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Prime Minister congratulates Thai counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Jan—General Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of congratulations to His Excellency Mr Samak Sundaravej, who has been elected as Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand.—MNA

Plans set to systematically use hydropower from Kengtawng Hydropower Project

Secretary-1 inspects hospitals, BEHSs, Kengtawng Hydropower Project in Monghsat, Kehsi Townships

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Jan — Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, accompanied by SPDC member Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence, Lt-Gen Myint Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Shan State (East) PDC Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing, Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Minister for Electric Power No 1 Col Zaw Min, Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Phone Swe and officials of the SPDC Office and departmental heads, left Kengtung at 11.15 am on 29 January and arrived at Monghsat at 1.45 pm.

At Monghsat Township Hospital, Chairman of the National Health Committee Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and party heard reports on the history of the hospital and providing of health care services presented by officials.

The Secretary-1 inspected medical equipment at the operation theatre and systematic storage of medicines and left necessary instructions.

Chairman of the Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and party visited the language lab of Monghsat Basic Education High School and gave instructions to the teachers.

On 30 January morning, they proceeded to the site of Kengtawng Hydropower Project being implemented by Hydropower Projects Implementation Department on Namtein Creek, 30 miles northeast of Mongnai of Langkho District. They were welcomed by Chairman of Shan State PDC Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Thauang Aye and officials.

At the briefing hall, Minister Col Zaw Min reported that Kengtawng Hydropower Project is being implemented for generating more electricity and supplying more power to Shan State in accord with the guidance of the Head of State. The project will generate 54 megawatts or 472 million kwh yearly. Construction of the diversion dam-1, the diversion dam-2, the power intake building, the inlet channel, the channels, the water tanks and many other tasks of the project have been completed. In addition, the laying of

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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

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo views Kengtawng Falls on Namtein Creek. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Aquatic and terrestrial resources to be exploited systematically for nation's economic development

Myanmar is an agro-based country, and its major economic productive forces are based on meat and fish and forestry sectors that are interrelated with the agricultural sector.

The government is now in pursuit of various projects for improving the agricultural sector. So far, it has constructed 207 dams and sluice gates for supply of sufficient irrigation water, while giving encouragement and assistance for extensive cultivation of crops such as monsoon and summer paddy, edible oil crops, beans and pulses, cotton and sugarcane.

Farmers on their part have to work hard for boosting per acre yields of crops and raising the cultivation capacity, using advanced agricultural methods and high-yield strains. At the same time, they should use post-harvest methods extensively for improving the quality of the crops.

The forestry sector is necessary for the nation's economic growth and temperate climate, so forest resources are to be harnessed systematically. Conservation of forests and trees including mangroves deserves special attention because they absorb carbon dioxide that causes the global warming.

Furthermore, measures are to be taken for catching freshwater and sea water fish and farming of fish and prawn on a wider scale for improving the livestock and fishery sector. In this regard, breeding and producing pedigree species and broader use of advanced livestock breeding methods is the first priority.

So, those responsible are to strive for systematic exploitation of marine and land resources using advanced technologies for economic development of the nation.



KKS Team plays against CCY Team at Kyaikkasan Gymnasium.

NLM

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

MHRC meets

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Jan — The Myanmar Human Rights Committee held the meeting 1/2008 at the Ministry of Home Affairs, here, yesterday.

In his address, Chairman of the Committee Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo said that the MHRC is striving for people to enjoy full human rights.

Members of the committee and work committees participated in the discussions, and the meeting ended with the concluding remarks by the minister. — MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo delivers an address at meeting No 1/2008 of Myanmar Human Rights Committee. — MNA

Medical Conference of Defence Services to be launched

YANGON, 31 Jan — The 16th Medical Conference of Defence Services will be held at Defence Services Orthopedic (500-bed) Hospital in Mingaladon Township on 14, 15, 16 and 18 February.

The medical conference includes 46 research papers, 11 posters representing research works, 11 talks on subject-wise and four discussions with respect to medical

changes and improvements and one talks on treatment and pathology.

Local and foreign researchers, researchers from the Ministry of Health, professors, medical officers and nurses of Military Medical Regiments and Units submitted the papers to the conference and read out them.

Researchers and doctors from the Ministry of Health, professors, medical officers and nurses of Military Medical Regiments and Units

wishing to attend the conference may contact Defence Services Medical Academy (Tel-031-35063), No 1 Defence Services General Hospital (1000-bed) (Tel-031-35247), No 2 DSGH (500-

bed) (Tel-031-31277) and Defence Services Orthopedic Hospital (500-bed) (Tel-031-35109) from 7 to 13 February. Those interested also may attend the conference.

MNA

Book on library comes out

YANGON, 29 Jan — With the aim of ensuring perpetual existence of self-reliant libraries, of turning out librarians and of imparting knowledge on basic libraries to the people, books on basic library course have been in circulation.

The publications are available at the state, division, district and township Information and Public Relations Departments and Sarpay Beikman Bookshop at the rate of K 1000 per copy. — MNA

Horizon League Basketball Tournament for 2007-2008 Season goes on

YANGON, 31 Jan — Horizon League Basketball Tournament for 2007-2008, jointly organized by the Myanmar Basketball Federation and Horizon Int'l Education Center, continued at Kyaikkasan Gymnasium on 27 January.

Cow Boy beat Gryuts 109-86, Kss beat CCY 81-59, Filipino beat Shadows 69-57, Furios beat WHO 73-43.

After the matches, Cow Boy and KKS secured three wins, Red star and Furious two wins, Shadow three wins and one loss. Gryuts and

Filipino gained one win and two losses, GB and Last Vampire two losses and WHO and CCY three losses. Blue Boy has not played yet.

Twelve men's teams and four women's teams are contending for the trophies.

NLM



A lantern featuring dragons is lit up during a fair to celebrate the upcoming spring festival in Shenyang, Liaoning Province on 30 Jan, 2008.—INTERNET

Tension after Kenyan MP shot dead

ELDORET (Kenya), 31 Jan—People are fleeing the western Kenyan town of Eldoret after an opposition MP was shot dead by a traffic policeman in disputed circumstances.

The police say that David Too was killed in a domestic dispute unrelated to the political crisis but the opposition call it an "assassination".

A local police chief says Mr Too was having an affair with the girlfriend of the policeman, who shot them both. The killing has led to the postponement of peace talks in the capital, Nairobi.

Angry crowds have marched on the Eldoret police station, where they were dispersed by officers firing shots into the air.

Trucks have been set

on fire outside the town, while members of President Mwai Kibaki's Kikuyu community have been fleeing the Rift Valley town, seen as an opposition stronghold.

Shops and businesses have closed in case of looting.

An opposition MP was shot dead on Tuesday, sparking violence in Nairobi slums.—Internet



People and vehicles make their way amid snowfall in Nanjing, Jiangsu. Brutal winter weather across China stranded hundreds of thousands of people and choked energy flows, claiming a rising human and economic toll that pummelled local stock prices ahead of Chinese New Year.—INTERNET

China bus plunge kills 25 as snow brings havoc

BEIJING, 30 Jan — A bus plunged more than 40 metres (130 feet) from an icy mountain road in southwest China on Tuesday, killing 25 people, the first known major accident caused by snow storms which have plagued parts of the country for weeks.

The bus, carrying 38 people, plunged into a

valley in the impoverished province of Guizhou, *Xinhua* news agency said.

"Initial investigation blamed the tragedy on the unusual snowy weather in the region over the past days," *Xinhua* news agency said.

"The road was covered with a thick layer of ice and the temperature

was about minus 2 degrees Celsius, a sharp contrast to the usual warm winter climate."

Thirteen people were injured, two seriously, *Xinhua* said. The bus, with a maximum capacity of 35, had left Chongqing municipality and was bound for the southern boomtown of Shenzhen.

MNA/Reuters

Obama says Clinton's celebrity an advantage

EL DORADO (Kansas), 31 Jan—Democrat Barack Obama, who is famous as the most viable Black presidential candidate in US history, said on Tuesday rival Hillary Clinton's celebrity gave her an advantage in the crucial, multi-state nominating contests next week. Obama campaigned in Kansas in the town where his maternal grandfather was born, reaching out to

voters in a traditionally Republican state and seeking to build broad-based support after a resounding win over the former first lady in South Carolina.

But the Illinois senator told reporters it was Clinton's own fame as a former first lady and New York senator that gave her an edge in the more than 20 states that on Tuesday vote to determine the

presidential nominee in November's election.

"There's no doubt that Senator Clinton has a big advantage going into the February 5th states," he said as he flew from Washington to Kansas.

"She's much better known and, you know, I am still being introduced to a lot of casual voters in the other states," he said.

MNA/Reuters



Afghan policemen look at the car of a suicide bomber as it burns in Kabul on 31 Jan, 2008. The bomber's target was a bus carrying Army soldiers. Four civilians and one Army officer were slightly wounded in the attack, government officials said.—INTERNET

Kenyan refugees flee from baying crowds

NAIVASHA (Kenya), 31 Jan — Many fled to the police station as evening fell, others sought refuge in prison. The rest huddled in the

dark, singing songs to raise their spirits, exhausted by a stand-off with mobs baying for their blood.

