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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

Building of BEMS-5 in Dagon Myothit (South) Tsp opened

YANGON, 31 Jan— The opening of the new building of No. 5 Basic Education Middle School on Bagan Street in Ward 54, Dagon Myothit (South) Township, took place at the school this morning.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and Deputy Director-General of No. 3 Basic Education Department U Myo Myint formally opened the building.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence unveiled the stone plaque and inspected the building.

The wellwisher of the building presented facts about the donation, and handed over the documents to the deputy director-general.

Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party inspected sinking of eight-inch-diameter tube-wells, and construction of water tanks at water supply station (2) being undertaken by YCDC Water and Sanitation Department on Zeya Myaing Street. The head of the department explained the work to Lt-Gen Myint Swe, who then gave instructions on the tasks.—*MNA*

Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence unveils the stone inscription of new school building for BEMS No. 5 in Dagon Myothit (South)Township.— MNA

People of Mon State have easy access to other regions through better transport

Article: Maung Maung Htwe (MNA); Photos: Hla Moe (MNA)

2,900 feet long Gyaing (Zathabyin) Bridge built in Hpa-an Township lies between Kayin and Mon states. **(See page 7)**

PERSPECTIVES

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Dams in arid regions designed to grow summer paddy, crops extensively

Today, the government is trying to the best of its ability to exploit as many water sources as possible for adequate supply of irrigation water to all the regions where water is scarce, especially to the three arid regions in central Myanmar: Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway divisions. In that case, it is implementing extensively dam, river water pumping and underground water tapping projects throughout the country.

In spite of having a large area of arable lands, Magway Division was not in a position to grow crops as many acres as it should be due to the fact that it had to rely mainly on rainwater for the agricultural purpose. Unlike in the past, the division's sown acreage is on the remarkable increase now as a result of a growing number of irrigation facilities. This year, it grew over 800,000 acres of monsoon paddy, and over 160,000 acres of summer paddy is on target.

Khinmon Dam near Khinmon Village in Yesagyo Township, Pakokku District, was inaugurated on 24 January. Magway Division has seen 44 irrigation facilities, thus increasing its irrigated acreage to more than 260,000.

Now, Pakokku, Yesagyo, Pwintbyu and Myaing Townships in Pakokku District are making a good progress in growing paddy, cotton, sugarcane, beans and pulses and edible oil crops thanks to the new irrigation facilities.

On completion, the ongoing multipurpose dam projects along the Mone Creek will be able to boost irrigation of farmlands, generation of hydroelectricity, and greening the regions.

Up to now, 218 dams including Khinmon Dam have been constructed the length and breadth of the nation. Therefore, local organizations, farmers and local people have to boost agricultural production by cultivating summer paddy and crops on a wider scale with effective use of irrigation water.

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**

Fire drill at Zegyo Market in Mandalay

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Jan – Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe visited fire drill at the Zegyo Market in Chanayethazan Township on 25 January.

The commander inspected water pipes on the ground floor, installation of pipes at the stalls on the second floor and pumping of water from the fire-engines. He cordially greeted the members of fire brigades.

The commander inspected paving of tarred road in the township.—*MNA*

Yangon Mayor inspects City free clinic

YANGON, 31 Jan—Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspected treatments of eye specialists to eye patients in City free clinic, opened by YCDC, on corner of Kyaikwai Pagoda road and Insein road in Mayangon Township, here this morning.

Yangon City Development Committee has opened the City free clinic there since 17 April, 2007 and special eye treatment clinic has been extensively opened at the same place to care eye patients.—*MNA*

Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin greets an eye patient.

YCDC

Ngwehsaung Beauty photo show organized

YANGON, 31 Jan – Jointly organized by Ngwehsaung Hoteliers Association and Myanmar Photographic Society, the Ngwehsaung Beauty photo show was held in conjunction with prize presentation ceremony at Thamada Hotel on Alanpya Pagoda Road here this morning.

Firstly, responsible persons cut the ribbon to open the show and ceremony. Joint-Secretary (1) of the association Dr Aung Htay Lin explained purpose of holding the show and ceremony.

Next, Vice-Chairman U Tin Win of the association, Treasurer Daw Moe Moe Mya, General Secretary of the association Dr Nay Zin Latt and responsible persons presented first, second and third prizes and 17 consolation prizes to the winners.

On behalf of the winners, U Kyaw Win Hlaing (University of Culture) spoke words of thanks.

