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## Four political objectives

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

## Four economic objectives

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

## Four social objectives

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

# Kantha village gets concrete bridge, BEMS (Branch)

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Jan—A ceremony to open a concrete bridge in Kantha village of Budalin Township, Sagaing Division, was held near the bridge yesterday.

Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Myint Soe, Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, departmental heads at division, district and township levels, members of social organizations and officials attended the opening ceremony. The chairman of township PDC, wellwishers and members of social organizations formally opened the bridge.

The commander formally unveiled the signboard of the basic education middle school (Branch). The commander and the minister made speeches on the occasion. The commander presented exercise books and the minister a set of TV and sports gear for the school.

Afterwards, the commander and the minister met with teachers of Monywa Education College and trainees and made a speech on the occasion. The commander presented K 500,000 for uniforms and the minister handed sports gear for the college.—*MNA*

# Labutta hustle and bustle with business activities

***Article: Mawgyun Myint Aung (IPRD)***

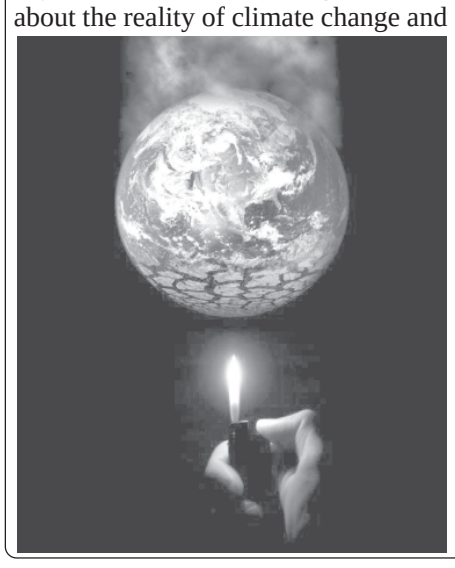
Notwithstanding early morning, Labutta, the commercial hub of the seaside area, was found lively with activities. Labutta port was busy with a good trade of marine products along with sea-going trawlers and vessels the whole morning.

The entire town looked bright when the sun rose. We left Labutta port by speedboat along the Yway River. *(See page 7)*

***Polaung model village is on path to development.***

# Human-induced global warming is real

SCIENCE DAILY, 21 Jan —While the harsh winter pounding many areas of North America and Europe seemingly contradicts the fact that global warming continues unabated, a new survey finds consensus among scientists about the reality of climate change and its likely cause.



A group of 3,146 earth scientists surveyed around the world overwhelmingly agree that in the past 200-plus years, mean global temperatures have been rising, and that human activity is a significant contributing factor in changing mean global temperatures.

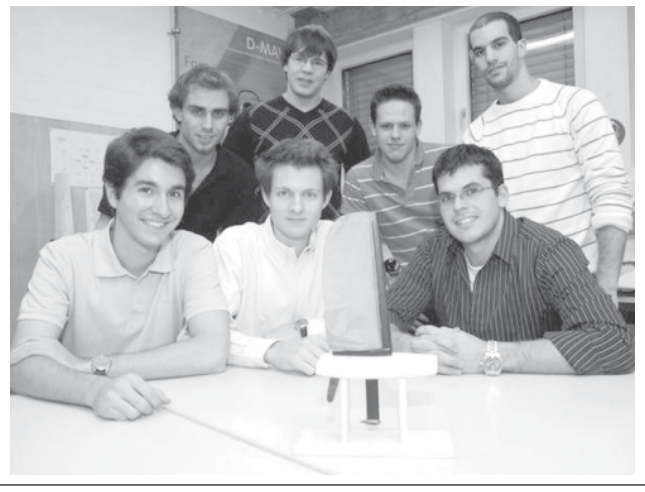
Peter Doran, University of Illinois at Chicago associate professor of earth and environmental sciences, along with former graduate student Maggie Kendall Zimmerman, conducted the survey late last year.

The findings appear January 19 in the publication Eos, Transactions, American Geophysical Union.

In trying to overcome criticism of earlier attempts to gauge the view of earth scientists on global warming and the human impact factor, Doran and Kendall Zimmerman sought the opinion of the most complete list of earth scientists they could find, contacting more than 10,200 experts around the world listed in the 2007 edition of the American Geological Institute's Directory of Geoscience Departments.—*Internet*

# To sail autonomously across Atlantic

ZURICH, 21 Jan — Eight mechanical engineering students have taken on something big: in the context of their focus project, they are designing a sailing boat to sail autonomously across the Atlantic.



Design drawings showing various views of a sailing boat hang on movable walls in the LCE workshop, and a model – which would also not look out of place at bathtime – stands on the table. However, the seven mechanical engineering students out of eight who are gathered together in the workshop on Leonardstrasse on a Friday are not in a mood for playing. The aim is for the plan to be transformed in early summer 2009 at the latest into a four metre ocean-going sailing boat weighing a maximum of 500 kilograms. This boat is intended to sail autonomously and unmanned from Ireland to the Caribbean, covering a total of 7,000 kilometres in three to four months. That would be a world record. High-tech against primeval forces.—*Internet*

# PERSPECTIVES

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## National progress through all-round development

**The government is laying foundations for development of every sector while undertaking the tasks for national progress. Establishment of essential foundations in every sector is meant to hand down precious legacy to posterity.**

**At the same time, priority is being given to national solidarity essential for the State. Due to the efforts of the government development gaps between one region and another have gradually become narrower and narrower and equitable development has been made in all regions of the Union. The national people now enjoy fruitful results of development.**

**There has been a great number of dams, motor roads, railroads, major bridges across the rivers, hydropower stations and workshops and factories nationwide. Universities and colleges that will produce human resources on whom the State can rely and hospitals that provide health care services have been opened.**

**Altogether 217 dams and 322 river water pumping stations have been built in the time of the Tatmadaw government since 1988.**

**The government is giving priority to the regions which are in need of special care and attention and carrying out the tasks for development of local people, for alleviation of poverty and for promotion of social life of the people. Therefore, all the national people are to actively participate in these efforts for national development.**

***Min Naing (Srixon) leading Monywa Invitational Golf Tournament.*—MGF**

## 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**

## Water pumping stations inspected in Mingaladon, Hlegu Townships

YANGON, 21 Jan—Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo inspected Balar-2 water pumping station in Mingaladon Township on 19 January.

The station was built on Balar canal of Ngamoeyeik Dam by Water Resources Utilization Department.

The minister inspected supply of water to summer paddy fields, water pumping with the use of paddyhusk-powered gasifier, irrigation and cultivation of summer paddy.

Water Resources Utilization Department built Balar-1 and-2 water pumping stations for 1000-acre Balar model farm project in Hlegu and Mingaladon Townships.

This year Balar-2 water pumping station will supply water to 400 acres of farmland for cultivation of crops.

The minister went to Letpan water pumping station on Ngamoeyeik Creek and Shantegyi Creek near Letpan Village in Hlegu Township. He inspected irrigation and ploughing for summer paddy.

On completion of the project, water will be supplied to 9,300 acres of cultivable land. The minister inspected Ngamoeyeik water pumping projects, irrigation and summer paddy fields.

Ngamoeyeik water pumping project being built near Moksoenyaung-bin Village in Hlegu Township will suppy water to 8,000 acres of land.

Altogether 700 out of 2,000 acres of summer paddy have been cultivated in the township.—*MNA*

***Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo inspects Letpan river water pumping project in Hlegu Township.*—MNA**

## Cash donated to MWJA

YANGON, 21 Jan—Donors U Khin Maung Thein, wife Susan Thein (Sagaing Sein Sein) and family donated cash to Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association at City Star Hotel on Maha Bandoola Park Street this afternoon.

CEC member Lt-Col Ohn Maung (Retd) of MWJA extended greetings on the occasion. Next, writer Sagaing Sein Sein explained the purpose of the donations. Wellwisher donated K 900,000 to MWJA and K 100,000 to Digital Library of U Htin Gyi totalling K 1 million. Vice-Chairman of MWJA U Tin Kha accepted cash donations, presented certificates of honour to the donors and spoke words of thanks.

*MNA*

## Min Naing leading Monywa Invitational Golf

YANGON, 21 Jan— The Monywa Invitational Golf Tournament, jointly organized by Myanmar Golf Federation and Monywa Golf Club, continued at Monywa Golf Club in Monywa this morning.

After the third round, Min Naing (Srixon) was retaining his position at the top of the professional golfers division with 210 strokes. Naing Naing Lin (Point) and Kyaw Swa Lin (Srixon) tied at the second position with 219 each. Soe Kyaw Naing (Srixon) was standing at the third position with 220.

In the men's amateur golfers division, Aung Win (Forest) was leading the competition with 217 strokes, followed by Nay Bala Win Myint with 225 and Tin Lin Ko with 228.

Future Engineering Group, More & More Co Ltd and Cherry Yoma Co Ltd mainly sponsored the tournament with co-sponsors International Beverages Trading Co Ltd together with undertakings of Han Even Management.

*MNA*

## STI Education invites trainees for ACE course

STI Education like no other

YANGON, 21 Jan—STI Education will conduct the Adobe Certified Expert (ACE) Course on 8 February.

Trainees will be equipped with knowledge to create animation, advertisement, special effects and many other areas such as poster and billboard designs.

The course will be extremely appropriate for media designers, directors (movies and advertising), and publishing related operations.

For more information, contact No. 7, Building 4, Myanmar Info-Tech, Hline Township and No. 377, Upper Shwebontha Street, Pabedan Township, Tel: 250056, 700273, 507046, 507048 and 507151/52.—*MNA*

# Afghanistan seeks control over NATO deployments

KABUL, 21 Jan—The Afghan government has sent NATO headquarters a draft agreement that would give Afghanistan more control over future NATO deployments in the country—including the positioning of some US troops, officials said on Tuesday.

The draft technical agreement would put into place rules of conduct for NATO-led troops in Afghanistan and the number of additional NATO troops and their location would have to be approved by the Afghan government.

The agreement—an attempt by Afghanistan to gain more control over international military operations—would also prohibit NATO troops from conducting any searches of Afghan homes, according to a copy of the draft obtained by *The Associated Press.*

Afghan President Hamid Karzai, who met with Gen David Petraeus on Tuesday and discussed how to prevent civilian deaths and the role of Afghan forces in US missions, told legislators that his government sent the draft agreement to NATO about two weeks ago. As the head of US Central Command, Petraeus oversees the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

*Internet*

***A man stands near a destroyed vehicle after Iraqi border patrol commander Col Abdul Majeed Mohammed was killed by a bomb placed under his truck near Basra, Iraq's second-largest city, 550 kilometres (340 miles) southeast of Baghdad, Iraq, on 20 Jan, 2009.—INTERNET***

***Security personnel investigate the debris of a car after a suicide car bomb in Herat, on 21 Jan, 2009. A suicide car bomb killed two Afghan soldiers and wounded three more on Wednesday in the western province of Herat, the Defence Ministry said.—INTERNET***

# Europe opposes more troops for Afghanistan

LONDON, 21 Jan—Most voters in leading European countries believe their governments should resist any request by incoming US President Barack Obama to send more troops to Afghanistan, according to an opinion poll published on Tuesday.

