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Prime Minister General Thein Sein to pay official visits to Indonesia, Brunei

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Jan— At the invitation of His Excellency Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, President of the Republic of Indonesia and His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein will pay official visits to the Republic of Indonesia and Brunei Darussalam in the near future. — *MNA*

Chinese goodwill delegation calls on USDA Secretary-General

YANGON, 10 Jan —At the invitation of the Secretary-General of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Chinese goodwill delegation led by Vice-Chairperson of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China Chairperson of the Chinese People's Association for Peace and Disarmament Madame He Lu Li arrived here by air this afternoon.

The delegation members were welcomed at Yangon International Airport by USDA CEC members U Aung Thein Lin and U Nyan Tun Aung and officials of the Chinese Embassy to Myanmar.

At 3.30 pm, Madame He Lu Li and party called on USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo at the USDA Headquarters in Bahan Township.

At the meeting, U Htay Oo explained matters pertaining to the objectives and work programmes of the association, the participation of the association in national development work and public welfare tasks in cooperation with the people.

Next, Madame He Lu Li explained the objectives and work programmes of her association. Then she praised Myanmar for her progress made in various sectors, saying that the issue of Myanmar is only her internal affairs; that China fully supports the implementation of the seven-step Road Map; and that China believes Myanmar will succeed in this process. Afterwards, she promised more cooperation between the two countries. Later, U Htay Oo and Madame He Lu Li exchanged souvenirs.

Also present at the call were USDA CEC members U Aung Thein Lin and U Nyan Tun Aung and officials.

In the evening, U Htay Oo hosted a dinner in honour of the Chinese goodwill delegation at Sedona Hotel.— *MNA*

USDA Joint Secretary-General stresses need for regional development

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Jan — Joint Secretary-General of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Electric Power No 1 Col Zaw Min together with Chairman of Magway Division

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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Significant night temperatures

Loilem	(-2°C)
Namsang	(2°C)
Pinlaung	(2°C)
Heho	(2°C)
Haka and Mogok	(4°C)

Secretary-General of USDA U Htay Oo receives Vice-Chairperson of the Standing Committee of National People's Congress of PRC Madame He Lu Li and party. — MNA

Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.

PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 11 January, 2008

Set up smoke-free environment

Smoking is harmful not only to smokers but also to passive smokers. Smokers are more likely to get heart attack, hypertension, cardiovascular disease, paralytic stroke, and oral cavity cancer.

According to the World Health Organization, there are more than 900 million male smokers and more than 200 million female smokers in the world and nearly five million lose their lives every year due to smoking. Now, measures are being taken to prohibit smoking and establish smoke-free environments.

Pregnant woman passive smokers are subject to abortion, birth to underweight babies, and sudden death of under-one-year children. Similarly, children who breathe in the cigarette smoke from their smoker parents can get asthma, swollen trachea and tuberculosis.

Now, tobacco and tobacco products control law has been promulgated to prevent diseases that result from passive smoking. Under this law, smoking is prohibited in public places such as offices, departments, factories, workshops, hotels, motels, lodging houses, stations, airports and ports. So, officials concerned are to enforce the law in order that people do not smoke in such places.

Consuming tobacco-based products such as cigarette, cheroot, cigar, and tobacco poses risk not only to smokers but also to passive smokers. There will be a smoke-free environment if everyone is aware of the dangers of consumption of tobacco and tobacco products and avoids the bad habit.

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People's Desire

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

PRC hands fire engines over to Ministry of Forestry

Mr Zhang Zhangde of CIFG and Managing Director U Win Tun of Myanma Timber Enterprise sign notes related to handing over of fire engines to Ministry of Forestry.—FORESTRY

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Jan — The People's Republic of China handed fire engines over to Ministry of Forestry at Kyun Shwe Wah Hall of the ministry, here, yesterday.

Deputy Minister of State Forestry Administration of the PRC Mr Lei Jiafu extended greetings and Chairman of China International Forestry Group (CIFG) Mr Zhang Zhangde explained the purpose of the donation.

The CIFG Chairman and Managing Director U Win Tun of Myanma Timber Enterprise signed an agreement to provide six fire engines and exchanged the documents. Next, Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung spoke words of thanks. The ministers, the deputy ministers and party viewed fire engines demonstration.

Both sides discussed a wide range of matters covering bilateral cooperation in forestry sector, technology exhanges, conducting workshops, environmental conservation, fire prevention, rare animals exchanges and signing MoU.

Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung and the Chinese Deputy Minister signed the documents compiling records of discussions and exchanged them.

It was also attended by Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Tin Ngwe and Chinese guests.—*MNA*

Warning against illegally imported medicines

YANGON, 10 Jan — The Ministry of Health issued an announcement today that the seized medicines illegally imported across the borders were not registered in Myanmar and their quality cannot be guaranteed. The ministry listed the illegal medicines namely Magnesia Tablet (Magnesium Hydrochloride 300 mg) produced by Charoen Bhaesaj Laboratories of Thailand, Dexawin Tablet (Dexamethasone 500 mg) by Liwinnener Pharmaceuticals Ltd of Thailand, White Monkey Balm by Monkey Holding Peach Brand of Thailand, Lin Chee Tan Rheumatism Pills by Kang Chew Drug Works. The production source was not described for the medicine namely Injectio Gentamycini Sulfatis.

The ministry urged the people not to use the medicines that did not get registered in Myanmar and to buy the registered drugs only.

The medicine importing and distributing companies and medicine sales shops are not to import the unregistered and disqualified medicines, and action will be taken against those who do not follow the instructions of the Ministry of Health, said the announcement.—*MNA*

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Thousands protest in Gaza against "vampire" Bush

GAZA, 10 Jan — Brandishing placards showing George W Bush as a vampire swigging Muslim blood, thousands of Hamas supporters protested in Gaza on Wednesday against the US President's visit to Israel and the occupied West Bank.

Some 20,000 members of the Islamist group, shunned by the West for refusing to renounce violence, set US and Israeli flags alight. Bush was a "butcher" whose first presidential visit to the Holy Land was skewed towards helping Israel, they said.

Palestinian Hamas supporters shout slogans during a protest against US President George W Bush's visit to Israel and the Palestinian territories, in Gaza on 9 Jan, 2008. – INTERNET

"In his first words Bush talked about Israel, its security, its democracy and the right of America and Israel to defend themselves," senior Hamas official Mahmoud al-Zahar told reporters at the rally.

"He did not talk about settlements or the assaults against our people." In Jerusalem, Jewish families waved Israeli and American flags and cheered Bush, who hopes his visit will invigorate efforts to reach an Israeli-Palestinian peace deal before he leaves office.

Protesters in Gaza, which Hamas seized in June after routing Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah forces, waved green Hamas flags as well as posters with pictures of Bush as a vampire drinking from a cup marked "Muslim blood".

MNA/Reuters

Hamas lawmaker criticizes PA ceremonies to welcome Bush

RAMALLAH, 10 Jan — A jailed Hamas lawmaker on Wednesday criticized the Palestinian Authority's (PA) official ceremonies to receive US President George W Bush in his Middle East tour.

Mohammed Abu Tair, a Hamas legislator from Jerusalem, slashed Bush for refusing to place a crown of flowers before late Palestinian president Yasser Arafat's grave in Ramallah. "It would have been better for the officials of Fatah and the PA to be faithful to their leader and reject Bush's visit and his poisoned money which will not bring anything good for us or for our region," Abu Tair said in a statement he sent from his Israeli prison. —*MNA/Xinhua*

Pakistan braces for second wave of violence

ISLAMABAD, 10 Jan — Plagued by mounting attacks by Islamist militants loyal to al Qaeda, Pakistan now faces a second wave of violence as its minority Shiite Muslims prepare for their annual mourning period. The 40-day Shiite mourning period, expected to begin on Thursday, has become a lightning rod for sectarian violence and comes as the country is still reeling from the assassination of opposition leader Benazir Bhutto in a gun and bomb attack.

The Interior Ministry said 35 districts in the country had been declared "sensitive" and all security agencies had been put on high alert to avert sectarian violence during the mourning period, known as Moharram. "We appeal to all citizens to exercise vigilance and extend full cooperation to the security agencies," said ministry spokesman Javed Iqbal Cheema.—*MNA/Reuters*

US considers 3,000 more troops for Afghanistan

WASHINGTON, 10 Jan — US Defence Secretary Robert Gates will consider sending some 3,000 Marines to Afghanistan to thwart any spring offensive by Taleban militants, the Pentagon said on Wednesday.

Violence has surged in Afghanistan over the past two years, with the hardline Islamist Taleban fighting a guerilla war in the south and east and carrying out high-profile suicide and car bombings across the country. — *MNA/Reuters*

Sudan says rebels, not Army, attacked peacekeepers

UNITED NATIONS, 10 Jan — Sudan's UN Ambassador said on Wednesday an attack on a clearly marked UN/African Union supply convoy in Sudan's Darfur Region this week was carried out by Chadian-backed rebels, not Sudanese soldiers.

A spokeswoman for UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon had said on Tuesday that "elements of the Sudanese Armed Forces" had attacked the convoy from the UN/AU Mission in Darfur, known as UNAMID.

"They were not the government," Ambassador Abdelmahmoud Abdelhalim Mohamed told reporters before a meeting of the UN Security Council on the situation in Darfur.

MNA/Reuters

Bangladesh expands food aid progamme

DHAKA, 9 Jan — Bangladesh will expand its domestic food aid programme to an additional three million people as global grains prices soar and the country attempts to rebuild low domestic inventories, officials said on Monday.

The government's vulnerable group feeding (VGF) programme will now provide free food, mostly rice and wheat, to nearly 16 million people in a country where half the population lives below the poverty line, surviving on less than one US dollar a day.

Sharp gains in global wheat and food prices have become a headache in central banks' efforts to combat inflation and are also creating hardship for the world's poor. US benchmark wheat futures prices nearly doubled last year. — *MNA/Reuters*

151,000 Iraqis killed since US-led invasion

GENEVA, 10 Jan — About 151,000 Iraqi civilians were killed in the three years following the US-led invasion of their country, according to World Health Organization (WHO) research published on Wednesday.

The new study, which said violent deaths could have ranged from 104,000 to 223,000 between March 2003 and June 2006, is the most comprehensive since the war started.

The study drew on an Iraqi Health Ministry survey of nearly 10,000 households -- five times the number of those interviewed in a disputed 2006 John Hopkins University study that said more than 600,000 Iraqis had died over the period.

While well below that figure, the United Nations agency's estimate exceeds the widely-cited 80,000 to 87,000 death toll by the human rights group Iraq Body Count, which uses media reports and hospital and morgue records to calculate its tally. Many families also fled their homes as a result of the violence, and some left the country, making it hard to give a precise assessment of the violence in Iraq. As a result, Ali said the margin of error for the toll was relatively high.

