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# Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker discusses development tasks in Ottara District

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Feb —Thura U Shwe Mann, the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, called on support committees for development in Ottara District for carrying out development tasks right and in conformity with the law.

He stressed the need for implementing development tasks in wards, villages, townships, districts and regions and states as the government is making efforts for building a modern and developed nation in accordance with the market-oriented economic system.

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# EU Ambassador visits relief camps in Myebon Township

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Feb— Diplomatic corps led by European Union Ambassador Mr. Roland Kobia together with Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thet Naing Win, Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin, Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population U Kyaw Kyaw Win and officials arrived in Myebon, Rakhine State by helicopter via MraukU, yesterday.

They held a meeting with Rakhine national political parties, townselders, Rakhine women network and social organizations at the office of township General Administration Department.

The EU ambassador introduced his entourage and explained the purpose of tour. Officials from the political parties and

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***Union Minister Lt-Gen Thet Naing Win, Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin and EU Ambassador Mr. Roland Kobia meet local people in Myebon Township.***

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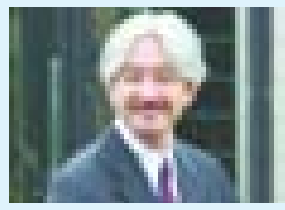

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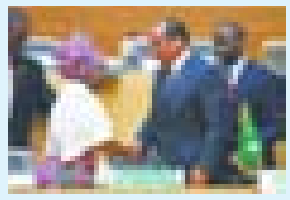

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# Hsinthay Dam to benefit over 5000 acres of farmlands this year

Hsinthay Dam 16 miles west of Tatkon in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area could irrigate only about 1400 acres of summer paddy last year. But now it has a plan to supply water to over 5000 acres of farmlands this year.

"Left canal of the dam irrigates eight village-tracts and the right one, six village-tracts. As of 1 February, the dam will supply water to the farmlands. At present, some of farmers are engaging in tasks of cold season crops while some have completed their works. Irrigated water cannot flow to the farthest area from the dam. Due to lack of irrigation system knowledge, some complaints were made to officials," remarked an official of Irrigation Department.

"Actually, farmers grow over 5000 acres of crops we have estimated. So, dam officials supply water to the farmlands if necessary, not rotation system. However, the farmers should avoid inappropriate acts that some of them substitute cold water in the place of hot water in the farmlands and some supply water into the farmlands unnecessarily. In consequence, water from some farmlands spills out. To minimize loss and waste of water, canals and drains have been repaired. The amount of 5000 acres of farmlands is based on calculating the accurate data. This year, the dam will irrigate farmlands starting from nursery period to last time of water supply before harvesting," explained Staff Officer U Myint Lwin to the interviewer with regard to supply of water for summer paddy.

As officials of the dam are striving for ensuring convenience of summer paddy cultivation in Tatkon Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council with the use of irrigated water from Hsinthay Dam, farmers should place emphasis on boosting production of paddy by efficiently using the water at their farmlands.

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***Hsinthay Dam filled with water at its brim is ready to irrigate farmlands in Tatkon Township.***

LOCAL NEWS

# Yaywai-Thaphanchaung asphalt road nearing completion

MEIKTILA, 1 Feb—Spending K 604 million allotted by Mandalay Region government, officials of Public Works from Meiktila, Mahlaing, Wundwin, Thazi, Pyawbwe and Yamethin townships are joining hands in construction of Yaywai-Thaphanchaung Asphalt Road so as to contribute towards development of western villages in Meiktila Township and those of Pyawbwe Township.

The construction of the road is nearly completion.

Mandalay Region government allotted K 893 million on development of the region and rural development tasks.

In this regard, the government allotted K 604 million on construction of the asphalt road. Meiktila Township Public Works is taking responsibilities for construction of 3.3 miles long road section. Its road section comprises culverts. The construction tasks are supervised by Daw Thin Thin Khaing, Junior Engineer II (Civil) of Public Works.

District level officials look into construction tasks meeting set standards and timely completion. It is estimated that the road will be completed at the end of February.

The road is 15 miles and two furlongs long.

Upon copletion, local people from various villages in Meiktila Township will enjoy fruits of smooth transportation and health, social, econmic and education sectors.—*MMAL-Chan Tha (Meiktila)*

***Workers seen with roller in construction of asphalt road in Meiktila.***

## National Sports

# Inter-Subject Football Tournament concludes at Sagaing University

SAGAING, 1 Feb—The Sagaing Univesity Inter-Subject Men's Football Tournament reached the final match for 2013-14 academic year.

The final match took place at the Sagaing District sports ground on 30 January.

Rector-in-charge Dr Thura Oo greeted the players of both teams. In the match, Physics team beat Chemistry team 4-2.

Professor Dean of English Department Dr Swe Tun presented silver medal to Chemistry team; Chairman of Township Townselders Association U Zaw Win gold medal to Physics team, Dean of Myanmar Department Dr Tun Aye best player awards to respective players, Secretary of the Sports Committee U Chit Phu (Gold Rose) K 100,000 to the second prize winning team and Chairman of the Sports Committee U Tin Tun (Nyein Thiri Hotel) K 150,000 to Physical team.

The rector in-charge awarded championship trophy to Physics Team.

A total of nine football teams from respective majoring subjects participated in the tournament as of 15 January.—*MMAL*

# Upgraded school building handed over in Natmauk

NATMAUK, 1 Feb—A ceremony to open the upgraded school buildings was held at the school in Saikaung Village of Natmauk Township, Magway Region, on 30 January.

Minister for Social Affairs of Magway Region U Aung Kyaw Min, Magway Region Education Officer U Hla Thein of Magway Region, Myittashin Shwepyitha Sayadaw Bhaddanta Jvana of Thudda Vipassana Myittashin Shwepyitha Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Javana and Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Aung Kyaw Soe formally opened the school board.

The venerable Sayadaw delivered an address.

The region minister and the region education officer made speeches.

Later, wellwishers handed over the documents related to the new school building to the Education Department.—*MMAL-Hla Win (Natmauk)*

# Plum on high demand, but not at good price

MAGWAY, 1 Feb—Although plum is on high demand at its market in Magway Township, plum farming is not cost effectiveness this year, according the owners of plum farms.

The people from Wadawchaung, Alechaung, Thaphanseik, Htonpauktaw villages in Magway Township are engaged in plum farming works. In the past, the markets in Yangon and Mandalay are high in demand. So, some entrepreneurs reclaimed vacant and virgin lands for cultivation of plum plants.

"Last year, we got good prices at K 2500 per basket of plum and K 3000 per dried plum. This year, the prices downed to K 1500 per one basket of plum and K 2000 per dried one. Some entrepreneurs store their plum fruits so as to resell it to the market, waiting for good prices," said a plum farm entrepreneur in Wadawchaung Village.

*MMAL-Myo Min (Htonpauktaw)*

## Pay Your Tax

# Buildings under construction for Meiktila fire victims

MEIKTILA, 1 Feb—In the riot that occurred on 20 March 2013, a fire broke out in Meiktila, leaving over 2000 people from 400 households homeless.

Most of the fire victims were Islams who were accommodated at the relief camps.

Meiktila District Deputy Commissioner U Tin Maung Soe, Township Administrator U Myo Hlaing, Staff Officer U Thein Tun Zaw of Township Settlement and Land Records Department and officials scrutinized the household victims and allotted apartments.

At present, buildings are under construction in Chanayethaya Ward.

A total of 20 separate buildings and 30 three-storey buildings formed with 18 apartments each are being constructed for 93 households.

The housing ward will comprise school, market, dispensary to be built before monsoon.—*NLM-017*

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# UN mediator calls for resumption of Syria talks on 10 February

MUNICH, 1 Feb — The United Nations mediator for the talks between the Syrian government and the opposition on Friday called for a resumption of talks on 10 February. Speaking at the 50th Munich Security Conference here, the United Nations-Arab League Special Envoy to Syria Lakhdar Brahimi called for a resumption of talks in the Swiss city of Geneva on 10 February. "That's not 100 percent certain, but I hope it will happen."

He called for those who have influence on the Syrian government and the opposition to do their best to make sure people will come back for talks. Brahimi expressed his hope that the discussions on Feb. 10 will be "a little bit more constructive" and the opposing sides will be ready to discuss seriously "how this war is going to be finished and how the people of Syria are going to start building what I called a new Syria."

With regard to the talks that lasted eight days in Geneva, Brahimi said there was no progress. Briefing participants at the conference, Brahimi said he was "embarrassed" and "ashamed." Brahimi mentioned some improvement during the talks. "They talked at first through me and then from time to time address to one another directly,"he said.

Brahinmi told a Press conference in Geneva that this round of Syria talks was a "difficult start" and progress was slow, but the sides "have become used to sitting in the same room" and have "engaged in an acceptable manner." "This is a modest beginning on which we can build," he said. According to Brahimi, the two sides discussed situation on the ground in the war-torn country with the mediation of himself, and the besieged Homs was "extensively discussed." —*Xinhua*

*UN-Arab League Special Envoy to Syria Lakhdar Brahimi attends a Press briefing in Geneva, Switzerland, on 31 Jan, 2014.*—XINHUA

# Ukraine president signs amnesty but anger remains, currency slumps

KIEV, 1 Feb — Ukraine's embattled President Viktor Yanukovich on Friday signed into law an amnesty for demonstrators detained during mass unrest and repealed anti-protest legislation, in a fresh bid to take the heat out of the political crisis. But the move by Yanukovich, which demonstrated he remains politically active despite going on sick leave on Thursday, was not likely to be enough to end the sometimes violent anti-government protests on the streets of Kiev and other cities.

And TV coverage of a prominent opposition activist showing marks of torture inflicted by mystery kidnappers — along with reports police tried to arrest the man in hospital — fuelled anger that has become so explosive that the army made a rare statement, calling for urgent moves to ease the tension. Many protesters rejected Yanukovich's amnesty outright, because it is conditional on occupied buildings being cleared of activists, and a radical Ukrainian nationalist group behind much of the violence pressed new tough demands on Friday.

The 63-year-old leader, who looks increasingly isolated in a tug-of-war between the West and Ukraine's former Soviet overlord Russia, suddenly withdrew from view on Thursday, complaining of a high temperature and acute respiratory ailment.

He was not seen in public on Friday.

*Reuters*

*Riot police stand in formation facing anti-government protesters in Kiev,on 31 Jan, 2014.*—REUTERS

# Prince Akishino joins Argentines to mark 50 years of migration

*Prince Akishino, the youngest son of Japan's Emperor Akihito*

BUENOS AIRES, 1 Feb — Prince Akishino, the youngest son of Japan's Emperor Akihito, and his wife Princess Kiko attended an event in Buenos Aires on Friday to commemorate 50 years since an immigration agreement between Japan and Argentina came into effect.

Prince Akishino said at the ceremony he was "glad to see the Japanese immigrants' diligence and integrity, and their contribution to the advancement of interaction between our countries."

The royal couple arrived in Argentina on Thursday night, after visiting Peru, and will attend a welcome event put on by a Japanese heritage association and tour livestock farms and other facilities before leaving for Japan on Monday.

They previously visited Argentina in 1998. Japanese emigration to Argentina resumed with the signing of the agreement in 1963, having been cut off during World War II. Japanese-Argentines now number around 23,000, the third largest Japanese community in South America after those of Brazil and Peru.

*Kyodo News*

# Thai protesters join final anti-government march before election

BANGKOK, 1 Feb — Anti-government protesters gathered in Bangkok's busy tourist area of Chinatown for the third and final day of marches in the capital denouncing Thailand's general election on Sunday amid fears of violence erupting during the vote. The government is pushing ahead with the election, despite protesters' threats to disrupt the vote and stop Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra's Puea Thai Party from returning to power. Protest leader Suthep Thaugsuban has called for a peaceful blockade of roads in the city, but in the same breath has vowed not to stop people voting.