The Harris poll for the Financial Times showed "clear majorities" in Britain, France, Italy and Germany believed their governments must not send more forces to Afghanistan if Obama asked them to do so, the newspaper said. Obama, who will be sworn into office later on Tuesday, has said he would make Afghanistan the central front in his fight against terrorism and has committed himself to sending more US forces to tackle a worsening insurgency.

But many European allies have been reluctant to commit more troops to an increasingly dangerous operation. The Financial Times said 60 percent of German respondents in the survey opposed Berlin sending more troops to Afghanistan. In Britain, the second biggest contributor to NATO's mission in Afghanistan with more than 8,000 troops, 57 percent of those polled rejected sending more forces.

*Internet*

# Iraq willing to see US troops leave early

BAGHDAD, 21 Jan—Iraq's top spokesman says his government is willing to see a US troop withdrawal even before the agreed deadline at the end of 2011.

President Barack Obama meets with top military commanders on Wednesday to discuss the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. He said at his inauguration on Tuesday that he will remove troops from Iraq in a responsible manner. Obama promised during the campaign to bring home all US combat troops within 16 months said he would consult with commanders first.

Iraqi spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh said Iraqis were worried about a premature departure. But he says the government is willing to let the US to depart before 2012 and assume full responsibility for security.

*Internet*

# Taleban bomb kills Afghan police

KABUL, 21 Jan—The Taleban claimed responsibility for a roadside bomb that killed at least two police officers in Kandahar on Tuesday, while coalition troops said they killed 22 militants, including two Taleban commanders, in raids elsewhere.

Two police officers died when a bomb targeting their vehicle went off Tuesday morning in the center of the southern city of Kandahar, said Zulmai Ayoubi, the spokesman for the governor of Kandahar province. The blast wounded two other officers and a civilian.

"I was just standing in front of the butcher shop when the IED exploded," said resident Abdul Kader.

Taleban spokesman Qari Yousef claimed responsibility for the attack and said the action killed five police officers.

On Monday, coalition forces conducted several raids in eastern and southern Afghanistan, the US military said.

*Internet*

# Iraqi policemen foil suicide attack in N Iraq

MOSUL, 21 Jan— An Iraqi police force foiled Tuesday a suicide bomb attack on their checkpoint in the city of Mosul, the capital of Nineveh Province, a local police source said.

The policemen opened fire on a suicide bomber who blew up his explosive vest near their checkpoint in the Yarmouk district in western Mosul, wounding three policemen, including one in a critical condition, the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

*Internet*

# US investigates Afghan civilian deaths claim

KABUL (Afghanistan), 21 Jan—The US military said on Wednesday that it was investigating an Afghan news report that a coalition operation may have left more than two dozen civilians dead. Two Afghan officials said a government investigation found only militants were killed. Afghan President Hamid Karzai has long urged US and NATO troops to avoid civilian casualties. The deaths could undermine his re-election bid this year, and also erode support that the foreign forces need to help Karzai's government extend its reach across the country. On Tuesday, the coalition said a nighttime raid had killed 19 militants, including a locally feared leader, during an operation in the Tagab Valley, a militant hotbed in Kapisa province just 30 miles (50 kilometers) north of Kabul.—*Internet*

***A suicide car bomb claimed by the Taleban exploded outside the German embassy in Kabul.* INTERNET**

*Actors in costumes of the Qing Dynasty (1644-1911) have rehearsal of the rite of worshipping the Heaven at the Temple of Heaven in Beijing, on 20 Jan, 2009. The Temple of Heaven Park will hold heaven worshipping ceremony during the Chinese lunar New Year holidays, which begins on 26 Jan this year.—*XINHUA

# UN chief says Gazan rocket fire at Israel unacceptable

JERUSALEM, 21 Jan—UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said on Tuesday that the rocket fire from the Gaza Strip at southern Israel was unacceptable and against humanitarianism.

The indiscriminate barrage of rockets and mortar shells, which haunted southern Israeli communities for years, was horrendous and unacceptable, said Ban during a tour to the Israeli border town of Sderot, a target of frequent rocket fire.

While noting that such attacks against Israel violated the basic humanitarian law, the UN chief also urged the Jewish state to lift its crippling blockade upon the impoverished Palestinian enclave, where reside some 1.5 million people, with some half of them refugees.

Earlier in the day, Ban visited the Gaza Strip, which braced for massive devastation during Israel's three-week blistering military offensive starting on 27 December, 2008 and described the scenes as "heartbreaking."

Ban urged Israel and the Gaza-ruling Hamas movement to exercise maximum restraint to maintain the shaky ceasefire, which has roughly been kept in shape since the two sides separately staged their truces on Sunday. —*Xinhua*

## Vietnam plans to earn $5 bln from footwear export in 2009

HANOI, 21 Jan — Vietnam plans to earn 5 billion US dollars from its footwear export this year, a slight increase over 2008, the local newspaper Pioneer reported on Wednesday, citing the Vietnam Leather and Footwear Association.

To realize the target, the association encouraged local exporters to develop new markets of great potential such as the United States, Russia, Japan, and Brazil rather just focusing on the traditional ones.

In addition, the association asked the sector to take steps to improve export models and diversify products for long-term development.

The sector's export revenue reached 4.7 billion US dollars in 2008, according to Vietnam's Ministry of Industry and Trade.—*Xinhua*

## Fighter-bombers crash kills three in Spain

MADRID, 21 Jan— Two Spanish military fighter-bombers crashed on Tuesday and killed three pilots, Spanish Defence Ministry said.

The two Mirage F-4 planes crashed during a training flight between the localities of El Bonillo and Ossa de Montiel, in the province of Albacete, southeast of the country. Spanish military authorities did not reveal the causes of the crash.

*Xinhua*

*File photo shows containers stacked up at the southern port of Busan. South Korea's exports fell sharply this month as recession gripped many overseas markets, according to Customs Service data released on 21 Jan, 2009.—*XINHUA

## Iran FM urges Obama to choose "right path" towards Teheran

TEHERAN, 21 Jan — Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki has expressed hope that the new US President Barack Obama could choose the right path towards Teheran, local newspaper Iran Daily reported on Tuesday on its website.

The United States had no correct approach towards Iran and always was the "troublemaker," Mottaki was quoted by ISNA news agency as saying, according to the Iran Daily report.

"But if Obama chooses the right path, compensates the past, ends hostility and hegemony, and revises past political mistakes, we would have no hostility," Mottaki said on the eve of Obama's inauguration as the 44th president of the United States.

"We hope that angles of optimism would be created (with Obama) but the facts tell us we should not be optimistic," the Iranian foreign minister added.

Obama was sworn in on Tuesday as the 44th president of the United States on the west front of the Capitol in Washington, DC, becoming the first black president in the country's history.

Obama said earlier this month that Iran would be one of the biggest challenges that his administration was to face, but Washington must be "willing to initiate diplomacy" with the country. —*Xinhua*

## California company recalls cookie dough for likely salmonella taint

LOS ANGELES, 21 Jan—A food company based in southern California announced on Monday it was recalling peanut butter cookie dough that might be tainted with salmonella.

The company, Sweet Success Fundraising Inc, said the dough was distributed as part of a fundraising activity to three southern California schools, including two in the Los Angeles area.

A total of 170 of the three-pound tubs of frozen cookie dough, which sell for 14 dollars apiece, could be affected, according to company spokeswoman Lilly Ceja.

"We didn't think twice to protect our reputation," Ceja said, adding that safety was the company's top priority.

But she refuted early reports which suggested that as many as 13 schools throughout southern California were affected by the recall.

State health officials said no illnesses connected with the cookie dough have been reported to date.

The recalled cookie dough was sold to Sweet Success after 8 December.

The California Department of Public Health said the frozen cookie dough, which was packaged without lot codes or "use-by" dates, may have been made with peanut butter that was voluntarily recalled by the Peanut Corporation of America.—*Xinhua*

**All items from Xinhua News Agency**

*Lorries pour down earth at the construction site of the Nan'ao bridge during its groundbreaking ceremony in Nan'ao County, south China's Guangdong Province, on 20 Jan, 2009. The bridge of 11.08 kilometres across the sea will connect Nan'ao County, China's first 4A-class sea islet ecological tourist resort, with Shantou, a city also in Guangdong.—*XINHUA

# Israel denies Gaza munitions had depleted uranium

JERUSALEM, 21 Jan—Israel on Tuesday denied allegations it used depleted uranium munitions in Gaza, accusing the Arab nations that made the report of "particularly poor propaganda."

On Monday, Arab nations asked the International Atomic Energy Agency to investigate reports that uranium traces were found in victims of Israeli shelling during the three-week campaign against Hamas militants in the Gaza Strip. "This is a particularly poor propaganda spin," Yigal Palmor, spokesman for the Israeli Foreign Ministry, said on Tuesday. "These accusations have been raised in the past many times and have been proven groundless each time by independent investigators."

Similar allegations were raised after the 2006 war between Israel and Hezbollah in Lebanon. Investigations found no proof depleted uranium munitions were used.

In a letter to the IAEA on behalf of Arab ambassadors accredited in Austria, Prince Mansour Al-Saoud, the Saudi Ambassador, had expressed "our deep concern regarding the information ... that traces of depleted uranium have been found in Palestinian victims."—*Internet*

***Palestinian men dig to find their belongings under the rubble of their house in Jabalia's Ezbet Abdrabbo neighbourhood.*—INTERNET**

***A tourist takes a photo of Singapore's financial district skyline, on 21 Jan, 2009. Singapore's economy could shrink up to 5 percent this year, its worst ever performance, and face deflation, raising market expectations of a one-off currency devaluation by April.*—INTERNET**

# Iraq rocked by bomb blasts

BAGHDAD, 21 Jan—A series of blasts across Iraq have killed five people and injured at least 14 others.

Tuesday's attacks were carried out in Baghdad, Mosul and al-Zubair, which lies near the oil-rich southern city of Basra, police sources said.

Three civilians were killed and eight others injured after a car bomb targeting a US patrol exploded in the central Baghdad district of Mansour.

The US military said two of its soldiers were among the injured. Police colonel Abdulmajid Mohammed was killed after a bomb planted under his car exploded as he drove to work in al-Zubair.

His driver, also a police officer, survived the explosion but was said to be in a critical condition in hospital. In another attack, Ammar Aziz Mohammed Ali, the deputy higher education minister, survived an assassination attempt in Baghdad. "A roadside bomb blew up as the ... minister's convoy was passing down al-Nidhal Street in central Baghdad without hurting him," a government-issued statement said.—*Internet*

# US seeks to suspend Gitmo war crimes trials

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, 21 Jan—The US moved on Tuesday to halt the Guantanamo Bay war crimes trials, filing a late-night motion to suspend proceedings until President Barack Obama's administration completes a review of the system for prosecuting suspected terrorists.

