

Malpractices, mob rule and violence under pretext of democracy jeopardize national development tasks, public interest



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann hears reports on respective sectors presented by townsenders at Khabaung Hall in Toungoo.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Jan.—In meeting with local people at Khabaung Hall in Toungoo of Bago Region yesterday, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann said he was there to coordinate matters in attending to the needs of locals, urging them to make reports frankly and correctly.

Toungoo District Deputy Commissioner U Kyaw Thet and townsenders from Yadeshe, Toungoo, Htantabin, Pyu, Kyaukkyi and Ottwin made reports on requirements in transport, education, health and education sectors, and the deputy ministers and officials made clarifications on the reports. The Region Chief Minister explained ongoing developmental tasks and works to be done in the region.

Also present at the meeting were Pyithu Hluttaw Committee Chairmen U Soe Tha and U Thein Swe, Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win and region ministers, deputy ministers and officials, region Hluttaw representatives, departmental officials and members of social organizations.

In his concluding remarks, the Pyithu

Hluttaw Speaker said that development of a certain region called for peace and stability and stressed the need to perform respective tasks effectively and efficiently. He called for mass participation in peace process while the President, the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and KNU Chairman General Mutu Sae Phoe and members are striving with goodwill to make the peace process

a success. He said he was very delighted to see officials concerned were coordinating the requirements of the local people. While national building endeavours were in progress, malpractices, mob rule and violence under the pretext of democracy would undermine national development tasks, thereby harming public interest. He said a democracy could be established within the

framework of laws and rules and regulations. Strict adherence to laws could bring about the Rule of Law. Only when the Rule of Law prevails, will the nation see peace and stability and develop. He called for active participation of the people on the mature consideration.

After the meeting, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker and party cordially greeted those present. — MNA

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Organizing action committee against corruption

As part of efforts for the emergence of a good governance and clean government after the new government took office, an action committee against corruption is formed to fight the corruption and bribery in governmental organizations.

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| (6) U Tin Naing Thein | Member |
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Indonesia makes bid for Myanmar rice

Indonesia has made an offer to buy 300,000 tons of rice from Myanmar, according to an official of the Ministry of Commerce.

"Indonesia has a plan to buy many tons of quality rice from Myanmar. They would then increase the amount. We also have the plan to increase the rice export," the official said.

Myanmar's rice export to Indonesia reached the peak during the period between 2001-2002 fiscal year to 2005-2006 fiscal year. The demand for Myanmar rice in Indonesia market is on the increase. Though, Myanmar could not export rice to Indonesia

beyond 2005-2006 FY due to various reasons.

Myanmar could only export 2125 tons of rice to Indonesia in first three quarters of 2011-2012 FY from April to December, according to official statistics of the commerce ministry.

But Myanmar exported 1.01 million tons of rice in the same period in 2012-2013 FY. If that rate continues, Myanmar's rice export would hit 1.2 million tons, a record high in 46 years.

Myanmar which was once a major rice exporter exported 1.06 tons of rice in 1995-1996 FY.

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LOCAL NEWS

YESB ready to supply 500 megawatts electricity for upcoming 2013 summer

YANGON, 8 Jan— According to the chairman of Yangon City Electricity Supply Board, arrangements have been made for supply of more than 500 megawatts electricity needed for upcoming summer in 2013 from the projects being implemented by the Ministry of Electricity.

By calculation based on the maximum electricity consumption during the previous summer, it is estimated that a demand for electricity will be 2060 megawatts during the summer in 2013. As only 1551 megawatts can be supplied from the national electricity grid, covering 75 per cent of the total electricity consumption, plans are underway to meet an increased demand for electricity.

In order to meet the

Ancient pottery discovered at excavation site of Tamote Shwegugyi Pagoda

MAGWAY, 8 Jan — Archaeological excavations are being carried out by a team led by Archaeologist and Myanmar Architect Tampawady U Win Maung around Tamote Shinpin Shwegugyi Pagoda in old Tamote town of Kyaukse Township of Mandalay Region. More discoveries were made as the excavations

demand that is exceeding the supply, it has been planned to generate 350 megawatts from Thaukyaykhat (2), Hlawga, Ywama, Thakayta and Ahlon power stations of the ministry and to reduce electricity supply to industrial zones, to cut off electricity at state-owned industries and river water pumping projects from 5 pm to 11 pm and at small towns with a few industries during the daytime and to use 1 megawatt generators for electricity supply to some large towns.

The ministry is implementing new projects in order to meet the annual growing demands of electricity. Upon completion, electricity supply will exceed the demand by 2015.

Kyemon

proceeded.

While carrying out excavations of underground burial walls at the northern entrance to the pagoda, earthenware of ancient pottery were found and these artifacts can help trace back to Pyu and Bagan era pottery and civilization of ancient Pyu.

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Former footballers organize friendly match

YANGON, 8 Jan — A friendly match of former footballers of Inland Water Transport team took place at YUSC football ground in Hline Township, here, on 6 January. Before the friendly match, former footballers paid respects to U Maung Maung Lay (retired director-general), U Soe Lwin (retired director) and U Sein Hlaing (retired

director). Next, the friendly match of former footballers including Myanmar selected football players Myo Hlaing Win, Maung Maung Oo, Han Tun and Zaw Naing followed.

The friendly match is annually held by IWT and this year's match was organized for the eighth time.

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MANDALAY, 8 Jan — Jointly-organized by writers and media persons in Mandalay Region with the aim of raising the quake relief funds, a charity gala was held at National Theater, here, at 7 pm on 5 January.

Vocalists Than Myat Soe, Po Thaukkyar, Soe Htet, Soe Sandar Tun, Ei Ei Chun, members of Myoma band and young media persons of Mandalay sang songs to the accompaniment of Myoma band and Sein Tint Lwin Myanmar traditional orchestra at the gala. Cash and kind — K 20 million and 200 bags of rice— donation of wellwishers at the gala will be handed over to quake-hit schools in the region.

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YAMETHIN, 8 Jan — The government spent K 30 million on repairing Hseggi village diversion weir in



MAGWAY, 8 Jan — Aimed at promotion of Myanmar tourism sector, Golden Express Tours company organized hot-air balloon rides in cooperation with a 28-member team comprising those from Germany, Britain and France led by Mr. Peter Blaser of Switzerland in Magway from 4 to 6 January.

The hot-air balloon ride team arrived in Yangon in 21 December and organized hot-air balloon flights in

Mandalay organizes charity gala for quake victims



Rebuilding of Hseggi diversion weir in Yamethin Township completed

Yamethin Township of Mandalay Region and the renovation of diversion weir was completed. The repair

work included construction of 12 feet high and eight feet and six inches wide sluice gate, 80 feet long spillway

and building of concrete bridge. As the dam was constructed across the Kyee creek near Hseggi village and the three feet high and two feet wide small sluice gate was built to the west of the village, irrigation water from the dam will benefit 360 farmlands in Hseggi and Nyaung-ai villages.

The two villages suffered loss of crops triggered by floods in rainy season and had to move their cattle to the hillocks. Thanks to the newly-rebuilt diversion weir, various kinds of crops will be put on the irrigated farmlands all the year round.

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Hot-air balloon rides in the air of Magway

Mandalay, Innlay, Bagan and Magway. According to Manager U Ye Myint of Myanma Hotels and Tourism Services, the team brought six hot-air balloons with them, and each hot-air balloon has 3000 cubic metres and 300 kilograms in weight, and it can fly 3000 feet above the ground.

Their hot-air balloons made take-offs from the festive ground of Mya Thalun pagoda and old airfield and landings at alluvial soil in the middle of Ayeyawady River, Magway Region Sports Ground, Magway District Sports Ground, Kantha ward, on the bank of Mingyi lake and in the compound of BEPS No

(12). According to Magway dwellers who watched the hot-air balloon rides, the riders performed their skills while flying in the hot-air balloons like Myanma hot-air balloon rider U Kyaw Yin. The hot-air balloon team started their rides in 1998 and it was the 15th times for them.

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WORLD

Obama picks Hagel for defence, Brennan for CIA

WASHINGTON, 8 Jan—President Barack Obama on Monday nominated former Republican Senator Chuck Hagel as his next defence secretary and counterterrorism adviser John Brennan to head the CIA, potentially setting up at least one Senate confirmation battle and establishing a tough tone to start his second term.

Obama moved ahead with the picks despite concerns raised by senators on both sides of the aisle about them. Hagel has made controversial comments about Israel and gays while Brennan

faces questions over his views as a CIA official in the Bush administration on the use of so-called enhanced interrogation techniques, widely considered torture, on terrorism suspects. “I hope that the Senate will act on these confirmations promptly. When it comes to national security, we don’t like to leave a lot of gaps between the time that one set of leaders transitions out and another transitions in. So we need to get moving quickly on this,” Obama said in announcing them.

“Chuck Hagel, as a former



US President Barack Obama (C) announces his nominees for new US Secretary of Defence former Republican US Senator Chuck Hagel (L) and new CIA director White House counterterrorism adviser John Brennan (R) at the White House in Washington on 7 Jan, 2013. REUTERS

mer colleague and a patriot with a decorated service record, has earned the right to nothing less than a full and fair process in the Senate. I look forward to fully studying his record and exploring his views,” Democratic Senator Charles Schumer of

New York said.

Brennan, 57, would replace disgraced retired General David Petraeus, who got entangled in a sex scandal as CIA director and resigned in November after admitting to an affair with his biographer.

“Clearly, Mr Brennan has the qualifications and expertise to be the next CIA director,” said Democratic Senator Dianne Feinstein, chairwoman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, which will consider Brennan’s nomination.—Reuters

Xi Jinping calls for better justice system

BEIJING, 8 Jan—General Secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee Xi Jinping has taken part in a conference of the committee of political and legislative Affairs of the CPC Central Committee.

Xi Jinping urged these institutions to improve law enforcement capabilities and satisfy public expectations for security, justice and the protection of rights and interests.

He called for efforts to build a just, efficient and credible socialist judicial system. And he called for better communication to suit a new media era, increased use of science and technology, and greater efforts to prevent corruption.

Xinhua

New Zealand firefighters prepare to help battle bushfires in Australia

WELLINGTON, 8 Jan—New Zealand is to send 12 specialist rural firefighters to Australia to help battle wild fires that are sweeping the southeastern island state of Tasmania.

The New Zealand Fire Service announced on Tuesday that it had received a request on Monday for personnel with experience in fighting fires in tall timber, remote and high country areas.

National rural fire officer Murray Dudfield said two groups of six fire-

fighters one made up of Department of Conservation staff and the other of forestry workers would fly to Australia on Wednesday.

“This team will use equipment provided by the local agencies and are likely to be deployed for at least two weeks,” Dudfield said in a statement.

Over the past decade, New Zealand firefighters had been deployed several times to assist their Australian counterparts fight bushfires. The largest contingent sent was in 2009 when 110

rural firefighters were deployed to Victoria.

“New Zealand fire authorities have built up a strong relationship with their Australian counterparts over the years and share training, knowledge, research and have agreements to provide assistance to each other when needed,” said Dudfield.

The fires in Tasmania are reported to have destroyed about 100 homes, and other parts of Australia are on high alert as temperatures soar.—Xinhua

Ireland welcomes Uganda’s return of “seized” aid funds

DUBLIN, 8 Jan—Irish Deputy Prime Minister Eamon Gilmore on Monday welcomed the refund of aid funds misappropriated by Uganda’s corrupt officials.

“I greatly welcome the restitution by the Ugandan government of the four million euros in aid funding which had been misappropriated by officials within the Office of the Prime Minister,” Gilmore said in a statement.

He said Uganda’s steps

“send a clear signal of their commitment to bring those involved to account and to improve their financial control systems,” adding that these measures will contribute to Uganda’s efforts to tackle corruption.