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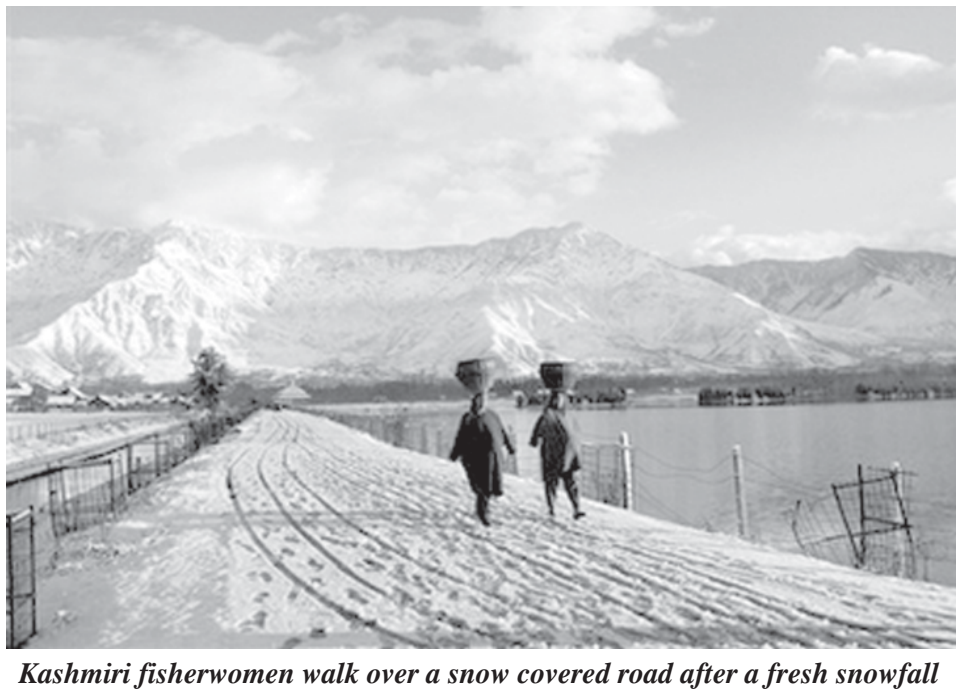


Kashmiri fisherwomen walk over a snow covered road after a fresh snowfall in Srinagar, India, on 10 Jan, 2008.—INTERNET

Rocket strikes continue as Bush arrives in Israel

JERUSALEM, 10 Jan — Several *Qassam* rockets and mortar shells fired from the Gaza Strip hit Israel's western Negev Town Wednesday morning as US President Geroge W Bush arrived in Israel to kick off his eight-day Mideast tour, said a spokesperson of Israel Defence Forces (IDF).

The strikes caused no casualties or damages, the spokesperson told *Xinhua*.

Meanwhile, Palestinian witnesses and hospital officials said that a Palestinian militant was killed and five others wounded on Wednesday morning in an Israeli artillery strike on northern Gaza Strip.

They said the Israeli Army artillery fired three surface-to-surface missiles at a group of militants who were trying to launch homemade rockets from the northern Gaza town of Beit Lahia into Israel.

Al-Quds Brigades, the Islamic Jihad movement's armed wing, has claimed responsibility for launching eight homemade rockets from northern Gaza Strip at Israel.

MNA/Xinhua

Picture released by the US Navy January 6 shows a small craft suspected to be from the Iranian Revolutionary Guards Navy maneuvering near US ships in the Strait of Hormuz. Iranian state television has aired a video taken by Iranian forces of an incident with US warships, in a bid to counter footage issued by the Pentagon.--INTERNET

Iran's IRGC says US video of Hormuz ship incident fake

TEHERAN, 10 Jan — Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) said on Wednesday that the United States has fabricated a footage claiming to show Iranian speedboats harassing US warships in the Strait of Hormuz, state television reported.

A member of the marine forces of the IRGC said that footage released by the US Navy are file pictures and the audio has been fabricated, Iran's state-run English language Press TV channel reported.

The US Pentagon released a video-and-audio tape on Tuesday, saying the footage confirmed its claim that Iranian speedboats on Sunday swarmed US warships in the Strait of Hormuz and radioed a threat to blow them up. The Pentagon said Monday that five Iranian boats had harassed and threatened three US Navy warships in international waters in the Strait of Hormuz. Bush Administration officials immediately warned Iran to refrain from taking "provocative actions that could lead to a dangerous incident in the future". — *MNA/Xinhua*

Japan eyes $2.29b aid package for Africa

TOKYO, 10 Jan — Japan is likely to announce a 2.29-billion-dollar aid package to improve infrastructure in Africa, where it is competing with China for influence, *Kyodo* news agency said on Tuesday, citing government sources. Japan will likely announce the deal when it hosts a conference for African leaders in May, *Kyodo* said.

The aid would be used to improve port facilities in Madagascar and to help develop resources in countries such as Ghana and Guinea, *Kyodo* said.

Officials in Tokyo plan to step up pressure on African leaders to attend the Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD), the daily *Yomiuri Shimbun* said last week.

MNA/Reuters

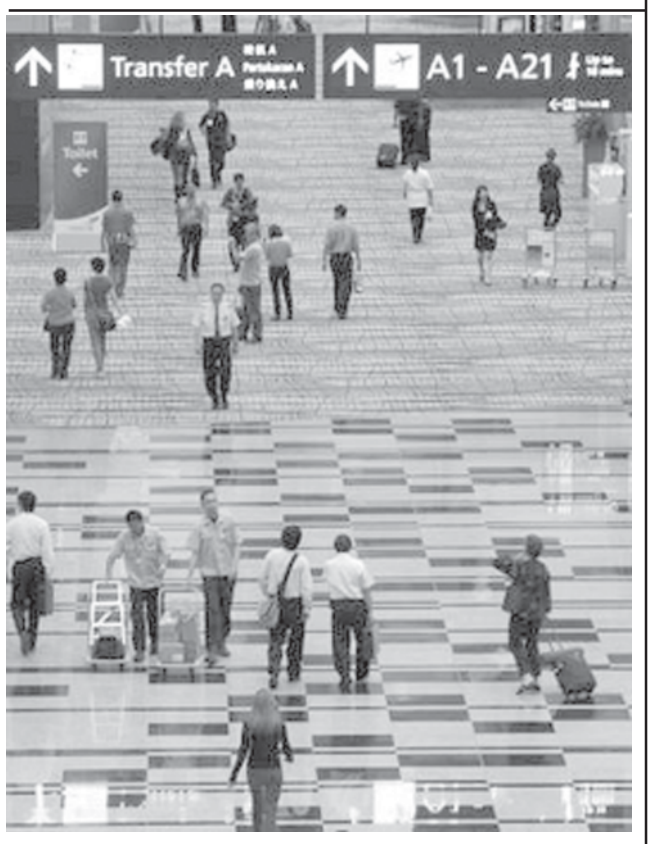
Canada needs carbon tax urgently

OTTAWA, 9 Jan— Canada's Conservative Government needs to quickly impose a price on carbon to stand any chance of meeting its own targets for cutting emissions of greenhouse gases, an official panel said on Monday.

The finding is unlikely to please Prime Minister Stephen Harper, who opposes the idea of a carbon tax on the grounds it could damage the economy.

The National Round Table on the Environment and the Economy said Ottawa had the choice of either introducing a carbon tax or a cap-and-trade system to limit emissions by industry.

Ottawa, which has effectively abandoned its commitments under the Kyoto climate change protocol, said last year it planned to cut emissions by 65 per cent from 2006 levels by 2050 and asked the round table to investigate how to best achieve this. "Market-based policies that put a price on carbon to send an economy-wide signal on emissions are the most effective way to achieve deep, long-term greenhouse gas emissions reductions of the scale being considered," round table chairman Glen Murray told a news conference.—*MNA/Reuters*



Passengers walk inside the newly opened Terminal 3 at Singapore's Changi Airport on 9 Jan, 2008.

INTERNET

Singapore airport opens new terminal

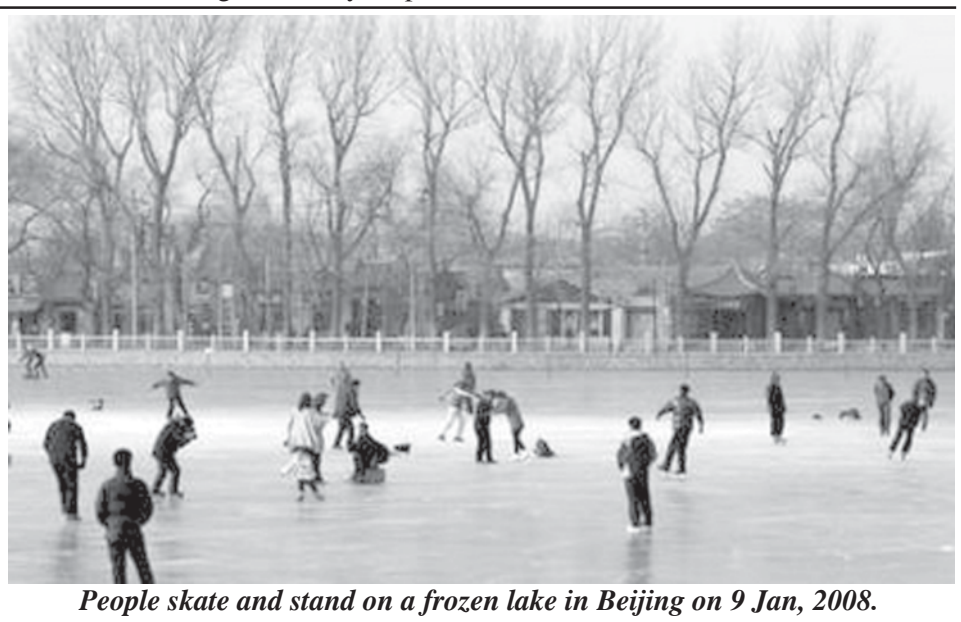
SINGAPORE, 10 Jan — Singapore's Changi Airport opened a new terminal Wednesday that Transport Minister Raymond Lim said would enhance the city-state's position as the regional aviation hub.

After months of intensive preparatory tests and trials of various airport systems, Terminal 3 welcomed its first arrival flight from San Francisco at about 1200 pm local time (GMT 0400) and saw its first departure flight at 1250 pm (0450 GMT) to London.

Passengers onboard the first arrival flight, Singapore Airlines flight SQ001, were greeted with a lively traditional lion dance performance and welcomed by Minister Lim.

Lim said, "The opening of Terminal 3 marks a significant milestone for Changi Airport as it will increase Changi Airport's total annual capability to about 70 million passenger movements, enhancing its position as the regional aviation hub". With this new terminal, Lim added that, Singapore is poised to meet the demands of the growing tourist and business traffic in and out of Singapore, especially when the two casino resorts start their operations by 2010.

MNA/Reuters



People skate and stand on a frozen lake in Beijing on 9 Jan, 2008. Temperatures in 10 major cities across China were mostly above their long-term averages in December, data from the China Meteorological Administration showed.—INTERNET

Financier says S-E Asian financial markets need changes

SINGAPORE, 9 Jan—The rapid increases of intra-regional trade and final demand in Asia have improved the resiliency of Southeast Asian economies. To strengthen the momentum of these two desirable growth drivers, certain changes in the region's financial markets are needed, a Thai financier said here Tuesday.

Speaking at a regional outlook forum organized by a local think tank, Pridiyathorn Devakula, Thai former Central Bank governor and finance minister, proposed some reform in the region's financial markets to strengthen the region and to pave way for the economic integration.