Every one may visit the photo show that continues tomorrow.

MNA

A responsible person presents consolation prize to a winner.

NLM

Knowledge on traffic rules disseminated

YANGON, 31 Jan – Police 2nd Lt Aung Zin Myo Min and party of Yangon Division Wireless and Traffic Police Corps imparted knowledge on traffic rules to 20 taxi drivers at the compound of airport in Mingaladon Township on 29 January.

Similarly, Police 2nd Lt Kyaw Min Lwin and party gave talks on traffic rules to 95 people at the compound of Yan Myo Aung Pagoda in Thingangyun Township on 3 January.

MNA

Old Law students to hold respect-paying ceremony, get-together on 15 February

YANGON, 31 Jan—The 18th respect-paying ceremony and get-together of the old students who studied from first to fifth batch in B.A (Law) and LL.B will be held at Universities Dhammayon on University Avenue in Kamayut Township on 15 Februaries (Sunday) from 9 a.m. to noon.

Old students are invited to attend the ceremony without fail. For further information, contact Daw Wai Wai Kyi (Tel: 01-660260), Daw Khin Nyein Aye (Tel: 01-296461), Daw Khin Win (Lewe) (Tel: 067-30149), U Aye Thaung (Tel: 01-387631), U Han Htoo (Tel: 01-527242), U Ohn Hlaing (Tel: 01-245484), U Hla Myint (01-380324), U Tin Thaung (Tel: 0999-24960) and Daw Than Than (Tel: 01-559902).

MNA

Calif cop who killed man pulled wrong gun

OAKLAND, 31 Jan — The transit officer who shot and killed an unarmed man may have mistakenly pulled his service pistol instead of a stun gun, his lawyer said on Friday.

Defence attorney Michael Rains made the argument during a bail hearing for 27-year-old Johannes Mehserle. Alameda County Superior Court Judge Morris Jacobson later set bail at $3 million.

Jacobson said he set the high amount in part because he considered Mehserle a flight risk after the former officer fled to Nevada during the initial investigation.

Mehserle was being held Friday at Santa Rita Jail in Dublin. It was not immediately clear if he would be able to post bail.

Mehserle has pleaded not guilty to one count of murder in the death of 22-year-old Oscar Grant, who was killed early New Year's Day. Cell phone videos of the incident, widely viewed on the Internet, showed the officer standing over Grant as he was lying facedown on an Oakland train platform and firing one shot into the man's back.

Grant died of a gunshot wound to his torso.

Rains argued Friday that witness accounts indicate that Mehserle meant to draw his Taser, but instead pulled his pistol. The lawyer blamed inexperience by the young officer, who joined the department in March 2007 and passed his Taser user certification test on 3 Dec.

Internet

Police arrest a demonstrator in Oakland, Calif, on 30 Jan, 2009, during a protest in support of Oscar Grant, an unarmed 22-year-old killed by BART transit police. About 100 demonstrators took to the streets in reaction to a $3 million dollar bond set for Officer Johannes Mehserle who is charged in the New Year's Day killing.—INTERNET

Three Iraqi policemen killed in S Iraq

BAGHDAD, 31 Jan — Three Iraqi policemen were killed by a collected bomb in a southern city, sources with Iraqi police said on Friday.

The Iraqi police found a group of explosive devices in different parts of Diwaniyah city, 180 kilometres south of Baghdad on Thursday. While being transported to a car to the US base, one of the explosive devices exploded, killing 3 policemen and wounding 16 others, the source added.—*Internet*

A policeman frisks a resident in Basra, 420 km (260 miles) southeast of Baghdad on 31 Jan, 2009. —INTERNET

US soldier shot dead in north of Baghdad

TIKRIT, 31 Jan — An Iraqi militant shot dead a US soldier and wounded another at a town in Salahudin Province on Friday, a provincial police source said.

"Osama Hashim, a young man fetched his *AK-47* assault rifle from his house and opened fire in the afternoon on US soldiers who dismounted their patrol's vehicles in front of his house in the town of Baiji, some 200 km north of Baghdad," the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

The US soldiers fired back and killed Hashim before they stormed his house and detained his brother inside, the source said. The reason behind the incident is unknown yet, the source added.

A US military statement confirmed the incident, but said that one of its soldiers has been injured and an Iraqi is dead after shooting incident in Baiji.

