Ralph Lauren and American Apparel, is growing. He's buying new machines and hopes to hire as many as 200 workers this year.—INTERNET

Survey finds high Australian dollar hurting business

CANBERRA, 28 Feb—Australian business chiefs predicted a patchy economic growth outlook for 2011, with trade exposed industries particularly hit by the strength of the Australian dollar, survey showed on Monday.

A research conducted by the Australian Industry Group (Ai Group) and Deloitte, surveyed 530 CEOs from a range of businesses in manufacturing, services and construction.

According to statement released by Ai Group chief executive Heather Ridout, different growth rates in the multi-speed economy, compounded by higher exchange and interest rates, has raised concerns about the underlying competitiveness and sustainability of Australia's economic prospects.

The research found that 93 percent of manufacturing CEOs see their exports as uncompetitive as a result of the Australian dollar being at parity with its US counterpart. This compares with 87 percent in the services sector and 82 percent in construction.

Xinhua

Blackstone to buy Centro US assets for \$9.4 billion

SYDNEY, 28 Feb—Private equity firm Blackstone Group (BXN) will pay about \$9.4 billion for the US shopping mall assets of Australia's debt-laden Centro Properties (CNPAX) after winning a three-way bidding contest, a source with knowledge of the transaction said on Monday.

Blackstone beat rival bidders including Morgan Stanley Real State (MSN) which had teamed up with Starwood Capital Group and New York-based NRDC, the source said.

Blackstone agreed to pay book value for the assets which Centro has valued at around \$9.4 billion, the source said, confirming media reports.

Shares in Centro were earlier placed in a trading halt ahead of an announcement about a potential transaction. Centro narrowed down bidders for the US shopping mall assets to three consortiums, including Blackstone, sources told Reuters on 9 February with final bids for the 600 US properties due in late February.—Reuters



Fair visitors crowd the halls of the world's biggest high-tech fair, the CeBIT in Hanover, in 2010.—INTERNET

Hill collapse in Bolivian capital ruins 400 homes



A panoramic view of an area of the Valle de Flores neighbourhood in La Paz, Bolivia, where around 100 houses collapsed due to a landslide triggered by heavy rains on 27 Feb, 2011.

INTERNET

LA PAZ, 28 Feb— Heavy rains caused a hilltop to collapse in a poor neighbourhood of the Bolivian Capital Sunday, cracking roads, destroying at least 400 homes and burying people's belongings under mud and debris.

There were no fatalities but significant damage from the landslide in the barrio of Callapa, La Paz Mayor Luis Revilla said.

Edwin Herrera, a city government spokesman, called Sunday's slide the worst that La Paz has ever seen — and he said the earth was still moving

downhill.

"So far we are talking about 5,000 people affected, but the slide is affecting neighbourhoods in lower areas," he said.

Residents began evacuating late Saturday when the hill, saturated after prolonged rains, began sliding and cracks appeared in streets and home.

"My neighbours were running around and told me to get out," said Maria Elena Siles, the mother of three adolescent children. "I looked out the window and there were no more homes to the left or the right of mine."

Siles was able to flee before the hill collapsed entirely early on Sunday.

Internet



A child plays with a pet dog at a park covered with snow in Beijing, capital of China, on 27 Feb, 2011.

XINHUA

Young girls, not just teens, bullied

NEW ORLEANS, 28 Feb— Girl Scouts Louisiana East is hosting a one-day seminar in New Orleans to put a spotlight on girls in elementary school being bullied, scout officials say.

Yvette Hairston, vice president of membership for Girl Scouts Louisiana East, says television and movies primarily portray girl bullying in a high school setting, but it's happening at all ages.

"While we continue to see the negative effects of relational aggression among children and teens, many adults are without the knowledge or skills needed to provide assistance in dealing with bullying," Hairston says in a statement.

"This conference will give adults insight into the hidden world of relational aggression and situational tools that can help our girls."

A survey by i-SAFE Inc, a leader in Internet safety education, says 58 percent of children say someone has said mean or hurtful things to them online with more than 4-of-10 experiencing it more than once, Hairston says.

The Girl Bullying — Awareness to Action seminar, scheduled for 26 March, is open to troop leaders, parents, educators and community leaders.

Internet

Japan's industrial output grows 2.4% in Jan

TOKYO, 28 Feb — Japan's industrial production in January climbed 2.4 percent from the previous month, marking the third straight month of increase, the government data showed Monday. The seasonally adjusted figure was slightly worse than an average market forecast of a 3.8 percent rise.

The index of output at factories and mines reached 97.1 against the baseline of 100 for 2005, the Ministry of Economy Trade and Industry said in a report.—Xinhua



A rabbit themed floral parade during the 16th flower festival, which features parades of floral floats in Baguio City, the Philippines, on 27 Feb. Twenty-five floral floats joined the festival Sunday. —XINHUA

Three bodies found after SW China waste dump collapse buries six

CHENGDU, 28 Feb— Three bodies have been found after the collapse of mine's waste dump buried six people in southwest China's Sichuan Province Sunday, rescuers said Monday.

The accident occurred at around 7 am Sunday when a dump of a local mining company in Miyi County collapsed and the tailings and waste rock of the dump buried an apartment building nearby, police said.

Residents of two of the building's six households escaped, but six people from the remaining four households were buried by an estimated 100,000 cubic metres of stones and earth.

Rescuers are still searching for the other three victims.

Xinhua



Rescuers search for the victims at the accident site in Miyi County, Panzhihua City, southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 28 Feb, 2011.

XINHUA

Construction of China's IPTV platform going "smoothly"

BEIJING, 28 Feb— The project to build a national IPTV platform is going "smoothly," said a senior Chinese official here Monday.

Building a broadcast and control platform in Internet Protocol Television (IPTV) services is to integrate the Internet, TV and telecom networks, said Zhang Haitao, deputy chief of the State Administration of Radio, Film and Television (SARFT), at a press conference held in Beijing.

The planned IPTV broadcast and control platform will not only carry TV broadcasts but also Internet, data transmission and IP phone-call services via cable networks.

The platform is divided into two tiers, namely, the central level, which will provide programs and

services catering to all audiences throughout the country, and the local level, which will be designed for audiences in specific regions.

All 12 pilot cities, chosen by the SARFT to build local IPTV platforms, had finished the construction and linked their platforms to the central-level platform late last year, Zhang said.

Traditional cable TV networks must be digitalized in order to operate IPTV services.

The country has speed up updating cable TV networks over the past five years, Zhang said. About 50 million households in China have access to the interactive digital cable TV services and people in 308 cities have access to digital TV programmes, he said.

Xinhua



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Orthopaedic
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Industry-1 Minister addresses course opening ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Feb—Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung addressed the opening ceremony of Computer Office Application Refresher Course for Officers No (1/2011) and Computer Office Application Basic Course No (1/2011) at the ministry here this morning.

The minister urged the staff to relish their own talents constantly to be able to do their duties more smartly and to apply what they learnt in the course in real-life jobsite.