Any bloodshed would further undermine the credibility of a vote that is deemed incapable of restoring stability in the polarized country. "The people will not close the polling booths, but will demonstrate on the roads. They will demonstrate calmly, peacefully, without violence. If anyone comes to try to cause trouble, we absolutely will not argue with them. We won't do anything that will hinder people from going to vote," Suthep said on Friday night." In the south, for those who are surrounding the places where ballots are being collected, surround them as usual, but I ask that you sit there peacefully, don't back down, don't run away, and do not fight them, just pray. I believe that this poll will be voided for sure."

*The Nation* newspaper said protesters were camping at post offices to block the delivery of ballot papers in the south, where support for Suthep is strongest.

*Pro-government supporters hold a placard and white balloons during an election campaign in Nonthaburi province, on the outskirts of Bangkok, on 31 Jan, 2014.*
REUTERS

Many protesters in Bangkok wore red, the color of Yingluck's "red shirt" supporters, in Saturday's march, after Suthep said no one had the right to hijack a colour." In honour of Chinese New Year, let's wear red on our walk in Yaowaraj (Chinatown)," said Suthep, wearing a festive red Chinese shirt. The United Nations in Thailand called for a peaceful vote. Ten people have died and at least 577 have been wounded in politically related violence since late November, according to the Erawan Medical Center, which monitors Bangkok hospitals.

The main opposition Democrat party, which backs the anti-government protests, is boycotting the election, which Yingluck's party is bound to win, though without enough members to achieve a quorum in parliament, guaranteeing further stalemate, at best, even if the election passes off peacefully.

*Reuters*

# Next Iran nuclear talks to take place in Vienna on 18 February

MUNICH, 1 Feb — Iran and six world powers will hold their next round of talks on Teheran's nuclear programme on 18 February in Vienna, EU foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton and Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif agreed on Friday.

"We had a really interesting meeting," Ashton said in a statement, adding that "the most important outcome at this stage" is an agreement on the talks between Iran and Britain, China, France, Germany, Russia and the United States.

Ashton and Zarif met on the margins of an international conference on security in Munich. Zarif plans to attend a panel discussion over Iran's nuclear development programme together with International Atomic Energy Agency Director General Yukiya Amano and others on Sunday.

Under the terms of an agreement reached with the major powers, Iran began implementing the first phase of the action plan on 20 January that includes freezing of the production of 20 percent enriched uranium.

One of the focal points at the upcoming meeting on Iran's nuclear programme will likely be what to do with Iran's Arak heavy-water reactor, which is currently under construction and could yield plutonium. Western countries are calling on Iran to give up its construction.

In an interview with *Kyodo News* on Wednesday, Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said the reactor is "the result of more than three decades of hard scientific work by ourselves without help from outside" and "it is a question of national pride."— *Kyodo News*

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# 22nd AU summit ends with commitment of agricultural transformation, regional peace

*Mauritanian President Mohamed Ould Abdel Aziz (R), who is also the newly-elected chairperson of AU, shakes hands with African Union (AU) Commission Chairperson Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma after the closing of the 22nd African Union (AU) Summit in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on 31 Jan, 2014.* REUTERS

ADDIS ABABA, 1 Feb —The 22nd African Union (AU) Summit concluded at AU's headquarters in Ethiopia's capital city of Addis Ababa on Saturday, with commitment of transforming agriculture and restoring regional peace.

"The transformation of agriculture holds the key to the success of our collective efforts to realize our vision," said Hailemariam Dessalegnthe, former Chairperson of the AU while addressing the opening ceremony of the summit themed "Agriculture and Food Security". The former chairperson also said progress has been made over the past decade in Africa's agriculture and it's time to renew the commitment to do more in the sector. — *Xinhua*

# Japan-S Korea row emerges at international manga festival in France

TOKYO/ANGOULEME, (France), 1 Feb — Japan expressed its disappointment Friday that South Korea is using an international comic book festival in France to publicize the issue of women forced into sexual slavery by the Japanese military during World War II. "It's extremely regrettable that the situation is contrary to the purpose of the manga festival, which is aimed at promoting international cultural exchanges and friendship," Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga told a Press conference.

The top government spokesman said Japan has made clear at the event that it had apologized to those victimized by its wartime brutality in Asia and that the issue of individual compensation for sex slaves had been settled with South Korea under a bilateral treaty in 1965. The festival began Thursday in Angouleme, southwestern France, where the South Korean government held a special exhibition of comic books that depict Japanese soldiers kidnapping and assaulting young girls on the Korean Peninsula.

*Visitors on 30 Jan, 2014, look at cartoons in a special exhibition by the South Korean government on wartime sex slavery, at an international comic book festival that began the same day in Angouleme, southwestern France.*— KYODO NEWS

The conflict has given an additional twist to Japan-South Korea relations already soured by a territorial dispute and differing views on wartime history. A Japanese cartoonist attempted to display a piece that claims Japanese soldiers had never taken Korean women against their will, but the organizer of the festival demanded on Wednesday that the cartoonist remove it, the Japanese Foreign Ministry said.The annual festival, now in its 41st year, is one of the largest manga fairs in Europe and runs through Sunday. Last year, the four-day event attracted around 200,000 people.

On Thursday, about 600 people visited the South Korean exhibition, according to the organizer, some of whom said they had never heard about the issue before. The Japanese government handed out brochures in French, Korean and English explaining its position on the issue, while Japanese Ambassador to France Yoichi Suzuki held a Press conference in Paris on Wednesday, saying the festival was being "used for a political cause."

*Kyodo News*

# Myanmar Cuisine

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**Butter fish**

This is a freshwater fish that can grow as big as a human. Although it is also known as the Greater Mekong Catfish, it is not a bottom feeder. The flesh is succulent and creamy.

**River prawns**

They are huge prawns like lobsters and each can weigh up to 10 ounces{30 grams}. The richness is in the oil in the head,which sweeps out to make a delicious curry.

**Red cooked pork**

An essential dish on the menu at special feasts, this is pork cooked until tender with soy sauce and caramelised sugar so that it turns a deep red.

**Shad cooked for eight hours**

The flavourful flesh remains firm after the long, slow cooking but the bones turn soft and they crumble at a bite.

**Country style chicken**

This dish was invented by country boys who raided hen coops and gardens to have a midnight feast. Free-ranged chicken is cooked with slices of gourd, battered stalks of lemongrass and roughly chopped coriander in a soupy curry.

**Grilled eggplant salad**

Eggplants are grilled over hot coals,peeled and the flesh pounded and mixed with a little onion oil, fried and raw onion slices and sometimes garnished with chopped peanuts.

**Bagan black bean paste**

This is a thick paste made only in Bagan with a centuries - old recipe. It has a deep savoury taste that goes well with fatty meats when cooked together to give a delicious gravy, or it is mixed with a little oil and slices of raw onions and mixed in with the rice.

# Argentina, Paraguay ink accord on agricultural duties

BUENOS AIRES, 1 Feb — Argentina and Paraguay signed an agreement Friday to jointly investigate duty rates on agricultural exports, Argentina's tax authorities said.

The accord was inked by Ricardo Echegaray, chief of the Federal Public Revenue Administration (AFIP) of Argentina, and Marta Gonzalez Ayala, Paraguay's deputy secretary of state for taxation.

It "aims to maintain the existing good relations between the two tax administrations, tackle the challenges of modernizing each, and develop technical cooperation in the search for better practices," the AFIP said in a Press release.

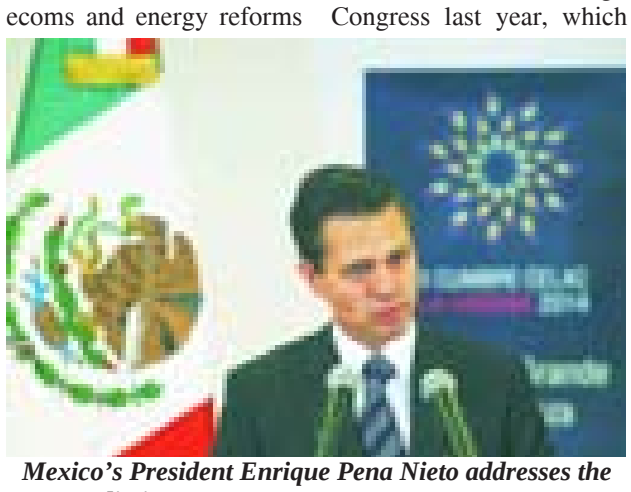
Under the agreement, the two agencies will work together to implement a new law in Argentina that applies a value added tax to agricultural goods.

"Exchanging information and management practices in the area of shipping costs will allow us to be more precise when analyzing the profitability of the agricultural export sector and the taxes paid on profits," Echegaray said.

Both Argentina and Paraguay are members of the Southern Common Market (Mercosur), a regional trade bloc that also includes Brazil, Uruguay and Venezuela.—*Xinhua*

# Mexican president to seek OK on telecom, oil reform specifics

MEXICO CITY, 1 Feb — Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto said on Friday he will send secondary laws that flesh out landmark telecoms and energy reforms for congressional approval as he seeks to boost competition and economic growth. Pena Nieto pushed a series of reforms through Congress last year, which also spanned taxes and education, but the implementation of energy and telecoms reforms requires a separate batch of secondary laws.



*Mexico's President Enrique Pena Nieto addresses the media in Havana on 29 Jan, 2014.*—REUTERS

He held off fast-tracking the reforms. The move would have risked angering conservative and left-leaning rivals who helped him push reforms through a divided Congress. "During the first days of February, I will send to Congress ... secondary laws regarding telecommunications, economic competition and energy," Pena Nieto said, signing into law an electoral reform that allows for the re-election of lawmakers.

The secondary laws will help determine the impact of the telecoms reform on the likes of tycoon Carlos Slim, who has the lion's share of the fixed-line and cellular market in Mexico. Investors are also waiting to see secondary laws for energy, which will give pointers as to how lucrative a range of new contracts to be offered to oil majors will be amid the biggest opening of the state-run sector in decades.

State oil monopoly Pemex has struggled to exploit Mexico's oil reserves due to a lack of investment, high taxes and persistent allegations of corruption.

*Reuters*

WORLD

# Keystone report raises pressure on Obama to approve pipeline

WASHINGTON, 1 Feb — Pressure for President Barack Obama to approve the Keystone XL pipeline increased on Friday after a State Department report played down the impact it would have on climate change, irking environmentalists and delighting proponents of the project. The agency made no recommendation in its report on whether Obama should grant or deny an application by TransCanada Corp to build the $5.4 billion line, which would transport crude from Alberta's oil sands to US refineries.

But the State Department said that blocking Keystone — or any pipeline — would do little to slow the expansion of Canada's vast oil sands, maintaining the central finding of a preliminary study issued last year. The 11-volume report's publication opened a new and potentially final stage of an approval process that has dragged for more than five years, taking on enormous symbolic political significance and looming over Obama's environmental and economic legacy.

"President Obama is out of excuses," said John Boehner, the Republican Speaker of the House of Representatives and a big Keystone proponent. "If President Obama wants to make this a 'year of action' he will stand up to the extreme Left in his own party, stand with the overwhelming majority of American people, and approve this critical project."

With another three-month review process ahead and no firm deadline for a decision on the 1,179-mile line, the issue threatens to drag into the 2014 congressional elections in November. Obama is under pressure from several vulnerable Democratic senators who favour the pipeline and face re-election at a time when Democrats are scrambling to hang on to control of the US Senate.

The report offered some solace to climate activists who want to stem the rise of oil sands output. It reaffirmed the idea that Canada's heavy crude reserves require more energy to produce and process — and therefore result in higher greenhouse gas emissions - than conventional oil fields.—*Reuters*

***Protesters rally about the Keystone XL oil pipeline along US President Barack Obama's motorcade as he arrives at the Jefferson Hotel in Washington on 11 July, 2013.***
**REUTERS**

***A family visits a lantern festival in Nagasaki, southwestern Japan, an event held in line with the Chinese Lunar New Year on 31 Jan , 2014.***
**KYODO NEWS**

# Pentagon to further study four possible East Coast missile defence sites

WASHINGTON, 1 Feb — The US Defence Department said on Friday it would conduct environmental impact studies for four possible missile defence sites in the eastern United States but stressed it had not yet decided to proceed with construction.