The motion, filed at the direction of Obama and Defense Secretary Robert Gates, will be considered early on Wednesday by the military judge hearing the case of five men charged in the 11 Sept attacks. In the motion, a US military prosecutor says the "interests of justice" would be served by a suspension in all pending cases because a review of the system by the Obama administration may result in significant changes.

"The interests of justice served by granting the requested continuance outweigh the interests of both the public and the accused in a prompt trial," prosecutor Clay Trivett said in the motion.—*Internet*

# UN wants all Gaza borders opened

UNITED NATIONS, 21 Jan—UN humanitarian chief John Holmes said on Tuesday that he's heading to Gaza and a top priority will be to get all border crossings opened not only for food and medicine but for desperately needed construction materials which Israel has refused to allow in since Hamas seized power in June 2007. Holmes, who expects to arrive in Israel on Wednesday, told reporters "it's absolutely critical" that cement, pipes and other building materials are "unbanned" by Israel and allowed into Gaza to start rebuilding the war-ravaged Palestinian territory.

"Otherwise, the reconstruction effort won't get off first base," Holmes said. Holmes said on Monday that hundreds of millions of dollars in humanitarian aid will be needed immediately to help Gaza's 1.4 million people and billions of dollars will be required to rebuild its shattered buildings and infrastructure.—*Internet*

# Obama's Treasury nominee facing Senate questions

WASHINGTON, 21 Jan—With the country facing a worsening economic crisis, President Barack Obama is hoping to win quick approval of his choice of Timothy Geithner to be Treasury secretary, but first Geithner has to explain how he missed paying $34,000 in payroll taxes earlier in the decade.

The Senate Finance Committee was scheduled to hear from Geithner on Wednesday with his tax mistake expected to be among a number of questions that panel members will pursue. The hearing is being held against the backdrop of a worsening situation in the banking industry. Shares of major banks plunged on Tuesday as investors feared that an unraveling financial bailout will force the new administration to intervene more deeply into the nation's banking system. Many observers believe the Obama team will have to pump more money into banks or create an entity to take over their toxic assets.

Such moves could dramatically increase government's involvement in banks, potentially threatening shareholders whose holdings could be wiped out in the event of a takeover.

*Internet*

***Shoppers crowd a supermarket in Hanoi, Vietnam, on 15 Jan, 2009. Squeezed by the global slowdown, consumers and companies in China and other countries that celebrate the Lunar New Year, which begins this year on 26 Jan, are slashing their spending on traditionally lavish gifts, liquor and banquets.***

**INTERNET**

# Indian PM undergoes heart tests

***Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh.***
**INTERNET**

NEW DELHI, 21 Jan—Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh underwent medical tests on Tuesday and on Wednesday for heart-related problems at a top government-run hospital in New Delhi, the Press Trust of India reported.

The tests included an angiogram that revealed some arterial blockages in his heart and doctors were debating the next course of action, PTI said.

The 76-year-old premier had visited the All India Institute of Medical Sciences on Tuesday for an "overall medical checkup," the report said.—*Internet*

# Chavez hopes for change, still wary of 'US empire'

CARACAS, 21 Jan— Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez challenged President Barack Obama on Tuesday to remake US policy toward Latin America, but said he isn't holding out much hope for major changes.

"No one here should have any illusions. It's the US empire," Chavez told supporters during a televised speech shortly after Obama's inauguration.

The Venezuelan leader said he hopes Obama "looks to Latin America with a new view, with a new focus of respect toward the democracies and the changes" in the region.

The leftist leader, who once called outgoing President George W Bush the "devil," also said he's glad to see the departure of a president "who filled the world with terror."—*Internet*

# Explosion in E Sri Lanka kills one, injures 11

COLOMBO, 21 Jan — At least one police officer was killed and 11 others injured in an explosion in Sri Lanka's troubled Eastern Province on Wednesday morning, a police spokesman said. Police spokesman Ranjith Gunasekera said the explosion occurred near a police station in the Batticaloa town at around 7:30 am (0200 GMT).

"Due to the explosion, one police sergeant was killed, another police officer and 10 civilians were injured," said the spokesman, adding that three school children were among the injured.

Gunasekera said the investigation was going on and no suspect has been arrested. The police usually attribute such kind of explosion to the rebel Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), which is fighting with government troops mainly in the north.

The LTTE was expelled from the Eastern Province by the troops in July 2007, but abductions, assassinations and explosions are still occurring in the province. Military officials said the LTTE will be totally defeated in the island within months, thus bringing an end to one of Asia longest civil wars.

*Internet*

# Teenagers wounded by grenade explosion in southern Philippines

MANILA, 21 Jan — Two teenagers were wounded when a grenade explosion, targeted at a military camp nearby, hit an evacuation centre in the southern Philippine province of Maguindanao on Tuesday night, a military spokesman said on Wednesday.

Julieto Ando, spokesman of the Philippine Army's 6th Infantry Division, said about 20 to 30 Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) rebels attacked a camp at the village of Libutan in Mamasapano town. The camp is near a school that houses a number of people displaced by the continuous fighting in the south.

Ando said the rebels fired at least two rounds of M203 grenade launchers at the Army camp, one of which unluckily hit the evacuation center, injuring Momina Sangutin, 14 and his elder brother, Salamudin Sangutin, 15.

Quoting from initial information from the field, Ando said Momina sustained injuries in the left knee while Salamudin was hit in the left arm. He said the two were subsequently brought to a private clinic for prompt medical treatment.

*Internet*

***Skiers compete in Autrans, French Alps, during the 31st 'Foulee blanche' (White stride), a 42-km-long cross country skiing race, the event which marked the start of the resort's Nordic season.—INTERNET***

## NEWS ALBUM

### Australia lists world's largest sea turtle as endangered

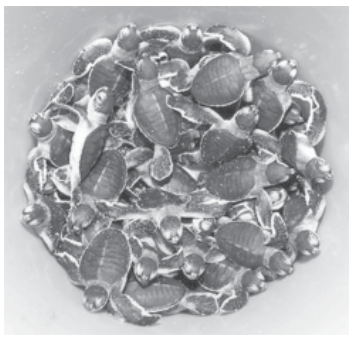
Australia on Sunday listed the world's largest sea turtle, the leatherback, as endangered due to the threats posed by overfishing and the unsustainable harvesting of its eggs and meat.

The leatherback turtle, previously listed only as vulnerable, was one of a group of plants and animals registered as endangered by Environment Minister Peter Garrett.

The turtle, which averages about 1.6 metres (5.2 feet) in length and weighs between 250 and 700 kilograms (550 and 1,540 pounds), is found in tropical and temperate waters around Australia.

"The uplisting is mainly due to the ongoing threats the turtle faces from unsustainable harvesting of egg and meat and pressures from commercial fishing outside Australian waters," Garrett said.

Also upgraded to critically endangered were nine species of snails, Bornemissza's stag beetle, which is found on the southern island of Tasmanian, three types of orchids and five other plants.



***Leatherback turtle hatchlings. Australia on Sunday listed the world's largest sea turtle, the leatherback, as endangered due to the threats posed by overfishing and the unsustainable harvesting of its eggs and meat***

### Frenchman speaks nonstop for 124 hours to set speech record

Frenchman Lluis Colet broke the world record for the longest speech after rambling nonstop for 124 hours about Spanish painter Salvador Dali, Catalan culture and other topics.

The 62-year-old Catalan and local government worker spoke for five straight days and four nights to set the record in the southern French town of Perpignan.

Three notaries were on hand to recognize the feat which allows Colet to enter it in the Guinness Book of Records.

The previous record was held by an Indian man who delivered a 120-hour speech.

Colet began speaking at Perpignan's railway station on Monday by reciting the works of famous authors or using some of his own writing. He also spoke profusely about Dali, a painter he admires, and Catalan culture.

Large crowds turned out in support of Colet, who received a rapturous applause at the end of his speech.

"This is a big day for me and I dedicate this record to all those who defend Catalan language and culture," he said, his voice fainter after five days of nonstop talking.

Colet had set the record once before in 2004 when he spoke for 48 straight hours.

***Frenchman Lluis Colet, pictured in 2004, broke the world record for the longest speech after rambling nonstop for 124 hours about Spanish painter Salvador Dali, Catalan culture and other topics.***

***Karl Ferdinand Trunk performs with a goat during the opening ceremony of the 33nd Monte Carlo International Circus Festival in Monaco.***

### Woman allegedly hits man on scooter, goes to salon

Police said an elderly woman in Palm Beach County crashed into a man on a scooter and then kept driving to make her hair appointment. Boynton Beach police spokeswoman Stephanie Slater said a 77-year-old woman was arrested for leaving the scene of an injury crash.

The man suffered abrasions all over his body. His injuries are not believed to be life threatening.

Police said the woman was turning right when she pulled into the path of an oncoming scooter that had the right of way. The scooter collided with her silver Toyota, vaulting the man off the scooter, onto the windshield and then onto the roadway. Police spotted her car after she had her hair appointment.

# Labutta hustle and bustle with business activities

***Article: Mawgyun Myint Aung (IPRD)***

*(from page 1)*

On our way to Hlwasar and Pyinsalu, we held talks with some local authorities about progress of seaside regions and development of Labutta District, taking a sunbath on the deck.

As we were some distance to Hlwasar model village, we found some fishermen at work in groups in the river, and some of them waved to us.

After an hour's drive, we arrived at the destination. So far, Myanma Ahla Co has built 84 houses in Hlwasar model village to improve the living standard of local people. Seven houses were found under construction. Hlwasar model village was lovely in an attractive way.

The roads in the village were clean and tidy. Each house had 10 small rows of 10 species of vegetables, thus earning extra incomes from the vegetable rows.

Pyinsalu is in Labutta District. It is constituted with three wards and 16 village-tracts. Up to now, Max Myanmar Co Ltd has built 362 houses for local people, and is building 57 houses.

We had a good time in Pyinsalu. Being close to Bay of Bengal, Pyinsalu has temperate climate. Its main roads are straight. The town has green and lush groves of trees and landscaping plants.

On its left side is a rural housing area in which houses are built in rows. Every road has their signboards. So, it was pleasant to view the town.

In Pyinsalu also, each house has 10 small rows of 10 species of vegetables such as gourd, roselle, coriander, egg plant, pea, water cress and lady's finger plant. They earn extra money from the vegetable patches. Fishermen have restored their businesses and got regular incomes. So, they are doing well in their businesses.

We visited the sites around Pyinsalu, which was found attractive with the sea in the background.

Next, we left Pyinsalu by speedboat for Thitpok village of Pyin Alan village-tract. The scenes along the way were naturally beautiful in a different way. Now, Thitpok model village has 250 houses built by Wah Wah Win Co, and 100 other ones are under construction.