The courses are being attended by 59 trainees.
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Shwedaung Township Association (Yangon) to hold general meeting

YANGON, 28 Feb—Shwedaung Township Association (Yangon) has arranged to hold its annual general meeting and awarding ceremony at Gano Excel Hall, Room 3-4 (2nd), Theingyi Market

(C-Complex) in Pabedan Township here at 8.30 am of 6 March (Sunday). Association members and the locals have been invited to be present in the event where to honour offspring who passed the

matriculation exam of last academic year with flying colour, who with publications are to report to U Ye Hla Myint (09-49204888), U Ye Myint (09-73038920) or U Tin Htay Oo (09-5035853).—MNA

MSI to organize no-profit education tour

YANGON, 28 Feb — Myanmar Search International (MSI) will embark non-profit Webster Education Tour Package Program in March, jointly with Webster University Thailand Campus (WUTC).

It is a chance to

observe Bangkok Academic Centre and Cha-am and Hua-Hin Campuses which are teaching WUTC's programmes.

Each two persons from 30 families will be selected to travel the package tour.

Applications will be

submitted at MSI Office starting on 1 March and not later than 14 March. For more information, one may contact the office at No. 234, Second Floor (Right), Shwebontha Centre Street, Pabedan Township (Ph: 01250929, 01389915).

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Crops in abundance in...

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Near the Hsinthay Creek are potato plantations stretching as far as one can see. A farmer from Hsinthay Village said, "I am U Soe Myint. I live in Hsinthay Village. The major crops our village grows are potato, onion and aster flower.

"This potato farm has an area of one and a half acres. We get the potato strain from Naungtaya in Shan State. Potato grows well in alluvial soil and sandy soil. We put a lot of cow dung into the farm in order that potato plants grow fast. Potato is at harvest when it is 75 to 90 days old.

**Photo shows a potato plantation near the
Hsinthay Creek.**



**Photo shows an onion plantation near
Hsinthay Creek.**

"If we use advanced methods and hybrid strains, a plant yields seven or eight potatoes. It grows well in sandy soil. So, we have to water potato plantations a lot. I sell potato at the street price. I deliver my goods to Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mawlamyine and Bago."

Farms of potato, onion and chili around the Hsinthay Creek stretch to the horizon. Farmers of the villages across Tatkon Township contribute towards the nation's food security by engaging in agricultural farming as traditional business. Achieving good harvests of crops, local peasants are now enjoying better living conditions.

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High socio-economic status of peasantry, fundamental to national economic growth

Kyaw Ye Min

Myanmar, an agro-based country, has engaged in agricultural farming as traditional business since monarchical times. And now, peasants form the majority of the nation's working population. So, "Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of economy as well" is designated as one of the State's economic objectives.

The government is totally immersed in strengthening national economy to achieve the national goal of building a peaceful, modern and developed nation. In the process, it is beefing up utilization of water and land sources and exploitation of natural resources for increasing sown acreage and boosting utilization of arable lands.

With respect to the agricultural sector, in 1988, Myanmar's paddy sown farmlands stood at only over 11 million acres, and virgin lands, at over 26 million acres. So far, the total monsoon sown acreage has increased to over 16 million, and summer paddy sown acreage, to over 3 million. Thanks to the dams, sluice gates, river water pumping stations, tube-wells and artesian wells, the nation's total sown acreage has surged to more than 57 million, from only 23.8 million, as 11.7 million of over 26 million acres of vacant lands have been reclaimed to farmlands.

In connection with land utilization, in the past, the nation saw only 138 dams. The ruling government has so far built 233 dams and sluices gates, thus bringing the irrigated acreage to over 2.8 million acres. The government built 327 river water pumping stations and 8162 tube-wells in the regions where the construction of dams is impossible. As a result of many more ways and means sought for supply of sufficient irrigation water to farmlands, crops can be grown all-year round and farmland utilization has increased sharply.

Once, farmers grew monsoon paddy as the only major crop. There were hardly fields where paddy could be grown twice a year. By contrast, now double- and triple-cropping and mixed-cropping patterns have been practised. Therefore, the nation's paddy output has mounted to over 1560 million baskets, from only around 630 million baskets in 1988. Myanmar has stood as one of the world's largest paddy producers, and the leading peas production country in the South-East Asia region. Besides, it has been able to produce other crops many more times than ever.

Now, the nation has achieved food security not only for present population but also for the population in future. In like manner, such other crops as corn, black gram, green gram, pigeon pea, groundnut, sesame, sunflower, long staple cotton and sugarcane are produced far greater than in the past region-wise. The nation's net sown acreage has gone up to over 33 million, and the farmland utilization, to over 170 percent. That indicates that Myanmar has possessed profound foundations to transform into an industrialized country, making good use of agricultural development.

In order to achieve such fruitful results in the agricultural sector, the government has provided advanced agricultural methods, high-yield strains of crops, and fertilizers apart from increasing sown acreage and supply of adequate irrigation water. More than that, the government has provided assistance for farmers to exercise mixed- and multiple-cropping patterns and boost production of the 10 major crops it has designated for success in the agricultural sphere. That reflects the benevolent government shows to the nation not only for improvement of the agricultural sector but also for improving the socio-economic status of the peasantry.

The government is well convinced that in the drive for building a peaceful, modern and developed nation, only with high living conditions for the peasantry, the main human resource, will it be possible for the entire people to enjoy the sweet taste of economic growth. With this context in view, the government took all possible measures for increasing sown acreage and boosting farmland utilization. In the meantime, the government effectively implemented the five rural development programmes: smooth transport, supply of sufficient irrigation and safe water, promotion of education standard, better health care, and boosting economic standard of rural areas. As two more programmes to give further impetus to the programmes, establishment of rural libraries and supply of electric power to rural areas are being implemented with added momentum.

Myanmar's agricultural development is like a dream in a short period. That means the nation greatly needs to transform itself from traditional farming into mechanized farming. The government and the private sector are boosting production of farm machinery and tools along with tractors, power-tillers, paddy reapers, combine-harvesters and driers, thus significantly saving time, labour and cost on farming processes. The peasantry has enjoyed benefits at the unprecedented level.

In retrospect, farmers in the colonial rule were of the lowest class. Not only the colonial government treated peasants unfairly with varieties of taxes on them but also chettys exploited the artlessness of peasants by lending them with loans at extremely high interest rates. At that time, national farmers were going through the hell of dire straits. The conditions of rural areas, their habitats, reached rock bottom. The untold miseries were so bitter that the people cannot even bear the thought of the-then conditions.

Today, the living conditions of the peasantry are incredible in various arenas including their intellectual improvement, supply of sufficient irrigation water, land reclamation, advanced agricultural methods and use of agricultural machinery thanks to the government. They have got used to mixed-cropping patterns apart from double- and triple-cropping patterns. So, the majority of the peasants have become affluent. Most of

the farmers have owned at least one of farm equipment units such as tractor, power-tiller, combine-harvester and water pump. Children of farmers have easy access to higher education. So, the graduates in rural areas are mushrooming. Villages in rural areas have seen smooth transport, supply of adequate clean water and electricity, self-reliant libraries and fine houses. Rural households have enjoyed better socio-economic status with motorbikes, TV sets, VCD players and telephones. Considerable development in the education, health, social, economic and transport sectors of rural areas is a sign of rapid development of the nation.