Congress, worried about Iran's efforts to develop intercontinental ballistic missiles, is urging the Pentagon to commit to an East Coast site.

Defence officials say current interceptors on the West Coast can defend the country against possible missile attacks, and an extra interceptor site would add enormous costs to a military budget already under pressure.

Still, Pentagon officials are proceeding with the environmental impact study required under a directive in the 2013 defence authorization bill.

In a statement issued on Friday, the department said it would take about two years to complete a comprehensive environmental impact study, which will look at potential impacts to land use, water resources, air quality, transportation, socioeconomics and other factors.The four sites are Fort Drum, New York; SERE Training Area at Naval Air Station, Portsmouth, Maine; Camp Ravenna Joint Training Centre in Ohio; and Fort Custer Training Center in Michigan.

A fifth possible site — Camp Ethan Allen Training Site in Vermont that had been identified in September — was dropped from the list of sites to be studied further. It was not immediately clear why it was dropped.

US lawmakers, worried about the ability of West Coast missile defence sites to protect against all possible missile threats, have pressed the Pentagon to consider adding sites in the eastern half of the country.The 2013 defense authorization law required US officials to identify three possible interceptor sites, including at least two on the East Coast.

*Reuters*

# *No of Japan's commercial reactors drop to 48*

TOKYO, 1 Feb — Two reactors at the accident-stricken Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant were classified as defunct on Friday, reducing the number of Japan's operable commercial reactors to 48.

While the Nos 5 and 6 reactors achieved cold shutdowns after the plant site was inundated by a huge quake-triggered tsunami in March 2011 and suffered no major damage, its operator, Tokyo Electric Power Co, is considering using them as experimental facilities to support the challenging task of scrapping the four other reactors at the complex.

The Nos 1 to 4 units suffered critical damage and are already set to be scrapped.

The number of reactors in Japan may further decrease if nuclear power plant operators find it difficult, or too costly, to satisfy a set of new safety requirements introduced after the Fukushima crisis.

All of the 48 reactors are currently offline. The Nuclear Regulation Authority is conducting safety assessments for more than 10 reactors as part of the procedures toward restarting their operations.

TEPCO is also facing pressure from Fukushima Prefecture to scrap the four-reactor Fukushima Daini plant, which is located about 12 kilometers south of the crisis-ridden Daiichi facility.

*Kyodo News*

# Japan, EU end 4th round of FTA talks; tariffs, railways discussed

BRUSSELS, 1 Feb — Japan and the European Union wrapped up their fourth round of free trade negotiations on Friday in Brussels, where they discussed tariff-related issues and nontariff measures in the Japanese railway sector.

During the five-day talks — a key session before the European Union's review in April of whether Tokyo has made progress in eliminating trade barriers — abolition of EU tariffs on Japanese automobiles was also a main topic of discussion. The review, a year after the negotiations began, will be conducted to decide whether to continue the free trade talks based on how much effort Japan has made to eliminate nontariff barriers, especially in the railway sector.

The two sides agreed earlier to exchange proposals on scrapping or lowering tariffs at an early date. A senior Japanese government official has said that they were striving to exchange offers by April. Japan, which wants to expand its auto exports to the European Union, plans to propose scrapping tariffs on EU wine in stages so it can draw a concession from the 28-country bloc in the automobile sector.

*Kyodo News*

# Indian diplomat's claim of immunity challenged by US prosecutors

NEW YORK, 1 Feb — The Indian diplomat whose December arrest led to a major international dispute holds no immunity from US prosecution and should continue to faces charges of visa fraud, Manhattan federal prosecutors said in court papers filed on Friday.

Devyani Khobragade was arrested on 12 December on charges that she lied to US authorities about what she paid her housekeeper. She was strip-searched while detained in Manhattan federal courthouse, which led to a diplomatic firestorm between India and the United States that continued for weeks. Manhattan US Attorney Preet Bharara's office argues in the court filings that Khobragade is a former diplomat and not immune from prosecution.

Khobragade "currently enjoys no diplomatic status, and at the time of her arrest, the defendant's position as a consular official gave her immunity from prosecution for official acts only," assistant US Attorneys Kristy Greenberg and Amanda Kramer wrote.

As Indian officials demanded her release, Khobragade's New York attorney argued that her status as a consular official granted her immunity. Khobragade was accredited as a member of India's mission to the United Nations earlier this month, one day before she was indicted and asked to leave the country.

The accreditation was part of a deal to allow her to leave the country. On 14 January, with Khobragade back in India, her New York-based attorney filed a motion asking a US judge to throw out those charges.

In court papers, Khobragade attorney Daniel Arshack said that diplomatic immunity granted to her by the US State Department gave her absolute immunity from US prosecution, even for suspected acts committed earlier. —*Reuters*

***Indian diplomat Devyani Khobragade (C) leaves with her father Uttam Khobragade (L) from the Maharashtra Sadan state guesthouse to meet India's Foreign Minister Salman Khurshid in New Delhi on 11 Jan, 2014.*** **—REUTERS**

BUSINESS & HEALTH

# Yoga may reduce fatigu breast cancer

NEW YORK, 1 Feb — Participating in yoga classes after treatment for breast cancer was linked to reduced fatigue and inflammation and increased vitality among women in a new study. Researchers found that breast cancer survivours who took 12 weeks of yoga classes ended up with reduced inflammation and felt less tired after six months, compared to a similar group of women who didn't take yoga classes. "This may be a way to provide a good activity that also has other benefits," Janice Kiecolt-Glaser, the study's lead author, told *Reuters Health*.

Kiecolt-Glaser is an investigator at The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Care Center and the Institute for Behavioral Medicine Research in Columbus. She and her colleagues write in the Journal of Clinical Oncology that cancer survivors are twice as likely to have poor health and more disability, compared to people without a history of cancer. That may be partially explained by less exercise and activity during and after cancer treatment, which may increase inflammation throughout the body. Chronic inflammation has been tied to increased risks for death and a number of health disorders.

Previous research has also found that inflammation tends to be elevated among cancer survivours and people who don't do a lot physical activity. Yoga may be one way to get breast cancer survivors moving again, because its intensity can be tailored to an individual's limits. Yoga has also been linked to reduced fatigue among cancer survivors through better sleep . To see whether yoga had an effect on inflammation, mood and fatigue, the researchers recruited 200 breast cancer survivors, who finished their treatments at least two months before the study began in 2008.

The women were randomly assigned to one of two groups that either participated in two weekly 90-minute yoga sessions for 12 weeks or were put on a waiting list and told to avoid yoga. The women's blood was a
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were less fatigued and had higher vitality scores than women in the comparison group. For example, before anyone did yoga, both groups of women scored about 14 on a fatigue scale of 0 to 30, where higher scores indicate greater fatigue. At the end of the study, the average score among women in the yoga group was five, versus about 13 among women in the comparison group.

There was no difference between the groups in mood, but Kiecolt-Glaser said the women weren't depressed enough at the start of the study to leave room for improvement.In addition to feeling less tired, the researchers found that at six months the indicators of inflammation in the yoga participants' blood samples were between 13 percent and 20 percent lower than those in the comparison group.

*Reuters*

# Toyota tells US agency seat issue could lead to recall

DETROIT, 1 Feb — Toyota Motor Corp (7203.T) has alerted US safety officials that seat material in several vehicles, including its top-selling Camry sedan, fails to meet fire retardation standards and could result in a recall. Toyota said on Thursday it had stopped selling eight recent-model vehicles equipped with seat heaters in North America following an advisory about fire risk from South Korean safety officials. The world largest automaker said it did not believe a recall was necessary, however. South Korea applies the same fire retardation standards as those used in the United States, where the cars were built starting in August 2012. Some of the US-built models were exported to South Korea.

The Japanese automaker said there have been no reports of fires or injuries related to the problem. The safety standard requires a certain burn rate as a flame moves across the seat heater's cloth pad.Toyota said the number of affected vehicles at its US dealers totaled about 36,000, or about 13 percent of dealer inventory, but that does not include vehicles in transit to dealers or those already sold to consumers. In the United States alone, the number of affected vehicles could top 111,000, according to research firm Kelley Blue Book.

From the hit it took to its quality reputation during past recalls related to unintended acceleration, Toyota has learned that it cannot delay action on these issues, Kelley Blue Book analysts said. But the decision to stop selling high-volume models with seat heaters will be costly. "The timing of this issue, and its impact on Toyota's most popular models, couldn't be much worse," Kelley Blue Book senior analyst Karl Brauer said. "Given that much of the US is currently in the grips of a record cold snap, there's sure to be high demand for models with seat heaters.

"Toyota officials appear confident there is no risk and as a result they feel any hit to the company's reputation would be short-lived and less costly than a full recall," he added. From late 2009 to early 2011, Toyota recalled nearly 19 million vehicles globally related to unintended acceleration claims. In 2010, Toyota President Akio Toyoda apologized for the company's handling of the recalls and said he would insist on customer safety first.—*Reuters*

***A sign with a logo is on display at a Toyota car sales and showroom in St Petersburg, on 18 Sept, 2013.***
**REUTERS**

# Sanofi sues Eli Lilly over patents for top-selling insulin drug

***The logo of French drugmaker Sanofi-Aventis is seen on the facade of their headquarters in Paris on 4 Aug, 2010.*—REUTERS**

PARIS, 1 Feb — French drugmaker Sanofi sued Eli Lilly and Co on Thursday, alleging that the US pharmaceutical company infringed patents on its top-selling diabetes treatment, the insulin product Lantus.

The lawsuit, filed in United States District Court for the District of Delaware, was triggered by notification from Lilly last month that it applied with the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) seeking permission to sell a generic version of Lantus, known chemically as insulin glargine. Lilly, in its submission, challenged the validity of several patents on Lantus held by Sanofi.

Lantus is the world's most prescribed insulin product, with annual worldwide sales of about $7 billion. Indianapolis-based Lilly had said it will not launch its generic product before the February 2015 expiration of Sanofi's patent on the active ingredient in Lantus. But the patent infringement lawsuit triggers an automatic 30-month stay of a generic approval by the FDA, which would keep Lilly's generic off the market until mid-2016.

Sanford Bernstein analyst Tim Anderson, in a recent research note, said a 30-month delay would raise Sanofi's earnings per share from 2015 through 2020 by about 6 percent and lower Lilly's EPS for the period by about 2 percent. A delay in the launch of a generic by Eli Lilly would also give Sanofi more time to switch patients to a new long-acting follow-up product known as U300 once it gains approval before cheap competition for Lantus hits the market. —*Reuters*

# Google's outsized ad growth offsets steep price decline

SAN FRANCISCO, 1 Feb — Google Inc's quarterly revenue beat Wall Street's target despite an ongoing decline in prices for its online ads and deepening losses at Motorola, the handset-making division to be sold to China's Lenovo. Shares of Google, which have risen more than 20 percent in the past three months, rose nearly 4 percent to $1,178 in after-hours trading on Thursday.

***A Google logo is seen at the garage where the company was founded on Google's 15th anniversary in Menlo Park, California on 26 Sept, 2013.*—REUTERS**

Google executives said in a conference call on Thursday that the company benefited from strong demand from brand marketers and retailers in the fourth quarter, as well as healthy demand for online ads in international markets.

"In the holiday season one thing has become very clear, the Web has truly become the new holiday store window," Google Chief Business Officer Nikesh Arora said.