For most of

Naivasha's Luo and Luhya community, after a second day of attacks by Kikuyu gangs, the only thing on their mind was returning to the corner of Kenya they are from and where they know they are welcome.

"The government should take us back to our homeland in the west," said Samson Matovo, a Luhya who normally works on flower farms by Lake Naivasha but spent the day faced by hundreds of machete and truncheon wielding youths.

MNA/Reuters



A man rushes with two children through an area where Kenyan police were looking for Kikuyu tribesmen who had blocked the road connecting Kenya's capital with the Rift Valley town of Naivasha.—INTERNET



Visitors walk past a tourism booth promoting China at Madrid’s 28th International Tourism Fair (Fitur) in Madrid, Spain, on 30 Jan, 2008. The 28th annual FITUR gathering 13,300 enterprises from 170 countries opened here on 30 Jan with an expectation of some 200,000 visitors.

XINHUA

Thai new PM says Cabinet will be in place next week

BANGKOK, 30 Jan— Thailand’s newly-elected Prime Minister Samak Sundaravej said Monday that his new Cabinet would be in place next week and he would seek to reassure investors that he would name a strong economic team.

“I will start working at Government House before 5 February, and the Cabinet line-up will be finished before the start of Lunar New Year,” Samak was quoted by local news network *The Nation* as saying. —MNA/Xinhua

Thai election agency completes filling House seats

BANGKOK, 30 Jan—The Election Commission (EC) of Thailand on Tuesday endorsed three other winning candidates of the by-elections, completing the endorsement of balloting results for 480 MPs and bringing the 23 December election to a close.

“The EC has just finished its job in filling every House seat.” EC Secretary General Suthiphon Thavccchaigam said during a local television interview.

The final batch of endorsed results included three MPs from two constituencies which held fourth round of by-election on 27 January.

Of the three MPs, two are from Matchima Thipataya Party and one is People Power Party’s Chaiwat Sapruangthong.—MNA/Xinhua

Two policemen, two militants die in clashes in Karachi

ISLAMABAD, 31 Jan – Two policemen and two suspected militants were killed in cross firings in the southern Pakistani port city of Karachi on Tuesday, the *News Network International* news agency reported.

The firing started when police signaled a car to stop but gunmen in the vehicle started firing at the police, injuring a deputy superintendent police Asghar Dharey who later died in hospital, said the report.

The gunmen later took shelter in a nearby three-storey building at Landhi locality of the city and started firing at the police men, killing a police constable. — MNA/Xinhua

Police bomb squad members gather pieces of evidence following an explosion at a fish processing plant at General Santos city in southern Philippines on 31 Jan, 2008 killing three people and wounding 27 others.

INTERNET



Lufthansa to cease Manila-Europe flights

MANILA, 31 Jan— German carrier Lufthansa Airlines will no longer fly from Manila to Europe starting 30 March due to tough competition posed by Middle Eastern airlines, reports said on Tuesday.

The reservation office of Lufthansa in Manila confirmed that by April, the airline will be out of Manila and that all its European flights will be made via Hong Kong, Philippine TV network ABS-CBN reported.

Filipino travellers who want to take Lufthansa flights to Europe can go to Hong Kong via Cathay Pacific, Lufthansa said.

Lufthansa was the latest among European carriers to pull out of the country following British Airways, Swiss International, Alitalia and Air France. Lufthansa has been operating in the Philippines for more than two decades, and accounts

for nearly 30 per cent of passenger traffic to and from Europe.

This leaves KLM Royal Dutch Airlines as the only European carrier flying non-stop from Manila to Europe via Amsterdam.

MNA/Xinhua



Democrat John Edwards quits US presidential race

NEW ORLEANS, 31 Jan — John Edwards, whose bid for the Democratic presidential nomination focused on helping working class Americans, withdrew from the race on Wednesday without endorsing either of his rivals.

"It's time for me to step aside so that history can blaze its path," Edwards told about 250 supporters gathered in the Upper Ninth Ward which was heavily flooded when Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans in 2005.

Edwards' second presidential bid failed to match his first four years ago when he did well enough to be offered his party's vice presidential nomination. This time, he failed to win a single state.

"We do not know who will take the final steps to 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. But what we do know is that our Democratic Party will make history," said Edwards, predicting that the eventual Democratic nominee would win the November election at the head of a united party.

Edwards, 54, found himself unable to match the star power and fund-raising ability of Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton. He edged Clinton for second place behind Obama in Iowa but has finished a distant third in all subsequent state contests.—MNA/Reuters

In Hillary Clinton’s hometown, no sure victory

PARK RIDGE (Illinois), 31 Jan— Hillary Clinton is about to face voters for the first time in the town where she grew up, but the winter air in this Chicago suburb is hardly crackling with excitement.

“She’s been gone a long time,” remarked one businessman a week before Tuesday’s Illinois presidential primary.

Gone more than 40 years, unlike top rival Barack Obama, Hawaii-born but sent to the US Senate by Illinois voters less than four years ago.

In fact, state Democratic lawmakers moved up Illinois’ primary — one of more than two dozen “Super Tuesday” contests across the country — to try to give Obama an early boost.

That doesn’t faze Nancy Frugoli at June Moon antiques on Vine Avenue, who quickly whips out a red, white and blue Hillary baseball cap.

MNA/Reuters

Smoke from smouldering wildfires is seen behind a car in Paradise, Texas on 30 Jan, 2008. Wildfires sparked by heavy winds burned across north Texas.

INTERNET

Samsung stays top global LCD seller in 2007

SEOUL, 31 Jan—Samsung Electronics Co., South Korea's largest electronics maker, retained its global leading position in terms of sales of liquid crystal display (LCD) panels in 2007, an industry report showed on Tuesday. According to the report compiled by DisplaySearch, Samsung Electronics sold a total of

18.59 billion US dollars worth of LCD panels last year. Its hometown display maker, LG Philips LCD Co came next by posting 15.59 billion US dollars in sales.

The two South Korea-based companies saw their combined sales exceed the total revenue reported by five leading Taiwanese rivals including AUO,

CMO and CPT, which sold around 32.94 billion US dollars during the same period, the report showed.

Experts attributed the outperformance by Samsung and LG Philips LCD of Taiwanese makers to their differentiated business strategies focused on increasing sales of high-end and large-sized panel products.—MNA/Xinhua

FBI investigates 14 firms in subprime crackdown

WASHINGTON, 31 Jan—The FBI has opened investigations into 14 corporations as part of a crackdown on improper subprime lending, agency officials said on Tuesday.

FBI officials told reporters the probes

involved potential violations including accounting fraud and insider trading.

They did not identify the companies, but said the probes reached across the industry to include developers, subprime lenders, companies that

securitized loans and investment banks that held them.

The cases could lead to potential civil or criminal charges, the officials said.

The FBI said it was investigating the cases with the US Securities and Exchange Commission, which has opened about three dozen investigations into the subprime market collapse.

Targets of the SEC probe include Swiss bank UBS AG and US investment banks Morgan Stanley, Merrill Lynch, Bear Stearns, as well as bond insurer MBIA. It was not clear whether any of these companies were involved in the FBI investigation.

MNA/Reuters

Domestic sales of big Japanese automakers drop in 2007

TOKYO, 30 Jan—Domestic sales of Toyota, Honda and other several major Japanese automakers fell in 2007, though their exports all went higher, according to data released Monday by the companies.

Toyota group, comprising Toyota Motor Corp, Daihatsu Motor Co and Hino Motors Ltd, saw a 4.5-per-cent decrease of domestic sales in 2007 to 2,261,515 units.

Domestic sales of Nissan Motor Co dropped 6.0 per cent to 720,973 units. Those of Honda Motor Co shed 11.4 per cent to 621,884 units. Those of Mazda Motor Corp, Mitsubishi Motors Corp, Suzuki Motor Corp and Fuji Heavy Industries Ltd decreased 6.0 per cent, 13.9 per cent, 2.7 per cent and 7.9 per cent, respectively.

Sales of new cars in Japan have been sliding for the past several years. Analysts said that the declining population, a younger generation increasingly averse to cars and surging gasoline prices were major elements behind the trend.—MNA/Xinhua



Remains of a factory outside Shanghai, devastated by violent snow storms which have hit China on 31 Jan, 2008.—INTERNET



Cambodian women are pictured working at a garment factory in Phnom Penh.—INTERNET

ECONOMIC NEWS

Domestic consumption drives GDP for 1st time

BEIJING, 31 Jan—China's domestic consumption has replaced investment to become the biggest driver of economic growth for the first time in seven years.

Last year, domestic consumption contributed 4.4 percentage points to the 11.4-percent increase in the nation's gross domestic product, compared with 4.3 percentage points of investment and 2.7 percentage points of net exports, said *China Securities Journal* yesterday, citing unidentified official with the National Bureau of Statistics.

Data released earlier showed the nation's retail spending rose 16.8 percent to 8.92 trillion yuan (1.24 trillion US dollars) in 2007, up 3.1 percentage points from a year earlier.

Fixed asset investment expanded 24.8 percent to 13.72 trillion yuan, 0.9 percentage point higher compared with



Buyers select vegetables at a supermarket in Shanghai on 30 Jan, 2008.

a year ago, while the trade surplus grew 47.7 percent to 262.2 billion US dollars, 26.3 percentage points slower in pace.

