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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

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye receives Chinese Military Attachés



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye greets outgoing Chinese Military Attaché Senior Colonel Fan Lianfeng at Bayintnaung Yeiktha in Nay Pyi Taw. —MNA



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye shakes hands with incoming Chinese Military Attaché Senior Colonel Gao Tiejun at Bayintnaung Yeiktha in Nay Pyi Taw. —MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Jan—Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye received Military Attaché Senior

Colonel Fan Lianfeng of the People's Republic of China to the Union of Myanmar, who had completed his tour of duty, and his successor Senior Colonel Gao Tiejun at Bayintnaung Yeiktha, here, at 10.30 a.m., today.
Also present at the call were Member of the

State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Rear-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein and Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence.—MNA



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PERSPECTIVES

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Strive for further flourishing of national culture

Striving for flourishing of national culture amounts to uplift of national prestige and integrity of a nation and its people.

National culture constitutes education and knowledge, customs, ethics, codes of conduct and moral values and morality that can enhance the social status.

By nature, Myanmar people value traditional cultures. Their habit, custom and things Myanmar are found to be deeply entrenched in Myanmar culture, Myanmar characters and Myanmar style.

Therefore, efforts are to be made for flourishing of national prestige and integrity and codes of conduct while striving for preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character.

At present, some global nations are striving for safeguarding of traditional culture and national character as the standard of their culture and traditions has been on the wane. At such a time, Myanmar has been able to stand tall with fine historical traditions as she has firmly set up a grand and high level cultural heritage replete with essence. This is something to be proud of.

The national brethren of Myanmar have been handing over the cultural heritage they have further strengthened and enriched and added more value to it from generation to generation as a well preserved legacy.

At a time when efforts are being made for the emergence of a new modern and developed nation, it is incumbent upon the entire people to strive for continued flourishing of national characters, cultural traditions and human values and to guard against the infiltration and overwhelming of alien culture and customs with national awareness.

President of Indo-Myanmar Chamber of Commerce & Industries Mr GL Goenka and party view products of Myanmar.

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People's Desire

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



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan addresses coordination meeting for renovation of Shwephonepwin Pagoda. — MNA

Information Minister discusses renovation of Shwephonepwin Pagoda

YANGON, 23 Jan—Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan this afternoon attended the coordination meeting for renovation of Shwephonepwin Pagoda, at the new Dhammayon of the pagoda in Pazundaung Township.

Chairman of the Pagoda Board of Trustees U Tint Lwin, technicians U Aung Myat, U San Kyi, U Moe and U Maung Gyi and party reported on inspection on condition of Seinbudaw (diamond orb), Hngetmyatnadaw (pennant-shaped vane) and Htidaw (umbrella) and arrangements for renovation, marble slabs to be substituted in the place of old ones on the platform, painting of the archway, the walls and plenary posts and construction of new shops.

The minister gave necessary instructions.

After inspecting the slabs, the minister paid homage to Buddha images at the prayer hall and left instructions on offering of gold foils to the pagoda.

Also present at the meeting were Managing Director U Soe Win of News and Periodicals Enterprise, Managing Director U Aung Myo Myint of Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise and officials.

The pagoda is being renovated for better grandeur. The pagoda, the diamond orb, the pennant-shaped vane and the umbrella are also being maintained. Moreover, the offering of gold foils at the umbrella, cleansing the gold plates at the pennant-shaped vane, offering of gold foils to Buddha images and some encircling zedis, painting of religious buildings, the archways, the walls and sanitation at drains for proper flow of water, substitution of marble slabs in the place of old ones and reconstruction of 30 new shops.

Those wishing to donate cash to the funds of the renovation may contact the office of the pagoda board of trustees, Tel: 01-290425.

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UMFCCI, Indo-Myanmar CCI to boost bilateral trade

YANGON, 23 Jan—President U Win Myint, Vice-Presidents U Win Aung, U Aung Lwin, U Mya Han, General Secretary U Sein Win

Hlaing, Joint-Secretary (2) U Tun Aung, CEC members and executives of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry met a 12-member Indian delegation led by President of Indo-Myanmar Chamber of Commerce and Industries Mr GL Goenka at the head office here on 15 January.

The meeting focused on boosting bilateral trade, plan to form joint committee to deal with possible disputes between the two federations, and export of goods through CIF instead of FOB by Myanmar to India.

It was followed by a meeting between members of the Indian delegation and Myanmar entrepreneurs at Mingalar Hall of the head office. The Myanmar side wants to sell India agricultural produce, forest products, rubber products, handicrafts,

gems, traditional medicines, cosmetics and foodstuff. The Indian side wants to sell machines to Myanmar and to cooperate with Myanmar in solar energy system.

The Indian delegation also met journalists.

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MTA talks on 31 January

YANGON, 23 Jan —Myanmar Travels Association will organize Talks on Myanmar Nature Thru Camera Lens which will be given by Japanese Natural Photographer Mr. Onishi at Yuzana Hotel, Shwegondine, here, on 31 January (Saturday).

Those interested may attend the talks and contact to register at the office of MTA (Ph: 559672 and 559673). —MNA

Russia not agree to NATO military transit to Afghanistan

Moscow, 23 Jan—Moscow did not permit NATO and the United States to carry military supplies to Afghanistan across its territory, the *Itar-Tass news agency* reported Thursday, citing Russia’s military representative to NATO.

“No official documents were submitted to Russia’s permanent mission in NATO certifying that Russia had authorized the United States and NATO to transport military supplies across the country,” Alexei Maslov was quoted commenting on some media reports, which cited Commander of the US Central Command Gen David Petraeus assaying that an agreement on alternative transit routes had been reached with Russia.

NATO suspended high-level contacts with Russia following the Caucasus crisis in August. In response, Russia halted cooperation with NATO’s Moscow office and called off the NATO chief’s visit to Moscow.

High-level political contacts between the alliance and Moscow only resumed when NATO chief Jaap de Hoop Scheffer met Russian envoy Dmitry Rogozin in Brussels on 19 Dec. —*Internet*



Iraqi youths point to the debris left by a car bomb in Baghdad. A car bomb attack targeting a Sunni politician killed four students, underscoring a recent surge of violence in the Iraqi capital.

INTERNET

US envoy in Iraq warns against hasty withdrawal

BAGHDAD, 23 Jan—A hasty departure of US troops from Iraq would carry severe risks, including bolstering al-Qaeda and threatening Iraqi progress toward a functioning society, the outgoing US ambassador said Thursday. Ambassador Ryan Crocker spoke to reporters a day after he and the top US commander in Iraq briefed President Barack Obama on the situation here.

Obama, who campaigned on a promise to end the war, asked the Pentagon to do whatever additional planning was necessary to “execute a responsible military drawdown from Iraq,” the White House said Wednesday.

Crocker, who is retiring after a 30-year diplomatic career, declined to say what he and Gen Ray Odierno told the president during the video hookup. But he noted that the president was committed to a responsible pullout of the more than 140,000-strong US force.

“A precipitous withdrawal runs some very severe risks,” Crocker said, including a possible revival of al-Qaeda and encouraging “neighbours with less than benign intentions” to influence events in Iraq.—*Internet*



Iraqi soldiers lift the wreckage of a car bomb in Baghdad, Iraq, on 21 Jan, 2009. The dean of a Sunni college escaped assassination in a Baghdad bombing, the third attempt against the life of an education official in less than a week. The blast killed three persons and wounded five others, police said.—INTERNET

Aid needed for Afghan war

ISLAMABAD, 23 Jan—President Barack Obama’s plan to nearly double American troop numbers in Afghanistan needs to be matched by a similar surge in development workers and aid funding, NATO’s top official said Thursday.

In a sign of the tough fight there, NATO and Afghan troops earlier in the day killed up to 22 militants in airstrikes and ground battles near the Afghan border with Pakistan, officials said.

The US has some 33,000 soldiers in Afghanistan battling a resurgent Taliban, and Obama is expected to send up to 30,000 more this year as his administration shifts its focus from the war in Iraq to the Afghan conflict.

Speaking in Pakistan, NATO Secretary General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer said the new troops will take the fight to “places where it was not, or insufficiently, possible up till now.”

Scheffer said other NATO allies should also boost troop levels in Afghanistan if possible, but also increase the number of civilian experts to help with reconstruction and development in a country brought to its knees by decades of war.

Internet

A welcome decision, but late

RIYADH, 23 Jan— For Jomaa al-Dosari, Barack Obama’s decision to close the prison at Guantanamo Bay is seven years too late. The Saudi national spent six years in the detention facility, never knowing the charges against him, never facing a trial and always asserting that he was not a terrorist.

“When I heard the news I said to myself, ‘I wish Obama was elected years ago. Guantanamo would not have happened,’” said al-Dosari, speaking by telephone from the eastern city of Dammam where he now lives, studying computers. To many around the world, the decision Thursday by Obama to close the reviled prison within a year is welcome news. But it is especially so in countries such as Saudi Arabia, where the detention facility has become a symbol of US injustice toward Muslims and Arabs around the world. At one time, Saudis made up the second largest group of detainees there, and, according to a Saudi human rights lawyer, at least 13 Saudi families were still awaiting freedom for relatives detained at Guantanamo.—*Internet*

NATO forces kill 22 militants in E Afghanistan

KABUL, 23 Jan—The NATO-led International Security Assistance Forces (ISAF) in an overnight fighting killed 22 militants with air support in Afghan eastern province of Khost, said an ISAF statement released here on Thursday.

ISAF forces were attacked by a large number of militants while on patrol Babrak Tana district on Wednesday night, the statement said. “The ISAF patrol fired back in response and called in attack helicopters and close-air support.”

It said “upon positive identification of militants forces, the close-air support engaged the enemy. Helicopters fired multiple munitions killing the remaining insurgents from the initial attack.”

