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PBANRDA Minister inspects Maubin-Twantay Road Project

NAY PYI TAW, 2 March—Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs U Thein Nyunt on 27 February inspected Maubin-Twantay Roundabout being built by the Development Affairs Department near Twantay Bridge on Yangon (Hlinethaya)-Twantay Road, arrangements for tarring the road at mile post No. (26/7), tasks for expansion of approach roads to Takahle Bridge at mile post No (25), and the building of the 18 feet wide tarred road from Khatiya Bridge at mile post No (13/2) to mile post No (5/1).

Next, he attended the inauguration of the gravel road to Lay-einzu Village built to honour the 66th Anniversary Armed Forces Day by Maubin Township Development Affairs Committee and

inspected the facility.

The one mile and three furlongs long and 10 feet wide gravel road was built with the fund of the Development Affairs Department by Maubin Township Development Affairs Committee in 2010-2011. Thanks to the newly-built facility, local people of Lay-einzu, Kukkozu, Kanyin Thonbin, Tartabaw and Thayetngu villages have easy access to Maubin-Twantay Road at any time, and local products can be transported to Yangon through Maubin-Twantay-Yangon (Hlinethaya) Road in a short time.

The minister attended the ceremony to hand over Toe Marlar building of the basic education high school in Lay-einzu Village, Maubin Township.

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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

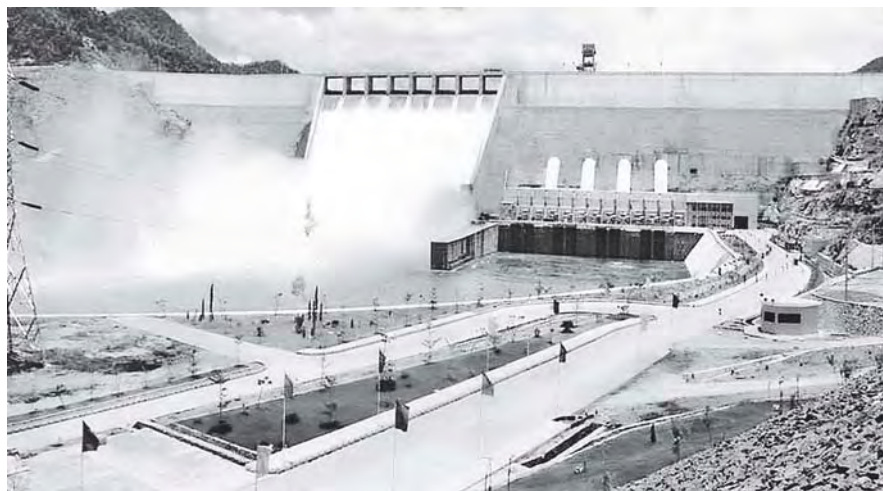
Yeywa Hydropower Plant, showcase for skills of national experts

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The inauguration Yeywa Hydropower Plant, a showcase for skills of national experts, was held on a grand scale on 15 December 2010. The scenic natural beauty adds the glory of the RCC dam and the giant hydropower plant to form an eye-catching view.

Now, Yeywa Hydropower Plant operates at full capacity, generating 790 megawatts of electricity. The project took nearly a decade from 2001-2002 to 2010. Its generator (1) was put into service on 24 February 2010; generator (2), on 16 July 2010; generator (3), on 16 October 2010; and generator (4), on 15 December 2010.

Dokhtawady Bridge (Yeywa) was constructed to carry mountains of construction materials and so many units of heavy machinery for Yeywa Hydropower Project.



The spillway of Yeywa Hydropower Plant.



The plant lies on the Myitnge River (Dokhtawady River) near Yeyaman Village, 31 miles southeast of Mandalay. The project was undertaken by Construction (2) of the Hydropower Department under the Ministry of Electric Power (1).

Building the plant was a great technological challenge, calling for a massive investment. The first-ever RCC (Roller Compacted Concrete Technology) Dam in Myanmar was constructed with about 1500 staff from the Ministry of Electric Power (1) and 12,000 staff from local and foreign companies, thus ensuring technical transfer.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Peasantry to participate in democratization

Myanmar is a land of crops as it is blessed with all favourable conditions for agricultural farming. The agricultural sector contributes largely to national economic growth. The 2nd of March was designated as Peasants Day to honour the peasantry dedicating themselves to agricultural farming.

The message sent by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe on the occasion of Peasants Day says, "The State Peace and Development Council is trying its utmost to transform the Republic of the Union of Myanmar into a modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation. At the core of the achievement of the lofty goal lies better socio-economic life of the people. To meet this national goal calls for improving the agricultural farming, the major business of the people, with all seriousness."

Today, the government is harnessing land and water sources to the best of its ability for development of the agricultural sector. In addition, highland farmlands are being transformed from slash and burn system to terrace farming. It is also encouraging use of advanced agricultural methods, high-yield strains of crops, fertilizers and farm machinery. So, farmland utilization is improving considerably.

To supply sufficient irrigation water essential for improvement of agriculture, the government so far has constructed 233 dams across the nation that benefit over 2 million acres of farmlands. And over 300 river water pumping stations irrigate some 500,000 acres of agricultural farms.

Owing to all-round assistance rendered by the government, farmers are on a position to grow crops with mixed- and multiple-cropping patterns the whole year. The nation's paddy output has toughed about 1500 million baskets now.

Agricultural development has improved the socio-economic status of the peasantry. Therefore, farmers, a strong force of the nation, on their part have to participate in building a democratic nation, working harder to boost production of crops especially paddy.

Operation Management Course at Wise

YANGON, 2 March—Wise International School for Executive (ABE Accredited College) will open a certificate course in operation management on 5 March.

The 20-hour course includes operation and process, decisions on operation management, operation strategy, product planning and design, process planning and design, OM techniques, managing quality, management performance covering production, and service management and

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

Western Command Commander inspects Sittway deepsea port

NAY PYI TAW, 2 March—Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Brig-Gen Soe Thein met those who will supervise matriculation exam centres in Sittway at No. 4 Basic Education High School of Sittway on 27 February. The Commander called them for providing tranquil encouraging atmosphere for candidates and presented cash awards.

The Commander then oversaw construction

of embankment along Strand Road at ongoing deepsea port in the water way of Kalatan River, beautifying tasks along the ring road and town centre of Sittway, progress of paving earth road and stockpiling of gravels along Ponnagyun-Yathaedaung Road, and Samantichaung Bridge, and construction of new Basic Education Primary School in Letwesadaing Village in Ponnagyun Township.—MNA

Aungtagon water supply station put into service



Yangon Mayor U Aung Thein Lin and officials formally opens Aungtagon water supply station.—MNA

YANGON, 2 March—Opening of Aungtagon water supply station built by Engineering Department (Water and Sanitation) of Yangon City Development Committee, took place at the centre in No.3 road near Tagondaing village in Mingaladon Township on 27 February.

YCDC Chairman Mayor U Aung Thein Lin, Joint Secretary U Kyaw Soe and head of Engineering Department (Water and Sanitation) U Than Htaik cut the ribbon to open it. After that, the mayor unveiled the stone plaque and sprinkled the scented water on it. Then, the mayor looked around supply of water and explained the purpose of building it and the head, construction of it.

Afterwards, the mayor presented the certificates of honour to those—U Soe Win & Daw Than Nwe family, U Win Naing (Chairman of Shwe Hein Htet

Co., Ltd), U Kyaw Win (Chairman of Shwe Than Lwin Co., Ltd), U Tin Zaw Min (Board of Director, Nippo Construction) and U Zaw Zaw (Chairman of MAX Myanmar Co., Ltd), who gave hand in building the station, and cash award to staff through the head of the department.

Water supply of Hlawga Lake is about half of daily water supply. So, Aungtagon water supply station was built in order that Hlawga Lake can store more water and 40 million gallon of water can be stored in it. Thanks to the Aungtagon water supply station, more drinking water will be supplied to townships in Yangon.—MNA

Shine Toothpaste selects third prize winner of lucky draw

YANGON, 2 March — Shine Toothpaste held ceremony to select third prize (K 3m) winner of its lucky draw programme at Sedona Hotel here this morning.

It was attended by journalists, officials and guests. Lots were drawn out to select the third prize winner and other prizes. The winning ticket number for third prize is 0535773.

Winner of second prize (K 5m) will be selected in May and for first prize in July.

Shine toothpaste is distributing cavity protection, menthol fresh and green fresh toothpastes and toothbrushes.—MNA

project planning and strategic planning.

The course is suitable for business owners, executives, admin managers, HR managers, BDM, marketing managers, project managers, and those interested in management. For enrollment, contact, Wise International School for Executives (ABE Accredited College) at Room No. 1009, 10th Floor, Yuzana Tower, Junction of Kaba Aye Pagoda Road and Shwegondaing Street in Bahan Township, here, Ph: 01-556183, 09-5157032.—MNA

India tries to get Indian hostages on board hijacked cargo ship released

NEW DELHI, 2 March—India has said that it's trying to secure release of six Indian sailors on board an Egyptian cargo ship hijacked last August in the Gulf of Aden by Somali pirates who have reportedly demanded a ransom of 4 million US dollars.

Indian Foreign Secretary Nirupama Rao said that the Director General of Shipping was pursuing all such cases of Indians being taken hostage by Somali pirates.

"Owner of MV Suez, owned by an Egyptian company, had promised to take action to free hostages but nothing was done. The DG Shipping continues

his efforts," Rao wrote in "Twitter" late Tuesday night.

Meanwhile, *Indian TV channel Times Now* reported that the Somali pirates on board the hijacked ship have demanded 4 million US dollars for the release of the Indian hostages and a week's deadline has been given in this regard.

"Our demand is ransom money. We want 4 million US dollars. Last time we called the company we demanded the ransom. He (owner) told us he did not want the ship or the crew. One week is the maximum time," one of the pirates told the channel.—*Xinhua*



An Afghan policeman inspects a car damaged by a suicide car bomb attack in Khost Province on 18 Feb, 2011.
INTERNET

14 girl students injured in grenade attack in N-W Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 2 March— Unidentified armed men on Tuesday threw hand grenades at a girls college in northwest Pakistan, injuring 14 students, police said.

Police officer Jehanzeb Khan said that the incident took place on the outskirts of Mardan, a city some 200 kilometres northwest of Capital Islamabad.