"The rise of domestic consumption is the result of many years of efforts to support spending while curbing investment, with a goal to reduce dependence on external factors," said Ba shusong, a researcher with the State Council Development Research Centre.

Internet

Vietnam approves largest steel mill project

HANOI, 30 Jan—Vietnam has given the green light for South Korea's POSCO Group to build the country's largest steel mill, a project valued at 3.5 billion dollars in its initial stage, state media reported Wednesday.

The hot-rolled steel mill is to be built near Nha Trang in central Khanh Hoa province, where people's committee chairman Vo Lam Phi said the national government had approved its construction, the *Vietnam News Agency* said.

POSCO, the world's third-largest steelmaker by output, and local ship builder Vinashin will build the mill, which includes a 1,000-megawatt thermal power plant, at the Van Phong container port, a state-run newspaper reported. The South Korean industrial giant is already building a 1.1-billion-dollar steel plant, set to start operations next year, in the southern industrial Ba Ria-Vung Tau province near the largest city and port, Ho Chi Minh City.—Internet

IMF lowers forecasts for global economic growth

WASHINGTON, 31 Jan—The International Monetary Fund (IMF) lowered on Tuesday its forecasts for US and global economic growth in 2008 but expected the US economy to avoid recession.

US growth is projected by the IMF to slow to 1.5 per cent this year, down from 2.2 per cent last year and 1.9 per cent estimated by the institution in October 2007.

"Economic growth in the United States appears to have slowed notably in the fourth quarter of 2007,

with recent indicators showing weakening of manufacturing and housing sector activity, employment, and consumption," said the IMF in an update of its World Economic Outlook.

Buffeted by recent financial market turbulence and a weakening US performance, the IMF said, world economic growth is projected to slow to 4.1 per cent this year, down from 4.9 per cent in 2007 and 4.8 per cent it estimated last October.

MNA/Xinhua



A farmer shows the ice that she pulled from a frozen leaf at her farm in Guiyang, Guizhou Province, on 28 Jan, 2008. The city has experienced low temperatures and suffered from freezing rain. —XINHUA

UN genocide adviser warns Kenyan politicians

UNITED NATIONS, 31 Jan — The UN special adviser on preventing genocide and mass atrocities on Tuesday warned leaders responsible for post-election violence in Kenya they could be held to account for violations of international law.

Francis Deng told *Reuters* he was sending a staff member to look into the situation in the East African country, where around 850 people have been killed since the disputed re-election of President Mwai Kibaki in December. The official, Marylene Smeets, was due to leave on Thursday, Deng said in a telephone interview.

Deng said he was not saying that anything that had happened so far in Kenya amounted to genocide. "We're not talking the g-word at this point, but the kind of atrocities we're seeing could easily escalate to dangerous levels," he said. "Our whole approach is preventive," Deng said. "It's a question of letting people know that someone

has a role to play in instigating or potentially preventing the violence. There is always that prospect of someone being held accountable."

Deng said those responsible would initially be answerable under domestic law but if they violated international law, their accountability would be "at different levels".

MNA/Reuters

Gang kills two Germans with machetes in Kenya resort

MOMBASA (Kenya), 30 Jan — A gang of youths hacked two Germans to death with machetes during an apparent robbery attempt in a private villa in Kenya's coastal resort of Diani late on Sunday, police said on Monday.

The wife of one of the dead, a German tourist who had arrived in Kenya on holiday a fortnight ago, was also injured in the attack and had been taken to hospital. The second victim was the German owner of the villa. Police said the killings did not appear to be linked to violence which has rocked large parts of Kenya following the disputed re-election of President Mwai Kibaki a month ago. —*MNA/Reuters*

Algeria car bomb on police post kills two

THENIA (Algeria), 30 Jan — A car bomb attack on a police station killed two people and wounded 23 in a town east of Algiers on Tuesday, the second such bombing in the OPEC member in a month, the Interior Ministry said.

Some residents said the blast in Thenia appeared to be a suicide attack, the tactic used in a devastating twin bombing in the capital of the north African country on 11 December that killed at least 41 people including 17 UN staff.

El Watan newspaper said police on Monday shot dead a suspected senior member of the rebel group that planned the 11 December attacks and arrested four other members of the group near the village of Corso east of Algiers. —*MNA/Reuters*

Severed heads, bodies found in Iraq field

BAGHDAD, 30 Jan — Nine bodies and 10 severed heads were found on Tuesday in an abandoned field north of Baghdad in a region where US and Iraqi forces are pressing ahead with offensives against al-Qaeda forces. In the northern city of Mosul, a suicide car bomber killed one civilian and wounded 15 others in an attack on a US convoy, US and Iraqi security officials said. The US military said none of its soldiers were wounded in the attack in Mosul, where extra Iraqi troops and police have been sent for a "decisive" final push against al-Qaeda. —*MNA/Reuters*

Slovak opposition threatens to block EU treaty vote

BRATISLAVA, 31 Jan — Slovakia's opposition said on Tuesday it would obstruct a planned vote on the European Union reform treaty unless the government withdrew a media law criticized by Europe's human rights and security watchdog. Ratification of the treaty, which replaces a more ambitious Constitution abandoned rejected by French and Dutch voters in 2005, began on Tuesday with the parliaments of Slovenia, Hungary and Malta being the first to vote in favour.

But when Slovak deputies began debating the treaty, the SDKU party of former prime minister Mikulas Dzurinda, the ethnic Hungarian SMK and the Christian Democrats said they would abstain from the vote to protest against the media bill. —*MNA/Reuters*

US Army investigates detainee deaths in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 31 Jan — The US Army is investigating allegations of misconduct against soldiers over the deaths of several detainees in Baghdad last year, officials said on Tuesday.

The allegations involve the deaths of several detainees captured during combat operations in the Iraqi capital by the

2nd brigade combat team of the Army's 1st Infantry Division, Army spokesman Paul Boyce said.

The alleged incidents took place in spring or summer of 2007 in the southern Rashid District of the Iraqi capital, Boyce said. The brigade has since redeployed from Iraq back to its base in

Schweinefurt, Germany, Boyce said.

Boyce declined to specify who had made the allegations. But he said, "Traditionally, when units return after such a length of time ... (and) when an allegation comes forward, it's because soldiers may have talked about it amongst themselves."

MNA/Reuters

Syrian authorities arrest dissident

DAMASCUS, 30 Jan — Syrian dissident Riad Seif, who has led efforts to organize the opposition against the Baathist government, was arrested on Monday, his lawyer said.

"Five plain-clothed security officers came to Mr Seif's house at 7 pm (1700 GMT) and took him away."

They identified themselves as members of the State Security intelligence division," Mohanad al-Hassani told *Reuters*.

Hassani expected Seif to face charges related to organizing a meeting of opposition figures at his house in December.

There was no comment from the Syrian authorities.

MNA/Reuters



Chinese dancers perform at the Chinese Culture Centre in Cairo, capital of Egypt, on 30 Jan, 2008. More than 300 Egyptian and Chinese guests attended the celebration of forthcoming Chinese Spring Festival. —XINHUA



Iraqi security forces were hit by a spate of bombings in Baghdad on 30 Jan that killed one policeman and wounded 11 people, including six civilians.

INTERNET

Links between journalism and various subjects

Ingyin Khaing (Yangon University)

The News and Periodicals Enterprise of the Ministry of Information conducted the journalism course from 17 September to 28 November 2007.

The course was more lively than previous ones thanks to the attendance of some faculty members from the Ministry of Education who would have to give lectures in the course for B.A (Journalism).

Journalism generally means writing news reports on internal and external news for newspapers and publications. There is a saying "A journalist must know something of everything, and everything of something".

An interview programme was conducted with some trainees of the course.



**Daw Khin
Hnin Yee,**
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Q: Do you think there is a link between journalism and other subjects?

A: Yes, I do. Because, a journalist must have a good command of Myanmar and English and must know a lot about historical backgrounds and topography of the countries, law, international relations, and economic conditions of the world and Myanmar. Journalism concerns a lot with these subjects.

Q: How should a journalist present a news story in Myanmar language?

A: Well, he should present a news story simply and clearly with exact expressions. A news story should not be like a puzzle for the readers. He should avoid big words and should present a story short and to the point.

Q: How should an article be presented?

A: The expressions of an article should be comprehensible. They should not be the ones that make the readers confused. Mostly, we should use common words. In news reporting, the shorter a sentence is, the better it is. We should use long sentences only when necessary.

Q: May I know some Do's and Don'ts in news reporting?

A: We should use correct punctuation marks and alphabets and avoid using general and ambiguous terms and unnecessary expressions.



**Daw Tin Tin
Khaing,**
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Q: What should a person studying journalism know about geography?

A: He should know about location, geographical features, climate, natural vegetation, population and races of his motherland. Moreover, every journalist should catch up with latest developments about other countries.

Q: What are the benefits of knowing about these?

A: If so, he can make exact and correct comments about the affairs of his country and other countries.

Q: Are there any other links with journalism?

A: Journalism links much with geography. For instance, we observe weather reports, natural disasters, environmental conservation, air pollution and water pollution and we can forecast what kind of weather will be like in future.