The statement also said that US soldiers detained another Iraqi after the attack by a young man who opened fire on a US foot patrol.—*Internet*

Killing of Iraqi candidates highlights dangers

MOSUL, 31 Jan — The former Iraqi army officer decided to run in provincial elections to improve Mosul, his violent hometown. Instead, the Sunni father of four was gunned down days before the vote, the latest example of the dangers facing candidates campaigning openly for the first time since the collapse of Saddam Hussein's regime.

Hazim Salim al-Zaidi, 51, was among three Sunni candidates killed two days ahead of Saturday's elections. US officials hope the balloting will give the Sunnis a fairer share of power and thus undermine the appeal of the insurgency.

More than 14,000 candidates are running for 400 seats on provincial councils nationwide.

With a new law allowing Iraqis to vote for individual candidates rather than political parties, hopefuls have blanketed towns and cities with posters featuring their pictures and snappy slogans.

Such a vigorous effort to draw attention to themselves would have been unheard of in the last vote in 2005.—*Internet*

Gaza rocket hits southern Israel

JERUSALEM, 31 Jan — A rocket fired by Palestinian militants from the Gaza Strip exploded in southern Israel on Saturday, but there were no casualties or damage reported, the Israeli army said.

It is the third rocket attack since ceasefires on 18 January brought an end to Israel's three-week onslaught against Hamas-ruled Gaza which left more than 1,330 Palestinians dead.

The rocket was fired from the north of the Gaza Strip and landed in a field near the city of Ashkelon, the army said.

Internet

Women (front) in suits take part in a workshop to practise their skills in job interviews in Tokyo on 31 Jan, 2009. Over a hundred participants aged under 34 years old took part in the free workshop hosted by the Tokyo Metropolitan Employment Service Centre on Saturday.

INTERNET

People cool off in the water at a beach in Melbourne on 31 Jan, 2009. Melbourne recorded its hottest ever three-day heatwave on Friday, after the temperature hit 43.8 degrees Celsius (110.84 Fahrenheit), the third day above 43 Celsius.—INTERNET

Once-in-century Australian heatwave claims homes, lives

MELBOURNE, 31 Jan—Australia's second-largest city Melbourne ground to a halt Saturday, crippled by a once-in-a-century heatwave that has claimed almost 30 lives and razed at least 17 homes.

Wildfires raged through the southeastern state of Victoria, where authorities said flames had come dangerously close to major electricity transmission lines which supplied power to Melbourne on Saturday.

More than 500,000 homes and businesses in Melbourne were left without power on Friday night after an electrical substation exploded in the heat, bringing the city to a stand still.

Temperatures in Victoria topped 43 degrees Celsius (109 Fahrenheit) for a record-breaking third consecutive day on Friday, when 10 homes and a timber plantation were destroyed in a 6,500 hectare (16,000 acre) blaze.

The heat was blamed for a spike in sudden deaths in the neighbouring state of South Australia, which was in the grip of its hottest weather since 1908.

At least 22 people died in the South Australia capital, Adelaide, on Friday, said the state's health minister John Hill. Most were older than 70 and had likely just "succumbed to the heat," he said.

Internet

British protests against foreign energy workers spread

IMMINGHAM, 31 Jan—Wildcat strikes against foreign workers spread through oil refineries and other energy facilities in Britain, fuelled by fears of rising job cuts.

The protest started at Britain's third-largest oil refinery, Lindsey in Lincolnshire, eastern England, where workers first walked out Wednesday over the use of Italian and Portuguese contractors on a 200-million-pound (222 million euros, 286 million dollars) building project.

But it had spread by Friday to other refineries and plants across Britain, where unemployment is currently at its highest rate for 10 years as the credit crunch hits hard. Prime Minister Gordon Brown has made a point of pledging "British jobs for British workers," while more recently warning against trade protectionism as a response to the worldwide economic downturn.—*Internet*

Russia launches research satellite into orbit

MOSCOW, 31 Jan—Russia on Friday launched its first carrier rocket of 2009 to send a research satellite into space, the Itar-Tass news agency reported.

The *Cyclone-3* carrier rocket, with a Coronas-Photon satellite atop, blasted off from the Plesetsk space center in northwest Russia on Friday afternoon, Alexei Zolotukhin, chief of the space force information and public relations service, was quoted as saying.

