

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

The Union of Myanmar The State Peace and Development Council

The Law Amending the Protection and Preservation of Cultural Heritage Regions Law (The State Peace and Development Council Law No. 1/2009) The 10th Waning of Pyatho, 1370 M.E (20 January, 2009)

The State Peace and Development Council hereby enacts the following Law:

1. This Law shall be called the **Law Amending the Protection and Preservation of Cultural Heritage Regions Law**.
2. In section 2 of the Protection and Preservation of Cultural Heritage Regions Law:
 - (a) the expression **“that have existed before 1886”** contained in subsection (b) shall be substituted by the expression **“that have existed since 100 years before the date on which the Department made inquiries as an ancient monument;”**
 - (b) the expression **“that have existed before 1886”** contained in subsection (c) shall be substituted by the expression **“that have existed since 100 years before the date on which the Department made inquiries as an ancient site.”**
3. The fines contained in sections 24 and 25 of the Protection and Preservation of Cultural Heritage Regions Law shall be substituted respectively by the expression **“with fine or”**
4. Section 28 of the Protection and Preservation of Cultural Heritage Regions Law shall be substituted as follows:

“28. Whoever fails to abide by the order passed under section 27, shall be liable to a fine which may extend from kyats ten thousand to kyats one hundred thousand for each day of failure to abide by such order.”

(Sd.) Than Shwe
Senior General
Chairman

The State Peace and Development Council

Newly opened Yuzana Market develops trade, creates jobs in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana

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Newly-opened Yuzana Market in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana being packed with shopkeepers and customers.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Protect forests for environmental conservation

Climate pattern of a region depends on the extent of the area of the forests in it. People, plants and animals depend on the environment, and vice versa.

Good environment is essential for fulfilling basic needs of world people, and for all living things to survive.

Deforestation is usually followed by climate changes, drought, and damage to farmlands along with hindrance to food productivity.

Myanmar has sufficient amount of farmland and water for agricultural purpose, and temperate climate. So, it contributes not only to local but also to global food security.

In Myanmar, water, land and forest resources are conserved and protected systematically. In the process, it designates and conserves forest reserves, wildlife parks and sanctuaries under the Forest Law.

Mangrove forests need conservation for protection of fish, prawn and crab that are the main source of meat for the people.

Good environment prevents landslides and air pollution, keeps water and air clean, restores scenic natural beauty, maintains soil fertile, protects animals, and conserves watershed areas.

So, the entire people have to conserve the environment collectively for prevention of environmental degradation and perpetual existence of woodlands.

Executive Director U Kaung Htet and Director U Wai Yan formally open the new shop of Mobilemate Telecommunications Co., Ltd. — MNA



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

Regional development inspected in two townships

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Jan – Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint inspected Kungyangon sluice gate in Kungyangon Township on 18 January.

The director of Yangon Division Irrigation Department and officials reported on supply of water to 3,800 acres of summer paddy.

The commander met departmental officials, townselders and members of social organizations. The Chairman of Township PDC also reported on facts about the region, education, health, agriculture and transport; and departmental officials, on measures taken for regional development.

The commander inspected broadcasting of natural

and chemical fertilizers at the farm of farmer U Mya Hlaing in Tawkhayan Ashae Village in the township and digging of canals for irrigation in Tawku Anauk Village.

The commander went to 16-bed Letkhokkon station hospital and provided cash to the patients.

The commander inspected the site for cyclone shelters, breeding of crabs of Blue Sea Co and packaging process.

He inspected 16-bed Wabalaukthauk station hospital in Kawhmu Township, basic education high school and met teachers.

He also inspected village-to-village roads and repair works in Dalla, Thakhut and Letkhokkon.

MNA

Workshop on Prevention of Illegal Transfer and Illicit Trafficking of ASEAN Artifacts



Workshop on Prevention of Illegal Transfer and Illicit Trafficking of ASEAN Artifacts in progress at the meeting hall of Bagan Nanmyint Tower in Bagan Archaeological Region of NyaungU Township in Mandalay Division.— MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Jan—A workshop on Prevention of Illegal Transfer and Illicit Trafficking of ASEAN Artifacts continued for the second day at the meeting hall of Bagan Nanmyint Tower in Bagan Archaeological Region of NyaungU Township in Mandalay Division on 18

January.

At the workshop, Mr Khalid Bin Syed Ali of Malaysia, Director-General U San Win of Archaeological Research, National Museum and Libraries Department, Assistant Director Daw Lwin Lwin Than of the Attorney-General's Office, Fr Harold Lianeta Rentoria, OSA of the

Philippines, Ms Heidi Tan of Singapore, Mr Pongthom Hiengkaew of Thailand and Mrs Khoa Thi Khanh Chi of Vietnam read out research papers and those present discussed them.

ASEAN delegates paid homage to Shwesigon, Anandar, Wetgyiin, Gupyaukyui and visited Bagan

Archaeological Museum.

In the afternoon, Chairman Dr Khin Maung Nyunt of ASEAN Culture and Information Committee reviewed statements, suggestion and discussions of those present and the meeting came to a close. In the evening, the chairman hosted a dinner to ASEAN delegates.—MNA

Mobile Corner shop opens

YANGON, 20 Jan—A ceremony to open Mobile Corner shop of Mobilemate Telecommunications Co Ltd was held at the mobile corner showroom at Capital Hyper Market, here on 17 January.

Executive Director U Kaung Htet and Director U Wai Yan formally opened the shop and then

Operation Director U Kaung Hset spoke words of thanks.

Renowned brands such as NOKIA, Sony Ericsson, LG, Apple, Samsung, HTC, Black Berry are available at the shop.

It will sell GSM handsets, TDMA handsets, CDMA 800MHz, handsets, CDMA 450MHz

handsets, CDMA 450MHz Fixed Wireless Phone. Free ringtone and wallpaper will be given to the buyers.

Further information, please contact One Stop Convenience Mobile Shop at Capital Hyper Market (Tel-01-551533 Ex 210) and Head Office (Tel-01-507400 and 01-501062 Ex 121). — MNA



Afghans watch the scene of a suicide bomb attack, unseen, after a suicide attack near to US Forward Operating Base Chapman in the city of Khost east of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 19 Jan, 2009. A suicide car bomb attack near the gates of a US base in eastern Afghanistan on Monday killed one Afghan and wounded several more, officials said.—INTERNET

Debate arises over Iraqi shoe thrower’s future

GENEVA, 20 Jan—A dispute broke out Monday over future plans for the Iraqi journalist who threw his shoes at President George W Bush. A Swiss lawyer said the Iraqi was planning to seek political asylum in Switzerland but one of his brothers vehemently denied that report. Muntadhar al-Zeidi’s life is in danger if he stays in Iraq, Geneva-based lawyer Mauro Poggia told *The Associated Press*. But one of the journalist’s three brothers denied he wanted to leave Iraq. Al-Zeidi has



Iraq’s Central Criminal Court has decided to postpone the trial of Iraqi journalist Muntazer al-Zaidi who won global fame for throwing his shoes at US President George W Bush, a court spokesman has said.
INTERNET Internet

been detained in an Iraqi jail awaiting trial since he was seized by guards after his 14 Dec outburst at a joint news conference in Baghdad by Bush and Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki. Al-Zeidi’s gesture of anger at Bush turned the employee of a minor TV station into a national hero to many Iraqis fed up with America’s six-year presence in the country. But concern has been raised about his safety after allegations that he had been severely beaten and tortured in detention.

Anti-war protesters throw shoes at White House

WASHINGTON, 20 Jan—Anti-war protesters were throwing shoes outside the gates of the White House on President George W Bush’s last day in office. About 500 people marched to the White House and threw about 40 pairs of shoes at the gate while tourists looked on and took photos. Supporters say they acted in solidarity with Muntadhar Al-Zeidi (MOON’-tuh-dahr ahl-zay-EE'-dee), the Iraqi reporter who threw his shoes at Bush during a news conference in Baghdad in December. The event was sponsored by several peace groups. Organizer Jamilla El-Shafei of Kennebunk, Maine, says the event allowed protesters to express their anger over Bush. She says he is “leaving with no accountability for eviscerating our Constitution.”—Internet

Obama becomes first black US president

WASHINGTON, 20 Jan—Barack Obama took the oath of office of president of the United States on Tuesday using the same Bible that was used to swear in Abraham Lincoln. Obama was the first president sworn in as the 44th president using the Lincoln Bible since its initial use in 1861. The Bi-

ble is part of the collections of the Library of Congress. Though there is no constitutional requirements for the use of a Bible during the swearing-

in, presidents have traditionally used Bibles for the ceremony, choosing a volume with personal or historical significance.

Barack Obama swears in as the 44th president of the United States of America in front of the US Capitol in Washington DC on 20 Jan, 2009.
INTERNET



US military deaths in Iraq war at 4,229

WASHINGTON, 20 Jan—As of Monday, 19 Jan, 2009, at least 4,229 members of the US military had died in the Iraq war since it began in March 2003. The figure includes eight military civilians killed in action. At least 3,404 military personnel died as a result of hostile action, according to the military’s numbers. The British military has reported 178 deaths; Italy, 33; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 21; Bulgaria, 13; Spain, 11; Denmark, seven; El Salvador, five; Slovakia, four; Latvia and Georgia, three each; Estonia, Netherlands, Thailand and Romania, two each; and Australia, Hungary, Kazakhstan and South Korea, one death each.—Internet

22 militants killed in Afghan clashes

KABUL, 20 Jan—The US-led coalition in Afghanistan says 22 militants have been killed and 11 others detained during a series of clashes throughout the country. The coalition statement says its troops were forced to use hand grenades in one of the clashes in the southern province of Kandahar on Monday. In the east, troops used airstrikes in their clash with militants in Kapisa Province, killing 19 militants. Violence has been rising across Afghanistan over the last two years, and the United States is rushing thousands of new troops to counter a resurgence in Taliban-led violence following the initial defeat of the militant group in the US invasion in 2001.