Khan said that unidentified men riding a motorbike threw two hand grenades inside the Girls Degree College and fled. The injured girls were transferred to a hospital in the area. Doctors said the injured are in stable condition.

No group claimed responsibility for the attack. Taliban militants have carried out attacks on schools, especially girls schools, in the tribal regions and northwest in their campaign against the government. They are against girl's education.

This is the first time that a girls college was attacked in day time when it was open. Taliban usually attack schools in the night time.

MNA/Xinhua

An Afghan vendor washes himself with stagnant water at a market on the second day of the Muslim holiday of Eid al-Adha, or Feast of the Sacrifice, in Kabul, Afghanistan recently.
INTERNET



Afghan soldiers frisk local men near a police headquarter which was attacked by Taliban in Kandahar south of Kabul, Afghanistan recently.

INTERNET

NATO force investigates new Afghan casualty claim

KABUL, 2 March—The NATO-led force in Afghanistan said on Tuesday it was investigating new reports by Afghan officials that its troops may have killed up to nine children during an attack on insurgents in the country's volatile east.

Civilian casualties caused by NATO-led and Afghan forces hunting insurgents have become a great source of friction between the Afghan Government and its Western backers, although UN figures show that insurgents are responsible for more than three-

quarters of civilian deaths and injuries.

The NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) said it was looking into the latest allegations after an attack by insurgents on one of its bases in the Darreh-Ye Pesh District of Kunar Province near the Pakistan border. It said troops returned fire after two rocket attacks on the base, using small arms and "aerial fire" and later became aware of the civilian casualty claims when contacted by the media. Afghan officials would join the

investigation, it said.

"We take civilian casualty allegations very seriously. We are here to protect the people of Afghanistan," ISAF spokesman Colonel Charles Toplikar said in a statement. Earlier, Kunar police chief Khalilullah Zaiee said nine children aged under 14 had been killed in the town of Mano Gai in Darreh Ye-Pesh when a coalition aircraft responded to the rocket attacks on the ISAF forward operating base.

"They were collecting firewood," Zaiee told Reuters.—MNA/Xinhua

NATO soldier killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 2 March— A soldier with the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) was killed on Tuesday in an militants attack in Afghanistan's troubled southern region bringing to seven the number of military alliance's casualties since Monday morning, the ISAF said in a statement.

"An International Security Assistance Force service member died following an insurgent attack in southern Afghanistan today," said the statement.

However, the statement did not reveal the nationality and position of the victim by saying it is ISAF policy to defer casualty identification procedures to the relevant national authorities.

Troops mainly from the United States, Britain, Canada and Australia have been stationed in the southern region within the framework of ISAF to fight Taliban militants.

MNA/Xinhua

US and allies kill, injure Iraqi people

BAGHDAD, 2 March— There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

Casualties of Iraqi people

The total number of casualties as from the day they invaded the country to 2 March reached 705118 and the total number of seriously injured people reached 1276700, according to the news on the Internet.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Death toll of Iraqi people	705118
2.	The total number of seriously injured people	1276700

Internet

Casualties of Afghan people in invasion of NATO troops led by US

KABUL, 2 March—The NATO troops led by the US have invaded Afghanistan and they are there for a long time.

A number of Afghan people are killed and injured due to invasion of the NATO troops led by the US.

Casualties of Afghan people

According to the Internet news, a total of 33679 Afghan people were killed and 41009 injured seriously as from the day when the NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan to 2 March.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Number of Afghan people killed	33679
2.	Seriously injured Afghan people	41009

Internet



Science

Scientists book commercial spaceflights

BOULDER, 2 March—A Colorado research institute says it has booked tickets with two commercial spaceflight companies to take its scientists into suborbital space to work.

The Southwest Research Institute has purchased two tickets from Virgin Galactic for flights aboard its SpaceShipTwo commercial spaceliner and reserved six more, SPACE.com reported Monday.

The agreement, worth a total of about \$1.6 million, is the first ticket sale by Virgin Galactic specifically aimed at flying scientists into suborbital space.

The agreement will allow researchers to use

SpaceShipTwo as a flying laboratory for experiments in weightlessness, biology, astronomy and climate research, officials said.

"We've already designed and built three experiments to fly on these flights," SwRI scientist Alan Stern said.

The first passenger flights of SpaceShipTwo could occur by 2012, Virgin Galactic officials have said.

California-based spaceflight company XCOR Aerospace says it has also signed an agreement with SwRI to take institute scientists and their experiments on six flights in its two-seat Lynx vehicle.—*Internet*



The mummy of an iceman named Otzi, discovered on 1991 in the Italian Schnal Valley glacier, is displayed at the Archeological Museum of Bolzano on 28 Feb, during an official presentation of the reconstruction.—INTERNET



In this photograph released by the Kerinci Seblat National Park in Jambi Province in 2010, forestry personnel inspect a seized Sumatran tiger skin and bones during an operation against poachers in Kerinci Seblat National Park in 2006. Indonesian police have arrested a man for allegedly selling body parts from protected species online, including tiger skins and crocodile genitals.—INTERNET

Europe approves weather satellite plan

BRUSSELS, 2 March—Europe will go ahead with a \$4.7 billion plan to build a next-generation weather satellite system, as participating nations say they've agreed to the financing. Eumetsat, the international agency charged with looking after Europe's Meteosat weather satellites, said Friday all participating nations had agreed to the programme, the BBC reported.

The new system should guarantee European access to space-acquired meteorological data until at least the late 2030s, Eumetsat officials said. Full approval came after a decision by Belgium's caretaker government to support the project financially. The country has been without a ruling administration since a general election in June, and was unable to commit the necessary funds a meeting of the 26-nation Eumetsat organization in December.

The caretaker government has indicated Belgium will honour its commitments. "It was not an easy process and the overall financial situation in Europe certainly did not help but I am very pleased to see that all member states have now approved a vital programme which will assure the future of Eumetsat's geostationary observations over Europe, Africa and the Atlantic Ocean over the next few decades," he said.—*Internet*

Turtles, fishing collide in Indian State

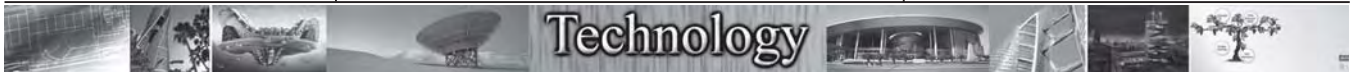
NEW DELHI, 2 March—Endangered sea turtles are being killed off eastern India's Orissa State by vessels ignoring a fishing ban in a large turtle sanctuary, environmentalists say.

Government officials say "no more than 800" turtles have been killed since November but animal activists claim almost 5,000 of the tiny olive ridley turtles have died, *Inter Press Service* reported Monday.

Environmental and wildlife protection is a major concern in India's coastal states but so is creating a sustainable livelihood for poor inhabitants of the region, officials say.

"We are all for the safety of turtles but the interests of the fishermen must also be kept in mind," said Narayan Halidar, president of the Orissa Traditional Fish Workers' Union.

Internet



Technology

Cell phones expose younger Chinese children to Internet

BEIJING, 2 March—As cell phones provide a more convenient and inconspicuous alternative to net surfing, Chinese minors are obtaining access to the Internet at a much younger age, triggering concerns about their healthy development, according to a recent survey.

The survey, released Monday and focusing on Chinese minors' use of mobile phones and the Internet, documented how nearly 60 percent of the respondents got access to the Internet for the first time when they were below 10 years old.

The survey, which lasted more than half a year, was conducted mainly among students aged between 10 and 18 years in 106 middle and elementary schools across the country. Some

parents and teachers also participated in the survey.

Further, some 1.9 percent had contact with the Internet at or below 3 years old. This small fraction of Internet experiences usually resulted from being alongside with their net surfing parents, most of whom are of the 80's generation. But the survey warned that such passive net surfing experiences might gradually lead to children's active Internet use.

According to the survey, about 46.6 percent of the minors surveyed owned a mobile phone and 39.5 percent used it to go online.

The results show that most of the children use cell phones to chat, read blogs, play games and search for information on the Internet.—*Internet*



Barbara Barclay of Tobii Technology, Inc, who is seen reflected in a computer monitor, plays a video game in New York, on 28 Feb, 2011, using only her eyes on a prototype laptop that tracks and can be controlled by the eye movements.—INTERNET

Google tries to resolve email service problem

SAN FRANCISCO, 2 March—Google said on Monday that it is continuing to investigate a problem with its Gmail service, which reportedly caused some users' emails being all erased.

The issue popped up over the weekend as users reported on online forums that they had lost emails and other information within their Gmail accounts.

Google confirmed the problem Sunday on the company's website that provides status reports of its Apps services, initially saying that the issue affected less than 0.29 percent of Gmail users.

It then twice revised downward estimates of the number of users affected to 0.08 percent and then to 0.02 percent.

"Access has been restored for one third of the affected users,"

Google said in a latest notice Monday morning, adding that the remaining accounts are being restored on an ongoing basis.

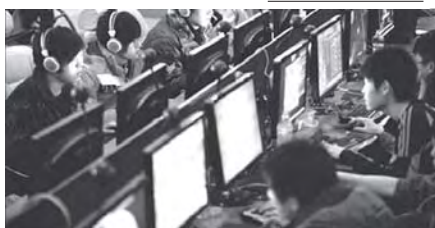
"We expect the issue to be resolved for everyone within 12 hours," Google said.

Xinhua



The logo of internet search engine company Google. Google said Monday it expects to fully restore the Gmail accounts of users who saw their emails deleted from their inboxes over the weekend.

INTERNET



Young people play computer games at an Internet cafe in Taiyuan, capital of Shanxi Province.

INTERNET



A gel shown to reduce the risk of HIV infection in women during vaginal sex is seen at the 18th International AIDS Conference in Vienna in July. The gel has also shown promise toward preventing transmission during anal sex, US researchers have claimed.

INTERNET

Health

Health Tip: Watch your diet if you have an ulcer

Watching your diet can help manage a peptic ulcer, simply by avoiding irritants and eating the foods that can help promote healing.