Study shows that intra-regional trade has grown rapidly in the past 20 years. Trade within Southeast Asia has increased from 27 per cent of total exports in 1984 to 43 per cent in 2006. However, the intra-regional trade has been driven predominantly by the final demand from major economies, Devakula said, the final demand from within Asia accounts for only 21 per cent of total export.

To strengthen the intra-regional trade and final demand in Asia, Devakula suggested that trade financing facilities should be readily accessible within the region.

"The key prerequisite for enhancing fund flows within the region is for Asia to have its own infrastructure for the payments and settlements of regional financial flows or some form of an Asian dollar clearing system," said the financier.

MNA/Xinhua

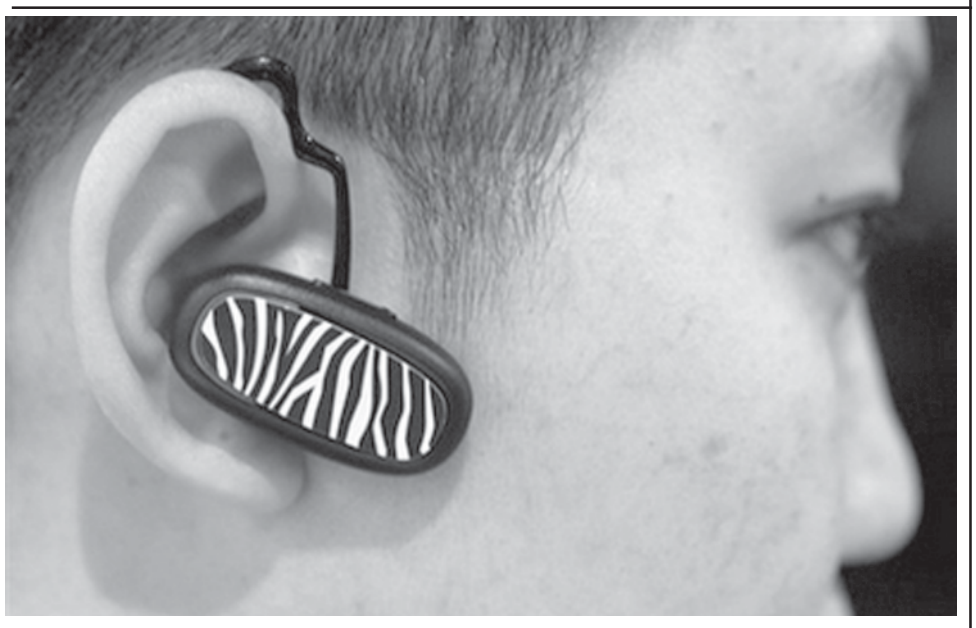
Chinese President Hu Jintao (R) hands over the award certificate to outstanding Chinese petrochemical scientist Min Enze at the awarding ceremony to grant the State Scientific and Technological Award for 2007 in Beijing, capital of China, on 8 Jan, 2008. —XINHUA

Vietnam allows insurers to invest overseas

HANOI, 9 Jan—Vietnam has permitted local insurance companies to use chartered capital to make overseas investment with written approval of the Finance Ministry, local newspaper *Vietnam Investment Review* reported on Monday. Previously, local insurers' chartered capital was only used to invest in domestic channels such as banking deposits, treasury bonds and the stock market. The insurers currently have total chartered capital of 15 trillion Vietnamese dong (VND) (937.5 million US dollars), which is expected to surge to 20 trillion VND (1.25 billion dollars) by mid-2008.

Now, most of local insurance firms are not ready for overseas investment as they lack expertise.

Vietnam's life insurance premium revenues stood at 6,732 billion VND (nearly 420.8 million dollars) in the first nine months of 2007, posting a year-year-year increase of 11.6 per cent, Phung Dac Loc, general secretary of the Vietnam Insurance Association, told *Xinhua* recently. Meanwhile, non-life premium revenues reached a five-year record high of 5,925 billion VND (370.3 million dollars), up 31 per cent. Vietnam currently houses a total of 30 insurance companies, including seven life insurers and 23 non-life ones, he said, noting that the country has six foreign-invested life insurers, and 10 foreign-backed non-life insurers.— *MNA/Xinhua*



Attendee Natalie Lui tries a zebra BlueTrek Bluetooth ear piece at the Consumer Electronics Show (CES) in Las Vegas, on 9 Jan, 2008.—INTERNET

Polish PM hopes Russia will drop import ban

WARSAW, 9 Jan—Poland's Prime Minister Donald Tusk expects Russia to lift the remaining ban on imports of Polish agricultural products during his visit to Moscow in February, he was quoted as saying on Monday. Russia imposed an embargo on Polish food in 2005 but meat imports resumed in December in a gesture towards Warsaw's new centre-right government. "I have the right to expect that during my visit to Moscow the embargo on plant products will also be lifted," Tusk told weekly *Newsweek* in an interview. —*MNA/Reuters*

UK permanent job growth hit 4-1/2-year low

LONDON, 9 Dec—The number of people placed in permanent jobs in Britain increased at the slowest pace for four-and-a-half years, while wage growth eased further in December, a survey showed on Wednesday.

The KPMG/Recruitment and Employment Federation Report on jobs showed the index for permanent placements fell to 50.7 in December from 53.7 in November.

The index of salaries for permanent staff fell to 58.2 in December, from 60 in November.

This suggests rising living costs may not be translating into wage inflation, providing some comfort to Bank of England policymakers who will be deciding on interest rates on Thursday.

Temporary and contract staff pay growth also weakened, hitting a twelve-month low.

"As the full impact off the credit crunch on the economy is still uncertain, businesses are becoming more cautious, thus the growth in both permanent placements and temporary demand for staff continued to slow last month," said Alan Nolan of KPMG.

MNA/Reuters

Zoo conservation researcher Chloe Inskip counts Ring-Tailed Lemurs as part of Chester Zoo's annual stock take in Chester, northern England, on 8 Jan, 2008. The Zoo, which has over 8,000 individual animals, has to undertake the task every year as part of it's licence requirements.

XINHUA

Fiat remains market leader in Brazil

ROME, 9 Jan—Italian car maker Fiat was the preferred brand on the Brazilian market for a third year in a row in 2007, Italian news agency *ANSA* reported on Monday.

The car market in Brazil enjoyed a considerable upsurge in 2007 with a 30- per-cent rise in car sales compared to 2006. According to data from Brazilian car makers association Fenabrave, Fiat gained a 26-per-cent share of the local market, followed by German Volkswagen with 23 per cent and General Motors with a share of 22 per cent.

Car sales on the Brazilian market hit a record of 2.36 million in 2007, while the number of sold trucks stood at 119,000 and the sales of motorcycles reached 1.709 million. Fiat's Palio was the second most sold model in Brazil in 2007, while its Uno ranked third, the Siena model was seventh and its pick-up Strada ranked ninth.

MNA/Xinhua

Malaysia bans intake of India, Bangladesh workers

KUALA LUMPUR, 9 Jan – Malaysia has suspended the recruitment of workers from India and Bangladesh, the government said on Tuesday, in a move one official said could be linked to a recent uproar about Malaysia's treatment of its ethnic Indians.

The ban, which took effect on 31 December, 2007, could further strain Indo-Malaysian relations after some Indian politicians sympathized with ethnic Indians who complained they had been marginalized by the Malay-majority government.

"The Cabinet decided about two weeks ago to freeze the intake of workers from India and Bangladesh," a Home Ministry official told *Reuters*.

"Those already in the country will not have their work permits renewed," he said. "The ruling applies to all workers, including expatriates."

The news came as Indian Defence Minister AK Antony ended a three-day visit aimed at boosting defence ties. Other ministry officials confirmed the ban but gave no reason.

The government had said in October it was trying to determine exactly how many foreign workers the country needed.

MNA/Reuters

A seller shows a gold bulion with the design of mice in a shop in Shenyang, capital of northeast China's Liaoning Province, on 9 Jan, 2008.
INTERNET

China's jumbo aircraft co gets March deadline

BEIJING, 9 Jan— China has set a March deadline to establish its first jumbo passenger aircraft company, as it moves to positions itself among countries technically capable of manufacturing large jets.

Huang Qiang, secretary-general of the Commission of Science Technology and Industry for National Defence (CSTIND), told *Xinhua* on Monday a director and a chief engineer of research would be appointed by then to make sure "the work goes as planned".

Previously, *Shanghai Securities News* reported the start-up would only be responsible for the design and assembly of jumbo aircraft, while the production of components and parts would be left to other aviation enterprises.

It was the latest development of the research project approved in principle by China's Cabinet, the State Council, last February.

This was to make the country capable of building aircraft with a take-off weight of more than 100 tons, or planes with more than 150 seats.

Currently, only the United States, Russia, France, Germany, Britain and Spain have the capability to build jumbo aircraft, with Boeing and Airbus taking a lion's share of sales in the international market.

Just before the New Year holiday, Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao visited the Avic I Xi'an Aircraft Industry (Group) Company to give a pep talk on the manufacturing of jumbo jets. Last year, the company made China the fourth country to develop its own advanced fighter aircraft — the *Jian 10*. — *MNA/Xinhua*

***A model wears a design of Cavendish collection during the Fashion Rio Autumn Winter 2008 in Rio de Janeiro, on 9 Jan, 2008.*—INTERNET**

Brazil's mine giant Vale fined in antitrust case

RIO DE JANEIRO, 9 Jan— Brazil's Vale, the world's largest iron ore miner, was fined 33.6 million Brazilian reals (19.1 million US dollars) for contesting antitrust conditions, authorities said Tuesday.

Vale, previously known as Companhia Vale do Rio Doce SA, or CVRD, rejected conditions imposed by national antitrust regulators in August 2005, when they approved its purchase of four smaller mining companies.

A federal appeals court late Monday overturned an injunction blocking the conditions, which has finally led to the penalty after over two years of wrangling.

Vale immediately announced that it would appeal.

MNA/Xinhua

***Skaters try to set a world record for the longest line of ice-skaters in Mexico City, on 9 Jan, 2008. About 225 ice-skaters took part in the event.*—INTERNET**

Clinton, McCain win NH primaries

CONCORD, 10 Jan — Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton won New Hampshire's Democratic primary Tuesday night in a startling upset, defeating Sen. Barack Obama and resurrecting her bid for the White House. Sen. John McCain powered past his Republican rivals and back into contention for the GOP nomination.

Clinton's victory capped a comeback from last week's third-place finish in the Iowa caucuses and raised the possibility of a long battle for the party nomination between the most viable black candidate in history and the former first lady, who is seeking to become the first woman to occupy the Oval Office.

McCain's triumph scrambled the Republican race as well.

Among Republicans, former Arkansas Gov Mike Huckabee, who won the leadoff Iowa GOP caucuses last week, was running third in New Hampshire.

McCain was winning 37 percent of the Republican vote, Romney had 32 and Huckabee 11. Former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani had 9 percent, Texas Rep. Ron Paul 8.—*Internet*

Tunisia sees 8% tourism growth in 2008

TUNIS, 9 Jan — Tunisia expects revenue from tourism, its biggest foreign currency earner, to grow 8 per cent this year thanks to a new advertising campaign, Tourism Minister Khelil Lajimi said on Tuesday.

"Tunisian tourism has achieved good results as revenue reached a record 3.05 billion dinars (2.5 billion US dollars) in 2007," he told reporters. "We expect this figure to grow by 8 per cent this year."