Internet



Afghan policemen and firefighters respond with fire extinguishers at the site of a suicide attack in front of the German embassy in Kabul. Two suicide bombs claimed by Taliban insurgents exploded in Afghanistan Saturday, killing five civilians and a US soldier, as another foreign troop died when a chopper came down in gunfire, officials said.—INTERNET

Twin explosions wound ten in E Afghanistan

KABUL, 20 Jan—Two explosions in Afghanistan’s eastern Khost Province wounded 10 persons including nine civilians on Monday, officials said. In the first explosion, a suicide car bomb went off close to international troops outside Khost city, the capital of Khost Province, injuring nine people including five children, press department of US-led coalition forces in the province told media. The four more suffered injuries in the blast were also civilians, the source added. These people, according to the sources, were visiting the local health clinic when the blast occurred. A senior police officer in Khost city Amir Hassan also confirmed the blast but declined to give details. In another incident, a roadside bomb struck a police van in Khost city, wounding one police officer, head of crime department of police Mohammad Guldad told *Xinhua*. No group or individuals have claimed responsibility for the attacks. However, Taliban fighters who staged a violent comeback three years often carry out such attacks against Afghan and international troops’ interests.

Internet

NATO chief praises China’s participation in anti-piracy campaign off Somalia



A soldier of Chinese navy special force watches a seabird flying over him on destroyer “Wuhan”, flagship of the Chinese naval fleet for an escort mission against piracy off Somali coast, in the Gulf of Aden, on 18 Jan, 2009. —INTERNET

BRUSSELS, 20 Jan — The NATO secretary general on Monday praised the Chinese navy’s anti-piracy operations off the coast of Somalia and indicated NATO’s willingness to work with China on the issue.

“I am applauding what is a rather unique position of the Chinese navy participating in the anti-piracy (campaign),” Secretary General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer told Chinese journalists at a NATO New Year

reception.
“I do not exclude, at a certain stage, that when the United Nations would create a sort of roof under which these whole anti-piracy operations take place, NATO and China will meet under that roof,” he said.
The deployment of two warships in the Gulf of Aden was the Chinese Navy’s first expeditionary military mission.
“I welcome the engagement of China... It is a very important contribution to anti-piracy operations,” the secretary general said.

Internet

Russia, Ukraine sign gas deal, end standoff

MOSCOW, 20 Jan—Russia and Ukraine pledged to restore natural gas supplies to Europe after signing deals to end a bitter dispute that led to a chilling two-week cutoff of shipments.
Early on Tuesday, Gazprom chief Alexei Miller ordered the resumption of deliveries bound for Europe via Ukraine to begin at 10 am (2 am EST).
Europeans, who normally get about one-fifth of their gas from Russia via Ukrainian pipelines, anxiously waited for the fuel to start flowing.
Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin and his Ukrainian counterpart Yulia Tymoshenko on Monday signed the documents at Putin’s government headquarters on the Moscow river. They resulted from an outline agreement they had clinched in late-night talks Sunday as heads of Russia’s state-run natural gas monopoly Gazprom and the Ukraine’s Naftogaz.
“As a result of intensive and lengthy talks we have reached agreement on all issues concerning natural gas supply to Ukraine and its transit to Europe,” Putin said. He said Gazprom had been instructed to resume shipments bound for Europe that had been halted since 7 Jan as Moscow and Kiev argued over 2009 gas prices and allegations that Ukraine was stealing gas destined for Europe.—Internet



Bulldozers clear ice stacks off the road at the Hukou (Kettle Mouth) Cataract scenery spot in Jixian county, north China’s Shanxi Province, on 19 Jan, 2009. XINHUA



Activists demonstrate water boarding in front of the Justice Department in 2007. Pretrial hearings began at the Guantanamo US naval base Monday for terror suspects even as incoming US president Barack Obama prepares to shut down the controversial prison and its special tribunals.—INTERNET

US has itself to blame for financial meltdown

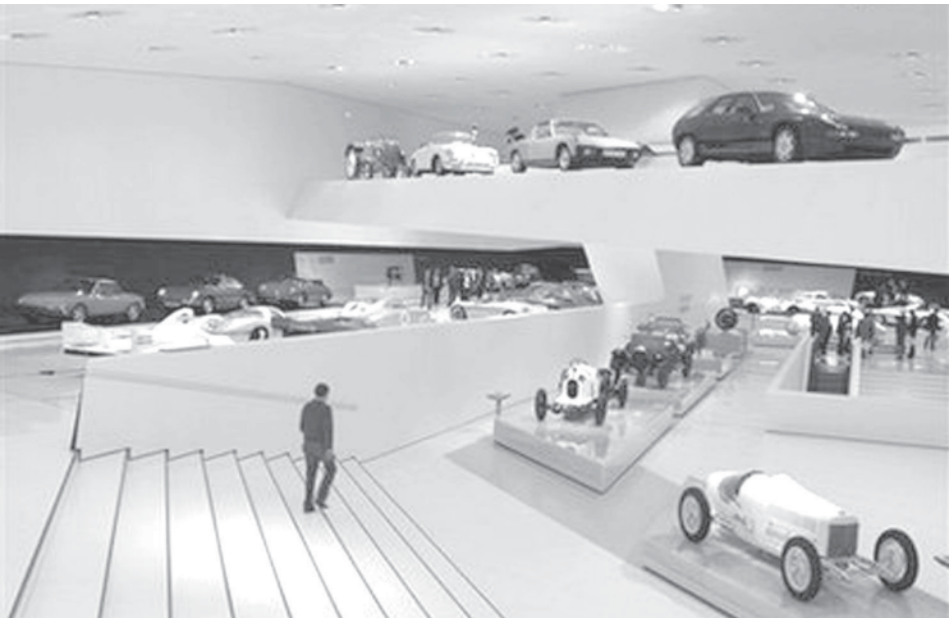
BEIJING, 20 Jan— Along with drastic tax reductions, almost all nations have resorted to an expansive fiscal and a loose financial policy over the past four months to tackle the global financial crisis that broke out in the US.
However, the global economic situation has not turned better as expected and the crisis continues to exert a deepening impact on the global economy.
Thus, it is particularly important at this time that all countries should reach an extensive consensus on the cause of the ongoing financial tsunami and then gauge their macro-economic policies.
It is regrettable to see a responsibility-evading attitude from the United States, the epicenter of the global financial crisis. Internet

South Korea, EU narrow differences over free trade

SEOUL, 20 Jan—South Korea and European Union said on Tuesday they have narrowed differences standing in the way of a free trade agreement, but that another round of negotiations was needed.
“We have made significant progress,” EU Trade Commissioner Catherine Ashton said at a joint news conference with her South Korean counterpart Kim Jong-hoon. Kim said that the two sides had “confirmed that we narrowed the gap on the major issues and reached a considerable level of consensus.”—Internet

Hamas fighters seek to restore order in Gaza Strip

GAZA CITY, 20 Jan— Uniformed Hamas security teams emerged on Gaza City’s streets Monday as leaders of the Islamic militant group vowed to restore order in the shattered Palestinian territory after a three-week pummeling by the Israeli military.
Hamas proclaimed it won a great victory over the Jewish state — a view that appeared greatly exaggerated — and the task of reconstruction faced deep uncertainty because of the fear of renewed fighting and Israel’s control over border crossings.
Cars and pedestrians again clogged streets. Donkey carts hauled produce and firewood past rubble and broken glass.
The parliament building and other targets of Israeli attacks were piles of debris, while orange and olive groves on the edge of town were flattened.
UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon planned to travel to Gaza on Tuesday to inspect damage and visit UN facilities hit in the fighting.
Ban did not scheduled meetings with officials from Hamas, whose government is not internationally recognized. Internet



A man walks through the new Porsche museum in Stuttgart, Germany, on Tuesday, 20 Jan, 2009. The new Porsche museum will open on 31 Jan, 2009 and presents 82 cars to document the German car manufacturer’s history.—INTERNET

China’s defence technology serves both military, civilian needs

BEIJING, 20 Jan—China is striving to establish a new system of defense-related science, technology and industry which caters to both military and civilian needs, according to a white paper issued on Tuesday.

The white paper on China’s National Defence in 2008, issued by the Information Office of the State Council, says China is accelerating reform and innovation in its defense-related science, technology and industry, promoting strategic and specialization-oriented restructuring of defense industry enterprises, enhancing the capabilities of independent innovation in the R&D of weaponry and equipment.

The paper says China will establish a licensing system for weaponry and equipment research and production.

In accordance with the Implementation Measures for Weaponry and Equipment Research and Production Licensing promulgated in May 2005, the defense-related science, technology and industry has adopted a licensing system for weaponry and equipment research and production featuring management of categorization. “While maintaining state control over weaponry and equipment research and production, the document allows the non-public sector to enter this field and compete for research and production projects,” says the paper.

In March 2008 the State Council and the CMC issued the Regulations on the Licensing Administration of Weaponry and Equipment Research and Production, further improving the system, says the paper.—Xinhua



Khadra Abed Rabbo tries to cover belongings she managed to salvage from the rubble of her family home, destroyed during Israel’s military operation in east Gaza City, on Tuesday, 20 Jan, 2009. Abed Rabbo, fearing looters, stays on the rubble till late at night every day and then spends the night at a relative’s house that remained intact nearby. At least 1,259 Palestinians were killed in Israel’s air and ground onslaught, more than half of them civilians, according to the United Nations, Gaza health officials and rights groups.—XINHUA

S Korean insurers loan default ratio increase

SEOUL, 20 Jan—The loan delinquency ratio of South Korean insurers reached 3.72 percent as of the end of November, up from 3.61 percent at the end of September, the financial watchdog said on Tuesday.

The Financial Supervisory Service (FSS) attributed the rise to the slumping economy which jacked up bad loans by households and businesses.

According to the FSS, the delinquency ratio for household loans extended by insurers also rose to 3.31 percent as of the end of November, compare with 3.19 percent at the end of September.