The ADAM Encyclopedia suggests these dietary practices:

- * Eat plenty of fruits and vegetables.
- * Drink only moderate amounts of milk, and include yogurt in your diet.
- * Limit coffee to a maximum of three cups per day.
- * Avoid large amounts of garlic, peppers or spices if they irritate your stomach.
- * Consume olive oil, which may be effective in combating many strains of Hpylori bacteria, which have been shown to be a major cause of peptic ulcers.—Internet



Firemen try to extinguish a forest fire in Huangshan township of Lijiang City, southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 28 Feb, 2011. A wildfire broke out here in dawn on Monday.

XINHUA

Surgery can aid breasts, but not forever

DALLAS, 2 March—There are several plastic surgery options to enhance a woman's breasts, but no surgery permanently counters the effects of gravity, a US plastic surgeon says. Dr Michel Saint-Cyr, who specializes in breast procedures at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Centre in Dallas, says pregnancy, nursing and the force of gravity take their toll over the years on a woman's breasts.

As skin loses its elasticity, the breasts often lose their shape and firmness and begin to sag, Saint-Cyr says.

"Whether restoring or enhancing the female breasts, the key to breast

surgery is to improve symmetry while enhancing the natural breast contour and shape," Saint-Cyr says in a statement. "It is important to have a board-certified plastic surgeon evaluate your breast tissue, skin elasticity and chest-wall dimensions to determine what procedures and options will work best." Breast lift — mastopexy — can raise and reshape sagging breasts, though no surgery can permanently counter the effects of gravity, while breast implants also can be inserted in conjunction with mastopexy to help increase firmness and size, Saint-Cyr says.—Internet

Employers often ignore healthcare benefits

ANN ARBOR, 2 March—Employers should focus more on value, improved health and increased work productivity than just the expense of insurance premiums, US researchers say.

Dr A Mark Fendrick — co-director of the University of Michigan Centre for Value-Based Insurance Design Centre — and Thomas Parry and Kimberly Jinnett, both of the Integrated Benefits Institute, say employers, as healthcare insurance consumers, should understand the full value of improved health, improved workforce productivity,

and the cost of lost time and medical costs when determining healthcare investment.

"Employers can contribute greatly to the transformation of the health system by focusing on value and not simply on financing and who pays," Fendrick says in a statement. "It is imperative that we move beyond the current paradigm of exclusively measuring medical offsets, and include measurement of the effects in increased productivity that accompanies improvements in health."

Internet



Shanghai is ranked top in economic competition



Photo taken on 22 Feb, 2011 show the view of advection fog in downtown Shanghai, east China.—XINHUA

BEIJING, 2 March—Shanghai is ranked top in terms of comprehensive economic competitiveness among all China's Provinces and municipalities, according to a survey released on Monday by the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.

It is followed by Beijing and Jiangsu Province.

The finding highlights Shanghai's better infrastructure and great potential despite recent moderation in the city's economic growth rate, said Li Maoyu, a Changjiang Securities Co analyst. "The established infrastructure and the great policy support to build Shanghai into a global financial centre are the city's strength in economic development," Li said.

Shanghai's gross domestic product expanded 9.9 percent from a year earlier to 1.68 trillion yuan (256 billion US dollar) in 2010, the third consecutive year below the national average, which was 10.3 percent last year.—Xinhua

Business

Japan's monetary base up 5.6% year-on-year in February

TOKYO, 2 March—The monetary base in Japan rose 5.6 percent in February from a year earlier, rising for the 30th consecutive month from a 5.5 percent annual increase booked in the previous month, the Bank of Japan (BOJ) said in a report on Wednesday.

The average daily balance of the monetary base stood at 101.0039 trillion yen (1.23 trillion US dollars), with the current account deposit balance expanding 23.3 percent after increasing 24.5 percent in January, the central bank said.

The bank's data also showed reserve balances rose by 19.7 percent in the recording period.

On a seasonally adjusted basis, however, the monetary base dipped 2.1 percent on year in February to 100.906 trillion yen, following a 9.9 contraction on year logged in the previous month, coming in at 101.08 trillion yen, the BOJ noted.

Banknotes in circulation were up 2.4 percent on year, although coins in circulation declined an annual 0.1 percent in February from a year earlier, the central banks's data showed.

Japan's monetary base refers to the amount of currency that is either circulated in the hands of people living in Japan or in domestic commercial bank deposits held in the central bank's reserves.—Xinhua

Chile-Turkey free trade agreement takes effect

SANTIAGO, 2 March—The Chile-Turkey Free Trade Agreement (FTA) became effective Tuesday, with 98 percent of bilateral trade now tax-free and the rest to follow suit within six years.

It is Chile's 21st valid trade agreement described as a win-win deal, under which the South American country hopes to gain greater access to the vast markets of oil-rich Middle East and Central Asia. Meanwhile, Turkey regards the agreement, its first FTA with a Western hemisphere country, as a way to explore the opportunities in the other side of the world.

Under the pact signed on 14 July, 2009, 92.6 percent of Chile's exports to Turkey, or 26 percent of total Chilean exports, will get tax benefits.—Xinhua



A homeless man is pictured in a park in central Tokyo. Japan's unemployment rate stood at 4.9 percent in January, unchanged from a month earlier in line with market forecasts, government data showed Tuesday.

INTERNET

Ex-Apple employee pleads guilty in kickback scheme

SAN FRANCISCO, 2 March—A former Apple Inc employee pleaded guilty to multiple criminal counts after being accused of taking kickbacks from Asian suppliers.

Paul Devine, who worked at the iPhone maker as a global supply manager, was accused of using his position to pass confidential information to help suppliers negotiate favorable contracts with Apple. He worked there from 2005 until 2010.

Apple launched an internal investigation last year and found a cache of emails between Devine and the suppliers, according to a civil lawsuit the company filed against

Devine. US prosecutors then obtained an indictment on 23 counts in August.

Devine pleaded guilty on Monday to wire fraud, conspiracy and money laundering in a San Jose federal court, the US Attorney's office announced. He also agreed to forfeit about \$2.28 million in money and property.

"Mr Devine is a good man who made a mistake, and now he's trying to make amends," his attorney Raphael Goldman said on Monday.

A spokesman for the US Attorney's office in San Francisco declined to comment further.

Reuters



Containers are seen stacked up at a terminal in South Korean port of Busan. The country has posted a \$2.85 billion trade surplus in February, the 13th straight month that it has recorded a favourable balance, official figures have shown.—INTERNET

China more energy efficient

BEIJING, 2 March—China's energy efficiency improved by a bigger margin in 2010 partly because local governments shut down some industrial capacity to meet year-end targets.

The energy intensity, or energy use per unit of the nation's gross domestic product, fell 4.1 percent last year, the National Bureau of Statistics said Monday. It declined 3.61 percent in 2009.

The National Development and Reform Commission, China's top economic planner, said last month that energy intensity fell 19.06 percent in the five years ending 2010 but the drop was slightly short of the government target of a 20 percent cut during the period.

Though energy intensity fell last year, total energy used rose 5.9 percent to 3.25 billion tons of coal equivalent, the bureau said. Coal consumption gained 5.3 percent, crude oil demand rose 12.9 percent, and gas consumption jumped 18.2 percent.

The energy intensity was poor in 2009 because the massive state stimulus package, introduced to cope with the global financial crisis, boosted energy use. The intensity even rose 3.2 percent in the first quarter of last year, endangering the government's effort to trim energy use to meet the 20 percent goal.

Xinhua



The US has named leading Chinese search engine Baidu and Swedish torrent download site Pirate Bay in a list of the world's top marketplaces for pirated and counterfeit goods.—INTERNET

Fish may eat through its skin

BEIJING, 2 March—Scientists found Pacific hagfishes can be fed through their skins and gills as well as their guts, according to a study published in "Proceedings of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences" on Wednesday.

By removing a bit of skin from the fish into the amino acids' solution, the researchers found the skin can make the nutrient concentration of its "inner" side increase and eventually stay at some certain level while the concentration outside was keeping increasing.

This character proved hagfish's skin could actively intake nutrient, said fish physiologist Chris M Wood of McMaster University in Hamilton, Canada.

This additional ability may help hagfish to survive over the difficult period without enough food, according to the lead researcher Chris Glover from the University of Canterbury in New Zealand and Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre.

Xinhua



An artist in costume performs Kunqu Opera accompanied by a symphony orchestra in a concert in Hangzhou, capital of east China's Zhejiang Province, on 28 Feb, 2011. A concert combined both traditional east and west music form was held here on Monday.

XINHUA

Google, Khosla back weather insurance startup

LOS ANGELES, 2 March—Silicon Valley venture capitalist Vinod Khosla and Google Ventures have invested \$42 million in a start-up run by former Google employees, which helps insure farmers against losses from increasingly volatile global weather.

Khosla Ventures and Google Ventures join Allen & Co, NEA and other investors in WeatherBill, whose team of software engineers and climatologists collates weather data from various sources, then sells insurance

based on statistical analysis.

WeatherBill founded by ex-Google employees David Friedberg and Siraj Khaliq argues that the \$3 trillion in annual global agriculture production is increasingly at risk from wild and unpredictable weather fluctuations.

The year 2010, during which extreme weather caused devastating floods in Pakistan, China and Australia and a heatwave in Russia, was the warmest on record alongside 1998 and 2005, the United

Nations says.

A UN panel of climate change experts says weather is likely to become more extreme in the 21st century, affecting everything from food to water supplies, because of a build-up of heat-trapping gases from human use of fossil fuels.

"More than 90 percent of crop losses are due to unexpected weather and climate change is increasing the frequency of extreme weather events," CEO Friedberg said in a statement.—Reuters

Applicants sign up of the entrance exams at China Central Academy of Fine Arts, in Beijing, capital of China, on 1 March, 2011. The academy plans to recruit 800 undergraduates this year. Examination of specialized courses will be held on 5 and 6 March.—XINHUA



Patients say pain prevalent in hospitals

UPPSALA, 2 March—Sixty-five percent of patients in Swedish hospitals say they had experienced pain during a 24-hour period before they were asked about it, researchers found.

Lead author Dr. Barbro Wadensten, associate professor at Uppsala University, Sweden, studied 759 patients ages 6 weeks to 95 years, with parents completing the surveys for younger children. The average age of the patients was 59, and 52 percent were female.

The study, scheduled to be published in the March issue of the *Journal of Clinical Nursing*, found 42 percent of those who had said they have experienced pain in the past 24 hours rated their pain as more than seven out of 10, with 10 was the worst pain imaginable.