Now, huttaws are in session in line with the constitution to realize the democratization. Surely, it will be planned to improve the living conditions for the peasantry, the major force of the nation, as much as possible in future. In particular, the motto "Every farmer must have access to farming" will be put into reality, and the right to do farming and benefits of farmers will be guaranteed in accordance with the law. Furthermore, there will be a system that is in conformity with the market economy under which farmers' agricultural produce can fetch reasonable prices. Assistance will be rendered in various areas to improve the socio-economic status of farmers and agricultural methods. Moreover, the government will provide more assistance including agricultural loans, fertilizers, pesticides and high-yield strains of crops.

Farmers will also be encouraged to grow staple crops, suitable crops and saleable crops on a broad scale. The nation will witness development in private-owned industries, and extensive reclamation of fallow lands for boosting production of perennial crops. Overall, the government will attend to all needs to improve the education, health care, social, economic and transport sectors in rural areas and step up the seven rural development programmes.

However, some parties and persons are proclaiming a motto "Every farmer must own farmland". Superficially, it is mouthwatering, but in practice, for farmers that is a trap in disguise. If every farmer owns a farmland, farmlands of farmers will gradually go to the hands of rich land owners in the long run, and the landlord system will rear its ugly head again. By then, farmers who really do the farming will become tenant farmers like that in the colonial period. At that time, farmers were bestowed the right to own farmlands, but in the end, all their farmlands fell into the hands of money-lenders and national farmers were at the mercy of those profiteers. That is an unforgettable lesson for the people. So, the motto "Every farmer must have access to farming" is the most appropriate system to ensure perpetual interests of farmers.

In conclusion, peasants are benefactors of the people as well as a strong force of the nation. That is the reason why the government is taking measures for improving the socio-economic standard of farmers and national economy. As a gesture of honouring the Peasants' Day (2011), I wish the peasantry greater success in their agricultural farming and I would like to urge them to work harder than ever, making good use of favourable conditions in various sectors to improve their socio-economic status and do their bit in building a new nation.

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A&I Minister inspects Lawka Nanda River Water Pumping Station

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Feb—Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo on 26 February inspected Lawka Nanda River Water Pumping Station project in NyaungU Township of NyaungU District in Mandalay Region.

Assistant Director U Maung Maung Lwin of Water Resources Utilization Department submitted report to the minister and Deputy Director-General U Kyaw Min Oo made a supplementary report.

The minister stressed the need to grow economically profitable crops with less water necessity.



He also viewed water flow of Ayeyawady River, running water pumps, water outlet canal and Farmer U Aung Min's groundnut and sunflower plantations which are irrigated by the station.—MNA

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo inspects Lawka Nanda River Water Pumping Station.—MNA

Talks on traffic rules, trafficking in person given

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Feb — Bago Region Traffic Rules Enforcement Committee organized an educative talk on traffic rules and trafficking in persons at Pyay Technological University on 21 February.

Chief of Bago Region Police Force Ye Thiha San Lwin, Head of Bago Region Road Administration Department, Pyay District Chairman U Kyaw Kyaw Tun, Rector of Pyay Technological University Dr Kay Thi Lwin,

students and teachers were present at the talks.

The rector made an opening speech and officials gave talks on traffic rules and human trafficking. Pamphlets were distributed at the event.

MNA

Myanmar-Austrian Entrepreneurs to meet on 17 March

YANGON, 28 Feb—General Secretary of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry Dr Maung Maung Lay received Commercial Counsellor

Mr Gerhard Schlattl from the Austrian Embassy in Thailand at the federation here on 22 February morning.

It was learnt that there would be a discussion between 30-Aus-

trian entrepreneur delegation and Myanmar entrepreneurs on mutual cooperation of investment on 17 March.

Those interested may contact UMFCCI (Ph: 214344-49).—MNA

Eight injured in Insein Township blast

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Feb—An explosion occurred beside Ei Shwe Sin Store between Building (1) and Building (2) of Aung Zeya Housing Estate in Kannar Alei Ward, Insein Township, Yangon Region, at about 7.10 pm yesterday.

At the scene, a suspect Zaw Min Than, 26, son of U Han Oo, was found with the left foot severely damaged, the right calf seriously injured, and fingers seriously damaged. He was sent to

Insein General Hospital.

While searching building No.4, Room (502) Aung Zeya Housing Estate where the suspect resides, officials concerned seized an improvised bomb made of a detonator, four cells, a watch and TNT block with five inches in length, three inches in width and three inches in height packed with yellow paper; and six detonators, two coils of old wire and four cells in a paper box.

Due to the blast, eight

innocent people got injured. The victims are: Zaw Min Than, 26, son of U Han Oo (Building No.4, Room 502, Aung Zeya Housing Estate, Insein Township) with the left foot severely damaged, the right calf seriously injured, and fingers seriously damaged (in critical condition); Tun Tun, 21, son of U Saw Shwe, (Ma-199, Padamyar road, in Kannar Anauk Ward, Insein Township) with slight injuries in the back of head and thigh (in sta-

ble condition), Ma Thin Thin, 25, daughter of U Win Hlaing (Padamyar road, in Kannar Anauk Ward, Insein Township) with the loss of hearing and injury in left small finger (in stable condition), Ma Nyein

Nyunt (Ma/92, Danatheidi road, Kannar Anauk Ward, Insein Township) with injuries in left head and thigh (in stable condition); Kaythi Myo Kyaw, 22, daughter of U Kyaw Myint (Building, Room-003, ground floor,

General Hospital, official concerned are providing necessary assistances to them. Officials concerned are now making investigation into the incident. Insurgents at home and abroad are always trying



An improvised bomb seen after deactivation.



Officials inspecting Zaw Min Than's residence.

Nyein Tun, 3, daughter of U Min Min Tun (Ma/96, Khamar road, Kannar Alei Ward, Insein Township) with injuries in the head and right calf (in stable condition) Zaw Min Htaik, 13, son of U Min Min Tun, (Ma/96, Khamar road, Kannar Alei Ward, Insein Township) with pain in head, injuries in abdomen and calf in stable condition; Tint Lwin Oo, 27, son of U Khin

Aung Zeya Housing Estate, Kannar Anauk Ward, Insein Township) with injuries in right thigh and left eye brow (in stable condition); and Ma Wai Pa Pa Swe, 31, daughter of U Myint Swe (Ma/92, Danatheidi road, Kannar Anauk Ward, Insein Township) with injuries in left calf and ears (in stable condition).

The victims are now under treatment at Insein

to commit destructive acts in order to disrupt peace and stability and cause public panic. Authorities concerned have reminded the general public to be aware of the danger of destructionists and to come forward with information as quickly as possible if they become suspicious of somebody or something in their surroundings.—MNA

US health officials fear measles outbreak in airports

WASHINGTON, 28 Feb—Officials from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDCP) are trying to contain a possible measles outbreak after a woman who was diagnosed with the disease traveled to three different U.S. airports during the week.