The north African country began developing tourism four decades ago and the industry is now its main source of foreign currency and the biggest employer.

Lajimi said the number of holidaymakers rose by 3.2 per cent to 6.7 million in 2007, but noted a drop in the traditional German and Spanish markets of 6 and 9 per cent respectively. Many Germans have deserted Tunisia's beaches since a bomb attack on the island of Djerba killed 21 people in 2002.

"We will allocate more to lure stay-away German tourists. We will devote five million dinars for an advertising drive in Germany, Italy, Britain and Spain," he added. Tunisia wants to be a destination for wealthy Gulf visitors and is eyeing the Chinese market which is expected to provide 100 million tourists worldwide in 2010. — *MNA/Reuters*

India scraps missile development programme

NEW DELHI, 10 Jan — Over 30 years after the launch of the indigenous integrated guided missile development programme(IGMDP)in 1983, which was dogged by huge time-overruns, cost escalations and technical snags, India Tuesday announced the "closure" of the long-running program, according to the local newspaper *Times of India* Wednesday.

With India on the "glide path" to testing the Agni-III-plus missile, with a strike range of around 5,000 kilometres, early next year, as well as hectic work underway to develop submarine-launched missiles and land-attack cruise missiles, further developmental work will not take place under the aegis of the (IGMDP).

While "strategic" programmes like long-range nuclear-capable missiles will still be "undertaken in-house", India will increasingly look at foreign collaboration in other armament projects after many years of facing technology denial regimes.

Admitting the programme has had a long tortuous history, India's Chief Controller of Research and Development S. Prahlada Tuesday said India had suffered from denial regimes as well as a poor domestic industrial base. But things are different now.

"Around 14 countries like France, Russia, UK, Germany, Singapore, Israel and now the United States are now knocking on our doors for collaboration. Our industrial base, too, has grown," he said.

MNA/Xinhua

A tiger is pictured inside a car of a busted illegal wildlife trafficking gang, in central Hanoi, on 7 January . The wild cats had been anaethatised by the animal smugglers but awoke during a police raid. – INTERNET

UN sees rising risk of world economic recession

UNITED NATIONS, 10 Jan — The United Nations warned on Wednesday of "clear and present dangers" of the world economy coming to a near standstill this year because of US housing and credit problems and the weak dollar.

In an annual report, the world body forecast global economic growth at 3.4 per cent for 2008, only slightly lower than last year, but said that under a pessimistic scenario it could be as little as 1.6 per cent.

The bursting of a housing bubble in the United States last year and a crisis over "subprime", or risky, mortgages had caused uncertainty across financial markets around the world, said the "World Economic Situation and Prospects 2008".

MNA/Reuters

Pakistan rejects nuclear watchdog's worries

ISLAMABAD, 10 Jan — Pakistan rejected on Wednesday remarks by the UN.nuclear watchdog chief that Pakistan's nuclear arsenal could fall into the hands of Islamist militants, and allayed the fears of a US Senator visiting Islamabad.

Mohamed ElBaradei, head of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), expressed his fears about Pakistan's nuclear weapons in an interview with the pan-Arab daily *Al-Hayat*.

His comments were widely reported in Pakistani newspapers on Wednesday and echo concerns raised by some US nuclear experts and politicians worried by the militant violence and political turmoil that is rocking the government of President Pervez Musharraf.

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Dense smoke left from a brush fire and fog caused an early morning multi-vehicle pileup that closed Interstate 4 near Lakeland, Fla., seen in this aerial view on 9 Jan, 2008. Officials said the accident killed at least three people and closed nearly a 15-mile stretch of the highway in central Florida.—INTERNET

Suicide attack near High Court in Lahore claims 22 lives

LAHORE, 10 Jan — A suicide bomber walked up to policemen stationed outside the High Court in the Pakistani city of Lahore today and set off his explosives, killing 22 people and wounding 60, officials said.

"Most of the victims are policemen. It was a suicide attack," said a senior city government official, Mian Ejaz.

The city police chief, Malik Mohammad Iqbal, told Geo Television that all but one of the victims were policemen.

Policemen had gathered outside the court before a protest rally by lawyers against the President, Pervez Musharraf.

Television showed wounded policemen being hauled onto stretchers and taken away in ambulances. Police caps, boots and riot shields littered the road.

The attack comes two weeks after the assassination of the opposition leader Benazir Bhutto in a gun and suicide bomb attack in the northern city of Rawalpindi.

More than 800 people were killed in attacks, mainly suicide bombings aimed at security forces, in Pakistan last year, making 2007 the worst year for militant violence in the country's history.—*Internet*

At least 22 police and four civilians were killed in a suicide bomb attack on Thursday outside the high court in Lahore, Pakistan.— INTERNET

Malaysia tightens rules on foreign labour intake

PUTRAJAYA (Malaysia), 10 Jan — Malaysia announced on Wednesday it has adopted a more stringent policy on recruitment of foreign workers, but insisted it has not banned Indian workers.

Home Affairs Minister Radzi Sheikh Ahmad said a temporary freeze on the intake of Bangladeshi workers, introduced in October because of ill-treatment of such workers, remained in place.

"We have more than two million foreign workers, so we have to take action," he said at a news conference called to deny news reports that the government has suspended recruitment of Indian workers.

"We don't want too many of them. Our target is to have about 1.8 million foreign workers but we have now overshot two million," he said. "Now we are more stringent," he said, adding that firms would now be required to seek prior approval from the Human Resources Ministry before they can apply to bring in foreign workers.

"We have to take some action to make sure there are not too many of them but at the same time we do not want to have our industries suffer because there are no workers," Radzi said. —*MNA/Reuters*

Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win views direct seeding in irrigated-field in Yoegwa Village in Htantabin Township. — MNA

USDA Joint Secretary-General...

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Peace and Development Council Col Phone Maw Shwe held a meeting with townselders of Chaungkok and Kopin village-tracts, members of USDA and organizers at Chaungkok Village BEHS, Sinbaungwe Township, on 6 January.

The minister stressed the need for USDA members and local residents to cooperate in the tasks for the peace and development of the village, community-based development and socio-economic development. He then presented funds for education and health to officials concerned.

Upon arrival at Kanni Village in Thayet Township, he met with USDA members, organizers and villagers and donated 200 galvanized iron sheets for school for kindergarten which is under construction.

Then, Thayet Township USDA joint-secretary U Saline San received 500 USDA membership applications of the villagers presented by a representative.

In the evening the minister met with townselders, USDA members, organizers and executives at the office of Thayet District USDA and emphasized the need for the members to join hands with local residents in the drive for the development of the region.

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Commander looks into cultivation of summer paddy in Htantabin Township

YANGON, 10 Jan—The cultivation of summer paddy and harvesting of second monsoon paddy of the double cropping was held at the paddy field of farmer U Tin Htwe in Yoegwa Village of Htantabin Township this afternoon, attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win.

On the occasion, departmental officials reported on cultivation of summer paddy.

Speaking on the occasion, the commander instructed officials to grow summer paddy meeting the target of 240,000 acres, broadcast fertilizers for ensuring the target production and utilize modern agricultural equipment in the cultivation tasks in the division.

Next, he viewed cultivation of summer paddy, broadcasting of fertilizers and making of natural fertilizer, thriving sunflower and maize plantations and harvesting of summer paddy of the local farmers.

In Yangon North District, over 50,000 acres of land has been put under summer paddy against the target of 160,000 acres, 5,700 acres of sunflower against 12,400 acres and over 800 acres of maize against 5,000 acres so far.

MNA

Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe presents guideline books for pre-school children to nursing schools through a teacher.
(News on page 16) —MNA

Mayor inspects sanitation tasks

YANGON, 10 Jan—Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspected sanitation tasks in Inya Lake on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, here, today.

Next, CEC member of Union Solidarity and Development Association (Yangon In-charge) Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin attended the opening ceremony of tube-well organized by Dagon Township (South) USDA in No 53 ward in Dagon Township (South).

It is learnt that the tube-well can supply drinking water to 120 households and pump water at 800 gallons per hour.—*MNA*

Minister Col Zaw Min presents cash to the education funds for Sinbaungwe Township. — ELECTRIC POWER NO 1

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MYANMAR GAZETTE

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Jan — The State Peace and Development Council has confirmed the appointment of U Sann Win as Director-General of the Archeology, National Museum and Library Department under the Ministry of Culture on the expiry of the one-year probationary period.

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Wise men subjugate themselves

Irrigators guide the water; arrow-makers fashion the shaft; carpenters bend the wood; wise men subjugate themselves.

Dhammapada 80

New school building handed over to Education Department in Rathedaung

YANGON, 10 Jan —A new school building of Rathedaung No 1 Basic Education School was handed over to the Education Department of Rathedaung Township, Rakhine State, on 2 January.

The construction of the new school building was funded by U Chaung and wife Thiha Thudhamma Theingi Daw Shwe Sin of Gold Uni Jewellery Co Ltd in Dagon Township. The two-storey building was built at a cost of K 320 million. The school building was formally opened by Sayadaw of Alodawpyae Monastery Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Dr Ariya Vamsa, Member-1 of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Police Col Ba Kyi, Donors of the building U Chaung and wife Thiha Thudhamma Theingi Daw Shwe Sin of Gold Uni Jewellery Co Ltd.

Afterwards, a ceremony to hand over the building was held at the building and the family of Gold Uni Jewellery Co Ltd handed over documents related to the school building to the head of Rakhine State Education Department and donated K 20 million to the funds of the school. Donor Thiha Thudhamma Theingi Daw Shwe Sin explained the purpose of the donation, and the head of the state Education Department spoke words of thanks. — *MNA*

Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Dr Ariya Vamsa and donors formally open the new school building of Yathedaung No 1 BEHS. —MNA

Talks on Fundamental International Trade Finance and Letter of Credit given

YANGON, 7 Jan — A ceremony to give talks on Fundamental International Trade Finance and Letter of Credit were held at the Office Tower of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, here, on 28 December.

UMFCCI General-Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing spoke on the occasion. U Soe Win, Managing Director of Myanmar Vigour Co Ltd, read out the paper and answered queries raised by the attendees.

Vice-President of UMFCCI U Zaw Min Win, and Managing Director Dr Ko Ko Gyi of Diamond Star Co Ltd presented gifts to the resource person.The ceremony was organized by the Work Committee for Trade, Finance and Revenue of UMFCCI.—*MNA*

U Soe Win, Managing Director of Myanmar Vigour Co Ltd and General Manager of Myanmar Foreign Trade Bank (Retd), presents his paper. — UMFCCI

Mr & Miss Myanmar Contests on 26

YANGON, 10 Jan Myanmar Bodybuilding and Physical Culture Federation will organize a ceremony to hold Mr and Miss Myanmar Contest 2008 at Myanmar Convention Centre on Mindhamma Road in Mayangon Township on 26 January.

The contest will include Mr Myanmar (senior contest), Mr Myanmar (junior contest) and Miss Myanmar (open contest) and every one can participate in Mr Myanmar (senior contest).

Those who won first, second and third prizes in Mr Myanmar (senior contest), Mr Olympic (senior contest), the Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Bodybuilding contests and Mr Myanmar (junior contest) would not be allowed to participate in the Mr Myanmar (junior contest). For Miss Myanmar (open contest), contestants should be between 16 and 30 years old, should be 5 ft and 3 inches and above high and should be single.