Although eight out of 10 patients had been asked about their pain levels by staff, less than half of those had been asked to rate their pain on a numeric scale, the study says.

Internet

Build capacity in public interests

Kyei Sin Tha

In the morning of 30 January 2011, to be exact: at 9.30 am, Yangon International Airport was amidst the mist, but it was not shrouded.

Among the passengers onboard TG-304 of Thai Airways was a Myanmar delegation to the Republic of India that would visit governmental departments in New Delhi, Jaipur and Agra. The delegation led by Member U Soe Oo of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board was composed of 17 mid level public officers from the State Peace and Development Council Office, the Prime Minister's Office, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Information, the Ministry of Cooperatives, the Ministry of Culture, the Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi), the Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar), the University for Development of National Races, and Mandalay City Development Committee.

Our airplane landed Thuwunnabumi International Airport in Thailand at 11.15 am thelocal time. The Myanmar delegation was welcomed there by members of Myanmar Embassy to Thailand led by Military Attache Colonel Win Maung. We were temporarily accommodated at VIP-1 lounge of the airport, and were hosted a lunch at an airport restaurant.

We took a connecting flight by TG-315 at 8.45pm the same day and arrived at India Gandhi International Airport of the Republic of India at 1.15 pm the local time. At the airport, we received a welcome from staff members of Myanmar Embassy to India led by Charge d Affaires ai U Ba Hla Aye. We were given a lift to the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) where we would stay during our visit.

Our tour started on 31 January. It was my very first trip to India, so what I saw were all strange to me. At the outset, the itinerary brought up to the Indian Institute of Public Administration where Capacity Building Programme for civil services of the Myanmar delegation was conducted from 31 January to 4 February.

In addition, we had an opportunity to visit the Foreign Service Institute where we were briefed on constitution, academic matters, training programmes and functions of the institution by the officials. They also held a tea party for us. Then, we went sightseeing in downtown New Delhi under the arrangements of the Myanmar Embassy to India.

We called on Secretary Mr Uban Tripathi of the Union Public Service Commission of India at 9.15 am the following day. The secretary extended greetings to the Myanmar delegation.

The Myanmar delegation leader in his part said that he would like to express their sincere appreciation to the Government of India, particularly Indian Institute of Public Administration for hosting this first "Capacity Building Programme for officers of the Myanmar Civil Services from 31 January to 4 February; that he also thanked their sponsor "the Sasakawa Peace Foundation of Japan; that the programme was the result of IIPA of India and Myanmar's Civil Service Selection and Training Board (CSSTB), visioned and initiated by His Excellency U Kyaw Thu, the Chairman of CSSTB, who came here and discussed facts about the programme with the leadership of the Civil Service Institutions of India a few months ago; that the group led by himself was a total of 18, chosen out of 60 officials, who took part in the similar training programme in Myanmar in November 2010; that he believed that all of them would gain learning and



Myanmar delegation together with IIPA Director Rakesh Hooja had a documentary photo taken in front of Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA).

understanding of the function of UPSC, as he found much interest in main functions of UPSC; that he knew that UPSC role was very important in terms of selecting public service personnel; that when he arrived back to his country, he would share and extend the knowledge he had gained from UPSC and other institutions; and that he wished the hosts all happiness and prosperity.

At 1.30 pm, the Myanmar delegation left New Delhi to Jaipur. Along the way, we enjoyed the scenes of natural beauty which were added to by lush and green paddy fields and mustard plantations, the project to upgrade the highway to a six-lane facility, organizational set-up of the new town, cameral carts, tamed elephants, and traditional businesses of residents.

We got to the State Institute of Public Administration in Jaipur designated as one of the world archaeological cities. We met Professor Mr Asha Singh at the institute who extended greetings to the Myanmar delegation.

We could not wait to visit two historic sites, Ambar Palace and Ambar Fort in Jaipur on 2 February. After our breakfast, we enjoyed Indian archaeological works in the two sites.

At 8.15 am on 3 February, we proceeded to Agra and visited Taj Mahal and Agra Fort. At 4.15 pm, we left for New Delhi and arrived at the Indian Institute of Public Administration at 9.30 pm.

On the morning of 4 February, the Myanmar Embassy arranged another package tour for the Myanmar delegation. That time, we visited Indian Gate and Red Fort in New Delhi. New Delhi is very large and populous with grand buildings throughout the capital, whose systematic housings and natural forests contribute to environmental conservation.

At 8.30 pm, the Indian Institute of Public Administration host a lovely dinner to us. Before dinner, Director Rakesh Hooja of the institute extended greetings to us. The Myanmar delegation leader in his part said that the programme had been for five days from 31 January to 4 February; that they had covered a lot both in important subjects relating to public services as well as geographical sites; that they visited the State Institute of Public Administration in Jaipur, the Union Public Service Commission, and Taj Mahal in Agra; that they felt the warm welcome and kind hospitality of different public service institutions of India during their trip; that they would like to thank Dr Rakesh Hooja for his kind coordination and Professor Sujata Singh for her good management and coordination along the trip, despite her usual busy

schedules; and that they also thanked Mr Vajay Sharma for the assistance along the trip.

He went on to say that he thanked Sasakawa Peace Foundation of Japan for its sponsorship for the invaluable trip; that they also met Dr Agrawal, the Chairman of UPSC, and Dean of Foreign Service Institute where they exchanged views of interests; that in the following week, on their return to the Capital, they would brief their Chairman of CSSTB U Kyaw Thu on their experience and learning from that trip; that they would share the programme with other members of CSSTB; that it was the first programme of mid level public officers of Myanmar visiting India; that if there would be such programme in the future, they could benefit it as according to need base and other requirements; that on behalf of the group, he would like to thank all of the hosts and hoped to see them again.

At 1.15 am on 5 February, we left Indira Gandhi International Airport by TG-316 and arrived at Thuwunnabumi International Airport in Bangkok at 6.30 am. There, we were welcomed by staff of Myanmar Embassy to Thailand and conveyed to the Mya Buddha Institute. Then, Ambassador U Aung Thein hosted us a lunch at the Byroke Sky Hotel, which is the highest of its kind in the capital.

We went back home by TG-305. We felt all relaxed and refreshed just as we saw Yangon International Airport.

During the seven-day trip, we had to work to a very tight schedule. Apart from subjects, we compared notes for capacity building with officials from Indian institutes, and learnt a lot.

In reality, our trip was very beneficial to us. We had to learn and hold discussions at every site we had visited in India. Throughout the visit, we were exhausted, but we gained invaluable experiences and knowledge.

Now, the nation is being built into a modern, developed discipline-flourishing democratic one. So, the people especially civil servants have to build their capacity. Only then will the people enjoy higher socio-economic status. And the nation will enjoy greater development. We have done a lot, but have yet to work a lot. Civil servants of us have to continue working hard with a sense of duty. Now, the people can visualize the future of the nation which is marching towards a new system. All with positive attitude and correct concept have noticed that our country has a prosperous future ahead of it.

Translation: MS

PBANRDA Minister inspects ...

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Deputy Director-General U Myo Nyunt of No (1) Basic Education Department, Deputy Director-General of the Development Affairs Department U Than Kyaw Htoo and member of the school board of trustees U Shwe Win Hlaing formally opened the building. The minister and the guests sprinkled the scented water on it.

The deputy director-general of No (1) Basic Education Department gave an account of academic matters.

The DAD deputy director-general handed

over the related documents to Maubin Township Education Officer U Soe Myint Thauang. Schoolmistress Daw Myint Thein spoke words of thanks.

The minister touched upon matters for development of the education and development of the region.

The brick-foundation building is 132 feet long and 21 feet wide. It was ravaged in the storm "Nargis". It was built with contributions made by local people and regional development funds.

Next, the minister attended the handing over of Basic Education Pri-

mary School building in Kawekkin Village the same township.

He inspected the expanding of the 19 miles and two furlongs long Panthaput-Kyonthin road section of Thongwa Embankment Road at mile post No (16) in Maubin Township.

The road is being built by the DAD for convenience of 17 village-tracts and 17 villages in Thongwagyun, Maubin Township. The 29 miles and two furlongs long road from Pantaput Village to Kyonthin Village will be upgraded to a 12 feet wide gravel one by 2010-2011 fiscal year.

MNA

Energy Minister honours prize winners of ASEAN Awards Programme Contests

NAY PYI TAW, 2 March—A ceremony to present certificates of honour to those who have won awards in ASEAN Award Programme 2010, best energy management in factories and buildings, buildings with effective energy management, renewable energy utilization project contests, at the ministry yesterday afternoon.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Energy U Lun Thi, Deputy Minister U Than Htay, directors-generals and managing-directors of departments and enterprises un-

der the ministry, members of National Committee for Selection and Scrutinizing personnel of Myanmar Engineering Society, responsible persons of respective associations which have participated in ASEAN Energy Awards Contests.

The minister addressed the ceremony and Joint-Secretary of National Committee for Selection of Contests Chairman of MES U Win Khaing explained performances of factories, buildings and renewable energy utilization project that have competed in the contests.

Afterwards, the minister presented certificates of honour to prize winners of the contests, Deputy Minister U Than Htay to responsible persons of organizations that have participated in the contests, Director-General U Soe Aung of Energy Planning Department to those who have contributed a great deal to taking part in the contests. On behalf of the prize winners, U Tun Naing Aung of Kaungkyawse Company spoke words of thanks.

MNA

Yeywa Hydropower Plant, showcase for skills ...

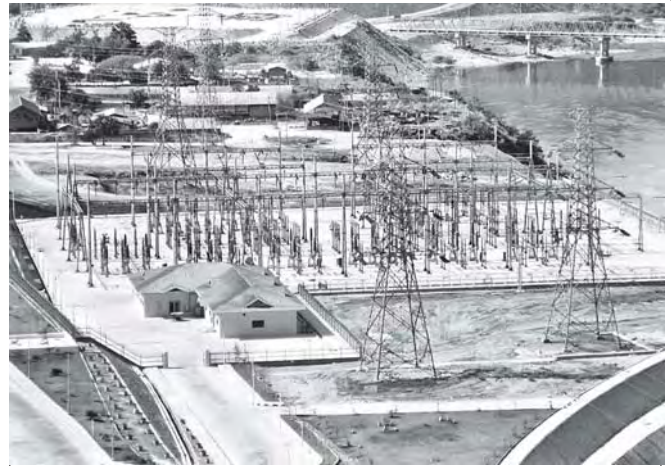
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According to the statistics collected in 2009, the 2264 feet long and 433 feet high RCC dam is the third of its kind in mass; the fifth of its kind in height, and the ninth of its kind in laying concrete in the world. The enormous irrigation facility cost 569,400 bags of cement, 393,400 tons of pozoland, 1.644 million cubic feet of rock,

In order to carry very large piles of construction materials and so many units of heavy machinery, a broad crest type bridge spanning the Dokhtawady River. The 707 feet long and 30 feet wide bridge can withstand 60 tons of loads per vehicle and contributes to regional transport. The two approach roads: Shwesaryan-Yeywa and Belin-Yeywa roads stretching 59 miles in total form an

tion capacity of 1500 tons a day, thus creating jobs for local people.