The Coronas-Photon satellite will be used to study the internal structure of the sun and the nature of solar flares.

The launch, initially scheduled for Thursday, was delayed until Friday for technical reasons.

The *Cyclone-3* three-stage liquid-propellant rocket was developed in 1977 on the basis of the intercontinental ballistic missile *R-36*. A total of 121 launches of the rocket have been carried out during flying tests and in regular operations.

The Russian space agency is planning to carry out 39 space launches this year from its Plesetsk space center and the Baikonurspace center in Kazakhstan.—*Internet*

US senator says missile shield could boost US-Russia ties

WASHINGTON, 31 Jan—The United States and Russia have a chance to achieve a "real breakthrough" in their relationship by cooperating on missile defence, an influential US senator said on Friday.

Senator Carl Levin, a Democrat from Michigan who chairs the Senate's armed services committee, said he believed President Barack Obama's administration was seriously interested in exploring cooperation with Moscow on the issue.

Missile defence has been a contentious subject between Moscow and Washington, particularly since the Bush administration sealed deals last year to deploy 10 interceptor missiles in Poland and a radar in the Czech Republic.—*Internet*

Restaurant fire kills two, injures four in Japan

TOKYO, 31 Jan—Two men were killed and four others seriously injured Friday in a fire at a "soba" noodle restaurant in Odawara, Kanagawa Prefecture of Japan, local media reported.

Local authorities are still working to determine the cause of the blaze and confirm the identities of the two who died, Kyodo News agency and NHK both said.

The four injured men have been sent to hospital. When the fire broke out, six men were in the facility, which apparently was temporarily closed, according to the police.—*Internet*

Bomber behind bars after botched attack

LONDON, 31 Jan—A man who injured himself in a failed suicide attack on a restaurant in Britain has been jailed for life on Friday, and ordered to spend at least 18 years behind bars.

Nicky Reilly, 22, accidentally set off a home-made nail bomb in a toilet cubicle as he prepared to target more than 30 diners and staff in a restaurant in Exeter, southwest England.

Described during his trial as the "least cunning" person ever to have been charged with terrorism, Reilly injured only himself in the blast in May last year.

Reilly, who suffers from Asperger's syndrome and has learning difficulties, had pleaded guilty to attempted murder and preparing an act of terrorism.

Sentencing him at the Old Bailey in London, Judge Justice David Calvert-Smith said the offence was made worse "by the fact that it was long-planned, that it had multiple intended victims and was intended to terrorise the population of this country".

"It was sheer luck or chance that it did not succeed in its objectives."

Internet

Bus crashes in Arizona, killing seven Chinese tourists

DOLAN SPRINGS, 31 Jan—A tour bus overturned on a highway near the Hoover Dam on Friday, killing seven Chinese nationals and injuring at least 10 other people, authorities said.

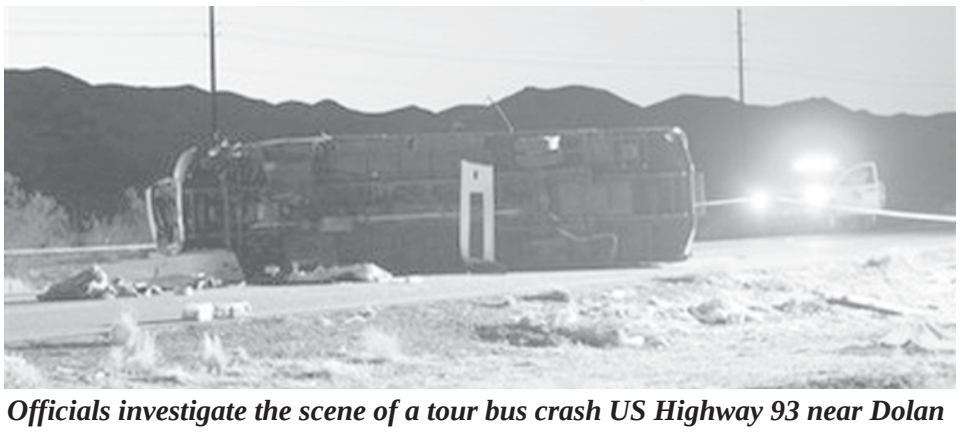
Six fatalities were confirmed at the scene, about 190 miles northwest of Phoenix; a seventh person died at a Las Vegas hospital, said Cmdr Dean Nyhart of the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

Nyhart said investigators were struggling to identify the injured and were not certain how many people were on the 24-passenger bus or how many had been transported to hospitals in Kingman and Las Vegas.