The decision to refund the money to Ireland showed Uganda’s determination “to maintain the long standing relationship with Ireland,” he said.

“Ireland has built this partnership with the author-

ities and people of Uganda over the last 20 years, during which Uganda has witnessed remarkable progress in poverty reduction. Ireland has played a positive role in this progress,” he added.

Uganda is one of the biggest recipients of Irish aid. Ireland has had an aid programme in Uganda since 1994 and its funding in 2011 amounted to 32.75 million euros (about 42.7 million US dollars).—Xinhua



(L-R) Cuban Deputy Minister of Culture Fernando Rojas, Venezuela’s Ambassador to Cuba Edgardo Ramirez, Cuban chapter coordinator Ana Maria Pellon, Cuban intellectual Luis Morlote and President of the Union of Writers and Artists of Cuba Miguel Barnet attend a Press Conference held by Cuban intellectuals and artists to show their support for Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez who is recovering from a cancer surgery, in Havana, capital of Cuba, on 7 Jan, 2013.—XINHUA

Friendly leaders to visit Venezuela as show of support for Chavez

CARACAS, 8 Jan—Venezuela’s National Assembly president Diosdado Cabello announced on Monday that heads of state from friendly nations will visit Venezuela to show their support for its ailing President Hugo Chavez.

Cabello said several “friendly” leaders will travel to the capital Caracas to show their support on Thursday, 10 January, the day Chavez was scheduled to be sworn in as president for another six-year term.

“Friendly presidents, heads of government, and prime ministers are coming to Venezuela to show their solidarity with Commander Hugo Chavez, with the people and with the Constitution,” Cabello told reporters at a Press Conference at the headquarters of the ruling United Socialist Party of Venezuela (PSUV).

Cabello, accompanied by Vice President Nicolas Maduro, did not say who

the presidents will be in Caracas on that day.

Cabello also called on Chavez supporters to attend a mass rally in front of the presidential palace on Thursday to counter the “destabilizing” criticism from conservative opposition forces, who maintained that postponing the president’s swearing in ceremony goes against the Constitution.

Opposition groups are planning their own show of strength, by calling for a “civic strike.”

Opponents of Chavez say a failure to take office on the designated day will lead to a power vacuum.

“There is no power vacuum, there is absolutely no absence of any kind as the opposition claims,” Cabello said in reaction to the claims. Chavez remains hospitalized in Havana, Cuba, after having cancer surgery and contracting a lung infection.—Xinhua



A citizen walks across a frozen street in Lanzhou, capital of north-west China’s Gansu Province, on 8 Jan, 2013. The frozen streets have caused inconvenience to the people here. XINHUA



Red lanterns are seen in Thean Hou Temple in Kuala Lumpur, capital of Malaysia, on 7 Jan, 2013. Red lanterns are decorated to greet the upcoming Chinese Lunar New Year, Year of the Snake.—XINHUA

UN chief disappointed by Assad’s speech

BEIJING, 8 Jan—UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has expressed his disappointment following Syrian President Bashar al-Assad’s televised speech. Sunday’s address outlined a peace plan, but dismissed any chance of dialogue with the armed opposition.

UN spokesman Martin Nesirky said on Monday the Secretary-General was

disappointed that Assad had not offered a solution that would end the suffering of the Syrian people.

Ban also regretted Assad’s rejection of the most important elements of the Geneva Communiqué of 30 June 2012, which projected a political transition, and the establishment of a transitional governing body.—Xinhua

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Apple bid for Samsung sales ban faces skeptical court

SAN FRANCISCO, 8 Jan—Apple Inc faces long odds in its attempt to overturn a US appeals court ruling that threatens to undermine its smartphone patent war against Samsung Electronics Co Ltd. Apple has asked the full Federal Circuit Court of Appeals to revisit an October decision by a three-judge panel of the court, which rejected its request to impose a sales ban on Samsung's Galaxy Nexus smartphone ahead of a trial set for March 2014.

In that ruling, the Washington DC-based appeals court raised the bar for potentially market crippling

injunctions on product sales based on narrow patents for phone features. The legal precedent puts Samsung in a much stronger position by allowing its products to remain on store shelves while it fights a global patent battle against Apple over smartphone technology.

Apple hopes the full Federal Circuit, made up of nine active judges, will reverse the panel's findings. But legal experts say the specific legal issues involved are not likely to be controversial enough to spur full court review. Furthermore, the three judges who issued the ruling were

unanimous, whereas the Federal Circuit tends to review a case "en banc" - with all of the active judges—when an earlier ruling showed a split.

The Federal Circuit fight comes after Apple won a \$1.05 billion verdict last year against Samsung in a California federal court. The same trial judge will preside over the legal battle surrounding the Nexus phone, which involves a patent not included in the earlier trial. The fight has been widely viewed as a proxy war between Apple and Google Inc. Samsung's hot-selling Galaxy smart-



Customers gather outside an Apple store before the release of iPhone 5 in Munich early on 21 Sept, 2012. Apple Inc's iPhone 5 hit stores around the globe on Friday, with fans snapping up the device that is expected to fuel a huge holiday quarter for the consumer giant.

REUTERS

phones and tablets run on Google's Android operating system, which Apple's late co-founder, Steve Jobs, once denounced as a "stolen product." Google has not had much luck in obtaining injunctions against Apple, either. In a deal with

federal antitrust regulators announced last week, the Android developer agreed to limit when it can use certain swaths of its patent portfolio to seek injunctions. Samsung's legal papers arguing against full court review of the Federal

Circuit ruling on Galaxy Nexus sales are due this week. To win a rehearing before the full court, Apple needs five out of the nine judges to vote in favor. Representatives for Apple and Samsung both declined to comment.—Reuters



New Sony Bravia 4K Ultra HD televisions are displayed after being unveiled during a Sony News conference at the Consumer Electronics Show (CES) in Las Vegas on 7 Jan, 2013. Phil Molyneux (top L), president and COO of Sony Electronics Inc, can be seen on the screen in the background.—REUTERS

Sony to launch high-vision movies, expand TV lineup

LAS VEGAS, 8 Jan — Sony Corp will kick off sales of high-vision 4K versions of existing movie titles in the United States this spring and expand its TV model offerings, CEO Kazuo Hirai said on Monday, as it struggles to revive its consumer electronics business.

The 4K ultra-high definition versions offer four times the resolution of conventional high-definition images. Sony will also expand its line-up of ultra-high definition TVs with 55-inch and 65-inch models in the spring, Hirai told a News conference at the CES consumer electronics show in Las Vegas. Under Hirai, the maker of Bravia televisions is doubling down on consumer electronics, with a focus on mobile phones, tablets and gaming.

Sony is selling off assets to help it pare costs and

generate cash it can book as operating profit. The Japanese company in September sold its chemical business to a state-owned bank in Japan for \$700 million. Sony is also mulling the sale of its New York headquarters. With its credit rating eroding, including a downgrade along with Panasonic Corp to junk status by Fitch last year, Sony faces higher borrowing costs. Helped by asset sales, Sony expects to eke out a profit of \$233 million in the year to 31 March.

Sony and Japan's other big TV makers, Panasonic Corp and Sharp Corp, have been hobbled by a strong yen that has squeezed margins and has been hammered by aggressive South Korean rivals led by Samsung Electronics Co. Sony's shares fell 0.1 percent in Tuesday morning trade in Tokyo, against a 0.5 percent dip in the benchmark Nikkei 225 average.

Reuters

NASA's Kepler telescope finds 461 potential new planets

CAPE CANAVERAL, 8 Jan —NASA's Kepler space telescope has uncovered another 461 potential new planets, most of which are the size of Earth or a few times larger, scientists said on Monday. The announcement brings Kepler's head count to 2,740 candidate new worlds, 105 of which have been confirmed.

"Two years ago we had around 1,200 candidate planet objects. A year later, we added a significant number of new objects and saw the trend of huge numbers of very small planets ... twice the size of Earth and smaller," Kepler astronomer Christopher Burke told a News conference webcast from the American Astronomical Society conference in Long Beach, California.

With the addition of 461 new candidate planets,

collected over 22 months of Kepler telescope observations, the proliferation of smaller planets continues. The new targets include what appears to be a planet about 1.5 times bigger than Earth circling its sun-like parent star in a 242-day orbit—a distance where liquid water, believed to be necessary for life, could exist on its surface.

In related research, astronomers have determined that about one in six sun-like stars have Earth-sized planets circling their parent stars closer than Mercury's 88-day day orbit around the sun.

The goal of the Kepler mission, which began in 2009, is to determine how many stars in the Milky Way galaxy have an Earth-sized planet orbiting in so-called habitable zones,

where water can exist on its surface.

"You need very specific conditions to have liquid water. You can't have your planet too close to your star where it's too hot. You can't have it too far away for the planet conditions to be too cold. We're trying to find these planets in this very specific habitable zone," said Burke, who is with the SETI Institute in Mountain View, California.

The Kepler telescope works by tracking slight decreases in the amount of light coming from 160,000 target stars caused by a planet or planets passing by, or transiting, relative to the telescope's point of view. Earth-sized planets located about where Earth orbits the sun would take 365 days to circle their parent star. Those located

closer, in Mercury-like 88-day orbits, transit more frequently. Scientists need at least two and preferably three or more cycles to determine whether an apparent transit is real or some other phenomena.

"In order to catch several transits of an Earth analog, you have to wait for one more year to get another transit. It's simply too early to call," said astronomer Francois Fressin, with the Harvard-Smithsonian Centre for Astrophysics.

The Kepler roster also boosts the number of multi-planet systems. Of the 2,740 objects, 299 are in dual-planet systems, 112 are in triplets, 44 are part of four-planet systems, 11 systems have five planets and one system has six planets.

Reuters

Intel bets big on thin PCs and phones at Las Vegas show

LAS VEGAS, 8 Jan—Top chipmaker Intel Corp on Monday announced shipments of a new low-power chip and showed off next-generation ultra thin laptops and convertible tablets in its latest bid to prove that the struggling PC industry still has a bright future.

At the 2013 Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, Intel said new energy-efficient processors for tablets and laptops are available now, and it outlined features like voice recognition and drastically improved battery life on future PCs.

"Absolutely all-day battery life where you just don't have to bring your power brick at all anymore," Kirk Skaugen, corporate vice president and



Kirk Skaugen, vice president of PC client group for Intel, speaks at an Intel News conference during the Consumer Electronics Show (CES) in Las Vegas on 7 Jan, 2013.

REUTERS

General Manager of Intel's PC Client Group, said of laptops built with the company's upcoming Haswell processor.

While macroeconomic troubles have weighed on sales for several quarters, the growing popularity of tablets and smartphones is seen as an existential threat

to the PC industry.

Anxious to breathe new life into PCs and prove a recent slump in sales is not permanent, Intel and PC manufacturers in Las Vegas this week will display a range of ultra thin laptops, dubbed Ultrabooks, and hybrid devices that convert into tablets.

On a stage flanked by dozens of tablets and laptops with rotatable and detachable screens, Skaugen said Intel's newly available chip based on its current Ivy Bridge architecture sips just 7 watts of energy, more efficient than a previously planned 10 watts of power.

Reuters

BUSINESS & HEALTH



A patient waits in the hallway at a hospital in Houston in a file photo.—REUTERS

NEW YORK, 8 Jan—As the United States enters the fifth decade of its “war on cancer,” deaths continue to decline, according to an exhaustive report based on official data released on Monday. But that doesn’t tell the whole story, say experts not involved in the report from the National Cancer

Institute, the American Cancer Society and other groups on progress against cancer since the 1970s. The improvements reflect such lifestyle changes as not smoking more than they do the billions of dollars spent to discover and implement advanced cancer treatments.