After the battle, ISAF assessed the scene “confirming a total of 22 militants killed in the remote area” as it claimed that “there were no civilians in the area and no damage to structures in the vicinity.”

Internet



Wounded Afghan boys are seen on the beds at a hospital, who got injured during a suicide attack in Baghlan province north of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 21 Jan, 2009. A suicide bomber attacked a wedding party in the northern province of Baghlan, wounding five children and a district police chief, said Abdul Rahman Sayedkheil, a provincial police chief.—INTERNET



Gaza tunnels back in business

RAFAH, 23 Jan—After shoveling sand from their tunnel on Thursday, the smugglers hoisted the prized cargo out of the narrow shaft: bags of potato chips — a minor luxury for Gazans tired of bland UN humanitarian rations.

All around them, other smuggling crews were getting merchandise flowing again through dozens of similar tunnels only days after a cease-fire in Israel’s devastating offensive in the Gaza Strip.

The tunnels linking Gaza and Egypt are back in business, despite the hundreds of tons of bombs and missiles that Israeli troops rained down on them.

The air reeked from spills of newly smuggled fuel being poured into plastic barrels as winches powered by noisy generators hauled more goods out of the wood-lined openings in the ground.

At other shafts, workers were still raising only dirt as their colleagues laboured underground to dig out cave-ins caused by the Israeli bombardment. Egyptian border guards manned watchtowers barely 100 yards away.

Internet

Shipyard accident kills two, injures 20 in Japan

TOKYO, 23 Jan — Two people died and about 20 others sustained injuries after a 27-metre-long gangway at a shipyard in Oita, Kyushu Prefecture of Japan, collapsed Friday, local media reported.

The gangway to a ship that is under construction collapsed at around 9:30 am at the Ozai shipyard of Minaminippon Shipbuilding Co, sending workers falling to the ground or into the sea, local fire department and police officials said.

The gangway collapsed shortly after it was installed using a crane, Kyodo News quoted the officials as saying.

Some of the injured were taken to nearby hospitals, while those who sustained slight injuries were treated at a tent set up near the accident site.

According to Minaminippon Shipbuilding, the shipyard was completed in May last year as the company’s third plant for manufacturing large vessels.—Internet

Hamas dismisses reconciliation talks with Fatah

DAMASCUS, 23 Jan — A senior Hamas official has dismissed any reconciliation talks with the rival Fatah group.

His remarks on Thursday followed claims by the militants that they emerged victorious after the group survived a relentless three-week offensive by Israel on the Gaza Strip.

Sami Khater, a member of the militant group’s Damascus-based branch, says Arab and international donations to reconstruct the war-devastated Gaza should go directly to Hamas and not to rival Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, whose faction rules the West Bank.

Khater says Abbas and his Palestinian Authority cannot be trusted.

Khater says a Hamas delegation will travel to Cairo this weekend for talks with Egyptian mediators on ways to consolidate a Gaza cease-fire in place since last Sunday.—Internet

The ruins of a building destroyed by car bomb attack in central Baghdad, Iraq, on 22 Jan, 2009. INTERNET



A man rebuilds a tunnel that links the Palestinian side of Rafah with Egypt. Four Palestinians were injured when two tunnels used by smugglers collapsed on the border between Egypt and the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip, an Egyptian security official said on Thursday.—INTERNET

World markets mixed as US data worse than expected

LONDON, 23 Jan—World stocks were mixed Thursday after worse-than-expected US unemployment and housing data cut off an earlier rebound that saw investors buying up beaten-down bank stocks.

An announcement by Microsoft Corp that it is cutting 5,000 jobs over the next 18 months — a sign of how badly even the biggest and richest companies are being stung by the recession — also sent US stocks down in early trading.

The Dow Jones indus-

tries fell more than 150 points. Other indexes also declined, with the technology-heavy Nasdaq composite taking the biggest hit due to Microsoft’s news. The software giant also posted an 11 percent drop in profits.

In Europe, Britain’s FTSE 100 benchmark index was 0.60 percent higher at 4,084.23 in European mid-afternoon trade. But Germany’s DAX was down 0.67 percent at 4,232.52, and France’s CAC 40 fell 0.42 percent to 2,893.51. In the morning, all three had

risen at least 2.0 percent higher.

European markets had followed Asian stocks higher as bank shares — battered this week on fears of deep losses and possible collapses — rebounded with the help of investors looking for bargains.

The earlier rally in Europe and Asia — where Japan’s Nikkei 225 gained 1.9 percent to 8,051.74 and Hong Kong’s Hang Seng closed up 0.6 percent at 12,657.99 — was largely due to a bounce in financial stocks.

Internet

Russians, Cubans seek to boost ties in Moscow

MOSCOW, 23 Jan—Russian and Cuban officials met Thursday in Moscow ahead of Cuban President Raul Castro’s visit later this month — part of the Kremlin’s efforts to project global power and renew Cold War alliances.

Deputy Prime Minister Igor Sechin told a Russian-Cuban intergovernmental panel that relations between the two countries should “reach a new level.” The panel included officials and businessmen who deal with oil, gas, nuclear energy and metals.

The Kremlin has moved to rebuild old ties with Cuba and Nicaragua — and cultivate new friends like Venezuela — to flex its muscles close to the United States.

Russia and Cuba enjoy “wonderful relations” again after a pause in the 1990s, the ITAR-Tass news agency quoted Raul Castro as saying in an interview. He cited then-President Vladimir Putin’s visit in 2000, as well as President Dmitry Medvedev’s last year, as big boosts.

Medvedev visited Brazil, Cuba, Peru and Venezuela in November, and Russia also sent a navy squadron to the Caribbean.

Russian navy ships held joint maneuvers with the Venezuelan navy and made port calls in several countries of the region, including Cuba.

Internet



An Afghan soldier keeps watch after a suicide car bombing in Herat on 21 Jan, 2009. A suicide car bombing killed two Afghan soldiers and wounded three more on Wednesday in the western province of Herat, the Defence Ministry said.—INTERNET

Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand to cut rubber exports by 700,000 tons in 2009 to boost prices

JAKARTA, 23 Jan—Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand, the world's biggest natural rubber exporters, have decided to slash rubber exports by 700,000 tons this year to raise slumping price of the commodity, a director executive of Indonesia's rubber producers association, Gapkindo Suharto Honggokusumo, said here Friday.

The director said that for the first quarter the three

countries have decided to trim the overseas sales by 270,000 tons and Indonesia got 116,000 tons reduction out of the figure.

"The reduction has started since January first," he told *Xinhua*.

Honggokusumo said that the countries under the group of the "Three Partied Rubber Council" expected there would be new balance of prices amid the decline of the global demand of rubber due to the downturn of the world

economy.

"We hope that there would be a new balance of prices that is beneficial for growers," he said.

The slowing of world industrial activity, such as automotive industry, has sapped demand of rubber which then slumped prices.

However, the director said that it has not determined yet how much the top prices were targeted by the three countries.

Xinhua



A file photo shows customers try out the new Apple iPod Nano at an Apple store in Palo Alto, Calif. Recession or not, there are some things that people are still willing to buy at full price. It's a recipe made from one part habit, one part psychology and one part economics.—XINHUA

Robberies in Britain up 18% in third quarter 2008

LONDON, 23 Jan — New figures released on Thursday showed that robberies in Britain involving knives or sharp instruments have increased by 18 percent in the third quarter of 2008.

According to a Home Office news release, in the same period, drug offenses grew by nine percent, and fraud and forgery reports was up 16 percent.

The statistics, based on British Crime Survey (BCS) interviews and police records, show that the number of crimes recorded by police fell by three percent during the third quarter of 2008, compared with the same period in 2007.—*Xinhua*

Four European tourists kidnapped near Niger-Mali border

LOME, 23 Jan — Four European tourists, including two Swiss, one German and one Briton, were abducted on Thursday near Niger's border with Mali, news agencies reported.

A Mali official said the tourists were abducted at Menaka, near the Mali-Niger border, but didn't specify the abductees' nationalities, news monitored here in Togo's capital Lome said.

Initial reports said the tourists include two Swiss, one German and one Briton, but haven't been confirmed yet. —*Xinhua*



An H2A rocket, carrying the world's first greenhouse-gas monitoring satellite, takes off from the Tanegashima Space Center, southern Japan, on 23 Jan, 2009.

INTERNET

Malaria illnesses decline in Cambodia in 2008

PHNOM PENH, 23 Jan — The number of reported malaria cases and deaths in Cambodia respectively dropped by 8.5 percent and 25 percent in 2008 over the previous year, national media on Friday quoted the National Malaria Center as saying.

The number of confirmed malaria cases decreased to 59,840 in 2008 from 54,784 in 2007, and deaths to 184 from 241, according to the center.

"The trend is downward but it is not sharp," Rashid Abdur, malaria scientist for the World Health Organization (WHO) in Cambodia, told English-Khmer language newspaper the Cambodia Daily.—*Xinhua*

Microsoft to cut 5.5% of work force

LOS ANGELES, 23 Jan — Software giant Microsoft announced on Thursday that it would slash 5.5 percent of its jobs "in light of the further deterioration of global economic conditions."

The cut would affect 5,000 of its nearly 90,000 employees, and 1,400 layoffs would take effect on Thursday, according to the announcement.

This would be the first mass layoff in the 33-year-old tech giant's history.

Meanwhile, Microsoft said it posted revenue growth of only 2 percent, to 16.63 billion dollars, and an 11-percent drop in net income, to 4.17 billion dollars in its fiscal second quarter.

This fell short of Microsoft's previous forecasts and Wall Street's expectations.—*Xinhua*

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Nokia's profit falls 69% in Q4

STOCKHOLM, 23 Jan— The world's largest mobile phonemaker Nokia said on Thursday its profit dropped 69 percent in the fourth quarter of last year due to falling sales and lower prices for its mobile phones.