A 27-year-old woman, reportedly from Santa Fe, New Mexico, traveled from a European airport to Dulles International Airport in Virginia, the Denver International Airport, and to New Mexico's Albuquerque International Sunport. She was later diagnosed with the measles infection in New Mexico.

CDCP officials are trying to get in

touch all the people who were possibly in contact with the woman, including airport personnel and airline crews.

Information regarding what airlines the woman boarded was not released.

Measles is a highly contagious viral infection that affects the respiratory system, and could be spread by simple coughing or sneezing.

Symptoms include fever, cough, runny nose, red eyes, soar throat, with white spots possibly developing inside the mouth. However, symptoms from the infection usually develop around 2 weeks after the individual is infected.

Internet



A man looks at a painting at an art exhibition in Suzhou, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 27 Feb, 2011. A total of 148 paintings and sculptures created by artists in Suzhou were exhibited on the show.
XINHUA

Helicopter crashes on NZ North Island beach, one injured

Eleven crew missing after fishing boat hits rock in East China Sea

HANGZHOU, 28 Feb—Eleven people are missing after their fishing boat hit a rock near Dongji Isle off the coast of Taizhou City, east China's Zhejiang Province, Monday morning.

The city's maritime affairs authority said it had sent two

professional rescue vessels after it received a signal from the boat for help around 1 am, while requesting civilian ships in the vicinity to help search for the boat.

Rescuers had not found the boat by 9 am, and suspected it could have sunk. —Xinhua

WELLINGTON, 28 Feb—A helicopter crashed on a beach north of New Zealand North Island town of Levin on Monday and the pilot was injured.

The chopper came down on Hokio Beach, 10 km north west of Levin, Police Central Communications Inspector Ian Harris said.

Emergency services were contacted about 9:00 am, the New Zealand Press Association reported.

The pilot of the helicopter was transported in a Palmerston North Hospital with head injuries.

He was the only person in the helicopter, which was flying from Blenheim to Rotorua.—Xinhua

Boats rest at a river at snow-covered Summer Palace in Beijing, capital of China, 26 Feb, 2011. The snowy scenery of Summer Palace was well received by visitors.—XINHUA

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao gestures while holding an online chat with Internet users at two state news portals in Beijing, capital of China, on 27 Feb, 2011. The two portals, namely www.gov.cn of the central government and www.xinhuanet.com of the Xinhua News Agency, jointly interviewed Premier Wen on Sunday with questions raised by netizens.
XINHUA

Five injured in boiler explosion on Taiwanese fishing vessel

MANILA, 28 Feb— Five crew members of a Taiwanese fishing vessel were injured after its boiler exploded Monday morning, the Philippine Coast Guard reported in its website.

Vessel CT7-0039 (named HO-CHUNG) was about to arrive at Manila's South Harbour when its ice boiler exploded onboard.

The vessel's five crew members - four Indonesians and one Taiwanese

- suffered chest pains after exposure to ammonia.

The Coast Guard Action Centre said it contacted vessel Captain Hon Je-Chao through satellite phone and VHF radio.

The Coast Guard said it's sending a medical team to intercept the fishing vessel and bring the wounded crew members to a nearby hospital.

Xinhua



Chess Grandmaster Ye Rongguang (L) takes part in a match in which he plays with more than 30 children players simultaneously in Wenzhou, east China's Zhejiang Province, on 27 Feb, 2011. The match was to be continued another day as it did not end on schedule on Sunday.
XINHUA



Vehicle collision leaves seven dead in SW China Province

GUIYANG, 28 Feb—Seven people were confirmed dead after a coach and a mini-bus collided on Monday morning at a highway section in Zunyi City, southwest China's Guizhou Province.

All of the casualties were from the mini-bus, which had eight people aboard when the accident happened at about 9 am. Six of them died on the spot, and one of the two injured died on the way to the hospital, according to rescuers sent by the city's fire department.

The police is investigating the cause of the accident.

Xinhua

Survivors of Antarctic mission land in NZ

CHRISTCHURCH, 28 Feb—Two Norwegian adventurers Monday said they held slim hopes of finding the three other members of their party alive, after their yacht went missing in a fierce Antarctic storm.

Jarle Andhoy and Samuel Massie had been journeying by quad bike across Antarctica on their way to the South Pole when the tempest struck the 48-foot (14-metre) sailboat, but abandoned the quest on hearing the boat was missing.

Andhoy said his concern now was to contact the families of the three missing men — Norwegians Tom Gisle Bellika, 36, and Robert Skaanes, 34, and 32-year-old Leonard Banks, a dual South African and British citizen.

"There's nothing to prove the boat is lost but I am going to be very honest with the family and realistic," he told reporters after being airlifted to the quake-hit New Zealand City of Christchurch on a US flight.

Massie, 18, said he hoped the steel-hulled Berserk was "sailing somewhere in South America without an engine" but acknowledged this was "the darkest time". "It's been really traumatic. I'm here and not my crew," he said.

Internet



A glacier is seen close to Antarctica. Two Norwegian adventurers have said they held slim hopes of finding the three other members of their party alive, after their yacht went missing in a fierce storm in the region.

INTERNET



Violinist Vanessa-Mae performs during her concert in Belgrade, Serbia, on 27 Feb, 2011.

XINHUA

Four dead in UAE plane crash

ABU DHABI, 28 Feb—The civil aviation authority in the United Arab Emirates says four people were killed when a private plane crashed shortly after takeoff.

A statement by the General Civil Aviation Authority says the Grumman 21T aircraft went down moments after taking off Sunday at Al Ain International Airport about 60 miles (100 kilometres) east of Abu Dhabi. The plane was en route to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

The aviation authority says the aircraft was destroyed and investigators were at the site.

The statement Monday gave no further details on those killed or the possible cause of the crash.—Internet

Japan's auto output falls 6.3% on year in Jan

TOKYO, 28 Feb— Japan's automobile production fell 6.3 percent in January from a year earlier, marking the fourth consecutive month of decline, the Japan Automobile Manufacturing Association (JAMA) said in a report on Monday.

Automobile production in January totaled 706,107 units, down from the 753,734 units total production logged in the same month a year earlier, JAMA said. January's decline follows a 5.1 percent fall the previous month and a 6.7 percent contraction logged in November, the industry body said. Manufacturing of passenger cars fell 7.2 percent to 609,598 units, while truck production dipped 2.1 percent to 87,830 units to mark the second straight month of decrease. The production of buses however, increased 17.2 percent to 8,679 units, marking the fourth straight month of increase, JAMA said.—Xinhua

Despite differences, Pristina and Belgrade to discuss technical issues

BELGRADE, 28 Feb—Despite intractable positions regarding the status of Kosovo, representatives from Pristina and Belgrade could begin a long-awaited dialogue moderated by the European Union in Brussels by as early as next week, reported the Serbian news agency Tanjug on Sunday.

Borko Stefanovic, head of Serbia's negotiating team, said representatives of Serbia and Kosovo, its breakaway province that unilaterally declared independence in 2008, would initially tackle so-called "technical" issues such as identifying the remains of missing persons, mobile phone operators, electricity, etc.