Those wishing to participate in the contests may contact Secretary General U Kyaw Than, head of Budget and Account Department of Yangon City Development Committee and Joint Secretary U Win Kyi of YCDC Sports Camp in Mingala Taungnyunt Township not later than 23 January.

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Cash donated to MWJA

YANGON, 10 Jan — To mark the 10th Anniversary of the Tharaphu magazine, U Ye Myint, publisher of the magazine, donated K 100,000 to funds of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association through Joint-Secretary-1 of the association U Than Hlaing (Tekkatho Thinkha), CEC member U Myo Thant (Maung Su Shin) and Daw Khin Than Win (Kyu Kyu Thin) at Sarpay Beikman on Merchant Street, here, today.

Certificate of honour was presented to the donor. — *MNA*

Hospitals in Bago Division (East) and Mon State inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Jan —Secretary of National Health Committee Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo accompanied by officials met with health staff, members of township health committee and social organizations and local people at the meeting hall of the office of Waw Township Peace and Development Council in Bago Division on 8 January and gave instructions on matters related to public centered health care services.

The deputy minister looked into medicine store, patient ward, delivery room. operation theater, lab room and pathology.

Next, the deputy minister proceeded to Thaton District People's Hospital and met with specialists, doctors, nurses, health staff, members of district and township health committee and social organizations and townselders at the meeting hall of the hospital. He called for collaboration efforts to carry out the health care services under the leadership of local authorities and inspected the laboratory, intensive care ward, delivery room, orthopedic, special care unit, operation theater, infectious patient ward, pathology and medicine store.

The deputy minister met with health staff, township health committee and social organizations members and local people at Yinnyein and Zinkyaik rural health centres in Paung Township and stressed the need to have a fly-proof latrine in every house and at least a well which can provide drinking water in every village.

Next, he delivered an address in meeting with doctors, nurses, health staff, members of township health committee and social organizations at the meeting hall of Paung Township General Hospital and inspected patient wards, medicine store, delivery room, operation theater, pathology, laboratory and newly-built patient ward. —*MNA*

Reading session held in Shwedaung

SHWEDAUNG, 22 Dec — Shwedaung Township Information and Public Relations Department and Township Women's Affairs Organization jointly organized the reading session at Nwamayan Library in Nwamayan Village-tract of the township on 12 December.

Chairman of the Village-tract Peace and Development Council U Soe Myint and Chairperson of Township Women's Affairs Organization Daw Nwe Ni Khaing made speeches. Members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, Women's Affairs Organization, Maternal and Child Welfare Association and staff of the library participated in the reading session. — *Township IPRD*

Physic nut plantations weeded in Gangaw

GANGAW, 25 Dec — Deputy Head of Gangaw District Information and Public Relations Department Daw Aye Aye and staff together with in-charge technician-2 U Kee Htang Nai and staff of TV relay station of Myanma Radio and Television performed weeding of physic nut plantations and repairing of the fence of the relay station on 22 December morning.

Myanma Alin

Indonesia gearing up for APEC meeting in Peru

JAKARTA, 10 Jan— Indonesia hopes to use the upcoming senior officials meeting of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum in Peru to empower human resources at government institutions.

"Human resources are always an issue of discussion in every working group in APEC. Our institutions' challenge is to take as much benefit as they can through this event," Herry Soetanto, director for international trade cooperation at the Trade Ministry, was quoted Wednesday by local newspaper The Jakarta Post as saying.

He was speaking at a discussion of Indonesia's priorities in APEC, which will have a meeting in Lima, next month, with one of the main items on the agenda capacity-building programmes, including human resources.

Other key issues on the agenda include investment and trade, as well as business facilitation.

MNA/Xinhua

School Family Day observed in Mandalay

YANGON, 10 Jan—Director-General U Aye Lwin of No 2 Basic Education Department attended a ceremony to present prizes to outstanding students who passed the matric exam with flying colours in 2007-2008 academic year and to observe School Family Day at No 16 Basic Education High School in Chanayethazan Township in Mandalay on 5 January.

Also present at the ceremony were officials of Ministry of Education, secretary and officials of Chanayethazan Township Peace and Development Council, executives of Parents and Teachers Association and School Board of Trustees, headmistress Daw Htwe Htwe Than, teachers, parents and students.

The outstanding students opened the ceremony by cutting a ribbon and entertained the guests with songs and dances.—*MNA*

Heavy fog cloaks Shanghai

SHANGHAI, 9 Jan— A heavy fog that blanketed Shanghai since late Monday has forced the cancellation of flights, highway closures and the suspension of ferry services.

Shanghai Meteorological Centre issued the first fog warning at 9:46 pm Monday and upgraded it to a colour-coded "red" warning, the highest level at 1:41 am Tuesday.

The fog reduced visibility in the city's Pudong and Hongqiao airports to 100 metres and 900 metres respectively. At Pudong, the worst hit area, more than 100 domestic and international flights were delayed and a few had been cancelled since Monday night.

China Civil Aviation Administration's regulations stipulated that an airport's standard visibility for plane's taking off and landing was 550 metres and 800 metres respectively.

All flights returned to normal at 9 am on Tuesday at Pudong Airport as the fog dispersed.

As of 6 pm Tuesday, more than 100 foreign vessels were still awaiting border entry at the mouth of the Yangtze River in Shanghai. Vessels which had planned to sail out were also stranded at the piers.

In addition, expressways linking with neighbouring cities of Hangzhou and Nanjing, which were temporarily closed, were now open but a speed limit on vehicles was imposed.

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District News in Brief

WATER SUPPLY TASK INSPECTED: Kyangin Township Development Affairs Committee is supplying water to the urban area. On 29 December, Engineer in-charge U Saw Har Nay gives instructions to officials on pouring out of water and maintenance of the pump at No 1 tube-well in ShwedaungsuWard of the township.

TOWNSHIP DAC

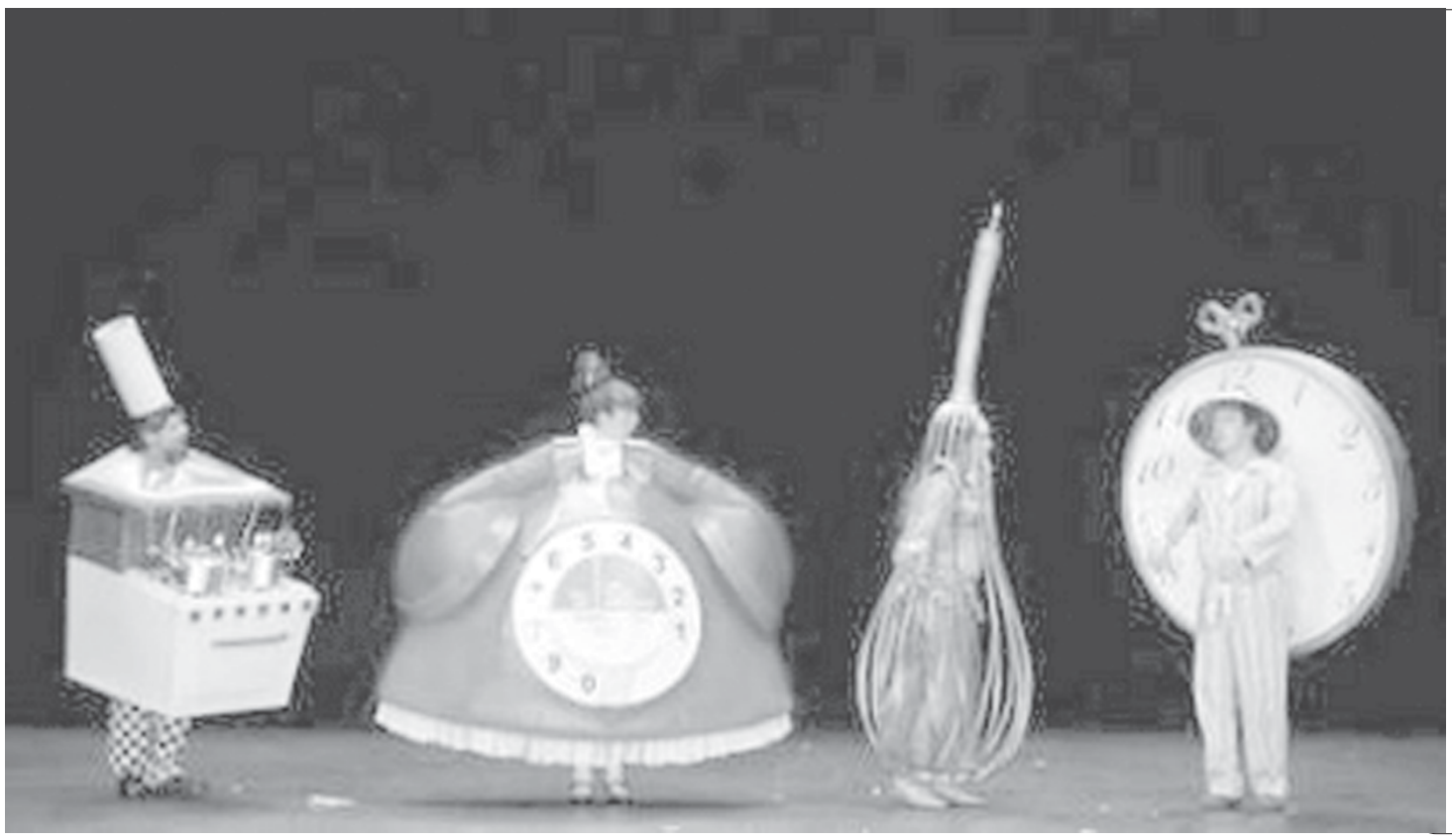
Women's Vocational Training Course opened WAO membership applications presented

YINMABIN, 24 Dec—A ceremony to open the Women's Vocational Training Course, the Advanced Domestic Science Course No 3, the Basic Domestic Science Course No 7 and the Wickerwork Course No 3 was held at the Women's Vocational Training School in Yinmabin Township, Monywa District, on 17 November morning.

Member of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Sagaing Division Police Force Police Col Myint Wai delivered an opening address. Township Women's Affairs Organization Chairperson Daw Yi Yi Pyone handed over membership applications of Women's Affairs Organization to Sagaing Division WAO Chairperson Daw Myint Myint Thu and Principal of the training school Daw Mya Mya Aye, membership applications of Maternal and Child Welfare Association to Chairperson Daw Ohnma Aung of Monywa District MCWSC. — *Township IPRD*

Beautifying of landscape along urban road carried out in Ngazun

NGAZUN, 25 Dec — Ngazun Township Development Affairs Committee is implementing the weekly plan for beautifying of the urban area with landscapes. On 5 December, Executive Officer U Thaung Htaik of Township DAC and staff carried out weeding in landscape and spraying of water along the road in the urban area. —*Division DAC*



(L-R) Performers dressed as an oven, telephone, mixer and clock take part in a media rehearsal of the world premier of "Evil Machines" directed by former Monty Python Terry Jones at Sao Luis theatre in Lisbon on 9 Jan, 2008.