Nokia's Q4 net sales fell 19.5 percent to 12.7 billion euros (about 16.4 billion US dollars) from 15.8 billion euros (about 20.3 billion US dollars) in the same period in 2007, while the net profit was 576 million euros (about 744 million US dollars), 69 percent less than the corresponding season in 2007, the company said in the quarter report posted on its website.

The Finnish company attributed the drop in sales and profit to less demand for its mobile phone worldwide. In October-December Nokia sold 113 million mobile phones and its market share shrank to 37 percent from 40 percent in the last quarter of 2007.—*Xinhua*



Thick smog enveloped Hong Kong again on Friday, as scientists and campaigners said recent pollution had reached levels ten times above annual World Health Organization guidelines for clean air.

XINHUA

Zimbabwe gets \$4.7m cholera drugs

HARARE, 23 Jan — A consignment of cholera drugs and equipment worth nearly 4.7 million US dollars from World Vision-Canada has arrived in Zimbabwe, as the outside world intensified efforts to help stem the outbreak, *New Ziana* reported on Thursday. The consignment consists of oral re-hydration salts, aqua tablets, pediatric intravenous fluids, body bags and generators, among others. United Nations agencies said cholera has killed over 2,200 people and infected more than 40,000 in the Southern African country, where the health and sanitation systems have collapsed due to an economic crisis.

Speaking soon after delivery of the goods at Harare International Airport on Wednesday, World Vision cholera manager Wilfred Sikukula said the drugs and equip-

ment would benefit at least two million people over a period of three months in 29 districts across the country.

He said the target population were children who are the most vulnerable. “It could not have been done this quickly without the help of the Canadian International Development Agency in partnership with World Vision—Canada. We really want to appreciate the work being done by our partners in assisting to combat the outbreak in Zimbabwe,” Sikukula said.

Meanwhile, a fresh cholera outbreak has hit the mining town of Mashava in Masvingo Province amid reports that the disease had claimed nine more lives in the province over the past seven days, bringing the provincial death toll to 110 since the outbreak began in August.—*Internet*



A cholera patient drinks treated water at Budiriro Polyclinic in Harare on 22 Jan, 2009. Zimbabwe’s cholera epidemic is spreading to rural areas because people with the disease have quit heavily-infected urban centres for the countryside, an agency official said on Wednesday. — INTERNET

Libya oil nationalization unlikely

CAIRO, 23 Jan—Call it, if you will, classic Moammar Gadhafi.

The Libyan leader’s mention of the possibility of nationalizing the oil sector in response to current low oil prices is merely his unique way of calling attention to the difficulties producers face because of the global economic meltdown, some analysts say.

The comments — during a televised address he

gave on Wednesday to students at Georgetown University in Washington — are also unlikely to deter oil companies from pursuing new opportunities in Libya, which is rapidly beginning to flex its muscles after decades long US sanctions were lifted in 2004.

“Gadhafi never expresses his thoughts in a conventional manner,” Saad Djebbar, a Libya

expert and deputy director of the North African Institute at Britain’s Cambridge University, said Thursday. “I believe that what he meant was ... to warn of the effect of low oil prices on countries which depend almost entirely on oil revenues.”

Companies are unlikely to seriously step back from investing in the country, despite his comments.—*Internet*

Toyota mulls cutting 1,000 full-time jobs

TOKYO, 23 Jan—Toyota Motor Corp is considering cutting more than 1,000 full-time jobs in North America and the United Kingdom to cope with faltering global demand, a news report said on Friday.

The details of the job cuts will likely be finalized by the end of the month, said the *Nikkei*, Japan’s top business daily, citing an unnamed senior

company official. Japan’s top automaker could slash more jobs in other regions if global auto sales continue to slump, the daily said.

Toyota spokesman Yuta Kaga declined to confirm the report, saying nothing had been decided.

Hit by the collapse in demand for cars, Toyota is expecting to incur its first operating loss in 70

years. The company on Tuesday tapped Akio Toyoda, grandson of the Japanese automaker’s founder, as president, paying homage to its roots amid a deepening global downturn.

The US-educated Toyoda, 52, is the first founding family member to take the helm at the Japanese auto giant in 14 years.

Internet



Workers shape a snow sculpture in preparation for the Shenyang International Ice and Snow Festival in Shenyang, Liaoning province.



A visitor takes a picture of an art piece, shaped as an ox, titled “Cheongsam” during the Cow Parade exhibition, as part of the upcoming Chinese Lunar New Year of the Ox celebrations in Chinese Taipei. More than one hundred painted oxen designed by artists in Taiwan are on display till February 1 to mark the Lunar New Year which will fall.

Thief caught out giving policeman’s address

A German teenager caught shoplifting tried to dupe police by lying about where he lived — but only ended up in much more trouble when the address he gave turned out to be the home of an investigating officer, said media reports Thursday.

The 18-year-old teenager was from Achim, a town of 30,000 in northern Germany. He admitted he had lied when the officer explained that the address belonged to him, said police in nearby Verden.

Stray dog finds gig as traffic police assistant

A stray dog has found a new friend, as well as a job, ever since he was found by a police officer in Zhengzhou, capital of Henan Province.

The blonde dog, which is 1.2 m long and 1 m tall, has become a “police dog” and works with traffic officer Chen Guangyan.

The dog arrived at the office when Chen starts his workday and leaves when the officer clocks out. The dog also seems to understand traffic as it always stops when the light turns red and continues to walk when it’s green.

Lottery numbers drawn twice in row

The winning numbers of Pick 3 were the same as the ones from the night before in Omaha, said a Nebraska Lottery official in US.

According to the official, one of two lottery computers that randomly generate combinations picked the numbers 1, 9 and 6 for Monday night’s drawing. He said the other computer picked the same three numbers in the same order Tuesday in the same sequence.

The odd of such an occurrence could be the oddest of all, probably, one in a million times, hardened lottery players said.



Bejewelled elephants that have delighted crowds at every Indian Republic Day since 1950 have been banned from this year’s parade due to their “berserk” behaviour, according to officials. The elephants had been a highlight of the procession through the centre of the capital marking India’s birth as a republic, three years after independence from British rule.

Obama’s daughters turned into dolls?

P r e s i d e n t Barack Obama already adorns t-shirts, coffee cups, wine bottles and even lipstick.

Now, the company that makes Beanie Babies has come out with a pair of plush dolls named “Marvelous Malia” and “Sweet Sasha.” But officials from

Illinois-based Ty, Inc insist the darling dolls are not modeled after the First Daughters.

“Sasha and Malia are beautiful names... that worked very well with the dolls we were making,” Tania Lundeen, Ty senior vice president of sales told CNN. “We did not

make the dolls to physically resemble either of the Obama girls,” Lundeen said, adding that the dolls follow “the exact patterns” used for other “Ty Girlz.” The dolls, which hit stores across the United

States earlier this month, are the first African-American dolls added to the collection, which includes Bubbly Britney (Spears), Lucky Lindsay (Lohan) and Precious Paris (Hilton).

NEWS ALBUM

Cold season crops thriving on bank of Laymyo River in MraukU Township

Article: Reporter Singu Soe Win; Photos: Tin Soe (Myanma Alin)



A thriving crop plantation is seen in MraukU Township with mountain ranges in the background.

Our media team recently observed the cold season crops plantations on the bank of the Laymyo River in Myetyeikyun Village-tract in MraukU Township.

When we passed by Phayaoak Village

pleased to view thriving groundnut plants that were as high as two to three feet because on average, a groundnut is not higher than one and a half feet. Moreover, corn plants were as high as about 10 feet. And the plantations of such crops as chilly,

over 100 baskets. Last year, Daw Win Sein of Nankya Village-tract gained 217 baskets of groundnut an acre. So, Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Thaung Aye awarded her at the Rakhine State level ceremony to mark successful completion of the ploughing of all targeted monsoon paddy fields and transplant paddy at Kandawgyi farm in Sittway."

In an interview, farmer Ko Aung said, "I have five mouths to feed including my parents. I grow several cold season crops on a land of six acres. I sell 1000 ears of corn for 65,000 kyats, and 120 baskets of chillies for 24,000 kyats. I harvest chilli once a month. And I harvest corn whenever I receive an order. Customers come here to buy crops. On average, I earn about 600,000 kyats from the farm a month."

He said that when

Farmer Ko Aung Soe and his family members of Myetyeik Island, MraukU Township.



U Naing Min Hlaing, Manager of Township Myanmar Agriculture Service.

beyond MraukU, we saw thriving patches of black gram, cabbage and oil mustard in the harvested paddy fields. After the paddy harvest, black gram plants among the paddy plants grew faster, which was heartening.

The alluvial land on the bank of the Laymyo River on the other bank of Myetyeik Island is five miles long and about one mile wide. About 500 acres of the land were put under cold season crops, so the whole alluvial land is now colonized by crop plantations.

Just as we got to the bank, we were very

cucumber, musk melon, pumpkin, red water cress, white water cress, bitter gourd, carrot, summer bean, gourd, long bean egg plant and tomato were found thriving.

Manager U Naing Min Hlaing of MraukU Township Myanmar Agriculture Service told the Myanma Alin Daily, "In our township, the Laymyo River flows through Hnitshei, Myaungbwe and Pyilongyi village-tracts. It is a freshwater river; therefore, many people grow crops and live along the bank. All the crops we grow are thriving. On average, an acre of groundnut yields

the river raged in the rainy season, his family moved to Myetyeik Island and grew monsoon paddy; that he earned net income of about four million kyats a year from monsoon paddy and cold season crops.

On schooldays, local children went to school by boat. He served us musk melon, which was cool and delicious. So, it is sure that the soil of the region is fertile.

In MraukU Township this year, 15,183 acres are put under

cold season crops; 2900 acres, under groundnut; 11,361 acres, under oil mustard; 599 acres, under sunflower; 225 acres, under summer sesame; and 90 acres, under niger.