"In the initial stage, we will open a number of issues related to the lives of people," said Stefanovic.

Stefanovic said all the conditions for such a meeting had been met and that Serbian officials had been waiting for the formation of a negotiating team from Kosovo after recent elections.

On Thursday, Deputy Prime

Minister Edita Tahiri was appointed to lead the Kosovo delegation.

While the Kosovo team insists talks between Belgrade and Pristina are between sovereign states, Serbia considers the final status of Kosovo unresolved, and has managed to exercise considerably influence in the north of the province, where Serbs representing a majority continue to resist any integration into Kosovo institutions.

According to Stefanovic, the talks are aimed at resolving problems and not intended to produce winners or losers.

Working in the background, Robert Cooper of the EU's External Action Service has conducted a series of behind the scenes meetings first in Belgrade and then in Pristina. Officially, the meetings were described as technical in nature with no disclosure of the discussions, reported the Serbian daily Politika.

Xinhua

6.0-magnitude quake hits southern Chile: USGS

SANTIAGO, 28 Feb—An earthquake measuring 6.0 on the Richter scale jolted Bio-Bio, southern Chile on Sunday, the US Geological Survey said.

There has been no reports of casualties or damage from the quake, which occurred at 8:29 pm local time (0129 GMT Monday) with its epicentre at a depth of 16.7 km.

Xinhua

Don't Smoke

Last veteran of WWI dies in W Va at age 110

CHARLES TOWN, 28 Feb—A spokesman says the nation's last surviving veteran of World War I has died in West Virginia. He was 110.

Biographer and family spokesman David DeJonge said in a statement that Frank Woodruff Buckles died early Sunday of natural causes in his home in Charles Town, W Va.

Buckles lied about his age to get into uniform at age 16. He served in England and France, working mainly as a driver and a warehouse clerk. He did not see combat.

Buckles also survived being a civilian POW in the Philippines in World War II.

He turned 110 on Feb. He had been advocating for a national memorial honoring veterans of the Great War to be built in Washington, D C.

More than 4.7 million people joined the US military from 1917-18 for the war.—Internet

People wearing masks perform folk dance at a sacrificial ceremony to worship the local goddess Yaoniang, in Nongguang Village of Tianlin County, southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 27 Feb, 2011.

XINHUA



CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV EMERALD CORAL VOY NO (46)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV EMERALD CORAL VOY NO (46) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 1.3.2011 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.

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV SINAR BIMA VOY NO (085) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 1.3.2011 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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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV CHANA BHUM VOY NO (427)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV CHANA BHUM VOY NO (427) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 27.2.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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Geneva car show aims for recovery

GENEVA, 28 Feb — High-powered cars from Lamborghini, Ferrari and Aston Martin are expected to steal the limelight as the Geneva motor show gets underway this week. But industry watchers will look to less flamboyant models from, say, Hyundai, Ford or Fiat for hints at who will shape Europe's automotive landscape.

Some 170 world and European premieres will be unveiled at the show, which opens for the public on 3 March. The cars will enter a crowded European market where profit margins are tight. The European market declined further in January after sales fell 4.9% in 2010 to less than 14 million cars, amid widespread concerns

about unemployment and economic hardship.

On top of that, carmakers that gained from last year's scrappage schemes — under which governments paid people to trade in old cars for new ones — should expect to see somewhat weaker sales during the first half of this year when compared with the same period a year ago, according to Hyundai Motor Europe's chief operating officer, Allan Rushforth.

Internet



The cars are the stars as the press conferences get underway at the Geneva motor show.— INTERNET

Drug boss Sergio 'el Toto' Mora held over US killing

MEXICO CITY, 28 Feb — The Mexican Navy has arrested an alleged drug kingpin in connection with the murder of a US Customs official earlier this month, officials say. The local head of the Zetas drugs gang in the northern state of Coahuila was arrested by marines in Saltillo. Sergio "el Toto" Mora has been taken to Mexico City for interrogation. A member of his cartel has been blamed for the death of Jaime Zapata, a US customs official who was attacked while driving from Mexico City and Monterrey.

Last week, Mexican troops arrested alleged drug gang hitman suspected of the murder.

Julian Zapata Espinoza told soldiers he and other gunmen opened fire on the agent's car, thinking it belonged to a rival gang, officials said. Another US Immigrations and Customs official, Victor Avila, was injured in the ambush outside the city of San Luis Potosi.

Internet

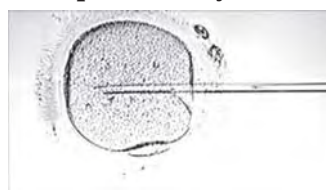


Gunmen opened fire on the agents' car, thinking it belonged to a rival gang, officials say.— INTERNET

Fertility treatment success is not prevented by stress

LONDON, 28 Feb — Emotional distress does not affect the success of IVF or other assisted reproductive techniques, according to a study. The report, published in the *British Medical Journal* aims to dispel the myth that stress prevents women from becoming pregnant. Researchers from Cardiff University reviewed 14 previous studies involving 3,583 women. Patient charity Infertility Network said the report was encouraging. The report reviewed previous research studies into the efficacy of assisted reproduction therapy.

In the 14 studies examined, women had had their stress levels assessed before beginning treatment and then underwent a single cycle of assisted repro-



VF is a popular assisted reproduction technique.— INTERNET

ductive therapy. Stress levels were measured using recognized psychological techniques and included traits such as anxiety, tension and depression. In each study the researchers looked at whether women who were stressed before the start of their treatment were any more or less likely to become pregnant.—Internet

Amur tigers in population crisis

LONDON, 28 Feb — The effective population of the critically endangered Amur tiger is now fewer than 14 animals, say scientists. Approximately 500 Amur tigers actually survive in the wild, but the effective population is a measure the genetic diversity of the world's largest cat.

Very low diversity means any vulnerability to disease or rare genetic disorders is likely to be passed on to the next generation. So these results paint a grim picture for the tiger's chance of survival.

The findings are reported in the journal *Mammalian Biology*.

The Amur tiger, or Siberian tiger as it is also known, once lived across a large portion of northern China, the Korean peninsula, and the southernmost regions of eastern Russia. During the early 20th Century, the Amur tiger was almost driven to extinction, as

expanding human settlements, habitat loss and poaching wiped out this biggest of cats from over 90% of its range.

Internet



A wild Amur tiger is a rare sight.— INTERNET

Jet pilot's body pulled from Hudson

KINGSTON, 28 Feb — Divers Sunday the body of a pilot killed when his vintage military jet crashed into the ice-covered Hudson River in upstate New York, authorities said.

Dr Michael A Faraldi, 38, of Germantown was killed on Saturday when the aircraft went down near near the Kingston-Rhinecliff Bridge. State police said his body, which was found in the plane's fuselage, was taken to the Kingston Hospital morgue for autopsy on Monday. The Saratogian in Saratoga Springs reported.—Internet

Southern Chinese province to host Asian women's boxing tournament

HAIKOU, 28 Feb — Asian Cup women's boxing tournament will take place on May 7-8 in Haikou, capital city of the southern Chinese island province of Hainan, organizers said here on Monday.