The village was established from a distance from the river. The main road passes through the middle of the village. There, each house has 10 small rows of 10 species of vegetables.

Then, we proceeded to Polaung model village. The village was so lovely that it was like a colourful picture. It is the nearest village to the Bay of Bengal. So, it is the gateway to the sea.

***In Hlwasar model village, each house has 10 small rows of 10 species of vegetables.***

So far, Wah Wah Win Co has built 400 houses in Polaung model village of Pyin Alan village-tract. The houses were found lovely and durable and were built through good planning.

Then, we returned to Labutta from Polaung model village which has possessed all characters of a model village. On the way to Labutta, we held a meeting with Chairman of Labutta District Peace and Development Council U Aye Maung Kyi. He said, "Now, these regions have developed a lot with high living standard of local people. And trade is now good. What we have to do to improve the present living conditions is to work together."

When we got to the Yway River in the east of Labutta, it was sundown, and we enjoyed the beauty of sunset. The development of Labutta is, indeed, very encouraging.

**Translation: MS**

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## Heritability may not be limited to DNA

***Dr. Art Petronis, head of the Krembil Family Epigenetics Laboratory at the Center for Addiction and Mental Health, has revealed new evidence that DNA may not be the only carrier of heritable information.***

OTTAWA, 21 Jan — Scientists at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) have detected evidence that DNA may not be the only carrier of heritable information; a secondary molecular mechanism called epigenetics may also account for some inherited traits and diseases. These findings challenge the fundamental principles of genetics and inheritance, and potentially provide a new insight into the primary causes of human diseases.

Your mother's eyes, your father's height, your predisposition to disease--these are traits inherited from your parents. Traditionally, 'heritability' is estimated by comparing monozygotic (genetically identical) twins to dizygotic (genetically different) twins. A trait or disease is called heritable if monozygotic twins are more similar to each other than dizygotic twins. In molecular terms, heritability has traditionally been attributed to variations in the DNA sequence.

CAMH's Dr. Art Petronis, head of the Krembil Family Epigenetics Laboratory, and his team conducted a comprehensive epigenetic analysis of 100 sets of monozygotic and dizygotic twins in the first study of its kind. Said Dr. Petronis, "We investigated molecules that attach to DNA and regulate various gene activities. These DNA modifications are called epigenetic factors."

*Internet*

## Microbe composition in gut may hold key to a cause of obesity

PHOENIX, 21 Jan — Biodesign Institute in collaboration with colleagues at the Mayo Clinic, Arizona, and the University of Arizona, reveal a tantalizing link between differing microbial populations in the human gut and body weight among three distinct groups: normal weight individuals, those who have undergone gastric bypass surgery, and patients suffering the condition of morbid obesity—a serious, often life-threatening condition associated with diabetes, cardiovascular disease, cancer and psychosocial disorders. Obesity affects around 4 million Americans and, each year, some 300,000 die from obesity-related illness.

A collaboration aimed at uncovering the links between the microbial composition of the human gut and morbid obesity began when Dr. John DiBaise, a gastroenterologist at the Mayo Clinic, Arizona, became interested in both the underlying mechanisms of obesity and plausible alternatives to gastric bypass surgery—still the only reliable long-term treatment for the extremely overweight.

DiBaise turned to Bruce Rittmann, Ph.D., an environmental engineer and a member of National Academy of Engineering, whose Center for Environmental Biotechnology uses its expertise to examine microbial populations important for cleaning up pollutants and generating renewable bioenergy. Rittmann invited Rosa Krajmalnik-Brown, assistant professor of civil and environmental engineering, to collaborate and apply her microbial ecology expertise to this project.—*Internet*

***Scientists reveal a tantalizing link between differing microbial populations in the human gut and body weight among three distinct groups.***

# Development tasks gaining momentum in Kayah State

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Jan—Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung accompanied by Chairman of Kayah State Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Win Myint looked into construction of new Dawsawbee village library in Loikaw Township, on 19 January and presented K 1.2 million to the funds for the construction.

The minister looked into Kayah State traditional medicine hospital and presented cash for the hospital.

The minister then went to National Youth Development Training School of Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs and provided the school with exercise books and bags of rice.

In the afternoon, the minister attended the opening ceremony of Myittamon pre-primary school of Dawsalaiklin Village in Dimawhso Township and visited the school.

The minister later proceeded to Kontha village library and viewed the demonstration on using natural waste bio-digesters.

The natural waste bio-digester is put in 10 square feet wide ground. About five family members can cook lunch and dinner daily and three bulbs can be lit for about four hours at night with the waste of a cow. Measures are being taken for supply of electricity to the rural areas with bio-gas from wastes of animals.—*MNA*

***Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung views demonstration on using natural waste bio-digesters at Kontha village in Loikaw Township.*—MNA**

# Risk management for current economic situation on 24 Jan

YANGON 21 Jan—Under co-arrangements of the Myanmar Fisheries Federation and the Myanmar Prawn Entrepreneurs Association and with sponsorship of Arsha Thar International Co Ltd, Dr Tin Lat (MAT College) will give talks on "Risk Management with Response to Current Economic Situation" at MFF on Bayintnaung Road in West Gyogon, Insein Township, here, at 2 p.m. on 24 January.

Anyone interested may attend the talks.—*NLM*

# Villages of Myanaung Tsp on threshold of development

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Jan—Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay on 18 January held a meeting with the headmistress and school board of trustees of the Basic Education Primary School of Kyetsudaw Village in Kanaung, Myanaung Township and provided cash to the school. In his tour of Kanaung People's Hospital, he made donations for all-round renovation of the facility.

In meeting with officials of Ohbo Village, the deputy minister discussed programmes for shifting the village BEPS. He inspected Thayetpinse Bridge under construction in Thayetpinse Village.

He viewed Thabyepin (North) BEPS in Thabyegon Village-tract and construction of golden jubilee hall of Thabyegon Village BEHS.

At Thabyegon village, the deputy minister held discussions on regional development tasks with officials, members of school boards of trustees, and local people, and made donations to Thabyegon Station Hospital, Thabyegon BEHS, Lantar Village BEMS Branch, and Wunlothaik Village BEPS.

On arrival at Thebyu Village, he inspected Thebyu Bridge spanning Ma Mya Creek. He also provided cash to primary schools of Hsinbon, Pantoe and Anyarsu villages.

He viewed Hsinbon Village BEPS and rural health care branch and provided cash to BEPSs and post-primary schools of Kanyutkwon, Myepya Thayetkon, Zankywe and Hsinlu villages.—*MNA*

# MMC holds meeting

YANGON, 21 Jan—Myanmar Medical Council held the meeting (1/2009) at the hall of Myanmar Medical Association here on 19 January, with an address by Chairman of MMC Professor Dr Kyaw Myint Naing. The meeting discussed formation of executive committee and subcommittees of the medical council, general matters and future tasks of the council.—*MNA*

# Scandinavian Ministers meet with MRCS

YANGON, 21 Jan — Mr Erik Gudbrand Solheim, Minister for the Environment and Development Cooperation of Norway, Ms Ulla Pedersen Tornaes, Minister for Development Cooperation of Denmark, and party held a meeting with President of Myanmar Red Cross Society Prof Dr Thar Hla Shwe and executives of MRCS, officials of International Committee of the Red Cross, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and the office of Denmark Red Cross Society today.

At the meeting held at MRCS on Strand Road, they discussed matters related to rehabilitation tasks including health and social works in the storm-affected areas. — *MNA*

***President of MRCS Prof Dr Thar Hla Shwe holds meeting with Mr Erik Gudbrand Solheim, Minister for the Environment and Development Cooperation of Norway and Ms Ulla Pedersen Tornaes, Minister for Development Cooperation of Denmark, and party.*—MNA**

# IBTC Open Golf Championship

YANGON, 21 Jan—Taunggyi round of IBTC Open Golf Championship, jointly organized by Myanmar Golf Federation and Myanmar PGA and International Beverages Trading Co Ltd, will be held on a grand scale at Ayethaya Golf Resort in Taunggyi of Shan State (South) from 26 to 29 January.

Professional golfers and those in amateur level (Handicap 0-12) are allowed to compete in the event. The championship will be held according to Saint Adnrew's rules and local rules. Prizes will be given to Hole-in-One scorers.

Those wishing to participate may enlist at Myanmar Golf Training Range at 9th Mile (Tel-01-651374 and 09-2037671) and Ayethaya Golf Resort not later than 2 p.m. on 24 January.—*MNA*

# Outstanding students honoured

YANGON, 21 Jan—A ceremony to honour science students who passed 2007-2008 school year matriculation exam with flying colours in Yangon Division was held at No. 2 BEHS in Sangyoung township here on 19 January, attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint.

The Commander and responsible persons presented prizes to outstanding students of Yangon Division for 2007-2008 school year matriculation exam. The Commander presented gift to Headmistress Daw Khin Lay Myint of Sangyoung township No. 2 BEHS which stood top in exam passing rate in the whole country for 2007-2008 academic year and the ceremony came to close.

*MNA*

***Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint presents award to an outstanding student of Yangon Division.*—MNA**

# Better communications for Bago Division (East)

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Jan — Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw inspected the site for new Yeni auto exchange and construction of new Myohla and Swa digital auto exchanges and Yedashe auto exchange on 17 January.

The minister inspected GSM and CDMA (450) control rooms at digital auto exchanges in Toungoo and gave instructions on maintenance of equipment and better communications.

On 18 January, the minister attended the coordination meeting on ensuring smooth, secure communications at the meeting hall of Hanthawady international expedite mail service.