The bus was traveling north on US 93 when it veered left and then right across the median, Nyhart said. It rolled at least once before stopping.

He believes all but one of the victims killed at the scene had been ejected from the bus.

Nyhart said five people had suffered life-threatening injuries. "We're hopeful that those people can be stabilized and at least the death toll stop where it is," he said. The driver of the bus was among those in critical condition, he said.—*Internet*



Officials investigate the scene of a tour bus crash US Highway 93 near Dolan Springs, Ariz on 30 Jan, 2009. The Arizona Department of Public Safety says a tour bus overturned on a highway near the Hoover Dam, killing at least six passengers and injuring at least 16.—INTERNET

Linemen work to restore electricity to more than 200,000 Louisville residents, days after an ice storm hit the city on 30 Jan, 2009. More than 600,000 homes and businesses were still without power on Friday morning after snow and ice storms earlier this week left more than 1.5 million customers in the dark from Oklahoma to Pennsylvania, local utilities reported. The storms on 27-28 Jan, hit Kentucky the hardest, leaving more than half a million customers without power.—XINHUA

China offers incentives to stimulate hybrid cars

BEIJING, 31 Jan—China is to offer policy incentives to speed up spread of energy-saving cars in 13 pilot cities.

The ministries of finance and science and technology jointly issued a circular on providing subsidies to users of hybrid, electric and fuel cell cars in Beijing, Shanghai and another 11 major cities, the Ministry of Finance said on its website on Sunday.

Public transport, taxi companies, post services and public offices were encouraged to use more energy-saving vehicles, the circular said.

The government promised to give companies and institutions, which purchase and use such vehicles, lump sum subsidies to offset their extra cost on fuelling efficient cars than ordinary ones.

Meanwhile, the central government urged local governments to subsidize the development and maintenance of energy-friendly cars.

This is considered the boldest measure the central government has ever taken to stimulate promotion of hybrid cars although the subsidies have yet to extend to private car users.

Due to much higher price tags on them, hybrid cars encountered cold shoulders in thriving domestic car market over the past few years.

Xinhua

Mexico bids for hosting FIFA World Cup in 2018 or 2022

MEXICO CITY, 31 Jan—The General Secretary of the Mexican Federation of Football, Decio de Maria, announced on Friday that they had sent to the Federation of International Football Associations (FIFA) a letter to request the hosting of the World Cup 2018 or 2022.

"Today we sent our request to hold the World Cup 2018 or 2022,"Maria said. "Mexico has a fame in the football world, and it has organized two World Cups and one Confederation Cup.

Mexico also has the possibility of attracting all the Latin Americans who watch football in the US," Maria added.

Mexico hosted the world Cups of 1970 and 1986. France, Italy and Brazil also held the World Cup twice.

Maria said that the request of the candidature encourage the Mexican football sector to improve the stadiums and a better infrastructure in the country.

Besides Mexico, in the North-Centralamerica and the Caribbean Football Confederation, the US has also risen its hand to organize one of the World Cups of 2018 or 2022.

Xinhua

New York mayor proposes some 23,000 jobs cut

NEW YORK, 31 Jan — New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg unveiled his 43.4 billion US dollars budget Friday for the fiscal year starting on 1 July that includes cutting some 23,000 jobs and increases in costs for everyday New Yorker.

The mayor called for a reduction of almost 23,000 jobs through layoffs and attrition. About 15,000 employees would be laid off, including 14,000 Education Department employees, and 7,700 jobs would be lost through attrition.

During his nearly two-hour statement, the mayor said that the preliminary budget for the 2009-2010 fiscal year comes as the city faces a 4 billion dollars budget deficit — up from just over 1 billion dollars only a few months ago, according to a report available on www.-ny1.com. The deficit continues to rise as tax revenues plummet and the city loses out on state aid.—*Xinhua*

Huanghe Boat returns to China's Antarctic ice breaker Xuelong, or Snow Dragon, from Panda Dock of Zhongshan Antarctic Station after unloading goods, on 29 Jan, 2009. As glaciers clears off, ice breaker Xuelong began unload goods to Zhongshan Antarctic Station. —XINHUA

Russia, Cuba cement strategic partnership

MOSCOW, 31 Jan — Russia and Cuba took a step towards the revival of their old friendship as the two countries signed a package of bilateral agreements after Friday's top-level Kremlin talks.