**Daw Nu Nu
Thein,**
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Q: Let me know some links between journalism and economics.

A: Journalism is very important and it links a lot with various subjects. Economic conditions constitute an important sector, so a journalist should know a lot about economics to be able to write economic news very well.

Q: What should a person who is interested in journalism know about economics?

A: He must study Myanmar's economy and the world's economy. In this regard, he must know about the State's economic policies and objectives, economic growth index, future prospects, and sector-wise measures for economic development. In addition,

he must know about economic conditions of world countries, international trade, world monetary market, world economy, and monetary organizations.

Q: Would you please tell me the subjects a journalist should know in general?

A: A journalist should study mostly microeconomics and macroeconomics. And he should know something of development economics, regional economics, environmental economics and international economics.

Q: What are the benefits if a journalist knows them?

A: If he knows about them, he will be good at collecting, editing, interviewing and commenting news about economy.



**Daw Aung Aung
Lay,** *Assistant
Lecturer, Law
Department,
Yangon
University*

Q: Is there any link between journalism and law?

A: Yes, it is.

Q: What are the facts we have to avoid in news reporting?

A: It is prescribed in Section (2) and Section (3) of the courts law that if an expression that insults the court is inserted in a newspaper, the reporter, the editor, and the publisher are all guilty. And they have no rights to make any argument.

Q: If a journalist does not know well about law, what sorts of offences he can commit accidentally?

A: If so, he may commit accidentally some offences such as libel, misunderstanding, and disrespect for the court.

Q: I would like to know more about libel.

A: According to Section 49 of the Penal Code, a person is guilty if he places an advertisement, using a mark of some works. The offences range from cartoon, burning down an effigy of a person and comic strip to using a mark or stuff.

Q: I would also like to know about some points a journalist should be aware of when he makes a comment.

A: An accusation of a journalist is known to the people around the country. The accused person can suffer a lot if it is wrong. So, a journalist should take care whenever he has to make a comment.

Translation: MS

(Myanma Alin: 29-1-2008)

Kaba Aye Pagoda Buddha Pujaniya on 13-17 Feb

YANGON, 31 Jan—The 57th Buddha Pujaniya Festival of Siri Mingalar Kaba Aye Pagoda on Kaba Aye Hill in Mayangon Township will be held on a grand scale from 13 to 17 February.

During the period, Maha Patthana will be recited round the clock at the festival. Shwe Wah Win Anyeint (non-dramatic performance) of Yangon Command will be staged on 14 February night, Myanmar traditional cane ball skill-demonstration, on 15 and 16 February nights, and ceremony to offer alms to 108 invited monks and 31 nuns led by Members of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee and State Ovadacariya on 17 February morning.—MNA

MOC Chairman's Cup National Hockey League Tournament 1-17 March

YANGON, 31 Jan— To be organized by the Myanmar Hockey Federation, the Myanmar Olympic Committee Chairman's Cup National Hockey League Tournament will be held at Theinbyu Artificial Turf Hockey Pitch on Theinbyu Street in Mingala Taungnyunt Township from 1 to 17 March.

Hockey teams of the Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) and Myanmar Police Force, student teams and other clubs will compete in the tournament.

MHF will award handsome prizes to winners.

Those wishing to take part in the tournament may enlist at MHF (Theinbyu Hockey Pitch), Tel: 290200, and the entrepreneurs may contact MHF for advertisements.—MNA

Six NLD members quit in Mandalay, Ayadaw Township

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Jan — Township women organizer in-charge (1) Daw Myaing (a) Daw Than Nyunt residing in Chanmyathazi Township and member U Hla Aung of Mandalay South-East Township National League for Democracy, Ayadaw Township NLD members U Htay Win and U Thein Tun of Taungmwa village in Sagaing Division on 26 January and Mandalay South-East Township NLD members U Khin Maung Win and Daw Hla Kyi of Chanmyathazi Township on 27 January resigned from the NLD of their own volition.

In their letters sent to the NLD and local authorities, they said that they had no longer wish to remain as the members of the party.

MNA

Who does not harbour hatred is appeased

“He abused me, he defeated me, he robbed me”, the hatred of them, who does not harbour this thought, is appeased.

Dhammapada 4



Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin inspects construction of Madan Dam Project in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township. — MNA

Commander inspects Thebyu Dam and Madan Dam Project

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Jan—Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin inspected Thebyu Dam near Yay-pya-yo Village, Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township yesterday morning.

Thebyu Dam is across the Thebyu Creek. It was built in 2003-2004 and the project was completed in 2004-2005. Now, it irrigates 1200 acres.

Upon arrival at the Madan Dam Project, the commander heard a report by Deputy Director U Han Than of the Irrigation Department gave an

account of progress of the project.

Madan Dam is being built across the Madan Creek near Na Nwin Kyin Village, about 42 miles south-west of Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township. On

completion, it will benefit 8000 acres of arable lands and generate 25 kilowatts.

The commander inspected thriving groundnut plantations along the road in Chaunggwa, Ywathit and

Padetha villages. He provided foodstuff and aids for the villagers, and donated K 200,000 and robes to the monasteries and pagodas, and gifts to the students of village self-reliant schools.—MNA

Victorious Taekwondo athletes honoured

YANGON, 31 JAN — The Myanmar Taekwondo Federation hosted a dinner in honour of the victorious Myanmar selected Taekwondo athletes who had secured one gold, one silver and four bronze medals in the XXIV SEA Games 2007,

at Yuzana Hotel in Bahan Township on 28 January.

Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint delivered an address.

President of MTF U Htay Myint (Yuzana Co

Ltd) and an official of the Embassy of the Republic of Korea gave speeches.

The President of MTF and wellwishers presented cash rewards to medalists.

General Secretary of MOC Director-General U Thaung Htaik of the Sports and Physical Education Department handed certificates to those who secured the international level belts.

Vice-President U Mya Han of MTF, General Secretary U Tin Win, officials, coaches and athletes recounted the experiences in the SEA Games.

Also present on the occasion were Chairperson of the Central Committee for Myanmar Women's Sports Federation Daw Aye Aye and officials. — MNA



USDA Joint Secretary-General Minister Col Zaw Min meets secretaries and executives of district/township USDAs in Shan State (East). (News on page 1)— MNA

Plans set to systematically use hydropower from Kengtawng Hydropower Project...

(from page 1)
pre-stressed pipelines is completed 65 per cent and the construction of the power station 80 per cent. The plan is under way to complete implementing of the whole project in mid-2008.

The minister continued to report that the Upper Kengtawng Hydropower Project is also being implemented with the aims of supplying hydropower to Loilem and Langkho districts and to support the surplus to the national grid. The project will produce 52.5 megawatts.

Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint also submitted the reports that the preparations are being made for supply of 54 megawatts of hydropower from Kengtawng Hydropower Plant to townships of Loilem and Langkho districts in Shan State (South) through Namsang Power Station and the electricity surplus to the remaining regions through Namsang-Pinpet-Kalaw 132 KV power line. Tasks are being carried out for installation of Kengtawng-Namsang, Namsang-Pinpet, Namsang-Loilem and Namsang-Mongnai power lines, construction of

power stations in Namsang, Loilem and Mongnai, and installation of power lines such as Mongnai-Maukmai and Langkho-Mongpan and the power line from Kengtawng Hydropower Plant to Kengtawng. In addition, power stations are being built in Mongnai, Maukmai, Langkho, Mongpan and Kengtawng. Arrangements are being made to supply power to the townships through the national grid as one generator of Kengtawng Power Plant is in operation to generate power.

After hearing the reports, the Secretary-1 stressed the need to complete the Kengtawng Hydropower Project and the Upper Kengtawng Hydropower Project on schedule and set the plans to supply electricity to the regions and systematically use power in accord with the guidance of the Head of State.

The Secretary-1 presented a fruit basket to Project manager Mr Wu Jing De of the project.

The Secretary-1 and party looked into Nantein creek (Kengtawng waterfall) and power station, and scale model of Kengtawng hydel power



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo inspects People's Hospital in Monghsat Township. — MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo inspects Basic Education High School in Monghsat. — MNA

station project and gave necessary instructions. They inspected the progress of construction

of the project.

Next, they paid homage to the Sayadaw of Tonhong Pariyatti monastery and donated provisions to the Sayadaw and members of the Sangha.

At Kengtawng Township People's Hospital, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo conducted the Secretary-1 and party around the chosen site for the building of Sangha ward. They also inspected the operation theater and X-ray room and presented medical equipment and cash to the medical fund of the hospital.

Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and party pro-

ceeded to Kengtawng Township BEHS and looked into the learning of students at the multimedia classroom and gave instructions on academic matters.

At Kehsi Township People's Hospital, the Secretary-1 and party inspected operation theater, medical store, patient wards, dental clinic and X-ray room and presented medical equipment and cash to the funds of the hospital.

Next, the Secretary-1 and party left Kehsi Township by helicopter for Nay Pyi Taw.

Joint Secretary-General of Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister Col Zaw Min, CEC members Min-

ister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint and Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Phone Swe, who accompanied the Secretary-1, met with executives at the office of Shan State (East) USDA on 27 January and urged them to carry out the regional development tasks in cooperation with the people and gave instructions on successful realization of the future tasks of the association.