Meanwhile, default ratio of corporate loans rose 0.07 percentage point to 4.75 percent, the watchdog added.—Xinhua



A Palestinian child sits in front of destroyed houses by Israeli strikes in the east of northern Gaza Strip, on 19 Jan, 2009. Right after a ceasefire was declared by both Israel and Gaza militant groups, thousands of Gaza residents went back to their homes they had fled during the war, only to see how huge the destruction was.—XINHUA

China urges Obama administration to remove military obstacles

BEIJING, 20 Jan—With US President-elect Barack Obama’s inauguration hours away, China’s military on Tuesday called for the new US administration to remove obstacles in bilateral military relations.

“Facing current difficulties in military relations, we demand the United States take concrete measures to remove the obstacles,” Chinese Defence Ministry spokesman Hu Changming said at a news conference to release the defence white paper.

China-US military ties suffered setbacks as the Pentagon announced a \$6.5 billion Taiwan arms deal last October. It included 30 Apache attack helicopters and 330 Patriot missiles. It was the biggest arms sale to Taiwan since China and the United States signed the “August 17 Communique” in 1982, in which the United States agreed to gradually reduce its arms sales to Taiwan.

Hu said China always values the military relations with the United States as they are in the common interests of the two nations.—Xinhua

All item from Xinhua News Agency

Two killed, more injured in US car pileup accident

WASHINGTON, 20 Jan—Two persons were killed and some others seriously injured as a result of pileup of 40 cars in a highway in Maryland on Monday, said the state police. Maryland state police told reporters that 71 injured have been taken to a Red Cross shelter in Washington County, including infants and elderly, 12 people who were seriously wounded have been hospitalized.

The tragedy took place on Interstate 70 in northwestern Maryland around noon, where the road has been covered by snow. Police said that the preliminary investigation result showed the accident could be blamed partly for the snowy road.

Emergency aids including blankets, cots, food and water were delivered by the Red Cross to people who have to stay in the shelter to take interview with police and retrieve their cars from the pileup, it said.

Part of the highway has been temporarily closed to allow cleanup, it added. —Xinhua

15 Panamanians rescued from Pacific shipwreck

PANAMA CITY, 20 Jan—The Panamanian navy rescued 15 people drifting in the Pacific Ocean after a shipwreck about 23 km to the western port of Pedregal, officials said Monday.

According to the Aeronaval National Service (SNA) Authorities, the survivors were nine minors, four women and two men, who were all in good health despite the dehydration caused by the sun.

The people were floating in the Pacific for more

than seven hours, after their ship “Maitee” suffered mechanical failures, according to the SNA.

The ship, which set sail from Pedregal port for recreation activities, was found later by a patrol at a location some 27 km off the coast.

A woman, who had a cell phone and made an SOS call, played a vital role in getting the help.

Authorities said the shipwreck occurred because the boat ran out of battery.—Xinhua

A worker prepares red lantern decorations for the Spring Festival Temple Fair at the entrance to Ditan Park in Beijing on 20 Jan, 2009. Red decorations are customarily used by the Chinese to usher in the Lunar New Year, which starts on 26 Jan this year.

XINHUA





An Iraqi policeman frisks a resident near painted blast walls at a checkpoint in Baghdad on 18 Jan, 2009. Flowers and paint cannot mask bullet and shrapnel marks in the concrete blast walls of Iraq's checkpoints, where recruits like 23 year-old Jawad Jaddou face frequent attacks doing one of the world's most dangerous jobs.

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73 trafficked Nepali women and children rescued

KATHMANDU, 20 Jan—At least 73 Nepali women and children who were trafficked after being allured for employment have been rescued, Nepali national news agency RSS reported on Tuesday.

They were trafficked during the past six months from various entry points of Parsa district (bordering to India), some 90 km south of Nepali capital Kathmandu.

Though joint effort of local police and people remained substantial to bring back helpless Nepali women and children, only one case was filed against the traffickers during the period.

A crime case on human trafficking was registered against Kanchha Lama, a local of Parsa district on Monday; report quoted a local police as saying.

Lama was bringing 20-year-old woman Mandira Thapa Magar of Sindupalchowk district, some 40 km east of Nepali capital Kathmandu and her sister Hema Kumari, 15, to India alluring them to employ in India, said the report.

According to the report, local policemen argued saying that the number of cases registered was very nominal due to the rising trend of mediation to settle the case each other.—*Internet*

Brazil church collapse kills nine, injures 106

SAO PAULO, 20 Jan— Authorities picked through a latticework of bent steel on Monday after the roof at one of Brazil's largest evangelical churches collapsed between services, killing nine people and injuring more than 100.

The toll could have been much higher because the roof caved in less than an hour after a Sunday service at the Reborn in Christ church attracted thousands of young worshippers — and minutes before another service for adults.

Two of the injured died at local hospitals on Monday, said church spokeswoman Marli Goncalves. That raised the death toll to nine.

At least nine of the injured were still hospitalized on Monday night in serious condition, one of them in "very serious" condition, according to a statement by the church.—*Internet*

China provides free new drugs to AIDS patients

BEIJING, 20 Jan—China launched a programme to provide new drugs to AIDS patients across the country, a senior health official said on Monday.

The Ministry of Health (MOH) has begun to distribute the second-line medicines - three anti-retroviral drugs among full-blown AIDS patients for free, said Hao Yang, deputy director of the ministry's disease control bureau.

The second-line regimen includes two new drugs, TDF and Kaletra- as well as 3TC, which is also part of first-line drugs.

All these medicines are imported and cost between 12,000 (1,760 US dollars) and 15,000 yuan a patient a year, reported China Daily on Tuesday.

Internet

Foot-and-mouth disease hits 2 Vietnamese provinces

HANOI, 20 Jan— Vietnamese Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development confirmed that foot-and-mouth disease has hit two Vietnamese provinces, local newspaper The Youth reported on Tuesday.

The disease has broken out in southern Long An Province and the Central highlands province of Kon Tum, according to the ministry.

Seventy-three cows in southern Long An Province has contracted the deadly disease, local animal health authority said.

In Kon Tum Province, two districts reported foot-and-mouth disease cases. The foot-and-mouth disease in livestock hit 14 Vietnamese provinces in 2008, affecting more than 2,400 bulls and buffaloes and 67 pigs.

Internet

NEWS ALBUM

Goose-icle! Frozen fowl rescued by police divers

Sheriff's divers have come to the rescue of a trapped goose that sat too long in frigid waters of a Detroit suburb.

Police responded on Friday night after being told the goose was trapped in the Clinton River near Shadyside Park.

Divers and a marine officer first tried putting warm water around the goose, which was frozen in the ice.

Macomb County Sheriff's divers chipped away at the ice and within an hour freed the goose. The bird then waddled to a group of geese sitting in open water nearby. Sgt Dan Willis says it honked, then "swam away with the rest of the pack."



Snow-covered cars are lined up along Castleton Street, following a winter storm in Boston.



Japan's toy maker Sega Toys employee Minako Sakanoue displays the company's new toy "Hanappa", sunflower, daisy and marguerite models, which can bow and flap its flowers and leaves in response to human voice in Tokyo.

Woman goes to hair appointment after crash

An elderly woman in Palm Beach County crashed with her vehicle into a man on a scooter and then kept driving to make her hair appointment, police said.

Louise Davidson, 77, was arrested Thursday for leaving the scene of an injury crash, Boynton Beach police said.

Police spokeswoman Stephanie Slater said the woman was turning right when she veered into the path of the

Rampaging wild elephants kill 3 in northeast India

A herd of nearly 150 hungry elephants rampaged through a village in India's remote northeast, trampling to death a young family as they slept in their hut, a resident and a wildlife official said Saturday.

The Asiatic elephants destroyed four homes in Assam state's Karbi Anglong village Friday night, said resident Rimi Marak.

"The herd was just too large. The villagers could do nothing," Marak said. A farmer, his wife and their 5-year-old daughter died in the incident, he said.

The herd left a nearby forest reserve in search of food nearly two weeks ago, said state forestry officer MK Dhar.

Forest guards had tried in vain to drive the elephants back using firecrackers and lighting torches, Dhar told *The Associated Press*.

The region is home to some 5,000 wild elephants, whose natural habitat has been increasingly diminished by human development. Conservationists say wild elephant attacks have killed more than 700 people in Assam in the past 17 years.

"We take pride at the large elephant population in our region, but the increasing man-elephant conflict following the shrinkage in their habitat due to the growing human population is turning out to be a huge challenge," said Pradyut Bordoloi, a former state forest and environment minister.



A refiner controls the quality of Roquefort cheeses in a cellar at Roquefort-sur-Soulzon, southern France. French cheese producers sought to cause a stink for incoming US president Barack Obama on Friday, sending him a case of pungent Roquefort to protest American import tariffs.

Newly opened Yuzana Market develops trade, creates jobs in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana

Article: Myint Maung Soe; Photos: Hla Shwe (Ketumati)



U Myo Thant, Head of Department and Member of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee, cuts the ribbon to open Yuzana Market.

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While building Nay Pyi Taw as a modern, neat and tidy capital with might and main, the Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee opens new markets one after another for enabling the local people of Nay Pyi Taw and the towns in the area to have the opportunities for buying goods at reasonable prices.

Nay Pyi Taw Myoma Market, Thabyegon Market, Arhara Thukha Market and Thiri Yadana Modern Market are popular

shopping centres in Nay Pyi Taw. At present, the markets are being packed with sellers and buyers daily.

On 15 January, a news crew of the Myanmar Alin Daily had a chance to attend the opening ceremony of Yuzana Market built in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana.

The newly-opened shopping facility was located near the junction of Yangon-Mandalay Express Highway and Yazahtani Road leading to Nay Pyi Taw, in Paunglaung Ward of Nay

Pyi Taw Pyinmana.

On the occasion, responsible persons of the Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee, townselders and local people attended and cut the ribbon to open the market.

It was the second vegetable, meat and fish market built in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmanaby Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee.

A total of 300 shops at 25 sheds were constructed with to put on sale to selling vegetables, meat, fish and other foodstuffs including groceries.

We witnessed sales of vegetables, fruits, flowers, meat, fish, rice, edible oil, salt and other foodstuff at the market built by Diamond Mercury Company.