Feasibility study was carried out in previous successive periods to put Yeywa Hydropower Plant Project into reality. Only in 2000 could the design for the project be drawn, choosing the site near Yeyaman Village in Kyaukse Township. The project launched in 2001-2002 is composed of eight parts: diversion tunnel, intake structure, RCC dam, spillway, high-pressure steel pipelines, hydropower plant,



The switchyard of Yeywa Hydropower Plant.



The RCC dam and the outfall channel of the plant.

47,164 tons of steel rods, and about 14 million gallons of diesel along with the use of some 160 units of heavy machinery.

artery for nearby regions. To get enough pozoland for the project, a pozoland factory had to be built in Popa Region with a produc-

outfall channel for the plant, and switchyard.

Either 33 feet diameter diversion tunnel is 3117 feet long. Its full water storage capacity is

21.14 million acre feet. The spillway is 448 feet wide. The head of the water is 229 feet high. With four 197.5-megawatt generators, the plant

can produce 3550 million kilowatt hours a year.

The people are therefore to maintain world-class Yeywa

Hydropower Plant, the largest of its kind in Myanmar, for its durability.

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Yeywa Hydropower Plant and RCC Dam.

Commander addresses Basic Buddhist Culture Course

NAY PYI TAW, 2 March—Chairman of Yangon Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Tun Than addressed the opening of Basic Buddhist Culture Course organized

by Yangon Command at its headquarters yesterday.

While visiting Mingaladon Station, the commander inspected farms, library and barber of the station.

MNA

Yonegyi tarred road commissioned into service



Col Khaing Zaw, Township PDC Chairman U Nyunt Hlaing and an official formally open Yonegyi road.—MNA

TANGYAN, 2 March—Opening of Yonegyi tarred road was held at the archway of the road in Tangyan Township on 6 February. At the ceremony, executive officer of Township Development Affairs Committee U Tin Maung Soe explained facts about the road and townselder U Sai Hla Shwe spoke words of thanks. After that, Col

Khaing Zaw from local battalion, Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council U Nyunt Hlaing and the executive officer cut the ribbon to open the road. The road measuring 12-foot-wide and 1050-foot-long was built by Shan State (North) Tangyan Township DAC.

Township IPRD

KMD's Spring Special Sale on 5 March

YANGON, 2 March — KMD Sales & Service Centre will hold Spring Special Sale at Strand Hotel on 5 March.

Prolink, Lenovo, Apple and NEC products will be put on show at the sale. Discount fees will be applied for courses conducted by KMD. For further details, one may dial 245180, 385177, 381035 and 381776.

MNA

Dr Tin Latt to give talk at MFF

YANGON, 2 March —With the sponsorship of Myanmar Fishery Products Processors & Exporters Association, Dr Tin Latt (MAT College) will give talk on Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points (HACCP) at Thiri Anawa Hall of Myanmar Fisheries Federation in Insein Township here at 2 pm on 5 March. The talk is open to all those interested.—MNA



Deputy Minister for Construction U Myint Thein looking into heavy machinery at work at Maubin-Twantay road that is being upgraded. (News reported)

MNA

100th Blood Donation

YANGON, 2 March—U San Maung Myint, IUJ Alumni Ambassador, who worked for some INGOs and an UN agency as Senior Officer has voluntarily donated his blood as 100th time at the National Blood Centre here yesterday. He has been donating his blood since he was a final year student in the Institute of Economics, Yangon in 1976 as well as he donated blood for 24 times during his study in Japan within a

couple of years to show his appreciation and gratitude to the Japanese people instead of the university and some Japanese companies, who provided him scholarship including stipend, which could not be measured in terms of money and not be expressed in words. He is eager to do for the benefits of others before he goes as he firmly believes that nobody can bring anything when

expired regardless of religion. He has been leading a group to organize the students and staff to become blood donor at least once since he was a tutor at the Department of Secretarial Practice in the Regional College No (3) in Yangon in 1978. He is happy and enjoys to help the people especially those, who are under the line in the evening of his life as long as he still enables to do so.—MNA

Glory to open engineering diploma courses

YANGON, 2 March — Glory Engineering School will open new classes of engineering diploma and advanced diploma courses on 18 March.

The Glory is an approved training centre of City & Guilds (UK) and

is internationally recognized as "High Standard of Teaching and Training School."

Those who enroll before 18 March may enjoy discount fees.

For more information, one may contact the school

at No (125-B), first floor, at the corner of 38th and Maha Bandoole Streets, Kyauktada Township, Yangon, (Ph: 01-373431, 09-73121717, Website: www.glory-education.com).

MNA

Library building opened in Hlinethaya Township



Chairman of Township PDC U Htein Soe, Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department U San Aye and Chairman of Village PDC U Aung Myint Oo formally open the new building. TOWNSHIP IPRD

YANGON, 1 March—A ceremony to open the new library building for Shwelawin Library in Apyin Padan Village, Hlinethaya

Township was held at the Village Peace and Development Council Office on 18 January. Chairman of Township PDC U Htein Soe, Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department U San Aye and Chairman of Village PDC U Aung Myint Oo formally opened the new building. Next, the chairman of the Township PDC made a speech and the head of Township IPRD

clarified the purpose of the opening of the facility.

Next, the head of Township IPRD donated publications worth K 25,000, Chairperson of the Village Women Affairs Committee Daw Thiri, a cupboard worth K 50,000 and wellwisher U Nyi Nyi Oo, publications worth K 25,000 for the library, and officials accepted the donations.

Township IPRD

Guns stolen from Spanish army base

MADRID, 2 March — Rifles and handguns have been stolen from an army base in Spain's southwestern city of Badajoz, military officials said.

The robbery took place after midnight Sunday at the General Menacho Base arsenal. The sounding of an alarm brought security personnel rushing to the scene, where they discovered that weapons were missing. No one was, however, found inside the facility.

Officials said the

evidence indicates organised-crime groups were behind the robbery.

The same base had earlier seen the attempted stealing of an automatic teller machine (ATM) from the bank branch located on the premises. The robbers tried to use a military armed transport vehicle to drag it away. But they were surprised by soldiers on guard duty and ran off.

The General Menacho Base is the headquarters of the 11th Mechanised Infantry Brigade.

Internet



A rainbow is formed as irrigation trucks spray water over plants in an effort to keep them from freezing in Homestead, Florida, in 2010. Google on Monday was among investors pumping \$42 million into a climate change inspired technology startup that calculates the chances of crops being ruined by weather.—INTERNET

Panamanian flagged vessel pirated in the North Arabian Sea

BRUSSELS, 2 March — A Panamanian flagged vessel on Monday was pirated in the North Arabian Sea, the European Union Naval Force - Somalia (EU NAVFOR) confirmed.

EU Naval Force spokesman Paddy O'Kennedy said that the bulk cargo carrier MV Dover was pirated approximately 260 nautical miles (481.5 kilometres) North East of Salalah, the second largest city in Oman.

The Greek owned vessel was on its way to Saleef, Yemen from Port Quasim, Pakistan, when it was attacked. Further details of the attack are not known at this time as there is presently no communication with the vessel.—Internet



An Indigenous man dressed with traditional clothing participates in the commemoration of the 486 anniversary of the death of Aztec leader Cuauhtemoc at the monument erected in his honour in Mexico City, capital of Mexico on 28 Feb, 2011.

XINHUA

Danish sailing ship taken hostage by pirates off Somalia Coast

COPENHAGEN, 2 March — A Danish sailing ship with seven crew members aboard has been captured by pirates off the coast of Somalia, Denmark's Foreign Ministry said Monday evening.

The captured sailing ship is said to carry a family of five, including three children aged 12 to 16, their parents, and two other adult helpers.

The Danish Navy's

Operational Command received a distress signal from the sailing ship on Thursday.

It is now confirmed that the vessel has been captured by pirates, the Foreign Ministry said, in a statement posted on its website. The Danish authorities began an immediate investigation into the incident, the statement added.

"The authorities are following this case very

Man tied to Mexico shooting of US agent arrested

ASHINGTON, 2 March — US authorities arrested a Texas man who had originally bought one of the guns used in a shooting in Mexico that killed a US Immigration and Customs Enforcement agent and wounded a second agent, the Justice Department said on Tuesday.

Otilio Osorio, 22, was arrested with his brother Ranferi Osorio, 27, for illegally possessing firearms with obliterated serial numbers, but no charges were included in the complaint related to the shooting of the agents in Mexico last month.

They were arrested near Dallas on Monday along with their neighbour, Kelvin Morrison, on charges that they were illegally trafficking firearms to Mexico that were

subsequently used by the drug cartels, according to the Justice Department.

Weapons and drug trafficking as well as escalating violence along the US -Mexico border has been a major concern for both countries.

Mexican President Felipe Calderon has made it a top priority to enhance cooperation with the United States to crush the drug cartels. More than 34,000 deaths are blamed on drug violence since he came into office in 2006.

The criminal complaint against Otilio Osorio said he bought the gun used in the Mexico shooting on October 10 and ballistics testing had indicated that it was used in the 15 February shooting in which ICE agent Jaime Zapata was killed.—Reuters



The fast pace and high pressure of big cities have made many white collars decide to move back to their second- or third-tier cities.—INTERNET

Black market of arms moves over 5 mln USD in Bogota, Colombia

BOGOTA, 2 March — The report from the Centre of Study and Analysis on Citizen Security in Bogota said on Monday that in the last two years the clandestine arms market in the city has moved more than 5 million US dollars.