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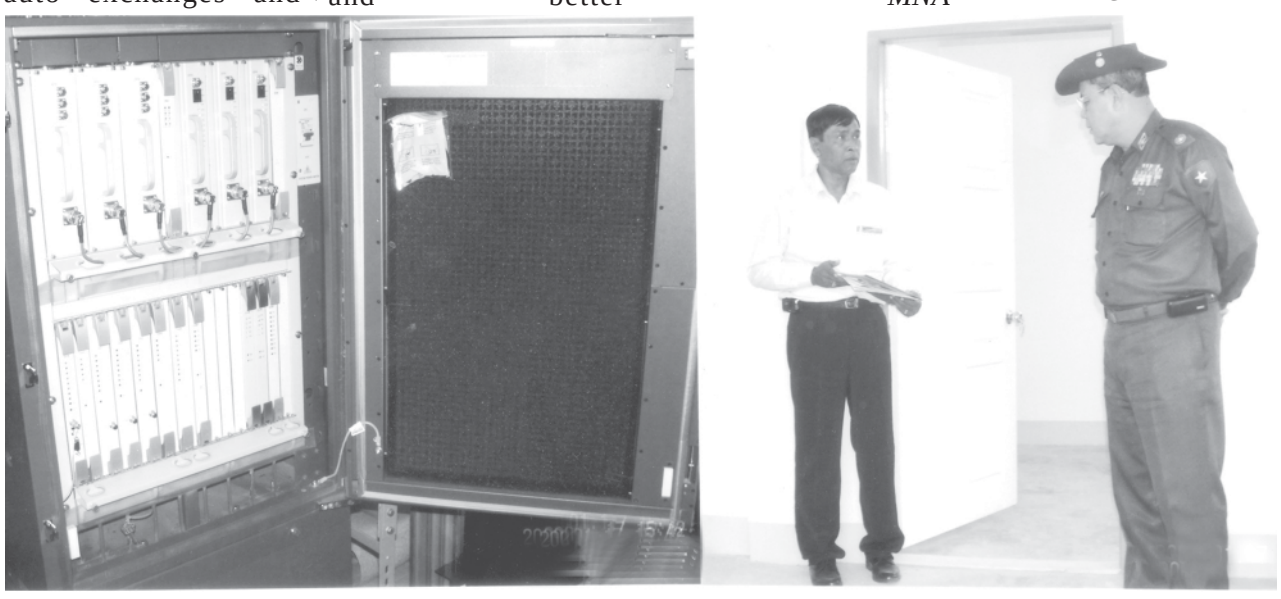

***Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw inspects digital auto exchange in Toungoo.***

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# Scientific Talks on 24 Jan

YANGON, 21 Jan— Psychology old students today extended an invitation to attend the talks on "Using Cognitive Behavioral Therapies to Enhance Health and Well Being" to be given by Dr Benjamin Weinstein, Ph.D., Licensed Clinical Psychologist and Consultant, Psychological Services International, at Judson Centre, No.601, Pyay Road (Near Kanbawza Bank) at 3.00 p.m. on 24 January (Saturday).

*NLM*

# UDNR trainees visit CICS, training schools, farms in PyinOoLwin Township

YANGON, 21 Jan—The trainees from B.Ed. four-year course No. 40 of the University for Development of National Races led by Pro-Rector U Htay Lwin (Academic) together with supervisor faculty members arrived at Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) in Zeebingyi of PyinOoLwin Township on 19 January morning.

At Padamya Hall, member of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Soe Oo extended greetings. Pro-Rector U Nay Win (Training and Academic) of CICS explained training and management of the CICS (Upper Myanmar).

Rector of CICS (Upper Myanmar) U Aung Hsan Win and two trainees of excursion group exchanged commemorative pennants.

At Myanmar Police Force Central Training Department, Deputy Commandant Police Col Kyaw Htay extended greetings and explained brief history of MPF and facts about the training department.

At Central Fire Fighting Training School, Principal U Thaung Zin greeted them.

Yesterday, the trainees visited Doekwin Agriculture Farm of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and the National Kandawgyi Gardens.

At Myanmar Forestry Training School, Principal of the school U Mya extended greetings. The trainees visited the school.

In the afternoon, they visited Yatanarpon Tele-Port in Yatanarpon Myothit of PyinOoLwin Township. Director-General U Tin Htwe of Directorate of Telecommunications extended greetings and explained construction of the new town and IT programmes.

*MNA*

# National Races Youth Training Schools inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Jan—Deputy Director-General Dr Soe Thein of the Education and Training Department under the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs inspected National Races Youth Training Schools (1) and (2) in Myitkyina, Kachin State, on 7 and 8 January.

He viewed academic matters, management, agricultural work, progress in constructing a school building, mess and hostels, and met with officials.

He looked into Vocational Education School for Women in Dunban Village, Phakant Township on 9 January, and Vocational Education School for Women in Dawphonyan, Bhamo Township on 11 January.

*MNA*

***Deputy Director-General Dr Soe Thein inspects Vocational Education School for Women in Dunbun village, Phakant Township.*—MNA**

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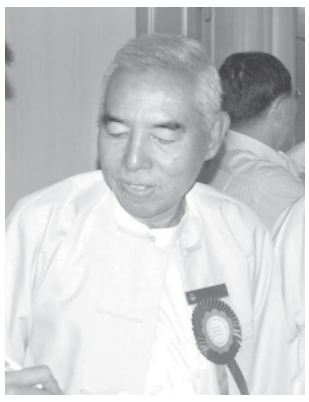
# For sustainable exploitation of marine resources

*Article: Maung Maung Htwe (MNA); Photos: Thaung Myint (MNA)*

*(from page 16)*

He added, "Myanmar started to breed Tiger species sea prawn in 1998, and carried out a trial test for production of Vannamei species sea shrimps in late 2001. Our country has farmed freshwater prawns for over a couple of decades.

*U Hla Maung Shwe, President of Myanmar Prawn Entrepreneurs Association.*



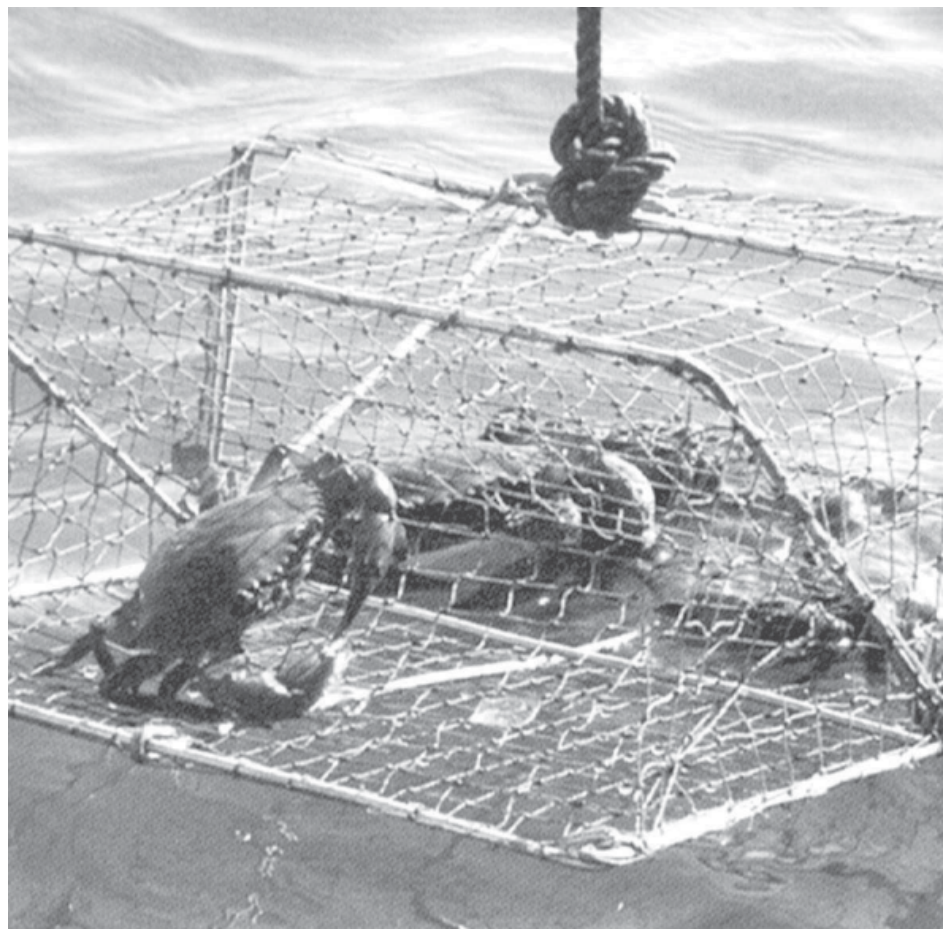
*U Hnin Oo, President of Myanmar Crab Entrepreneurs Association.*

"We provide loans and feedstuff on credit to sea prawn breeders, and farming methods to breeders and shrimp producers as much as we can. Freshwater prawn is in demand in local and foreign markets. We had four shrimp breeding farms in 2004, but now we have 20.

"We exported 21,061 metric tons of freshwater and sea prawns and earned 109.7 million US dollars in 2007-2008. We export freshwater and sea prawns most. Freshwater prawn is in higher demand than any other marine products at home and abroad."

President of the Crab Entrepreneurs Association U Hnin Oo said, "Our association was established on 21 August 1999. We reconstituted the association for the ninth time as a state and divisional level fishery association under the Myanmar Fishery Federation in 2007. The executive committee has 21 members.

"We exported 12,530 tons of crabs and got 27.9 million US dollars in 2007-2008. In 2008-2009, we established a crab farm with an area of 1039 acres in the Kyauktan Prawn Farm and we breed soft crabs. We conduct courses on breeding and producing crabs under foreign experts. Now, we have a plan to establish a crab farm in Chaungtha. We opened a crab wholesale centre in Myawady on 25 September 2007.



*Crabs are bred on a commercial scale in Kyauktan Crab Farm.*

*Some freshwater prawns in Hsamalauk freshwater fish and prawn farm.*

"Under the instructions of the minister for Livestock and Fisheries, we donated more than 20,000 crab traps to Labutta and Hainggyigyun in cooperation with INGO and MFF in order that local crab trappers can restore their businesses. Now, we are trying to achieve our plans including to earn more foreign exchange, to improve living conditions of crab trappers, to stabilize the crab market, and to increase soft crab breeders."

**Translation: MS**

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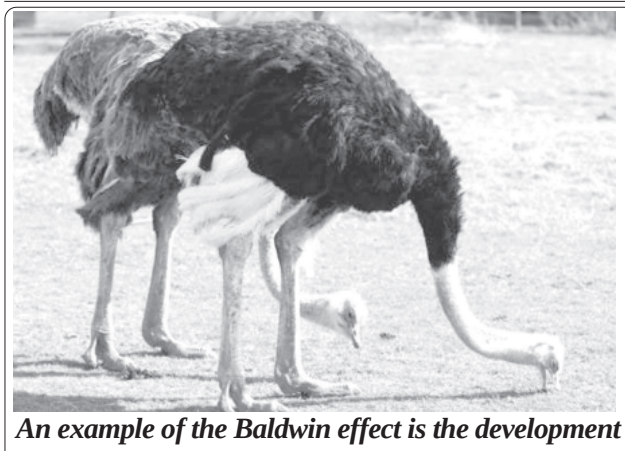
*A soft crab that is in high demand in international market.*



*An example of the Baldwin effect is the development of calluses on the keels and sterna of ostriches.*

# Language driven by culture, not biology

LONDON, 21 Jan — Language in humans has evolved culturally rather than genetically, according to a study by UCL (University College London) and US researchers. By modelling the ways in which genes for language might have evolved alongside language itself, the study showed that genetic adaptation to language would be highly unlikely, as cultural conventions change much more rapidly than genes. Thus, the biological machinery upon which human language is built appears to predate the emergence of language.

According to a phenomenon known as the Baldwin effect, characteristics that are learned or developed over a lifespan may become gradually encoded in the genome over many generations, because organisms with a stronger predisposition to acquire a trait have a selective advantage. Over generations, the amount of environmental exposure required to develop the trait decreases, and eventually no environmental exposure may be needed - the trait is genetically encoded.