Indeed, agriculture work strives well in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon, Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana and Nay Pyi Taw Lewe. The local farmers have been extending cultivation of vegetables and fruit yearly as the new markets for paddy, beans and pulses, sugarcane and edible crops have emerged in the above

towns. The extended cultivation reflects the increasing income of the local farmers.

Thanks to construction of newly opened Yuzana Market by Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee, the local people have the opportunities to buy vegetables, meat and fish at reasonable prices. Moreover, the trading at the market will create jobs for the local people.

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Customers seen at neat and tidy shops at newly opened Yuzana Market.

Bleeding hearts revealed with new scan

SCIENCE DAILY, 20 Jan— Images that for the first time show bleeding inside the heart after people have suffered a heart attack have been captured by scientists, in a new study published 19

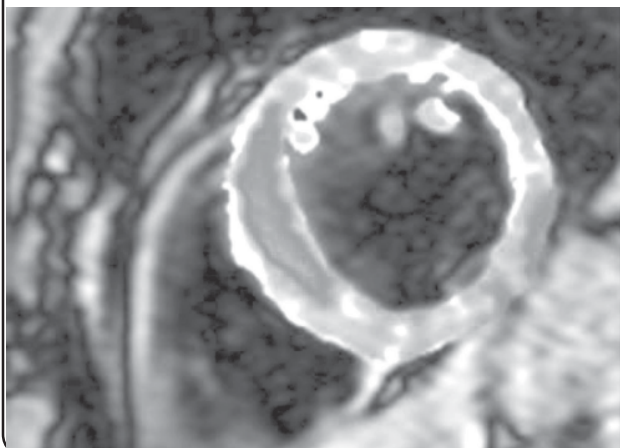
January in the journal Radiology.

The research shows that the amount of bleeding can indicate how damaged a person's heart is after a heart attack. The researchers, from the

MRC Clinical Sciences Centre at Imperial College London, hope that this kind of imaging will be used alongside other tests to create a fuller picture of a patient's condition and their chances of recovery.

People suffer heart attacks when an artery that feeds blood to the heart becomes blocked, stopping the heart's blood supply and depriving the heart muscle of oxygen. Currently, most people treated for a heart attack are fitted with a metal tube called a stent to keep the blocked artery clear.

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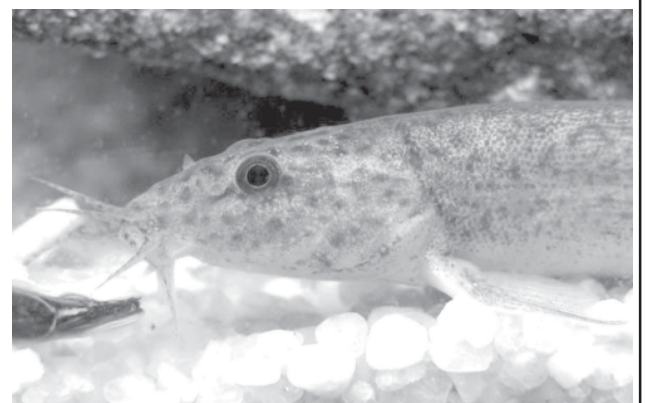
New invasive fish spreads through Ebro delta

MADRID, 20 Jan — A Spanish research team has researched and described for the first time in Europe the spread of the invasive dojo loach (*Misgurnus anguillicaudatus*) fish species. The fish comes from East Asia and was first discovered in the Ebro delta in 2001. Since then, it has occupied various parts of the river during its lightning spread, and is now definitively established. The researchers do not rule out that it could occupy new areas within coming years and threaten the survival of native

species. The spread of the dojo loach (*Misgurnus anguillicaudatus*) or weather loach, as this oriental fish from the same family as the colmilleja (*Cobitis Paludica*) of Spain and Portugal is

commonly known, contrasts starkly with the decline of native fish in the rivers and wetlands throughout the Iberian Peninsula, where 80% of species are threatened.

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Dojo loach (*Misgurnus anguillicaudatus*).

Foreign Affairs

Minister

U Nyan Win and

diplomats visit

Maykha-Malikhha

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School family day of Mon State observed

YANGON, 20 Jan – School family day of Mon State for 2008-2009 academic year was observed at No. 6 Basic Education High School in Mawlamyine on 3 January.

Present were Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win, Secretary of Mon State PDC U Khin Maung Tun and members, departmental personnel, members of social associations and students.

The secretary of Mon State PDC and Mon State Education Officer U Tun Yi formally unveiled the archway to mark Mon State School Family Day.

Students from No. 8 Basic Education High School sang songs. Next, the commander delivered a speech.

The commander and wife Daw Myint Myint Soe and officials presented prizes to outstanding students.

Students from No. 9 Basic Education High School entertained the guests and audience.

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Diplomats tour Myitkyina and Phakant in Kachin State

YANGON, 20 Jan—A study group of diplomats comprising Dean of the Diplomatic Corps in the Union of Myanmar Ambassador of Brunei Darussalam H.E Pehin Datu Inderasugara Brig-Gen (B) Dato Paduka Haji Mohammad Yusof bin Abu Bakar and wife Mrs Datin Mastura Mohsin, ambassadors of foreign embassies, charge d’ affaires, representatives of UN agencies and their wives led by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and wife arrived Myitkyina Air Base on 16 January to go on study tour of Kachin State.

The diplomats were welcomed at the Air Base by Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Brig-Gen Soe Win and wife, departmental officials, national races and traditional cultural dance troupes. The commander extended greetings and explained salient points of Kachin State and the Brunei ambassador spoke words of thanks.

Dinner was hosted to the diplomats at Uru Yadana Guest House in Phakant. The diplomats viewed the 3000-ton Jade Museum of the Ministry of Mines in Nanhmaw Village in Lonekhin/Phakant gem land on 17 January.

Upon arrival at Ever Winner Jade Workshop, the diplomats studied production process of finished jade. The commander and wife hosted dinner to diplomats in Myitkyina. After the dinner, traditional cultural dance troupes presented songs and dances to the diplomats. The commander and the minister and the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps presented flower basket and cash awards to the cultural troupes.

The diplomats visited Maykha and Malikhha Confluence on 18 January morning and viewed Myoma Market and Hsan Gem Sale Room in Myintkyina in the afternoon on the same day.

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Myanmar Music Asiayon (Central) holds meeting

YANGON, 20 Jan — Executives and officials of Myanmar Music Asiayon (Central) and chairmen and secretaries of the Asiayon in 17 townships in Yangon Division met at the Music Asiayon, at No. 2, Dhamma Danastreet, Natchaung Ward, Tamway Township today.

Chairman of the Asiayon gave an account on the instructions given by Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan at Myanmar

Radio and Television on 20 December 2008.

The meeting focused on instructions that must be followed by Myanmar Music Asiayon (Central) and Music Asiayon in townships, matters relating to provide assistance to aged members, to find the

effective way for pirated copies, to use specific modern curriculums for the music course, to see to the increase of members of the Asiayon, and to maintain Myanmar culture and lineage while initiating innovation for the development of music circle. —MNA

ASEAN legal experts call on Deputy Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Jan—Deputy Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin received delegate leaders of ASEAN countries, who are attending the Seventh Meeting of HLEG hosted by Myanmar at the diplomatic hall, here on 18 January afternoon.

The delegate leaders of ASEAN countries are Mr Vasin Teeravechyan from Thailand, Ms Hjh Nor Hashima Hj Mohd Taib from Brunei, Mr Sok Khavan from Cambodia, Mr Rachmat Budiman from Indonesia, Mr Kham Kheuang Bounteum from Laos, Ms Noor Farida Ariffin from Malaysia, Mr Jose Eduardo Malaya from the Philippines, Mr Jeffrey Chan from Singapore, Mr Nguyen Xuan Thuy from Vietnam and Secretary Dr Temsak Chalerm-palanupap of ASEAN legal experts group.

Also present at the call were Director-General U Tin Myint of the Attorney-General’s Office and officials concerned.

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Deputy Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin receiving delegate leaders of ASEAN countries to the Seventh Meeting of HLEG hosted by Myanmar at the diplomatic hall, Nay Pyi Taw on 19 January. —MNA

Erratum

Please read Director U Kyaw Hsan of Office of the Attorney-General in the news “Myanmar hosts the 7th meeting of” on page 9 of this daily issued on 20-1-2009. Error is regretted. —Ed

Mayor inspects development work

YANGON, 20 Jan—Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin visited Phyto Cetana Free Eye Special Clinic at the corner of Kyeikwaing Pagoda road and Insein road in Mayangon Township this morning and comforted the patients.

The mayor looked into upgrading of 1020 feet long and 12 feet wide tarred road in No. 2 Ward, Mayangon Township.

He also oversaw progress in paving road at the housing project on Mindamma road being carried out by YCDC and Fortune International Ltd.

Next, the chairman

inspected upgrading of tarred road on Seinpanmying Street, No. 14/1 Ward in South Okkalapa Township. The mayor also visited construction of Futsal pitch in No. 13 Ward in the township and supervised paving the road at east horse racing course road in Tamway Township.—MNA

Deputy Foreign Minister attends fifth Meeting of ASEAN Humanitarian Task Force (AHTF) for victims of Cyclone Nargis

YANGON, 19 Jan—At the invitation of the ASEAN Secretary General Dr Surin Pitsuwan, Myanmar delegation led by Chairman of Tripartite Core Group (TCG) Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu left here for Bangkok, Thailand to participate in the Coordinating Meeting and Fifth Meeting of the ASEAN Humanitarian Task Force (AHTF) for the victims of Cyclone Nargis to be held in Bangkok from 16 to 17

January.

Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu and delegation member participated in the Coordinating Meeting for the Fifth Meeting of the ASEAN Humanitarian Task Force (AHTF) for the victims of Cyclone Nargis at Amari Water Gate Hotel on 16 January. The deputy minister attended the Fifth Meeting of the ASEAN Humanitarian Task Force (AHTF) for the victims of Cyclone Nargis at the same venue on 17 January and presented report of the

Tripartite Core Group (TCG). The participants also discussed the outcome of the TCG high level roundtable on post-Nargis relief and recovery efforts in Myanmar.

