

Attasamma panidhi ça, to establish oneself rightfully; this is the way to auspiciousness.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein sends felicitations to Serbia

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Feb— General Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Vojislav Kostunica, Prime Minister of the Republic of Serbia, on the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Serbia, which falls on 15 February 2008. —MNA

Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects tax-free markets

YANGON, 14 Feb — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence together with Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa and officials arrived at Shukhintha tax-free market in Thakayta Township and inspected sales of goods there this morning.

Upon arrival at tax-free markets in Dagon Myothit (South), Dagon Myothit (North), Shwepyitha and Hlinethaya Townships, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party looked into sales of varieties of goods at the shops opened by Ministry of Industry-1, Ministry of Energy, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, YCDC and regiments and units of Yangon Command, Poultry Farm, Ngwepinle Breeding and Fisheries Company Ltd, District and Township PDCs and Myanmar Rice Dealers Association. In addition, they inspected sales of kitchen crops, meat and fish, vegetables, dairy products, groceries and personal goods.

During the inspections, Lt-Gen Myint Swe urged officials to supervise sales of goods in accord with the purposes of opening tax-free markets and left necessary instructions. — MNA



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence visits tax-free market in Dagon Myothit (North) Township. — MNA

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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On our way home, our hearts were filled with great delight because we made a great contribution towards the goal of the Ministry of Health. If the organizers and donors were a shining moon, we were shinning stars around the moon.

PAGE 7 DR NILAR THEIN (LIN YAUNG THIT)

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Manufacture quality coffee, applying favourable conditions

Coffee, a perennial plant, should be grown on a commercial scale as the farmers can benefit from this business for a long period. The plant grows well in cold weather under shady trees. In Myanmar, coffee farming thrives in PyinOoLwin and Nawnghkio townships.

PyinOoLwin Township in Mandalay Division, northern Shan State, and Chin State provide fertile soil for coffee species of international quality to grow well. So, in these regions, growing suitable species of coffee is a means of boosting income for farmers.

Using advanced agricultural methods and high-yield species of coffee, a farmer can make a healthy profit in a few years. Now, the government is reclaiming vacant and virgin lands in PyinOoLwin and Nawnghkio townships for growing the profitable crop extensively.

Coffee sown acreage rose from more than 10,000 in 1998 to more than 50,000 in 2007. The surplus coffee is exported. Plans are well under way to introduce the practice of growing coffee in other suitable states and divisions.

The government is now rendering necessary assistance to achieve success in the business. So, entrepreneurs and coffee farmers on their part should work hard for boosting production of quality coffee.

Myanmar is blessed with favourable conditions to grow coffee on a commercial scale. Therefore, entrepreneurs should make use of the natural and geographical favours effectively to manufacture quality coffee with international standard so as to help bring about the nation's economic growth.

Man loses left foot in mine blast

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Feb — A man got injuries in a mine blast in Mone Township on 9 February.

The incident happened when Maung Aung Htoo, 25, son of U Aung San, dwelling in Kawpyin Village of Meetaingtaung Village-tract in Mone Township, went to the wood to collect In-gyin leaves.

The victim stepped on the insurgent-planted mine which blasted off his left foot with injuries on the left hand.

The injured was rushed to Mone People's Hospital where necessary treatments and help were given to him.

The authorities are in hot pursuit of the perpetrators.

The insurgents, undermining stability of the State and peace, tranquillity and law and order, are committing destructive acts causing death and destruction to the innocent people.

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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

Foreign Minister felicitates Serbian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Feb— U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Vuk Jeremic, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia, on the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Serbia, which falls on 15 February, 2008. —MNA

Cash donated to build IIA building



YANGON, 14 Feb— Wellwishers made cash donations for building of International Institute of Abhidhamma. At the donation ceremony held at the Thadu Kari Dhamayon on Bo Aung Kyaw Street recently, United Associate Co Ltd donated 70 KVA generator worth over K 10 million to President and Pro-rector of IIA Retired Ambassador U Mya Than



who presented a certificate of honour to the donor.

Similarly, Daw Saw Hon and friends and family donated K 250,000 for IIA through the President who presented certificate of

Pro-rector of IIA U Mya Than accepts cash donated by a wellwisher. — H

honour to the donors.

Those wishing to make cash donation for the propagation of Buddha Abhidhamma may contact phone number 254102 at Thadu Kari Dhamayon, No 295-297, Bo Aung Kyaw Street. —H

International Institute of Abhidhamma. H

Expert gives talks on economic development

YANGON, 14 Feb — Enhancement Work of Myanmar Chambers of Information Tech-nology Committee of the Union Commerce and Industry

conducted talks on economic development at the UMFCFI office here on 2 February.

President of UMFCFI U Win Myint delivered an address. U Hla Maung, a retired ambassador, gave talks on the Role of Public Limited Company and Capital Markets in the Process of Economic Development and replied to the queries raised by those present.

Next, President U Win Myint and U Sai Ba Nyan of Maw Ushyaung Co presented gift to the retired ambassador.— MNA



Ambassador U Hla Maung (Retd) gives talks on economic development. — UMFCFI

Malaysian PM dissolves Parliament

KUALA LUMPUR, 14 Feb — Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi on Wednesday announced to dissolve the Parliament to pave the way for general elections.

Speaking at a news conference, Badawi said the dissolution had received consent from the King and the Election Commission would decide on the poll date in

coming days.

The Prime Minister said in a brief statement that Malaysia's Supreme Head has signed a royal decree to dissolve the country's 11th Parliament according to the Constitution.

All the country's local governments had been informed to dissolve their parliaments accordingly and the Election Com-

mission would work on the poll date and the nomination of candidates in the coming days, he said.

The dissolution came 15 months before the expiry of its five-year term on 16 May, 2004. The ruling Barisan Nasional (BN) coalition swept to a landslide victory in the 2004 general election.

MNA/Xinhua



An enormous iceberg (R) breaks off the Knox Coast in the Australian Antarctic Territory, on 11 Jan, 2008. Australia's CSIRO's atmospheric research unit has found the world is warming faster than predicted by the United Nations' top climate change body, with harmful emissions exceeding worst-case estimates.—XINHUA

China, Russia present joint paper on space arms race control

GENEVA, 14 Feb—China and Russia on Tuesday submitted to a UN-sponsored disarmament conference a joint proposal for an international treaty to ban the deployment of weapons in outer space.

The draft Treaty on the Prevention of the Placement of Weapons in Outer Space, the Threat or Use of Force Against Outer Space Objects (PPWT), was presented at a plenary session of the Conference on Disarmament, the world's sole multilateral forum for disarmament negotiations. —MNA/Xinhua

Kenyan minister criticizes crisis mediator Annan

NAIROBI, 14 Feb—The head of the government team at Kenya's crisis talks criticized chief mediator Kofi Annan on Tuesday, complicating his efforts to bring a swift end to the country's post-election turmoil.

Annan told Parliament, Kenya should have a political solution this week to its dispute over a 27 December election that triggered clashes that killed 1,000 people and uprooted 300,000 more. He later answered questions in a closed door session.

Justice Minister Martha Karua condemned comments she attributed to Annan — that negotiators had agreed on a transitional government for two years before a new presidential vote. "As chair of the panel, you are expected to be impartial and to take every care not to misrepresent or compromise the position of either party," Karua said in a letter addressed to Annan and sent to media organizations. —MNA/Reuters

INTERNATIONAL NEWS Russia, India edge closer to major nuclear deal

NEW DELHI, 14 Feb—Russia and India on Tuesday edged closer to a multi-billion-dollar nuclear deal to build four more reactors in southern India that has been delayed because of international restrictions against New Delhi.

The two states have been working for more than a year on a deal that will allow Russia build the reactors at the Kudan-

kulam nuclear power plant in the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu.

"An agreement on building additional reactors at the Kudankulam atomic station has been initialized," Deputy Prime Minister Alexander Zhukov told reporters in New Delhi.

Russia's atomic energy agency said the initialization — which means officials agreed the final

texts of the deal — had taken place on 11 February, just before a visit to India by Prime Minister Viktor Zubkov.

The deal cannot be finalized because of restrictions on India imposed by the 45-nation Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) and the limits are unlikely to be lifted until a US-India deal on civilian nuclear cooperation is ratified. —MNA/Reuters

*Undated image shows the reconstructed skull of the newly discovered dinosaur *Velafrons coahuilensis*. US, Mexican and Canadian scientists on 12 Feb announced the discovery of helmet-crested, duck-billed dinosaur that lived about 7 million years ago.—XINHUA*

Gulf Arabs see Israel stopping Iran bomb

LONDON, 14 Feb—Gulf states believe Israel will destroy Iran's nuclear programme rather than allow it to acquire an atomic bomb, an adviser to the Kuwaiti Government and Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) said on Tuesday.