Paid clicks on Google's online ads jumped 31 percent during the typically busy holiday quarter, but the average cost per click that marketers paid the company slid 11 percent. Google's advertising rates, like those of other Internet companies including Yahoo Inc, has been under pressure as more consumers access its online services on mobile devices such as smartphones and tablets, where advertising rates are lower than on PCs.Motorola, which Google has agreed to sell to China's top PC maker for $2.91 billion, saw operating losses of $384 million in the quarter, more than double the $152 million loss from a year earlier.—*Reuters*

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

# Microsoft board close to naming Nadella as new CEO

*Satya Nadella, executive vice president, Cloud and Enterprise, addresses employees during the One Microsoft Town Hall event in Seattle, Washington in this 11 July, 2013 photo made available to Reuters on 30 Jan, 2014.* REUTERS

NEWYORK / SEATTLE, 1 Feb — Microsoft Corp is likely to appoint its cloud-computing head, Satya Nadella, as its next chief executive, a source familiar with the matter said on Thursday, as the board concludes a five-month search for a tech-savvy heavy-hitter to lead the world's largest software company.

As part of the move, co-founder Bill Gates may step aside as chairman and be replaced by lead independent director John Thompson, said the source, speaking on condition of anonymity because the process is private. Gates would remain a director, the source added.

Bloomberg first reported the news on Thursday.Rising star Nadella, a native of Hyderabad, India — where Microsoft has its largest non-US research center — was promoted to run the company's fast-expanding cloud, or internet-based, computing initiatives in July last year as part of current CEO Steve Ballmer's radical re-organization of the company.

The appointment of the 22-year Microsoft veteran would make him the most powerful Indian-born tech executive in the world and put him alongside PepsiCo Inc's chief, Indra Nooyi, as the leader of a well-known, large-cap US corporation.

Born in 1967 and educated in India and the United States, Nadella's tech career started at internet software pioneer Sun Microsystems. He joined Microsoft in 1992 and quickly climbed the corporate ladder with leading roles in the Office and Bing search-engine teams. He was promoted to run the company's server and tools unit in 2011.

That unit now forms the backbone of Microsoft's cloud-computing platform, which Nadella runs under his official title of executive vice president, cloud and enterprise.

*Reuters*

# Ophidiophobics beware: flying snakes have great aerodynamics

WASHINGTON, 1 Feb — This may be the last thing that anyone with a touch of ophidiophobia — fear of snakes — would want to hear: flying snakes have surprisingly good aerodynamic qualities.

Scientists studying the amazing gliding proficiency of an Asian species known as the paradise tree snake say it does two things as it goes airborne. It splays its ribs in order to flatten its profile from round into a more triangular form, and it undulates while airborne — sort of swimming through the air.

Researchers led by Jake Socha, an expert in biomechanics at Virginia Tech, replicated in a plastic model the shape the snake assumes while airborne, and tested it to evaluate its aerodynamic qualities.

They placed the snake model in a water tunnel and used a laser to track flow patterns around the model."

Our expectations going in were that it would not be very good because it does not look like a classically streamlined, airplane-type cross-sectional shape," Socha said in a telephone interview on Thursday."

*A paradise tree snake is shown in this undated handout photo courtesy of Jake Socha, Assistant Professor at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia. —* REUTERS

What we got were some surprising aerodynamic characteristics.

In fact, it was much better than we anticipated," Socha added. The paradise tree snake is one of the world's five species of flying snakes, all from the genus Chrysopelea.

To be precise, they are gliders, not actual flyers like birds and bats that achieve powered flight.

*Reuters*

# Facebook looks to nab Twitter's 'second screen' crown in Super Bowl

*Fans walk along Super Bowl Boulevard fan zone ahead of Super Bowl XLVIII in New York on 30 Jan, 2014.* REUTERS

SAN FRANCISCO, 1 Feb — More than 100 million people will be glued to their TV screens on Sunday, when the Denver Broncos take on the Seattle Seahawks in America's premier sporting contest, the Super Bowl. But two fierce rivals, Facebook Inc and Twitter Inc, will also be clashing head-to-head on a "second screen" that TV viewers will tune in for the big game.

The two social networks are jostling to be the venue of choice for fans to comment on big plays, the star-studded halftime show and of course the commercials -- multimillion dollar productions by major brands that are often a draw in their own right. The Super Bowl is the biggest stage for a broader battle that has intensified over the past year between the two behemoths of social media. By dominating online chatter during events such as the American football game, each company hopes to attract users and advertisers and capture a slice of the $70 billion spent annually on US television advertising.

Both companies can serve up new ads in real time and can target specific audiences. For years, the "second-screen" leader has been Twitter, which positioned its chatty, 140-character message platform as the go-to place for viewers to discuss events as they happen, from presidential debates to the Academy Awards.

*Reuters*

# New big-headed fish species discovered in Idaho and Montana rivers

SALMON, (Idaho), 1 Feb—A tiny fish characterized by a disproportionately large head and previously unknown to scientists has been found in mountain rivers of Idaho and Montana in what biologists said on Thursday marked a rare discovery.

The new aquatic species is a type of freshwater sculpin, a class of fish that dwell at the bottom of cold, swiftly flowing streams throughout North America and are known for their oversized head and shoulder structure.

"The discovery of a new fish is something I never thought would happen in my career because it's very rare in the United States," said Michael Young, co-author of a scientific description of the find published in the latest edition of the peer-reviewed journal Zootaxa.

Scientists with the US Forest Service Rocky Mountain Research Station in Montana first encountered the new species while conducting a genetic inventory of fish found in the upper Columbia River basin, said Young, also an agency fisheries biologist.

At first, researchers were not sure they had stumbled on a never-before-seen fish.

But genetic testing and examination of key physical differences proved that the specimens in question found in the Coeur d'Alene and St Joe rivers in northern Idaho and in a stretch of the Clark Fork River in neighbouring Montana were distinct from known varieties of the bottom-feeding fishes.

The fish has been named the cedar sculpin, after Western red cedars that line streams in the Idaho panhandle where it was first discovered.

*Reuters*

# Twitter buys patents, seals licensing pact with IBM

SAN FRANCISCO, 1 Feb — Twitter Inc has bought 900 patents and signed a cross-licensing agreement with IBM, making peace with Big Blue and bulking up on its intellectual property portfolio as it takes on larger rivals Google and Facebook.

The agreement announced on Friday comes after International Business Machines Corp accused Twitter in November - on the eve of its high-profile initial public offering — of infringing three of its patents.

At the time, it underscored how few patents the six-year-old social media company possessed in relation to more established rivals. A cross-licensing agreement will help safeguard Twitter against similar claims in the future.

*A portrait of the Twitter logo in Ventura, California on 21 Dec, 2013. —* REUTERS

IBM is one of the industry's largest research spenders and stockpilers of intellectual property, a consistent leader in US patent filings and the owner of some 41,000 patents.

Twitter is following on the heels of Facebook, which itself faced similar claims before its own 2012 IPO.

The world's largest social network has since gone on a patent-buying spree, acquiring intellectual property from tech bellwethers, including Microsoft Corp and IBM.

*Reuters*

The New Light of Myanmar



## PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 2 February, 2014

# Don't spark the clashes off

**These days, we see a lot of clashes, conflicts and violence around the globe. Today is the age of globalization. With the rapid advancement of IT, we have so many chances to enjoy the up-to-date information though the media.**

**These news may be right or wrong. Some media want to release information ahead of others as quickly as possible without knowing whether or not the news comes from the reliable sources. In some cases, it may trigger conflicts and violence and sometimes tarnish the images of those concerned. So, the media is of great importance.**

**There are so many reporting such as conflict reporting, economic reporting, crime reporting and parliamentary reporting etc. Among them, conflict reporting plays a crucial part. Journalists must take account of ten tips for conflict reporting—1. Don't write in clichés; 2. Don't believe everything someone tells you; 3. Don't hunt for the "definitive truth"; 4. Don't get things out of context; 5. Don't accept information without question; 6. Don't forget the human face of suffering; 7. Don't be sloppy with words; 8. Don't be led by another's agenda; 9. Don't ignore the local pressures; and 10. Don't ignore history.**

**So, all media men should follow the above-mentioned points in reporting the conflicts. The journalist needs to be sensitive, have an understanding of history, be aware of cultural issues, and put people before the story. Don't spark the clashes off.**

*Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann meets chairmen of support committees from Ottara District of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.*—MNA

## Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker ...

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He expressed his commitment to tackling challenges of transition process to democracy and to development of the multi-party democratic system and market-oriented economic system in the country.

Regarding the amending the constitution, he suggested that the constitutional amendments should encourage the development of the country without harming the stability and development of the country, should guarantee the unity of national people and national reconciliation without harming the rule of law and should encourage the multi-party democracy system and the market-oriented economic system.

During the meeting, chairmen of the supporting committees for development from Zeyathiri, Tatkon, Ottarathiri and Pobbathiri townships reported on current development tasks in their respective areas. The meeting ended with concluding remarks by Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann.—*MNA*

## EU Ambassador visits ...

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townselders clarified difficulties facing in the township, illegal settlement in the area of divergent ethnic groups, increased population, social and economic matters and issues to be followed the existing laws and they asked what they wanted to know.

They then visited Kantha Htwetwa and Bengali relief camps in Myebon Township and Aungmingala Ward in Sittway.

They met with Rakhine State government and political parties in the evening and discussed plans to be provided by EU for stability, peace and development of Rakhine State and ongoing work programmes.

The EU Ambassador and party held a coordination meeting on reviewing the tour at the hall of Rakhine State Government Office, here, this morning.

During the meeting, matters to be addressed for stability, peace and development of Rakhine State, plans to be implemented by laying down short- and long-term projects and assistances to be provided by EU were discussed.

They also met the monks from Alotawpyae Monastery in Sittway and questioned for their knowledge.—*MNA*

# Mandalay District emerges champion in U-16 football tourney

Mandalay, 1 Feb—The final match of the Inter-Basic Education School U-16 Men's Football Tournament 2014 of Mandalay Region took place at Mandalar Thiri Sports Ground, here, on 27 January afternoon.

In the final match, Mandalay District routed PyinOoLwin District 3-1.

Departmental officials presented prizes and best player awards in places to respective winners.

Chief Minister of Mandalay Region U Ye Myint awarded individual medals, K 1 million and championship trophy to Mandalay District team.

Among the spectators were Mandalay Region Ministers Col Aung Kyaw Soe, U Aung Moung, Dr Myint Kyu, U Kyaw Myint and Dr Win Hlaing, departmental officials, teachers and students.

*Tin Maung (Mandalay)*

*Mandalay District Team accepts the cup of the Inter-Basic Education School U-16 Men's Football Tournament.*—Photo Tin Maung (Mandalay)

# MoU signed between Ooredoo Myanmar Ltd, KMA Group of Companies

*Sheikh Abdulla Bin Mohammed Bin Saud Al-Thani, Chairman of the Ooredoo Group (R) and U Khin Maung Aye, Chairman of KMA Group of Companies, sign MoU.*—MNA

Yangon, 1 Feb—An MoU signing ceremony between Ooredoo Myanmar Limited and KMA Group of Companies took place at Cooperative Business Centre on New University Avenue in Bahan Township, yesterday with an address by Chairman U Khin Maung Aye of CB Bank and KMA Group of Companies.

Chairman of the Ooredoo Group Sheikh Abdullah Bin Mohammed Bin Saud Al-Thani made clarification on the purpose of the ceremony. After that, the Chairman of KMA Group of Companies and the Chairman of Ooredoo Group signed the MoU in the presence of Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe.

*MNA*

# Vehicle overturns in Bago

Nay Pyi Taw, 1 Feb—A car overturned near mile post No. (87/1) on Yangon-Mandalay expressway in Kyaukdaga Township at 8:30 p.m. on 26 January.

The car driven by U Win Myint, 38, of 6th Tharaphi Street in Dagon Myothit (North) Township heading for Yangon from Nay Pyi Taw plunged into the right side of the road, losing control of the excessive speed.

In the incident, the driver was injured and the vehicle damaged. It lost about K 1 million for damage.

Myochaung Expressway Police Station has lodged a lawsuit against the reckless driver under Section 337/338 of the Criminal Law.