Joint Secretary-General of USDA Minister Col Zaw Min and CEC member Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint yesterday met with secretaries and executives in Keshi and Kengtaung Townships and gave necessary instructions.

MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo presents medical equipment to People's Hospital in Kehsi through an official. — MNA

Russia warns US, EU over Kosovo independence

Moscow, 30 Jan — Russia warned the United States and European Union on Monday that it would take a series of unidentified measures if Serbia's breakaway province of Kosovo unilaterally declared independence.

Russia's Kosovo negotiator, Alexander Botsan-Kharchenko, declined to give any details about the steps, but said a recognition of Kosovo's in-

dependence by the West would lead to a humanitarian catastrophe in the province.

When asked if Russia had a plan of action if Kosovo declared independence, he said: "Yes, Russia's Foreign Ministry has prepared a whole host of steps and measures. These measures fully accord to our position on independence for Kosovo."

The leaders of Kosovo's ethnic Albanian majority, who make up 90 per cent of the breakaway province's two million people, say they are within weeks of declaring independence from Serbia. The United States and major European Union powers are expected to recognize the move despite opposition from Belgrade and Russia, Serbia's main big power ally.

MNA/Reuters



An Iraqi policeman stands guard in front of a wall of painted concrete around a building in downtown in Baghdad.

INTERNET

Study says cannabis bigger cancer risk than cigarettes

HONG KONG, 31 Jan — Smoking a joint is equivalent to 20 cigarettes in terms of lung cancer risk, scientists in New Zealand have found, as they warned of an "epidemic" of lung cancers linked to cannabis.

Studies in the past have demonstrated that cannabis can cause cancer, but few have established a strong link between cannabis use and the actual incidence of lung cancer.

In an article published in the *European Respiratory Journal*, the scientists said cannabis could be expected to harm the airways more than tobacco as its smoke contained twice the level of carcinogens, such as polyaromatic hydrocarbons, compared with tobacco cigarettes.

The method of smoking also increases the risk, since joints are typically smoked without a proper filter and almost to the very tip, which increases the amount of smoke inhaled. The cannabis smoker inhales more deeply and for longer, facilitating the deposition of carcinogens in the airways.

"Cannabis smokers end up with five times more carbon monoxide in their bloodstream (than tobacco smokers)," team leader Richard Beasley, at the Medical Research Institute of New Zealand, said in a telephone interview.— MNA/Reuters

Nile Int'l Child's Song Festival opens in Cairo

CAIRO, 31 Jan — The Nile International Child's Song Festival opened here on Tuesday at the Cairo International Conference Centre with the participation of 35 countries.

At the inauguration ceremony of the festival, Vice-President of the festival Magdey Refaae welcomed more than 100 delegates from 35

countries around the globe, expecting the children's songs to bring pleasure to people's life.

The annual festival for children and teenagers is organized by the Egyptian Society of Children's Culture and Arts under the auspices of Egypt's First Lady Suzanne Mubarak, wife of President Hosni Mubarak. Children com-

pete by age group and are judged on their writing, singing and composing performances, according to organizing officials.

Refaae told *Xinhua* that the festival aims to provide a way for children to learn from each other and communicate with each other and promote peace through music.

MNA/Xinhua

Pakistan to procure equipment to detect suicide bombers

ISLAMABAD, 31 Jan — Pakistan will acquire latest equipment for prompt detection of any suspect carrying explosives and approaching a security check post, barricade or a sensitive place, the Interior Ministry said on Tuesday.

"The equipment will greatly enhance the capability of the security apparatus to preempt

suicide bombings," Interior Ministry spokesman Javed Iqbal Cheema told weekly Press briefing.

Cheema said that the government is purchasing scanners to be deployed at provincial entry points on the main arteries as well as entry and exit points of main cities.

Besides police, paramilitary rangers and

other security personnel, the Army would also be available to assist in the maintenance of law and order if required, Cheema said.

He disclosed that provincial government had been asked to provide foolproof security to all political leaders and show zero tolerance on brandishing of weapons.

MNA/Xinhua

Oldest Afghan man passes away at age 117

KABUL, 31 Jan — An Afghan man Khudai Birdy passes away at the age of 117 Tuesday night in Afghanistan's northern Sar-e-Pul Province, survived by 40 children and hundreds of grandsons, a local newspaper reported Wednesday.

According to his 15th son Khan Mohammad, Khudai, believed to be the oldest man in Afghanistan, had married four times and left behind 40 children and 200 grandsons.—MNA/Xinhua



An electrician works to restore power supply in Yihuang County, East China's Jiangxi Province on 31 Jan., 2008. The power network in the county were damaged after days of snow and sleet.

XINHUA

Plane skids off runway in Indonesia Papua

JAKARTA, 31 Jan — A twin-engined propeller plane skidded off the runway and hit three people while landing in Indonesia's Papua Province on Wednesday, killing one of them and injuring the other two, *Antara* news agency said. None of 15 passengers on the Twin Otter propeller plane was injured in the accident at a small airport in Paniai District, Indonesia state agency *Antara* said.

It was not clear what caused the accident, the head of the nearby Nabire Airport told the news agency.

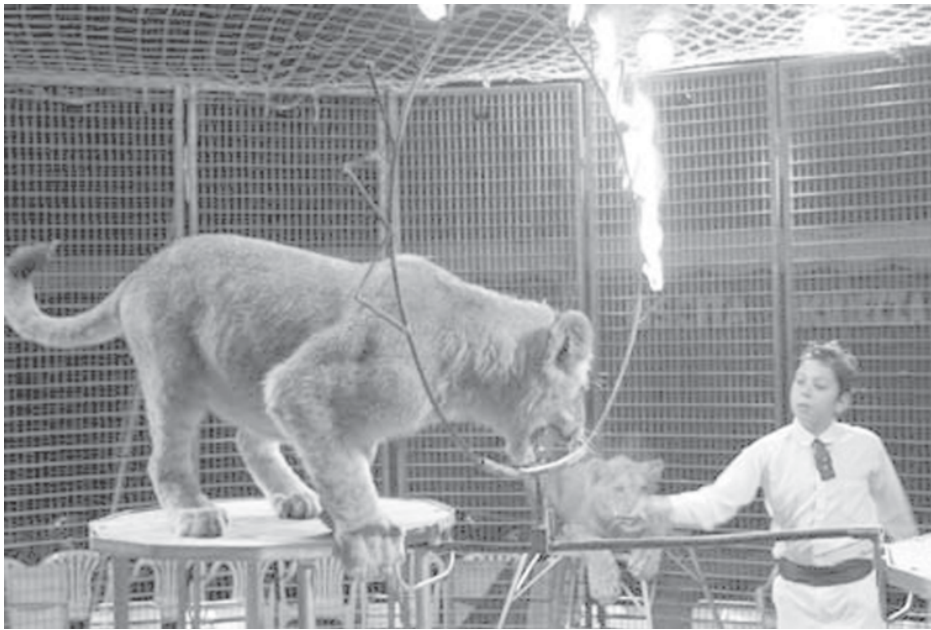
Jungle-clad Papua relies heavily on air transport owing to limited road networks. — MNA/Reuters

Air Canada plane makes emergency landing in Ireland

OTTAWA, 31 Jan — An Air Canada flight made an emergency landing in Ireland Monday after its co-pilot suffered an apparent breakdown, but nobody was injured, Canadian Television (CTV) reported Tuesday. Flight 848 landed in Shannon at 8 am local time Monday after several crew members and a passenger, who is reportedly a member of the Canadian military, restrained the co-pilot. The crew became concerned when the co-pilot began to act in a peculiar way and talk to himself loudly, the report said.

The co-pilot was taken to the psychiatric ward of a local hospital while nearly 150 passengers on board the flight were flown to Heathrow Airport in London.

MNA/Xinhua



Jorge Elich, an 8-year-old lion-tamer, plays with young lions during a practice session at the Circus Paris in El Ejido, near Almeria, southern Spain, on 30 Jan, 2008.—XINHUA

Images of the Day



A saleswoman displays gold mice in Nanning, capital of southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 30 Jan, 2008. Gold mice in Nanning's stores attracted many consumers, which symbolized the coming year of mouse that falls on 7 Feb.—XINHUA

China becomes world's 2nd largest gold producer in '07

SHANGHAI, 31 Jan — China produced 270.29 tons of gold last year, up 12.67 per cent from 2006, which made it the world's second largest bullion producer, statistics from the China Gold Association show.

The largest producer was South Africa, whose output was just two tons more than China.

According to the National Development and Reform Commission, from 2006 to 2010, China's gold production target is 1,300 tons. During that period, China also aims to increase its gold base reserve by 3,000 to 3,500 tons.

"South Africa has been the biggest gold producer since 1905. However, China is going to challenge its position," said gold analyst Zhou Hongtao.

China's gold output for the first time reached 100 tons in 1995 and doubled that amount by 2003. In the past five years, China's gold production rose 34.84 per cent. — MNA/Xinhua

Ancient archaeological city unearthed in Egypt

CAIRO, 31 Jan — The Egyptian Supreme Council of Antiquities (SCA) Secretary-General Zahi Hawwas on Tuesday said that an archaeological city was excavated in a governorate south to the capital Cairo.