The deputy minister and delegation members—Deputy Director-General U Than Aye of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and Deputy Director Daw Kyawt Kyawt Khaing of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs—also arrived back on the same flight.

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay being welcomed by Mr Wang Zongying, charge d' affaires of the People's Republic of China, and wife at the reception to mark the Chinese Spring Festival 2009, on 20 January.—MNA

Monywa Cup Invitational Golf Tournament continues

YANGON, 20 Jan—Jointly organized by Myanmar Golf Federation and Monywa Golf Club, Monywa Cup Invitational Golf Tournament continued for its second round at Monywa Golf Club in Monywa this morning.

After the second round, Min Naing (Srixon) took a lead with 141 strokes in two day total in professional golfers division.

Kyaw Swa Lin (Srixon), Soe Kyaw Naing

(Srixon) and Naing Naing Lin (Point) shared second position with 146 on aggregate. Thein Zaw Myint (KM Golf Centre) positioned himself at the third place with 149 in total.

In men's amateur golfers division, Aung Win (Forestry) led the tournament with the first position by shooting 143 in two day total.

Nay Bala Win Myint secured the second place with 148 whereas Than Naing Oo and Tin Lin Ko

tied at the third place by firing 151 each. Bo Bo was in the fourth position with 152.

With the aim of turning out excellent Myanmar golfers, the tournament was mainly sponsored by Future Engineering Group, Moe and More Co., Ltd and Cherry Yoma Co., Ltd. and cosponsored by International Beverages Trading Co., Ltd. Han Event Management saw to success of the tournament.—MNA



Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu attends Fifth Meeting of the ASEAN Humanitarian Task Force (AHTF) for the victims of Cyclone Nargis held in Thailand.—MNA

Notice to mariners

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Jan—The Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems today announced that previously the area between pillar Nos 1 and 2 of Ayeyawady Bridge (Magway) in the Ayeyawady River was designated as the only gate for vessels to pass through. Since 16 January, the area between

pillar Nos 2 and 3 has been designated as the gate for down-vessels, and the gate between pillar Nos 1 and 2, as the gate for up-vessels.

The clearance area between pillar Nos 2 and 3 is 110 metres wide, and between pillar Nos 1 and 2, 85 metres wide. The new clearance areas are 17 metres high at maximum.

On the entrances through which vessels are to pass through is seen a green

triangle mark each in daytime and a green light at night. On the areas through which vessels must not pass through is seen a red cross mark each in daytime, and a red light at night.

The foundation of each pillar protrudes about 20 feet on either side. So, vessels are to run only one after another in passing through the same area between two pillars.—MNA

Adobe Certified Expert course on 8 Feb

YANGON, 20 Jan—STI Education will open Adobe Certified Expert course as the first of its kind in Myanmar on 8 February.

The curriculum covers adobe photoshop, flash, illustrator, and preparation for ACE examinations.

The course is designed for cartoonists, graphic designers, artists, visualizers, architectural illustrators, archaeologists, science fiction visual artists, caricaturists, TV commercial directors and film directors.

After completing the course, a trainee will be ready to take the adobe certified expert examination. Trainers are all

adobe certified expert certificate holders with at least over 10 years' service.

Those interested may enroll at STI training centre at No. 377, Room

(7), Building (4), Myanmar Info-Tech on upper Shwebontha Street, Pabedan Township, Yangon, (Ph: 507048, 507151, 507152, 250056, 700273).—MNA

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Grow seedless watermelon, yellowish musk melon to earn more foreign exchange

Article & photos: Kyaw Oo (Kyaukse)

- (from page 16)
- I run this farm with some other farmers for mutual interest. It is designed to disseminate agricultural methods to farmers and to earn foreign exchange.
- Q:** When did you grow muskmelon and watermelon this season?
- A:** In October that is the interval of harvesting monsoon sesame and groundnut and growing cotton. We harvest them in December. They are three-month fruit. They can be harvested when they are at the age of 75 to 80 days.
- Q:** How did you learn that these fruit are marketable?
- A:** I visited China seven years ago, and there I noticed that Chinese people like fruit very much. During the visit, I saw their fruit festival. Then, I learnt that watermelon and musk melon are short-term cash fruit. Supposing, a watermelon weighs 10 kilos, we can earn 20 yuns from a watermelon at the price of two yuns a kilo.
- Q:** How many musk melons and watermelons do you get an acre?
- A:** We get about 4000 musk melons an acre. But, if we choose only marketable size ones, we get 3000 to 3500. And that is the same for watermelon.
- Q:** It is said that farming seedless watermelon is quite an art. Could you explain it to me?
- A:** That is right. Farming seedless watermelon is not as easy as farming ordinary watermelon, because we have to pollinate seedless watermelon plants with pollen of ordinary watermelon in a very limited time. But it is nothing if a farmer has gained a lot of knowledge of it. We need to grow 0.25 acre of ordinary watermelon for every acre of seedless watermelon for pollination.
- Q:** What species of watermelon and musk melon are in demand this year?
- A:** In watermelon, seedless watermelon is in demand and in musk melon, yellowish musk melon is in demand this year. Farmers grow mostly or-

dinary watermelon and greenish musk melon, so they do not get high prices. Growers make profit from this fruit, but not much.

Q: How much is investment and profit from an acre of seedless watermelon and musk melon this year?

A: The cost of growing an acre of seedless watermelon is round about 1.2 million kyats. We have to spend one million kyats on transport, and 400,000 kyats on duties and labour charges, so overall investment is around 2.6 million kyats. On average, 130 seedless watermelons weigh one ton. If the per acre yield is 3000, they weigh 23 or 24 tons, and it is just right for a 10-wheel truck. We gain around four million kyats from a truck of seedless watermelons. So, on average, we make a profit of 1.4 million kyats from an acre. Here, if seedless watermelons are not attractive and big enough, they are not marketable. Yellowish musk melon is in



The yellowish musk melon plantation of U Ye Soe of Maungthaung Village in Kyaukse Township, Mandalay Division.

high demand this year because farmers do not gain good yields of this fruit. The cost of growing an acre of yellowish musk melon is around one million kyats. Transportation costs about 500,000 kyats, and duties and labour charges cost 200,000 kyats, totaling around 1.7 million kyats. On average, 500 yellowish musk melons weigh one ton, so we hire six-ton trucks to transport this fruit. A six-ton truck can carry around 3000 fruits. Mostly, farmers hire a truck for the fruits from an

acre of farm. We gain over 2.2 million kyats from a six-ton truck of fruits. If so, we make a profit of more than 500,000 kyats.

Q: Well, U Ye Soe, I would like to know what you will grow after harvesting seedless watermelon and musk melon.

A: Now, musk melon is in fruit, and I grow Ngwechi (6) strain cotton as a mixed crop among musk melon plants. So far, I have grown 40 acres of cotton. When the musk melon is harvested, cotton plants will remain in the farms. For my partner farmers and I, cotton is the

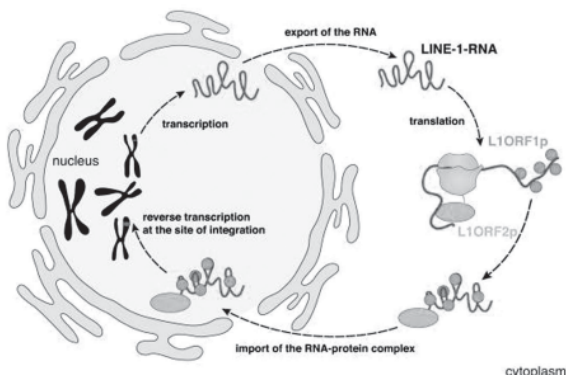
major crop. I am very fond of growing crops. So, I grow paddy, chick pea, cotton, watermelon, musk melon and so on. I am very pleased with my career. In particular, I am proud to have earned foreign exchange from seedless watermelon and musk melon.

I would like to urge other farmers to try growing short-term cash crops of seedless watermelon and yellowish musk melon for higher incomes.

Translation: MS
Myanma Alin:
 19-1-2009

Molecular parasite could play important role in human evolution

TÜBINGEN, 20 Jan — Researchers at the Max Planck Institute for Developmental Biology in Tübingen, Germany, determined the structure of a protein (L1ORF1p), which is encoded by a parasitic genetic element and which is responsible for its



mobility. The so-called LINE-1 retrotransposon is a mobile genetic element that can multiply and insert itself into chromosomal DNA at many different locations. This disturbs the genetic code at the site of integration, which can have serious consequences for the organism.

On the other hand, this leads to genetic variation, an absolute prerequisite for the evolution of species. The structure of the L1ORF1p protein now allows a much more precise investigation of the mechanism of LINE-1 mobilization. This provides new insight into the relation between retrotransposons and retroviruses and probably also into certain evolutionary processes in humans and animals. Moreover, the researchers assume that the mechanism of LINE-1 retrotransposition can be exploited one day to precisely insert genetic information into specific locations. This would be an alternative to contemporary, less location-specific methods that are based on a retroviral mechanism.—Internet

Radar provides look inside Moon's shadowed craters

SCIENCE DAILY, 20 Jan — Using a NASA radar flying aboard India's Chandrayaan-1 spacecraft, scientists are getting their first look inside the moon's coldest, darkest craters.

The Mini-SAR instrument, a lightweight, synthetic aperture radar, has passed its initial in-flight tests and sent back its first data. The images show the floors of permanently-shadowed polar craters on the moon that aren't visible from Earth. Scientists are using the instrument to map and search the insides of the craters for water ice. "The only way to explore such areas is to use an orbital imaging radar such as Mini-SAR," said Benjamin Bussey, deputy principal investigator for Mini-SAR, from the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory in Laurel, Md. "This is an exciting first step for the team which has worked diligently for more than three years to get to this point."—Internet



A street is decorated with red lanterns in Changsha, capital of central-south China's Hunan Province, on 20 Jan, 2009, before the Chinese traditional Spring Festival, or lunar New Year, begins on Jan. 26.—INTERNET

Oil falls \$3 after Russia-Ukraine gas deal



A gas pump is hung at a gas station in Seoul August 12, 2005. crude oil prices and firm raw materials costs.—INTERNET

LONDON, 20 Jan—Oil fell \$3, sliding below \$34 a barrel after Russia and Ukraine agreed a deal on Tuesday leading to the resumption of gas supplies to Europe, while gloomy economic news

presaged weaker demand for oil products.