*Min Min Latt (Mann Tekkatho)*

*Various fruits and vegetables plants are being cultivated by local farmers in Mohnyin Township to send them to Myitkyina, city of Kachin State and mining city Phakant Township. Photo shows thriving Strawberry plantation of farmer U Maung Phyu in Ohnsanhsaing Village of Mohnyin Township.*
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## National Objectives of 67th Anniversary Union Day 2014

- For all the national races to cultivate the Union Spirit to perpetuate the Union
- For all the national races to live in unity and harmony
- For all the national races to build up the prevailing national recon-ciliation
- For all citizens to participate in tasks for tranquility and the rule of law
- For all the national races to join efforts for modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation

## Myitkyina-Shwebo Road under upgrading

MOHNYIN, 1 Feb—The government allots thousands of million kyats for upgrading of Myitkyina-Shwebo Road. Spending the fund, the department or company should take responsibility for construction tasks without loss and wastage, locals expressed their view.

The above-photo taken on the second week of January shows damages caused within days after renovating it near mile post 189/7 on Myitkyina-Shwebo Road in Mohnyin.

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## Stimulant tablets, Ice, Khatkhu, rounds of ammunition seized

**DRUG**

*Zatan Jone Khong seen with 1200 stimulant tablets in Waingmaw Township.*

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Feb—Members of Anti-Drug Squad (Tachilek) seized 4100 stimulant tablets worth K 10.25 million from a Pajero car driven by Sai Loung Kham of Yangkham Village in Wamlon Village-tract of Mongphyat Township at Meyan combined checkpoint in Tachilek on 29 January.

Those of No 21 Anti-Drug Squad (Kunlong) seized 76 stimulant tablets from the bed room of Ma Kya Chin (a) Ma Nilar Myint, five grams of Ice and 1.4 grams of Khatkhu in ward 3 of Laukkai in Shan State on 27 January.

Members of No 25 Anti-Drug Squad (Taunggyi) and local police members raided the house of Pay Lar (a) Saw Pee La (a) Pa Daung Kywa of Lokhotha Village Dimawhso Township and saw his son Saw Aye Nay Mu and seized 45.7 kilos of opium, 6.55 kilos of opium grease, 1.4 litres of opium liquid, 210 grams morphine, 450 grams of morphine solid and 950 bullets of .22 pistol on 28 January.

Members of Waingmaw Township Police Station seized 1200 stimulant tablets worth K 3.6 million from motorcycle driven by Zatang Jone Khong of Wuyan Village in Waingmaw Township, at Washaung Village of Waingmaw Township on 29 January.

Members of No 24 Anti-Drug Squad (Lashio) seized 590 stimulant tablets worth K 1.18 million from the Mart II saloon driven by Aung Tint Lwin of Aungmyethazan Township near Asia World Toll Gate at the entrance to Nawngkhio on 27 January.—*Min Min Latt (Mann Tekkatho)*

*Sai Loung Kham arrested along with 4100 stimulant tablets in Tachilek Township.*

*Saw Aye Nay Mu arrested together with narcotic drugs and 950 rounds of ammunition of .22 pistol in Dimawhso Township.*

## Ambulance donated to Shande Village of Meiktila Tsp

MEIKTILA, 1 Feb—Cash was donated for ambulance to Shande Myitta health care association at the office of Shande Village administrator in Meiktila Township on 30 January.

In-charge of New Dry Energy Co Ltd for Upper Myanmar U Tin Win presented K 2.5 million to Chairman of Shande Myitta health care service.

Village administrator U Saw Lwin spoke words of thanks.

Shande model village is home to 1689 population of 283 households. It is located four miles north of Meiktila-Mandalay Road.

At present, the village has been supplied electricity. Thanks to ambulance, the local people are safety for their health as the ambulance can transport emergency patients to hospital in time.

The ceremony was attended by Mandalay Region Hluttaw representative U Saw Htay, local authorities and wellwishers.

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WORLD

*Osaka Mayor Toru Hashimoto*

# Hashimoto hints at quitting as co-head of Japan Restoration Party

Tokyo , 1 Feb — Osaka Mayor Toru Hashimoto on Saturday indicated that he may step down as a co-head of the Japan Restoration Party, saying he wants to focus on efforts to realize his policy goal — creating the Osaka metropolitan area through the merger of prefectural and municipal governments.

"In order to realize the Osaka metropolitan plan, I would like to let you all steer the Japan Restoration Party," Hashimoto told a party convention in Tokyo. Hashimoto is co-head of the conservative opposition party along with Tokyo's former governor Shintaro Ishihara.

Meanwhile, the JRP adopted a revised party platform that watered down its harsh criticism of the war-renouncing Constitution, in an apparent effort to advance realignment of opposition forces in the future.

The party dropped the phrase branding the current Constitution as the main factor that forced Japan into isolation and made it a target of disdain, and imposed an unrealistic dream of absolute peace.

Instead, the new platform pledges to drastically overhaul the Constitution to rebuild the country, saying the supreme law, imposed by the Allied Forces, hampered self-reliance of the state, race and the people.

The policy change is seen as aiming at promoting policy consultations with other opposition parties including part of the Democratic Party of Japan.

The JRP also vowed to bring about a realignment of opposition parties that would serve as a base to effect a change in power, noting that the ruling Liberal Democratic Party is too closely bound up with vested interest and bureaucrats.—*Kyodo News*

# South Sudan rebel leader says government derailing peace talks

Jonglei State, (South Sudan), 1 Feb — South Sudan rebel leader Riek Machar accused the government on Friday of ethnic cleansing and trying to sabotage peace talks, in his first face-to-face interview since fighting erupted late last year in Africa's youngest nation.

Dressed in dark green military fatigues and speaking to *Reuters* in his bush hideout, Machar branded President Salva Kiir a discredited leader who had lost the people's trust and should resign.Thousands have been killed and more than half a million have fled their homes since fighting erupted in the capital Juba in mid-December and spread quickly across the oil-producing nation, often following ethnic lines.

The two sides signed a ceasefire on 23 January in the Ethiopian capital Addis Ababa, but each has accused the other of breaking it. "Salva Kiir has committed atrocities in Juba, he has engaged in ethnic cleansing and he is still involved in the process," Machar said.

His comments highlighted the gulf between the sides, who are meant to resume their troubled peace talks in Ethiopia next week. Regional and world powers are worried fighting could break out again and spill over into neighbouring states.

South Sudan's justice minister said this week that former vice president Machar and six of his closest allies should face treason charges, accusing him of trying to launch a coup."

I am not aware of why we should face those charges for an alleged coup that never happened," Machar said.

"(It) is another attempt to stop peace talks." Machar has regularly denied starting the violence or trying to seize power, and has accused the president of taking advantage of an outburst of fighting between rival groups of soldiers to round up political rivals.

The United Nations and rights groups say both warring sides have committed atrocities, in a conflict that has taken the country to the brink of civil war.

The government and rebels both accuse each other of ethnically motivated killings. Human Rights Watch said earlier this month that government SPLA forces had targeted civilians from Machar's Nuer group in Juba early on in the conflict, while rebel forces had butchered members of Kiir's Dinka tribe in other towns.

*Reuters*

***South Sudan's rebels travel in a truck in a rebel-controlled territory in Jonglei State on 31 Jan, 2014.***
**Reuters**

# Venezuelan bikers protest nighttime riding ban despite high crime

Caracas, 1 Feb — Nearly 2,000 motorcyclists protested in Caracas on Friday, hooting horns and waving Venezuelan flags outside a government office to show displeasure with a ban on nighttime riding, which has been imposed to cut crime in one of the world's most dangerous cities.Motorbikes are used in many of the robberies, kidnappings and homicides for which the country is notorious. Stung by criticism of numerous failed efforts to make the streets safer, this month officials in Caracas and other areas made it illegal to ride a motorcycle after 9 pm.

The so-called "motorizados," a term applied mostly to couriers and motorbike taxi drivers, gathered in the Petare slum before riding to the peaceful demonstration.They said the new rule contravened their right to work and move about freely, and that students and low-paid laborers who could not afford to hire cars would not be able to find transportation."

***Motorcyclists take part in a protest against possible regulation and schedule bans as a measure to combat insecurity in Caracas on 31 Jan, 2014. —* Reuters**

They hassle us all the time," said Una Levera, a 30-year-old motorcycle taxi driver at the protest, nodding at the dozens of police officers nearby.

"The only solution is for them to let us get on with our work ... not one motorizado is in favor of the new regulations."The protest dispersed after the bikers delivered a letter to the National Institute for Terrestrial Transport, and an official came onto the street to hear their complaints.For many in Venezuela's opposition and middle-class, the motorizados are the frightening face of crime. They were also the shock troops of the late socialist leader Hugo Chavez, who used them to intimidate political rivals.

*Reuters*

# Record Brazil heat pressures crops, energy prices, government

Sao Paulo, 1 Feb — Even by Brazilian standards — man, it's hot. January was the hottest month on record in parts of Brazil including its biggest city, São Paulo. The heat, plus a severe drought, has kindled fears of water shortages, crop damage and higher electricity bills that could drag down the economy during an election year for President Dilma Rousseff.

The scorching conditions don't constitute a crisis quite yet, officials say. Weather has been mostly normal in other regions including Brazil's soy belt, where a record crop is still expected. Summer rains could return in February and March to refill reservoirs, as they did last year when similar concerns over a possible energy crisis proved to be overhyped.Still, the risks are considerable because Brazil's economy is so fragile at the moment. Any disruption to food supplies or power costs would complicate the government's ability to meet the center of its 2014 inflation target of 4.5 percent, and the region's orange and coffee crops are already showing signs of stress, farmers say.

São Paulo's average maximum daily temperature in January through Friday was 31.9 degrees Celsius (89.4 degrees Fahrenheit), a degree hotter than the previous January record and surpassing February 1984 as the city's hottest month ever, according to INMET, Brazil's national meteorological institute. Meanwhile, a high pressure system has blocked normal tropical afternoon rains during what is usually the year's wettest month. São Paulo's main reservoir is now at less than a quarter of its capacity, a 10-year low. Meteorologists aren't hopeful for a change anytime soon. "This is the hottest, driest January we've ever had ... and there isn't much hope for this heat to stop in the next two weeks," said Celso Oliveira, meteorologist for Somar weather service.

*Reuters*

***A Brazilian vendor sells bottles of drinking water between cars during a warm summer day in Sao Paulo on 31 Jan, 2014. —* Reuters**

# 5 out of 10 major utilities expect bleak full-year earnings

Tokyo, 1 Feb — Five out of 10 major utilities in Japan expect bleak full-year group earnings as a weak yen has pushed up costs to import fuel for thermal power generation to make up for the halt of nuclear reactors, earnings reports released through Friday showed.

Although electricity rate hikes have boosted revenues, five utilities, including Kansai Electric Power Co and Kyushu Electric Power Co, project pretax losses totaling 520 billion yen for the year to March. The utilities are engaging in streamlining efforts, but they could seek further electricity rate hikes if their business conditions deteriorate further.

Kansai Electric Power, Kyushu Electric Power and Hokkaido Electric Power Co raised electricity charges in 2013. But they still expect to post pretax losses of 125 billion yen, 160 billion yen and 113 billion yen, respectively.The rate hikes were based on the assumption that some of their reactors would resume operating, enabling them to reduce purchases of expensive fuel for thermal power generation.

But no reactors in Japan are currently online. To resume operation, the facilities first need to satisfy a set of new safety requirements introduced after the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant disaster in 2011.

Chubu Electric Power Co, which is seeking to raise electricity bills from April, estimated that it will post a 110 billion yen pretax loss for fiscal 2013, while Chugoku Electric Power Co projects a 12 billion yen loss.

Hokuriku Electric Power Co and Shikoku Electric Power Co have not announced full-year earnings outlooks.For the April-December period, six of the 10 utilities reported consolidated pretax losses. Tokyo Electric Power Co, the operator of the crippled Fukushima Daiichi plant, was among the utilities that reported a pretax profit.

*Kyodo News*

***Thai caretaker Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra***

# Thai caretaker PM urges protesters not to block voting

Bangkok, 1 Feb — Thai caretaker Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra on Friday appealed anti-government protesters not to block voting during the 2 February general election. Otherwise, Thailand will be viewed as an undemocratic country, Yingluck was quoted by *the Nation* newspaper as saying.