At the start of the talks with Russian President Dmitry Medvedev, visiting Cuban leader Raul Castro recalled the Caribbean state's long-standing ties with the Cold War ally. "We are old friends, we've known each other through good times and bad, and have great experience," Castro said.

"Today is an historic moment, an important landmark in relation between Russia and Cuba."

"The strategic partnership which we have agreed on in the communique reflects what we have reached and what we will seek in the future," the 77-year-old Cuban leader said, referring to a strategic partnership pact signed by the two leaders after their talks.—*Xinhua*

Euro zone unemployment rises to two year high in December

BRUSSELS, 31 Jan—Unemployment rate in the euro zone rose to the highest point in more than two years in December 2008, according to official figures released here on Friday.

As many as 12.472 million people were unemployed in the 15-nation zone in December, increasing by 230,000 or 8.0 percent, compared with November's 7.9 percent. This is the ninth consecutive monthly hike.

Compared with the same month in 2007, the number of the jobless was up 1.397 million in the euro area, according to the first estimate from the Statistical Office of the European Communities (Eurostat).Among the member states, the lowest unemployment rate were recorded in the Netherlands (2.7 percent) and Austria (3.9 percent)and the highest in Spain (14.4 percent).—*Xinhua*

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Kids try to be barbers at a career experiencing centre for children in Hangzhou, east China's Zhejiang Province, on 30 Jan, 2009. Lots of kids are sent here during the Spring Festival to try different jobs, such as fire fighters, astronauts, journalists, doctors etc. to gain practical and social experience.—XINHUA

Obama calls China's Hu to discuss currency

WASHINGTON, 31 Jan — President Obama called Chinese President Hu Jintao on Friday, according to carefully worded statements released by both the White House and the official *New China News Agency*, in the wake of pre-confirmation statements by Treasury Secretary Timothy F Geithner suggesting that Obama might believe China is a currency manipulator.

The news releases provided clues to the current delicate relationship between the two nations on the currency question.

"Hu said the core interest of either country should be respected by each other and taken into consideration," the Chinese government said, an apparent request for an end to potentially insulting comments about the currency exchange rate.

Meanwhile, the otherwise opaque White House statement noted that "President Obama stressed the need to correct global trade imbalances as well as to stimulate global growth and get credit markets flowing" — a point that suggests continuing concern over the weak yuan's effects on the US economy.

Internet

Father fatally stabbed in front of daughter at bus stop

LONDON, 31 Jan — A father was fatally stabbed in front of his 3-year-old daughter on Thursday night in Britain as he went to visit his wife and newborn son in the hospital. The man was at a bus stop in Croydon, South London, when he got into an argument with an old acquaintance.During a struggle the man, who is originally from Ghana but has lived in Britain for many years, was stabbed.Last night a 22-year-old man went to a police station in Croydon. He has been arrested on suspicion of murder.

The victim, who has not yet been formally identified but was described as in his thirties, was treated by an ambulance crew at the scene before being taken to a South London hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Detective Chief Inspector Cliff Lyons, who is leading the investigation, said: "This was a shocking attack in a public place in the early evening. The victim's three-year-old daughter was with him when he was attacked, though fortunately she wasn't physically injured. Even more tragically, his partner had given birth to a son just that morning.—*Internet*

Indian officials hunt tigers after 'man-eaters' kill at least seven

KISHANPUR, 31 Jan — Tigers have killed at least three children and four adults in north India in recent weeks, officials said Friday, forcing frightened villagers to stay indoors while forest rangers search for the wild cats.

Authorities wielding guns combed villages surrounding the Dudhwa Tiger Reserve in the state of Uttar Pradesh, from which seven tigers are believed to have strayed. One of the tigers is believed to have killed at least four people in the last two weeks, including three children between the ages of 8 and 15.

"An order has been issued either to tranquilize and cage the man-eater or, if it is not possible, to kill it," said PP Singh, a local forest official.

***Bengal Tiger stands on a rock in an Indian zoological park.—*INTERNET**

Villagers in the area are keeping their children home from school and have stopped tending their fields for fear of the tigers.—*Internet*

Wall Street suffers worst January

WASHINGTON, 31 Jan — Wall Street has suffered its worst January on record as a barrage of bad US economic data continues to shake investors' confidence.