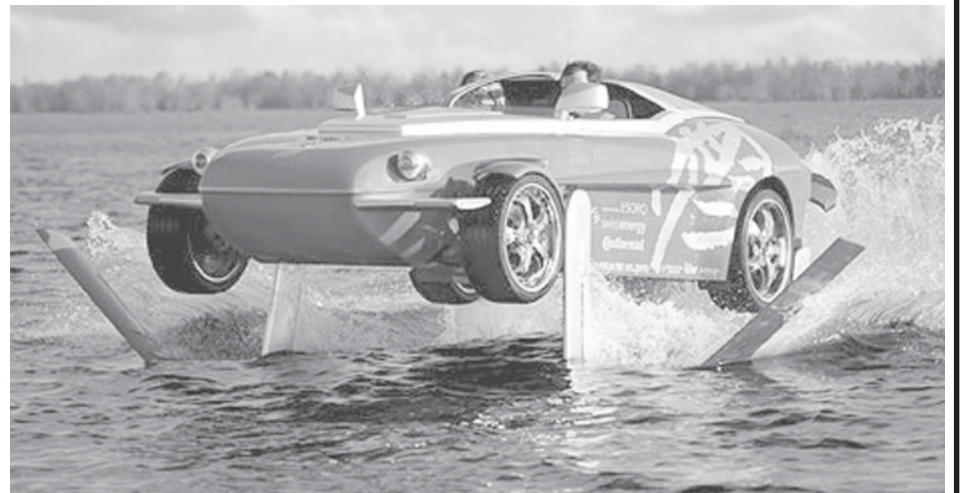
The city, which dates back to 5,000 BC, was found in Kom Oshim, Fayoum, about 85 kilometres south to Cairo by a US mission during its exploration of the historical area, Hawwas was quoted by the Egyptian MENA news agency as saying.

He added that remains of house walls and utensils were also discovered.

The MENA report also quoted the head of the US mission as saying that other things found include cemetery remains and an ancient small river or a pool, but it is not yet certain whether the stream had a renewable water source at the time when the city was flourishing. — MNA/Xinhua



Tenerife's Carnival Queen Nauzet Celeste Cruz Melo reacts during the gala for the election of the Queen in Santa Cruz de Tenerife, capital of the Spanish Canary Island of Tenerife, on 30 Jan, 2008. — XINHUA



The Swiss car company Rinspeed has developed an amphibious sports car that can reach high speeds either at sea or on land.—INTERNET



Photographers take pictures of a painting by Pablo Picasso entitled "Femme au chapeau" at Christie's auctioneers, ahead of their Impressionist and Modern Art sale next month, in London on 31 Jan, 2008.—INTERNET

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Sweden sends more Afghanis back to Kabul

STOCKHOLM, 31 Jan — Sweden sent three Afghani refugees back to Afghanistan's capital Kabul on Tuesday and will send more back despite persistent protests, according to local media.

Last year in Sweden over 600 Afghanis applied for asylum but two thirds were rejected. Now almost 500 Afghanis are waiting in Sweden to be sent back to Afghanistan, the Swedish public broadcaster Radio Sweden said. —MNA/Xinhua

Police detain Turkish Airlines hostage

ISTANBUL, 31 Jan — Police detained a Turkish Airlines employee on Tuesday after he released a woman he had been holding hostage with a gun at the company's headquarters, a company spokeswoman told Reuters.

Police, including special forces teams, had set up a security cordon around the area where the man had been holding a female employee of Turkish Airlines.

MNA/Reuters

Canada ready to quit Afghanistan, PM tells Bush

OTTAWA, 31 Jan — Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper, reinforcing an ultimatum over Afghanistan, told US President George W Bush on Wednesday that Ottawa would withdraw its military mission next year unless NATO sent in more troops, officials said.

Canada, which has 2,500 soldiers in the southern city of Kandahar, is fed up with the refusal of other NATO nations to send more forces to the violent region of Afghanistan. The Canadian combat mission there is due to end in February 2009.

Harper said on

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UNESCO, Mexico City sign agreement on cultural policy

MEXICO CITY, 31 Jan— The United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) signed an agreement with Mexico City's Secretariat of Culture on Tuesday to help the Latin American city strengthen its cultural policy.

The accord was signed by Luis Tiburcio, UNESCO director in Mexico, and Elena Cepeda de Leon, Mexico City's culture secretary.

Under the accord, which will remain effective until 2012, UNESCO agreed to grant technical support to the city and the two sides promised to carry out joint actions for strategic planning.

"This accord will guarantee the complete enjoyment of cultural rights, benefiting citizens," said Cepeda.

MNA/Xinhua

Under 1% of US adults have HIV

WASHINGTON, 31 Jan— About one-half of 1 per cent of young adults living in homes in the United States are infected with the AIDS virus, around 600,000 people, the National Centre for Health Statistics reported on Tuesday.

The agency's snapshot of HIV infection in the United States shows the rate continues to be stable and confirms other surveys that show black men are far more likely than other Americans to be infected.

The report covers adults aged 18 to 49 and only people living in households—not prisoners, the homeless or patients in institutions, said Gerry McQuillan, who led the study.

The data comes from

Paraguay warns against return of dengue fever

MONTEVIDEO, 31 Jan— Paraguayan President Nicanor Duarte on Tuesday warned people in his country of a possible return of dengue fever, according to news reaching here. The Paraguayan Government halted the spread of the mosquito-borne disease in the country last year, which struck more than 16,000 people and claimed 17 lives in 2007. Duarte said public health officials have detected 100 possible cases and sent their blood samples for check. But he did not say when the results would be available.

"We can fight the mosquitoes, chiefly by getting rid of stagnant pools of water where they breed," Duarte said. Public Health Minister Oscar Martinez also warned people of the disease.

MNA/Xinhua

More Norwegians oppose joining EU

STOCKHOLM, 30 Jan—A new opinion poll has indicated that an increasing number of Norwegians are opposed to joining the European Union (EU), reports reaching here from Oslo said Monday.

The poll, which was conducted by Norwegian broadcaster NRK in January, showed that 54.3

per cent of Norwegians would vote against seeking EU membership with 34.6 per cent in favour of such a move, if a referendum is held in Norway. Over 11 per cent remained undecided.

The split between the "yes" and "no" sides is 19.7 per cent, 1 per cent higher than that of the

previous poll in December. Norway's current centre-left coalition government, which includes the most staunch anti-EU movement, the Centre Party, has decided that it will not raise the issue of EU membership during this parliamentary period, the NRK said.

MNA/Xinhua

Ecuador finds over 50 sea lions slaughtered

QUITO, 31 Jan—Ecuadorean authorities found this month more than 50 Galapagos Islands sea lions were slaughtered with their skulls cracked at La Pinta island, local media report said Tuesday.

The report quoted Jaime Estevez, a state prosecutor, said the authorities believed that the sea lions were killed by humans, and they are investigating their deaths.

Estevez said it will be hard to determine who killed the animals, including 13 pups.

The La Pinta Island is located at the northern end of the archipelago 1,000 kilometres (625 miles) off Ecuador's Pacific coast, and there is no permanent guard over there. The Galapagos Islands were declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1979 for their unique plant and animal life. — MNA/Xinhua

Type-2 diabetics should avoid caffeine

BEIJING, 31 Jan—Type-2 diabetics who are coffee drinkers may find it tougher to control their blood sugar, a new study released Wednesday said.



Coffee

Researchers at Duke University Medical Centre in Durham studied the effects of caffeine in 10 patients with Type-2 diabetes by implanting small glucose detection devices under their abdominal skin to track

the rise and fall of patients' blood sugar levels.

The participants were given four tablets containing caffeine equivalent to four cups of coffee and identical placebo pills on various days. The study found their daily blood sugar levels went up by 8 percent when they took tablets containing caffeine. It rose even higher, up to 26 percent after they had dinner.

"Caffeine appears to disrupt glucose metabolism in a way that could be harmful to people with Type-2 diabetes," said James Lane who led the study.

Internet



Residents play with snow at the ancient Bakhous temple in the Roman city of Baalbek in the Bekaa valley during a snowstorm that hit Lebanon and several other countries in the Middle East 30 Jan, 2008.—INTERNET

Indonesia urged to ban cigarette ads

JAKARTA, 31 Jan — Indonesia has been urged to catch up with other Southeast Asian countries and ban cigarette advertising because it encourages younger people to smoke, local Press reported on Tuesday.

The Southeast Asia Tobacco Control Alliance (SEATCA) said Indonesia has been left behind in its efforts to curb the growth of smokers in the region, while Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam have totally banned cigarette advertising, promotion and sponsorship.

Malaysia, the Philippines and Laos have banned all advertising, but Indonesia seems to be in a status quo with its partial advertising ban, reported English-language daily the *Jakarta Post*. — MNA/Xinhua

Road crash kills 14 in S Philippines

MANILA, 30 Jan—At least 14 people were killed and 20 injured on Tuesday when a packed passenger van collided head-on with a truck loaded with cement bags on a narrow highway in the southern Philippines, police said.