According to the document, the 9-millimetre pistols and revolvers 38 caliber are the most common weapons sold in the city mainly among men between 14 and 29 years. However, in the market are all sorts of weapons such as grenades, mortars, rifles, submachine guns and missiles with prices ranging between 53 and 20,000 dollars.

The report also said that during this period were seized more than 5,000 firearms especially in the southern suburbs and the centre of the city.

In other cities like Medellin and Cali, police has seized missiles from Guatemala, Puerto Rico and Panama that make part of more than 45,000 illegal guns that come to Colombia each year.

In Colombia are made about 17,000 homicides per year and 70 percent of these are committed by firearms and in Bogota during the last January were committed 129 murders of which 83 were committed with firearms, the vast majority of them without a permit.—Xinhua



Located in the northwest of Sichuan Province, Huanglong Scenic Resort is famed for its colourful lakes, snow-clad mountains, valleys and virgin forests. The well-known attraction features more than 3,000 colourful ponds, sizes of which vary from a few to thousands of square metres. The water in these ponds is azure blue, pure and clear, ranging from inky to shimmering. In winter, the beautiful ponds are blanketed with a white, thin veil, resembling an even purer and more charming wonderland.

INTERNET

Tigers, Myanmar pythons rescued in Manila fire

MANILA, 2 March—Firefighters in the Philippines were shocked to find tigers and other wild animals living in a house that caught fire.

Officials say five tigers, three Indian star tortoises, two Myanmar pythons and several cats and dogs were rescued and unhurt. The house was gutted.

Wildlife official Rey Villafuerte says the tigers are covered by a certificate of wildlife registration but the owners had

no permit to transport them to Manila from a province south of the capital.

He says the house caretaker and one of the owners have been arrested while two others remain at large. A complaint has been filed against them for violating the country's Wildlife Act. They face up to a year in jail and fines.

Investigators said wood may have been accidentally set on fire.

Internet



Residents clear snow off the car in Qingdao, east China's Shandong Province, on 1 March, 2011. A snowfall hit the city from Monday night.

XINHUA

Texas fires scorch homes, threaten to spread

LUBBOCK, 2 March—Calmer winds on Monday allowed an airborne assault on West Texas wildfires that destroyed dozens of homes and a dog kennel and forced hundreds of residents to evacuate.

The 50-mile-per-hour winds whipping up the blazes that scorched 120,000 acres of bone-dry grasslands subsided and helicopters and tanker planes supported firefighters on the ground employing trucks and bulldozers. But it may take days to gain control of the several separate fires, authorities said.

"It just takes so long get around those larger fires," the Texas Forest Service's Tom Spencer said.

Fires destroyed 80 homes, many around Amarillo in the Texas Panhandle, the Forest Service said. Evacuations emptied a nursing home in Colorado City and a hospital in San Angelo, and the town of Matador.

"It's just overwhelming, I just panicked," said a woman in the town of 700 who lost her home to the flames.—Reuters

Dick's fitness resistance tubes recalled

WASHINGTON, 2 March — Almost 230,000 fitness Resistance Tubes sold by Dick's Sporting Goods are being recalled voluntarily for contusion and laceration hazards, the government said on Tuesday.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission said in a statement that the plastic clip that attaches the resistance tube to the handle can break during use, causing the device to strike the user. Four such incidents causing contusions, abrasions and lacerations have been reported to the Pennsylvania-based firm.

The recall includes Fitness Gear and Fitness After 40 branded resistance tubes and adjustable resistance tube kits and come in a range of colours. The recalled model numbers, which can be found at the bottom of the package, are: FAF00004, STA00017, STA00018, STA00019, STA00020, STA00021, STA00022, STA00023, STA00063, STA00064, STA00066.—Internet

Call for med student healthcare curriculum

ANN ARBOR, 2 March—University of Michigan physicians are proposing changing medical student and resident education to include instruction in how healthcare systems function.

Dr Matthew M Davis — an associate professor at the University of Michigan in Pediatrics and Communicable Diseases, Internal Medicine and Public Policy — found that less than half of US graduating medical students say they received adequate training in understanding healthcare systems and the economics of

practicing medicine.

In an article published by the *New England Journal of Medicine*, Davis, another University of Michigan physician and a medical school graduate propose a common national curriculum national in

health policy for medical students and residents.

"Without education in health policy and the healthcare system, physicians are missing critical tools in their professional toolbox," Davis says in a statement.

Internet



Photo taken on 28 Feb, 2011 shows the theater of the National Museum of China in Beijing, capital of China.—XINHUA

Carrefour bomb extortionist jailed in southwest China

KUNMING, 2 March — A man who planted a bomb to extort money from a southwest China outlet of French retail giant Carrefour has been sentenced to seven years in prison.

Yue Jinwei, 31, was convicted of placing explosives in one Carrefour store and demanding 300,000 yuan (45,630 US dollars) on 19 June last year, according to the written judgment handed down Tuesday at the Panlong District Court in Kunming, capital of Yunnan Province.

Police arrested him that evening.

The Lingyun Law Firm, which represented Yue in the case, received the verdict Wednesday and faxed it to Xinhua. Yue told Carrefour in his

extortion demand that he had placed explosive devices in three of the chain's stores in Kunming, which led to the emergency evacuations of customers and staff.

Realizing the gravity of the situation, Yue called Carrefour later in the day to abort the extortion bid. Although the extortion was

abandoned, Yue's behavior had a huge social impact and caused much disruption, and he deserved imprisonment, the court ruled. A spokesman for the law office said the sentence was "a little heavier than expected" and they would talk with Yue about an appeal to a higher court.—Xinhua



Sri Lankan personnels work at the site of jets clash outside Colombo, on 1 March, 2011. The two Kfir jets clashed over Warana area in the western provincial Gampaha District while on a training exercise in connection with the air force's 60th anniversary celebrations, which are to begin on Wednesday. One of the two pilots has been found dead.—XINHUA

Pilots survive Sri Lanka jets clash

COLOMBO, 2 March—Two pilots manning the Sri Lankan air force fighter jets that collided Tuesday were reportedly safe, defence officials said.

Officials told local media that the pilots had ejected from their planes at the time of collision and operations are underway to locate them. One aircraft wreckage had been found in a paddy field.

The two Kfir jets clashed over Warana Area near the capital Colombo, while on a training exercise in connection with the air force's 60th anniversary celebrations due to begin on Wednesday. The Israeli built Kfirs played a key role in Sri Lanka's military defeat over the Tamil Tiger rebels in 2009.—Xinhua

Farmers pick tea leaves at a green tea plantation on Tangshan Mountain in Zhaoping County, southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 2 March, 2011. A total of 120,000 mu (8,000 hectares) of mountainous tea in Zhaoping County is ready for picking recently. —XINHUA

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South Korea's Daewoo Shipbuilding and Marine Engineering said on Wednesday it has won a 1.2 trillion won (\$1.06 billion) order to build two drill ships for Norway's Aker Drilling.—INTERNET

S Korean shipbuilder wins \$1 bln Norway order

SEOUL, 2 March—South Korea's Daewoo Shipbuilding and Marine Engineering said on Wednesday it has won a 1.2 trillion won (\$1.06 billion) order to build two drill ships for Norway's Aker Drilling.

Daewoo said in a statement it will deliver the two vessels by late 2013 and has an option to build two more.

The vessels, each 238

metres long and 42 metres wide, are capable of drilling as deep as 12,000 metres (40,000 feet) below sea level, the country's second-largest shipbuilder said.

"High oil prices prompted many projects around the world to develop oil resources in the Arctic region and the deep

sea, fanning demand for drill ships for deep-sea drilling," the company said.

Daewoo last week won a \$1.8 billion order with Denmark's AP Moller-Maersk, the world's largest container carrier, to build 10 giant container ships over the next three years.—Internet

Asian shares fall early on global oil fears

TOKYO, 2 March—Stocks in Asia fell broadly in early trade on Wednesday, following steep drops in the US on concerns unrest in Iran and Libya could cause higher oil prices and hinder the global economic recovery.

Japan's Nikkei 225 stock average was down

1.6 percent to 10,578.4, while South Korea's Kospi slipped 0.35 percent to 1,932.5. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 was off 0.8 percent, and shares in New Zealand were also lower.

The falls came after big drops in the US, where the Dow Jones industrial average lost 1.4 percent to 12,058.02, and the broader Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 1.6

to 1,306.33.

Investors were concerned about higher fuel prices and their effect on the global economy, as unrest in oil-producing countries continued. Iran clamped down on anti-government protesters and forces loyal to Libya's leader Moammar Gadhafi launched counter-attacks against rebels expanding control over the country.—Internet



NYSE Euronext and Tokyo Stock Exchange Sign Letter of Intent for Network Linkage - Atsushi Saito, President and CEO of the Tokyo Stock Exchange (TSE), and Duncan Niederauer, CEO of NYSE Euronext (NYSE), at the New York Stock Exchange on 1 March sign a letter of intent to identify options to give customers of each exchange accessibility to the other's markets through a network linkage.—INTERNET

Galliano scandal overshadows Paris fashion week

PARIS, 2 March—Emerging designers fought for the limelight as



Models show creations by Turkish designer Hakaan Yildirim as part of his Fall-Winter ready-to-wear 2012 fashion collection, presented in Paris, on 1 March, 2011.—INTERNET

Paris' fall-winter 2011-12 read-to-wear shows began on Tuesday, but the surprise sacking of Dior's longtime designer John Galliano stole their thunder.

Word of Galliano's firing landed as Aganovich presented a fresh, offbeat debut runway show — but many in the crowd were transfixed by the news on their Blackberrys, and got distracted from the blue-themed collection.

"It's a tsunami," Dana Thomas, a veteran fashion critic and author of luxury industry expose "Deluxe: How Luxury Lost its Luster," said after the news broke.

Internet

Six dead in attack on helicopter cash in Colombia

BOGOTA, 2 March—More than a dozen attackers firing assault rifles killed four police officers and two other people Tuesday in robbing a cash shipment that had just arrived by helicopter, officials said.

The regional police chief blamed leftist rebels.

In another attack Tuesday in a different region, presumed rebels killed a soldier and a civilian motorcycle rider in an attack on a military checkpoint just minutes before a convoy carrying US and UN officials passed by.