The Dow Jones Index ended the month down 8.8% in what some analysts see as a bad omen for the year ahead.

The broader S&P 500 index fell by 8.6%, also a record fall for January.

The Dow fell 1.82% on the last trading day of the month after official figures showed that US GDP fell sharply in the final quarter of 2008.

World markets also suffered — the MSCI world index closed down 8.6% on the month.

US economic output fell by 3.8% in the last three months of the year, the biggest quarterly decline since 1982.

It was also the second quarterly decline in a row - the first time that has happened since 1991.

And this was just the latest in a long line of bad economic figures. —*Internet*

Pfannenstiel — globetrotting German goalie with 24 clubs

Never mind Kaka or Zinedine Zidane. When it comes to record transfers, the man with a suitcase permanently at the ready is Lutz Pfannenstiel, a globetrotting German who's just signed for his 24th club.

After Malaysia, Canada, Australia and Albania — to name but a few — Pfannenstiel recently headed for Norway, where last week he signed a contract as player-coach of Oslo-based third-division club Mangerud Star.

The career of the 35-year-old goalkeeper certainly doesn't compare to that of the world's most expensive player, France's Zidane, who moved from Juventus to Real Madrid for 75 million euros in 2001.

But he has probably seen more of the world as well as experiencing at first hand the game's underbelly.

It has also given him, in place of a bulging trophy haul, a unique title - he is the first professional footballer to have played on the six continents defined by world governing body FIFA, which classes North and South America separately.

"It's not something that I planned. It's all been completely by chance, but I'm proud of the record," said the keeper.

Never mind Kaka or Zinedine Zidane. When it comes to record transfers, the man with a suitcase permanently at the ready is Lutz Pfannenstiel, seen here, a globetrotting German who's just signed for his 24th club.

Sit Properly at the computer

Stretching your neck and working your wrists at a computer for hours at a time can strain much of the body.

The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons offers these suggestions to help reduce computer pain and discomfort:

- Sit up straight, with your ears lined up with the top of your shoulders, and your shoulders lined up with the hips.

- Relax your upper arms, and hold them close to your body. Keep your hands and wrists straight in front of your arms.

- Keep your hands and fingers relaxed when typing or clicking on the mouse.

- Take regular breaks and relax your hands and fingers.

- Give your eyes a rest and look away from the computer every so often. Also, try to position your screen to reflect the least glare.

Place your computer monitor about an arm's length in front of you, and right at eye level so you don't have to look up or down to view the monitorp.

NEWS ALBUM

A Porsche 908 Spyder is seen in the rear mirror of a car in the new Porsche museum in Stuttgart, Germany. The new Porsche museum presents 82 cars to document the German car manufacturer's history.

A crane picks up junk cars on a scrap yard in Bremen, Germany. German car owners are being offered 2,500 euros to trade in their old automobiles for eco-friendly vehicles as part of a government scheme to promote green motoring alternatives.

Cell phones, traffic a deadly combo for kids

Talking on a cell phone while crossing a street can be disastrous for children,a University of Alabama at Birmingham study shows. The research, first presented in April at the National Conference on Child Health Psychology, is being published in the February issue of the Pediatrics. It found that 10- and 11-year-olds were less attentive to traffic and were involved in more collisions and near misses with traffic when using a cell phone to talk to a research assistant in interactive, simulated road crossings.

"The children who were on the cell phone and were distracted during their crossing were significantly more likely to get hit by a car in the virtual environment," study author Katherine Byington, a doctoral candidate in psychology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, said at the time of the April presentation. "They were getting hit or almost getting hit at least [once], while the kids that weren't on the cell phone didn't get hit."

Yangon Division Secure and Smooth Transport Supervisory Committee meets

YANGON, 31 Jan — Yangon Division Secure and Smooth Transport Supervisory Committee held a coordination meeting at the meeting hall of All Bus-Line Control Committee (Head Office) in Tamway Township yesterday with an address by Chairman of the committee Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint.

After hearing reports on maters related to university ferries, traffic rules and requirements being fulfilled presented by those present, the commander attended to the needs. The meeting came to an end with concluding remarks by the commander.

Next, the commander, the mayor and officials opened the new Sanpya Hospital tarred road in Thingangyun Township. They sprinkled scented water on the stone inscription of the new road and inspected the new tarred road.