In the township, 136,800 acres of monsoon paddy yielded 10,405,008 baskets or 76.06 baskets an acre. Now, it grows 1600 acres of summer paddy plus cold season crops, edible oil crops and beans and pulses in other fields.

On the alluvial land of Myetyeik Island, 90 farmers of 11 villages grow 500 acres of cold season crops and edible oil crops.

Some sections of 3.5-mile road linking Myetyeik and Po Phyu islands with MraukU are not serviceable. Secretary U Kyaw Hlaing of Township PDC said that the road would be repaired soon under the programme for regional development.

In Phayaoak Village farmers grow various crops, and they use leg pumps to get irrigation water. They sell a cauliflower for 150 kyats, and a cabbage, for 100 kyats. We learnt a salient point that in Rakhine State, underground freshwater can be obtained at any site from a depth of 70 feet at maximum.

M r a u k U Township has an area of 490.97 square miles and is constituted with six wards and 251 villages of 222,040 people. In the township, rice supply exceeds the demand by 264.54 per cent. Local people are now planning to take part in the fruit and flower contest to be held to mark the 62nd Union Day by Rakhine State PDC.

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Thriving corn plantation and vegetable patch in Myetyeik Island, MraukU Township.



Maj-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence unveils the signboard of new building for Thakkala Station Hospital. —MNA



Bago, Ayeyawady Divisions...

(from page 16) Maj-Gen Ko Ko unveiled the signboard of the building. At the new ward, Maj-Gen Ko Ko and the

commander delivered addresses. The wellwisher handed over the documents related to the building to the Acting Director-General who presented a certificate of honour. Maj-Gen Ko Ko viewed the patient ward, the medical store and the X-ray room, gave necessary instructions to officials and presented cash award to

the dance troupes. On 21 January, accompanied by Chairman of Ayeyawady Division PDC Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe and officials, Maj-Gen Ko Ko inspected tarmacking of road section on Yangon-Pathein road and maintenance works. MNA

English Proficiency Course concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Jan— A ceremony to conclude English Proficiency Course, conducted by Ministry of Immigration and Population, was held at the hall of the Ministry here this morning, with a concluding speech by Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population Brig-Gen Win Sein. The deputy minister presented awards to outstanding trainees and certificates through a trainee. Afterwards, Director-General U Maung Myint of Population Department presented gifts through an instructor. On behalf of trainees, a trainee spoke words of thanks and those present were entertained with English songs. Altogether 40 trainees of departments under the ministry attended the 10-week course.—MNA



Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Win Sein presents prize to an outstanding trainee. MNA



(Award of Excellence) Ma Cho Zaw Aung (Yangon University of Foreign Languages) (News on page 16).—MNA



(Special Prize) Ko Kyaw Khaing (Graphic Designer) (News on page 16). —MNA

MAY Int'l School to organize essay contest

YANGON, 23 Jan—MAY Int'l School will organize an English essay contest for primary, middle and high school students to commemorote its 10th anniversary of the establishment of the school and present scholarship as part of the programme. Students interested are encouraged to participate in the contest and those who get scholarship may attend the Summer English Course to be conducted from March to May of 2009. Those who get above 90 points will get



100% exemption and, those above 75 points, 75% exemption and those above 50 points 50% exemption. The topics of the essays are divided according to levels and can be taken at MAY Int'l School in advance and students are to sit for the contest between 24 and 31 January. MAY Int'l School

conducts the 2009 Summer English Course from 9 March to 31 May which is intended for primary up to high school students. Subjects to be focused on are 4 Skills Grammatical English, Mathematics, Computer Based English, Science, General Knowledge, International Culture, Arts, Sports & Excursion

and Singing & Movie with courses full time, part time and weekends classes. Those who enroll between 26 and 31 Jan may get 5% to 10% discount. For further information, contact MAY Int'l School No. 91 (A) Banyadala Street Bahan township, Yangon Ph: 01-545375, 544224, . MNA

Min Naing wins Monywa Golf Cup

YANGON, 23 Jan—The fourth and final round of the Monywa Invitational Golf Tournament, jointly organized by Myanmar Golf Federation and Monywa Golf Club, continued at the golf club in Monywa yesterday.

Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Myint Soe attended the prize presentation ceremony of the tournament.

After the fourth round of the competition, Executive of MGF U Ko Ko Lay handed over the gift presented by the

president of MPGA and MGF to Chairman of Monywa Golf Club Col Hsan Aung.

Managing Director U Kyi Shein of Cherry Yoma Co Ltd gave prizes to daily best golfers in the men's amateur golfers division and Monywa Golf Club Chairman Col Hsan Aung, those of the professional golfers division.

Deputy Commander of North-West Command Brig-Gen Tin Maung Ohn presented prizes to Tin Lin Ko who stood third in the men's amateur golfers division with 303 strokes, Nay Bala Win Myint second with 297 and Aung Win

(Forest) first with 291.

Commander Maj-Gen Myint Soe awarded first, second and third prizes to Min Naing (Srixon) with 281 strokes in the professional golfers division, Naing Naing Lin (Point) with 289 and Soe Kyaw Naing (Srixon) with 292.

Future Engineering Group, Moe & More Co Ltd and Cherry Yoma Co Ltd mainly sponsored the tournament together with co-sponsor International Beverages Trading Co Ltd for turning out superb Myanmar golfers. Han Event Management performed the task of holding the tournament.—MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Soe presents first prize to Min Naing (Srixon).— MNA



Minister U Aung Kyi receives Deputy Director-General Mme. Ndioro Ndiaye of IOM and SEA Regional Representative Mrs Irena Vojackova Sollorano. —MNA

Labour Minister receives IOM official

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Jan—Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi received deputy director-general of International Organization for Migration (IOM) Mme. Ndioro

Ndiaye and representative for Southeast Asia region Mrs. Irena Vojackova Sollorano at the ministry, here, this evening. They exchanged views on undertakings of the

organization for overseas job seekers.

Also present were Deputy Minister for Labour Brig-Gen Tin Tun Aung and officials.

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F&R Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun and wife being welcomed by Australian Ambassador HE Michelle Chan at the reception to mark Australia Day on 23 January.— MNA



Sales of Fujitsu Notebook & LCD in progress. — MNA

Fujitsu Notebooks and LCDs on sale

YANGON, 23 Jan—The Fujitsu Notebooks with two colours in A1110 group and five colours in A1010 group and Lifebook models S6420, S6520 and U2010 are put on sales till today.

The screen of notebook is made of Grade-A LCD Panel. The notebooks are designed for easy cleaning in case of the spill of water, coffee and liquid on the keypad. DDR3 (1066MHz) is used at L1010 model for

increasing 20 per cent performance. Being applied with the Air Dust Technology, the heat will not rise at the computer and the high capacity battery, suitable for long hours use with just one time recharge.

The models of Fujitsu Notebooks are installed with the security functions such as finger print sensor and TMP (Trusted Platform Module). Moreover, the notebooks are equipped

with 1.3 Mega Pixel Webcam which provide better video communications. For purchase, contact Blueray Digital IT Showroom, Tel: 556118 and 554745, Citicom, Tel: 381720, 374554 and 246020, ICE Computer Center, Tel: 228805, 215353 and 216484, Syntax Computer Sales & Service, Tel: 224441 and Technoland Computer Sales & Service, Tel: 249565 and 384780.

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SAY NO TO DRUGS

Kawthoung District growing oil palm increasingly

Article: Myint Maung Soe; Photos: Aung Than (Mingala Taungnyunt)

(from page 16)

National companies have been running oil palm farms to help achieve the goal “Taninthayi Division must become another edible oil bowl of the nation” for ensuring edible oil supply of the nation. As a result of the prudent drive, Kawthoung District has seen a good number of oil palm farms.

The government has launched oil palm farming in Taninthayi Division since 1999. Now, oil palms are well in fruit there. Being convinced of the lucrative business, national companies are now growing oil palms on a wider scale year by year. In addition, they are building oil mills.

Benefits of farming oil palm are many. Nothing of the whole oil



U An Ban, Manager of Yuzana Oil Palm Project.

grown over 720 acres of oil palm. We started oil palm farming in 2005-2006, so the palms are not

Myay Yadana have run oil palm farming in Kawthoung, Khamaukkyi, Karathuri, Bokpyin and Pyigy Mandaing townships in Kawthoung District since March 1999. The total acreage of oil palm farms is 117,866. Of them, about 10,000 acres have started to yield fruit, and they were grown in 1999-2000. Oil palms yield fruit well when they are at the age of



The 2000-ton palm oil tank and 500-ton palm kernel oil tank.



A thriving oil palm farm of Dagon Timber Co.



Palm oil milling machines of the palm oil mill of Golden Oil Palm Co.

palm is useless. Palm oil, palm kernel oil, fertilizer, fuel and feedstuff are some palm oil products.

Manager U Nu of Golden Oil Palm Co, 18 miles from Kawthoung, told the Myanma Alin Daily, “We run oil palm farms, and we have got a palm oil mill in Kawthoung. It can mill five tons of oil palm fruit an hour. We are growing oil palm extensively year by year. Up to 2007-2008, our company had

in fruit yet. We have to buy oil palm fruits from other companies to produce palm oil. We have a target of milling own oil palm fruits in the near future, so we are planning to grow oil palm on a wider scale.”

In an interview, Project Manager U An Ban of Yuzana Oil Palm Co on Kawthoung-Bokpyin Road said, “Our company’s three branches: Yuzana, Annawah Tun, and Shwe

about five years. They yield fruit most in the rainy season. The heavier it rains, the sooner the fruit become ripe.

“Now, we have got an oil palm mill that can mill 60 tons an hour. We also buy oil palm fruit from the Myanma Perennial Crops Enterprise, Dagon Timber Co, and Po Kaung Co to produce more palm oil. Then, we send crude palm oil to Yangon to produce finished product. Now, our product has

local market. We expect to distribute more palm oil when our farms have a high yield.”