According to the local organizing committee, a total of 40 female boxers from 11 countries including India, Kazakhstan, Thailand, Sri Lanka, South Korea, Japan and China will be contesting in 10 classes ranging from 48kg to +81kg at the event.

The winner and runner-up of each class will pocket prize money of 3,000 US dollars and 1,000 US dollars respectively.

Xinhua



A girl participates in the Red Cross Children's Carnival competition at Queen's Park Savannah in Port of Spain, Trinidad on Feb. 26, 2011.



Two women whip a 105-kilogramme spinning top in Guiyang, southwest China's Guizhou Province, on Feb. 26, 2011.

Man with a steal foot

A worker surnamed Han in a gold plant in Jinshan District of Shanghai used his special advantage over others to steal a kilogramme of gold and sell it to a jeweler, Shanghai police recently stated. Thanks to a traffic accident which left his left foot reinforced by doctors with steel, Han would routinely set off security devices at the plant, meaning guards there soon came to neglect alarms involving Han.

Han took to slipping gold nuggets into his slippers worth 300,000 yuan (\$45,600) four times separately over three days.

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Man sues over strip club dental injuries

An Indiana man's lawsuit for injuries he suffered when a stripper's shoe flew off during a performance and hit him in the teeth isn't far-fetched, lawyers say.

Jake Quagliaroli, 34, of Indianapolis sat approximately 20 feet from the stage at PT's Showclub when the shoe hit him in the face and chipped his front teeth, the *Indianapolis Star* reported on Friday.

Quagliaroli got veneers, which will require replacement every 10 or 15 years. He also got temporary caps and may

need a root canal at some future time, said Ali Saeed, his lawyer. Quagliaroli's complaint said the incident will cause him to suffer "lifelong dental injuries."

"I wouldn't bet my life that this would get dismissed immediately," Andy Klein, a law professor at the Indiana University School of Law-Indianapolis, said of the suit, in which Quagliaroli claims battery and negligence and requests a jury to determine damages. If Quagliaroli can prove the club should have known from past experience such

incidents are a hazard, he might win in court, said Klein, comparing the case to suits brought against baseball teams when foul balls hit spectators.

But Bill Powers, the nightclub's agent, said the club has not had any such complaints in the five or more years he has worked for it. "The fact is that Quagliaroli walked into someplace and wasn't anticipating injury, and walked out of there with chipped teeth and potentially lifelong dental injuries," said Saeed.

'Forest Gump' sums up Americans' life view

The line from a movie that best describes the life philosophy of Americans is from "Forrest Gump," a US survey indicates.

The DDB Life Style Study asked Americans what movie line best describes their life philosophy and 26 percent chose "Life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're going to get."

"We would have expected that in America, where people are often characterized as being overly materialistic, lines like 'Show me the money' would have risen to the top," James Lou of DDB says in a statement.

"We were pleasantly surprised to learn that people are much more likely to embrace unpredictability and sentimentality for their life philosophies."

Twenty-one percent chose from "The Wizard of Oz," "There's no place like home," and 8 percent chose "Carpe diem," or seize the day from the movie the "Dead Poets Society." The remaining Top 10 movie lines are:

— "Get busy livin' or get busy dyin'," from "The Shawshank Redemption."

— "Fasten your seat belts, it's going to be a bumpy night," from "All About Eve."

— "Frankly my dear, I don't give a damn," from "Gone With the Wind."

— "Today, I consider myself the luckiest man on the face of the Earth," from "The Pride of the Yankees."

— "May the Force be with you," from "Star Wars Episode IV: A New Hope."

— "What we have here is a failure to communicate," from "Cool Hand Luke."

— "Show me the money," from "Jerry Maguire."

List of 83rd annual Oscar winners

LOS ANGELES, 28 Feb— Here is a complete list of winners of the 83rd Annual Academy Awards, which were presented at the Kodak Theater on Sunday night.



Melissa Leo accepts the Oscar for best actress in a supporting role for 'The Fighter' at the 83rd Academy Awards on 27 Feb, 2011, in the Hollywood section of Los Angeles.

INTERNET

1. Best Picture: "The King's Speech."
2. Best Actor: Colin Firth, "The King's Speech."
3. Best Actress: Natalie Portman, "Black Swan."
4. Supporting Actor: Christian Bale, "The

Fighter."

5. Supporting Actress: Melissa Leo, "The Fighter."

6. Directing: Tom Hooper, "The King's Speech."

7. Foreign Language Film: "In a Better World," Denmark.

8. Adapted Screenplay: Aaron Sorkin, "The Social Network."

9. Original Screenplay: David Seidler, "The King's Speech."

10. Animated Feature Film: "Toy Story 3."

11. Art Direction: "Alice in Wonderland."

12. Cinematography: "Inception."

13. Sound Mixing: "Inception."

14. Sound Editing: "Inception."

15. Original Score: "The Social Network," Trent Reznor and Atticus Ross.

16. Original Song: "We Belong Together"

from "Toy Story 3," Randy Newman.

17. Costume Design: "Alice in Wonderland."

18. Documentary



Christian Bale accepts the Oscar for best performance by an actor in a supporting role for 'The Fighter' at the 83rd Academy Awards on 27 Feb, 2011, in the Hollywood section of Los Angeles.—INTERNET

Feature: "Inside Job."

19. Documentary (short subject): "Strangers No More."

20. Film Editing: "The Social Network."



British actor Colin Firth, best actor nominee for his role in 'The King's Speech,' and his wife Livia Giuggioli pose at the 83rd Academy Awards in Hollywood, California, on 27 Feb, 2011.—INTERNET

21. Makeup: "The Wolfman."
22. Animated Short Film: "The Lost Thing."
23. Live Action Short Film: "God of Love."
24. Visual Effects: "Inception."

Xinhua



Susanne Bier, of Denmark, accepts the Oscar for best foreign language film for 'In a Better World' at the 83rd Academy Awards on 27 Feb, 2011, in the Hollywood section of Los Angeles.—INTERNET

British director Tom Hooper holds his Oscar for achievement in directing for 'The King's Speech'

backstage at the 83rd Academy Awards in Hollywood, California, on 27 Feb, 2011.

INTERNET



Writer David Seidler arrives before the 83rd Academy Awards on 27 Feb, 2011, in the Hollywood section of Los Angeles.—INTERNET

Natalie Portman holds her Oscar for best actress in a leading role for her part in 'Black Swan,' backstage at the 83rd Academy Awards in Hollywood, California, on 27 Feb, 2011.

INTERNET



Martins sinks Arsenal to give Birmingham League Cup trophy

LONDON, 28 Feb — A last-minute goal by Obafemi Martins saw Birmingham score a stunning 2-1 League Cup final upset over Arsenal here on Sunday as the Gunners' six-year trophy drought continued.