The robbery occurred about 10 am after the civilian aircraft landed on a soccer field used as a landing pad in the south-

western city of Caloto to deliver the money, Cauca provincial Gov. Guillermo Gonzalez told *The Associated Press* by telephone.—Internet



A police officer and a paramedic comfort the crying relatives of a slain police officer in front of the police station in Caloto, southwest Colombia, on 1 March, 2011.

INTERNET

Christchurch death toll stands at 160 as dust, wind hit city

CHRISTCHURCH, 2 March—The death toll from the 22 Feb devastating 6.3 Christchurch earthquake has risen to 160, New Zealand police said on Wednesday.

The final death toll are expected to reach 240.

Police have also warned that the bodies of some victims may never be recovered because they were pulverized by the buildings that collapsed around them.—Xinhua



A splitted road is seen in east suburb of Christchurch after the earthquake, on 1 March, 2011. Police began to evacuate residents in east suburb of Christchurch as cracks emerged in the hill at the area.

XINHUA

Deportees from US struggle in quake-hit Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE, 2 March—With his gold teeth, shiny earrings and a life spent mostly in Florida, Serge Michel Dorval is afraid he looks like a rich American to some of the desperate Haitians who live near him in a shantytown alongside a trash-clogged drainage ditch.

It's a fear that keeps him up at night. But the 25-year-old is not an Ameri-

In this photo taken on 25 Feb, 2011, Haitian citizen deported from US Serge Michel Dorval poses for a photo in the tent where he lives at a refugee camp in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. —INTERNET

can, at least not to the US government, which deported him and 26 others back to the country of their birth in January in the first wave of forced removals since an earthquake last year destroyed much of the Haitian capital.—Internet





A female Javan rhino walks with her calf in Ujung Kulon National Park.

Homeless Michigan man seeks donor of diamond ring

A homeless man in southeast Michigan says a woman accidentally gave him a gold ring laced with diamonds when she handed him a handful of change.

Michael Secaur tells *The Oakland Press* that he was panhandling at an intersection in Pontiac on Monday when a woman pulled up in a vehicle and handed him some money. He says the ring was among some coins, and that he thinks she "did an oops."

Secaur says he would recognize the woman if he saw her again.

He says he quickly dismissed a plan to pawn the ring. The owner of a shelter where Secaur often stays has locked it in a safety deposit box.

Secaur says he has lived on the streets of Pontiac for nearly two years.

News Album

Four rare Javan rhinos photographed in Indonesia

Four of the world's most rare rhinoceroses were captured by camera traps installed in an Indonesian national park, an environmental group said Monday. The footage from movement-triggered hidden cameras showed two mother Javan rhinos and two calves in Ujung Kulon National Park in November and December last year, said a release from the WWF-Indonesia.

Javan rhinos are one of the world's most endangered species with an estimated population of no more than 50 in Ujung Kulon. A few others live in Vietnam's Cat Tien National Park.

"This is good news to ensure that the population is viable," said Adhi Hariyadi, WWF project leader in the park.

The first "video trap" footage recorded in November showed a mother and calf, identified later as a male, walking steadily toward the camera. Several more videos of the family were obtained later.

In December, another 30-second video showed a larger calf with its mother. It was later identified as a female about a year old.



In this undated frame grab released by WWF-Indonesia and Ujung Kulon National Park Authority, a female Javan rhino walks with her calf in Ujung Kulon National Park. Four of the world's most rare rhinoceroses were captured by camera traps installed in an Indonesian national park, an environmental group said on 28 Feb. 2011.

Pa pizzeria owner left mice at rival shops

A pizzeria owner with mice problems he blamed on competitors tried to sabotage two rival shops by dumping mice in them Monday, authorities in suburban Philadelphia said.

Upper Darby police said a man walked into Verona Pizza on Monday afternoon and asked to use the bathroom. After he left, the owner said he found footprints on the toilet and noticed that the drop ceiling had been disturbed, and he found a bag tucked up above.

Uruguayan cowboys ride horses during the commemoration of the "Grito de Asencio" in Soriano, Uruguay, on 28 Feb. 2011. The commemoration of the "Grito de Asencio" marks the start of the Uruguayan bicentenary celebrations.

Hoping for an on-screen comeback



Actress Lindsay Lohan.
INTERNET

NEW YORK, 2 March—Lindsay Lohan says she wants to be identified with great films in the future, not the personal problems that have stalled her career in recent years. "I don't want that to be what I'm known for anymore — the tabloid stuff," she said Tuesday on the syndicated magazine show "Extra."

The troubled starlet acknowledged that her comeback won't be easy.

"There's going to be a lot of steps that I have to go through to kind of prove myself again," she said. In the latest of her off-screen woes, Lohan is charged with the theft of a \$2,500 necklace from an upscale jewelry store. She has pleaded not guilty to that felony charge, which she did not discuss in the interview.

Internet



The crown is seen during a news conference of the Miss Russia 2011, in Moscow, capital of Russia, on 1 March, 2011. The beauty pageant will be held in Moscow on 5 March.—XINHUA

A model presents a fashion creation during the second phase of the 2011 FUSE Fashion Festival in Taipei, southeast China's Taiwan, on 1 March, 2011.
XINHUA



UK actor Nicholas Hoult starring in zombie romance

LOS ANGELES, 2 March—Young British actor Nicholas Hoult continues his Hollywood ascent. Hoult, one of the stars of "X-Men First Class" and who is prepping to shoot "Jack the Giant Killer," has been cast in a film described as "Twilight" meets "Shaun of the Dead."

"Warm Bodies" follows an existentially-tormented zombie named R who begins an unlikely friendship with the human girlfriend of one of his victims. The blossoming relationship starts a chain reaction that will transform him, his fellow zombies and maybe the whole lifeless world. The project is based on an upcoming Simon & Schuster book by Isaac Marion. The film will be directed for "Twilight" studio Summit Entertainment by Jonathan Levin. Production is slated to begin this summer.—Reuters



UK actor Nicholas Hoult.
INTERNET

Brazilian filmmaker to direct "Robocop" remake

LOS ANGELES, 2 March—Jose Padilha, the director of the violent Brazilian "Elite Squad" cop movies, is in talks to direct a remake of "Robocop."

The 1987 original, directed by Paul Verhoeven, featured a cop who is brought back from the brink of death in the form of a cyborg with no memories of his prior life. It spawned two sequels.

The remake is a big priority at the newly reconstituted MGM, which

met with directors last week. Others on the list included Robert Rodriguez and David Slade ("The Twilight Saga: Eclipse") — with Padilha emerging a top cop. No screenwriter is attached yet.

"Robocop" could act as the Hollywood debut for Padilha, whom the town has been high on since he directed 2007's "Elite Squad," a Berlin Film Festival winner set on the mean streets of Rio de Janeiro. The film was

distributed domestically by the Weinstein Co. His 2010 follow-up is the highest-grossing film in Brazil's box office history, surpassing even Hollywood fare. It played at Sundance in January but has yet to secure a domestic deal.

Padilha was attached at one stage to direct "The Sigma Protocol," an adaptation of a Robert Ludlum novel, but has since moved on.

Reuters

Euro 2012 a crucial boost for Polish clubs

WARSAW, 2 March—As Lech Poznan become Poland's latest club to crash out of Europe, some may bemoan failings in the domestic game, but many



Lech Pozna's defeat last Thursday by Portugal's Sporting Braga in the Europa League round of 32 snuffed out Polish hopes in this season's continental competitions.—INTERNET

business experts see the Euro 2012 host nation as fertile turf.

Lech's defeat last Thursday by Portugal's Sporting Braga in the Europa League round of 32 snuffed out Polish hopes in this season's continental competitions.

With 38 million people and a long footballing tradition, Poland have been serious under-achievers at club level, especially in recent years.

Legia Warsaw made it to the 1991 Cup Winners' Cup semi-finals and the 1996 Champions League quarter-finals.

But the days when the likes of Gornik Zabrze could reach a final — they lost the 1970 Cup Winners' Cup to England's Manchester City — are long gone.—Internet

Lampard slows United's title charge

LONDON, 2 March—

Frank Lampard breathed fresh life into the Premier League title race as the Chelsea midfielder's controversial late penalty clinched a 2-1 victory over leaders Manchester United on Tuesday.

Lampard's dramatic winner came after referee Martin Atkinson ruled that United defender Chris Smalling had brought down Chelsea substitute Yuri Zhirkov with 10 minutes to go at Stamford Bridge.

It was a hammer blow for United, who suffered just their second league defeat this season despite taking the lead through Wayne Rooney's first-half strike.

Brazilian defender David Luiz equalised with his first goal for Chelsea soon after half-time and Lampard sealed the points before captain Nemanja Vidic was sent off for a second booking in stoppage time.—Internet



Chelsea's Frank Lampard (C) celebrates after scoring a penalty against Manchester United during their English Premier League football match at Stamford Bridge in London. Chelsea won 2-1.—INTERNET

UEFA kicks off Euro 2012 ticket sales

WARSAW, 2 March—UEFA on Tuesday kicked off ticket sales for the 2012 European Championship, marking the moment by handing over free seats to a fan of co-hosts Poland.

At a ceremony in Warsaw the president of European football's governing body, Michel Platini, presented Pawel Michalczak, a 34-year-old forester who lives near the Polish capital, with his prize of a ticket for Poland's three first-round matches.

"Of course I can't guarantee you'll get to see them in the second round too," Frenchman Platini joked, speaking in Italian as his former Juventus team-mate and ex-Poland icon Zbigniew Boniek translated.

Michalczak won a competition organised by UEFA for Polish fans.—Internet



UEFA President Michel Platini addresses the official launch of the ticket sales for the 2012 UEFA Champions League in Warsaw.—INTERNET

Moyes 'massive disappointment' after Everton FA Cup KO

LIVERPOOL, 2 March—Everton manager David Moyes admitted his side deserved to lose after the Toffees were sent tumbling out of the FA Cup by Championship side Reading here on Tuesday.

After stunning Chelsea at Stamford Bridge in the

previous round, Everton had entertained hopes of a lengthy run in the FA Cup and were expected to progress safely to the quarter-finals against Reading.

But a first-half goal from Reading defender Matt Mills stunned Goodison Park into silence and ultimately sent the Royals into a last eight tie against either Manchester City or Aston Villa.