*Internet*

# China participates in UN peacekeeping operations

BEIJING, 21 Jan—China actively participated in the UN peacekeeping operations, says a white paper on the country's national defence in 2008 issued here on Tuesday.

"The People's Liberation Army (PLA) has sent 11,063 military personnel times to participate in 18 UN peacekeeping operations since 1990," says the paper issued by the Information Office of the State Council. Eight lost their lives on duty, says the White Paper.

China, as a permanent member of the UN Security Council, has consistently supported and actively participated in the peacekeeping operations in line with the spirit of the UN Charter, according to the white paper. "Our active participation accords with the purpose of our foreign policy to safeguard world peace and promote common development," said Kui Yanwei, a senior officer with the peacekeeping affairs office of the Defence Ministry.

China's participation in the UN peacekeeping operations helps regional stability and world peace, and is also conducive for improving the PLA's capability of accomplishing diversified military tasks, he said. As of the end of November 2008, China had 1,949 military peacekeeping personnel serving in nine UN mission areas and the UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations, according to the white paper.—*MNA/Xinhua*

***This photo released by Volkswagen shows the 2009 Volkswagen CC.—INTERNET***

# S. African Airways crew arrested after drug find

LONDON, 21 Jan—British Customs officers arrested the entire crew of a South African Airways plane on Tuesday after finding cannabis and cocaine in baggage at London's Heathrow Airport, officials said.

The crew of 10 women and five men, including the pilot and stewardesses, was held after arriving on a flight from Johannesburg, a spokesman for Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) said.

Officers seized 50 kilos (110 pounds) of cannabis, worth about 150,000 pounds (210,700 US dollars), and four kilos of cocaine, with an estimated street value of 160,000 pounds, in three pieces of luggage that had arrived on the flight from South Africa, HMRC said.

"Those arrested are now being held in custody and will be interviewed by HMRC investigation officers," HMRC spokesman Bob Gaiger said. South African Airways, owned by the South African Government, could not immediately be reached for comment.

*MNA/Reuters*

# Obama's classmates in Indonesia to hold party

JAKARTA, 21 Jan—Dozens of old friends of the newly- elected US President Barack Obama in Indonesia will hold a party at their elementary school where they studied with Obama, a school teacher said here on Tuesday.

Barack Obama spent his childhood in Indonesia and studied at SDN Menteng 01 in Jakarta from 1969 to 1971 as her mother Ann Dunham married to a Javanese Sutoro. More than 30 of Obama's classmates and the school teachers will hold the party on Wednesday at school, said Ahmad Solihin, a vice principle of the school.

The US Ambassador to Indonesia Cameron R. Hume and a number of foreign attaches would be present at the party, he said. During the event, there would be cultural performances, said Solihin.

"We will perform traditional music, sing traditional songs and the national anthems of the two countries as well as having some nice food," Solihin said. In addition, another celebration would also be held in Ritz Calton Hotel in the Indonesian capital on Tuesday evening.

Obama planned to send a special message to Indonesians during his inauguration ceremony on January 20, the committee for his inaugural celebration was quoted by the *Jakarta Post* as saying.

Maya Soetoro, Obama's Indonesian half-sister, confirmed that she will send her greetings from Washington. The school teachers and US Democratic Party arm in Indonesia will also conduct an inaugural celebration in J.W. Marrriot Hotel in Jakarta, said Solihin.

*MNA/Xinhua*

# Japan's ruling parties agree to dispatch navy to Somalia

TOKYO, 21 Jan—Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party and coalition partner New Komeito Party basically agreed on Tuesday to a government plan to dispatch the Maritime Self-Defence Force (MSDF) for an antipiracy mission off Somalia, local media reported. The Article 9 of current Japanese pacifist Constitution after World War II only allows the MSDF to protect ships flying Japanese flags or carrying Japanese nationals. *Kyodo News* said the government seeks to send the mission under the provision of the Self-Defence Forces law to protect Japanese ships.

*MNA/Xinhua*

***Four puppies rest in their carrier at Seoul National University's school of veterinary medicine in Seoul, on 16 Jun, 2008.—INTERNET***

# UK Father jailed for murdering sons in car

LONDON, 21 Jan—A father who stabbed his two young sons to death before trying to set their bodies alight was jailed for a minimum of 21 years on Tuesday.

Ashok Kalyanjee, 46, had admitted murdering Paul Ross, six, and his brother Jay, two, at an earlier hearing and was sentenced at the High Court in Paisley. Kalyanjee had collected the boys from their mother in Glasgow before driving them to a lay-by and cutting their throats last May, the *Press Association* reported.

"This is as grave a crime as can be imagined," said the judge, Lord Brailsford. "The victims were defenceless and no doubt they trusted you and assumed you would take care of them as a father should." "One of the victims witnessed what happened to his brother. I cannot imagine the suffering he must have endured." Kalyanjee had poured petrol over his sons and himself and tried to set his silver Mercedes on fire. But the vehicle failed to go up in flames and police found Kalyanjee at the wheel with a large black-handled knife and the dead boys in the car. Kalyanjee, who was divorced from the boys' mother, Giselle Ross, left a suicide message on a dictaphone found near his car.—*MNA/Reuters*

# Kuwait donates $500m to $2b Arab fund

KUWAIT, 21 Jan—Kuwait will contribute 500 million US dollars to a proposed two-billion-US-dollar fund to support Arab companies through the global financial crisis, the Gulf Arab oil exporter's ruler said on Monday.

"I am glad to announce the contribution of Kuwait with 500 US dollars million of its capital," Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmad al-Sabah told leaders at the opening of an Arab economic summit in Kuwait. "We are looking forward to (your) support for this initiative."

The new fund would support small and medium-sized Arab companies, Sheikh Sabah said. Arab leaders met in Kuwait on Monday to find ways to counter the impact on the Arab world of the collapse in oil prices, the global economic slowdown and the credit crunch but a three-week Israeli offensive in Gaza overshadowed the event and highlighted Arab differences over the Palestinian situation.—*MNA/Reuters*

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***A security officer guards two Vietnam Airlines' aircrafts at Hanoi airport in 2007. Vietnam Airlines reported on Thursday that its 2008 pre-tax profits fell to 14 million dollars, from 23 million dollars the previous year.—*INTERNET**

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**Drive with care**

# Boat carrying up to 35 migrants capsizes off Tunis

LA MARSA, 21 Jan—A boat carrying up to 35 Tunisians trying to travel illegally to Italy capsized on Monday near Tunis after hitting a rock, officials said.

Most of the passengers were unaccounted for.

Civil Protection officials said that seven of them managed to swim ashore at the resort town of La Marsa, some 20 kilometers (12 miles) north of Tunis, the Tunisian capital, and alerted authorities about the others. A government official in Tunis put the number of known survivors at five.

Civil protection officials on the scene said the boat, carrying people aged 20 to 30, hit a rock and capsized.

A military helicopter, army boats and the Tunisian National Guard joined divers to search for the missing, but by nightfall none had been recovered.

The government official and civil protection officials said the boat had reportedly been stolen by the Tunisians, most believed to be from two northern Tunis suburbs, la Goulette and Kram.—*Internet*

# MRSA rising in kids' ear, nose, throat infections

CHICAGO, 21 Jan—Researchers say they found an "alarming" increase in children's ear, nose and throat infections nationwide caused by dangerous drug-resistant staph germs. Other studies have shown rising numbers of skin infections in adults and children caused by these germs, nicknamed MRSA, but this is the first nationwide report on how common they are in deeper tissue infections in the head and neck, the study authors said. These include certain ear and sinus infections, and abcesses that can form in the tonsils and throat.

The study found a total of 21,009 pediatric head and neck infections caused by staph germs from 2001 through 2006. The percentage caused by hard-to-treat MRSA bacteria more than doubled during that time from almost 12 percent to 28 percent. "In most parts of the United States, there's been an alarming rise," said study author Dr. Steven Sobol, a children's head and neck specialist at Emory University.

The study appears in January's Archives of Otolaryngology, released Monday. It is based on nationally representative information from an electronic database that collects lab results from more than 300 hospitals nationwide.—*Internet*

# N Korea can work with Obama

SEOUL, 21 Jan — North Korea is ready to work with new US President Barack Obama to rid the Korean peninsula of nuclear weapons, a pro-Pyongyang newspaper published in Tokyo said in a commentary monitored on Wednesday.

North Korea on Tuesday accused South Korea of driving the peninsula back to war and at the weekend threatened to wipe out its neighbour, a burst of rhetoric that analysts said might be aimed at grabbing Obama's attention.

"Change is not the monopoly of American politicians," the Choson Sinbo newspaper said, adding it was too early to conclude whether Obama would opt to improve ties with Pyongyang.

North Korea pledged to scrap its nuclear arms programme in return for aid and an end to its international ostracism in a deal signed in 2005. But talks to implement the agreement have been stalled over how to verify the North's nuclear claims.

"What is certain is that (the North) is ready to respond to any choice that the enemy state makes while it watches the launch of the new administration," the paper, which has close contacts with Pyongyang's leaders, said in a story posted on its website a few hours before Obama officially took office on Tuesday.—*Internet*

***A Palestinian girl stands amongst the ruins of destroyed houses on the outskirts of Jabalya in the northern Gaza Strip, on 19 Jan, 2009.—*INTERNET**

# US reaches deal on Afghan supply routes to troops

ISLAMABAD , 21 Jan — Russia and neighbouring Central Asian nations have agreed to let supplies pass through their territory to American soldiers in Afghanistan, lessening Washington's dependence on dangerous routes through Pakistan, a top US commander said on Tuesday.

Securing alternative routes to landlocked Afghanistan has taken on added urgency this year as the United States prepares to double troop numbers there to 60,000 to battle a resurgent Taleban eight years after the US-led invasion.

Meanwhile, the Pakistani army said it had killed 60 militants in a stepped up offensive close to the Afghan border, a lawless region considered a likely hiding place for Osama bin Laden and other al-Qaeda leaders. Washington has long urged Islamabad to take the fight to the insurgents sheltering there.

US and NATO forces get up to 75 percent of their "non-lethal" supplies such as food, fuel and building materials from shipments that traverse Pakistan, a volatile, nuclear-armed country.

The main road through the Khyber Pass in the northwest of the country has occasionally been closed in recent months due to rising attacks by bandits and Islamist militants.

*Internet*

***A technician inspects pipeline equipment and gas pressure at the gas metering station in Pisarevka, Russia, on the border with Ukraine, on 20 Jan, 2009. Russian natural gas began flowing on Tuesday into Ukraine after a nearly two-week cutoff that left large parts of Europe cold and dark and underscored the continent's vulnerability and dependence on Russia's energy.—*INTERNET**

# Threat temporarily closes US consulate in Dubai

DUBAI, 21 Jan — The US Embassy in Abu Dhabi has announced that its consulate in the neighbouring city of Dubai will be closed on Wednesday due to security information provided by authorities.