Martins pounced in the



Birmingham City's Obafemi Martins (R) celebrates with teammate English midfielder Lee Bowyer.—INTERNET

90th minute after a dreadful mix-up between Arsenal goalkeeper Wojciech Szczesny and defender Laurent Koscielny gifted a chance to the Blues' Nigerian striker.

The last-gasp winner was no less than Birmingham deserved after a gutsy display at Wembley that saw them make a nonsense of Arsenal's pre-match status as heavy favourites.

Victory was especially sweet for Birmingham's Hong Kong-based owner Carson Yeung, celebrating his 51st birthday with the club's first piece of silverware since 1963.

Internet

Inter go second, Udinese hit Palermo for seven

ROME, 28 Feb — Goals from Wesley Sneijder and Samuel Eto'o helped Inter Milan defeat Sampdoria 2-0 in Genoa and move second in Serie A on a Sunday that saw Udinese hit seven at Palermo and fourth-placed Lazio lose at Cagliari.

Ahead of Monday's clash between leaders AC Milan and Napoli at the San Siro, Sneijder opened the scoring with a 73rd-minute free kick in a bruising game with chances at both ends before Eto'o settled the matter with the final kick to take Inter one point above Napoli and within two of Milan.

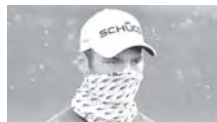
Lazio went down 1-0 in Sardinia but the day's biggest shock of the day came in Sicily where Palermo were trounced 7-0 by fifth-placed Udinese with Alexis Sanchez scoring four and Antonio Di Natale the other three goals.—Internet



Inter Milan's Cameroonian forward Samuel Eto'o celebrates after scoring against Sampdoria.—INTERNET

Donald wins first World Golf Championship

MARANA, 28 Feb — Luke Donald spoiled Martin Kaymer's rise to No 1 in the world by winning the Match Play Championship on Sunday with a performance so dominant he never



Martin Kaymer of Germany pulls his buff over his face as snow falls while playing Luke Donald of England in the finals of the Match Play Championship golf tournament on 27 Feb, 2011, in Marana, Ariz. — INTERNET

played the 18th hole all week.

Not even the snow and sleet could stop Donald.

On a bizarre final day in the high desert, which began with snow covering the fairways, Donald pulled ahead for good with a birdie on the par-5 11th and a par on the next hole, eventually closing out Kaymer on No 16 for a 3-and-2 victory. The consolation prize for Kaymer is going to No 1 in the career, which he assured by reaching the championship match.

Donald was in more dire need of this trophy, however.—Internet

Results on 27 February

Italy - Serie A

Catania	2 - 1	Genoa
AS Roma	2 - 2	Parma
Bari	1 - 1	Fiorentina
Brescia	2 - 2	Lecce
Cagliari	1 - 0	Lazio
Cesena	1 - 0	Chievo
Palermo	0 - 7	Udinese
Sampdoria	0 - 2	Inter Milan

Spain - Primera Division

Hercules	0 - 0	Getafe
Levante	2 - 1	Osasuna
Racing Santander	2 - 2	Villarreal
Athletic Bilbao	1 - 2	Valencia

Germany - Bundesliga I.

Eintracht Frankfurt	0 - 2	Stuttgart
Werder Bremen	2 - 2	Bayer Leverkusen

Lille stay top of French league despite Lyon stalemate

PARIS, 28 Feb — Lille maintained a tenuous grip on the Ligue 1 top spot on Sunday but lost ground on the chasing pack after being held 1-1 by fellow title-chasers Lyon.

The northerners are just ahead of Rennes on goal difference, both have 46 points after 25 games, after the Brittany side won 2-0 at home to struggling Lens on Saturday.

Champions Marseille and Paris Saint Germain showed they are very much in the running by winning their games as just four points separate the top five teams. Lille have seen their campaign falter with just one victory in seven matches in all



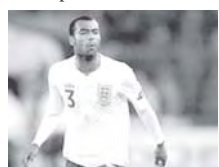
Lille's Senegalese forward Moussa Sow (L) vies with Lyon's Swedish midfielder Kim Kallstrom.—INTERNET

competitions, and were eliminated from the Europa League during the week.

The host side got off to a quickfire start when Senegalese striker Moussa Sow opened after nine minutes, but Lyon's Swedish international midfielder Kim Kallstrom grabbed the equaliser after 26 minutes.—Internet

Police to quiz Chelsea over reports Cole shot student

LONDON, 28 Feb — British police said on Sunday they would question staff from Chelsea football club over reports that star defender Ashley Cole accidentally shot a work placement student



British police said Sunday they would question staff from Chelsea football club over reports that star defender Ashley Cole, pictured in 2010, accidentally shot a work placement student at the club's training ground. INTERNET

at the club's training ground.

A spokesman for Surrey police said the force would be "contacting the club in due course to establish whether any criminal offence has been committed".

Britain's News of the World newspaper reported earlier Sunday that the England left-back, who was previously married to pop star Cheryl Cole, fired a .22 air rifle at 21-year-old Tom Cowan, thinking it was not loaded.

According to the paper, the sports sciences student began to bleed profusely from a side wound which was treated by Chelsea medical staff.—Internet

Athletic beaten by Valencia smash and grab

MADRID, 28 Feb — Valencia boosted their Champions League hopes with a clinical 2-1 victory over Athletic Bilbao who dominated the encounter on Sunday.

The visitors anticipated a rough ride at San Mames which has been a fortress for Athletic this season and that's how it turned out with Fernando Llorente giving them the lead.

Athletic looked comfortably in control and Pablo Hernandez and David Lopez had further chances before Llorente hit the post.

However, against the run of play a fine move



Valencia's midfielder Jordi Alba (L) vies with Athletic Bilbao's midfielder Markel Susaeta (R).—INTERNET

down the right-wing saw Joaquin Sanchez cross for Juan Mata to equalise and then while Athletic were still reeling, Tino Costa struck a powerful shot which the keeper Gorka Iraizoz couldn't hold and substitute Jonas Goncalves scored.—Internet

Birmingham beats Arsenal 2-1 in League Cup final

WEMBLEY, 28 Feb — Obafemi Martins scored in 89th minute winner after a blunder by goalkeeper Wojciech Szczesny and Laurent Koscielny, giving



Arsenal's Robin van Persie, right, is tackled by Birmingham City's Stephen Carr during their English League Cup.—INTERNET

Birmingham a 2-1 victory over Arsenal in the League Cup final for its first trophy since 1963.

Szczesny and Koscielny both went to stop Nikola Zigic's header in the penalty area and the ball landed at the feet of Martin, who slid it into the net.

"I think it was my second touch," said Martins, who joined Birmingham on a six-month loan from the Russian club Rubin Kazan last month. "I think this is the easiest goal I've ever scored in my career."—Internet

Del Potro wins Delray Beach tennis title

DELRAY BEACH, 28 Feb — Juan Martin del Potro won his first title since his 2009 US Open triumph Sunday, beating Janko Tipsarevic in the final of the \$442,500 Delray Beach International Championships.

Argentina's Del Potro defeated the sixth-seeded Serbian 6-4, 6-4 to pass another milestone in his injury comeback.