“We don’t look at this

Analysis: In war against cancer, progress is in the eye of the beholder

as progress,” said Fran Visco, president of the National Breast Cancer Coalition, of the new numbers. “This is such incremental improvement, when you look at the decades of investments, the cost of treatments, the number of researchers and journals, and then at the number of people who die ... well, we are clearly doing something wrong,” said Visco, who was not involved in the study.

The decrease in deaths from all cancers—1.8 percent a year for men and 1.5 percent for women from 2005 to 2009, the last year with enough data to analyze—while steady,

is disappointing to many experts because it is no greater in the most recent five-year period than in the previous one, and because it has hardly been affected by supposed advances in detection and treatment.

“The decrease in cancer mortality is driven largely by the decrease in cancer incidence, which is mostly because of the decrease in smoking,” said Dr Otis Brawley, chief medical and scientific officer of the American Cancer Society (ACS).

Smoking can cause more than a dozen cancers, including lung, head, neck, bladder and mouth.

Reuters



A man walks past the headquarters of the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) in Basel on 14 Sept, 2010.—REUTERS

Banks have to pay up, despite win on liquidity rule

LONDON/WASHINGTON, 8 Jan—Banks have won a victory in their battle to dilute tough rules on liquidity, but they will still have to find trillions of dollars to ensure their funds do not run out in a crisis. Heavy lobbying by banks over the past two years has bought them time, but not freedom from requirements that they lock up big new cash buffers globally from 2015. And while some critics are blasting the Basel Committee for backing off the strictest aspects of the liquidity rule, other prominent reform voices are reluctant to say that it means a global commitment to tough new rules is falling away.

“It is a phase-in. It should be understood not as a repudiation of capital requirements but as phase-ins that are reasonable,” said former US Representative Barney Frank, who co-authored the 2010 Dodd-Frank legislation of financial reforms. The Basel Committee of banking supervisors, representing most of the world’s capital markets, surprised banks on Sunday with concessions on

a planned new liquidity rule to enable them to withstand market squeezes. Banks and some regulators said the original draft, the first of its kind, was too harsh, tying up vast pools of cash at a time when credit is needed to aid struggling economies.

Basel is giving banks an extra four years to comply with the rule by 2019 and include a wider range of risky assets in the buffer. Regulators defended the change, with Bank of England Governor Mervyn King saying on Sunday that a strong disincentive will be built into the changes. Banks will have to set aside more capital if they choose to pad out their liquidity buffer with the riskier assets such as bonds backed by home loans, or shares. Dwight Smith, a partner at the law firm Morrison Foerster in Washington, DC, also noted that banks will have to sell off assets periodically to test their liquidity, and will face other restrictions on how they can count lower-quality assets in the buffer. “It’s not like it’s suddenly open season on all this,” Smith said.

Reuters

Link between concussions, dementia is complex: study

NEW YORK, 8 Jan—In a new study of National Football League (NFL) veterans, former players with thinking and memory problems also had more lesions in their brains than healthy players and non-athletes in a comparison group. But cognitive difficulties weren’t directly related to the number of concussions a player had suffered in his career—complicating the controversy over long-term effects of head injuries.

“Not everyone gets this problem,” said Dr John Hart, Jr from the University

of Texas at Dallas, who worked on the study. “It’s a more complex issue than has just sort of been thrown out there.” The topic of concussions in the NFL and other sports leagues has been thrust into the spotlight after reports of players suffering from depression or memory trouble long after retiring. Last year, former San Diego Chargers star Junior Seau committed suicide after what some believe were years of depression related to concussions he may have suffered as a player.

Reuters

Galaxy phones power Samsung to record \$8.3 billion profit

SEOUL, 8 Jan—Samsung Electronics, the world leader in mobiles and memory chips, said it likely earned a quarterly profit of \$8.3 billion, as it sold close to 500 handsets a minute and as demand picked up for the flat screens it makes for mobile devices, including those for rival Apple Inc products.

That run of five straight record quarters may end in January-March on weaker seasonal demand, though a strong pipeline of smartphones—the South Korean group’s biggest earner—and improving chip prices have eased concerns that earnings growth could slow this

year, powering Samsung shares to record levels last week. The stock dipped 1.1 percent on Tuesday, in a Seoul market that was down 0.4 percent.

“Investors are a bit concerned that Samsung’s momentum may slow in the first half. The smartphone market is unlikely to sustain its strong growth as advanced markets are nearing saturation despite growth in emerging countries,” said Kim Sung-soo, a fund manager at LS Asset Management.

Samsung has outpaced Apple—its biggest rival and biggest customer—despite the US firm’s launch of the latest iPhone 5, with sales momentum boosted by



Tim Baxter, president for Samsung Electronics America, shows off the LED F8000, their newest flagship Smart TV at the Samsung news conference at the Consumer Electronics Show (CES) in Las Vegas on 7 Jan, 2013.—REUTERS

its Galaxy Note II phone-cum-tablet, or ‘phablet’, in the fourth quarter. iPhone 5 sales were a little below expectations, analysts said.

While Apple rolled out just a single new smartphone last year globally, Samsung bombarded the market

with 37 variants tweaked for regional and consumer tastes, from high-end smartphones to cheaper low-end models. By comparison, Taiwan’s HTC Corp released 18 models, Nokia 9 and LG Electronics 24.—Reuters

Disney looks for cost savings, ponders layoffs

LOS ANGELES, 8 Jan—Walt Disney Co started an internal cost-cutting review several weeks ago that may include layoffs at its studio and other units, three people with knowledge of the effort told Reuters, in an early sign that big companies may not be finished tightening their belts. Disney, whose empire spans TV, film, merchandise and theme parks, is exploring cutbacks in jobs it no longer needs because of improvements in technology, one of the people said. It is also looking at redundant operations that could be eliminated following a string of major acquisitions over the past few years, said

the person.

The people did not want to be identified because Disney has not disclosed the internal review. After years of repeated and sometimes severe cost cutting in the wake of the financial crisis, by last summer it looked as

though Corporate America had trimmed all the fat and was back on the path of profits through operating growth. But news Disney is weighing cuts—on the heels of Eli Lilly and Co’s warning last week that cost controls would drive

earnings this year—could herald yet another wave of retrenchment.

Disney executives warned in November that the rising cost of sports rights and moribund home video sales would dampen growth. “We are constantly looking at eliminating redundancies and creating greater efficiencies, especially with the rapid rise in new technology,” said Disney spokeswoman Zenia Mucha.

In terms of profit margin, Disney’s studio is the least profitable of the entertainment conglomerate’s four major product divisions. The studio had a profit margin of 12.3 percent in 2012.

Reuters



The signage at the main gate of The Walt Disney Co. is pictured in Burbank, California in this on 7 May, 2012 file photograph.—REUTERS

WORLD

Obama to host Afghan president at White House

WASHINGTON, 8 Jan.—US President Barack Obama will host Afghan President Hamid Karzai at the White House on Friday, the White House announced on Monday.

Obama looks forward to “discussing our continued transition in Afghanistan, and our shared vision of an enduring partnership between the United States and Afghanistan,” it said in a statement.

Karzai’s visit comes as the Afghan national security forces are preparing to take over security after the NATO-led forces’ scheduled

withdrawal in 2014.

Some are expecting that the visit can lead to the inking of a long-term security partnership between the two nations.

The talks between the United States and Afghanistan on the so-called Bilateral Security Agreement (BSA) formally began in Kabul, the capital of Afghanistan, on 15 Nov, 2012.

The controversial agreement, if signed, would guarantee the presence of US military at least for several years in Afghanistan, a contentious issue that

has been opposed by some in Afghanistan and its neighbours. The deal could also allow US economic and military aid to Afghanistan.

Some 100,000 NATO-led troops, with over 60,000 of them American soldiers, are presently stationed in Afghanistan to fight the Taliban-led insurgency.

Afghanistan is expected to have 350,000-strong national security forces including national army and police by 2014. But some observers believe these are not enough to deal with security threats in the war-torn country. —Xinhua



Mahama (front) speaks as he is sworn in as Ghana’s president in Accra, capital of Ghana, on 7 Jan, 2013. According to Ghana’s Electoral Commission, Mahama won 50.7 percent of the vote in the 2012 general election, while his close competitor Nana Akufo-Addo from main opposition New Patriotic Party (NPP) got 47.7 percent.—XINHUA

Argentine warship returns home after detention in Ghana

BUENOS AIRES, 8 Jan.—Argentine warship Libertad entered the country’s waters on Monday after being seized in Ghana for more than two months due to a legal dispute, the Argentine Defence Ministry said.

The warship received protocol salute from Uruguayan warships when passing through Uruguay’s waters, the ministry said, adding that an Uruguayan airplane guarded Libertad in the Rio de la Plata waters.

The Libertad continued sailing southwestward at 7.5 knots and was expected to arrive at the Mar del Plata navy base, 400 km southeast of Buenos Aires, on Wednesday, where it would be welcomed by President Cristina Fernandez, it added.

Seized at the eastern Tema Port of Ghana on 2 Oct, the naval school ship was on a “good-will mission” with 220 crew members and 110 students aboard. Some students came from Argentina’s Naval Military School and others were from Uruguay and Chile.

The move to embargo the ship was sparked by a claim by creditor NML Capital Limited over a so-called “vulture fund,” which is suing Argentina over its 2002 bond default.

A Ghanaian judge rejected Argentina’s request to release the warship, as the South American country refused to pay 20 million US dollars as bail. —Xinhua



Tadashi Okamura, chairman of the Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Hiromasa Yonekura, chairman of the Japan Business Federation, and Yasuchika Hasegawa, chairman of the Japan Association of Corporate Executives, shake hands during a press conference at a Tokyo hotel on Jan. 7, 2013. The heads of Japan’s three major business lobbies gathered for a New Year’s reception and the press conference. —KYODO NEWS

Indian court orders camera proceeding of hearings for gang rape case

NEW DELHI, 8 Jan.—Fearing that the five accused in the horrifying rape case in the Indian capital last month could be lynched by angry crowds, a local court ordered camera proceeding of the hearings on Monday rather than in person at the demand of police.

Police brought the five of six thugs who brutalized and killed a 23-year-old woman in a black police armoured van under heavy security, but found the courtroom too crowded to guarantee security for the five accused at the Saket courtroom in southern Delhi.

Metropolitan Magistrate Namrita Aggarwal said: “An unprecedented situation arises when members of bar and public persons not connected with the case also have started converging the courtroom No 207 where the present matter is going on

since 12 noon.”

“The courtroom has become jam-packed with lots of disturbance created from different nooks and corners,” he said. “It has become impossible to proceed in the case. I am passing order for in-camera proceeding. It shall not be lawful to print and publish any article in media without court permission.” The gang rape case has become a highly sensitive political issue in India as well, as some have expressed arrogance of judicial authorities in dealing with the case.

Media reports said some of the accused are even trying to take advantage of the loopholes of the judicial system to escape punishment. Two of the accused wanted to become state witnesses so that they could be given leniency, according to local media reports. —Xinhua

Hillary Clinton back in office after illness

WASHINGTON, 8 Jan.—US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton returned to her office on Monday after a month-long absence due to illness and received a warm welcome from her staff.

The top American envoy received a standing ovation from 75 senior staff members present when she walked in the room, wearing a “brilliant pink jacket,” State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland said.

Deputy Secretary of State Thomas Nides presented Clinton with a gift from the staff in a big box, telling his boss that “As you know, Washington is a contact sport.” In the box were a football helmet with the State Department seal, a football jersey with “Clinton” imprinted on the back and number “112” on the front, which symbolizes

the number of countries that she has visited as secretary of state since taking office four years ago, Nuland said.

“And she loved it. She thought it was cool,” the spokeswoman said at a regular news briefing.

Clinton, 65, is the most-traveled US secretary of state as she has traveled over 950,000 miles and spent some 400 days on her plane.