The embassy announcement says the consulate — located in the Dubai World Trade Center — will be closed for American citizen services and visa interviews. The statement doesn't elaborate on the nature of the security information.

Dubai and Abu Dhabi are part of a confederation of seven city-states making up the United Arab Emirates. The country is a close US ally.

Dubai is a major financial centre in the Middle East and home to large numbers of expatriates from around the world.

*Internet*

# Bomb threat on NJ turnpike not credible

WOODBURY HEIGHTS, 21 Jan — A bomb scare shut down a 30-mile stretch of the New Jersey Turnpike on Tuesday night, snarling traffic for hours before state police determined the threat was not credible.

State police spokesman Sgt Stephen Jones said troopers took a 27-year-old Massachusetts man into custody following a car stop around 6:15 pm on Tuesday in the southbound lanes of the turnpike in Woodbury Heights about six miles south of Exit 3.

Jones said state police stopped the car after receiving a tip from federal authorities that the driver might be armed and dangerous, and possibly carrying a bomb. Jones said the original tip came from a member of the man's family. "Indications are this was erroneous information, albeit credible-sounding information, and at this point it seems to indicate that this was not a legitimate threat," Jones said.—*Internet*

# BHP Billiton to cut 6,000 jobs

SYDNEY, 21 Jan — The world's biggest miner, BHP Billiton, said on Wednesday it would cut about 6,000 jobs because of the global economic downturn and weakening demand for its products.

***BHP Billiton's Olympic Dam copper and uranium operation at Roxby Downs in South Australia. The world's biggest miner, BHP Billiton, said on Wednesday it would cut around 6,000 jobs because of the global economic downturn and weakening demand for its products.—*INTERNET**

"These are very serious types of decisions and we don't take them lightly, but at the end they are necessary and they are the correct decisions," said chief financial officer Alex Vanselow.

The cuts represent about six percent of the Anglo-Australian miner's global workforce of 41,000 employees and 60,000 contractors.

They include 3,400 jobs in Australia mostly in coal and nickel production, 2,000 base metals jobs in Chile and 550 positions at the Pinto Valley copper mine in the US, Vanselow told reporters in a conference call.

BHP, which recently walked away from its hostile takeover bid for rival Rio Tinto citing the impact of the global financial crisis, said the cuts would mean a one-off cost of 500 million US dollars, without elaborating.

The group said it would indefinitely suspend operations at its Ravensthorpe nickel project in western Australia, citing "diminished prospects for profitability" as the outlook for nickel continued to deteriorate.

*Internet*

# SPORTS

## Anderson agony takes shine off United triumph

MANCHESTER, 21 Jan—Brazilian midfielder Anderson is facing an anxious wait for the result of X-rays on a suspected broken left ankle after being carried off during Manchester United's League Cup 4-2 semi-final victory over Derby County.

Goals from Nani, John O'Shea, Carlos Tevez and Cristiano Ronaldo, with two late strikes from Giles Barnes in reply for Derby, secured a 4-3 aggregate victory for United at Old Trafford here on Tuesday as they booked their seventh League Cup final appearance, at Wembley on 1 March. But the win was marred by several injuries, the most serious concerning Anderson, Rafael (hamstring) and Jonny Evans (ankle).

And with the likes of Wayne Rooney, Rio Ferdinand and Patrice Evra already sidelined, the cost of this victory was a high one for the English, European and world champions.—*Internet*

## Federer in charge as Jankovic and Djokovic hit form at Australian Open

***Marat Safin of Russia signs autographs after defeating Guillermo Garcia-Lopez of Spain, 7-5, 6-2, 6-2, on the third day of the Australian Open in Melbourne, on 21 January.—*INTERNET**

MELBOURNE, 21 Jan—A dominant Roger Federer set up a Australian Open third-round clash with Marat Safin as top seed Jelena Jankovic and defending champion Novak Djokovic showed glimpses of their best form.

The tennis big guns were joined in the next round by Serb glamour girl Ana Ivanovic and Russian third seed Dinara Safina.

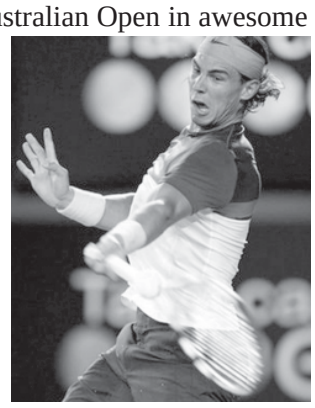
Swiss great Federer, who is seeking a record-equalling 14th Grand Slam title here, let loose with some instinctive shot-making as he beat Russian qualifier Evgeny Korolev 6-2, 6-3, 6-1.—*Internet*

## Nadal awesome as Murray motors through in Melbourne

MELBOURNE, 21 Jan—Spanish world number one Rafael Nadal began his Australian Open in awesome fashion on Tuesday while Andy Murray enjoyed the easiest of starts to his quest for a first Grand Slam title.

Last year's runner-up Jo-Wilfried Tsonga led a parade of seeds into round two but Australian hopes took a hit as Lleyton Hewitt crashed out in his worst result since 2002.

The new-look Nadal, who replaced his usual vest and baggy pants with T-shirt and above-knee shorts, destroyed Belgium's Christophe Rochus in the mismatch of round one.—*Internet*



***Spain's Rafael Nadal plays a stroke during his men's singles match against Christophe Rochus of Belgium at the Australian Opem in Melbourne, on 20 January. Nadal was in imperious form, winning 6-0, 6-2, 6-2.—*INTERNET**

## City's Brazilian dream turns sour as Robinho walks out

***Manchester City's Brazilian .—*INTERNET**

LONDON, 21 Jan—Manchester City's Brazilian dream was rapidly taking on a nightmarish tinge on Tuesday as the collapse of the bid to sign Kaka was followed by confirmation that Robinho had walked out of a club training camp.

City chief executive Garry Cook confirmed that the star striker had left City's base on the Spanish island of Tenerife in what he termed a "breach of club discipline," although the player insisted he had informed the club of his plans.

"I had made Manchester City aware that I needed to return to Brazil because of a family matter," Robinho told the BBC. "I will return to the club and hope to sort this out as soon as possible."

He also attempted to dispel suggestions his exit may in some way have been linked to the breakdown of the Kaka deal.

*Internet*

## Real Madrid to hold fresh vote at end of season

MADRID, 21 Jan—Real Madrid will hold fresh elections at the end of the season following allegations that voting at the Spanish giants' annual general assembly last month was rigged, the club's new president Vicente Boluda has said.

"The logical and the best thing for the club is for the elections to be held in the first or the second week of July," he told Spanish public television TVE in an interview broadcast late Monday, adding he ruled out being a candidate.

"We live in the 21st century, we have to make changes so that the voting system works better and represents the members of the club," he added.

*Internet*

***New president of Real Madrid football club Vicente Boluda speaks at Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid on 16 January. Real Madrid will hold fresh elections at the end of the season following allegations that voting at the Spanish giants' annual general assembly last month was rigged, Boluda has said.—*INTERNET**

## Williams sisters looking ominous at Australian Open

MELBOURNE, 21 Jan—Serena and Venus Williams looked in ominous form as they powered through the first round of the Australian Open on Tuesday, but Russia's Elena Dementieva struggled against an unheralded opponent.

Serena overpowered China's Meng Yuan 6-3, 6-2 while older sister Venus downed Germany's Angelique Kerber 6-3, 6-3.

However Dementieva, who crushed Serena at last week's Sydney International, was forced to fight for two hours before finally seeing off German Kristina Barrois.

Dementieva said she feared her Australian Open dream was evaporating in the Melbourne Park heat before she ground out the 7-6 (7/4), 2-6, 6-1 win.—*Internet*

***Serbian tennis fans attend the Janko Tipsarevic of Serbia versus Marin Cilic of Croatia match on the third day of the Australian Open in Melbourne, on 21 January. The potential powerkeg match passed off largely trouble-free with the boisterous crowd behaving and Cilic winning in four sets.—*INTERNET**

## Relief as tennis crowd behaves at potential powerkeg match

MELBOURNE, 21 Jan—A potential powerkeg match between Croatia's Marin Cilic and Serbian Janko Tipsarevic has passed off largely trouble-free at the Australian Open with the boisterous crowd behaving.

The big-serving Cilic won in four sets 6-2, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3 and will now play 11th seeded Spaniard David Ferrer in the third round.

Organisers will be breathing a sigh of relief that the match ended without incident with recent Australian Opens marred by a number of race-related problems with Serbs and Croats among the worst offenders.

Police numbers have been boosted this year with officers issued with containers of capsicum foam to target any troublemakers.

Tipsarevic said that once he saw the draw he asked organisers to ensure the match was played on a showcourt to lessen any chance of trouble.

Despite the 3000-seat court being packed to capacity for the entire match, the cheering was mostly good natured and the large group of police and security personnel gathered there had little to do.—*Internet*

## Japan to call up VVV Venlo's Honda for Bahrain match

TOKYO, 21 Jan—Japan will call up Dutch league side VVV Venlo's Keisuke Honda for an away game against Bahrain in the final qualifying round of the 2011 Asian Cup in Qatar.

"We must wait until two days before the match against Australia (in the World Cup qualifier) to call up Europe-based players," said Japan coach Takeshi Okada after beating Yemen 2-1 in the Group A opener on Tuesday in Kumamoto.

"But we will have two games against Bahrain and Finland before Australia. Honda does not have a game to play in this period, so I've asked the team to let him join us for Bahrain and they okayed it. I'd like to thank them."

***Japan coach Takeshi Okada***

It will be the first time the 22-year-old midfielder has played for his country since his debut against Bahrain in June last year during World Cup qualifying.

Honda has scored 10 goals in 20 games, making him the fifth highest scorer in the Dutch league this season.

*Internet*

# Toyota founder's grandson to head firm amid crisis

TOKYO, 21 Jan—Toyota Motor Corp named Akio Toyoda, grandson of the company's founder, to head the company and lead it through the global crisis that has slashed demand for cars worldwide.

Toyoda, 52 and currently executive vice president, will replace 66-year-old Katsuaki Watanabe as president in June as part of a reshuffle of top management at the world's largest automaker, Toyota said in a statement on Tuesday.

Watanabe, whose second two-year term ends in June, will become vice chairman as Akio becomes the sixth Toyoda to head the company.

Toyota and its rivals are grappling with slumping sales in North America, Europe and Japan amid a spreading recession in rich countries, with sales also slowing in emerging markets such as China and Russia.

The sharp downturn in the US has pushed rivals General Motors Corp and Chrysler LLC to the brink of collapse.

Toyoda will be taking the helm of an automaker in far better shape but hurting nonetheless. Toyota is heading for its first-ever consolidated operating loss in the year to March 31, hit also by a stronger yen, after reporting record high earnings last year.