We observed the production line in the modern mill operating with just a small workforce. It produces both crude and finished palm oil. Stalks of oil palm fruit bundles can be used as fuel. Byproduct is used to produce potassium fertilizer. Fruit seeds are used to produce palm kernel oil. Byproduct of fruit seeds can be used as feedstuff.

The yield of oil palm starts to fall when it

is at the age of 15 years. Trunks of 30-year-old oil palms can be used to make furniture. From April 2005 to October 2008, the mill produced 55,839 tons of crude palm oil, and 5284 tons of palm kernel oil.

Project Manager U Win Myint of Dagon Oil Palm Project of Dagon Timber Ltd, 52 miles from Kawthoung, said, “Our company has run oil palm farming in the area between mile post No. 50 and 59 on Kawthoung-Bokpyin Road since 1999. So far, we have put 11,378 acres under oil palm. Now, the farms yield 15 to 20 tons of fruit a day. In the rainy season, they yielded about 30 tons of fruits a day. We sold all the fruit to Yuzana Co. We have a plan to grow 1000 more acres of oil palm this year. We have a target of 20,000 acres of oil palm here.

“We import oil palm seeds from Costa Rica. Chana, Ekona and Lame are high-yield oil palm strains. We also



An oil palm of Dagon Timber Co.

have a plan to establish a 50-ton crude palm oil mill at the 52nd mile camp on Kawthoung-Bokpyin Road, and we hope to complete construction of the mill by 2009-2010.

Now, 17 companies have put 185,025 acres under oil palm in Kawthoung District, which is helping Taninthayi Division to achieve the target of 500,000 acres of oil palm laid down by the government.

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Harvested bundles of oil palm are carried onto coaches to mill them.

Samsung suffers first-ever quarterly loss amid global recession

SEOUL, 23 Jan—Samsung Electronics Co, the world's largest maker of computer memory chips, announced Friday it lost 20 billion won (14.7 million US dollars) in the fourth quarter of 2008, posting its first-ever quarterly loss.

During the same period in 2007 the company earned a profit of 2.21 trillion won (1.63 billion US dollars), according to Samsung Electronics.

The company said its fourth-quarter operating loss was at 94 billion won (69.1 million US dollars), compared with a profit of 2.8 trillion won (2.06 billion US dollars) in the previous year.

Sales also dropped to 18.45 trillion won (13.6 billion US dollars) from 20 trillion won (14.7 million US dollars) a year ago, it added. Samsung has been hurt by sinking demand for semiconductors, mobile phones and other consumer electronics as worldwide demand for these products plunged amid the ongoing global economic recession.—*Internet*



Passengers walks forward against chill and gale to railway station in Shanghai, east China, on 23 Jan, 2009.—INTERNET

Singapore private home prices drop 6.1% in Q4, 2008

SINGAPORE, 23 Jan—Singapore's private residential prices decreased by 6.1 percent in the fourth quarter of 2008, after a decline of 2.4 percent in the previous quarter, the country's Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) said on Friday.

For the whole year of 2008, overall prices of private residential properties fell by 4.7 percent, compared with an increase of 31.2 percent in 2007.

The latest figure for the fourth quarter showed

that private residential prices fell further than the previous estimate of a 5.7 percent drop announced by the URA on 2 Jan.

In the fourth quarter of 2008, there were 64,982 private residential units in the pipeline, comprising supply from projects that were already under construction and those that had been granted planning approval but were not under construction yet.

Prices of office, shop and industrial properties decreased by 4.9 percent,

Pizza chef Gaetano Esposito displays his creation, a pizza in the form of US President Barack Obama and his wife Michelle, in front of his brick ovens in Naples on 22 Jan, 2009. The pizza is made with cream of eggplant, tomatoes, ricotta cheese, cream of artichoke, buffalo mozzarella and extra virgin olive oil.

INTERNET



Macao logs over 30 mln visitor arrivals in 2008

MACAO, 23 Jan—Macao saw its visitor arrivals for the whole of 2008 rose 11.8 percent year-on-year to over 30 million, according to the statistics released on Friday by the city's Statistics and Census Service (DSEC).

The figures showed that among the total visitor arrivals in 2008, visitors from the Chinese mainland (17.5 million) and Southeast

Asia increased by 17.7 percent and 33.3 percent respectively over the previous year, and those from Hong Kong went up slightly by 0.7 percent. Same-day visitors shared 52.8 percent of the total arrivals, at 15.9 million.

Analyzed by mode of transport, visitor arrivals by land took up the majority of the total, rising by 13.7 to 18.8 million. Meanwhile, visitors by sea and air increased by 7.9 percent and 15.2 percent respectively over 2007 to 9.69 million and 1.7 million.

Internet



South Korean clerks work at an electronic shop in Seoul, South Korea, on 23 Jan, 2009. Samsung Electronics, the world's largest manufacturer of flat screen televisions, memory chips and liquid crystal displays, posted its first ever quarterly loss Friday as the global economic slump hit prices and demand for mainstay products.—INTERNET

Photo taken on 22 Jan, 2009 shows a scene of a landslide in Mexico City, capital of Mexico, on 22 Jan, 2009. The landslide caused two people dead with another one injured. The reason is estimated to be the loose structure of the hill caused by continuous heavy rains last year.—INTERNET



Australian passenger plane makes emergency landing in Queensland

CANBERRA, 23 Jan—A plane carrying 21 passengers made an emergency landing in north-west Queensland, a Queensland Police Service spokeswoman said on Friday.

She said in Brisbane that emergency services had rushed to Cloncurry airport in the afternoon when a MacAir plane experienced engine problems minutes before landing.

The flight from Townsville to Mount Isa was scheduled to stop at Cloncurry when police received an emergency call at about 5.15 pm AEST (Australian Eastern Standard Time), according to a report by Australian Associated Press.

It said the 42 seat plane landed a few minutes later. A Queensland Ambulance spokesman said no one was injured during the incident.—*Internet*

Two killed, over 100 injured in train collision in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 23 Jan—Two people were killed and over 100 others wounded after a passenger train and a cargo train collided in East Java province on Friday, Metro television reported.

Dozens of people were still trapped under the damaged passengers train, the report said. The collision occurred in Bonjonegoro station.—*Internet*

Five stabbed to death at Belgian day care centre

BRUSSELS, 23 Jan—Five people, including three children, were reportedly stabbed to death on Friday at a day care center in Dendermonde in northwest Belgium, Flemish broadcaster VRT reported.

The assailant has been arrested by police, the report said. There are no official information available on deaths or injuries in the incident.

The municipality of Dendermonde has put into effect its disaster plan. Ambulances are speeding to and from the creche, and police are carrying out a massive operation.—*Internet*

Moderate earthquake rocks Bashi Channel

HONGKONG, 23 Jan—A moderate earthquake measuring 5.6 on the Richter scale rocked the Bashi Channel at 1240 GMT Friday, the Hong Kong Observatory said in a news bulletin here Friday night.

The epicenter was initially determined by the Hong Kong Observatory to be at 21.2 degrees north latitude and 121.4 degrees east longitude, about 180 kilometers south of Taitung, China's Taiwan.—*Internet*

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Journalists, military commission personnel and others leave the US naval base at Guantanamo, Cuba on a military plane, on 22 Jan, 2009. Breaking forcefully with Bush anti-terror policies, President Barack Obama ordered major changes on Thursday that he said would halt the torture of suspects, close down the Guantanamo detention center, ban secret CIA prisons overseas and fight terrorism 'in a manner that is consistent with our values and our ideals.' —INTERNET



\$70,000 ring rescued from toilet

PHOENIX, 23 Jan—A Phoenix plumber said he was able to locate a \$70,000 diamond ring that was accidentally flushed down a restaurant toilet. Mike Roberts, general manager of Mr Rooter, said city workers called his business after spending several hours trying to find the ring in the Black Bear Diner's sewer line, KPHO-TV, Phoenix, reported Thursday.

"Everybody said, 'No, it's gone,'" Roberts said. "We figured we'd give it a shot. We'd either save the day or be completely disappointed."

The plumber said he fished a fiber optic cable down the toilet and eventually located the ring stuck 300 feet down the sewer line.

"Eight, nine, 10 hours later, they managed to dig a hole in my floor and get

it out of the pipe," said Cheryl Jones of the Black Bear Diner. "A huge solitaire diamond and tons of smaller diamonds encrusted in it. It was very beautiful."

The couple paid Roberts \$5,000 for the plumbing and excavating in addition to a down payment to the restaurant for the cost of repairing the torn-up floor.

Internet

Liberia signs
2.6 billion
dollar
mining deal
with China
Union

MONROVIA, 23 Jan—Liberia signed Thursday a 2.6 billion dollar agreement with Chinese conglomerate China Union to develop its main iron ore mine, the biggest ever investment in the West African nation.

A government statement said President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf signed a mineral development agreement with officials from the Chinese mining company to develop the Bong Mines.

Sirleaf invited other Chinese companies to come and invest in the country, which emerged from a crippling 14-year civil war in 2003.

"The Liberian leader expressed the hope that the signing of the agreement will serve as a motivation to other Chinese companies to invest in Liberia," the statement said.

The deal has been sent to the parliament for ratification.

Men employ maths for subway riding record

NEW YORK, 23 Jan—A pair of New Yorkers said maths is on their side in their attempt to break the Guinness World Record for visiting the city's subway stations. Chris Solarz, 28, and Matt Ferrisi, 30, began their trek on Thursday at the Far Rockaway-Mott Avenue station in the city's Queens borough, WABC-TV, New York, reported on Thursday.

The two men said their calculations indicate that they can break the record by visiting all of New York's 468 subway stations in less than 24 hours, 45 minutes, and 3 seconds.—Internet

Smoking linked to most male cancer deaths

DAVIS, 23 Jan—Smoking was linked to more than 70 percent of the cancer death burden among Massachusetts men in 2003, researchers said.