If Iran did build the bomb, said adviser Sami Alfaraj, then the Jewish state might be one of the countries—along with the United States and Pakistan—Gulf Arab nations would ask to provide a "nuclear umbrella" to guarantee their security. —MNA/Reuters

Car explodes in Damascus residential area

DAMASCUS, 14 Feb—A car exploded on Tuesday night in the residential Kafer Suseh District in Syria's capital Damascus, witnesses told Xinhua via phone.

Security personnel and police immediately imposed a blockade in the vicinity of the explosion site after the incident, said the witnesses.

According to the independent Syria-news website, a silver Mitsubishi Pajero car exploded in the neighbourhood of an Iranian school in Kafer Suseh and damaged five nearby cars and surrounding building.

At least one person was reportedly killed in the explosion, it added.

MNA/Xinhua

McCain wins backing of House Republicans

WASHINGTON, 14 Feb—Republican House of Representative leaders publicly backed presidential front-runner John McCain on Wednesday as he promised to campaign in all 50 US states to help his party win back control of the chamber.

One day after winning primaries in Virginia,

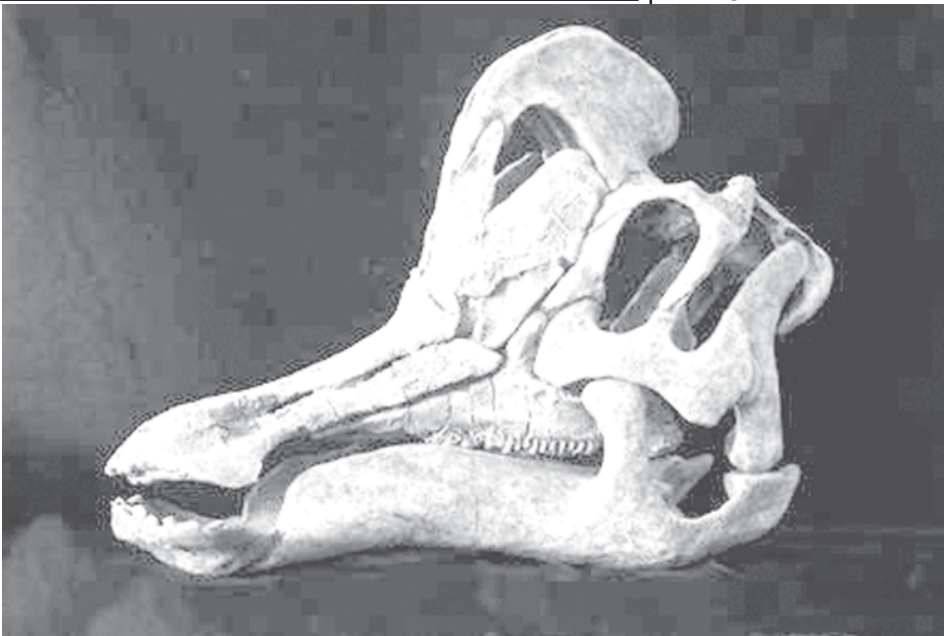
Maryland and the District of Columbia, the Arizona Senator met with House leaders in an effort to unite the party behind his all-but-certain nomination.

"I intend to campaign, if I'm the nominee of the party, to campaign in every state of the union," McCain said.

McCain has had a

sometimes-rocky relationship with his Republican colleagues in the US Congress and has struggled to win over conservatives who have been angered by his efforts to rein in congressional spending, curb the influence of money in politics and overhaul immigration laws.

MNA/Reuters





Space Shuttle Atlantis’ commander Steve Frick tosses a ball during a news conference with mission specialists (L-R) Stanley Love, Leland Melvin and Rex Walheim from the International Space Station’s Qwesst airlock in this image from NASA TV on 12 Feb, 2008.—XINHUA

Russia surprised by US reaction to bomber flights

Moscow, 13 Feb — Russia expressed surprise on Tuesday that the United States had scrambled fighter jets at the weekend to intercept strategic Russian bombers, one of which flew over a US aircraft carrier in the Pacific.

Four US F/A-18 fighters were launched after Russian Tu-95 Bear bombers flying south of Japan were detected turning towards the Nimitz aircraft carrier and its escort, a US defence

official said.

One of the Russian bombers flew over the deck of the Nimitz, said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity. The US fighters escorted the Russian bombers out of the area.

“It is standard operating procedure for US planes to escort aircraft flying in the vicinity of US Navy ships,” the US defence official said.

The Russian Air Force said the 9 February mission by four Tu-95s was

part of long-distance patrols of the Pacific, Atlantic and Arctic oceans and the Black Sea begun in August last year.

It said all flights were made over neutral waters, did not breach international borders and all concerned parties were notified in advance.

“We are surprised by all the clamour this raised,” RIA news agency quoted Russian Air Force spokesman Alexander Drobyshvsky as saying.

MNA/Reuters

US mily assessing if Russia in Cold War pose

WASHINGTON, 13 Feb — Washington is trying to gauge whether Russia’s recent bomber mission near a US aircraft carrier indicated Moscow’s return to a Cold War “mind-set” and is considering how the Pentagon should respond, a senior US military officer said on Tuesday.

But other senior US defence and Navy officials stressed they did

not see Russia’s weekend bomber flights south of Japan as provocative.

Four US fighter jets were scrambled on 9 February to escort Russian bombers that approached the USS Nimitz south of Japan.

One Russian bomber flew over the deck of the aircraft carrier, escorted by a US fighter jet.

Admiral Gary Roughead, US chief of naval operations, downplayed

the incident and said it reflected Russia’s emerging naval power.

“I think what we are seeing is a Russian military or Russian Navy that is emerging and, in the case of the Navy, desiring to emerge as a global Navy,” Roughead told reporters at the Pentagon.

“I do not consider it to be provocative,” he said of the bomber mission.

MNA/Reuters



The Clark Sisters (L-R) Karen, Dorinda and Jacky, hold their 3 Grammys for Best Gospel Performance for “Blessed & Highly Favoured”, for Best Gospel Song for “Blessed and Highly Favoured” and for Best Traditional Gospel Album for “Live-One Last Time” at the 50th Annual Grammy Awards in Los Angeles on 10 Feb, 2008.—INTERNET

UK curry houses facing “kitchen staff crisis”

LONDON, 14 Feb— Immigration ministers were urged on Wednesday to ease restrictions on Bangladeshi migrant workers in an attempt to help avert a crisis in Britain’s curry houses.

At least 27,500 extra workers are needed if some of the nation’s favourite meals such as chicken tikka masala are not to disappear from the high street, the Immigration Advisory Service (IAS) charity said.

The shortage, the result of the government’s new immigration points-based system, has left Bangladeshi restaurants in serious trouble and facing irreparable damage, IAS chief executive Keith Best said.

Restrictions on lower-skilled migrants from outside the EU have left many Bangladeshis struggling to find work in Britain.

Limits have been tightened since eastern Europeans were given employment rights.

MNA/Reuters

Indonesian girl contracted by bird flu

JAKARTA, 14 Feb— A 15-year-old Indonesian girl from West Jakarta has been infected by avian influenza, bringing the total cases to 127 with 103 of them fatal, Indonesian Health Ministry said here on Tuesday.

The girl was a daughter of a 38-year-old woman who was previously

infected by the disease and first developed the symptoms of the disease on 23 January, said the spokeswoman of the ministry Lily Sriwahyuni Sulistyowati. The girl was now in critical condition at a hospital, said Sulistyowati.

MNA/Xinhua

Roadside bomb wounds NATO soldier in Afghanistan

KABUL, 13 Feb— A suicide car bomber targeted a NATO troop convoy in Afghanistan’s Nimroz Province on Tuesday, wounding one soldier, a spokesman for the alliance said.

Taleban insurgents carried out more than 140 suicide attacks last year in Afghanistan, the highest number since they were ousted from power in 2001.

The latest incident took place in the southwest when the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) convoy was passing, ISAF said. Apart from the suicide bomber, no one was killed.

MNA/Reuters

Two killed, eight injured in mortar attack in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 14 Feb— Two civilians were killed and eight others wounded in a mortar attack in southern Baghdad on Tuesday, an Interior Ministry source said.

“Two mortar rounds landed before noon on houses in the Kafa’at neighbourhood in Doura District, damaging several

houses, killing two people and wounding eight others,” the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

Earlier, three roadside bombs targeting Iraqi police and US patrols rocked the Iraqi capital, injuring a policeman, the source said.

But he did not know

whether the US patrols suffered any casualties, as the US troops immediately cordoned off the scenes.

Sporadic attacks continue in Baghdad, dealing a setback blow to the security situation in the capital after a relative lull of violence as a result of a US military surge.

MNA/Xinhua

Iraqi journalist killed in Baghdad, two missing in Basra

BAGHDAD, 13 Feb — The body of an Iraqi journalist was found in a Baghdad morgue on Tuesday, two days after being kidnapped, while two journalists working for the American television network CBS were kidnapped in the southern city of Basra.