Following a deal between Moscow and Kiev, Russian gas company Gazprom (GAZP.MM) resumed pumping gas into Ukraine on its way to Europe. This meant that there would no longer be an increased need for oil products to replace gas.

US light crude for February delivery was \$3.01 lower at \$33.50 a barrel by 1139 GMT (6:39 am EST), having previously hit a new 2009 low of \$32.70. There was no official settlement on Monday due to a US holiday.

The March contract, which takes over as front month on Wednesday, was down \$2.69 to \$39.88, and was more than \$6.00 a barrel above the February contract due to brimming crude stocks at Cushing, Oklahoma, the delivery point for NYMEX contracts.

London Brent crude fell 65 cents to \$43.85 a barrel, having closed \$2.07 lower on Monday. "The weak (US) contract is due in part to the Russian gas deal and the effect the gloomy economic picture has on demand. Weak sterling is also having an impact," said Christopher Bellew of Bache Financial.—*Internet*

22 bodies recovered after trawler capsizes in S Bangladesh

DHAKA, 20 Jan—Rescuers have so far recovered 22 bodies of the victims of Monday's trawler capsizal in Bangladesh's south-eastern Chandpur district, about 115 km from capital Dhaka, an official said.

A Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) official said rescuer continued to recover three more bodies that were still missing.

BIWTA divers pulled out the bodies from inside a cabin of the sunken

trawler till Tuesday afternoon.

The trawler with around 50 day laborers on board capsized early Monday in the river Megna river, one of the country's three biggest rivers, after being hit by an empty cargo vessel. Some 25 people swam

ashore. The divers located the trawler 50 feet under water Tuesday morning, but salvage operation was delayed due to dense fog. *Internet*

A sculpture depicting the logo of the Communist Party of China at the Chinese Military Museum in Beijing on 20 January, 2009.

INTERNET



227 people under observation in bird flu scare

BEIJING, 20 Jan—At least 227 people who had close contact with two bird flu patients in the provinces of Hunan and Guizhou are under observation, although none has yet been found to be infected, health officials said Tuesday.

A Hunan health department spokesman said 140 people had been examined including the patients' relatives and medical workers in Changsha County and Huaihua City as of Tuesday noon. No abnormalities were found.

A two-year-old girl fell ill on Jan. 7 in Changsha County and was confirmed to be infected with bird flu in Shanxi Province on Saturday. On Tuesday morning, a 16-year-old male student,

who fell ill on Jan. 8 in Qiandongnan Prefecture, Guizhou, died in a hospital in Huaihua.

The Qiandongnan prefectural government said Tuesday that 87 people who had close contact with the student were not affected.

Three people have died of bird flu and another has been infected in China so far this year. The first death was a 19-year-old woman in Beijing on Jan. 5, followed by a 27-year-old woman in Shandong on Jan. 17 and a 16-year-old male student in Hunan on Jan. 20. A two-year-old patient surnamed Peng was still receiving treatment in Shanxi.

The fatality rate for bird flu patients is more than 60 percent.—*Internet*



A child feeds pigeons in Beijing. A 16-year-old boy has died from bird flu in central China, state media said on 20 January, marking the nation's third fatality from the disease in less than a month.—INTERNET

Cancer patients in Britain eligible for free drugs

LONDON, 20 Jan—People being treated for cancer in Britain can apply for free prescriptions as of Tuesday, according to the Health Department.

The new plan, promised by Prime Minister Gordon Brown last September, abolishes National Health Service (NHS) prescription charges for everyone

undergoing treatment for cancer, the effects of cancer, or the effects of cancer treatment.

"This new scheme gives people living with cancer one less worry at such a difficult time," said Dawn Primarolo, the Public Health Minister.

Up to 150,000 patients already diagnosed with cancer are expected to benefit, and each may annually save 100 pounds (about 150 US dollars) in prescription charges.

All cancer patients are entitled to apply for a five-year exemption certificate, which will entitle them to all their NHS prescriptions free of charge, not just those ones related to cancer. The

certificate can be renewed as many times as necessary and will not have to be returned if the patient's condition changes.

Ciaran Devane, chief executive of Macmillan Cancer Support, described the plan, expected to be extended to cover some five million cancer patients, including those with long-term conditions, as "absolutely the right thing to do."

"Cancer not only threatens your life, but can also make you poor. Free prescriptions will transform the lives of thousands of people living with cancer who were struggling to pay for drugs," Devane said.

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Oil falls to \$34 ahead of Feb contract expiry

SINGAPORE, 20 Jan—Oil prices fell to near \$34 a barrel Tuesday in Asia as traders sold the expiring front-month Nymex contract due to a lack of space at a key US storage facility.

Light, sweet crude for February delivery was down 28 cents at \$34.27 a barrel, after falling as low as \$33.89, by midday in Singapore in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract, which expires on Tuesday, fell \$1.96 overnight to settle at \$34.55. The February contract has fallen about a third in two weeks, in part because burgeoning supplies in Cushing, Oklahoma, the delivery point for the Nymex contract, have left traders with little space to store crude, forcing them to sell. Traders say some oil firms are storing crude on rented tankers.—*Internet*

Toyota taps founder's grandson as new president

TOKYO, 20 Jan—Toyota says Akio Toyoda, grandson of the company's founder, has been picked as the new president to lead the Japanese automaker through a slump in the global auto market.

The widely expected selection of Toyoda, 52, will become formal once shareholders approve the appointment in June, the company said in a statement.

Toyoda's promotion marks the first time a Toyota family member takes the helm at the company in 14 years.

Toyota is forecasting a 150 billion yen (\$1.69 billion) operating loss for the fiscal year ending March 31 — its first such red ink in 70 years.

Internet

In this 28 June, 2007 file photo, a Toyota Motor Corp worker kneels down to check a Lexus at the Japanese automaker's flagship production line for luxury Lexus models in Tahara, central Japan.

INTERNET

WHO chief fears Gaza exposed to disease outbreaks

GENEVA, 20 Jan—The densely-populated Gaza Strip has been left vulnerable to outbreaks of disease following Israel's 22-day military offensive, the head of the World Health Organization warned Monday.

"Right now, we very sadly see ideal conditions for outbreaks of disease," WHO director general Margaret Chan said at the opening of the executive board's annual meeting.

"Densely packed and displaced populations are weakened by hunger, little power for cooking and heating, and severe psychological trauma. Drinking water is scarce, sewage lines have been broken, and garbage is piling up," she said.

"Immunization, along with most routine health services, has been interrupted for more than three weeks. An outbreak under such conditions would be another health crisis that should not happen," Chan said.

Israel started a unilateral ceasefire Sunday, while Hamas and other Palestinian militant groups called a week-long truce of their own, following a war that left more than 1,300 Palestinians dead, according to Gaza medics.—*Internet*



Japan ‘moves closer to allowing cloned food’

TOKYO, 20 Jan — Japan moved closer to ending a ban on food products from cloned animals as a panel of experts concluded Monday they are as safe to eat as those from conventionally bred livestock. “Considering the current scientific technology, I believe they (cloned animals) are the same as ordinary ones,” said Takao Hayakawa, the panel’s chairman.

Asked if he would eat cloned beef, he replied: “I

could do that.”

His panel’s recommendations, which approved the safety of food from cloned livestock, will be studied further by another panel of experts before being submitted to the Food Safety Commission.

Even if the commission gives the green light for cloned foods to be served at home and restaurants in Japan, more deliberation will be needed within government before

the ban is lifted.

Food from cloned animals has faced opposition on ethical and health grounds, but a series of reports by domestic and foreign laboratories found that cloned animals are as healthy as conventionally bred ones.

In January last year, after years of research, the US Food and Drug Administration approved the sale of food from cloned animals and their offspring.—Internet



John Loines, of the British Antarctic Survey, holds up his arm to fend off an attack by a south polar skua as he checks the nest of one of the birds on Lagoon Island, Antarctica on 14 Jan, 2009. The birds, the most southerly in the world, are becoming a threat to planes at Antarctic airstrips by developing a liking for sitting on the runways, which are warmer than surrounding snow.—INTERNET

Study doubts heart disease genetic testing value

WASHINGTON, 20 Jan — A study tracking a large group of women for a decade casts doubt on the value of testing for a certain genetic trait linked to heart disease to predict one’s chances of illness, US researchers said on Monday.

Knowing a woman had the abnormality on chromosome 9 did not improve cardiovascular illness prediction compared to typical risk factors such as high blood pressure, smoking, cholesterol levels, diabetes, family history of heart attack and C-reactive protein as an indicator of arterial inflammation, they found.

This common genetic trait has been shown to raise the risk for heart attack, stroke and other cardiovascular conditions, and commercial tests for it are available to consumers.

“Once you already know the traditional risk factors, the additional information about the genetic variation doesn’t help any. It doesn’t improve your ability to predict,” Nina Paynter of Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston, who led the study in the *Annals*

of Internal Medicine, said in a phone interview.

“It definitely suggests that as a population screening tool -- to give it to everybody and add it to what we already know -- the test for this trait by itself doesn’t seem to have value,” Paynter said. —Internet



A construction worker stands beside a solar panel in Dubai. Oil-rich Abu Dhabi said Monday it will press ahead with plans to develop solar energy, shrugging off a huge drop in oil prices which is cutting the emirate’s revenues.—INTERNET

Go to a party to cut dementia risk, study suggests

LONDON, 20 Jan — Keeping a full social calendar may help protect you from dementia, researchers said on Monday.

Socially active people who were not easily stressed had a 50 percent lower risk of developing dementia compared with

men and women who were isolated and prone to distress, they reported in the journal *Neurology*.

“In the past, studies have shown that chronic distress can affect parts of the brain, such as the hippocampus, possibly leading to dementia,” Hui-Xin Wang of the Karolinska Institute in Sweden, who led the study, said in a statement.