Lead author Bruce Leistikow, an associate adjunct professor of public health sciences at the University of California at Davis, used National Center for Health Statistics data to compare death rates from lung cancer to

death rates from all other cancers among Massachusetts males.

The assessment, published in BMC Cancer, revealed that the two rates changed in tandem year-by-year from 1979 to 2003, with the strongest association among males ages 30 to 74 years. "This study provides support for the growing understanding among researchers that smoking is

a cause of many more cancer deaths besides lung cancer," Leistikow said in a statement. "The full impacts of tobacco smoke, including secondhand smoke, have been overlooked in the rush to examine such potential cancer factors as diet and environmental contaminants. As it turns out, much of the answer was probably smoking all along." —Internet

Dollar falls against most major currencies

NEW YORK, 23 Jan—The dollar fell against most major currencies on Thursday as Wall Street tumbled amid weak economic data. US privately owned housing starts in December were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 550,000, 15.5 percent below the revised November estimate, the US Commerce Department reported on Thursday.

For all 2008, housing starts plunged by 33.3 percent to 904,300 units. It was the biggest decline since 1974. An estimated 1,116,600 housing units

were completed in 2008, 25.7 percent below the 2007 figure.

First time applications for state unemployment insurance benefits rose by 62,000 to a seasonally adjusted 589,000 last week, the Labour Department said. It was the highest level of initial claims in 26 years. The weak economic reports sent Wall Street down. Stocks were also hurt by software giant Microsoft, which said it would cut 5,000 jobs in 18 months. The dollar fell against the euro and the yen in New York trading.

It rose against the pound as the British currency was under heavy pressure from worries over UK banking system.

The euro bought 1.3021 dollars in late New York trading compared with 1.2954 dollars it bought late Wednesday. The pound fell to 1.3876 dollars from 1.3922 dollars. The dollar fell to 1.2532 Canadian dollars from 1.2613 Canadian dollars, and fell to 1.1541 Swiss francs from 1.1574 Swiss francs. It fell to 89.09 Japanese yen from 89.43 Japanese yen.—Internet

Missing girl found safe in France

LILLE, 23 Jan—Missing 15-year-old schoolgirl Laura Stainforth has been found safe and well in France a week after disappearing. The teenager, from Cleethorpes, Lincolnshire, was found with 49-year-old Robert Williams in Lille.

Mr Williams was ar-

rested by French police officers after the pair attended the British consulate in Lille. He has been taken into custody. He is expected to appear before a court in Douai on Thursday which could determine his extradition.

Laura's mother Debra read a tearful statement to the media, thanking them and the police for their support. Mrs Stainforth said: "I am pleased to inform everybody that my daughter, Laura Stainforth, is safe and well.

"I am grateful for all the support from the papers and all the publicity that has brought Laura back home to us. "We are

grateful for all the support my family and myself have been given from the police. Thank you."

Laura went missing last on 14 January after telling her parents she was going shopping. She is believed to have met Mr Williams on an Internet chat room. Officers from Humber-side Police are currently en-route to France to bring her back to the UK.

Durham Police said earlier that Mr Williams was currently on bail after being questioned over the alleged rape of a 16-year-old from West Sussex. He was arrested over the matter in Darlington in December.

Internet

Bathroom birth leaves couple in shock

SAN JOSE, 23 Jan — LaShay and Miguel Lozano say they were shocked when their new daughter came into the world while her mother was stepping out of the shower in San Jose, Calif.

LaShay Lozano said while exiting from her home's shower this week, she suddenly began to give birth and she immediately called to her husband for assistance, the San Jose (Calif) *Mercury News* said on Wednesday.

"I felt her head coming out and I held it," LaShay said of Monday's birth. "I said 'Catch her!' and she slid out into his hands."

Miguel said being placed in a role traditionally reserved for trained doctors was a shocking experience to be sure.

"I got so freaked out. I thought 'What do I do,'" he said. "I told her, 'Keep pushing, babe.'"

"I felt so helpless," the relieved father added. "It was really scary."

Despite the unique birthing details faced by the couple, who already had a 2-year-old daughter, they successfully welcomed a new daughter, Maya, to the world, the *Mercury News* reported.

Internet



Motorists drive on a street covered with fog on the outskirts of Bangkok, Thailand, on 23 Jan, 2009.

Thick fog brought by warm weather from the country's South continue to cause poor visibility in Bangkok on Friday, according to the Meteorological Department.—INTERNET

Apple juice may delay Alzheimer's disease

LOWELL, 23 Jan — Drinking apple juice helped mice perform better in maze trials and prevented the decline in performance otherwise seen in aging, US researchers said.

The research team of Thomas B Shea of the University of Massachusetts, Lowell, carried out a number of laboratory studies demonstrating that drinking apple juice helped mice perform better than normal in maze trials and prevented the decline in performance that was otherwise observed as the mice aged.

The study, published in the *Journal of Alzheimer's Disease*, demonstrated that mice receiving the human equivalent of two glasses of apple juice per day for one month produced less of a small protein fragment called beta-amyloid that is responsible for forming the "senile plaques" commonly found in brains of people suffering from Alzheimer's disease.

Internet

50 sperm whales strand on Tasmanian island

HOBART, 23 Jan — Australian wildlife officials said they were hoping to save a few of a pod of sperm whales that stranded Thursday on an



In this image provided by Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service, a pod of sperm whales are seen stranded on a sand bar off Perkins Island, Australia's Tasmania state on 23 Jan, 2009.—INTERNET

island off Tasmania.

Chris Arthur of Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife said only eight of the 50 whales were showing any activity early Friday, the Australian Broadcasting Corp reported.

The whales beached themselves on Perkins Island in northwestern Tasmania, in a place reachable only by boat. Parks and Wildlife arranged helicopter flyovers to look for signs of life.

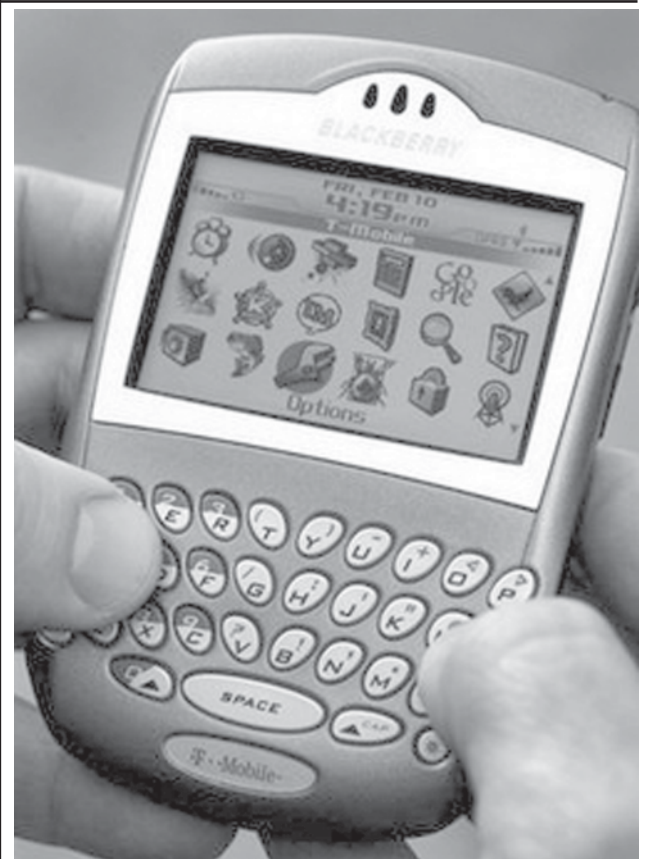
"What the crews can do is try and give the animals the best chance we can," Arthur said. "We've got gale force

winds forecast and the weather doesn't look as if it's going to be kind. It could hamper operations in that it could make navigating in the sand flats where these animals are very difficult."

A boat and rescue equipment was being sent from Hobart, the Tasmanian capital.

There were two large whale strandings in Tasmania in November — one of 55 pilot whales in Stanley near Perkins Island, and another of 155 whales on Sandy Cape on the west coast.

Internet



Two top executives at Research in Motion, the Canadian maker of hugely popular BlackBerry smartphones, face record fines for their roles in a stock option accounting controversy, local media reported on Thursday.—INTERNET

Zambia doctors to cut feet of unformed twin from baby's buttocks

LUSAKA, 23 Jan — The amazing story of a little girl in Zambia with the feet of an unformed twin protruding from her buttocks has gained worldwide attention. Eight-month-old Faith Mwampe is set to undergo a potentially lifesaving operation to have the horrific deformity removed while her 18-year-old mother, Mercy Lenganji, waits anxiously, the UK's *Daily Telegraph* reports.

But this picture of Faith's bizarre condition, provided by Barcroft Media, reveal the true horror that became apparent when Faith was delivered.

Zambian doctors allegedly labelled her condition as so shocking they hid her from her mother for two hours after birth for fear she would go into shock.

"They put Faith in an incubator as is the procedure with all babies born with deformities in Zambia, and only then was I allowed to see my child," Mercy said, adding that she loved her baby unconditionally. —Internet



Eight-month-old Faith Mwampe is back in hospital for miracle surgery.—INTERNET

US company develops plastic solar cells

CHICAGO, 23 Jan — A US company is developing plastic solar cells for portable electronic devices that will incorporate technology invented at the University of Chicago, the university said on Thursday.

The company is on track to complete a commercial-grade prototype later this year, said Dina Lozofsky, vice president of IP development and strategic alliances at Solarmer.

The prototype, a cell measuring eight square inches (50 square

centimeters), is expected to achieve 8 percent efficiency and to have a lifetime of at least three years, according to a press release issued by the University of Chicago.

New materials with higher efficiencies are the key in the industry, it said. Plastic solar cells are behind traditional solar-cell technology in terms of the efficiency that it can produce right now.