She returned home on 7 December from a European tour suffering from a stomach virus, followed by a concussion sustained when she fainted and hit her head as a result of dehydration. She was hospitalized in New York for three days late last month after a blood clot was found in a vein in her head.

She has stated her intention to step down at the start of President Barack Obama’s second term in

January, and the president has nominated Senator John Kerry to succeed her.

Nuland said that back in office, the secretary reiterated her demand that “every single” of the 29 recommendations made by the Accountability Review Board in regard to boosting security for US posts overseas be “on its way to implementation” by the time her successor is sworn in.

The board faulted the State Department for the attack on the US consulate in Benghazi, Libya on 11 September last year, in which Ambassador Christopher Stevens and three other Americans were killed, saying “management deficiencies” at high levels of the agency resulted in inadequate security posture in the mission.

Nuland said Clinton will reschedule her appearance for a congressional hearing on the attack, which was slated for 20 December but canceled later due to her poor health. —Xinhua

Week-long hearing starts for US movie theater shooting

AURORA, (Colorado), 8 Jan.—The Aurora theater mass shooting suspect James Holmes on Monday appeared again as a local court reopened for more chilling details over his case.

In the packed courtroom of Arapahoe County on Monday, two of the first four police officers who testified broke down on the witness stand recalling the bloody scene, while Holmes sat motionless, without emotion.

Local reports say the hearing, which will last for one week, is expected to include testimonies from survivors, along with playing of video evidence and 911 calls. Judges will decide if there is enough

evidence to stage a full trial for James Holmes who has been accused of opening fire on a packed midnight screening of a Batman film premiere in 20 July, 2012.

Holms allegedly wore a suit of armor on 20 July when he broke into the Century 16 theater in the Denver suburb of Aurora shortly after midnight during the screening of the blockbuster, “The Dark Knight Rises,” and started the shooting rampage, killing 12 people and injuring 70 others. He made his first appearance in court shortly after the massacre and faced more than 160 charges including murder and attempted murder.

Xinhua



An old woman shows her handmade tiger-head shoes in downtown Bozhou City, east China’s Anhui Province, 7 Jan, 2013. Tiger-head shoes, a kind of traditional Chinese shoes made of colourful cotton fabric and thread, are popular for local people who hope their children grow as robust and healthy as tigers in the new year.

XINHUA

WORLD

US calls Palestinians' name change "bad idea"

WASHINGTON, 8 Jan—The United States on Monday called it "a bad idea" to rename the Palestinian National Authority to State of Palestine, insisting the statehood can only be achieved through a negotiated settlement with Israel.

"Our policy on continuing to call it the Palestinian Authority, until such time that there is a negotiated agreement for a state with borders, will not change," State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland told reporters at a

regular Press briefing.

"Well you can't create a state by rhetoric and with labels and names," she added. "You can only create a state, in this context, through bilateral negotiations."

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas issued a decree on Sunday, ordering the use of the name of State of Palestine on all official stamps including identity cards, driving licenses, official documents, passports and official letterheads.

It was the first official

step taken toward statehood since the UN General Assembly granted the Palestinians an upgraded status of a non-member observer state in November last year.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Sunday expressed his opposition to the move, saying a Palestinian state can only be born through a peace treaty with Israel.

Nuland said US special envoy David Hale would be in Jerusalem for meetings on Monday night, and he will see Abbas the next day.

"We're certainly going to tell them that it's a bad idea and it doesn't change anything for the Palestinian people," she said. "And if they really want to change things for the Palestinian people, they need to get back to the table."

Israel has announced expanded settlement building on the occupied land since the Palestinians became a non-member UN observer state, a move that has sparked an outcry from Washington and European capitals.—Xinhua



A man dressed as Ded Moroz (Grandfather Frost), the Russian Santa Claus, leads people to dance during a celebration on Orthodox Christmas at Sokolniki Park of Moscow, capital of Russia, on 7 Jan, 2013.

XINHUA

New Henan dam to counter chemical spill

ZHENGZHOU, 8 Jan—Workers in a central China City are building a new dam to protect a reservoir from contamination by a recent chemical leak, the municipal government revealed on Monday. The concentration of aniline in the Dingjiagou stretch of the Huanhe River in Anyang City, Henan Province, at noon on Monday was 4.65 mg per liter, 45.5 times more than the national standard, which allows less than 0.1 mg per liter of the substance in rivers, it said.

Workers are building a "filter dam" between the Dingjiagou section and the Xiaonanhai reservoir downstream to use active

carbon to absorb the pollutants and prevent them from polluting the reservoir. The Dingjiagou section is 50 km from the reservoir.

The municipal government said residents have been warned not to use water in the Huanhe River, one of the waterways contaminated by a chemical leak in neighbouring Shanxi Province. On 31 December, about 9 tonnes of aniline was leaked by a chemical plant owned by the Tianji Coal Chemical Industry Group into the Zhuozhang River in Changzhi City, Shanxi. However, the Shanxi provincial environmental authority did not receive the pollution report

from Changzhi City until five days later.

The contamination has affected drinking water supplies in downstream Handan City in neighboring Hebei Province, which has a population of more than 1 million people.

An initial investigation has revealed that a loose drainage valve in the plant was to blame for the leak.

Changzhi's Mayor Zhang Bao apologized for the affair at a press conference on Monday. He said the municipal government had underestimated the severity of the chemical leak after receiving the polluter's report on the accident.—Xinhua

Helicopter crashes in

Peru, killing all seven aboard

LIMA, 8 Jan—A helicopter carrying seven people crashed in Peru's Amazon jungle on Monday and all aboard perished, a judicial official said on Monday.

Corpac, Peru's Air Transport Agency, said the helicopter was operated by the local unit of US-based Columbia Helicopters. Columbia is known for its tandem rotor heavy-lift aircraft used in logging and oil exploration work. Columbia's Lima office declined to comment.

Marco Ochoa, the judicial official, said five US Citizens and two Peruvians were on the helicopter and that rescue crews were recovering their bodies.

Local media reports said the people on board worked for Petrominerales Ltd, a Canadian-based oil exploration firm focused on Latin America. Petrominerales' Lima office declined to comment.—Reuters



Liu Xiangrui (1st L), a migrant worker from Suqian in east China's Jiangsu Province, buys his ticket on line under the guidance of working staff in east China's Shanghai Municipality, on 7 Jan, 2013. The tickets for the upcoming Spring Festival rush period can be purchased via online and phone-call booking systems since on 7 Jan. Shanghai railway administration provided group ticket-purchasing service for migrant workers in Shanghai. The Spring Festival for family reunions begins from the first day of the first month of the traditional Chinese lunar calendar, or on 10 Feb, 2013.—XINHUA

Greek climber rescued as authorities support homeless amid cold snap

ATHENS, 8 Jan—A Greek climber trapped on a mountain for hours was rescued and authorities throughout Greece were mobilized to support the thousands homeless on Monday, as the country is hit by a cold snap which is forecast to last to Thursday.

As a major part of Greece is gripped by heavy rain, snowfall and strong winds, an experienced 54-year old climber went missing on Sunday evening on a northern mountainous area, when he lost track of his teammates.

A rescue operation ended successfully on Monday noon, and he was found safe and transferred for first aid to a local hospital.

Local authorities across the country in the meantime prepared to offer assistance to homeless people, setting up emergency shelters at public stadiums

and other buildings to avoid deaths in freezing conditions.

Last year, several homeless died from hypothermia during similar cold snaps, as the number of homeless in Greece has increased to more than 20,000 persons since the start of the debt crisis in late 2009, with about half of them living out on the streets of central Athens.

Meteorologists forecast that temperatures will drop to sub-zero in coming hours in several parts of the country, in particular in the north and mountainous zones, with the maximum hitting 13 Degree Celsius, while snowfall is expected also in the suburbs of the Greek Capital.

Experts at the Greek National Meteorological Agency forecast that the cold snap will continue until on Thursday.—Xinhua

Four women shot dead in US state of Oklahoma

HOUSTON, 8 Jan—Four women were found shot dead on Monday afternoon in an apartment in Tulsa city in the US state of Oklahoma, US media reported.

Tulsa police received a 911 call shortly after noon Monday reporting four peo-

ple dead at the apartment in south Tulsa, according to CBS news.

A 4-year-old boy was also reportedly in the apartment but was not hurt.

Police said the victims, aged between 18 and 22, were alive just an hour before the 911 call, ac-

cording to CBS affiliate KOTV. Officers from many different units, including the fugitive and gang units, have been called in to assist with the investigation.

Tulsa has not had a quadruple murder since 1992, the report said.

Xinhua

11 killed in tribal clashes in Sudan's Darfur region

KHARTOUM, 8 Jan—A total of 11 people have been killed and a number of others injured on Monday in tribal clashes between Bani Hussein and Aballa tribes at Jabel A'mir area in Sudan's North Darfur State.

"As many as 11 people were killed and others injured in clashes between Bani Hussein and Arab Aballa tribes at Jabel A'mir area in North Darfur State," said a statement by the state's security committee on Monday.

"The events have started individually since Saturday and quickly escalated and developed into a conflict between the Arab Aballa and

Bani Hussein tribes," the statement added.

The state government has sent the armed forces to the area, which were pursuing the armed groups engaging in sabotage and burning acts, said the statement.

The statement further said that the state government has adopted security measures and formed a team to follow up the events and end the disorder resulted from the clashes. The local government also condemned the behavior of turning individual quarrels into the tribal conflict as such a matter endangers the citizens and their properties.—Xinhua



Snow falls as a couple walk in Sultan Ahmet Square in the Turkish city of Istanbul on 7 January, 2013. Heavy snow hit Istanbul on Monday, paralyzing daily life, disrupting air traffic and land transport. Many provinces across Turkey are also being affected by heavy snow which led to the closure of schools in nine province and blocked traffic in many villages.

XINHUA

PERSPECTIVES

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Resolve water, food and energy insecurity

Nations worldwide are facing the challenge of dealing with increasing demands for water, food and energy as the global population is on the increase all the more. Critical linkages between those sectors, such as the relations between world food prices and national biofuel policies, the effects of climate change on agriculture and water availability, and the demand for cooling water in electricity production, have increasingly highlighted the need for integrated planning and governance.

This is currently, however, a widespread lack of academic training and tools to support such integration. It is in the public interest that these factors are made known to all the stakeholders including policy makers, NGOs, private sector, academic and research institutions.

Continually increasing energy and food demands are driving a marked change in land use in the nation, especially in the cultivation of rice, sugarcane and rubber. As the long-term national energy policy is ongoing, there is a trend of local farmers altering their food cropping regimes and switching to either rubber or other perennial crops.

Meanwhile, we need to have broader perspectives on development challenges from shared experiences on cross-sectorial collaboration in different contexts. Towards this end, a better understanding of the availability and functions of an analytical platform for water-energy nexus as well as its application in modeling scenarios to address challenges related to food, water, energy and climate change is to be ensured.

And only when there is cooperation between the stakeholders who have an interest in understanding and learning about the analytical framework and actual experience with cross-sectorial collaboration, will the issue of water, food and energy insecurity be resolved practically.

Monywa's road opening ceremonies mark Independence Day

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Jan—Monywa in Sagaing Region on 2 January morning saw the opening of tarred roads and a paper mill in honour of the 65th anniversary of Independence Day. Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye along with Region Minister for Finance and Revenue U Tin Win, Region Minister for Development U Tint Hlaing Myint and officials concerned attended the openings.

The two self-reliant roads are Kwatgyi No. 1 tarred road with 2315 feet length and 14 feet width and Thirimyaing tarred road (Yankin Ward) with 1200 feet length and 12 feet

width. The first one costs K 7.28 million and the second K 4.38 million.