“But our findings suggest that having a calm and outgoing personality in combination with a

socially active lifestyle may decrease the risk of developing dementia even further.” An estimated 24 million people worldwide have the memory loss, problems with orientation and other symptoms that signal Alzheimer’s disease and other forms of dementia.

Researchers believe the number of people with dementia may quadruple by 2040, underlining the importance of better understanding the condition.—Internet

Living with a smoker hard on tiny infants

NEW YORK, 20 Jan — Infants born at very low birth weights are at increased risk of lung ailments in the first 12 months of life, and a new study suggests that modifiable indoor

respiratory triggers, namely exposure to cigarette smoke and pests in the home, may be at least partly to blame.

In a study of 124 very low birth weight infants, Dr Jill S Halterman from University of Rochester, New York and colleagues analyzed the impact of modifiable exposures on respiratory illness 1 year after discharge from the neonatal intensive care unit. “In this study, we found that respiratory illnesses were very common among very low birth weight infants in their first year of life,” Halterman noted in comments to Reuters Health. “In fact, almost 1 in 10 infants had already been diagnosed with asthma at this very young age.”—Internet



A photo released by the South African National Parks Authorities on 16 January shows a rhino killed for his horn. A syndicate of 11 suspected poachers have been arrested for a spate of rhino slaughters in South Africa’s top wildlife areas, authorities said on Friday.

INTERNET

Chemical used in making rubber linked to cancer

LONDON, 20 Jan — A chemical commonly used to make rubber products may cause cancer in people exposed to fumes during the manufacturing process, British researchers said on Tuesday. Workers exposed to 2-mercaptobenzothiazole, or MBT, at a rubber chemicals plant in North Wales were twice as likely to develop colon cancer and four times as likely to get bone marrow cancer compared to the general population, they said. “Perhaps MBT should be handled with increased care as it may be a human carcinogen,” Tom Sorahan of the University of Birmingham and colleagues said in the journal *Occupational and Environmental Medicine*. The risk is probably limited to factory workers exposed to MBT when added to a mixture of chemicals eventually used as a component to make rubber products, he added.—Internet

SPORTS

Allardyce says Santa Cruz can go for 40 million pounds

LONDON, 20 Jan—Blackburn Rovers manager Sam Allardyce has said striker Roque Santa Cruz can leave for 40 million pounds (58 million dollars) - but he does not expect to be inundated with offers.

Allardyce has repeatedly insisted he does not want to sell Santa Cruz during the January transfer window.

However, the Paraguay international has made it clear he wants to join Manchester City and link-up again with manager Mark Hughes, who brought him to Ewood Park from German giants Bayern Munich last season.

But Allardyce, who took over at Blackburn from the sacked Paul Ince



Blackburn Rovers new manager Sam Allardyce, seen here in 2008, has said striker Roque Santa Cruz can leave for 40 million pounds (58 million dollars) - but he does not expect to be inundated with offers.—INTERNET

last month, said the only conceivable way he would let Santa Cruz join the world's wealthiest football club was if City paid 40 million pounds, which he reckons is what it is worth for Rovers to stay in the Premier League.—Internet

Kaka staying at Milan, says Berlusconi

MILAN, 20 Jan—AC Milan president and Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi has ended transfer speculation surrounding Kaka by telling a TV programme on Monday that the 26-year-old Brazilian will be staying at Milan.

The former World Player of the Year had been the subject of a reported 100 million euro bid from mega-rich Manchester City in a transfer saga that had been picking up pace over the last week.

Berlusconi said last week that with the money on offer he could not force Kaka to stay if he wanted to leave.

But he seems to have changed his mind and claimed on Monday that he had intervened personally to ensure the fans' favourite will be staying in Italy.

"Both I and he (Kaka) have intervened," said Berlusconi.—Internet



Swiss ace Roger Federer, world number two.—INTERNET

Federer getting used to life as number two

MELBOURNE, 20 Jan—Swiss ace Roger Federer previously chafed at the label "world number two," but he said he was getting used to the idea after starting the Australian Open seeded second for the first time since 2004.

Federer, who is seeking a record-equalling 14th Grand Slam title here, said he felt more relaxed and able to enjoy life without the pressure of being the world's top player.

"Maybe I'm a bit more relaxed. The times when you're number one in the world, you put your head down, you try to win as many tournaments as possible," he said.

"Maybe sometimes you forget to enjoy it as much as you can because everything happens so quickly."—Internet

Murray, Williams sisters take easy route as Open sizzles

MELBOURNE, 20 Jan—Andy Murray and the Williams sisters took the easy route at the Australian Open Tuesday, breezing into the second round in furnace-like conditions.

As temperatures soared past 40 Celsius (104 Fahrenheit), fourth seed Murray barely broke a sweat against Romanian Davis Cup captain Andrei Pavel who retired with a back injury when the Scot was leading 6-2, 3-1.

Second-seeded Serena Williams was equally comfortable in her 6-3, 6-2 mauling of China's Meng Yuan, not needing the ice vests offered to players between games in such sizzling heat. Matching her sister, sixth seed Venus barely broke stride as she sauntered past Germany's Angelique Kerber 6-3, 6-3.

While they cruised, Russian fourth seed Elena

Dementieva survived a gruelling test before grinding down Germany's Kristina Barrois in three sets, while Polish ninth seed Agnieszka Radwanska became the biggest casualty so far.

Internet



British hope Andy Murray, seen here, was handed an easy passage into the Australian Open second round when Romania's Andrei Pavel retired with a back injury during their match on Tuesday.—INTERNET

Inter president rules out transfer window swoop

ROME, 20 Jan—Inter Milan president Massimo Moratti on Monday ruled out a January transfer window swoop despite his team's 3-1 humbling at the hands of Atalanta on Sunday.



Inter Milan's president Massimo Moratti

Jose Mourinho's team were simply woeful in the first 45 minutes in which they conceded three goals and barely registered a single shot of their own.

But Moratti insisted there would be no knee-jerk reaction to Inter's second league loss of the season.

"Yesterday was a terrible match, we played very badly, it was a match that really hurt," he said.

"It's hard to say what I was happy about, it wasn't a match, from the first whistle to the last there was no running, no concentration, nothing. It's everyone's and no-one's fault.

"Yesterday's match shows you that it would be absurd to look to the transfer market. Either you have 22 players who are washed out or it's absurd to look to the transfer market."—Internet

Soccer title is still within our grasp, insists Benitez

LIVERPOOL, 20 Jan—Liverpool manager Rafa Benitez insisted that his side could still win the Premier League despite watching his side carelessly drop more points in a 1-1 draw with city rivals Everton.

Benitez's side looked to be heading two points clear the summit after skipper Steven Gerrard gave his side the lead against neighbours Everton at Anfield on Monday.

But Liverpool were forced to settle for a draw after Australian international Tim Cahill pounced in the dying moments to earn Everton a priceless point.—Internet



Liverpool manager Rafa Benitez, seen here, insisted that his side could still win the Premier League despite watching his side carelessly drop more points in a 1-1 draw with city rivals Everton.—INTERNET

Angola pours millions into African Nations Cup

LUANDA, 20 Jan—Oil-rich Angola is pouring millions of dollars into new stadiums, hotels and airports to get ready for the 2010 African Nations Cup, which officials say will kick off on schedule in less than 12 months.

The decision to award Nations Cup - known as CAN - to Angola surprised some who did not believe the former Portuguese colony could get itself ready in time, having only ended a 27-year civil war in 2002.

But according to the organising committee, stadium construction is running to schedule and preparations are well underway. "In relation to the construction of stadiums, the schedule will be met," CAN's marketing director Manuel Mariano told journalists after a meeting with top government officials last week.—Internet

Ibrahimovic voted Italian player of year

ROME, 20 Jan—Inter Milan forward Zlatan Ibrahimovic Monday was named Italian player of the year for his brilliant performance in his club's run for the Serie A title last season.

The 27-year-old received the award from the Italian players' association whose members also voted the Swede best foreign player while Brazilian world player of year Kaka failed to win this time.

Veteran Italy and Juventus forward Alessandro Del Piero, who topped the scoring charts last season, picked up the best Italian award while Fiorentina boss Cesare Prandelli was named best coach after steering his side into the Champions League at the expense of AC Milan. Gianluigi Buffon of Juventus was named best goalkeeper, his team-mate Giorgio Chiellini best defender, Napoli's Marek Hamsik best young player and Roberto Rosetti best referee.—Internet

Inter Milan's Zlatan Ibrahimovic reacts after scoring a goal against Cagliari during their Italian Serie A soccer match at the San Siro stadium in Milan on 10 Jan, 2009.—XINHUA





Spain's Marc Coma (C) poses with team-members Jordi Viladons (L) and Gerard Farres (R), team manager Jordi Arcarons (R, standing) and Repsol's director of communications Jaume Giro upon arriving in Madrid after winning the motorcycle race in the South American edition of the Dakar Rally 2009 on 20 January, 2009.—INTERNET

Drought affects 7.9 mln hectares of wheat farmland in China

BEIJING, 20 Jan—China's Ministry of Agriculture said on Tuesday that lack of rainfall in major wheat-growing provinces has brought drought to 119 million mu (7.9 million hectares) of wheat farmland.

The figure was 100 million mu more than the same period last year. Most of northern China suffered from lack of rain during this winter, and in some areas, the amount of rainfall is 70 to 90 percent less than average, said officials with the ministry.

More than half of the wheat farmland in Henan, Anhui and Shanxi provinces is suffering drought, said the official. As drought harms crop's ability to weather the winter, the ministry has sent six expert teams to help farmers cope, and local governments have also organized similar instruction groups.