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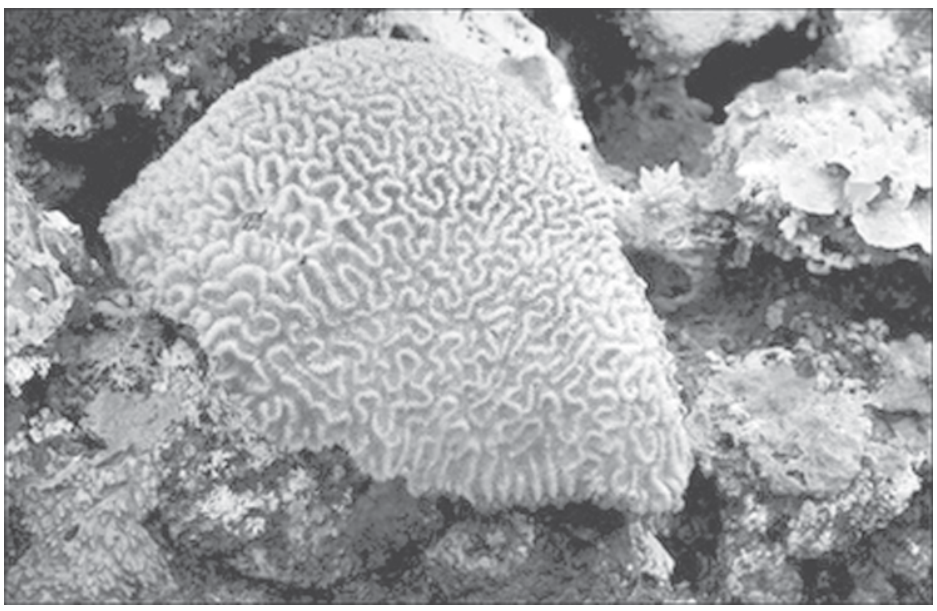
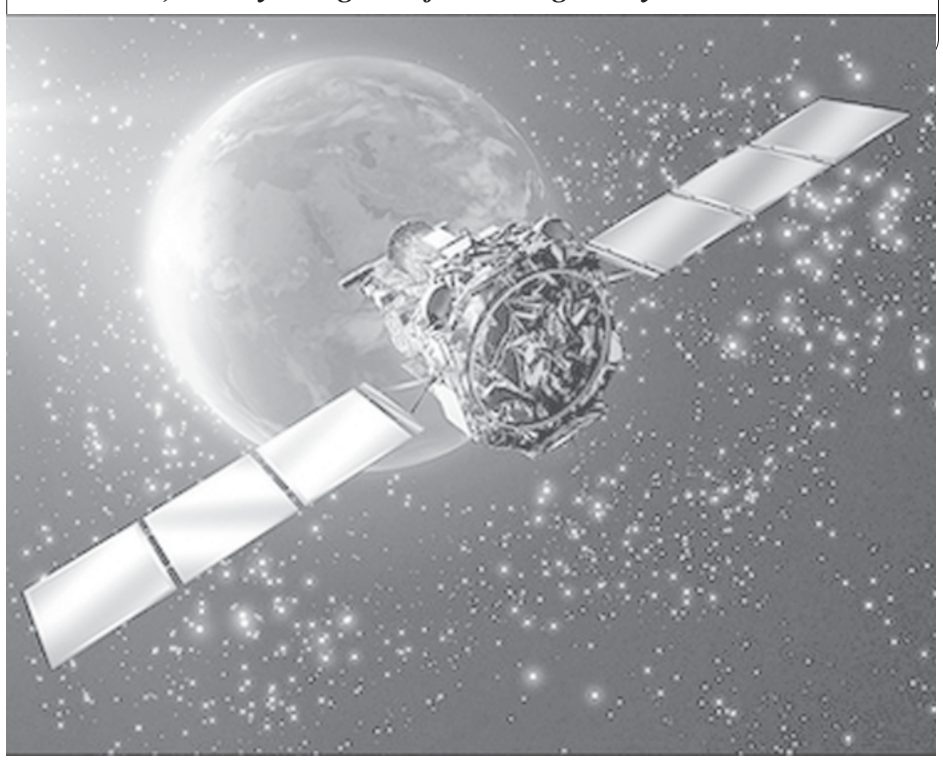


Part of a coral reef lies dying on the Solomons' island of Ranongga. A groundbreaking study has singled out human settlement, especially coastal development and agriculture, as the main culprit for the alarming decline of the world's coral reefs. — INTERNET

An artists impression of the European Space Agency's orbital gamma-ray observatory, Integral. An intriguing source of gamma rays linked to the high-energy collision of fundamental particles in the centre of our galaxy has been traced to vampire-like binary stars, a study using data from Integral says.—INTERNET



Images of the Day

Children play on an ice slide during the Seoul ice festival in front of a city hall.

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China to further cooperation with foreign trade unions

BEIJING, 9 Jan— China will enhance cooperation with foreign trade unions based on equality, mutual respect and non-interference in each other's internal affairs, Wang Zhaoguo, chairman of the All-China Federation of Trade Unions (ACFTU), said Monday.

"Chinese trade unions will establish and develop relations with foreign trade unions to push forward a harmonious world of lasting peace and common prosperity," said Wang, also vice chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, the top legislature.

Wang made the remarks in a meeting with some leading foreign participants in an international forum on economic globalization and trade union. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Global economy set to slow

BEIJING, 10 Jan—The world economy will slow down in 2008, but strong growth in developing countries will offset weakened developed economies like the United States, a World Bank report said yesterday.

After a 3.9 percent world economic growth in 2006, the global economy slowed to 3.6 percent in 2007. That pace will ease to 3.3 percent this year, according to the World Bank report, Global Economic Prospects 2008.

Developing economies' resilience in 2007 has cushioned the global slowdown caused mainly by the US, the world's largest economy. Growth in developing economies was a strong 7.4 percent in 2007, the same as in 2006, the report said.

The bank forecasts real GDP growth for developing countries will ease to 7.1 percent in 2008, while high-income countries will grow by just 2.2 percent.

Countries in the East Asian and Pacific region achieved the fastest growth of an average 10 percent in 2007. China led the region at 11.3 percent.

"The pick-up in regional growth in 2007 was all the more notable because it occurred despite a slowdown in the US economy," said Hans Timmer, co-author of the report.

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36th HIV carrier diagnosed in Mongolia

ULAN BATOR, 9 Jan—A male from the capital city of Ulan Bator has tested HIV positive, bringing to 36 the number of HIV carriers in Mongolia since the first case was reported in 1992, health authorities said Monday.

By 1 December, 2007, the annual World AIDS Day, there had been 35 HIV carriers in Mongolia, 30 of whom were diagnosed after 2005. Five have died of the virus, which causes AIDS.

Among the infected, 25 live in the capital city.

Sexual transmission is the major way of spreading the virus in Mongolia, which accounted for 70 per cent of the confirmed cases.

MNA/Xinhua

Singapore school beats world in top test scores

SINGAPORE, 9 Jan—A Singapore school has aced the International Baccalaureate (IB), a global standard of educational testing, with almost half of the world' perfect scores coming from the school, its principal said on Tuesday.

The IB, started 40 years ago in Geneva, provides educational programmes to half a million students in 125 countries, with a test standard equivalent to 'A' levels or the SAT.

Singapore's Anglo Chinese School (Independent) said it had nine students out of the 20 who scored perfect grades, among the 5,500 globally who sat for last November's exams.

"What is incredible is that this school did achieve such results with its first cohort," said Judith Guy, regional director of International Baccalaureate Asia Pacific.

"The IB can be a real challenge for students because they have to be all rounders rather than playing to their strengths," Guy said. The school, to which Singapore's Prime Minister sent a son, said half of the 375 students who sat for the exams scored 40 points and above out of a maximum 45, making them eligible for entry into US Ivy League universities or Britain's Oxford.

MNA/Reuters

Quake injures six in Indonesia's West Papua

JAKARTA, 9 Jan—A 6.2 magnitude undersea quake jolted the eastern-most end of Indonesia on Monday, injuring six people and triggering fires in several homes but causing no deaths, officials said.

The US Geological Survey placed the strong quake, shallow at only 35 kilometres (21.7 miles) deep, at an epicentre at 8 kilometres (five miles) north of the coastal town of Manokwari in West Papua Province.

"There are several houses on fire but we don't know yet how many exactly," Fauzi, head of the Meteorology and Geophysics Agency's earthquake centre, told *Reuters.* "The quake could have caused a short connection that ignited fire or stoves in use may have been tipped over."

Fauzi said the quake, which caused widespread panic, had cracked many houses and other buildings in Manokwari.

MNA/Reuters

Rockets fired at Israel from Lebanon

JERUSALEM, 9 Jan—Two rockets were fired from Lebanon into northern Israel on Tuesday, causing damage but no casualties, Israeli police and military officials said.

The salvo against the border village of Shlomi jarred Israel, which came under rocket barrages from Lebanese Hizbollah guerillas during a 2006 war and is on high alert ahead of a visit by US President George W Bush that begins on Wednesday.

"Two Katyusha rockets were fired into northern Israel last night from Lebanon," police spokesman Mickey Rosenfeld said.

An Israeli military spokeswoman, who earlier said the predawn blasts in Shlomi may have been caused by the detonation of leftover ordnance, later agreed with the police conclusions.

Violence on the border has been rare since Israeli forces overran Hizbollah strongholds in the 2006 offensive. The war led to the expansion of a UN peacekeeper force as well as the deployment of a Lebanese Army garrison along the frontier.

In Beirut, Hizbollah declined comment on the incident.

MNA/Reuters

File photo shows a Japanese whaling ship in Antarctic waters. An Australian government ship has left on a mission to track Japan's whaling fleet and gather evidence for a potential international court case against Tokyo, an official said on 9 Jan, 2008.—INTERNET

Brazil vaccinates in 18 states following yellow fever cases

RIO DE JANEIRO, 9 Jan — Brazil's Ministry of Health is carrying out vaccinations against yellow fever in 18 states following two human cases in Brasilia, local media reported Tuesday.

A 38-year-old man was taken to hospital in Brasilia last week, suffering from acute kidney failure. Doctors confirmed he was suffering from yellow fever. Suspicions were raised late December when monkeys died of the disease in a national park in the federal capital.

The government's National Health Surveillance Agency vaccinated all citizens and visitors in Brasilia as well as in the neighbouring state of Goias, where the patient had spent New Year's Eve.

However, because another case was tracked in the region, the agency extended vaccinations to 16 further states, including all those in northern and mid-western Brazil, as well as the states of Bahia, Maranhao and Piaui in the northeast, Santa Catarina in the south, Minas Gerais and Espirito Santo in the southeast, and the western region of Sao Paulo state.