Protest leader Suthep Thaugsuban has called a mass rally on 2 February to completely paralyze the capital and prevent people from casting their votes. He has been marching on Bangkok streets over the past days to mobile people to join in.More than 200,000 police officers will be deployed nationwide on the election day to maintain law and order, according to assistant national police chief Amnart An-atngam.

In addition, another 7,000 soldiers will assist the police in areas where a 60-day state of emergency has been imposed since 22 January, Amnart said. Following the 2 February election, a new election has been set for 23 February for scores of constituencies where advance voting on 26 January was disrupted by protesters.

*Xinhua*

# *Gov't eyes issuing Tokyo Olympics license plates with special design*

Tokyo, 1 Feb — The Japanese government is planning to issue commemorative vehicle license plates nationwide next year to mark the 2020 Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games, a source close to the transport ministry said on Saturday.

The plates will feature images of the Olympic rings and Japanese motifs such as Mt Fuji, breaking with ministry rules that prohibit special designs on license plates.

Special plates were issued for the 1996 Atlanta Olympics and the 2010 Vancouver Olympics, but never before in Japan, the source said.

The Olympic plates are expected to cost slightly more than the 4,000 yen charged for standard plates with a vanity number.

*Kyodo News*

***Three members of the all-female Japanese pop group AKB 48 salute at an event to promote a new train car of East Japan Railway Co.'s Yokohama Line on 29 Jan, 2014. From left to right: Nana Okada, Rina Kawaei and Ryoka Oshima.***
**Kyodo News**

# India regrets downgrading of aviation safety ranking

New Delhi, 1 Feb — Indian Civil Aviation Minister Ajit Singh expressed surprise on Friday at the US aviation regulator's decision to downgrade India's aviation safety ranking from Category 1 to Category 2, calling it "very disappointing," according to the *Press Trust of India*. With a Category 2 rating by the US Federal Aviation Administration, India's carriers can continue existing service to the United States, but will not be allowed to establish new services to the country.

Singh said the FAA's move came despite the fact that India is now "95 percent compliant" with what the FAA had wanted it to do in terms of taking corrective measures to adhere to international safety standards and practices. He said the remaining 5 percent, namely recruitment and training of senior technical personnel in the Directorate General for Civil Aviation, will be completed by March. "DGCA will remain in constant touch with FAA, which will hopefully hold another review thereafter" to revert India to Category I, Singh said.

India had held a Category 1 rating, signifying compliance with aviation safety oversight standards mandated by the International Civil Aviation Organization, since August 1997.

*Kyodo News*

***A replica of an ancient, triangular-rimmed mirror decorated with gods and animals, reputed to have been presented from China to shaman queen Himiko (170-248 CE) of Japan, reflects light and projects a mysterious image on a screen at the Kyoto National Museum on 29 Jan, 2014.***
**Kyodo News**

***Indonesian Trade Minister Gita Wirjawan***

# Indonesia trade minister resigns to focus on presidential bid

Jakarta, 1 Feb — Indonesian Trade Minister Gita Wirjawan resigned on Friday, saying he wants to focus on his bid to become the ruling Democrat Party's candidate in July's presidential election.

The 48-year-old former investment banker, who became trade minister in October 2011, told reporters he tendered his resignation to President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, who accepted it. The president did not immediately announce who will replace Wirjawan.

Wirjawan will soon participate in a Democrat Party convention to decide who will become the party's presidential candidate in the election slated for 9 July, three months after legislative polls are held.

Parties or coalitions of parties that win 20 percent of the total seats in the parliament or 25 percent of the popular vote in the 9 April election can nominate their presidential candidates. Yudhoyono, whose party won the last election in 2009 with 20.81 percent of the total vote, is now in his second term as president and he is constitutionally ineligible to run for a third term.

The party's popularity in opinion polls is low, likely due to graft cases committed by party members.

Among a dozen parties contesting at the national level, public attention is focused on the opposition Indonesian Democratic Party of Struggle (PDI-Perjuangan) led by former President Megawati Sukarnoputri, whose member Joko Widodo, the governor of Jakarta, is seen as the most popular potential presidential candidate, though he has not been nominated yet.

*Kyodo News*

# ADVERTISEMENT & GENERAL

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**MINISTRY OF ENERGY**
**MYANMA OIL AND GAS ENTERPRISE**
**(INVITATION FOR OPEN TENDER)**
**(2/2014)**

Open tenders are invited for supply of the following respective items in United States Dollars and Myanmar Kyats.

| Sr.No | Tender No | Description | Qty | Remark |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| (1) | IFB-176(2013-2014) | Geological Servery Field Equipment | (2) Items | US$ |
| (2) | IFB-177(2013-2014) | 50 KW Generating Set (Driven By Natural Gas Engine) | (1) Set | US$ |
| (3) | IFB-178(2013-2014) | Electrical Parts for HDD Rig | (23) Items | US$ |
| (4) | IFB-179(2013-2014) | Wash Pipe and Packing for N-69 and N-815 Swivel | (2) Items | US$ |
| (5) | IFB-180(2013-2014) | 1/2"x1 1/4"x5 7/8" Tong Dies | (2000) Nos | US$ |
| (6) | DMP/L-053(2013-2014) | 4" x 4" Twin Reciprocating Air Compressor and Water Transfer Pump | (2) Items | Ks |
| (7) | DMP/L-054(2013-2014) | Allison Transmission Assy for Well Sevicing Truck | (3) Nos | Ks |
| (8) | DMP/L-055(2013-2014) | Electrical Spares for HDD Rig | (1) Lot | Ks |
| (9) | DMP/L-056(2013-2014) | H-Beams and U-Beam for EMSCO Mud Tank | (3) Items | Ks |
| (10) | DMP/L-057(2013-2014) | Centrifugal Pump with Motor Driven and Portable Water Transfer Pump | (2) Items | Ks |

- Tender Closing Date & Time - 26-2-2014,16:30 Hr

Tender Document shall be available during office hours commencing from 29th January, 2014 at the Finance Department, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No(44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

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Ph . +95 67 - 411097 / 411206

**Invitation for Open Tender**

1. No. (2) Mining Enterprise, Ministry of Mines is warmly inviting to submit the tender quotation of open tender for Tin Concentrate and Other Tin Mixed Ore which stored at Yangon Warehouse.
2. Tender Closing date and time is 17th February, 2014,(16:00) Hrs.
3. Tender documents are available from the Procurement Department, No. (2) Mining Enterprise, Ministry of Mines, Office Building No. (19), Nay Pyi Taw and details can be asked to +95 - (0)67 - 409390 and 409391 within the office hours.

Tender Invitation Committee
No(2) Mining Enterprise.

# CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

## MV GIANG HAI II VOY NO (-)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV GIANG HAI II VOY NO (-) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 2.2.2014 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W-2 where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT**
**MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY**
**AGENT FOR: M/S G LINK EXPRESS PTE LTD**
Phone No: 256924/256914

# CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

## MV WEST SCENT VOY NO (034)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV WEST SCENT VOY NO (034) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 2.2.2014 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT**
**MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY**
**AGENT FOR: M/S INTERASIA LINES**
Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

***Tourists take photos of Japanese macaques soaking in an outdoor hot spring at the Jigokudani monkey park in the town of Yamanouchi, Nagano Prefecture, Japan, on 15 Jan, 2014. The sight is popular "snow monkeys" among tourists from Japan and abroad.—*** KYODO NEWS

# Number of foreign workers in Japan hits record-high 717,504

TOKYO, 1 Feb — The number of foreign workers in Japan as of Oct. 31 stood at 717,504, up 5.1 percent from a year earlier and the highest level since 2007, when the government obligated companies to report the number of foreigners in their workforces, government data showed on Friday.

The Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare attributed the increase to a new government policy promoting the hiring of highly skilled foreign workers as part of the country's growth strategy, and construction and other companies' moves to actively hire foreign workers due to shortages of labor amid improving economic conditions.

By nationality, Chinese accounted for the biggest proportion of foreign workers at 303,886, followed by Brazilians at 95,505 and Filipinos at 80,170. The number of Vietnamese workers rose 39.9 percent from a year earlier to 37,537. The number of foreigners working as specialists and engineers rose 6.7 percent to 132,571. Foreign students working as part-timers in Japan stood at 102,534, up 11.8 percent.

*Kyodo News*

# SEC suspects MRI owner of violating asset freeze

LOS ANGELES, 1 Feb — The US Securities and Exchange Commission has alleged that Edwin Fujinaga, owner of Las Vegas-based MRI International Inc., has moved personal assets out of the United States in violation of a court-ordered asset freeze.

In a recent memorandum to the US District Court of Nevada, the SEC said Fujinaga, charged with operating a Ponzi scheme that bilked over $800 million from Japanese investors, failed to provide documents reflecting his finances before and after the asset freeze order on 12 September.

"Meanwhile, it is fair to infer...that the defendants (including Fujinaga) have used this time to violate provisions of the asset freeze and probably to remove funds from easily detected domestic bank accounts," the SEC said.

The commission is asking the court to order Fujinaga to surrender his passport because his failure to provide financial records indicates "that it is highly likely Fujinaga will be tempted to use his hidden resources to leave the country and the reach of this Court and the SEC."

Fujinaga provided the SEC with his 2012 federal income tax return and other personal financial records, as well as a personal checking account record for 2011 and 2012.

However, the SEC said a $1.3 million discrepancy between his 2012 income and the total in the checking accounts has been left unexplained.

The commission is also asking the court to order Fujinaga to provide records of income and expenditures since 12 September to prove compliance with the asset freeze and comply with an 7 October preliminary injunction ordering an accounting of assets.

Should the court make such an order, failure to comply could result in daily fines and even imprisonment for Fujinaga. Since 1998, MRI purportedly offered Japanese investors the opportunity to invest in medical account receivables in the United States.

In its lawsuit filed last September, the SEC charged MRI and Fujinaga with violating the 1933 securities law and 1934 securities exchange law by making false representations to investors and by using investor money to pay earlier investors whose contracts had matured.

The SEC also alleges Fujinaga transferred investor money to MRI operating accounts and other Fujinaga-controlled entities.

*Kyodo News*

***Chinese Lunar New Year is the most important traditional holiday for Chinese people. People prepare food and snacks for the Spring Festival since the day of Xiaonian.—*** XINHUA

# Jared Let nomi

Los Angeles, 1 Feb — Singer-actor Jared Leto is finding it difficult to process the critical acclaim he has received for his performance in Oscar-nominated movie Dallas Buyers Club alongside Matthew McConaughey and Jennifer Garner. Jared Leto, 42, was excited when he was offered the role of Rayon, a transgender woman with HIV, which has gone on to receive six Academy Award nominations, reported Contactmusic.

Jared Leto, who put his acting career on hold for over six years to release music with his band Thirty Second, said, "I've won over 30 awards for it already. I didn't even know there were 30 awards to win. The big ones were the Golden Globes and the SAG Awards recently," Jared Leto said. Referring to his Oscar nomination, he added, "I feel like this is insane and amazing - I feel like the luckiest person in the world. It's a really special story and I feel proud to be a part of it."

Jared Leto had to dress as a woman and lose weight for his portrayal of Rayon and his transformation was so stark he didn't think audiences would even recognise him on screen.

"It's pretty crazy. I play a transgender woman. A lot of people wouldn't recognise me in the role."

*PTI*

# Austin Mahone not dating Selena Gomez

Los Angeles, 1 Feb— Singer Austin Mahone has shot down rumours he is dating Selena Gomez, but says he finds her very attractive.

The 17-year-old singer has denied reports he has recently struck up a relationship with the Come & Get It hitmaker, but admits that they hang out together a lot, reported *People* magazine.

"We are just friends. She's really cool... I mean, I think she's really pretty but every time I'm in LA, she's like, 'Hey you're in LA, lets hang out. So it's cool," Austin Mahone said.

Selena Gomez, 21, and Austin Mahone were introduced to each other through their good friend Taylor Swift and were spotted together at the Beats Music concert in Los Angeles on 24 January.