“Hisham Mijowit Himdan, a journalist working for an Iraqi media, disappeared on Sunday and his body was found today in Baghdad’s morgue,” a local media watchdog, Journalistic Freedom Observatory (JFO), said in a statement posted on its website.

MNA/Xinhua

ECONOMIC NEWS



Investors read stocks information at a stock exchange in southwest China's Chongqing Municipality on 13 Feb, 2008. —XINHUA

China software industry reports 20% rise in revenue

BEIJING, 13 Feb — China's software sector generated 580 billion yuan (about 80.8 billion US dollars) in revenue in 2007, an annual increase of 20.8 per cent, the Ministry of Information Industry reported.

Specifically, sales of software products surged 22.5 per cent to 201.7 billion yuan, while system integration income rose 16 per cent to 147.8 billion yuan, the latest ministry statistics said.

The income of software and technology services hit 97.8 billion yuan, up 24.8 per cent. Revenues of embedded system software hit 115.5 billion yuan, up 21.8 per cent year on year. Revenues generated from integrated circuit design jumped 16.8 per cent year on year to 17.1 billion yuan, the ministry said without giving further details. — MNA/Xinhua

Indonesia's non-oil, gas exports to grow by 13% in 2008

JAKARTA, 13 Feb — The Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KADIN) predicted the country's exports of non-oil and gas would increase by 13 per cent to 148.19 billion US dollars this year, its head MS Hidayat said here Tuesday.

"The prediction of exports is about 12 to 13 per cent (in 2008). The recession in the United States will affect on Indonesia's exports," he said.

The head of the chamber said that the global economic slowdown would decrease the demand for commodities from Indonesia.

To counter the decrease, Hidayat said that Indonesia should diversify its export markets. —MNA/Xinhua

South Korea's agricultural exports rise 9.9% in 2007

SEOUL, 13 Feb — South Korea's agricultural exports rose by 9.9 per cent on-year in 2007 thanks to greater overseas demand for fruits and flowers, the South Korean Agriculture Ministry said on Tuesday.

According to the ministry, exports of both fresh and processed foods stood at 2.53 billion US dollars in 2007, 80 million US dollars more than the export target of 2.45 billion US dollars set for the year.

South Korea's agricultural exports have risen 6.8 per cent on average for the past three years, the ministry said.

MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam may allow foreign-owned fund management firms

HANOI, 13 Feb — Vietnam is likely to permit foreign fund management firms to open branches or establish 100-per-cent foreign-owned fund management companies in the country in the coming time, local newspaper *Vietnam News* reported Tuesday.

Vietnam's Finance Ministry plans to petition the government to do so, in a move to heighten the government's ability to monitor foreign indirect investment flows into the country.

World Trade Organization (WTO) commitments only requires such an opening-up within five years of Vietnam's WTO membership.

Foreign fund managers currently invest in the domestic stock market through local representative offices, although Vietnam's laws regulate that representative offices are not allowed to conduct business. According to the ministry's statistics, there are 35 representative offices of foreign fund management companies

now licensed in Vietnam.

These offices get around the legal restrictions on business operations by mandating an individual agency, usually heads of the offices or staff, to make stock investments.

Opening the market earlier than required by international commitments will lift the disguise of business activities of representative offices, and create a more stable and lawful channel for indirect foreign investment, said a ministry official.

MNA/Xinhua

India welcomes new world trade texts

NEW DELHI, 14 Feb — New negotiating texts could enable regional powers to push forward global trade talks in the coming weeks but a lot of hard work still lies ahead, Indian Trade Minister Kamal Nath said on Tuesday.

Last week, World Trade Organization (WTO) mediators sought to advance long-running trade talks by issuing revised drafts for agriculture and industry.

The new texts did not make any changes to existing proposals for headline cuts in tariffs and subsidies but narrowed the gaps on a slew of technical issues.

In a statement, Nath welcomed the revised texts and said a final view would be possible only after consultations with various ministries, domestic stakeholders and India's partner countries.

MNA/Reuters

Panama Canal contracts under investigation

PANAMA CITY, 13 Feb — The organization that oversees the Panama Canal said on Monday it is investigating how contracts worth almost 700,000 US dollars were awarded to a firm with suspected links to one of its employees. The Panama Canal Authority, or PCA, said it notified investigators last year of suspected misconduct in connection with more than 250 contracts awarded since 2005 to supply it with routine materials.

MNA/Reuters



A model displays a creation by Jaeger during their Autumn/Winter 2008 show at London Fashion Week on 10 Feb, 2008.

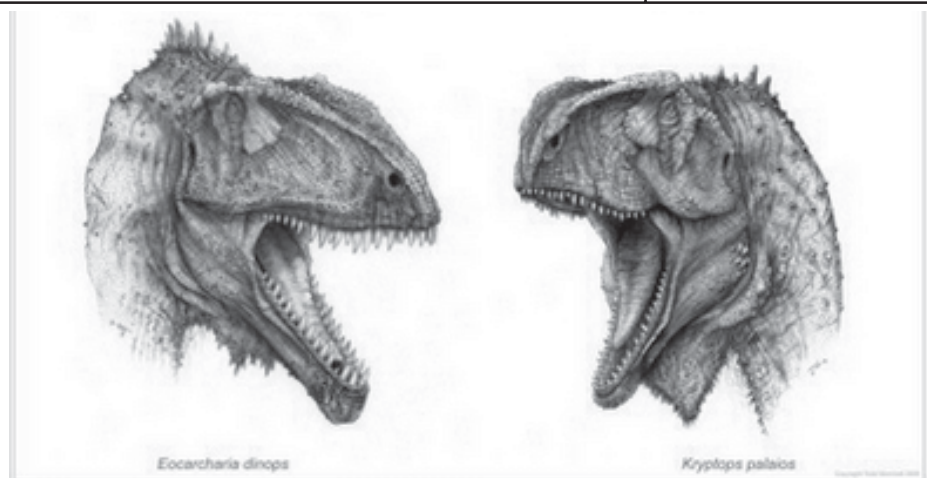
INTERNET

Bond issues in Gulf expected to surge in 2008

ABU DHABI, 13 Feb — Global credit rating agency Standard & Poor's estimated that bond issues in the oil-rich Gulf region are expected to pose a surge in 2008, local newspaper *Gulf News* reported on Tuesday.

There was a significant slowdown in issues of sukuk, or Islamic bond, in the Gulf region following the US subprime mortgage crisis in the second half of 2007, Emmanuel Volland, director of Standard & Poor's financial services, was quoted as saying.

MNA/Xinhua



Portraits of *Eocarcharia* (L) and *Kryptops* (R), two new flesh-eating dinosaurs that hunted in the rich forests of Africa some 110 million years ago and unearthed in Niger, released by the University of Chicago on 14 February. —INTERNET

Bolivia declares US diplomat undesirable person

LIMA, 13 Feb—Bolivian President Evo Morales declared US Embassy official Vincent Cooper an “undesirable person” Monday, citing charges that Cooper was trying to organize a spy ring, according to news reaching here.

“This man has not only violated the rights of his own citizens, but is also violating, offending and attacking a nation like Bolivia,” Morales said during a speech to start

the academic year at a school for sergeants in the Bolivian province of Cochabamba.

Morales said Cooper had asked scholarship holders and Peace Corps volunteers to spy on Cubans and Venezuelans living in Bolivia.

“From the moment that this mistake was discovered, he became an undesirable person for Bolivia and for the Bolivian Government,” he said.

Fulbright Foundation scholar Alexander Van Schaick told Bolivian Foreign Minister David Choquehuanca and a US broadcaster that during a November meeting at the US Embassy, he had been asked to become a spy.

“They told me to give them the names, addresses and activities of any doctor or worker from Venezuela or Cuba that crosses my path during my stay here,” Van Schaick said. —MNA/Xinhua

Pakistan tests short-range ballistic missile

ISLAMABAD, 13 Feb—Pakistan on Wednesday conducted a successful test fire of *Ghaznavi* (Hatf III) short-range ballistic missile, the military said in a statement.

The *Ghaznavi* missile has a range of 290 kilometres, according to the statement.

The field launch exercise was witnessed by Prime Minister Moham-median Soomro, Chief of the Army Staff General Ashfaq Parvez Kayani, senior military officers

and scientists, said the statement.

Addressing troops in the exercise area, Soomro congratulated them on achieving excellent training standards of professional readiness.

He said Pakistan was proud of its strategic forces and scientific organizations for having developed and operationalized a strong nuclear

deterrence capability.