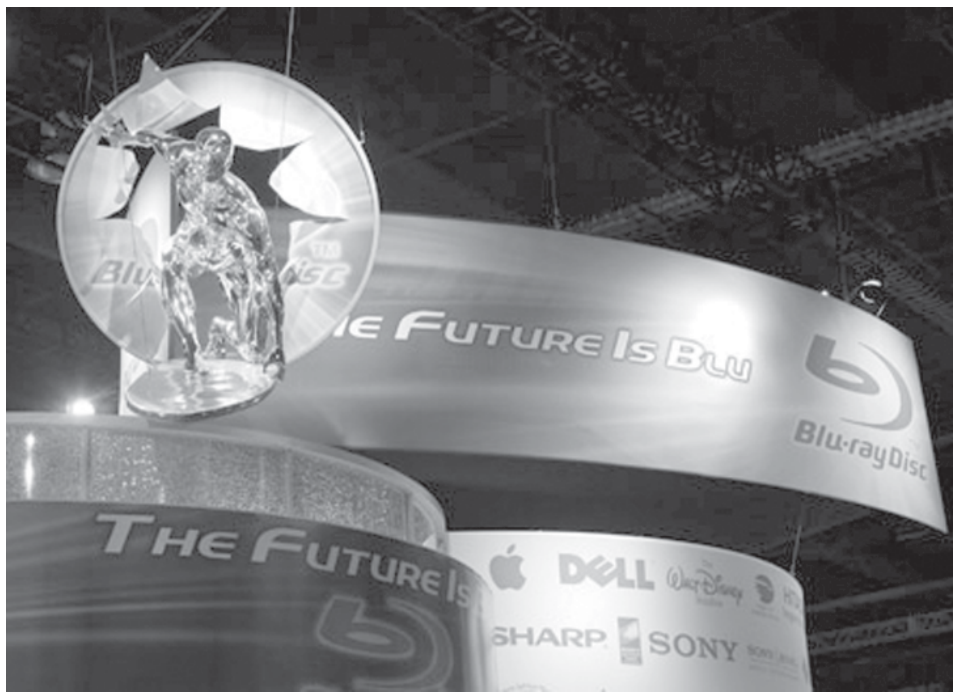
MNA/Xinhua

DPRK top leader visits power plant construction site

PYONGYANG, 9 Jan — Kim Jong-Il, top leader of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) made a visit to the construction site of the Ryesonggang Power Station, the official leading newspaper *Rodong Sinmun* reported on Monday.

"He extended warm greetings to the builders and their helpers... and set forth tasks to be implemented to speed up the building of the power station", the report said.

It's the first public visit of the DPRK's top leader being reported by local media in the year of 2008. — *MNA/Xinhua*



A display for Blu-ray discs is seen at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, Nevada on 6 Jan, 2008. Time Warner Inc's Warner Bros studio on Friday said it would exclusively release high-definition DVDs in Sony Corp's Blu-ray format.—INTERNET

China rings out year of fluorescent green pigs

BEIJING, 10 Jan — A fluorescent green Chinese pig has given birth to two piglets which share their mother's transgenic characteristic after she mated with an ordinary pig, state media said.

The mother sow is one of the three fluorescent green pigs successfully bred by a research team in December 2006 after they injected fluorescent green protein into pig embryos.

"The mouths, trotters and tongues of the two piglets glow green under ultraviolet light, which indicates the technology to breed transgenic pigs via cell nuclear transfer is mature," Liu Zhonghua, a professor at Northeast Agricultural University in Harbin, capital of Heilongjiang Province, was quoted as saying.

She produced 11 piglets on Monday but so far only two of them had inherited the fluorescent feature.

"This technology promises to breed excellent transgenic pigs and even raise special pigs to provide organs for human transplant operations in the future," Liu was quoted as saying.

Chinese scientists bred the pigs using somatic cell nuclear transfer technology following similar successes in the United States, South Korea and Japan.

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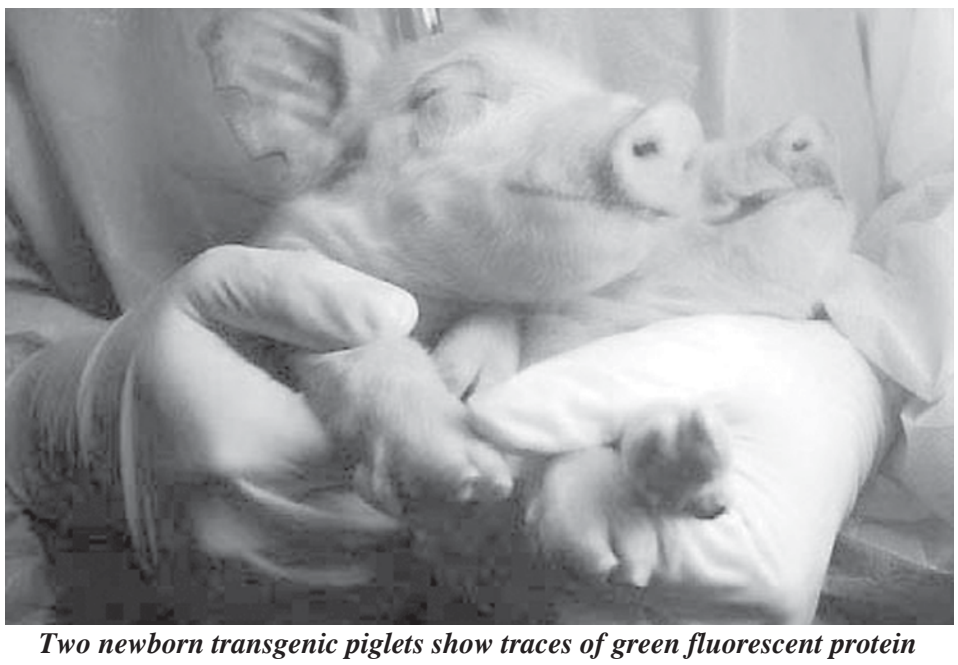

Two newborn transgenic piglets show traces of green fluorescent protein under ultraviolet light in Harbin, capital of Northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, on 8 Jan, 2008. The pair was part of a litter of 11 genetically modified piglets. —INTERNET

China's latest human case of bird flu infected by close contact

BEIJING, 10 Jan. — China's health authority confirmed here on Thursday that the latest human case of bird flu in the eastern province of Jiangsu came from close contact with his ill son instead of a mutated human-to-human virus.

"It has no biological features for human-to-human transmission," said Mao Qun'an, Health Ministry spokesman.

An epidemiological investigation showed the father was infected through close contact with his son who died from the H5N1 bird flu strain in Nanjing, the provincial capital.

Neither had been found to be in contact with dead poultry, Mao said, adding the bird flu cases in Nanjing had been effectively contained.

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Dengue death toll rose to 20 in Singapore last year

SINGAPORE, 10 Jan — Total 20 people died of dengue in Singapore last year, more than the originally reported eight fatalities, local English daily *The Straits Times* reported Wednesday.

This is nearly three times the number who lost their lives to the bite of the Aedes mosquito in 2006, when seven died, and not much lower than in 2005, when 25 were killed in the worst dengue outbreak here to date.

The proportion of deaths to the total number of reported cases of 8,826 last year is 0.2 per cent, similar to that in 2006.

The new tally of 20 is based on the latest figures compiled by the Registry of Birth and Deaths, the Health Ministry told the English daily.

MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS

Barcelona secure 1-1 draw away to Sevilla in Cup

MADRID, 10 Jan — Thierry Henry's first-half strike gave Barcelona a valuable away goal and earned his side a 1-1 draw with holders Sevilla in their King's Cup last-16, first leg on Wednesday.

The France international broke away to put Barca in front but Sevilla hit back through Diego Capel just before the break.

The home side showed a greater desire to find the winner but failed to put away their chances.

Earlier, Joaquin returned to haunt his former club Real Betis, scoring both goals for Valencia in a 2-1 away win that gave Ronald Koeman's side a much-needed lift.

The Spain winger, better known for his footwork than his aerial prowess, scored with two headers in the first 12 minutes.

Betis cut the deficit early in the second half when Valencia's Juan Manuel Mata thumped Mariano Pavone's header into his own net.

Last season's finalists Getafe swept aside struggling Levante 3-0 at home, and Recreativo Huelva held on for a 1-0 win at home to high-flying Villarreal after Martin Caceres scored with a fourth-minute header

MNA/Reuters

Sevilla's Daniel Alves (C) of Brazil and Barcelona's Thierry Henry (R) of France battle for the ball near Sevilla's Adriano during their King's Cup soccer match at Ramon Sanchez Pizjuan stadium in Seville on 9 Jan, 2008.—INTERNET

AEK Athens knocked out of Greek Cup

ATHENS, 10 Jan — Super League title challengers AEK Athens were knocked out of the Greek Cup when they were beaten 2-0 by Xanthi in the last 16 on Wednesday.

AEK were hampered by the absence of several first-team regulars, including Rivaldo and Akis Zikos.

Canadian international Tomasz Radzinski opened the scoring for Xanthi in the 62nd minute with Stavros Lambriakos adding the second three minutes from time.—*MNA/Reuters*

Walcott goal gives Arsenal draw against Spurs

LONDON, 10 Jan — Arsenal needed a late equalizer from Theo Walcott to salvage a 1-1 draw against arch-rivals Tottenham Hotspur in a pulsating League Cup semifinal first leg at the Emirates Stadium on Wednesday.

Tottenham took the lead after 37 minutes when Robbie Keane squared for Jermaine Jenas to score with a first-time, right-footed shot despite looking to be offside.

Spurs, who had not beaten Arsenal for 20 matches since November 1999 and have not won an away match against them for nearly 15 years, came within 11 minutes of ending that barren spell before Arsenal equalized.

Eduardo, who replaced Robin van Persie at halftime, found Walcott with a clever through ball and while Spurs defender Lee Young-pyo appeared to have stifled the effort, the ball bounced off him, onto Walcott's chest and into the net.

Tottenham coach Juande Ramos dropped England goalkeeper Paul Robinson for the match and his replacement, Czech Radek Cerny, and the Spurs defence needed to be at their best to survive an opening 30-minute onslaught from Arsene Wenger's young team.

Ramos was non-committal about whether Robinson was still his No.1 choice and whether he would play against Chelsea on Saturday.

MNA/Reuters

Arsenal's Theo Walcott (R) shoots past Tottenham Hotspur's Lee Young-Pyo to score during their English League Cup semi-final, first leg soccer match at the Emirates Stadium in London on 9 Jan, 2008.—INTERNET

Ferrari F1 driver Felipe Massa of Brazil skis during the team's winter retreat in the Dolomite resort of Madonna Di Campiglio, northern Italy on 9 Jan, 2008.
INTERNET

Valencia midfielder Fernandes to join Everton on loan

MADRID, 10 Jan — Valencia have reached an agreement to loan midfielder Manuel Fernandes to Everton until the end of the season, the Primera Liga club said on Wednesday. The deal includes an option for the Premier League club to buy the Portugal international.

Valencia signed the 21-year-old from Benfica for between 12 and 15 million euros (17.5 and 22 million US dollars) on a six-year contract in August, but he has only made five league starts.

He is the latest player to fall foul of coach Ronald Koeman's shake up at the club that has seen goalkeeper Santiago Canizares, and midfielders David Albelda and Miguel Angel Angulo sidelined.

MNA/Reuters

Van Nistelrooy extends contract with Real Madrid to '10

MADRID, 10 Jan — Real Madrid striker Ruud van Nistelrooy has signed a one-year contract extension that keeps him with the Spanish champions until 2010, the Primera Liga club said on Wednesday.

"I am delighted to be staying here for two more years. It's an honour for me to be a part of the history of Real Madrid," Van Nistelrooy told the club's website (www.realmadrid.com).