Yadana Moemyint paper mill was launched in Monywa Industrial Zone in the presence of the Chief Minister and Region Minister for Forestry, Mines and Energy U Than Htaik, Region Minister for Electric Power and Industry U Kyaw Win and paper mill owner U Tun Tun.

On 3 January, the Chief Minister was present at the School Family Day of No. 3 Basic Education High School in Monywa, in which the chief minister and party awarded the outstanding students.—MNA

State Sangha Vinicchaya (Judicial) Committee

The members of the Sangha Orders residing in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar are like the sons of the Buddha, who consequently succeeded Maha Thera Kassapa of the First Buddhist Synod.

When the first rivers namely, Ganda, Yamuna, Aciravati, Sarabu and Mahi flow into the ocean, their respective names disappeared, and then they received the one name, ocean. Similarly, the respective names of four castes also disappeared when they were ordained as BNhikkhus. They are regarded as the sons, as well as the disciples of the Buddha. According to the Fourth Wonder of the Sasana, the members of the Sangha received only the name of the sons of Sakya.

Therefore, all the members of the Sangha are united under the Rules of Vinaya expounded by the Buddha. In this way, members of the Sangha Orders have consequently to carry out the benefits of the Sasana. To settle peacefully the disputes of the Vinayadhammakamma Adhikarana, the following four main principles were drawn up and passed by the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha of All Orders of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. They are:-

1. These procedures of the Settlement on the Vinayadhammakamma Adhikarana Disputes Act shall be applicable to the members of the Sangha residing in the Republic of the

Union of Myanmar.

2. The Vinayadhammakamma Adhikarana disputes shall be heard and decided only at the courts of the Sangha Vinicchaya and shall not be decreed as civil cases at the public courts.
3. The Vinayadhammakamma Adhikarana disputes arising from among the respective official sects may be heard and decided by the respective sects of Vinayadharas (Sangha Judges).
4. These procedures of the Settlement of the Vinayadhammakamma Adhikarana Disputes Act shall be received and approved only by the majorities of the respec-

Disputes passed and adopted by the First Congregation of the Sangha All Orders of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, the following different levels of the Sangha Vinicchaya committees were formed throughout the country.

1. The State Sangha Vinicchaya Committee (the highest level)
2. The State/Region Sangha Vinicchaya Committees
3. Township Sangha Vinicchaya Committees

The State Sanghamahanayaka Committee has to nominate the name-list of the limited numbers out of the members of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha of All Orders to act as the Vinayadharas (Sangha Judges) of the State Sangha Vinicchaya Court on alternative turn. The members of the State

judgement of the State of Region Sangha Vinicchaya Committee. The following cases may be submitted to the State Sanghamahanayaka Committee for appeal:-

1. A dispute occurring between the two difference sects (ganas)
2. A dispute occurring between any State and Region.
3. A dispute relating to the four offences (Parajikas)
4. A dispute relating to pagodas and their Images and financial matters.

After accepting the statement of appeal and its case file, the State Sanghamahanayaka Committee shall form a State Vinayadhara Appel-late Court within 15 days consisting of 5 members of the Vinayadhara Sayadaws who were neither members of the primary court nor the Vinayadhara Sayadaws of the State or Region in which the disputes originated.

Besides, the State Sanghamahanayaka Committee shall directly form the State Special Vinicchaya Committee comprising suitable members who are members of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha of All Orders of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to hear and decide the dispute relating to Dhamma (lawful view) or Adhamma (unlawful view) out of the four kinds of disputes, concerning the whole Sasana affairs.

The judgement of the State Special Court of the Vinayadhara shall be final and conclusive.

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tive of the assembly of the Sangha of All Orders.

The above-mentioned four main principles and the procedures and the procedures of the Vinayadhammakamma Adhikarana Disputes were unanimously approved by the 1218 Sangha respective of the First Congregation of the Sangha of All Orders of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar for the purification, perpetuation and propagation of the Buddha Sasana which was successfully held on the 27th May 1980.

In accordance with the four main principles and the procedures of the Vinayadhammakamma Adhikarana

Sangha Vinicchaya Court take office at Apari Goyana Hall, Sirimangalar Kaba Aye Hillock, Mayangone Township, Yangon Region. The State Sangha Vinnicchaya Court consists of (45) members and each (15) members take office for four months.

The complainant of defendant may submit their statement of appeal to the State Sanghamahanayaka Committee within 30 days together with the prescribed form (12) according to the procedures, if the decision of the State or Region Sangha Vinicchaya Committee is not satisfactory. The statement of appeal must be attached to a true copy of the

Social Security Board Management System Programme launched

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Jan—"The Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security has implemented Social Security Board Management System Programme for conservation of insurance worker's data, drug purchase, conservation and distribution for labour hospital, clinics, systematic carrying out investments," said Union Minister for Labour, Employment and Social Security U Maung Myint who attended putting records of insurance workers

from Social Security Board on computer programme and demonstration for issuing of new social security insurance scrutiny cards at the meeting hall of the ministry here yesterday morning.

The Union Minister pointed out the importance of newly-issued cards and urged those present to strive to be qualified ones and accept the change.

Afterwards, Managing Director U Aung Soe Moe of Assembler Computer Co Ltd explained the work

procedures of the computer programme and donated K 6 million and fifteen sets of computer and General Manager U Than Oo from Trust Link Co Ltd eight air-conditioners and desks.

The Union Minister, the deputy minister and departmental heads viewed data putting, photo and finger print recording and demonstration for issuing social security insurance scrutiny cards of the staff from the ministry.

MNA

School Family Day observed

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Jan—The School Family Day of Kayin State for 2012-2013 academic year took place at Zwegabin Hall in Hpa-an on 3 January.

Chief Minister of Kayin State U Zaw Min spoke on the occasion.

Next, the Chief Minister and officials awarded outstanding students, schools and townships for 2012 academic year.

MNA

LOCAL NEWS

15th international hot-air balloon festival wraps up

MANDALAY, 8 Jan—Golden Express Co Ltd of Myanmar and Blaser Swisslube Co of Switzerland jointly organized the 15th international hot-air balloon festival at Mandalay and Taungthaman Lake from 29 to 31 December 2012.

“We have flied twice around Taungthaman Lake,

starting from Mandalay Swan Hotel and landed at Nweni Village of Patheingyi Township. We left Mandalay on 1 January 2013 for Bagan,” said Mr Bilissa who participated in the festival with the use of six hot-air balloons around Mandalay and Taungthaman areas.

He continued that the

similar festivals are celebrated not only in Myanmar but also in Asian countries. Starting from 1998, we flied to Yangon, Bagan, Mandalay, Monywa, Pindaya, Mrauk U, Loikaw and Myitkyina. In 2007, Mr Pibet had jumped down the free fall near Hsinywagyi Village of Patheingyi Township. We were difficult to land if the wind speed was higher.

We were easy to fly over Mandalay, Bagan and Inlay regions, he said.

Myanma Alinn

Knowledge about breastfeeding and nutrition disseminated

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Jan—A talks on breastfeeding and nutrition was held at the hall of Dekkhinathiri Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association on 1 January morning.

President of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Dr Mon Mon Aung delivered an address.

Consultant Daw Thelma Tun Thein of US Government Food and Nutrition Education Programme for Women, Infants and Children gave talks on breastfeeding and nutrition. After that, the president of the association donated K 10 million to GAVI project townships.—MNA

Athletes under training at Sports Training Centre No. 2 in Lewe

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Jan—Deputy Minister for Sports U Thaung Htaik inspected

training of athletes at the Sports Training Centre No. (2) in Lewe of Nay

Pyi Taw Council Area on 2 January.

The athletes were taking exercises in track and field, Sepak Takraw, wrestling and billiard events. At the meeting hall, the deputy minister met with in-charges of the sports events and officials.

The in-charges and coaches of respective sports reported to the deputy minister on categorization of the sports athletes at A, B and C levels. The deputy minister gave necessary instructions.

Myanma Alinn



Painting, Cartoon and Photo show opened in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 8 Jan—Mandalay District Information and Public Relations Department opened the Painting, Cartoon and Photo show at the department on 62nd Street in Pyigyidagun Township on 2 January, opened by Mandalay Region Hluttaw Representative U Thein Hla.

The painting gallery was opened by Artist Saya Nyo Pyar, the cartoon show by Saya Lay Yoo and the photo show by IT U Myint Aung.

Staff Officer Daw Than Than Wai of Mandalay District IPRD explained the purpose of organizing the show.

A total of 25 works of cartoons, 273 works of paintings and 125 works of photos were displayed at the show. All the works were created by artistes from Mandalay.

The Region Hluttaw Representative and party visited the show that lasted up to 4 January.

Myanma Alinn

District Fisheries Department Office opens in Mindat

MINDAT, 8 Jan—Aiming at increasing income of local people in Mindat District of Chin State and alleviating poverty, the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries opened the Mindat District Fisheries Department under the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries in Mindat Township on 29 December

morning.

Chin State Minister U Nein Nai, Deputy Directors U Myo Aung and U Kyaw Min of Fisheries Department and Deputy Commissioner U Kyaw Arnt Maung of the district cut the ribbon to open the new district office.

The state minister made a speech, and the head of

the Chin State Fisheries Department explained the advantages of fisheries for the local people. The ceremony was also attended by the deputy director-general of the Fisheries Department, officials, township level departmental officials and local people totalling over 80.

Myanma Alinn

Course on supervisors for election of ward/village-tract administrators conducted

KHINU, 8 Jan—The course on supervisors for election of ward/village-tract administrators was opened at the hall of Township Development Affairs Committee in Khinu on 2 January, attended by Sagaing Region Hluttaw Representatives U Aung Myo Nyein and U Aung Kyaw Than, departmental

officials, supervisors of 63 village-tracts and clerks.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Phone Khant Aung made a speech.

Township Judge Daw Cho Cho and Township Law Officer U Aung Min Chun explained the prescribed rules and regulations for election of ward/village-tract

administrators.

Commander of Township Police Force Police Major Than Win lectured security affairs and Deputy Head of Township General Administration Department U Tin Htoo general administration tasks and replied to queries raised by those present.

Myanma Alinn

New Hsinmalaik Market for former shoppers

YANGON, 8 Jan—In commemoration of the 65th Anniversary Independence Day, the opening ceremony of new Hsinmalaik Market took place on 4 January morning.

The new market is constituted with 456 shopping rooms including 161 shops for vendors, 58 apartments as residences and one car park that can

accommodate 50 cars safely.

As a significant point, the market was not built with the joint venture between Yangon City Development Committee and a company.

Indeed, it was built by Mother Construction Co Ltd as a sole contract, according to an official of the Markets Department of the committee.

A shoppers said, “We did

not cost for the shops but for renovation of our own accord.”

Yangon City Development Committee spent all the costs on the construction of the new market.

The shoppers from the old market did not need to pay any charge and expenditure for new shops. It was the best news for all.

Myanma Alinn



Extradited al Qaeda suspect pleads not guilty in US court

NEW YORK, 8 Jan—A Pakistani man accused of taking part in an international al Qaeda plot to attack targets in the United States and Europe pleaded not guilty to terrorism charges during his first US court appearance on Monday in New York.

Abid Naseer, 26, was extradited on Thursday from Britain to Brooklyn, New York. He is facing up to life in prison on charges including providing material support to al Qaeda and conspiring to use a weapon of mass destruction in connection with an alleged plot to bomb a city center in Manchester, England.

The charges against

Naseer are also connected to an alleged Al Qaeda plot in 2009 to bomb the subway system in New York City, US prosecutors said. Two men, Najibullah Zazi and Zarein Ahmedzay, have pleaded guilty to planning the attacks and a third man, Adis Medunjanin, was sentenced to life in prison after his conviction last year for taking part in the plot.