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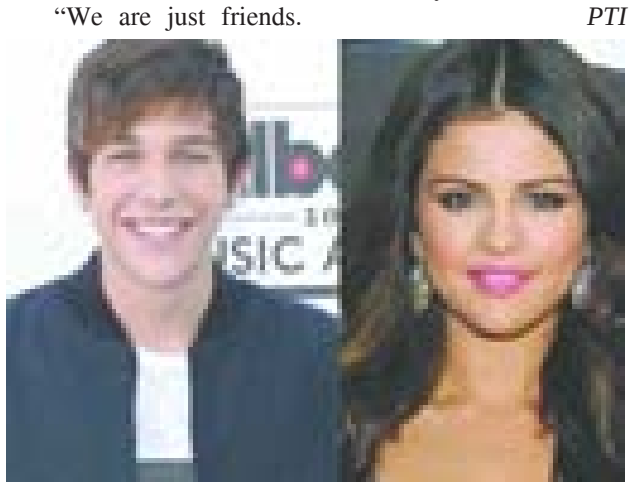
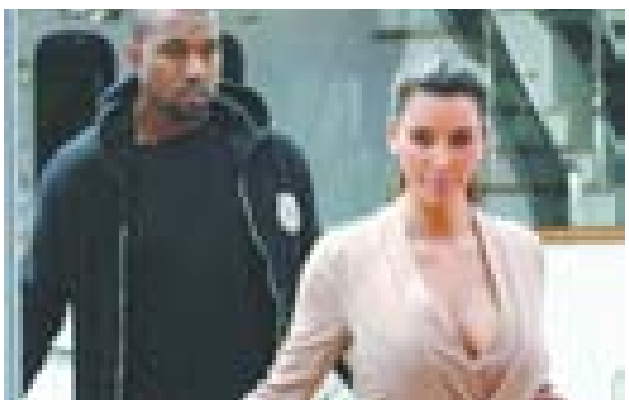


***Austin says Selena is very attractive.***

# Kanye West angry after Kim is rejected for magazine cover



***Kanye says it was Kim's dream to be on the magazine cover.***

London, 1 Feb—Rapper Kanye West has allegedly confronted a magazine editor after Lena Dunham was picked over his fiancee Kim Kardashian for the cover of its February edition.

The 36-year-old rapper feels insulted that *Vogue* editor Anna Wintour, who he deems a close friend of his, picked Dunham over Kim, reported Radar online.

"Kanye, who met with Anna at the Beverly Hills Polo Lounge, argued that Kim is just as talented as Lena, if not more so," a source said.

"To Kanye it's insulting that his friend Anna is still refusing to even consider putting Kim on the cover of *Vogue*. He thinks Anna is listening to a bunch of 'know-nothing' corporate haters, as he put it. He's upset that Anna isn't willing to do him this personal favour and put Kim on the cover," the source added.

"Kanye knows that it's always been a huge dream of Kim's to be on the Vogue cover and Kanye wants to make it come true. If nothing else, Kanye is persistent."

However, it was previously revealed that Anna, 64, hates Kim — who has seven-month-old daughter North with Kanye - so much that she even banned her from attending the Met Gala in New York in 2012.

*PTI*

# Priyanka Chopra: Proud of everyone who made Gunday possible

Mumbai, 1 Feb—Ac- production stage, is the story Gunday! I'm so proud of everyone who made this film possible. Yay! Pat on the back @aliabbaszafar," Priyanka tweeted. The 32-year-old actress has slipped into the role of a glamorous cabaret dancer in Ali Abbas Zafar's film. The film will also be released simultaneously in Bengali with full Bengali songs composed by Bappi Lahiri. Produced by Yash Raj Films, Gunday is slated to hit theatres on 14 February.—*PTI*

# Mozart museum seeks to debunk evil Salieri poison myth

Vienne, 1 Feb — It's one of the great mysteries of music — did composer Antonio Salieri poison his onetime protege Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart with arsenic? The famous 1984 Milos Forman film "Amadeus", based on Peter Shaffer's play, leaves little doubt he did. But now the Vienna museum dedicated to Mozart's legacy has launched a campaign to burnish Salieri's reputation as a supporter of the younger Austrian genius — and not a jealous villain.

A new exhibit at the Mozarthaus where Mozart lived and worked in the late 18th century portrays Salieri as a good-humoured, talented and generous man who praised and honoured pupils including Ludwig von Beethoven and Franz Schubert.

The problem, curators say, is that too many people think of Salieri as the evil mastermind from Shaffer's 1979 play that the Czech director Forman filmed in and around Prague, parts of which look much the same as they did in Mozart's time. "We want simply to enlighten people and show the authentic Salieri, getting away from a very strongly fictionalised image," museum director Gerhard Vitek said on Thursday.

***Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's original Anton-Walter-piano is pictured at Mozart's former apartment in central Vienna on 25 Oct, 2012.***
**Reuters**

The talent of Salieri, who was born in northern Italy in 1750 and moved to Vienna at age 15, made him a favourite of the imperial court. He wrote operas and other stage plays, patriotic compositions and sacred music when not teaching.

*Reuters*

# Oprah Winfrey on turning 60: I'm more secure in being myself now

Los Angeles, 1 Feb— Talk show host Oprah Winfrey, who celebrated her 60th birthday on 29 January, feels more secure in life at this age.

Winfrey wrote a letter in her *The Oprah* magazine recalling some of her biggest moments in life so far, reported Us magazine.

"I'm turning 60. I'm alive. Healthy. Strong. I'm turning 60, and — please don't take offense — I no longer have to be concerned about what anyone thinks of me! I'm turning 60, and I've earned the right to be just as I am. I'm more secure in being myself than I've ever been," Oprah Winfrey wrote.

The Butler actress said that even in her darkest moments she remained optimistic.

"Even in my darkest moments — through sexual abuse, a pregnancy at 14, lies and betrayals — I climb, there is always a way to let in a sliver of light to illuminate the path forward. I approach this milestone, the landmark of 60, with humility, supreme thanksgiving, and joy. Knowing for sure grace has brought

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*Members of the national soccer team exercise in Kabul Stadium in Kabul, Afghanistan on 29 Jan, 2014. Afghan National Football Team players receive training for Asian Challenge Cup to be held in Maldives in May this year. Afghanistan won its first international trophy in soccer beating India in the final of the South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) championship held in Kathmandu, Nepal in September last year.—*Xinhua

# Argentina, Italy 1-1 in Davis Cup tie

Buenos Aires, 1 Feb — Italy
Davis Cup World Group first-round
Friday:
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Filippo Volandri/Simone
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Eduardo Schwank (Argentina)
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***Argentina's Carlos Berlocq hits
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# Jones and Watson share early lead in Phoenix

New York, 1 Feb — Australian journeyman Matt Jones, bidding for his first PGA Tour title, made the most of his local knowledge to charge into an early tie for the lead in Friday's second round of the Phoenix Open ed his round with birdies as he posted a 12-under total of 130 to finish level with American left-hander and former Masters champion Bubba Watson, who fired a 66. Another left-hander, Greg Chalmers of Australia, was a further two strokes back after carding a six-birdie 67, ending the day level with American Harris English, who also carded a 67. Journeyman Jones, whose best PGA Tour finish after playing six full seasons on the US circuit was a tie for second at last year's Greenbrier Classic, was delighted to have an early tee time for the second round.

"We definitely got the good side of the draw going off early," the 33-year-old from New South Wales told having dropped two shots in his last three holes. "I feel like I should win on every golf course," said the slim American, who is bidding for his first victory on the PGA Tour since his major breakthrough at the 2012 Masters.

"Everything is clicking right now. I played really well last week, just didn't make the putts. This time I'm playing well and some of the putts are dropping."

Japan's Hideki Matsuyama had been just one stroke off the lead after 17 holes but bogeyed the par-four 18th after finding a bunker with his approach to card a 67 for a nine-under total. Korean Yang and three-times Phoenix Open champion Phil Mickelson, who also attended Arizona State University, were both among the day's late starters. Mickelson, who won last year's title with a record-tying 28-under total of 256, carded a level 71 on Thursday having recovering from back pain which forced him to withdraw after the second round of last week's Farmers Insurance Open.

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# World Cup Trophy arrives in Venezuela

Caracas, 1 Feb — The FIFA World Cup Trophy arrived on Friday in Venezuela, as part of a promotional world tour in the lead-up to this year's ultimate championship to be held in Brazil.

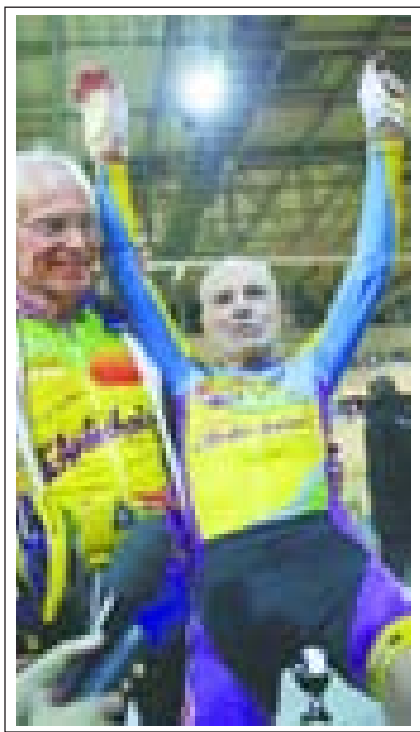
Venezuelan Sports Minister Antonio "El Potro" Alvarez presented the trophy to national media and sports fans gathered at the Simon Bolivar International Airport just outside the capital Caracas.

Alvarez was accompanied by FIFA tour ambassador Christian Karembeu and representatives of the National Football Federation.

The 18k gold trophy, measuring about 35 centimeters in height, will remain on show for three days in Caracas, where some 8,000 fans have already obtained tickets to see football's coveted prize.

The trophy will also make an appearance at the presidential palace of Miraflores, where President Nicolas Maduro is scheduled to greet a delegation from the FIFA.

This marks the second time that a World Cup Trophy visits Venezuela, which failed to qualify for the 2014 World Cup. The first time was during the trophy tour preceding the 2010 South Africa World Cup. The trophy's global tour kicked off on 12 Sept, 2013.—*Xinhua*



***French cyclist Robert Marchand (R), aged 102, reacts with Gerard Mistler, President of the Ardechoise Cycling Club, after he covered 26.98 kms in one hour at the indoor Velodrome National in Montigny-les-Bretonneux, southwest of Paris on 31 Jan, 2014. Marchand set a new record in the Masters + 100 category established by the International Cycling Union UCI.—*Xinhua**

# Sochi Olympic villages officially open

Beijing, 1 Feb — Sochi's Olympic villages have officially opened and welcome the arrival of athletes and coaches.

Three mountain villages and a coastal village have been built, to accommodate more than 6000 athletes.

Figure skaters, hockey players, and curlers will rub shoulders as they enjoy perks like the village movie theater, library, and fully-stocked canteen.

Olympic committee representatives toured the facilities and came away impressed by the immensity of them.

"My first impression is that everything is pretty big, there are a lot of volunteers, everything new, and this big advantage is that everything is in the same place, all the venues, the sport venues, and the Olympic village and all the facilities are really close to each other."

The villages are protected with security perimeters. The director of Olympic villages, Daniel Merkley, says it's the safest place to be.

Athletic delegations will continue to arrive over the weekend. Once they make it through tight security checks, they will board buses and head to their respective villages.—*Xinhua*

# Dortmund beat bottom side Braunschweig 2-1 in German Bundesliga

Berlin, 1 Feb — Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang's brace helped Borussia Dortmund to record the eleventh win of the season, at the opener of the 19th round in Bundesliga on Friday. Dortmund wrapped up the first win in 2014 following a four match winless streak. Meanwhile bottom side Braunschweig failed to secure decisive points for the relegation battle.

However, things started other than expected as Braunschweig controlled the proceedings in the opening period. The underdog created chances through Havard Nielsen, Jan Hochscheidt, Benjamin Kessel and Norman Theuerkauf, due to the fact that Dortmund were unable to gain a foothold into the match.