A former world number four, Del Potro saw his 2010 campaign derailed by a right wrist injury that required surgery

and limited him to just three tournaments.

He needed 1hr 54 min to fashion the victory, and left Tipsarevic still seeking a first career ATP title.

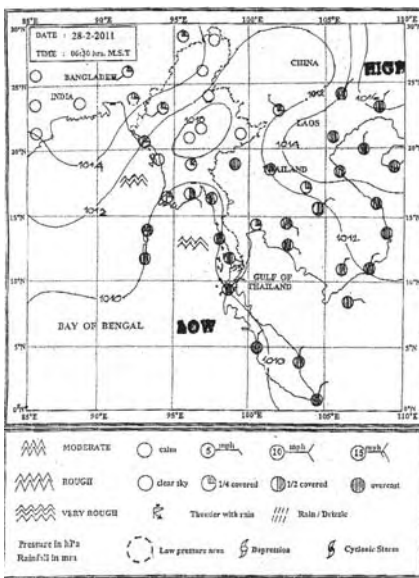
Del Potro had been building toward the victory, having reached back-to-back semi-finals in San Jose and Memphis the past two weeks.—Internet



Juan Martin del Potro

S P O R T S

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Monday, 28th February, 2011

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

During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Taninthayi Region and Mon State and weather has been partly cloudy in upper Sagaing, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Kachin, Rakhine and Kayin States and generally fair in the remaining States and Regions. Night temperatures were (6°C) below February average temperature in Chin State, (5°C) above February average temperature in Mon State, (3°C) above February average temperatures in Yangon and Taninthayi Regions, Rakhine State and about February average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant night temperatures were Haka (2°C) and Heho (6°C). The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Myeik (2.16) inches.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 27-2-2011 was 99°F. Minimum temperature on 28-2-2011 was 63°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 28-2-2011 was (54%). Rainfall on 28-2-2011 was (Nil).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 27-2-2011 was 99°F. Minimum temperature on 28-2-2011 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 28-2-2011 was (51%). Total sunshine hours on 28-2-2011 was (6.3) hours (Approx).

Rainfall on 28-2-2011 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 Southeast at (12:30) hours MST on 27-2-2011.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 1st March 2011:

Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Taninthayi Region, Kachin and Mon States and weather will be partly cloudy in Upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Kayin State, generally fair in the remaining States and Regions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 1-3-2011: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 1-3-2011: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 1-3-2011: Partly cloudy.

China spends 10 bln yuan to improve nutrition for rural students

BEIJING, 28 Feb—China spent more than 10 billion yuan (1.52 billion US dollars) last year to improve the nutrition of 12.25 million poverty-stricken students in rural areas, a report from a government think-tank said Sunday. The funding targeted poor primary and middle school students in rural areas who reside on campus, and both central and local governments have been increasing the amount of funding in recent years, said the China Development Research Foundation (CDRF) in a report.

Starting in November last year, China's Ministry of Finance had hiked the daily subsidy to 3 yuan for primary school students and 4 yuan for middle school students. From 2007 to 2009, the central government had allocated 9.55 billion yuan in living subsidies for poor students in boarding schools in central and western China, it said.—Xinhua



A chimney is seen in fog and smoke in the rain at an industrial district nearby Tokyo, on 28 Feb, 2011. Japan's industrial output rose for the third straight month in January in a sign solid demand from fast-growing Asian markets is driving the economy towards a moderate recovery.—INTERNET

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (1-3-2011) (Tuesday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	(09:00am~11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission	(1-3-11 09:30 am ~ 2-3-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Mant Hero, Beauty Queen On Shweli River
- * News
- * Tazaungmone, The beautiful month of Myanmar
- * Music Gallery
- * News
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- * A Day Out With Sarah (Episode-1)
- * News
- * Cultural Trail from China to ASEAN (Part-II)
- * Song for you
- * News
- * Mann Shwe Settaw (Min Bu)
- * Progress of Ayeyarwady Bridge (Pokakku) "Screwing nut to steel frame"
- * Myanmar Movie "Whom do you love most"



Tuesday,
1 March
View on today

7:00 am

1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary 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. Dance Of National Races

8:20 am

8. Songs Of Yester Years

8:30 am

9. Songs in honour of (66)th Anniversary Armed Forces Day

8:40 am

10. International News

8:45 am

11. Musical Programme

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. The Mirror Images Of The Musical Oldies

4:20 pm

3. Songs in honour of (66)th Anniversary Armed Forces Day

4:30 pm

4. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) Second Year (Geography)

4:45 pm

5. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

4:50 pm

6. Myanmar Traditional Culture Performing Arts Competitions

4:55 pm

7. Sweet Melody

5:20 pm

8. Songs in honour of (66)th Anniversary Armed Forces Day

5:35 pm

9. Star Garden

6:00 pm

10. Evening News

6:15 pm

11. Weather Report

6:20 pm

12. Kyae Pwint Myaye Yin Khone Than

6:35 pm

13. Sing A Song

7:05 pm

14. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm

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

- ★ 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

Ministry of Mines, Russian company agree to measure amount of gold and related minerals deposits

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Feb—Geological Survey and Minerals Exploration Department under the Ministry of Mines and Nobel Gold Limited of Russia signed an agreement on measuring amount of gold and related minerals deposits in Bhamauk Township of Sagaing Region, at the Ministry of Mines here this morning.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Mines U Ohn Myint, Chairman of Myanmar Investment Commission Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Maung Maung Thein, MIC Secretary Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Thurein Zaw, directors-general and managing directors of the Ministry of Mines, personnel of the MIC and Attorney-General's Office, President

Mr Grigory Gurevich of Nobel Gold Limited and members of the board of directors and guests.

Minister for Mines U Ohn Myint delivered an opening address. Director-General Dr Ye Myint Swe of Geological Survey and Minerals Exploration Department elaborated on drilling and production works. Next, the president of Nobel Gold Ltd spoke words of thanks. The director-general and the president of Nobel Gold Ltd signed the agreement and exchanged documents. Minister U Ohn Myint gave the President of Nobel Gold Ltd minerals survey permit of the ministry and Minister U Maung Maung Thein minerals survey permit of the MIC.

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4.4 magnitude quake jolts Taungdwingyi

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Feb—A slight earthquake with 4.4 Richter Scales jolted inside Myanmar (15 miles west of Taungdwingyi) 150 miles south-west of Mandalay Seismological Observatory at 7 hrs 26 min and 10 sec this morning, Meteorology and Hydrology Department announced.

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Hlawga Park to run extra hours on Peasants' Day

YANGON, 28 Feb—Hlawga Park under the Ministry of Forestry is opened daily from 8 am to 5 pm. The park will be kept opened from 8 am to 6 pm on Peasants' Day which falls on 2nd March for the public to be able to enjoy relaxing atmosphere there.—MNA

Significant night temperatures (28-2-2011)

Haka	(2° C)
Heho	(6° C)



Fisheries Department's salt-water prawns releasing ceremony at Kyauknimaw village of Launglon Township in Dawei District on 21 February in progress. A total of 1.56 million prawns were released at the ceremony.

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