During a brief court appearance in Brooklyn federal court, Naseer, wearing a bright blue t-shirt and black sneakers, pleaded not guilty to the charges through his court-appointed lawyer. The judge ordered Naseer to be held in detention without bail. His next court ap-

pearance is scheduled for March 7.

Naseer is one of a dozen men, mostly students from Pakistan, who were arrested in Britain in 2009 on suspicion of plotting to bomb a city center in Manchester. British authorities conducted daylight raids on the suspects' homes after Britain's most senior counter-terrorism official was photographed openly carrying details about the operation. British authorities said they found large quantities of flour and oil in the suspects' homes, as well as highlighted surveillance photographs of public areas in Manchester and a map of the city center.—Reuters



Citizens light the candles during a memorial service for the three firefighters who died while putting out fire in a factory blaze, at the Wushan Square in Hangzhou, capital of east China's Zhejiang Province, on 7 Jan, 2013. Local citizens gathered here on Monday evening to mourn the three firefighters who sacrificed their lives while putting out a fire in Hangzhou's Xiaoshan District, six days after the fire broke out. The three firefighters, Yin Jinliang, Chen Wei and Yin Zhihui, were ratified as martyrs and awarded gold medals for their dedication to the national defence. They were also personally awarded the top-grade merit citation.—XINHUA



Photo taken on 7 Jan, 2013 shows the trees covered with icicles on Mao'er Mountain in Guilin, south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. XINHUA

Haitian officials say US travel advisory unwarranted

PORT-AU-PRINCE, 8 Jan—A recent advisory by the Obama administration warning that Americans were victims of murder and kidnappings in Haiti could unfairly hurt efforts to get the earthquake-crippled nation back on its feet, Haiti's government officials said on Monday.

"Haiti is one of the safest destinations, not only in the Caribbean, but in all of Latin America," Prime Minister Laurent Lamothe said in a Press Conference, flanked by several other cabinet members.

The State Department

advisory issued on 28 December said: "US citizens have been victims of violent crime, including murder and kidnapping, predominantly in the Port-au-Prince area. No one is safe from kidnapping, regardless of occupation, nationality, race, gender or age."

This stern warning came at a time when violent crime for the year, especially murder and kidnapping, had in fact begun to decline, Haitian officials said.

The most violent month in Haiti last year was July, when 136 murders were reported by the Hai-

tian National Police. That number sharply declined in the following months. The highest number of kidnappings for 2012 came in October, with 21 reported cases, but it fell to only 9 cases in December.

The US State Department travel advisory undermined Haiti's attempts to rebuild its tourism industry and lure foreign investment in the wake of the January 2010 earthquake that decimated the capital city, Lamothe complained.

"With the meager resources that the state has, we're investing in tour-

ism," he said, suggesting that Haiti had been unfairly singled out by the Obama administration. "Other countries have problems, too," he said. Though it has long endured a reputation as a dangerous, lawless place, Haiti is in fact safer than its neighbor, the Dominican Republic, in terms of homicide.

Haiti's murder rate in 2011 of 6.9 per 100,000 residents was dwarfed by that of neighboring Dominican Republic, which had a rate of 24.9 for the same period. Jamaica had a murder rate of 40.9 for 2011.—Reuters

12 PKK members killed in clashes with Turkish military

ANKARA, 8 Jan—A total of 12 members of the outlawed Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK) were killed in clashes with the Turkish security forces in the southeastern province of Hakkari on Tuesday, private Dogan news agency reported.

A group of PKK militants crossed the border into Turkey from northern Iraq late Monday and raided Karatas Gendarmerie Station

of the Turkish military near Hakkari's Cukurca town, Hakkari Governor Orhan Alimoglu was quoted as saying.

The PKK rebels and the Turkish security forces exchanged fire, leaving 12 PKK members dead, Alimoglu said, adding that one Turkish soldier was seriously wounded in the clashes and died later.

Clashes intensified between the Turkish security

forces and the PKK over the past two years, and 2012 saw the bloodiest fighting ever since the capture of PKK leader Abdullah Ocalan in 1999. More than 40,000 people have been killed during the 28-year-old armed campaign in southeastern Turkey by the PKK, which was listed as a terrorist organization by Turkey, the United States and the European Union.

Xinhua

Qatari Emir visits Algeria to boost cooperation

ALGIERS, 8 Jan—Qatari Emir Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa al-Thani started on Monday a one-day visit to Algeria in a bid to boost bilateral cooperation, the official APS news agency reported.

Sheikh Hamad's visit is also an opportunity to discuss regional and international issues of mutual

interest, notably the Palestinian cause and the worsening crisis in Syria.

Algerian President Abdelaziz Bouteflika received Sheikh Hamad al-Thani upon his arrival in Algiers International Airport.

The two leaders, then, held talks in presidency on means of boosting bilateral relations in various

domains, mainly energy, agriculture, mining, air transport, finance and industry, the report said.

According to the APS, they also signed eight cooperation agreements and memorandums of understanding (MoUs) in the fields of transport, oil and gas.

Xinhua



The first Cabinet meeting of the year is held at the Prime Minister's office in Tokyo on 8 Jan, 2013. Reporters were permitted to photograph the meeting, only at the outset, the second such time after the completion of the building of the Japanese premier's new office in 2002.—KYODO NEWS

Four children drowned in Central China

ZHENGZHOU, 8 Jan—Four primary school students were found dead in a brook on the way to their school on Monday in Guangshan County, central China's Henan Province.

The county government on Tuesday confirmed that the four were from Tiandeng Elementary

School in the county and were found drowned in a brook two kilometers away from the school.

According to sources at the school, teachers contacted the children's parents after finding them absent for the afternoon courses at 2:10 pm.

Xinhua

US Patriot missiles arrive in Turkey

BEIJING, 8 Jan—US cargo planes carrying parts of Patriot missiles have landed at Incirlik airbase in Turkey. The surface-to-air missiles are to be deployed to protect the country from any spillover of Syria's civil war.

Turkey formally asked NATO for the missiles in November to bolster security along its border with Syria.

About 400 US personnel and equipment will arrive in Turkey over the next several days.

They will man two of six Patriot batteries promised by NATO. The Dutch military shipped its Patriot missiles on Monday, while the two German batteries are being deployed to other parts of southern Turkey.

Xinhua

REGIONAL

Japan to map out new defence programmes by end of 2013

TOKYO, 8 Jan — The Japanese government decided on Monday to suspend two current defence programmes to pave the way to map out new programmes by the end of 2013, local media reported late Monday. The government will first come up with a temporary defense programme in a recent cabinet meeting and map out the new programs by the end of this year, Japan's Kyodo News Agency reported.

The two programmes, namely the National Defence Programme Guidelines

and the Mid-Term Defence Programme, were approved by the government led by the Democratic Party of Japan in December, 2010, aiming at strengthening Japan's defensive and vigilant capability in its southwestern waters.

The defence guidelines focused on Japan's long-term basic defense policy, while the mid-term programme aimed at beefing up the country's Self-Defence Forces (SDF).

Meanwhile, Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) headed by

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe also approved a plan in favor of drawing new defence programmes.

Abe, who became Japan's Prime Minister on 26 December last year, said in his political pledges that he will upgrade the SDF to a national army and lift the ban on Japan's use of collective defence right.

The National Defence Division of the ruling party agreed on Monday to increase defense expenditures by about 120 billion yen (about 1.37 billion US dollars) in the next fiscal year from 4.71

trillion yen under the initial budget for fiscal 2012, Kyodo said.

The LDP and its key ally, the New Komeito Party, took 325 seats in the 480-seat lower house in general election held on 16 December last year, suggesting the ruling party could pass its budget plans in the Diet although they were vetoed in the upper house. The Japanese government also decided on 5 Jan to draft an annual budget to increase the country's defense spending for first time in 11 years in fiscal 2013.—Xinhua



Zhang Lili, a teacher who lost her legs while saving two students from an onrushing bus, does rehabilitative training under the help of a doctor at the China Rehabilitation Research Centre in Beijing, capital of China, on 7 Jan, 2013. Zhang, who successfully pushed the students out of the harm's way but unable to avoid the bus herself and lost her legs in the accident, has been receiving rehabilitative treatment here for over 4 months. Zhang makes great efforts now in order to be able to walk again. —XINHUA



People view the crafts on display during the 4th Nanjing International Jewelry Fair in Nanjing, capital of east China's Jiangsu Province, on 7 Jan, 2013. The four-day fair, which attracted exhibitors from 20 countries and regions, will conclude on 9 Jan. —XINHUA

Thailand urged to upgrade qualities of accommodation for tourists

BANGKOK, 8 Jan—Thai authorities have been urged to see to it that condominiums, apartment houses and other lodgings available to tourists throughout the country will be of higher quality than today, a leading tourism businesswoman has said.

Piyaman Techapaibul, president of the Tourism Council of Thailand, called on the Ministry of Tourism & Sports as well as other government agencies concerned to have those places and accommodations for tourists improved

and upgraded to meet international standards because, she said, today's tourists from around the world have more money to spend and prefer quality lodgings as well as quality services and accommodations at those places. She said varied condominiums and apartment houses which may have been renewed or refurbished to serve as hotels for tourists are known to be of inferior quality than those which have originally opened as hotels or guesthouses.

"Added by condos and apartment houses currently opening for daily rent, the number of lodgings for tourists throughout the country has increased over the years, but not the qualities.

Many of today's tourists are so affluent and selective

that they'd prefer quality places where personnel should be very responsible and experienced in taking care of them while security should be constantly and effectually maintained," she said. Employees and staff in charge of providing accommodations to tourists should be well-versed in communicating with the foreigners, service-minded and speak fluent English, according to the council leader. Thailand is seen to receive up to 23.1 million tourists from other countries around the world next year, compared to about 21.7 million, who have reportedly visited the country throughout this year, about 2.6 million of whom from China, while as much as two trillion baht (66.6 billion US dollars) is expected to be

earned from tourist industry by 2015, compared to about one trillion baht (33.3 billion US dollars) this year.

Thailand's most favourite destinations for tourists include the world-renowned beach resorts of Pattaya and Phuket, the Andaman Sea archipelagos of Krabi and Surat Thani and the capital city of Bangkok.

The council leader made her comments in response to news reports that the government might deregulate businesses of running condominiums and apartment houses to the extent that they might not only serve as a place which collects monthly rent from the tenants but as a hotel where guests pay the room rates on a daily basis.

Xinhua

Singapore launches new safety regulations for recreational diving

SINGAPORE, 8 Jan—The Singapore Standards Council and the National Water Safety Council on Monday launched new safety regulations for recreational diving.

The new regulations are not compulsory for now, but operators said it is a step in the right direction, local broadcaster Channel NewsAsia reported.

"Everyone must take safety very seriously. And

when you're going on sports, especially diving sports, there are many challenges which you can face, you know besides the environment of the sea, the sea creatures, and also the equipment you'll be using," said Teo Ho Pin, chairman of the National Water Safety Council.

An increasing number of Singaporeans are keen on recreational diving, and industry players are trying to raise safety standards.

A handbook Technical Reference for Recreational Diving outlines safety requirements, minimum standards, and best practices dive operators should stick to when out on the water.

The Singapore Underwater Federation is expected to launch a programme in April to accredit dive operators. Under the scheme DiveSafer, the accreditation will be renewable every two years.—Xinhua

Philippine gov't to study proposal for total gun ban

MANILA, 8 Jan — The Philippine government will study the proposal for a total gun ban following the death of a seven-year-old girl who was hit by a stray bullet in Caloocan City and the shooting rampage in the northern province of Cavite, a senior government official said on Monday.

"There were several suggestions between stricter gun control to proposals for a total gun ban. So that has to be discussed with

the President (Benigno S Aquino III)," said deputy presidential spokeswoman Abigail Valte at a regular News briefing.