Soomro reiterated that Pakistan stood for peace in the region. “Peace comes from strength whereas weakness invites aggression,” he said. “The Pakistani Government is fully committed to retain a strong conventional and unconventional deterrence and will meet all the needs of a strong national defence.” —MNA/Xinhua

Israel to build new homes in Jerusalem area

JERUSALEM, 14 Feb—Israel’s Housing Ministry said on Tuesday preparations were underway to build up to 1,100 new homes in and around Arab East Jerusalem, which Palestinians see as capital of a future state.

The ministry said the municipality of Jerusalem was preparing tenders for 750 housing units in a northern area known as Pisgat Zeev, and possibly for an additional 370 units to

the south in what is known to Israelis as Har Homa and to Palestinians as Jabal Abu Ghneim.

US-backed peace talks between Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas bogged down late last year after Israel announced plans to build hundreds of new homes in Har Homa.

MNA/Reuters

EU peacekeeping force resumes deployment in Chad

N'DJAMENA, 14 Feb—A European Union peacekeeping force bound for eastern Chad resumed its deployment in the central African country on Tuesday, after a temporary suspension caused by fighting between the government Army and rebels.

The EUFOR mission said in a statement that a military transport plane arrived on Tuesday

in the east Chadian town of Abeche. “This arrival marks the effective restart of the EUFOR Chad-Central African Republic deployment,” the statement said.

It added that further EUFOR deployment flights to Abeche and to the Chadian capital N'Djamena in the west would follow in the coming days.

MAN/Reuters



A palaeontologist shows a model of a new species of tiny prehistoric flying reptile (*Nemicolopterus crypticus*) after a news conference in Rio de Janeiro on 11 Feb, 2008. —INTERNET

Vietnam to allow foreigners to buy flats

HANOI, 14 Feb—Some 10,000 foreigners in Vietnam will be, under a pilot scheme worked out by the Vietnamese Government, eligible for purchasing flats in the country in the near future, local newspaper *New Hanoi* reported on Wednesday.

Under the scheme slated for being approved by the National Assembly of Vietnam, the country’s top legislature, some 10,000 foreigners living and working in Hanoi and southern Ho Chi Minh City will be permitted to buy flats, not villas.

MNA/Xinhua

German aid worker kidnapped in Somalia

BOSASSO (Somalia), 13 Feb—Gunmen kidnapped a German aid worker on Tuesday in an ambush on his car in northwestern Somalia, his colleague said.

The incident took place in Era Gabo, a town in the breakaway republic of

Somaliland.

“They were two Germans who went out this morning to the outskirts of Era Gabo ... On their way they were ambushed by gunmen who opened fire at their pick up truck wounding the driver,” said Mohamed Haji

Ismail, a Somali working for German Agro Action (GAA), also known as Deutsche Welthungerhilfe.

“In the confusion, the gunmen only kidnapped the German man who worked for GAA.” Speaking to *Reuters* by telephone, he named the abducted man as Daniel Bronkal.

MNA/Reuters

Berkeley Police officers keep anti-war protesters away from war effort supporters outside Berkeley City Hall in Berkeley, Calif, on 12 Feb, 2008.

INTERNET



Shining moon in Danyawady

Dr Nilar Thein (Lin Yaung Thit)

We again made a trip to Sittway, also known as Danyawady, in Rakhine State under the arrangement of the Union Solidarity and Development Association and in cooperation with the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Transport, the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and other social organizations on 28 January 2008.

Since 2000, we have given free treatments to those with eye complaints throughout the nation. During the 15 trips we made throughout the nation in 2007 alone, we provided health care services for a record number of more than 40,000 patients and performed operations on 3605 people suffering cataract.

We designated Sittway Hospital as the venue. At each table, two each of eye specialists Dr Aye Myat Oo, Dr Nan Ei Shwe Sin, Dr Tin Aye Khaing, Dr Moe Aye Lat, Dr Maung Maung Myo Win and Dr Aung Ne Oo at the same time examined two people with eyesight problems with the assistance of members of the social organizations under the supervision of Dr Khin Hsan Nwe and Dr Sandar Aung. A week before our trip, two ophthalmologists of Sittway selected those with cataract. So, when we arrived at the venue, about 100 patients were ready to be operated. Dr Moe Kyaw, Dr Nilar Thein, Dr Yi Lin, Dr Aung Moe Tun and Dr Chaw Wai Lwin carried out operations on seven patients at the same time with the use of seven microscopes under the close supervision of Professor Dr Kan Nyunt, Professor Dr Mya Aung and Dr Thuzar Han.

For convenience, members of Rakhine State USDA and local health staff organized local people door-to-door about one month ahead of the programme. The compound of the hospital and the entire town were active and lively with patients and their helpers, thus Managing Director U Soe Tint of the Inland Water Transport and the wellwishers of Golden Wax Company were amazed.

As usual, we noticed that the majority of the patients were suffering from cataract. Some of the patients were suffering a hereditary disease of retinitis pigmentosa that was hardly found in other regions.

In Rakhine State, 1500 out of 100,000 people lose eyesight due to cataract. Many of the fishermen suffer eye complaints because they always see reflections of sunshine in the waves while fishing in the sea. Despite suffering cataract, and having sore pupils and sore coneras, they failed to go to see the doctors.

At 7 am the following day, we removed the dressings, cleaned the eyes and gave eye-drops, and examined their eyesight. Then, they were found very pleased with their regaining eyesight. They were pleased with the arrangements of Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Maung Shein, USDA CEC Member (In-charge of Rakhine State USDA) Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe and wife Head of Department of Disciplinary Concerns of MWAF Daw Mya Theingi, Brig-Gen Than Tun Aung of Sittway Station and officials. Holding the hand of the wellwisher, an old Rakhine national who had

regained his eyesight, said, "I could not find words to thank you enough. Previously, I was blind, so, I once tried to commit suicide and I thought I was at a dead end. But, now I have regained my eyesight, so I will have to say prayers for the well-being of my benefactors. I was not in a position to do meritorious deeds at will while I was blind. I am greatly indebted to the doctors and the donors."

Dr Moe Kyaw gave talks on Do's and Don'ts in Rakhine language to the patients. Wellwishers presented a patient each with 5000 kyats, and officials, a pair of sunglasses and eyedrops.

A large number of local residents of various national races having problems with eyesight regained their eyesight, and that was all we team members gained in the trip. In the operation, we members achieved the common goal of helping people with poor or no eyesight to regain their eyesight.

Therefore, I could not help recognizing the wellwishers for their generous donation of everything necessary for the whole operation along with daily meals for the patients and hospital staff.

In four days, we examined 5120 local people with eyesight problems, performed operations on 603 patients and provided 445 pairs of eyeglasses.

On our way home, our hearts were filled with great delight because we made a great contribution towards the goal of the Ministry of Health. If the organizers and donors were a shining moon, we were shinning stars around the moon.

Translation: MS



Optometrists examining patients with eye complaints.



Those responsible meet patients.

Commander supervises regional development tasks in Htantabin Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Feb — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win and officials concerned went on an inspection tour of Yangon University (West) in Htantabin Township this afternoon.

During the inspection tour, the commander inspected progress in preparing earth work with the use of heavy machinery, fencing and efforts for enabling bamboo trees to be grown at the university.

After giving necessary instructions to the officials concerned, he made arrangements to fulfil the requirements.

At Hteinhnitpin village, the commander viewed irrigation water supply to the 50-acre summer paddy field that belongs to peasant U Kyi with the use

of power-tillers.

At the office of Township PDC, the commander met with departmental officials, members of social organizations and looked into progress in building retaining wall to prevent the bank erosion in Htantabin Township.

Next, the commander oversaw fresh water prawn farm, progress in paving 12 feet wide and 1580 feet long Bayintnaung road, Kogyi sluice gate project, Kyungu river water pumping project and the 10-acre paddy field.

Htantabin has already cultivated over 46000 acres of summer paddy, over 5000 acres of edible oil crops, over 9000 acres of pulses and beans and over 600 acres of corn. — MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win inspects progress of Kogyi Sluice Gate in Htantabin Township. — MNA

Foreign Minister receives Bangladeshi delegation

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Feb — A Bangladeshi delegation led by Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Mr Md Touhid Hossain, together with Bangladeshi Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Abu Roshde Rokonuddawla called on U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar at his office here on 12 February.

The delegation attended the 3rd Annual Foreign Office Consultations between Myanmar and Bangladesh Tuesday morning.

At the Annual Consultations, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu and Foreign Secretary of Bangladesh Mr Touhid

Hossain discussed the matters of mutual interests and ways to promote cooperation between the two countries.

In the evening, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu hosted dinner in

honour of the visiting Bangladeshi Foreign Secretary and party at Thingaha Hotel here.

The Bangladeshi delegation also called on Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung, Deputy Minister

for Construction U Tint Swe and Deputy Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Aung Tun at their respective offices here on 13 February and left Yangon by air this afternoon.