Also in freak weather, 1,003 kilometers of the Yellow River become ice-locked by Jan. 19, and 200 people from 27 families in Hukou of Shanxi Province suffered the effects of flooding as ice blocked the river Saturday night, according to the State Flood Control and Drought Relief Headquarter.—Internet

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (21.1.2009) (Wednesday)

Transmission Times

Local Transmission	- (09:00am ~ 10:00am) MST
Abroad Transmission (Europe)	- (15:30pm ~ 23:30pm) MST
Abroad Transmission (North America)	- (23:30pm ~ 07:30am) MST

Local Transmission

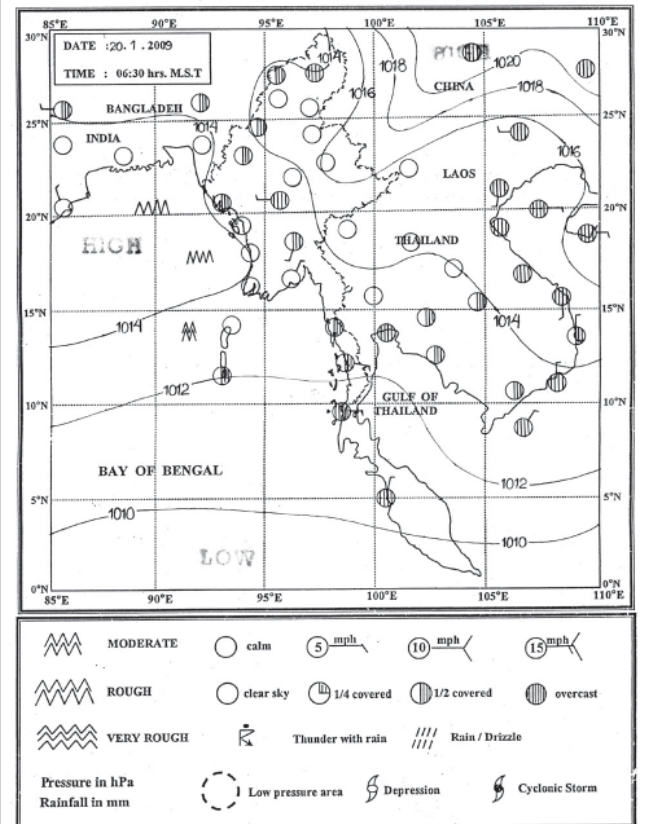
- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanmar Beauty and Scenic Sights
- * Central Glass Pavilion
- * New Transport Facilities designed for Regional Development
- * Min Sone Hill and its Star Tortoises
- * Resort for Rest and Recreation (Inle Kaung Taing Village)
- * Song of Myanmar Beauty and Scenic Sights

Abroad Transmissions

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanmar Beauty and Scenic Sights
- * The Alaung Daw Kathapa National Park
- * Mularsheedi we Love!
- * Hydropower Light Radiating from Danyawady Land
- * Reed Mats
- * The Wonderful Peikchin Ravine
- * Rubber.....a lucrative Business
- * Cruise Along Yangon River ... Feel Enchanting Scenes With Pleasure
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Central Glass Pavilion
- * New Transport Facilities Designed for Regional Development
- * Myanmar Jaggery
- * Resort for Rest and Recreation (Inle Khaung Taing Village)
- * The Art of Aesthetic Mosaic
- * Myanmar Indigenous Ornamental Fish (Part-2)
- * Engineered Floors made with Unique Technology
- * Song of Myanmar Beauty and Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Tuesday, 20 January, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin State and Sagaing Division and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below January average temperatures in Kayin State and Taninthayi Division, (5°C) to (6°C) below January average temperatures in Chin and Mon States, (3°C) above January average temperatures in Kayah State, upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, (6°C) above January average temperatures in Kachin State and about January average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Haka (-2°C), Pinlaung (3°C) and Namhsam (4°C).

Maximum temperature on 19-1-2009 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 20-1-2009 was 60°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 20-1-2009 was 74%. Total sunshine hours on 19-1-2009 was (9.1) hrs approx.

Rainfall on 20-1-2009 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from North at (09:30) hours MST on 20-1-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 21st January 2009: Likelihood of isolated light rain in Kachin State, weather will be partly cloudy in Shan State, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 21-1-2009: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 21-1-2009: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 21-1-2009: Generally fair weather.



Wednesday, 21 January
View on today

7:00 am

- မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

- To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

- Morning news

7:40 am

- “ရ”ရထားကြီးပျော်ပျော်စီး

7:55 am

- Dances of national races

8:10 am

- The mirror images of the musical oldies

8:30 am

- International news

8:45 am

- အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:00 pm

- Martial song

4:10 pm

- Classical song

4:20 pm

- အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:30 pm

- ဆောင်းပဒေသာတီးကွက်ဆန်းများ

4:45 pm

- အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ဒုတိယနှစ် (မြန်မာစာ၊ ရာဇာစာပေ၊

အရှေ့တိုင်းပညာအထူးပြုများ) (ဒဿနိကဗေဒ)

5:00 pm

- Songs to uphold national spirit

5:10 pm

- မြူးမြူးကြွကြွယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက

5:20 pm

- Musical programme

5:30 pm

- “တစ်လောကလုံးလင်းပါစေ” (ပြေတီဦး၊ မိုးပြည့်ပြည့်မောင်၊ မေသဉ္ဇာဦး၊ ဝါဝါအောင်၊ ဇော်ဖူးပွင့်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-စင်ရော်မောင်မောင်)

5:50 pm

- ဂွဗ္ဗယ်စုံလင်အာဆီယံအစီအစဉ်

6:00 pm

- Evening news

6:30 pm

- Weather report

6:35 pm

- မြန်မာ့ဓလေ့ရိုးရာလက်ရာ

6:50 pm

- ထက်မြက်ချော့ဆွင်အိမ်ထောင်ရှင်

7:20 pm

- ရာသီလွင်သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်

7:50 pm

- Musical programme

8:00 pm

- News

- International news

- Weather report

- မြန်မာ့ဗီဒီယိုဇာတ်လမ်း

- “အမုန်းနှင့်လက်တစ်ကမ်းအလို”

- (ခန့်စည်သူ၊ နန္ဒာလှိုင်)

- (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဒေါ်နု)

Grow seedless watermelon, yellowish musk melon to earn more foreign exchange

Article & photos: Kyaw Oo (Kyaukse)

The 1860 acres of watermelon and 476 acres of musk melon the Myanmar Kitchen Crops Producers Association grow in Mandalay Division prove successful in 2008-2009. It exported watermelon and musk melon and earned foreign exchange from it. Wondering how farmers grew and exported watermelon and musk melon to earn foreign exchange for the State, I conducted an interview with farmer U Ye Soe of Kyaukse Township as well as a member of the

Myanmar Kitchen Crops Producers Association.

Q: Well, U Ye Soe, what crops do you grow in 2008-2009?

A: This year, we grow 185 acres of monsoon paddy, 40 acres of seedless watermelon and 40 acres of musk melon. The 185 acres of fields we grow monsoon paddy on are ours. Now, we have harvested all the monsoon paddy, and cultivated chick pea. We also grow

seedless watermelon and musk melon. I am very interested in farming watermelon and musk melon that I went to China to study the methods of farming these fruit. I have farmed these fruit for seven years in Kyaukse District. This year, I run more acres. My farm is at the site near Maunghtaung Village, south of Kyaukse, so I named it Maunghtaung farm. (See page 10)



Two female workers packing seedless watermelons at Thittetkon Village in Myittha Township, Mandalay Division.

Declining male fertility linked to water pollution

BRUNELUNIVERSITY, 20 Jan — New research strengthens the link between water pollution and rising male fertility problems. The study, by Brunel University, the Universities of Exeter and Reading and the Centre for Ecology & Hydrology, shows for the first time how a group of testosterone-blocking chemicals is finding its way into UK rivers, affecting wildlife and potentially humans.

The study identified a new group of chemicals that act as ‘anti-androgens’. This means that they inhibit the function of the male hormone, testosterone, reducing male fertility. Some of these are contained in medicines, including cancer treatments, pharmaceutical treatments, and pesticides used in agriculture. The research suggests that when they get into the water system, these chemicals may play a pivotal role in causing feminising effects in male fish. Earlier research by Brunel University and the University of Exeter has shown how female sex hormones (estrogens), and chemicals that mimic estrogens, are leading to ‘feminisation’ of male fish. Found in some industrial chemicals and the contraceptive pill, they enter rivers via sewage treatment works. —Internet



Bayern want record fee for Ribery



MUNICH, 20 Jan— Bayern Munich general manager Uli Hoeness has

slapped a £140million (150m euro) price tag on midfielder Franck Ribery.

The France international was a reported target for AC Milan, who were thought to see him as a possible replacement for Kaka before his proposed move to Manchester City

fell through.

Hoeness, though, values the former Marseille man higher than the Brazilian.

"If Kaka is meant to be worth 120million, then Franck Ribery is worth 150million," Hoeness told Eurosport television.

"We would only perhaps start to consider selling him at a sum like this."

Hoeness was speaking at the end of Bayern's 2-0 friendly win at second division side Kaiserslautern. Cap: Ribery - was linked with Milan.—Internet

Frantic activity revealed in dusty stellar factories

MADRID, 20 Jan— Astronomers from the Instituto de Astrofísica de Canarias (Spain) used NACO, a sharp-eyed adaptive optics instrument on ESO's Very Large Telescope (VLT), to study the fine detail in NGC 253, one of the brightest and dustiest spiral galaxies in the sky.

Adaptive Optics (AO) corrects for the blurring effect introduced by the Earth's atmosphere. This turbulence causes the stars to twinkle in a way that delights poets, but frustrates astronomers, since it smears out the images. With AO in action the telescope can produce images that are as sharp as is theoretically possible, as if the telescope were in space.

NACO revealed features in the galaxy that were only 11 light-years across. "Our observations provide us with so much spatially resolved detail that we can, for the first time, compare them with the finest radio maps for this galaxy — maps that have existed for more than a decade," says Juan Antonio Fernández-Ontiveros, the lead author of the paper reporting the results [1].

Astronomers identified 37 distinct bright re-

gions, a threefold increase on previous results, packed into a tiny region at the core of the galaxy, comprising just one percent of the galaxy's total size. The astronomers combined their NACO images with data from another VLT instrument, VISIR, as well as with images from the NASA/ESA Hubble Space Telescope and radio observations made by the Very Large Array and the Very Large Baseline Interferometer. Combining these observations, taken in different wavelength regimes, provided a clue to the nature of these regions.—Internet