The Dutch international joined Real from Manchester United in 2006 and fired in 25 league goals in his debut season to lead the side to their first Primera Liga title in four years in June. —*MNA/Reuters*

City of Manchester unites to mark Munich anniversary

MANCHESTER (England), 10 Jan— Manchester City will join Manchester United in marking the 50th anniversary of the Munich air disaster when they visit Old Trafford in the Premier League next month.

City will wear a special kit incorporating a black ribbon with their sponsors branding removed to reflect their own involvement in the tragedy which claimed the life of their former great England goalkeeper Frank Swift who played for the club from 1933 to 1949.

The disaster, on February 6 1958, occurred when the aircraft carrying United back from a European Cup match in Belgrade crashed on takeoff after a refuelling stop in Munich.

Eight of Sir Matt Busby's exciting young team, dubbed "the Busby Babes" died as did 15 other people including Swift, who was covering the match as a reporter. —*MNA/Reuters*

Henry hopes for return to club in future

ROME, 10 Jan— Thierry Henry would love to return to former club Arsenal in some capacity in the future, the Barcelona striker said on Wednesday.

"It does not matter what will happen with my new team, I'll never find the affection I was shown at Arsenal," the Henry told Sky television (www.skylife.it).

"In part that's because I don't think my legs will let me play for another club for eight years.

"You always return to the place you belong to and so I hope one day to be able to work with that club. I have this club in my blood."

The 30-year-old said he had followed Arsenal's games since leaving for Spain in the close season.

"I'm proud to have played for Arsenal and to be a fan of theirs," he added. "Before I was not a fan of any club, but I have become an Arsenal fan and it's difficult for me to not watch their matches".

MNA/Reuters

Russia's Maria Sharapova practises at Melbourne Park on 10 Jan, 2008 ahead of the Australian Open tennis tournament, which begins on Monday.
INTERNET

Champion Ferrer advances at Auckland Open

WELLINGTON, 10 Jan — David Ferrer showed his determination to retain the Auckland Open title by winning both his first and second round matches on Wednesday. Forced to play two games because rain on Tuesday allowed just three matches to be played, the world number five easily accounted for Spanish compatriot Oscar Hernandez 6-1, 6-2 before beating Argentine Sergio Roitman 6-1, 7-6. "I served very well and I'm happy with my game," Ferrer told reporters. "I'm pleased I won two matches. The results make it look easy, but not the games."—*MNA/Reuters*

Dog steps on gun, kills hunter in Houston

HOUSTON,10 Jan— A Houston-area man was killed in a hunting accident after his dog stepped on a loaded shotgun in the back of a pick-up truck, triggering a blast that pierced the vehicle and the hunter's leg, a local sheriff said.

Perry Price, a 46-year-old math teacher, shot a goose on Saturday then put his gun in the back of the truck where the dog was waiting to retrieve the bird.

"I've been in law enforcement 20 years and this is probably the strangest one I've had," said Chambers County Sheriff Joe LaRive.

MNA/Reuters

Number of detainees in S-E Turkey blast rises to 8

ISTANBUL, 10 Jan— Turkish police have detained an eighth person suspected of involvement in a blast in mainly Kurdish southeast Turkey last week which claimed six lives, the state-run *Anatolian* news agency said on Wednesday.

Turkey's Interior Minister Besir Atalay said on Tuesday seven people had been detained over the incident, which authorities have blamed on PKK Kurdish militants.

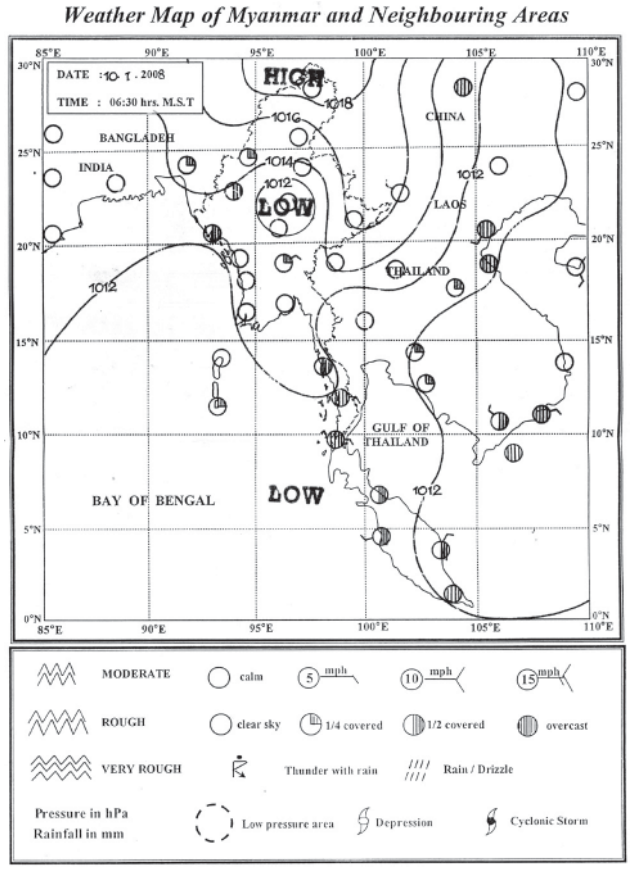
Anatolian quoted police sources in the city of Diyarbakir, scene of the blast, as saying one of the suspects had confessed to taking orders to carry out the bombing from PKK militants based in northern Iraq. Turkish media have previously reported that one of the suspects had received training at a PKK camp in northern Iraq.

The Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) has signalled that group members working independently may have been behind the bombing, which security sources said targeted military personnel, though most of those killed were school students.

MNA/Reuters

An Afghan man removes snow from the roof of his house on the outskirts of Kabul, capital of Afghanistan, on 9 Jan, 2008. Heavy snowfall over the past three days has claimed more than 20 lives and tens of others were missing in Afghanistan, officials said. The Public Health Ministry announced the state of emergency to provide assistance to the people of the affected areas. —INTERNET

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Thursday, 10 January, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Taninthayi Division and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Night temperatures were (3ºC) to (4°C) below January average temperatures in Shan and Kayah State, upper Sagaing, Magway and Yangon Divisions and about January average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Loilem (-2ºC), Namhsam, Pinlaung and Heho (2ºC) each, Haka and Mogok (4ºC) each.

Maximum temperature on 9-1-2008 was 95ºF. Minimum temperature on 10-1-2008 was 60ºF. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 10-1-2008 was 82%. Total sunshine hours on 9-1-2008 was (8.3) hours approx.

Rainfall on 10-1-2008 was nil at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was nil at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Northeast at (12:30) hours MST on 9-1-2008.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 11-1-2008: Weather will be partly cloudy in Taninthayi Division and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions.

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of continuation of decrease of night temperatures in the Eastern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 11-1-2008: Fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 11-1-2008: Fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 11-1-2008: Fair weather.

TV Myanmar

Friday, 11 January
View on today

7:00 am
1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara

7:25 am
2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am
3. Morning news

7:40 am
4. Nice and sweet song

7:50 am
5. လူပ်ရှားပုံပြင် စိတ်ပျော်ရွှင်

8:00 am
6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:10 am
7. The mirror images of the musical oldies

8:20 am
8. ဝမ်ပုံရေလှောင်တမံ

8:30 am
9. International news

8:45 am
10. English for Everyday Use

4:00 pm
1. Martial song

4:15 pm
2.Song to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm
3. Practice in Reading

4:45 pm
4. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ–စတုတ္ထနှစ် (ဥပဒေပညာအထူးပြု) (ဥပဒေပညာ)

5:00 pm
5. Song of national races

5:15 pm
6. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

5:20 pm
7. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား၊

5:35 pm
8. "ကြွဆိုလျှက်ပါ" (ဌက်ပျောကြော်၊ မင်းထက်ကျော်ငေ၊ နေထူးနိုင်၊နေယံ၊ ဇင်ဇင်စော်မြင့်၊နန်းဆုရတီစိုး၊ သင်ဇာဝင့်ကျော်၊ (ဒါရိုက်တာ–အောင်မိုး(ပဲရစ်))

5:45 pm
9. Song of yesteryears

6:00 pm
10. Evening news

6:30 pm
11. Weather report

6:35 pm
12. သုတစုံလင် ရွှေဥဏှ်ရှင်

7:10 pm
13. နိုင်ငံခြား ဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရေသူမလေးတတိယချစ်ပုံပြင်" (အပိုင်း–၃၅)

8:00 pm
14. News
15. International news
16. Weather report
17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်သူများ" (အပိုင်း–၁၈)
18.The next day's programme

Radio Myanmar

Friday, 11 January
Tune in today

8:30 am Brief news
8:35 am Music
-Happy nation
8:40 am Perspectives
8:45 am Music
-Love to infinity
8:50 am National news/ Slogan
9:00 am Music
-Looking for you
9:05 am International news
9:10 am Music
-Don't look any further
1:30 pm News/ Slogan
1:40 pm Lunch time music
-The one your love
-Don't fall in love with a dreamer
9:00pm WOM
9:10pm Article
9:25pm Music at your request
-When U believe
-Can U feel the love
9:45 pm News /Slogan
10:00 pm PEL

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Pre-School Curriculum and 0-3 Guideline books distributed

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Jan — The distribution ceremony of the Pre-School Curriculum for the pre-schools and the 0-3 Guideline books for the day care centres, compiled by Social Welfare Department under Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, was held at its meeting hall here at 10 am today.

First, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe delivered a speech. Director-General U Sit Myaing of Social Welfare Department explained compilation of the curriculum guideline books.

The minister and officials presented the Pre-School Curriculum and the 0-3 Guideline books to Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, representatives of pre-schools under the department and self-reliant pre-schools.

Executive Daw Thazin Nwe of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association (Central) spoke words of thanks for distribution of the curriculum and guideline books.

The documentary VCD was presented to the attendees. The children from pre-schools in Nay Pyi Taw entertained those present with dances and songs. Later, the Minister and officials looked into the curriculum guideline books displayed in the hall.—*MNA*

Labour Minister meets personnel of Industrial Zones in Mandalay, Sagaing Divisions

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Jan — Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi together with officials looked into offices and social welfare clinics under the ministry in Mandalay, Mandalay Division and Sagaing and Monywa in Sagaing Division and work proficiency training school and Workers Hospital in Mandalay Industrial Zone from 5 to 7 January.

The minister met with personnel and gave instructions on creation of more job opportunities, good relations with the public, work site safety and health care services.

He also inspected the chosen site for building a recreation centre of Township Inland Freight Handling Committee on Strand Road in Monywa and work sites.

On 6 and 7 January, the minister met with members of township Labour, Supervisory Committee, Supervisory Committee for Mandalay Industrial Zone, Industrial Zone Development Committee and representatives of entrepreneurs and workers from the factories at the meeting halls of Mandalay and Monywa Industrial Zones, and discussed matters on boosting productivity of the State, ensuring work site safety, increasing job opportunities and improving the skills of workers. —*MNA*

INSIDE

Consuming tobacco-based products such as cigarette, cheroot, cigar, and tobacco poses risk not only to smokers but also to passive smokers. There will be a smoke-free environment if everyone is aware of the dangers of consumption of tobacco and tobacco products and avoids the bad habit.

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Minister U Aung Kyi meeting with workers at Mandalay Industrial Zone.

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