MNA



Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win receives Foreign Secretary Mr Md Touhid Hossain of Bangladesh. — MNA



State Peace and Development Council member Lt-Gen Tin Aye of Ministry of Defence being welcomed by Ambassador of Democratic People's Republic of Korea Mr Kim Sok Chol at the reception to mark the birthday of Chairman of the National Defence Commission Mr Kim Jong Il on 14 February 2008. — MNA

Education Minister inspects universities, colleges

YANGON, 14 Feb — Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein inspected University of Foreign Languages, Institute of Education (Yangon), Yangon East University, National Management Education College and Yangon West University on 3 and 4 February.

The minister inspected research work such as solar power fruit drier, solar power stove, solar power water purifier jointly conducted by Renewable Energy Committee of Yangon Division and Physics Department of Yangon West University. Later, he proceeded to University for Distance Education and attended to the needs.

On 5 February, Minister Dr Chan Nyein went to Bago Degree College and Hlegu Education College.

He called for promotion of education standard and enjoyed English language proficiency debate contest there.

Next, he proceeded to Dagon University. And he inspected lecture hall of Physics Department and observed learning of the students. — MNA

Products of Petchnumfah introduced

YANGON, 14 Feb — Natural fertilizer produced by Petchnumfah Co Ltd, Thailand, was introduced at Thazin Naing Trading Co Ltd here yesterday.

President U Thant Zin of Thazin Naing Trading Co., Ltd explained the purpose of introducing Super J K A4, Double Diamond, Crown, Petchkue brand fertilizers produced by Petchnumfah Co Ltd, Thailand.

For further information, contact Thazin Naing Trading Ltd at No 1,301, Level-13, Olympic Tower, Bo Aung Kyaw Road, Kyauktada Township, Ph 256619, 392534, 245608 and Fax- 392534. — MNA

Union Day delegate national race cultural troupes present performances

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Feb — National race cultural troupes who had attended the 61st Anniversary Union Day ceremony as delegates gave performances at the open air theater in the compound of Nay Pyi Taw City Hall yesterday evening.

Artistes of the Fine Arts Department, cultural troupes of Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine and Shan States and Taninthayi Division presented performances to the audience.

The performance continued at the same venue up to 14 February. — MNA

Union Day delegates perform traditional dances at the open air theatre in the compound of Nay Pyi Taw City Hall. — MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi receives Russian Ambassador Mr Mikhail M Mgeladze and Nobel Oil Co Chairman Mr Grigory Gurevich. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Feb — Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi received Russian Ambassador Mr Mikhail M Mgeladze and Chairman of Nobel Oil Company Mr Grigory Gurevich at the ministry, here, on 11 February. The meeting focused on the energy sector.

MNA

USDA CEC member presents cash and books to schools in Ngazun Township

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Feb — CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung looked into condition of Ayeyawady River near Ngazun and donated K 50000 to the funds of Myatheindan Pagoda in Ngazun on 6 February.

At Kyauktalon village Basic Education High School (branch), the deputy minister and wife handed over 50 dozens of

exercise books to the school and presented K 50,000 to ninth standard student Ma Khine Khine Htoo.

Next, the deputy minister met with health staff and members of social organizations at the Ngazun Township People's Hospital and presented K 100,000 each to medical fund and health staff and K 50,000 each to Women's Affairs Organization and Maternal and Child Welfare Association of the township. He also gave cash assistance to the patients.

The deputy minister and wife also presented 50 dozens of exercise books to Gyo village BEHS (branch) at the school.

They also attended the opening of the third Col Nyan Tun Aung Invitational Cup football tournament at the playground of the township and opening of bio-fuel used generator at Min village in Kyaungnankay village-tract.

On 7 February, the CEC member and wife attended the ceremony to set out mountaineering and hiking journey of youth from five townships organized by Myingyan District USDA. — MNA



Union Day delegates visit Nay Pyi Taw Myoma Market. — MNA

YUCS holds Sixth International Conference on Computer Application 2008

YANGON, 14 Feb — The opening ceremony of the Sixth International Conference on Computer Application 2008 conducted by Yangon University of Computer Studies was held at Sedona Hotel here this morning.

In the morning session, Professor Dr Yoshinori Sagisaka of Waseda University Global Information and Telecommunication Institute, Tokyo, Japan, presented paper on Communicative Prosody

Processing For Synthesis and Recognition of Paralinguistic Information, and Professor Dr Jong Sou Park of Korea Aerospace University, Seoul, the Republic of Korea on Virtualization Technology and Security. In the afternoon, the paper-reading session continued.

The paper-reading session was held with a view

to producing the international level computer professionals. Local and foreign resource persons are scheduled to read out 52 research papers. The session continues tomorrow.

Yangon University of Computer Studies has been holding the paper reading sessions since 2003 and today's session was the 6th of its kind. — MNA

Union Day delegates on study tour of Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Feb — The delegates to the 61st Anniversary Union Day, accompanied by officials concerned, visited offices of the ministries, here, this morning.

On arrival at Nay Pyi Taw National Herbal Plants Garden, Deputy Director-General of Traditional Medicine Department U Aung Myat Kyaw gave an account of the garden.

They also visited Nay Pyi Taw Myoma Market, Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone and Nay Pyi Taw Water Fountain Garden.

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All this needs to be known

- * Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- * Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- * Do not be softened whenever appeased



A woman wipes tears from her eyes as she watches Prime Minister Kevin Rudd apologise to Aboriginal Australians on a big screen outside Parliament House in Canberra on 13 Feb, 2008. Australia apologised on Wednesday for the historic mistreatment of Aborigines in a move indigenous leaders said would help end generations of pain.

INTERNET

US’ ICE denies legal aid to suspected illegal workers

LOS ANGELES, 14 Feb— Civil rights activists have accused US immigration officials of denying legal aid to some of the 130 suspected undocumented workers caught during a raid by federal agents in Los Angeles, local media reported on Tuesday.

In a news conference outside the Federal Building in downtown Los Angeles Monday, Stacy Tolchin, an attorney with the National Lawyers Guild, accused

officials from the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency of not allowing some of the workers access to attorneys for their post-raid interviews.

Tolchin said the ICE, which is under the

leadership of the US Department of Homeland Security, was using “coercion tactics” to force the workers into admitting they were unlawfully in the United States before they could get a court hearing.

MNA/Xinhua

Clashes kill policemen, 7 gunmen in N Baghdad

TIKRIT (Iraq), 14 Feb —A policeman and seven gunmen were killed and 18 suspected insurgents were detained in clashes between policemen and gunmen in Salahudin Province on Tuesday, a provincial police source said. A fierce clash first erupted when gunmen attacked a police checkpoint outside the town of Shirqat, 280 kilometres north of Baghdad, and fled the scene, Colonel Hassan Ahimad from the provincial police command told Xinhua.

MNA/Xinhua



Children look at a van that was hit when a parked car bomb exploded, killing at least 4 people and injuring 28 in a popular market in Sadr city district of northeastern Baghdad, on 14 Feb, 2008.

INTERNET



A cargo ship waits to be unloaded at Port Everglades in Florida. The US annual trade deficit fell for the first time in six years in 2007, to 711.6 billion dollars from 758.5 billion, as strong exports offset record-high oil prices and a big gap with China.—INTERNET

Bangladesh Govt to set up electronic registry system

DHAKA, 14 Feb— The Bangladesh Government will set up an electronic registry system this month to enable Bangladesh nationals to have access to the country’s regulations, officials said on Tuesday.

Officials said Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed is expected to inaugurate the first ever e-registry system on 20 February to lessen the hassles people face in obtaining government orders, gazette notifications and rules.

“Nothing will be concealed. People will be able to find any rules with just a click,” Establishment Secretary Abdus Salam Khan was quoted by leading English newspaper *The Financial Express* as saying on Wednesday.

“The initiative is part of the government’s policy to ensure Right to Information. If fully developed, the website will provide all new and old government orders and gazette notifications for the intending users,” he told the newspaper. Since independence, the country has got a plethora of rules and orders, but those cannot be found in books or offices much to the misery of the public. —MNA/Xinhua

Rudd calls on nation to turn on a new page

CANBERRA, 14 Feb— In delivering a national apology to the indigenous people of the country, Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd on Wednesday called on the nation to look forward and turn on a new page.

“Indigenous and non-indigenous Australians, government and opposition, common-wealth and state needed to turn a new page and write a new chapter in our nation’s story together,” he said.

“The nation is calling on us the politicians to move beyond our infantile bickering, our point scoring, our mindlessly partisan politics and elevate this one, at least this one, area of national responsibility to a rare position beyond the partisan divide.”

“My proposal is this: if the apology we extend today is expected in the spirit of reconciliation in which it is offered, we can today resolve together that there be a new beginning for Australia.”

“Our challenge for the future is now to pass that bridge and, in so doing, embrace a new partnership between indigenous and non-indigenous Australians”.