Senior Inspector Reynante Cabico, police chief in Carmen town on the southern island of Mindanao, said it took rescue workers more than two hours to pull out some of the victims' bodies from the wreckage of the jeepney, or van, that crashed into a truck.

A jeepney is a uniquely Philippine bus fashioned after the US military jeep. It is the most popular mode of transport in Manila and in outlying provinces.

MNA/Reuters

ISS astronauts repair solar array during 7-hour spacewalk



International Space Station

WASHINGTON, 31 Jan—Two astronauts aboard the orbiting International Space Station (ISS) on Wednesday replaced an electric motor on one of three solar wings that provide power to the station during a seven-hour-long spacewalk, NASA said.

The 90.8-kilogramme (200-pound) Bearing Motor Roll Ring Module (BMRRM), called the "broom," drives the starboard solar wings as they tilt

along their axis to follow the sun for optimal power generation.

It broke down on 8 December.

Commander Peggy Whitson and Flight Engineer Dan Tani spent from 0956 GMT to 1700 GMT on the repair, mostly during night part of the orbit when less dangerous voltage is generated by the solar wings than when they are exposed to the sun.

The ISS's three solar wings have to be fully operational to allow construction work on the station to continue.

In February, the shuttle Atlantis is scheduled to deliver the European Columbus laboratory to the ISS, followed by another shuttle mission in mid-March to deliver the Kibo Japanese laboratory.

Whitson and Tani also inspected the Solar Alpha Rotary Joint of another ISS solar wing that showed indications of debris-caused friction inside its mechanism.

Internet

Gang jailed over Britain's biggest heist

LONDON, 31 Jan — Five men were jailed for a total of at least 70 years on Tuesday after they were convicted of kidnapping and robbery in Britain's biggest ever heist, a 53-million-pound raid on a cash depot in Kent.

The robbers, some dressed as policemen and most wearing prosthetic disguises, snatched the record haul after getting past tight security by kidnapping the depot's manager, his wife and son at gunpoint in a crime described by the judge as "organized banditry".

They were also helped by an "inside man", who not only provided details of the building's interior layout and security protocols, but also secretly filmed it using a tiny camera hidden on his belt.

Four members of the gang, Stuart Royle, 49, Jetmir Bucpapa, 26, Lea Rusha, 35, and Roger Coutts, 30, were each sentenced to a minimum of 15 years' jail.

MNA/Reuters

A taxi rolls over a disinfective bed, a preventive measure against bird flu, in Kolkata, on 30 Jan 2008. India's bird-flu hit state of West Bengal appealed to New Delhi to allow the United States and China to come to its aid in battling the disease, an official said on Wednesday.—INTERNET



Kidney racket scandal in IT city shocks India

NEW DELHI, 30 Jan — The uncovering of an illegal kidney transplant racket in a booming IT city has gripped India, with reports hundreds of poor labourers may have been duped or forced into donating organs to wealthy clients, including foreigners.

Hundreds of people from across northern India had their kidneys removed

at a private house, which had a state-of-the-art operating theatre hidden inside, after being lured to Gurgaon, a city of hi-tech companies just outside New Delhi.

"We suspect around 400 or 500 kidney transplants were done by these doctors over the last nine years," Mohinder Lal, Gurgaon's police chief, told the *Hindustan Times*.

Several people have been arrested, including some doctors, police said.

The case, one of the largest transplant rackets reported in India in recent years, has dominated the country's headlines and sparked calls for the government to tighten regulation of kidney transplants to stop backstreet operations as global demand rises. —MNA/Reuters

SPORTS

Milan march up to sixth after beating Reggina

MILAN, 31 Jan — AC Milan continued their climb up the Serie A table with a 1-0 win at struggling Reggina on Wednesday thanks to Alberto Gilardino's header. The European champions endured a poor first half of the season but are now up to sixth following their fourth league win in five matches this month.

Gilardino, who partnered Brazilian teenager Pato upfront, was unmarked when he nodded in Andrea Pirlo's cross on 18 minutes to notch his seventh of the league campaign.

Milan could have scored more with Pirlo rattling the bar with a free kick and rare starter Emerson going close, while Reggina rarely threatened at the other end where Australian keeper Zeljko Kalac was preferred to Dida. The match was postponed from December when Milan won the Club World Cup in Japan. —MNA/Reuters

Klinsmann chooses American coach as assistant

BERLIN, 31 Jan — Juergen Klinsmann has chosen Mexican-born American coach Martin Vasquez to work as his number two when he takes over at Bayern Munich next season, the Bundesliga club said in a statement on Wednesday.

The 44-year-old Vasquez played for both the Mexican and US national teams and has held assistant coaching roles at Major League Soccer sides LA Galaxy and Chivas USA.

"I've known Martin since 2003 when he was training at an elite football camp in the United States," Klinsmann said in a Bayern statement. "I was impressed by his positive leadership style and I recommended him to LA Galaxy. —MNA/Reuters



Mexico's Atlas' Bruno Marioni, left, from Argentina, fights for the ball with Bolivia's La Paz FC's Juan Carlos Paz during a Copa Libertadores soccer game in Guadalajara, Mexico. Atlas won, 2-0. —INTERNET

Recovering Osim watches Japan beat Bosnia 3-0

TOKYO, 31 Jan — Former coach Ivica Osim watched Japan beat his native Bosnia 3-0 on Wednesday in his first public appearance since suffering a life-threatening stroke.

The 66-year-old was greeted with a deafening roar from the crowd of 27,000 in Tokyo when the stadium's giant screen showed live pictures of him waving from an executive box at halftime.

A message of thanks from Osim to the Japanese public was also flashed up on the electronic scoreboard at National Stadium.

"I am continuing with my rehabilitation. I would like to express my gratitude to everyone in Japan," it read, prompting fans to give him a standing ovation and chant Osim's name.

"I sincerely hope Japan and Bosnia can face each other again at the 2010

Ronaldo double puts United back on top

LONDON, 31 Jan — Cristiano Ronaldo struck both goals including a superb free kick as Manchester United beat Portsmouth 2-0 on Tuesday to cruise back to the top of the Premier League.

Chelsea maintained their title challenge with a 1-0 victory over Reading at Stamford Bridge with Michael Ballack on target while Liverpool's league season went from bad to worse with a 1-0 defeat at West Ham United.

Displaced by Arsenal 24 hours earlier, United tore into Portsmouth at Old Trafford and had the points in the bag after 13 minutes courtesy of the Portuguese who took his goal tally for the season to 27.

After 10 minutes he chested the ball to Nani and sped on to the return pass before shooting under David James. —MNA/Reuters



Everton's Lee Carsley (L) vies with Tottenham's Jermaine Jenas during their English Premiership soccer match at Goodison Park Stadium in Liverpool. —INTERNET

PSV beat Ajax 2-0 to go eight points clear

AMSTERDAM, 31 Jan — PSV Eindhoven midfielders Balazs Dzsudzsak and Otman Bakkal scored a goal apiece to give the Dutch league leaders a 2-0 victory at Ajax Amsterdam on Wednesday.

PSV stretched their lead to eight over Ajax and Feyenoord, who came from behind twice to salvage a point at home against AZ Alkmaar in a 2-2 draw.

Dzsudzsak opened the

scoring four minutes before the interval with a fierce shot from the edge of the area and 17 minutes before time Danny Koevermans set up Bakkal to settle the match.

MNA/Reuters

Rangers reach Scottish League Cup final

GLASGOW, 31 Jan — Rangers reached the Scottish League Cup final on Wednesday with a 2-0 win over Hearts thanks to second-half goals from Barry Ferguson and Jean-Claude Darcheville.

Rangers, who have won the trophy 24 times, grabbed the opener with a disputed goal from captain Ferguson, who handled a cross from Chris Burke before scoring, while Darcheville tapped in an easy second.

"I am very satisfied (with the win) and we played very well throughout the game on an awkward pitch," Rangers manager Walter Smith told BBC television.

"The pitch was a little bit bobbly but I felt we handled it very well and deserved to win." —MNA/Reuters



Manchester United's Ji-Sung Park (R) is challenged by Portsmouth's Noe Pamarot during the English Premier League soccer match at Old Trafford. —INTERNET

Inter reach Cup semis after classic with Juve

MILAN, 31 Jan — Serie A leaders Inter Milan won 3-2 at Juventus in an enthralling encounter on Wednesday to triumph 5-4 on aggregate and reach the Italian Cup semifinals.

Inter will face Lazio in the last four after the Rome side beat Fiorentina 2-1 away earlier to record a 4-2 aggregate victory. Catania set up a meeting with holders AS Roma by beating Udinese on away goals.

Inter's commitment to the competition has been questioned but they were certainly motivated against their bitter rivals, even though former Juve striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic was rested.

Reserve forward Mario Balotelli opened the scoring for the visitors on 10 minutes before Alessandro Del Piero hit back with a free kick in an exhilarating first half.

Vincenzo Iaquinta put Juve in front when he nodded in after debutant Guglielmo Stendardo had hit the post with a header but Inter were level again when Julio Cruz converted a penalty after Hasan Salihamidzic had been harshly penalised for handball.

Balotelli grabbed the winner with a superb finish nine minutes into the second half. Juve pushed for an equalizer but their hopes ended when Mauro Camoranesi was sent off on 85 minutes for a crude hack on former teammate Patrick Vieira.