Some lawmakers in the country have called for a review on the existing gun laws so that the government could suspend all permits to carry guns in the wake of Ronald Bae's shooting spree in Kawit, Cavite where eight people, including the suspect, were killed and several others

were wounded.

"Again, it depends on what the contents of that law will be. When you say comprehensive firearms law, that would involve everything from the importation rules for procurement, for requirements. So we will have to see what is in that proposal for a comprehensive firearms law," Valte said.

Xinhua



Photo taken on 7 Jan, 2013 shows the scenery of the Lhalu Wetland in Lhasa, capital of southwest China's Tibet Autonomous Region. The Lhalu Wetland is China's unique urban natural inland wetland with the highest altitude and largest acreage in the world. —XINHUA

Nepal Police seize 1,150 kg fur of endangered Tibetan antelope

KATHMANDU, 8 Jan — Nepal Police on Monday said that they have seized 46 sacks of precious furs of the endangered Tibetan antelope used for making luxury shawls that were allegedly being smuggled to India.

Central Investigation Bureau (CIB)'s DIGP Kesh Bahadur Shahi in a press meeting organized on Monday informed that police seized 46 sacks of wool of the Tibetan

antelope weighing 1,150 kg from two houses in Thumi Village of Gorkha, 140 km west of Kathmandu. Police said that the fur was being illegally exported to India from China's Tibet through Gorkha. "We are still investigating the mastermind but we are successful to seize large amount of precious fur," DIGP Shahi told Xinhua, "the seized fur would cost nearly 40 million US dollar in the international market."

Nepal police have also arrested Purna Bahadur Gurung, 31, and Sharmila Baram, 25, on charge of their involvement in the smuggling of the fur.

"This is one of the largest seizure. This kind of seizure will help to minimize illegal wildlife trade in Nepal," Krishna Prasad Acharya, spokesperson from Ministry of Forest and soil Conservation told Xinhua. Xinhua

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A staff member of local power supply bureau repairs the damaged power transmission lines in Pucheng County, Nanping City, southeast China's Fujian Province, on 5 Jan, 2013. Nanping Power Supply Bureau took measures to repair the mal-functioned power transmission lines affected by the freezing rain and snow weather here in recent days.—XINHUA

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Sierra Leonean president announces new cabinet ministers

FREETOWN, 8 Jan—Newly elected Sierra Leonean President Ernest Bai Koroma has named his new cabinet of 16 ministers one month after he was sworn in. The names of the appointed ministers were announced through state radio late Saturday night. Four more ministerial appointments — Tourism, Sports, Labour, Political and Public Affairs — are to be announced. The office of the President said they "will be announced shortly."

Compared to the last

cabinet, seven ministers were retained and four relocated. A new ministry, Ministry of Water Resources, was set up detached from the Energy Ministry.

The new minister of Trade and Industry, Boie Kamara, is one of the 19 presidential contestants of the main opposition, Sierra Leone People's Party (SLPP), but later joined the ruling All People's Congress (APC) months before the national election.

Among those reassigned is former Foreign

Minister Joseph Dauda who is now Internal Affairs Minister and Alpha Kanu, formerly Minister for Political and Public Affairs, now the new Minister of Information and Communications. Retaining their ministerial portfolios included Defence Minister Major Palo Conteh, Agriculture Minister Dr Sam Sesay and Mineral Resources Minister Minkailu Mansaray. The entire cabinet would need approval from the parliament.

Xinhua

Israel's National Library launches historical multimedia elections site

JERUSALEM, 8 Jan—Ahead of the Knesset (parliament) elections on 22 Jan, Israel's National Library on Sunday announced the launch of a comprehensive multimedia website covering the 64-year history of elections in the Jewish state.

The coverage of the 18 previous election cycles includes thousands of examples of broadcast and print media, featuring decades of campaign commercials, photographs, election rally scripts, documents, slogans and related paraphernalia, the Israeli government said

in a statement sent to Xinhua.

"Most of the cultural record of election campaigns is not evident in higher culture such as literature or art, but in propaganda material that attests to its status a mainstream historical event," said Dr Hezi Amiur, the library's Israel section site curator. "These publications accurately reflect the spirit of the time -- the controversial topics, the intensity of popular feelings, developing vehicles of expression and even slang."

The site is structured to focus on four core issues as

they developed during the history of the state: social and ethnic struggles, the Arab-Israeli conflict, religion and state and economic issues.

"The materials that have been uploaded to the site rekindle the spirit of the times and elicit nostalgia in the heart of older Israelis and curiosity in the minds of the young," according to Amiur.

Among the localized content are profiles of now defunct, but once colourful splinter parties that waxed and waned in the state's early years, after its establishment in May of 1948.—Xinhua

US pursues Iranophobia in Latin America

TEHERAN, 8 Jan—An Iranian official said that the United States whips up Iranophobia scenario in Latin America.

On 28 Dec, 2012, US President Barack Obama enacted a law which would address Iran's growing presence and activity in Latin America through a political strategy to be developed by the State Department.

that aims at countering Teheran's alleged influence in Latin America.

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"Because of its imperialist nature, Washington has interpreted the enthusiasm of the Latin American countries to expand relations with Iran and the increasing number of Iranian embassies in the region as a threat to the United States," the Iranian commander was quoted as saying.—Xinhua

Russia to construct three radar stations in 2013

MOSCOW, 8 Jan—Russia this year will build three new radar stations, including two in Siberia, Aerospace Defence Forces spokesman Alexei Zolotukhin said on Sunday.

The new Voronezh class stations will be lo-

cated in eastern Siberia's Krasnoyarsk Territory, southern Siberia's Altai Territory and the central Orenburg region.

Russia's new missile attack early warning system will detect "not only ballistic targets and space ob-

jects, but also aerodynamic targets," Zolotukhin said.

Voronezh-DM and Voronezh-M radar stations already have been put on duty near Kaliningrad, Leningrad, and Irkutsk in Siberia.

Xinhua



Sen Soshitsu (far L), grand master of the Urasenke tea ceremony school, serves green tea to guests at the school's first tea ceremony gathering of the year at the Konnichian tea house in Kyoto on 7 Jan, 2013.
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Messi crowned Player of Year for fourth time



Lionel Messi of Argentina, FIFA World Player of the Year 2012, smiles as he holds his FIFA Ballon d'Or trophy during the FIFA Ballon d'Or 2012 soccer awards ceremony at the Kongresshaus in Zurich.—XINHUA

ZURICH, 8 Jan—Barcelona striker Lionel Messi was awarded the FIFA Ballon d'Or prize for the fourth time in a row here on Sunday.

The 25-year-old Argentine beat team-mate Andres Iniesta and Real Madrid rival Cristiano Ronaldo to the prize for the Player of the Year. It was a record fourth successive trophy for the Argentina star, an unprecedented feat in the history of

world football.

"To tell you the truth this is really quite unbelievable," Messi said. "The fourth award that I have won is just too great for words. I want to recognize my teammates at Barcelona, especially Andres. It is with great pride that I am beside you today and that you play and train with us." Spain coach Vicente Del Bosque claimed the FIFA Coach of the Year award. The Euro 2012-win-

ning coach showed characteristic modesty in claiming that the award was recognition for everyone who had helped Spain to claim a record third major championship in a row last summer.

The FIFPRO XI award also proved a major success for the Spanish game, with the entire selection coming from La Liga, with all but one of the players selected coming from Barcelona or Real Madrid.—Xinhua

Confederations Cup suites on sale

RIO DE JANEIRO, 8 Jan—FIFA, world football's governing body, on Monday announced that VIP suites for the Confederations Cup are now on sale.

Tickets for the luxury football experience can be bought on FIFA's official website with the most expensive suite available costing 236.5 thousand dollars. The price gives the buyer the right to a viewing area for up to 60 people in Belo

Horizonte's Mineirao stadium for two games.

The cheapest suites cost 750 dollars for a group stage game in either Rio de Janeiro, Recife or Belo Horizonte. FIFA are offering three different types of private box. The premium is the "Match Private Suite", which has the best view in each stadium. The service also includes a buffet, VIP parking and servers.

The "Match Business

Suite" holds a hospitality area with tables for dining before and after matches. Parking is also available. The "Match Lounge" is the most basic service. There is a hospitality area with drinks and snacks available but without parking. The Confederations Cup runs from 15th - 30th June and has already sold more tickets than the 2009 tournament in South Africa.

Xinhua

Stosur's Open chances rapidly vanishing

SYDNEY, 8 Jan—World number nine Samantha Stosur's terrible build up to the Australian Open continued on Monday when she was knocked out of the Sydney International by China's Zheng Jie in the first round. The former US Open champion also crashed out of the first round in Brisbane last week and local hopes the 28-year-old could be Australia's first women's champion at Melbourne Park since Christine O'Neil in 1978 now appear increasingly slim.

Stosur underwent ankle surgery less than six weeks ago and has appeared rusty, though she has also endured a woeful run in her native country over the last two seasons, winning just once in six matches. The Australian Open, the year's first grand slam, starts on next Monday. Zheng's 6-3, 6-7,

6-4 victory in two hours, 43 minutes ensured that she could still set up a possible quarter-final clash against compatriot Li Na, who was forced into a dogfight in the heat before overcoming American Christina McHale 7-6, 7-5 to also reach the second round.

Reuters



Samantha Stosur of Australia hits a return against Sofia Arvidsson of Sweden during their women's singles match at the Brisbane International tennis tournament on 31 Dec, 2012.—REUTERS

Winning Stanley Cup may be easier than winning back fans

TORONTO, 7 Jan—With a new labor deal in place the National Hockey League (NHL) was back in business on Monday, but some teams may find it easier to hoist a Stanley Cup than win back disillusioned fans. Having dragged fatigued fans through a fourth work stoppage in 20 years, most recently a 113-day lockout that ended with a tentative deal on Sunday, NHL officials and players are unsure what reception awaits them when the season begins next week.

"The face painters are going to come back, they have never really abandoned the sport," David Carter, executive director of USC's Sports Business Institute, told Reuters. "What the NHL has lost is the ability to cultivate casual fans. 'The last couple of years, with the momentum the league had built, I thought they really began

to cultivate those casual fans and I think the work to be done is to win these fans back, who for the last many months the NHL has been out of sight, out of mind."

Fans of the NHL are often described as North America's most avid but the league has regularly put that loyalty to the test in recent years as it sought concessions from players while working out new collective bargaining agreements. As a result, the NHL has lost 2,365 games to labor disputes over the last two decades, more than North America's three other major sports leagues combined.

The hardcore fans have grown numb to the lockout noise, ready to return whenever a deal is struck, but it is the casual observers who have already moved on that the league must now work to entice back.—Reuters

David deserves shot at Olympic squash medal: Pendleton

SINGAPORE, 8 Jan—Double Olympic gold medalist Victoria Pendleton has thrown her support behind squash's bid for Olympic inclusion and thinks seven-times world champion Nicol David should have the chance to win Malaysia's first gold at the 2020 Games. One sport will be added to the programme for the 2020 Games with squash up against karate, the Chinese martial art of wushu, baseball/softball, roller sports,

wakeboarding and climbing.

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) will make its decision on a host for the 2020 Games, as well as which sport to add, at its session in Argentina in September. Pendleton watched the World Series Squash Finals at The Queen's Club in London with fellow gold medalists Joanna Rowsell and Greg Searle and said the sport had all the ingredients to make it an Olympic favourite.

"Squash is a very physically demanding sport and it's also very spectator-friendly," Pendleton, who won track cycling gold medals in Beijing and London, was quoted as saying in a World Squash Federation News release. "The nature of the game means that it works really well—it's fast and exciting—and it has all the qualities required to make it a great Olympic sport. 'I don't know why it isn't in already.'—Reuters

Bills name Syracuse's Marrone as head coach

TORONTO, 8 Jan—The Buffalo Bills named Syracuse's Doug Marrone as their new head coach, the team said on Monday in the hope that the offensive-minded college coach can turn around the struggling franchise.