Unless the symbolism of the apology was accompanied by greater substance it was little more than a clanging gong, he said.

“It’s not sentiment that makes history, it’s actions,” Rudd added.

He urged non-

indigenous people who “might not fully understand” the need for an apology, to put themselves in the shoes of the stolen generations.

I ask those non-indigenous Australians to imagine for a moment if this had happened to you,” he said.

Rudd also called for the opposition join the government in forming the equivalent a war cabinet to tackled indigenous issues.

MNA/Xinhua

Listeriosis may have infected 1,300 Bulgarian children

SOFIA, 14 Feb—About 1,300 children in Bulgaria’s three southern cities may have been infected with Listeriosis after drinking contaminated milk in their kindergartens, the *Sofia News Agency* reported Tuesday. Local authorities said the children in the municipalities of Dupnitsa, Rila by Kocherinovo will be examined for Listeriosis, a serious bacteria infection typically affecting infants, unborn babies, the elderly and others with weak immune systems.—MNA/Xinhua

Images of the Day



A close-up image shows a pair of entangled fibers that make up a microfiber nanogenerator. Both fibers are coated with zinc oxide nanowires; one fiber is additionally coated with gold. When rubbed together, they generate electrical current.—INTERNET



A chocolate fountain at a food fair. Ghana, the world's number two cocoa producer, in a bid to boost domestic consumption of cocoa and chocolate, is celebrating its second national Chocolate Day on 14 February, better known in most of the world as Valentine's Day.—INTERNET



*Manuel Uribe, the world's fattest man, according to the Guinness Book of Records, pictured in 2006, proudly announced on Tuesday he dropped 230 kilograms (570 pounds), nearly half his original weight in less time than doctors had expected.
INTERNET*



A senior zookeeper feeds a newly-hatched Humboldt penguin chick on 12 Feb, 2008, at the Chicago Zoological Society's Brookfield Zoo in Brookfield, Ill.—INTERNET



*Children interact with a robot during the annual "Campus Party" Internet users gathering in Sao Paulo on 13 Feb, 2008.
INTERNET*



A shopkeeper setting out pots of kimchi at a market in Seoul. A specially engineered version of kimchi, South Korea's beloved pickle dish, has been cleared for a historic space mission this year, officials said on Wednesday.—INTERNET

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HIV infection rate stays high in Finland

HELSINKI, 13 Feb—HIV infection rate in Finland has remained at a high level with more than 190 persons infected by the deadly virus each year since 2006, said the Finnish National Public Health Institute on Monday. The number of HIV infection from sexual contact grew by about 33 per cent since 2006 and HIV infections among gay men have increased rapidly in Finland, experts from the institute told local media.

Thanks to distribution of clean needles and education on the issues, the number of HIV infection caused by using infected needles went down, only eight new HIV cases of this kind were found last year, they said.

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Hizbollah’s commander killed in Syria blast

BEIRUT, 14 Feb—Hizbollah military Commander Imad Moughniyah was killed by a car bomb in Damascus on Tuesday, the Lebanese group said, announcing the death of the man believed to be behind Western hostage taking in Lebanon in the 1980s.

Hizbollah, which is backed by Syria and Iran, accused Israel of killing Moughniyah, thought to be in his late 40s.

“After a life full of jihad, sacrifices and accomplishments ... Haj Imad Moughniyah ... died a martyr at the hands of the Israeli Zionists,” said Hizbollah which fought a 34-day war in 2006 with the Jewish state.

Islamic Jihad, a shadowy pro-Iranian group widely believed linked to Hizbollah, kidnapped several Western hostages, including Americans, in Beirut in the mid 1980s.—MNA/Reuters

Israeli forces roll into destroyed Rafah airport

GAZA, 14 Feb — A number of Israeli Army tanks on Wednesday rolled into the destroyed airport of Rafah Town in southern Gaza Strip after withdrawing last night following clashes, witnesses said.

Five tanks and two bulldozers took up positions in the airport, the only airport in the Gaza Strip which operated from 1998 until it was closed in 2001, said the witnesses.

In the past years, Israel destroyed large parts of the airport, including the control tower and the runway.

It was reported that clashes erupted between Palestinian militants and the Israeli troops on Tuesday before the vehicles retreating at midnight.

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Hainan to start construction of submarine cable project

HAIKOU, 13 Feb—China’s first submarine power cable will be laid through the Qiongzhou Straits this year, connecting the provincial grids of Guangdong and the southernmost Hainan Island, a China Southern Power Grid (CSG) spokesman said.

“Initial construction started early last year, but the substantial part of the project will be constructed this year at a cost of 2.1 billion yuan (280 million US dollars),” the spokesman said. A 34.7-kilometre benthal cable and a 144-kilometre trolley wire will be constructed to link the Gangcheng transformer substation in Guangdong’s Zhanjiang City and the Fushan transformer substation in Hainan’s Chengmai County with a 500-kilovolt alternating current grid.—MNA/Xinhua

Document on Arab satellite transmission approved

CAIRO, 14 Feb — The Arab information ministers on Tuesday approved a document regulating satellite TV and radio transmission in the Arab region, said Egyptian Minister of Information Ahmad Nabih el-Fekki. El-Fekki made the announcement at a Press conference after the extraordinary meeting of the Arab information ministers in Cairo.

He added that Qatar expressed reservations over the document because of its desire to refer it to the Qatari legislative institutions.

The document stresses the freedom of expression as a pillar of the Arab media work, affirming commitment to respect each country's sovereignty and respect of free transmission, according to Egypt's official MENA news agency.

While pressing for guaranteeing the rights of Arab citizens to follow up national, regional and international events through open transmission, it also stipulates that service

providers must abide by regulations governing the media work, including respect of human rights and refraining from "incitement to hatred, violence or terrorism."

The document stipulates that satellite channels "should not damage social harmony, national unity, public order or traditional values", and calls for stations and broadcasters "not to offend leaders or national and religious symbols" of Arab countries

MNA/Xinhua

Cardiologist says love good for heart

WASHINGTON, 14 Feb — If you are in love this Valentine's Day, you have more than one reason to celebrate as scientific theory suggests that a healthy and loving relationship is good for the heart.

Research data suggests that being involved in any type of healthy and close relationship may have a lot of positive health benefits, said Julie Damp, a cardiologist at the US Vanderbilt Heart and Vascular Institute, in a Press release on Tuesday.

"There are a couple of different theories behind why that might be," Damp said.

Most of the theories seem to be related to the fact that people who are married or who are in close and healthy relationships tend to be less likely to smoke, are more physically active and are more likely to have a well-developed social structure.

MNA/Xinhua

British teenagers jailed over father-of-three's murder

LONDON, 13 Feb — Three teenagers were sentenced to a total of at least 44 years on Monday for murdering a father-of-three who died in an attack outside his home.

Garry Newlove, 47, was set upon after he confronted the group of youths who had vandalized a mechanical digger and

another vehicle in Warrington, Cheshire last August.

He died in hospital two days later from head injuries after being kicked like a football, police said.

Adam Swellings, 19, Stephen Sorton, 17, and Jordan Cunliffe, 16, were found guilty of his

murder at Chester Crown Court last month.

Two other teenagers, aged 17 and 15, were acquitted after a trial lasting several weeks.

Swellings, who had earlier pleaded guilty to manslaughter, was sentenced to a minimum term of 17 years.

MNA/Reuters

World's largest ferris wheel debuts in Singapore

SINGAPORE, 13 Feb — The world's largest ferris wheel, the Singapore Flyer, made its first spin on Monday, offering passengers a bird's eye view of the city-state as well as parts of neighbouring Malaysia and Indonesia.

Over 700 executives from 17 corporations and their guests sipped wine and nibbled on salmon canapes while soaking up the view of the Southeast Asian city-state by night.

The inaugural rotation cost the companies a hefty 8,888 Singapore dollars (6,277 US dollars) per capsule — a prosperous number according to Chinese belief.

"It's different. It was very cool being able to see to Singapore's golf courses from the top and the F1 (Formula One) pit being built," said 16-year-old Joanne Chong.

Her father Winstedt Chong, a business consultant in his 50s, was less impressed.

"I have sat on the KL (Kuala Lumpur) and Tokyo observation wheels, and the Singapore Flyer is not as beautiful.

I hope they brush up on the lighting and decoration," he said. —MNA/Reuters

Okinawa governor seeks changes to US forces deal

TOKYO, 14 Feb — Okinawa's governor called on Wednesday for changes in an agreement on the status of US troops in Japan as diplomats flew to the island to try to soothe anger over the suspected rape of a schoolgirl by a US Marine.

"To resolve various issues concerning US bases, it is not enough to just improve the implementation of the Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA), which relies on US discretion," an agency quoted Okinawa Governor Hirokazu Nakaima as telling the prefectural assembly. "Fundamental revisions are necessary."