It was a bitterly disappointing exit for Everton, who left the field to a chorus of boos as Reading's players celebrated a famous win.—Internet



Reading's Antigua midfielder Mike Leighton (L) vies with Everton's French forward Louis Saha during their English FA Cup fifth round football match in Liverpool. Reading won 1-0.—INTERNET

Match Play offers snapshot of golf scene

MARANA, 2 March—The PGA Tour could have skipped the West Coast swing and gone straight to the Match Play Championship, which provided a perfect snapshot of everything going in the world of golf. Europe looked as strong as ever.

Martin Kaymer showed why he is No. 1 in the world ranking. Lee Westwood made people wonder why he was. Bubba Watson and Rickie Fowler, when they're not making videos for Twitter, offered more evidence that their home-made golf swings are just as compelling as their fashion accessories.—Internet

UEFA wants five officials at Euro 2012

WARSAW, 2 March—UEFA wants to have five officials on hand for matches at Euro 2012, its chief Michel Platini said on Tuesday, in a renewed drive to deal with disputed on-pitch decisions.

Speaking during a visit to Poland, co-host of the

2012 European championships along with neighbour Ukraine, Platini said adding officials to the traditional trio of a referee and two linesmen had proven its mettle in continental club competitions.

"I'm 500 percent satisfied with the way hav-

ing five officials has worked in the Champions League and Europa League," he told reporters.

"The results have been great, and the referees are really happy to have two colleagues to help them out," he added.

Internet



Referees before a UEFA Europa League football match in 2010.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Chile's top cyclist facing doping test battle



Chile's top cyclist Marco Arriagada, seen here in 2010, announced he has tested positive for banned substances but has pledged to prove his innocence.—INTERNET

SANTIAGO, 2 March—Chile's top cyclist Marco Arriagada announced he has tested positive for banned substances but has pledged to prove his innocence.

Arriagada tested positive during the Tour of Chile, a race he has won three times, in February. According to press reports the 35-year-old's sample tested positive for anabolic steroids. "The Federation told me the news and now I have to discuss it with my lawyers," Arriagada told the website of Chilean daily El Mercurio from the Dominican Republic.—Internet

Combustible Kombouare keeps PSG on their toes

PARIS, 2 March—His side may be flying high in the French top flight and fighting for glory in both the French Cup and the Europa League, but Paris Saint-Germain coach Antoine Kombouare remains difficult to please.



With 13 league games to go, fourth-place Paris Saint-Germain trail leaders Lille by just two points and will meet Portuguese giants Benfica in the Europa League last 16.—INTERNET

Tuesday's edition of L'Equipe sport daily claimed the 47-year-old lost his temper with goalkeeper Apoula Edel after PSG's 2-1 victory at home to Toulouse on Sunday.

Edel was involved in a mix-up with centre-back Sylvain Armand that led to Franck Tabanou pulling a goal back for the visitors in the 62nd minute and Kombouare was reportedly still fuming at the final whistle.

L'Equipe alleged that Kombouare criticised Edel for the error as the two men made their way towards the home changing room.

Internet

Injured Xavi returns to training

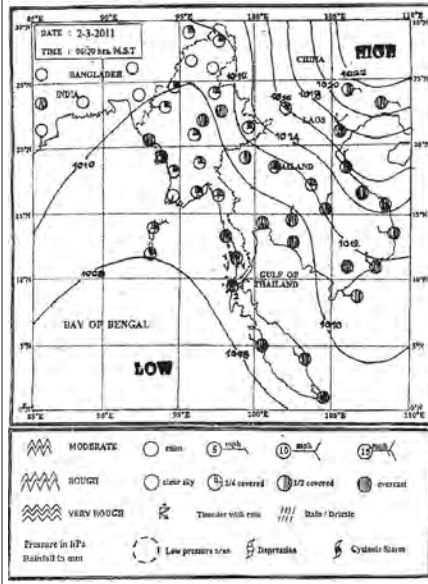
MADRID, 2 March—Barcelona midfielder Xavi Hernandez, who has been struggling with a left calf muscle injury for the past 10 days, returned to training on Tuesday, the Spanish league leaders announced.

He will be among the 18 players travelling to Valencia for Wednesday's Spanish league match along with Brazilian defender Dani Alves who has served his one-match suspension, it said in a statement. Hernandez, 31, suffered the injury during Barcelona's 2-1 win over Athletic Bilbao on 20 February.—Internet



Barcelona's midfielder Xavi Hernandez

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Wednesday, 2nd March, 2011

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T.
 During the past 24 hours, rain have been scattered in Kayin State, isolated in Taninthayi Region and weather has been partly cloudy over Sagaing, Mandalay and Yangon Regions, Kachin, Shan, Chin, Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above March average temperature in Upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions, Shan, Kayah, Kayin and Mon States, (5°C) to (6°C) above March average temperatures in Taninthayi Region and Kachin State and about March average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant night temperatures were Chauk (40°C), Minbu, Aungmye and Shwegyin (39°C) each. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Kawkaik (1.22) inches and Myawady (0.20) inch.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 1-3-2011 was 100°F. Minimum temperature on 2-3-2011 was 63°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 2-3-2011 was (54%). Rainfall on 2-3-2011 was (Nil).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 1-3-2011 was 101°F. Minimum temperature on 2-3-2011 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 2-3-2011 was (70%). Total sunshine hours on 1-3-2011

was (8.9) hours (Approx).

Rainfall on 2-3-2011 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (1.97) inches at Mingaladon, (1.89) inches at Kaba-Aye and (3.54) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Northwest at (09:30) hours MST on 1-3-2011.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 3rd March 2011: Rain or thundershowers are possible to be isolated in Mandalay, Magway and Taninthayi Regions, Kayin and Mon States, weather will be partly cloudy over Sagaing, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Kachin, Shan, Chin and Rakhine States, generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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

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

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

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

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 3-3-2011: Possibility of isolated light rain. Degree of certainty is (40%).

US firms interested in N-power plant project in Slovakia

BRATISLAVA, 2 March—Some US companies are interested in taking part in nuclear power plant project in Slovakia, Slovakia's Economy Ministry said on Tuesday. The announcement was made one day after talks between visiting Slovak Economy Minister Juraj Miskov and US deputy under secretary for international trade Michelle O'Neill in Washington.

The US side has expressed interest in the project of a nuclear power plant in the village of Jaslovské Bohunice in Trnava region, and in whether American suppliers could have a share in implementing the project, the ministry said.

During the talks, Miskov promised good business environment for the US companies, while Washington hailed existing cooperation between the two countries such as US Steel Kosice, a profitable integrated steel company located in eastern Slovakia.

The company was described by O'Neill as a successful combination of Slovak technical skills and US management and market-oriented business experience.—MNA/Xinhua



Job seeker wait to enter the venue of a job fair for female college students held in Beijing, capital of China, on 2 March, 2011.

A job fair specially organized for 2011 female graduates was held here on Tuesday, where training courses on job interview manners and law knowledges were also given.—XINHUA

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL

Programme Schedule

(3-3-2011) (Thursday)

Transmissions

Local - (09:00am~11:00am)MST
 Oversea Transmission - (3-3-11 09:30 am ~ 4-3-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Ancient Shwe-San-Taw Pagoda (Toungoo)
- * News
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- * Youth & Education "Engineering Day"
- * News
- * Surprising Myanmar (Gifts)
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * MI People's Celebrities "Ye Taik, Phyu Phyu Kyaw Thein"
- * News
- * ON THE LEDO ROAD (Part-III)
- * Myanmar Movie "The Director"

Myanmar

TV

Thursday,
3 March
View on today

7:00 am

1. Paritta By Hill 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

8:05 am

7. Dance Of National Races

8:15 am

8. Dance Variety

8:25 am

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

8:35 am

10. International News

8:40 am

11. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

8:45 am

12. Musical Programme

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Musical Programme

4:20 pm

3. Cute Little Dancers

4:30 pm

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

4:35 pm

5. Documentary (Biodiversities)

4:50 pm

3. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures)

5:00 pm

7. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

5:05 pm

8. Singing In Different Versions

5:35 pm

9. Science and

Environment

- 5:45 pm

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

6:00 pm

11. Evening News

6:15 pm

12. Weather Report

6:20 pm

13. Myanmar Series

6:40 pm

14. Approaching Science Discovery World

7:00 pm

15. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm

16. News

17. International News

18. Weather Report

19. Documentary

20. TV Drama Series

21. 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



Encouraging radish plantation near Hsinthay Creek in Tatkon Township, Nay Pyi Taw District meets the horizon.—MNA

Apple set to unveil new iPad, with or without Jobs

SAN FRANCISCO, 2 March—More than a year after igniting the tablet computing craze, Apple Inc prepares to unveil the second version of its blockbuster iPad on Wednesday — possibly minus lead showman Steve Jobs.

Plenty has changed over the course of the year. The iPad became a bona fide smash, essentially creating the tablet category and triggering a wave of me-too products that are just starting to hit the market. Now, as rivals Motorola and Research in Motion race to catch up, Apple itself is going through a transformation.

There is as much speculation about whether iconic Chief Executive Jobs will take the stage at Wednesday's event in San Francisco as there is about the new device. Jobs traditionally launches major products with a pizzazz

and style that reflect his eye for detail and design. But he took indefinite medical leave last month and Apple has not given details of the cancer survivor's medical condition.

His absence is bound to spark a fresh round of speculation on his condition. And his presence will be scrutinized equally closely for any signals on his health.

Many in Silicon Valley and on Wall Street doubt he will return to the company he co-founded in 1976.

In his absence, it is a good bet that Tim Cook, the company's operations chief and Jobs' heir apparent, or marketing head Phil Schiller, will lead Wednesday's show.

If Cook does appear, investors will scrutinize his performance.—Reuters

Educative talks on traffic rules and fire prevention given in Toungoo

NAY PYI TAW, 2 March — An educative talks on traffic rules and fire prevention were given at Road Administration Department Toungoo District Office on 28 February.

Toungoo District Peace and Development Council Secretary U Thein Swe addressed the talk and officials gave talks on traffic rules and fire prevention. It was attended by departmental personnel, village/ward PDC chairmen and guests, totaling about 200.—MNA



A train carrying members of the 11th National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) from northeast China's Jilin Province arrives in Beijing, capital of China, on 1 March, 2011. The Fourth Session of the 11th CPPCC National Committee will open on 3 March.

XINHUA