The invention, a new semiconductor material called PTB1, converts sunlight into electricity. The active layer of PTB1

is a mere 100 nanometers thick, the width of approximately 1,000 atoms. Synthesizing even small amounts of the material is a time-consuming, multi-step process.

The university licensed the patent rights to the technology to Solarmer last September.

An advantage of the Chicago technology is its simplicity. Solarmer has entered into a sponsored research agreement with the university to provide additional support for further research.

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SPORTS

Liverpool discuss 600m pound sale with Kuwaiti family

LONDON, 23 Jan—Liverpool co-owner Tom Hicks has reportedly started discussions with a wealthy Middle East family over a possible 600 million-pound sale of the English Premiership club, the *Daily Telegraph* claimed on their website on Thursday.

The preliminary talks are with the Kuwaiti Al Kharafi family, led by Nasser Al Kharafi who is worth nine billion pounds and is the 48th richest man in the world, the site added.

A purchase of Newcastle by the Al Kharafi family last year had also reportedly been a possibility.

Liverpool’s 350-million-pound loan is due to be renegotiated in July and sources have claimed both Hicks and co-owner George Gillett, who own Liverpool shares at 50-50 and therefore need to be in agreement to sell the club, both have a new willingness to find the right buyer.—*Internet*



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English will sweep the Italians, says Anelka

ROME, 23 Jan—Chelsea’s French forward Nicolas Anelka confidently claimed the three English teams facing Italian opposition in the Champions League second round will record a clean sweep.

Anelka made his undiplomatic prediction in an interview with Italian sports newspaper *La Gazzetta dello Sport*. His Chelsea team face Juventus, reigning champions Manchester United take on Inter Milan while Arsenal were drawn against AS Roma.

“If I had to make a bet I’d say 3-0 to the English. Chelsea, Manchester and Arsenal progressing ahead of Juve, Inter and Roma,” he said. “Watch what happens but anything can happen.”

Anelka is particularly looking forward to coming up against Juve’s David Trezeguet, who came through the French junior system at the same time as the man known as ‘the Incredible Sulk’.—*Internet*



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Hughes reveals Robinho apology

LONDON, 23 Jan—Manchester City manager Mark Hughes has said Brazil star Robinho has apologised to him for leaving the Premier League club’s warm weather training camp in Tenerife without permission.

And he also dismissed reports Robinho would be involved in a January transfer window swop deal with Chelsea’s Didier Drogba.

Robinho flew home to Santos on a private jet and has since claimed he had to deal with a pressing family matter.

That has cut little ice with City officials who say the forward will be disciplined on his return to the club - Robinho rejoining the training camp has been ruled out because of time-difference and travel constraints.

Hughes was adamant the 24-year-old’s walkout was in no way linked to the collapse of the deal to sign Robinho’s fellow Brazil star Kaka and a feeling the club’s grand ambitions are unlikely to be realised.—*Internet*

Venus flops in Australian Open as Rafa and Murray march on

MELBOURNE, 23 Jan—Seven-time Grand Slam champion Venus Williams was dumped from the Australian Open on Thursday but it was a different story for Rafael Nadal and Andy Murray who barged into the third round.

Venus lost the plot against Spain’s unseeded Carla Suarez Navarro, crashing 2-6, 6-3, 7-5 for the upset of the tournament so far and continuing her unhappy association with the event which she has never won. Her sister Serena lived to fight another day, but she too struggled.—*Internet*



Venus Williams returns the ball to Carla Suarez Navarro of Spain during their women’s singles tennis match on the fourth day of the Australian Open in Melbourne.—INTERNET

Djokovic survives Australian Open scare as Safina fires warning

MELBOURNE, 23 Jan—Defending champion Novak Djokovic survived a scare to book a place in the Australian Open fourth round as Dinara Safina fired a warning with a convincing rout.

World number three Djokovic was made to work by American Amer Delic on a hot day before running out a 6-2, 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (7/4) winner.

It was a less than convincing display by the Serb who struggled to cope with Delic’s big serve.

“He has one of the biggest serves out there, it was difficult for me to return and find rhythm,” he said.

“I have big respect for Amer, we have known each other a long time and he absolutely deserved to be here. He played great tennis today.”

While Djokovic went through Spain’s David Ferrer, the 11th seed who was beaten by Djokovic in the quarter-finals last year, crashed out to Croatia’s Marin Cilic 7-6 (7/5), 6-3, 6-4.

Cilic will now meet dangerous Argentine eighth seed Juan Martin del Potro who came from a set down to beat Luxembourg’s Gilles Muller 6-7 (5/7), 7-5, 6-3, 7-5.—*Internet*

Perez holds lead after record-setting 36 holes



Pat Perez acknowledges the crowd as he approaches the 18th hole of the Nicklaus Private course at PGA West during the second round of the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic PGA golf tournament in La Quinta, Calif, on 22 Jan, 2009.—INTERNET

LA QUINTA, 23 Jan — Pat Perez shot a 9-under 63 on Thursday to become the first player in PGA Tour history to play a 36-hole stretch in a tournament in 20 under, keeping him two strokes in front in the Bob Hope Classic.

After opening with a 61, Perez had nine birdies during a bogey-free second round and was at 124 through the first two days of the 90-hole tournament. Along with setting a PGA Tour low against par for consecutive rounds, his 36-hole total was the lowest ever to begin a tournament.

Internet



Brazil international Roberto Carlos, has signed a one year extension to his contract at Turkish giants Fenerbahce, the club announced on Thursday. INTERNET

Keeper Mallo joins Falkirk

LONDON, 23 Jan—Falkirk have signed former Sporting Braga and Deportivo La Coruna keeper Dani Mallo initially till the end of the season, the Scottish Premier League club said on Thursday.

Mallo could make his debut in Saturday’s league match at Motherwell provided all the necessary transfer formalities are completed in time.

Bairns boss John Hughes told his club’s official website, www.falkirkfc.co.uk: “I’m really glad to get the lad —he comes highly recommended.

“He has impressed me at training and if the international clearance comes through on time, he will be part of the squad for Saturday’s game with Motherwell.”—*Internet*



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Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) technicians observe the assembly of the Greenhouse Gases Observing Satellite (GOSAT), known as 'Ibuki' in Japan, in this handout photo taken between 4 January, 2009 and 5 January, 2009.—INTERNET

Bird flu patient out of danger in N China

TAIYUAN, 23 Jan—Health chiefs in north China said Friday a 2-year-old girl who was critically ill with bird flu was out of danger after her vital signs remained stable for six consecutive days. The health department of Shanxi Province said the girl surnamed Peng was still receiving treatment at the No 4 People's Hospital in the provincial capital of Taiyuan. The 67 people who had close contact with her had shown no signs of being affected, including 51 who had been discharged from medical observation, the department added. Peng fell ill on 7 Jan in central Hunan Province. She was taken to Shanxi by her grandparents on 11 Jan and was confirmed to be infected with avian influenza on 17 Jan. 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 5 Jan, followed by a 27-year-old woman in Shandong on 17 Jan and a 16-year-old boy in Hunan on 20 Jan. The death rate for bird flu patients is above 60 percent.—Internet

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (24.1.2009) (Saturday)

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

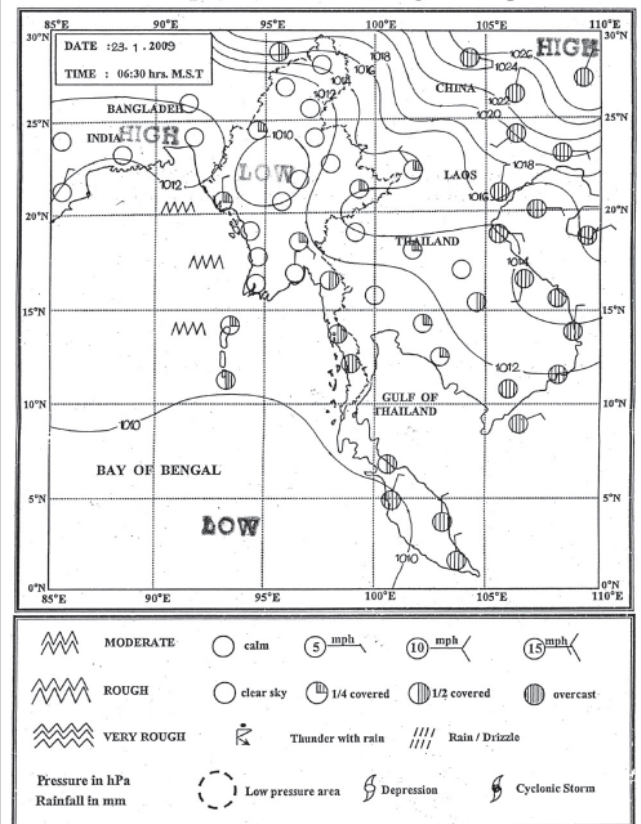
- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
- * Valuable Myanmar Native Orchids
- * The Art of Silk-screen Painting
- * Taunggyi: An Environmentally Sustainable City
- * Rakhine State Cultural Museum
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

Abroad Transmissions

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
- * Fossilized Wood Picture
- * The Fruits of Myanmar
- * Smogless sky, Enchanting Smiles (Inlay, Southern Shan State)
- * Rope Painting
- * Clothes decorated with Sequin-like Colourful Plastics
- * Expedition of Rare Crocodile Species Inhabiting in Fresh And Seawaters (II)
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Valuable Myanmar Native Orchids
- * The Art of Silk-screen Painting
- * Marquetry
- * Taunggyi: An Environmentally Sustainable City
- * Rakhine State Culture Museum
- * How to Make Chinlone
- * Expedition of Rare Crocodile Species Inhabiting in Fresh And Seawaters (III)
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Friday, 23 January, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, light rain has been isolated in upper Sagaing Division, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division and generally fair in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (3°C) below January average temperatures in Chin and Mon States, (3°C) to (4°C) above January average temperatures in Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions, (5°C) above January average temperatures in Kachin State and about January average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant night temperatures were Haka (-1°C), Loilem (0°C), Pinlaung (2°C) and Nahsam (4°C).