The 38-year-old Marine, Tyrone Hadnott, based at Camp Courtney on the island, was arrested on Monday on suspicion of raping the 14-year-old girl when the two were in a car on Sunday. He has denied raping the girl but acknowledged forcing her to kiss him, an Okinawa police spokesman said.

"When such incidents occur, the anger of the Okinawan people peaks," Nakaima told US Ambassador to Japan, Thomas Schieffer.

"This could have a big impact on the US military, the Okinawan people and various issues regarding the US bases in Okinawa."

MNA/Reuters



Bodybuilding competitors in a file photo. A group of 10 body-builders from a German gym took a break from their normal training routine to help a driver whose car was stuck in a ditch, police said on 11 Feb, 2008.—INTERNET

China sets pollution reduction targets for 2008

BEIJING, 13 Feb — China will aim this year to reduce its emissions of sulphur dioxide by 6 per cent from their 2005 levels as it steps up efforts to fight pollution, its top environmental official said in remarks published on Tuesday.

The official Xinhua news agency cited Zhou Shengxian, head of the State Environmental Protection Administration (SEPA), as saying that the

government would close many small coal-fired power plants, as well as steel mills and cement plants, to cut emissions of the acid rain-causing pollutant. Zhou also said the government aimed to reduce COD, or chemical oxygen demand, a measure of water pollution, by 5 per cent from its 2005 level this year.

Many Chinese cities suffer from choking smog, including this year's

Olympic host Beijing. The level of air pollution in the capital and its possible effects on athletes has been one of the biggest issues facing organizers of the Games. Zhou said that Beijing would work with five other provinces and municipalities surrounding it to control air pollution during the Olympics, including by limiting traffic and shutting down polluting factories.

MNA/Reuters



People wait to cross the closed Egyptian border with the Gaza Strip on 10 Feb, 2008.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Ireland appoints Trapattoni as manager

DUBLIN, 14 Feb — Ireland have appointed Italian Giovanni Trapattoni, one of Europe's most successful coaches, as national manager, officials said on Wednesday.

The appointment ends months of searching since Steve Staunton was sacked after he failed to get the team into Euro 2008.

Former Italian national coach Trapattoni, 68, confirmed earlier on Wednesday that he would leave his current Austrian club Salzburg at the end of the season to become manager of Ireland's national side.

"We had certain criteria...Trapattoni ticked (them) all," said Irish caretaker coach Don Givens, who led the selection committee.

"I don't think there is any doubt with this manager we'll be more difficult to beat," Givens told a news conference.— MNA/Reuters

Argentina stays top of FIFA world rankings for fifth straight month

ZURICH, 13 Feb —Switzerland (AP) — Argentina stayed atop the FIFA world rankings for the fifth straight month. With few matches played by the top teams over the past month, Greece's rise of one place to 10th was the only change in the top 10 released by FIFA Wednesday. Brazil, Italy, Spain and Germany rounded out the top five places, followed by the Czech Republic, France, Portugal, Netherlands and Greece.

Mexico stayed the highest ranked CONCACAF team at No. 16, 10 spots ahead of the United States, which dropped six places after losing some of its older ranking points.

There was plenty of movement lower down after the African Cup of Nations, with tournament host Ghana becoming the continent's highest ranked team by rising 29 places — the most of the 207 teams in the rankings — to 14th after reaching the semifinals.

Egypt improved to 29th from 35th after successfully defending its title, with runner-up Cameroon up eight spots to 17th and semifinalist Ivory Coast up 14 to 24th.—Internet

Egypt eye 2010 World Cup after African Cup victory

DUBAI, 14 Feb —Egypt are eyeing the 2010 World Cup finals after clinching a record sixth African Nations victory.

"We will make it to the World Cup. Winning the African Cup of Nations proved that we are able to play against and beat very strong teams," 25-year-old striker Mohamed Zidan told Reuters on the sidelines of a victory celebration in Dubai.

A throng of young girls, some with the Egyptian flag painted on their faces, screamed at the top of their voices "Zizou" while reaching out to the player who set up the winning goal for teammate Mohammed Aboutrika in the final in Accra on Sunday.

The North African team retained their title by beating four-time champions Cameroon 1-0 but Egypt have only reached the World Cup finals twice — in Italy in 1934 and 1990.

The next World Cup, in South Africa, will be the first played on African soil.

"The Egyptian team is a very strong team and winning Africa's tournament proved that. In the next phase, we will come closer to the World Cup," Coach Hassan Shehata said. — MNA/Reuters

Bayern keepers hit by illness, shoelaces

BERLIN, 13 Feb — Bayern Munich may be forced to turn to 41-year-old Bernd Dreher to keep goal in Thursday's UEFA Cup game with Aberdeen after the club's regular keepers were hit by illness and a mysterious shoelace accident. Bayern number one Oliver Kahn, suffering from flu symptoms, travelled with the Bayern team to Scotland only to be sent straight back on doctor's orders. Michael Rensing, Kahn's deputy, is doubtful for the round of 32 game after injuring his back while bending to tie his shoelaces.

"A couple of days ago Michael hurt his back while tying his shoes," coach Ottmar Hitzfeld told reporters with the Bayern team. "I'm confident he'll be able to play, though. In an emergency we'll find someone to tie his laces for him."

If Hitzfeld does have to call on Dreher it will be only his third senior match in the last three seasons.

Bayern will be without four other first-team regulars on Thursday.

Franck Ribery is out with a hamstring strain, while fellow midfielder Mark van Bommel has a thigh problem. Centre-back Daniel van Buyten is still recovering from a bout of flu, while 30-year-old full-back Willy Sagnol is being rested.—Internet



Colombia's Cucuta Deportivo's Elvis Rivas, front, fights for the ball with Brazil's Santos' Wesley during a Copa Libertadores soccer game in Cucuta, Colombia, on 13 Feb, 2008.

INTERNET

Australia rejects Premier League's overseas plan

SYDNEY, 14 Feb — Australia has joined the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) in rejecting a proposal by the English Premier League to play club matches overseas.

The Premier League last week announced a proposal to launch an extra "International Round" of fixtures during the 2010-11 season in cities which had bid for the rights to stage matches.

Sydney and Melbourne were put forward as possible venues but the Football Federation of Australia (FFA) said it would oppose plans to play matches in Australia because it wanted to protect its own fledgling domestic A-League.

"We said when this issue first arose last week that FFA's overwhelming priority is to promote the A-League and to continue to invest in, and grow, the game in Australia...that remains our view," FFA Chairman Frank Lowy said in a statement.

"The bottom line is, FFA rejects the notion of another country playing a round of their domestic competition in Australia and intruding on the development of the A-League and the game in Australia."

MNA/Reuters



Chivas' Hector Reynoso, left, fights for the ball with Santos' Matias Vuoso, from Argentina, during a Mexico's soccer league game in Guadalajara, on 13 Feb, 2008.

INTERNET

Real Madrid tops richest soccer club ranking

LONDON, 14 Feb —Real Madrid held its position as the world's richest soccer club as English clubs climbed the rankings to claim three of the top five slots in an annual survey by accountancy firm Deloitte.

Manchester United climbed two places to second in the latest "Football Money League" table of the world's 20 biggest soccer clubs ranked by revenue, Deloitte said. London-based teams Chelsea and Arsenal also climbed to fourth and fifth places, respectively, while Barcelona dropped one place from second to third, Deloitte said.

"This is the first time that any country has had three clubs in the top five of the Money League," said Dan Jones, a partner at the Sports Business Group at Deloitte. "Arsenal's move to the Emirates Stadium has transformed their revenues whilst Chelsea's revenue increase sees them return to the top five."

MNA/Reuters

Sheffield United owner to buy into Hungary's club

BUDAPEST, 14 Feb — Sheffield United owner Kevin McCabe has won a tender to buy into Hungary's best known club Ferencvaros, ending a two-year saga during which the team was relegated due to its debts.

Hungary's National Asset Management Council said on Wednesday that McCabe's Hungarian firm, Esplanade Kft, would buy the struggling club's real estate, including its stadium in central Budapest, for 3.035 billion forints (16.58 million US dollars).

Ferencvaros have been Hungarian champions 28 times and won the domestic cup 20 times but the club's debts, which are estimated at over 10 million US dollars, have mounted in the past decade and the team was relegated to the second division in 2006.

Five failed tenders to sell the real estate and ground have been held over the past two years.

The deal will help Ferencvaros pay its debts and upgrade its stadium to meet FIFA and UEFA requirements.

MNA/Reuters

Turkey says in talks to buy Israeli spy satellite

ANKARA, 14 Feb— Turkey wants to buy an Israeli spy satellite, but the Jewish state's demand that any of its sensitive military facilities stay off-limits to surveillance could scupper the deal, officials said on Tuesday.

Turkish Defence Minister Vecdi Gonul told reporters after hosting his Israeli counterpart Ehud Barak the proposed

purchase of an Ofek satellite was under discussion "at the technical level".