Marrone replaces Chan Gailey, who was fired last week after going 16-32 over three National Football League seasons as coach of a Bills team that has missed the playoffs for 13 consecutive seasons and not posted a winning record since 2004.

The 48-year-old Bronx, New York, native spent the past four years as



Syracuse University head coach Doug Marrone holds the championship trophy after they beat Kansas State University in their NCAA football Pinstripe Bowl game at Yankee Stadium in New York, on 30 Dec, 2010.

REUTERS

the head coach of his alma mater's football programme at Syracuse University. His Syracuse team set multiple offensive school records in 2012, including total yards (5,681), passing yards (3,691) and first downs (300). Prior to his Syracuse tenure, Marrone spent seven years in the NFL. From 2006-08 he served as the offensive coordinator of the New Orleans Saints after a four-year span as the offensive line coach of the New York Jets (2002-05). He takes over a Bills team that finished 6-10 last season and ranked 21st in points scored in the 32-team NFL.

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GENERAL

Prepare for the future

YANGON, 8 Jan—Well wishers from Yangon donated 17 lakh for building of That Dhamma Pala three storey building at Yadanarzayyone Monastrey in Minnpaine Ward Twantay Township. They donated cash to Patron Sayadaw Batdanta Thathana and board of trustees accepted the cash.

Wellwisher can contact and donate to ph no 045-50831.—*Myanma Alinn*



Corinthians to release book on World Club Cup

SAO PAULO, 8 Jan—World champions Corinthians are due to launch a book on their World Club Cup success last month in Japan.

The Paulista club followed their Libertadores triumph last June by defeating UEFA Champions League winners Chelsea 1-0 to capture the world crown.

The book will mainly be made up of photographs

of the historic match, with goalkeeper Cassio painted as the hero. The Brazilian international stopper made four superb saves to safeguard the title for the South Americans.

Publication is scheduled for the end of this month as Sao Paulo's biggest club look to capitalize on the editorial market their success has brought them.

Daniel Augusto Jr, an

official photographer for the club, has put together the book and believes it is an excellent tribute to the players who have brought the side success over the last year.

"All the photos are a reminder of a side that has learnt to always win. This second world title will stay locked in our hearts," he said.

Xinhua

Guardiola confirms his comeback next year

ZURICH, 8 Jan—Former Barcelona coach Pep Guardiola confirmed on Monday that he will return to coaching position next year.

The tactician has been in self-enforced sabbatical following his departure from the club after the 2011-2012 campaign, and now has revealed his intention to come back.

"Yes, I would like to come back to coaching," he told the press conference ahead of the Ballon d'Or ceremony.

"I don't have a team, I don't know, but I would like to go back to coaching," he noted. "My decision has been taken to coach, but beyond that there is no decision taken."—*Xinhua*



Former Barcelona coach Pep Guardiola

Alabama crush Notre Dame to win championship

MIAMI, 8 Jan—The University of Alabama won college football's national championship for the third time in four years with a crushing 42-14 victory over Notre Dame in the title game on Monday.

Notre Dame, looking

for their first national title since 1988, were totally overpowered and outplayed in an utterly one-sided first half with Alabama sprinting to the tunnel with a 28-0 lead. Alabama quarterback AJ McCarron threw four touchdowns while running

back Eddie Lacy and receiver Amari Cooper had two scores each.

With the victory, 'Crimson Tide' head coach Nick Saban confirmed his status as the most successful coach currently in college football with his fourth national title.

In 19th round's other

games, Zhejiang Guangsha beat Dongguan Marco Polo 114-96, Zhejiang Chouzhou beat Jiangsu Dragons 125-102, Shanghai Sharks beat Tianjin Ronggang 92-72, Foshan Long Lions beat Qingdao Double Stars 129-110, Shandong Gold beat Bayi Fubang 98-77.

Reuters

CBA Roundup: Guangdong new coach gains good start win

BEIJING, 8 Jan—Guangdong Hongyuan's new coach Du Feng, the former China international player, reaped his first win over Shanxi Zhongyu by 109-97 in Chinese Basketball Association (CBA) League on Sunday.

Li Chunjiang, Guangdong's former coach who brought Guangdong

seven league titles in 11 years, quitted the position, succeeded by Du, on Sunday due to health issue.

Former NBA player Yi Jianlian snatched 27 points and 18 rebounds, followed by Zhu Fangyu's 19 points. Charles Gaines grabbed 45 points and 24 rebounds for Shanxi.

Xinhua

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List of FIFA award winners

ZURICH, 8 Jan—Following is the list of FIFA's 2012 award winners, which was announced here on Monday:

Footballer of the Year:

1. Lionel Messi, Argentina
2. Cristiano Ronaldo, Portugal
3. Andres Iniesta, Spain

Coach:

1. Vicente Del Bosque, Spain
 2. Jose Mourinho, Portugal
 3. Pep Guardiola, Spain Team
- Iker Casillas (Spain), Dani Alves (Brazil), Gerard Pique (Spain), Sergio Ramos (Spain), Marcelo (Brazil), Xabi Alonso (Spain), Xavi Hernandez (Spain),

Best goal:

1. Miroslav Stoch, Slovakia
2. Falcao, Columbia
3. Neymar, Brazil

Fairplay: Uzbekistan

Football Federation

FIFA president award: Franz Beckenbauer, Germany

Woman player

1. Abby Wambach, United States
2. Marta, Brazil
3. Alex Morgan, United States

Woman team coach:

Pia Sundhage, United States—*Xinhua*



Alabama Crimson Tide running back T.J. Yeldon (4) scores a touchdown against the Notre Dame Fighting Irish in the second quarter of their NCAA BCS National Championship college football game in Miami, Florida, January 7, 2013.—REUTERS



FIFA's World coach of the year award nominee, Spain's Vicente Del Bosque attends a news conference before the FIFA 2012 Ballon d'Or award ceremony in Zurich, Switzerland, on 7 Jan, 2013.

XINHUA

Nationwide census taking discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Jan—Chairman of Union Election Commission U Tin Aye delivered an address at the meeting on taking nationwide census at the office of Union Election

Commission, here, this morning.

Next, Chairman of Central Census Commission Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi

presented supplementary reports on the census taking process. The Union Minister and officials concerned answered the queries over the work procedures of UEC raised by UEC members.

The UEC Chairman pointed out that there won't be any difficulty in taking census in the future if nationwide census taking in 2014 gets achievement.

MNA

Fruitful results emerge in peaceful Kayah State



Union Minister at the President Office U Hla Tun inspects development tasks in Kayah State.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Jan—Union Minister at the President Office U Hla Tun, accompanied by Kayah State Chief Minister U Khin Maung Oo and departmental officials, visited maintenance site of left tributary of Moby Dam in Kayah State yesterday.

The maintenance of tributaries of the dam would supply water to to original irrigated farmland of 18000 acres. A total of 500 acres

of farmland suffered from lack of irrigation water due to the paralyzed part of the tributaries.

Union Minister U Hla Tun and party visited farmlands irrigated by Moby Dam. The heard reports submitted by officials. Union Minister U Hla Tun said Kayah State is witnessing signs of development as peace prevails in the state.

Union Ministers U Hla

Tun and U Ohn Myint and party met state-level officials at the state government office.

Union Minister U Hla Tun said he would coordinate works between the state government and Union ministries.

Union Minister U Ohn Myint called for cooperation

among agriculture, breeding, health, education and finance ministries to bring about rural development in the state.

The state chief minister and officials participated in discussion. The meeting came to an end with the concluding remarks of Union Minister U Hla Tun.

MNA

Rakhine State sees progress



Union Minister Lt-Gen Thein Htay and Indonesian Foreign Affairs Minister Dr. R M Marty M Natalegawa meet locals in Kyauktaw Township.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Jan — A delegation led by Indonesian Foreign Affairs Minister Dr. R M Marty M Natalegawa arrived at Yangon International Airport yesterday. Union Minister Lt-Gen Thein Htay gave an account of relief and rehabilitation works at the airport lounge.

Next, the Union minister, Deputy Minister for Foreign

Affairs U Thant Kyaw, the delegation led by the Indonesian Foreign Affairs Minister and Indonesian Ambassador Mr. Sebastianus Sumarsono left Yangon by air and arrived in Sittway in the afternoon.

At Kyeinnipin village relief camp in Pauktaw Township, the Indonesian Foreign Affairs Minister invited a frank statement

from displaced victims for requirements as he was there to attend to the needs in cooperation with the Myanmar government and heard reports of the victims. Then he vowed to fulfill the requirements of the victims in cooperation with the Myanmar government and viewed round the camp.

Next, the delegation visited Sabalay village in

Myanmar, Australia to promote trade

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Jan—On behalf of Speaker of Pyidaungsu and Amyotha Hluttaws U Khin Aung Myint, Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu and Amyotha Hluttaws U Mya Nyein met a delegation from Management Committee of Australia-Myanmar Chamber of Commerce (AMCC), at the hall of Amyotha Hluttaw in Hluttaw Complex, here, this afternoon.

They had a cordial discussion on further promoting economy,

MNA

National race detainees given necessary health care services

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Jan — According to a tip-off that local national races were being detained by battalion (371) of Khun Hsan Ton Hong column of SSA (Ywet Sit) at an illegal detention building near a road to Nam Moh and Kontee villages in Namhsam Township of Shan State (South), a local military column found a 18 feet long, 10 feet wide and seven feet high building with two cells roofed with CI sheets and fortified with wooden fence, 150 yard from the road while they combed the area on 5 January.

Members of the Tatmadaw column found four detainees who were chained together with five national race guards in the

relations and trade between Australia and Myanmar.

After the meeting, the Deputy Speaker and party together with the delegation posed for a documentary photo. Also present at the call were Amyotha Hluttaw Committee Chairmen U Zaw Myint Pe, U Thein Win, Dr Myint Kyi, U Win Naung, Daw Nan Ni Ni Aye and Daw Khin Waing Kyi, the Deputy Director-General and officials from Hluttaw Office.

building. They rescued them and set fire the building. Five national race guards were sent back to their villages and four detainees were taken to the local battalion where they were being given necessary health care services.

SSA (Ywet Sit) group constructed the detention building on 25 December with the contribution of labour and construction materials of nearby villages. The investigation revealed that the villagers were detained at the building as they failed to take part in Shan New Year festival on 14 December in Lwe Taing Hlyan. The local military column is in hot pursuit of the masterminds behind the case. — MNA

Minbya Township and held talks with displaced victims of the village on food supplies, homes, availability of water, requirements on health and sanitation and educational matters.

After inspecting the progress of construction of makeshift tents at Taungbwe village in Kyauktaw Township, the delegation members asked about the requirements in meeting with the village heads. Afterwards, the Union minister and the delegation led by the Indonesian Foreign Affairs Minister proceeded to Mawyawady village in Maungtaw Township and met families who have been resettled at the newly-built houses. In meeting with teachers of the Ministry of Education in the village, they asked about academic matters and requirements and spoke words of encouragement. They arrived back in Sittway in the evening. — MNA

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Defence Services Personnel

Amyotha Hluttaw

Representative substituted

According to the request made in accord with Section 33 of the Amyotha Hluttaw Election Law to substitute one Defence Services Personnel Amyotha Hluttaw representative nominated by the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services in the first multiparty democracy general election held on 7 November 2010, the Union Election Commission scrutinized and substituted one Defence Services Personnel Amyotha Hluttaw representative stated hereunder in Notification No. 2/2011 of the commission dated 20-1-2011 with personnel shown against him.

BC 23173
Maj Aye Tun

BC 34042
Maj Aung Ko Min

By order,

Tin Tun
Secretary
Union Election Commission