*MNA/Reauter*

***Nine baby lions, born in early December to two mothers, meet the public at the Serengeti wildlife park in Hodenhagen, western Germany.—INTERNET***

## MRTV-3
### Programme Schedule (22.1.2009) (Thursday)

**Transmission Times**

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| 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**

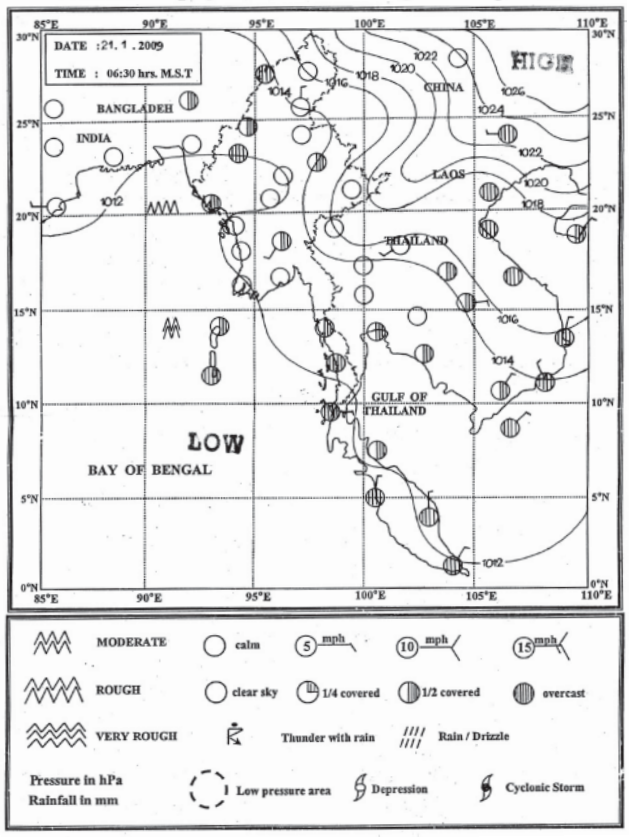
* Signature Tune
* Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
* Arts of Myanmar Traditional Tapestry
* Travelogue "Ngapali"
* Myanmar Orchestra, A Blend of Arts!
* Weaving Industry of Lotus Cloths
* Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

**Abroad Transmissions**

* Signature Tune
* Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
* Central Glass Pavilion
* New Transport Facilities Disigned for Regional Development
* Min Sone Hill and its Star Tortoises
* The Art of Aesthetic Mosaic
* Oxen Brothers
* Myanma Indigenous Ornamental Fish (Part-2)
* Engineered Floors made with Unique Technology
* Myanmar Modern Song
* Arts of Myanmar Traditional Tapestry
* Travelogue "Ngapali"
* Myanmar Orchestra, A Blend of Arts!
* Weaving Industry of Lotus Cloths
* Sights to see in Pyin-Oo-Lwin
* Expendition of Rare Crocodile Species Inhabiting in Fresh And Seawaters (1)
* Classical Songs in Myanma History: Phone Moe Thun Laung
* Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

**Website:** www.mrtv3.net.mm

*Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas*




## WEATHER

### Wednesday, 21 January, 2009

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin and Shan States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (5˚C) below January average temperatures in Mon State, (3˚C) to (4˚C) below January average temperatures in Chin and Kayin States, (3˚C) to (4˚C) above January average temperatures in upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions, (5˚C) above January average temperatures in Kachin State and about January average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Loilem (0˚C), Pinlaung (2˚C) and Namhsam (4˚C).

Maximum temperature on 20-1-2009 was 91˚F. Minimum temperature on 21-1-2009 was 59˚F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 21-1-2009 was 82%. Total sunshine hours on 20-1-2009 was (9.3) hrs approx.

Rainfall on 21-1-2009 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 East at (07:30) hours MST on 21-1-2009.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 22th January 2009:** Weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin and Shan States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas.

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

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of slight decrease of night temperatures in the Southern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 22-1-2009:** Generally fair weather.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 22-1-2009:** Generally fair weather.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 22-1-2009:** Generally fair weather.

## TV Myanmar

**Thursday, 22 January**
**View on today**

**7:00 am**
1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

**7:25 am**
2. To be healthy exercise

**7:30 am**
3. Morning news

**7:40 am**
4. Nice and sweet song

**7:50 am**
5. Dance variety

**8:00 am**
6. "မျော်သူမမောစေချင်" (စိုးသီဟ၊ဆုပန်ထွာ၊နန်းကလျာလှိုင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ–စောစန္ဒာလှိုင်)

**8:15 am**
7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

**8:30 am**
8. International news

**8:45 am**
9. Musical programme

**4:00 pm**
1. Martial song

**4:10 pm**
2. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

**4:20 pm**
3. Cute little dancers

**4:30 pm**
4. Songs of national races

**4:40 pm**
5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ တတိယနှစ် (မြန်မာစာအထူးပြု) (မြန်မာစာ)

**4:55 pm**
6. Songs to uphold national spirit

**5:05 pm**
7. Musical programme

**5:20 pm**
8. "ဆေးလိပ်ကင်းကွာအနုပညာကမ္ဘာ" (လွင်မိုး၊မင်းမော်ကွန်း၊ဇာနည်၊ ကင်းကောင်၊စိုးမြတ်နန္ဒာ၊ လှအဥ္ဇလီတင့်၊ကြည်လဲ့လဲ့ဦး၊ ဝွမ်းပုံ)

**5:30 pm**
9. Musical programme

**5:45 pm**
10. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ

**6:00 pm**
11. Evening news

**6:30 pm**
12. Weather report

**6:35 pm**
13. ထူးဆန်းထွေလာများကိုသိပ္ပံဖြင့် ချဉ်းကပ်ခြင်း

**6:55 pm**
14. Musical programme

**7:15 pm**
15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ကုန်သွယ်မှုနှင့်တိုင်း" (အပိုင်း–၄၅)

**8:00 pm**
16. News
17. International news
18. Weather report
19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ပင်လယ်ပျော်မင်းသား" (အပိုင်း–၆၅)

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# For sustainable exploitation of marine resources

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Aquatic resources are abundant in the rivers and creeks and the waters along the Myanmar's coast stretching more than 1200 miles.

Edible marine creatures such as fish, prawns, mussels, and crabs are for the growing population of the nation.

Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein in his address to the annual meeting of the brother associations under the Myanmar Fishery Federation on 17 January urged responsible persons to seek ways for ensuring sustainable exploitation of water resources of the nation, while boosting production of goods; that in that regard, the Fisheries Department had issued rules and regulations designed for conservation of marine resources; that the drive covered closed season, closed area, gear, fishing method for respective species, and prohibitions against fishing such aquatic creatures as crabs, eels and lobsters that various educative programmes were being carried out to meet the objective; and that under conservation measures, the department had released over 6.8 million eels and over 10,000 crabs into rivers, creeks and lakes up to October 2008.

When asked about functions of the Myanmar Prawn Entrepreneurs Association, Chairman of the association U Hla Maung Shwe told the Myanma Alin Daily, "The Myanmar Prawn Entrepreneurs Association was formed on 4 May 2004. That is the first-ever national level fishery association under the Myanmar Fishery Federation. The association intended to disseminate advanced prawn farming methods, to contribute toward the government's projects for extensive prawn farming, to help improve living conditions of prawn breeders, and to organize experts, companies and citizens engaging in prawn farming.

Now, it is in its second term from 2007 to 2010 with two patrons, nine advisers and 32 executives."

*(See page 10)*

***Freshwater prawns fetch more foreign exchange than any other marine products.***

## Ear, Nose and Throat conference on 4 February

YANGON, 21 Jan—The opening ceremony of the 17th Conference of Ear, Nose and Throat specialists will be held at the hall of Myanmar Medical Association on Theinbyu Road here at 8.30 am on 4 February. In addition, clinical seminar and paper reading session will be held on 5 and 6 February and workshops on Rhinoplasty and Micro Vascular Surgery on 2 and 3 February at Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital.

Ear, Nose and Throat specialists from States and Divisions may watch surgical operations to be performed by specialists from Tan Tock Seng Hospital of Singapore from 2 to 4 February.—*MNA*

## Madrid would tempt Kaka

MILAN, 21 Jan—AC Milan midfielder Emerson believes Real Madrid could succeed where Manchester City failed this week if they tried to lure his teammate Kaka away from the San Siro.

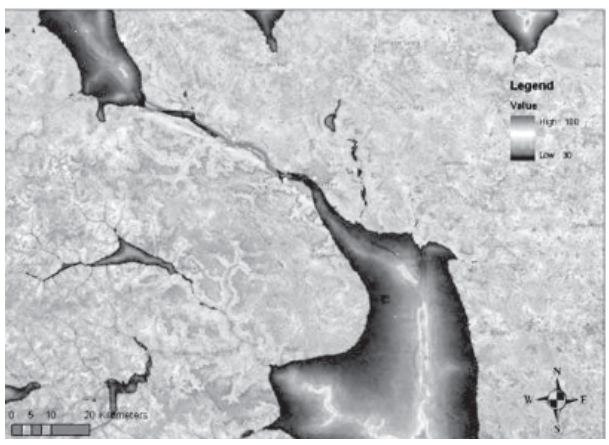
City were prepared to smash the world transfer record to take Kaka to England but were rebuffed as the Brazilian opted to stay at Milan.

However, Emerson feels the pulling power of his former club Madrid, who have long been linked with a move for Kaka, means they would stand a much better chance of landing his compatriot if they were to launch a bid.

"I've said all along that Madrid have wanted Kaka for the last two years. To be a real top player you have to play for Madrid. If Kaka has the chance to go to Madrid, he shouldn't think twice about it," said Emerson, who spent a season at Madrid before joining Milan in 2007.—*Internet*

## Satellites help locate water in Niger

AMSTERDAM, 21 Jan — Like most sub-Saharan African countries, Niger faces problems meeting its water needs. As part of ESA's TIGER initiative, satellite data are being used to identify underground water resources in the drought-prone country.




Due to the rainfall variability in time and in space, during recent years the rain-fed agriculture struggles to meet the requirements of food security in the Sahel area.

ESA's WADE (Water resources Assessment using SAR in Desert and arid lands in West African Ecosystems) project, funded by the Data User Element (DUE), uses ERS and Envisat Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) imagery to map and monitor the location and extent of surface water bodies and to identify potential areas for water infiltration.

Having access to these maps will help local water authorities to better manage their water resources, lead livestock to water and improve their water storage capacity.

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## Take Fire Preventive Measures

## Moderate earthquake

YANGON, 21 Jan— According to the 08 hr 14 min and 14 sec hr MST of Kaba Aye Observatory today, a moderate earthquake measuring 4.7 Richter Scale shook centering Myanmar ocean, the distance of 85 mile from the south of Kaba Aye observatory said Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—*MNA*