An Israeli official familiar with the negotiations said they have been going on for several years, with disagreements arising over cost and Israel's efforts to ensure a Turkish-owned Ofek would not monitor its nuclear facilities and some other sites.— MNA/Reuters

Snow, bad weather damage 18.6 mln ha of Chinese forest

BEIJING, 14 Feb— The extreme weather that hit China in recent weeks has damaged 18.6 million hectares of forest in 19 snow-afflicted provincial regions, the State Forestry Administration announced here Wednesday.

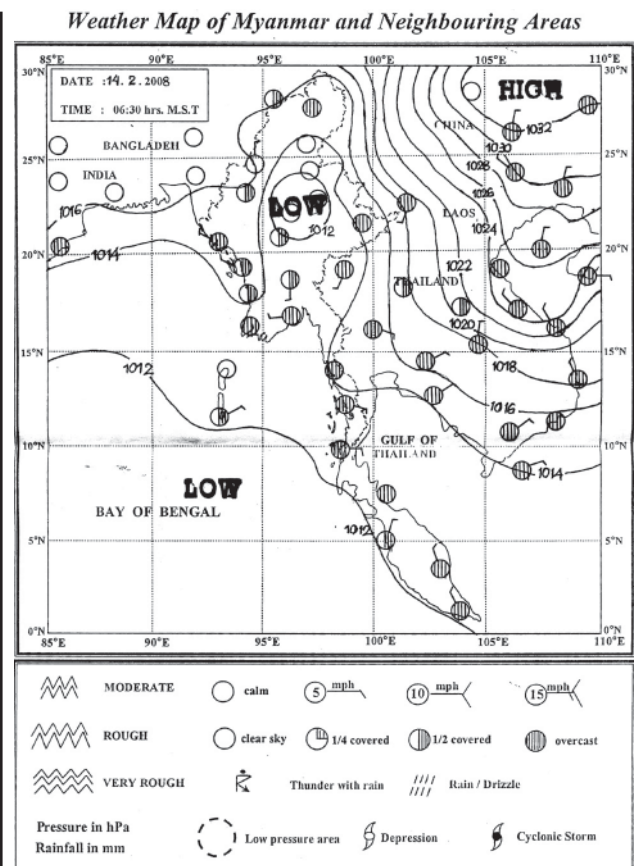
The total included 6.83 million ha of bamboo, 11.62 million ha of woods and 15,333 ha of saplings, according to the administration.

The 19 provincial-level areas plagued by snow and cold weather were Hunan, Hubei, Anhui, Guangxi, Jiangxi, Guizhou, Henan, Yunnan, Sichuan, Chongqing, Qinghai, Shaanxi, Gansu, Xinjiang, Zhejiang, Jiangsu, Fujian, Guangdong and Hainan.

The administration has earmarked 4.3 million yuan (597,200 US dollars) as a supplement to the 30 million yuan designated by the central government to support forestry sector relief work.

Freaky winter storms have plagued southern China since mid-January, leading to widespread traffic jams, structural collapse, blackouts and crop loss. It also killed at least 80 people and affected about 100 million residents, according to the Ministry of Civil Affairs.

MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Thursday, 14 February, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 9:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division, weather has been partly cloudy in Shan, Rakhine, Mon, Kayin and Kayah States, Mandalay Division and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below February average temperatures in Kachin and Rakhine States, Mandalay, Magway and Bago Divisions, (7°C) to (8°C) below February average temperatures in Chin State and upper Sagaing Division, (3°C) to (4°C) above February average temperatures in Shan, Kayin and Mon States and Taninthayi Division and about February average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Haka (-4°C), Loilem (2°C) and Namhsan (4°C). The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Myeik (0.12) inch.

Maximum temperature on 13-2-2008 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 14-2-2008 was 65°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 14-2-2008 was 67%. Total sunshine hours on 13-2-2008 was (8.7) hours approx.

Rainfall on 14-2-2008 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (0.67) inch at Mingaladon, (0.47) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.35) inch at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southeast at (18:30) hours MST on 13-2-2008.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 15-2-2008: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers are likely in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division, weather will be partly cloudy in Shan, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States, Sagaing, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. 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 continuation of rain or thundershowers in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 15-2-2008: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 15-2-2008: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 15-2-2008: Partly cloudy.

Attention to heart health good for brain

NEW YORK, 14 Feb— A recent survey found that two out of three African Americans worry about developing heart disease and two out of five are concerned about developing Alzheimer's disease, yet only one in 20 are aware that heart health is linked to brain health.

February is Black History Month and American Heart Month, and the Alzheimer's Association and the American Stroke Association, a division of the American Heart Association, are teaming up to educate African Americans on how to manage heart health to promote brain health.

"What's good for your heart is good for your brain," Dr Jennifer Manly, spokesperson for the Alzheimer's Association, said in a statement.

"African Americans

should be aware that there is building evidence that older adults whose hearts are healthy tend to live longer with healthy brain function," Manly added in comments to Reuters Health. Manly is with the GH Sergievsky Centre and the Taub Institute for Research in Aging and Alzheimer's Disease at Columbia University, New York. Compared to the general public, African Americans have a higher risk of diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol and other cardiovascular complications, which could

lead to a higher risk of stroke and Alzheimer's disease. Manly said African Americans can help to improve their heart health and cognitive function by "partnering with their doctor and watching their numbers; keep blood pressure below 120/80 millimetres of mercury, fasting blood sugar less than 100 milligrammes per deciliter, cholesterol below 200 milligrammes per deciliter, and maintain a body weight in the recommended range".

MNA/Reuters



Friday, 15 February
View on today

7:00 am

1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာမဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ချုပ်၊ 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

7:55 am

5. လူပျိုရွေးပုံပြင်စိတ်ပျော်ရွှင်

8:05 am

6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:10 am

7. The mirror images of the musical oldies

8:20 am

8. ဟင်းရှက်ရေလှောင်တံ

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. အေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်

ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြား

သင်ခန်းစာ-စတုတ္ထနှစ်

(ဥပဒေပညာအထူးပြု)

(ဥပဒေပညာ)

5:00 pm

5. Song of National Races

5:15 pm

6. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား

5:30 pm

7. "အသိစိတ်ကလေး"

အရင်းတည်၍

(မြိုးငွေစိုး၊ ထက်ရှား၊

မိုးပြည့်ပြည့်မောင်)

(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 ရွှေညာဏ်ရှင်

7:05 pm

12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

"လေဒီယာနှင့်ဆုံစည်းခြင်း"

(အပိုင်း-၉)

7:50 pm

13. လူငယ်များဆင့်၌ ဖုန်ရင်ရေခဲ

တောင်အောင်ပွဲ

8:00 pm

14. News

15. International news

16. Weather report

17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

"ဘဝဆက်တိုင်း"

(အပိုင်း-၁)

18. The next day's programme

People's Desire

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

Eye surgical equipment donated to Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital (300-bed)

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Feb — The Vision Myanmar Project of AusAID of Australia donated eye surgical equipment to Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital (300-bed) of the Health Department under the Ministry of Health at the hall of the hospital this morning.

Dr James Muecke of AusAID explained the purpose of the donation and presented eye surgical equipment. Deputy Director-General Dr Win Myint of the Health Department accepted the donation and presented a certificate of honour to the wellwishers.

Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint and guests viewed the eye surgical equipment at the operation theatre of the hospital and comforted the patients.

The donations of



Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint views eye surgical equipment donated by AusAID at Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital (300-bed). — MNA

the Vision Myanmar Project were: Topcon Operation Microscope, Silt Lump Bio Microscope, A-San & Keratometer and Microsurgical Instrument.

Today, eye specialist Dr San San Nwe and eye surgeon Dr Yi Yi

Aung performed operations on 14 patients suffering from cataract.

The AusAID has also donated eye surgical equipment to Pyin Oo Lwin, Lashio and Thingangyun General Hospitals. — MNA

Objectives of the 63rd Anniversary Armed Forces Day

- * To work in concert with the people in building a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation
- * To realize the seven-step Road Map of the State joining hands with the people
- * Joining hands with the people and based on Union Spirit to crush internal and external destructive elements sabotaging stability and development of the State
- * To build a strong, capable and modern patriotic Tatmadaw to safeguard Our Three Main National Causes

Weather Forecast for (15-2-2008)

Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area
Partly cloudy.
Yangon and neighbouring area
Generally fair weather.
Mandalay and neighbouring area
Partly cloudy.

Significant Night Temperatures

Haka (-4°C)
Loilem (2°C)
Namhsan (4°C)

- ★ RFA, VOA and BBC airing skyful of lies
- ★ RFA, VOA and BBC saboteurs, watch your step!
- ★ The public be warned of killers in the air waves — RFA, VOA and BBC