Maximum temperature on 22-1-2009 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 23-1-2009 was 60°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 23-1-2009 was 63%. Total sunshine hours on 22-1-2009 was (9.0) hrs approx.

Rainfall on 23-1-2009 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 (5) mph from Southeast at (12:30) hours MST on 22-1-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 24th January 2009: Weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin State, upper Sagaing, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas.

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of slight decrease of night temperatures in Southern Shan, Chin, Kayah and Kayin States.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 24-1-2009: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 24-1-2009: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 24-1-2009: Generally fair weather.

Weather outlook for forth weekend of January 2009: During the coming weekend, weather will be generally fair in the Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay Divisions.



Saturday, 24 January
View on today

- 7:00 am**
1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ဝရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:25 am**
2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am**
3. Morning news
- 7:40 am**
4. တိရစ္ဆာန်ဥယျာဉ်နေပြည်တော် သွားလိုက်ကြစို့တူပျော်ပျော် (အပိုင်း-၁)
- 7:50 am**
5. Nice and sweet song
- 8:00 am**
6. ကဗျာပန်းဥယျာဉ်
- 8:10 am**
7. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:20 am**
8. “ကြိုတင်ပြင်ဆင်ဆောင်ရွက်လျှင်

အန္တရာယ်ကင်းစင်မွေးမိခင်”
(ထွန်းထွန်းဝင်း၊ ဖိုးသောကြာ၊
ဆောင်းနုပဝဝင်းခင်၊ ဝင်းနန္ဒာဖြိုး)
[ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောင်မိုး(ပရစ်)]

- 8:30 am**
9. International news
- 8:45 am**
10. ဝိုးအိမ်၏ တေးသီချင်းများ
- 11:00 am**
1. Martial song
- 11:10 am**
2. Musical programme
- 11:25 am**
3. Yan can cook
- 11:45 am**
4. Round up of the week's TV local news
- 12:05 pm**
5. Game for children
- 12:30 pm**
6. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ
“အားကိုးချစ်သူကျေးတောသူ”
(အပိုင်း-၁၆)
- 1:15 pm**
7. ဆန်းကြယ်ထူးခြားပြိုင်ပွဲများ
(Telematch)
- 1:55 pm**
8. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

- 2:05 pm**
9. “မမြင်ကွယ်ရာ”
(မောင်မောင်မြင့်၊ မောင်မောင်
မျိုးသန့်၊ မတူး)
(ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်မောင်မြင့်)
- 2:15 pm**
10. Musical programme
- 2:30 pm**
11. Dance of national races
- 2:45 pm**
12. International news
- 4:00 pm**
1. Martial song
- 4:10 pm**
2. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 4:25 pm**
3. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက
- 4:40 pm**
4. Musical programme
- 4:55 pm**
5. အစားသင့်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး
ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ
ဒုတိယနှစ် (သမိုင်းအထူးပြု)
(သမိုင်း)
- 5:10 pm**
6. Songs to uphold
national spirit

- 5:20 pm**
7. “ကျော်သွားမှာလားမော်စားမှာလား”
(ခန့်စည်သူ၊ ပုလဲဝင်း၊ သက်မွန်မြင့်၊
မောမာန်အောင်အောင်၊ မယ်လိုဒီ)
(ဒါရိုက်တာ-မလိခစိုးထိုက်အောင်)
- 5:30 pm**
8. မြန်မာ့ဓလေ့ရိုးရာလက်ရာ
- 5:45 pm**
9. Musical programme
- 6:00 pm**
10. Evening news
- 6:30 pm**
11. Weather report
- 6:35 pm**
12. အလှူရှာမယ်လှကမ္ဘာဝယ်
- 6:55 pm**
13. ပုလွန်ကျောင်းတော်
- 7:15 pm**
14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ
“သစ္စာနှင့်ယဉ်သောမေတ္တာ”
(အပိုင်း-၁၃)
- 8:00 pm**
15. News
- 16. International news**
- 17. Weather report**
- 18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ**
“ကြမ္မာမုန်တိုင်း”
(အပိုင်း-၅)

Bago, Ayeyawady Divisions witness progress

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Jan—Maj-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Brig-Gen Hla Min and officials, viewed carrying out of sanitation in Bago, construction of Bago Bridge and passing of vehicles on

20 January.

At the summer paddy plantations of Thanatpin Township, they looked into broadcasting of fertilizers at summer paddy plantations and sample rice of monsoon paddy, and cordially greeted the local farmers.

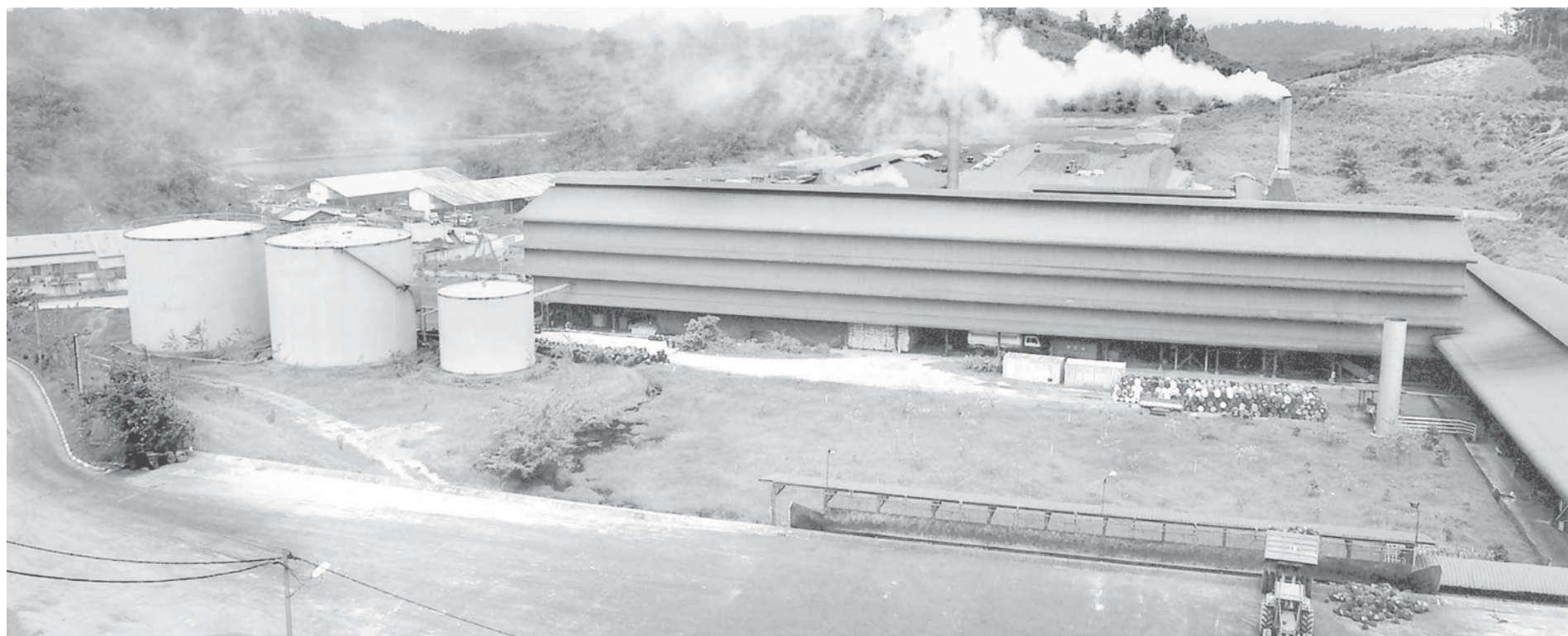
Maj-Gen Ko Ko attended the opening ceremony

of the new building of Thakkala Station Hospital and handing over of it in Kawa Township. The commander, the Acting Director-General of Health Department and wellwisher formally opened the new building.

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Kawthoung District growing oil palm increasingly

Article: Myint Maung Soe; Photos: Aung Than (Mingala Taungnyunt)



The palm oil mill of Yuzana Co in Kawthoung District. (See page 10)

Beware of Fire

Barry eyes Cup revenge

BIRMINGHAM, 23 Jan — Aston Villa midfielder Gareth Barry is determined not to let history repeat itself on Saturday.

Barry was part of the Villa side which suf-

fered a shock 3-0 defeat just over three years ago at Doncaster Rovers' former Belle Vue headquarters in a Carling Cup encounter.

But he has vowed to avoid a repeat of what he describes as one of the

most disappointing nights of his career when the teams meet again in Saturday's FA Cup fourth round tie at the Keepmoat Stadium.

Barry said: "If you look back over the games I've been involved in, that defeat at Doncaster is one of the worst and most disappointing that I've been involved in.

"It was a tough night to take. The League Cup is a competition you try and go far in each year so to lose at that stage so heavily to a lower league team was massively disappointing.

"But equally those are the sort of games that you learn from and you can improve by making sure it doesn't happen again.

Internet



Myanmar stamp designers win international awards

YANGON, 23 Jan—Korea Post of the Republic of Korea announced award winners in the International Stamp Design Contest 2009 organized by Directorate of Telecommunications under the Ministry of

Communications, Posts and Telegraphs under the arrangement of Korea Post of the Republic of Korea. Ma Cho Zaw Aung (Yangon University of Foreign Languages) won Award of Excellence and Ko Kyaw

Khaing (graphic designer), Special Prize in the General Category, and Ma Yin Thuzar Aung of Latha, No. 2 BEHS Honourable Prize in the Youth Category.

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(Honourable Award)

Ma Yin Thuzar Aung (BEHS-2, Latha).—MNA