As the match progressed the "BVB" were capable to establish their rhythm when Nuri Sahin free kick tested Braunschweig's goalkeeper Daniel Davari, who tipped the ball around the left post near the half-hour mark. Despite Braunschweig's courageous performance it were the visitors that broke the deadlock at the 31st minute.

*Xinhua*

*French actress Sophie Marceau (R front) arrives at the venue for the China Central Television (CCTV)'s 2014 Spring Festival Gala in Beijing, China, on 30 Jan, 2014.—*XINHUA

# 6.1-magnitude quake hits south off Visokoi Island

BEIJING, 1 Feb — An earthquake measuring 6.1 on the Richter scale jolted 13km Southwest of Visokoi Island at 03:58:43 GMT Saturday, the US Geological Survey said.

The epicentre, with a depth of 126.64 km, was initially determined to be at 56.8099 degrees south latitude and 27.273 degrees west longtitude.

*Xinhua*

# London marathon organizers welcome Kenya's Keitany inclusion

ITEN, (Kenya), 1 Feb — The race director for London Marathon, Hugh Brasher, would not hesitate to include the 2011 and 2012 women's winner, Kenya's Mary Jepkosgei Keitany, if she's fit to run after returning from maternal duty.

Keitany, 32, set London alight two years in a row, winning in a personal best of 2:18:37 that made her the fastest Kenyan female over the distance in 2012 before taking a break after finishing fourth at the London Olympics to nurture her second born with spouse Charles Koech.

"I don't have any information on her at the moment but obviously as a previous winner, we would love to have her back. She is a wonderful champion and we are looking forward to having her back again on the streets of London," Brasher said on Friday in Iten.

London Marathon organisers have descended on the self-styled " University of Champions" in the Kenyan Rift Valley to launch the elite men's field of the event on Saturday ahead of the 13 April World Marathon Majors event.

According to information from Keitany's camp, the world half marathon record holder for women (1:05:50) is back training and should be fit to compete in the next month or so.

"She's been training well and there would be no problem for her going back to London as long as we discuss with organisers and we agree," a ember of her training camp told *Xinhua*.

The prospect of Keitany, who won the women's race in a blistering 2:19:19 before running the fastest time over the course since Britain's Paula Radcliffe ran 2:17:42 for her third victory in 2005, would undoubtedly fortify an already forceful line-up.

Olympic Marathon winner, Tiki Gelana of Ethiopia (2:18:58), defending champion, Priscah Jeptoo (2:20:14) who won silver in London 2012, double world champion, Edna Kiplagat (2:19:50), Berlin winner Florence Kiplagat (2:19:44) and 2012 Dubai Marathon runner-up, Lucy Kabuu (2:19:34), all of Kenya, are the experienced speedsters on the field.—*Xinhua*

# *Flu patients double, school closures quadruple, in one week in Japan*

TOKYO, 1 Feb — Influenza patients doubled from a week earlier to an estimated around 1.32 million in the latest reporting week to 26 January in Japan, while flu-linked closures of part or all classrooms were reported at 3,009 schools, more than four-fold, the National Institute of Infectious Diseases said on Friday.

H1N1 was the most common virus strain among cases reported in the last five weeks, the institute said. The health ministry warned that Japan is in a full-fledged flu season and patients could further increase in the weeks ahead.—*Kyodo News*

## MYANMAR TV

**(2-2-2014, Sunday)**

**6:00 am**
1. Paritta by Venerable Mingun Sayadaw

**6:25 am**
2. Physical Exercises

**6:30 am**
3. Musical Programme

**6:45 am**
4. Documentary

**7:00 am**
5. News/Weather Report

**7:20 am**
6. Youth Programme

**8:00 am**
7. News/ International News

**8:30 am**
8. Amazing World

**9:00 am**
9. News

**9:30 am**
10. Documentary

**9:45 am**
11. 67th Anniversary Union Day Programme

**9:50 am**
12. Beautiful ASEAN

**10:00 am**
13. News

**10:20 am**
14. Teleplay

**11:25 am**
15. Gitadagale Phwintaboohn

**12:00 pm**
16. News/International News/Weather Report

**12:25 pm**
17. Round Up of The Week's International News

**12:35 pm**
18. Myanmar Movies

**2:15 pm**
19. Musical Programme

**2:30 pm**
20. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

**3:00 pm**
21. News

**3:15 pm**
22. Alinka Wut Yi Music Troupe

**3:40 pm**
23. Performance With Song

**3:45 pm**
24. 67th Anniversary Union Day Programme

**4:00 pm**
25. News

**4:15 pm**
26. 2014 University Entrance Examination (English)

**4:50 pm**
27. Sing & Enjoy

**5:00 pm**
28. News

**5:15 pm**
29. Sing & Enjoy

**6:00 pm**
30. News/Weather Report

**6:20 pm**
31. Cartoon Series

**6:50 pm**
32. What are human right?

**7:00 pm**
33. News

**7:15 pm**
34. Entertainment MCN News

**7:45 pm**
35. Documentary

**8:00 pm**
36. News/International News/Weather Report

**8:35 pm**
37. Hit Songs of Stars

**8:50 pm**
38. Documentary

**9:00 pm**
39. News
40. Tamyethnar Takwetsar
41. New Melody

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* Local News
* The Richly Blessed Gem Land
* World News
* Myanmar Movie Review "Be the Right Heir"
* Local News
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* World News
* Myanmar Master Class "Still Life (Fruit)"
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* World News
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* World News
* Myanmar Traditional Art Bronze Casting
* Made of Jade
* Great Minds of Myanmar (Anthropologist U Kyaw Win)

*Alex Stranland (L) of Canada battles with compatriot Kaithlyn Clark during A Bout To Change Charity Boxing 2014 fundraiser event for safe homes for women on 30 Jan, 2014 in Vancouver, Canada. The event features world class female boxers from across North America. All proceeds raised will go towards YWCA and Salvation Army shelters and housing for women and children to lead safe and stable lives.*

XINHUA

# Ice storm shuts down Houston government, schools

HOUSTON, 1 Feb — An unusually ice storm hit the normally mild-to-hot city of Houston, Texas early this week, bringing chill-to-the-bone weather and forcing residents to deal with the ice-covered cars and roads and shut down the city government and schools.

The temperature plummeted from the mid-16 degree celsius to minus seven degree celsius and lower after the ice storm hit the city. "We also had a wind-chill factor that made it seem even colder," said Michael Walter, the public information officer at the city's Office of Emergency Management.

The government advised residents to stay indoors if possible and released a pre-storm overlay of major thoroughfares and bridges with salt, as many drivers found it hard to deal with a sudden situation of the unusual freezing weather.

There was significant upticks in motor vehicle accidents after the storm, with over 400 accidents reported in half a day, mostly related to ice on the highways, Walter said, adding that the day before ice hit, the police responded to a little over 100 traffic accidents.

Some government offices for public service, such as parks, libraries, museums and municipal courts were closed for a day due to the ice storm.—*Xinhua*

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# Cash and kind provided to Naga nationals for regional development, poverty alleviation

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Feb— Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin together with the Sagaing Region minister for Finance visited self-reliant station pre-primary school and presented clothing and personal goods to the villagers at the monastery in Hmanpin Village, Hkamti Township on 28 January.

On 29 January morning, the Union minister and party provided the students with clothing and personal goods at Ponmine Monastery and inspected self-reliant pre-primary school and site chosen for construction of district Social Welfare Department in Zeephyugon Ward.

*Union Minister Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin presents gifts to Naga nationals on her visit to Naga Self-Administered Zone.*—MNA

Afterwards, she attended the ceremony to present cash assistance for natural disaster risk management tasks in Naga Self-Administered Zone at the meeting hall of General Administration Department.

She presented K 50.6 million, personal goods and 100 corrugated iron sheets to Chairman of Leading Committee for Naga Self-Administered Zone U Ruh San Kyu for rice ration, construction of home for the aged in the zone and station self-reliant school, Region Minister for Finance U Tin Win K 816,000 for fire victims in Kharle Village in Lahe Township and Director-General U Soe Aung of Relief and Resettlement Department K 825,500 for fire victims from Pwintshein Village in Donhee Sub-Township of Nanyun Township through officials concerned. They inspected chosen site for construction of home for the aged for all nationals in Naga Self-Administered Zone in Zeephyugon Ward.

The Union minister and party gave away clothing and personal goods to the villagers from Launghsaukgyi (Naga), Thetkaltaung (Naga) and Konkhaung (Naga) Villages and donated offertories to the monks. They met the villagers in Pahsaung (Naga) Village at basic education middle school (branch) and presented clothing and personal goods to them. They donated 200 corrugated iron sheets and 10 rolls of tarpaulin for construction of school and monastery and offered cash and kind to the hilly region missionary Pashaung Sayadaw. They also celebrated Naga New Year Festival at Naga traditional grounds in Hkamti in the evening.

*MNA*

# Gunshots, explosions rock Thai protest day ahead of polls

BANGKOK, 1 Feb — Dozens of gunshots and at least two explosions raised tensions amid anti-government protests in the Thai capital on Saturday, a day ahead of a general election seen as incapable of restoring stability in the deeply polarised country.

At least three people were wounded in the violence in front of a suburban shopping mall in the north of Bangkok. Gunmen among the crowds could be seen hiding their weapons before backing away from the shooting.

Sporadic gunfire continued as the sun began to set. It was not immediately clear whether the demonstrators or those wounded were the government's supporters or its opponents, some of whom are aiming to block ballotting in an election almost certain to return Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra to power.

The attack took place in Bangkok's Laksi district, close to the Don Muang airport, a stronghold of Yingluck's Puea Thai Party. Her supporters had gathered to demand Sunday's ballot is not obstructed.

Ten people have died and at least 577 have been wounded in politically related violence since late November.

*Reuters*

*An anti-government protester shoots with his pistol during a gunfight between supporters and opponents of Thailand's government near Laksi district office in Bangkok on 1 February, 2014.*—REUTERS

# Indonesia volcano kills at least 11, fears over more eruptions

*A villager run as Mount Sinabung erupt at Sigarang-Garang village in Karo district, Indonesia's North Sumatra province, on 1 February, 2014.*

REUTERS

JAKARTA, 1 Feb—Indonesia's Mount Sinabung volcano erupted and killed at least 11 people on the western island of Sumatra on Saturday, the first time it is known to have claimed any lives, a senior government official said.

The volcano has becoming increasingly active in recent months, regularly spewing columns of ash several kilometres into the air. The government has evacuated tens of thousands of residents near the area.

"Eleven people were killed because of the eruption this morning and the number could increase. No evacuations could be made at this stage because of the potential for more eruptions," Andi Arief, a presidential staff member, told Reuters. Sinabung is one of nearly 130 active volcanoes in the world's most populous country, which stands along the "Ring of Fire" volcanic belt around the shores of the Pacific Ocean.

Indonesia's most deadly volcanic eruption in recent years was of Mount Merapi, near the densely populated city of Yogyakarta in central Java. It erupted in late 2010, killing more than 350 people.

*Reuters*

# Myoma-Mingin road section on Kani-Mingin-Taungtwinchaung Road under construction

Mingin Township in Kalay District of Sagaing Region solely relies on the waterway in linking with the districts and townships from other region. It is a landlocked township as Shwethamin mountain range blocks like a wall.

At present, 16 miles and six furlongs long Mingin-Taungtwinchaung (Myoma) earthen road section is being constructed by Monywa Swan Arr, Myanmar Moe Naing and Chantha Shwemye companies at a cost of K 2,500 million in 2012-13 FY and K 1,000 million in 2013-14 FY from Union Budget.

Under the guidance of Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye, officials made a field trip for timely completion of the road meeting set standard on 30 January.

Upon completion, the road will contribute to development of economic, social, education and management for 36 villages from 15 village-tracts in Taungtwinchaung Area. Moreover, it will facilitate better transportation for rural people.

*Trs:* KHS