MNA/Reuters



Wyoming centre Travis Nelson, centre, gets to the hoop past Utah defenders Shaun Green, left, and Lawrence Borha, right, during the first half of their college basketball game on Wednesday, 30 Jan, 2008 in Salt Lake City. —INTERNET

Costs and problems of British nuclear cleanup rising

LONDON, 31 Jan— The costs of cleaning up waste from Britain's first civil nuclear power programme are still rising and uncertainties abound, the National Audit Office, the country's public spending watchdog, said on Wednesday.

Its report comes three weeks after the British Government finally gave the green light to a new fleet of nuclear power stations to replace the retiring plants and help the country meet its carbon emission commitments.

But the current 73 billion pound cost of decommissioning the 19 existing nuclear sites over the next century is 18 per cent above initial estimates, and the costs of even near-term actions are still rising when they should have

stabilized.

Added to that, pressure on the finances of the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority and the need to sometimes divert funds for unforeseen circumstances had led to significant uncertainty for site operators, the NAO said in its comprehensive report.

"Whilst the scale of the task is now better defined, estimates of costs to the taxpayer have continued to rise," said NAO head John Bourn.

MNA/Reuters

Vienna investigates 85-year-old Nazi camp suspect

VIENNA, 31 Jan — Austrian authorities are investigating an 85-year-old woman suspected of murder in a Nazi concentration camp during World War II.

New evidence from Poland suggested the woman may have committed murder in the Majdanek camp near the Polish city of Lublin, state prosecutors in Vienna said on Tuesday.

"We're trying to establish whether the witness statements (from Poland) are sufficient to identify this woman," said Gerhard Jarosch, a spokesman for state prosecutors in Vienna. "It's obviously difficult more than 60 years later."

According to media

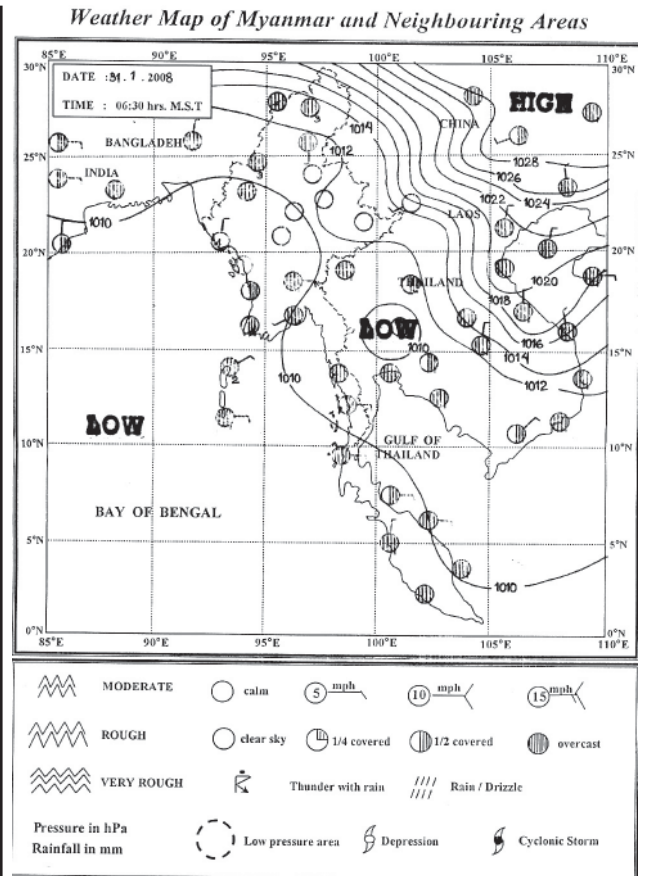
reports, the woman, whom Austrian papers identified as Erna Wallisch, was a camp warden in Ravensbrueck concentration camp, north of Berlin, and Majdanek in 1942-1944.

Jarosch said a previous investigation of the woman in 1973 was dropped due to a lack of evidence linking her directly to Nazi genocide.

Efraim Zuroff, director of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre in Jerusalem, said he had discovered that a camp warden was still alive in Austria and contacted the Polish Institute of National Remembrance (IPN), which investigates Nazi crimes in Poland.

The institute tracked down five female witnesses who said Wallisch had abused inmates in Majdanek, he said.

MNA/Reuters



WEATHER

Thursday, 31 January, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thunder-showers have been scattered in Kachin State, upper Sagaing and Bago Divisions, isolated in Rakhine State, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below January average temperatures in Chin and Rakhine States, Magway Division, (3°C) to (4°C) above January average temperatures in Shan and Kayin States, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and about January average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant night temperatures were Loilem (3°C), Haka and An (4°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfalls recorded were Machanbaw and Toungoo (0.24) inch each.

Maximum temperature on 30-1-2008 was 93°F. Minimum temperature on 31-1-2008 was 70°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 31-1-2008 was 76%. Total sunshine hours on 30-1-2008 was (6.5) hours approx.

Rainfall on 31-1-2008 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was 4mm (0.16 inch) at Mingaladon, 5mm (0.20 inch) at Kaba-Aye and (Tr) at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southeast at (16:30) hours MST on 30-1-2008.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 1-2-2008: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kachin, Shan, Chin States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in Rakhine and Kayin States and Magway Division and generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%)

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers in the Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 1-2-2008: Partly cloudy

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 1-2-2008: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%)

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 1-2-2008: Partly cloudy

UK banks facing toughest conditions since 90s

LONDON, 31 Jan — Britain's banks and building societies are facing their toughest conditions since the early 1990s and should prepare for the environment to remain tough for the foreseeable future, the financial watchdog said on Tuesday.

In its annual Financial Risk Outlook, the Financial Services Authority said market turmoil in the second half of 2007 had raised fundamental

questions about some banks' business models and warned that restricted access to some types of funding could force them to shrink their mortgage businesses.

Britain's banking sector was rocked last September by the near-collapse of number five mortgage lender Northern Rock, whose dependence on capital markets to support lending left it high and dry after the summer's credit crunch and forced it to turn

to the Bank of England for emergency funds.

The FSA, which has come under fire for its role in the Northern Rock saga, also warned that tighter lending standards would add to pressure on indebted consumers.

"We therefore expect to see a growing number of consumers experiencing debt-repayment problems in 2008," it said.

MNA/Reuters



Friday, 1 February
View on today

7:00 am

1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ချုပ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာရဋ္ဌဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

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. လှုပ်ရှားပုံပြင် စိတ်ပျော်ရွှင်

8:00 am

6. The mirror images of the musical oldies

8:20 am

7. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:30 am

8. International news

8:45 am

9. 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. အဝေးသင်တန်းသို့လုပ်ငန်းရပ်စဲသည့်အခန်းစာ-ဒုတိယနှစ် (စိတ်ပညာအထူးပြု) (စိတ်ပညာ)

5:00 pm

5. Song of national races

5:15 pm

6. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား

5:30 pm

7. "ချစ်လွန်းလို့" (မိုးဖြူ၊ ခင်စိုးဝင်း၊ မျိုးမျိုးခိုင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကြည်စိုး)

5:45 pm

8. Song of yesteryears

6:00 pm

9. Evening news

6:30 pm

10. Weather report

6:35 pm

11. သုတစုံလင် ရွှေညွှတ်ရင်

7:10 pm

12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "လေဒီယာနှင့်ဆုံစည်းခြင်း" (အပိုင်း-၅)

8:00 pm

13. News

14. International news

15. Weather report

16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်သူများ" (အပိုင်း-၂၄)

17. The next day's programme

People's Desire

- ★ We favour stability.
- ★ We favour peace.
- ★ We oppose unrest and violence.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe supervises development tasks of townships, villages in Yangon South District

YANGON, 31 Jan— Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence this morning went on an inspection tour of townships and villages in Yangon South District where five rural development tasks are being carried out.

Accompanied by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, senior military officers and departmental officials, Lt-Gen Myint Swe paid homage to the Buddha image at Kyaikhmawwun Pagoda in Kyauktan Township.

At the cash donation for the all-round renovation of the pagoda, Lt-Gen Myint Swe accepted K 5.2 million donated by



Lt-Gen Myint Swe meeting with departmental officials and local people in Kyauktan Township. — MNA

wellwishers through Chairman of Township PDC U Maung Maung Khin.

At Meepya Model Village, they paid homage to Shwebontha Pagoda. Next, they attended the ceremony to provide 12

eyedrops to hens at the village PDC office. At the No 9 New Life Production Camp of the Ministry of Home Affairs, they presented gifts to the staff.

The camp produces 517.128 tons of striped prawn, 96.588 tons

of white prawn, 202.831 tons of various fish, 177.848 tons of ordinary crab and 84.125 tons of soft crab in 6,279.43 acres of land in Kyauktan Township and it earns foreign exchange.

In addition to breeding prawn, No 9 New Life Production Camp extends agricultural and livestock breeding tasks.

At Tadar General Administration Department, Lt-Gen Myint Swe met departmental person-

nel, social organizations and local people and explained regional development tasks.

Kyauktan Town-

ship has so far grown 28,715 acres of beans and pulses and 2,960 acres of edible oil crops.

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