Afterwards, they opened the new Street-2 and Sein Pan Myaing tarred roads in South Okkalapa Township and greeted local people.

After hearing reports on measures taken for proper flow of water presented by officials at Hantha Yeikmon Housing Complex in Kamaryut Township, the commander and the mayor gave necessary instructions and inspected sanitation works.

Next, the commander addressed coordination meeting for successful implementation of construction of roads and bridges in Yangon Division held at Yangon Division PDC Office on Bank Road in Kyauktada Township.

Officials reported to the commander on construction of district-to-district roads and bridges in the division. The meeting came to an end with concluding remarks by the commander.

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People of Mon State have easy access to other regions through better transport

Article: Maung Maung Htwe (MNA); Photos: Hla Moe (MNA)

(from page 1)

Recently, we, the news team members of the Kyemon Daily, had an opportunity to observe better transport in Mon State.

As the road sections in Mon State had been upgraded to the asphalt ones, the people have easy access to Mawlamyine from Phayagyi Village of Bago Division conveniently.

During the tour, we arrived at Mawlamyine through Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) in a short time. After that, we proceeded to Thanbyuzayat Township to observe the construction of Karuppi Creek Bridge.

In an interview, Engineer U Soe Thein of Public Works of Mawlamyine District said, "Karuppi Bridge will be 300 feet long and 18 feet wide, flanked by two feet and six inches wide pedestrian ways and it is under construction with the assistance of the government and the concerted efforts of the local people. So far, construction of the bridge has completed by 60 per cent."

He added, "As the old facility is a railroad bridge, vehicles can use it temporarily. The old bridge cannot withstand the vehicles with heavy loads and trucks and it delays the flow of commodities."

Chairman of Karuppi Village Peace and Development Council U Kar Toon explained, "Upon completion, the bridge will contribute to better transport for the villages next to sea such as Panga, Karuppi, Wekalanug, Ankhe, Kawlay, Htinyu, Anin, Hnitkayin, Lamaing and Mawkanin."

While in Thanbyuzayat Township, we viewed progress in construction of Kyaikkhami-Setse Beach Direct Road. The road is only 14 miles long. However, it is important for the region.

Originally, different roads led to Kyaikkhami and Setse. On completion, the direct road will link Kyaikkhami and Setse. Therefore, the travellers will have the opportunity to enjoy the natural and scenic beauty of the beach along the route in cars.

On the way to the construction site of Kyaikkhami-Setse direct road, we took a rest at the view point.

We enjoyed the blue sky and greenish sea as well as music of the waves.

The plan is under way to upgrade Kyaikkhami-Setse direct road from the earth road to the tarred one. Along the road, a total of 13 bridges will be built, and three of 13 have been completed so far.

Photo shows 60 per cent completion of building Karuppi Creek Bridge.

Visitors can enjoy beauty of beach from view point on Kyaikkhami-Setse direct road.

With the assistance of the government and the concerted efforts of the local people, the 150 feet long and 18 feet wide Asin Bridge with three feet wide pedestrian way on either side and the 180 feet long and 18 feet wide Zeebyuthoung Bridge with three feet wide pedestrian way on both sides have been built in the region.

In the region, there were 22 roads in the past, and now, two is added to the list of roads including the road section from Khawza to Lamaing. At present, the 358 miles and five furlongs long tarred road section, the 11 miles and five furlongs long gravel road section,, the 49 miles and six furlongs long hard road sections and the 33 miles and two furlongs long earth road in addition to 1,435 bridges have been built.

Before 1988, there were only three bridges of over 180 feet long in Mon State. They were Thebyu Creek Bridge, Bilin Creek Bridge and Khawa Creek Bridge. Now, the region has been facilitated with 12 major bridges including Gyaing (Zathabyin), Attarayan, Thanlwin Bridge, Winphanon, Hneepadaw, Wewinkara, Kwamkyaik, Kyodan and Ye bridges. Consequently, Yangon-Myeik Union Highway has emerged in the region.

In the past, Thanlwin River divided Mon State and other regions. No one could not dream of enjoying the fruits of better transport like emergence of Thanlwin Bridge. During the tour, we witnessed the remarkable progress of Mon State in the transportation sector.

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Kya-in-Seikkyi sees progress

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Jan —Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win together with Chairman of Kayin State PDC Brig-Gen Zaw Min inspected patient wards, labour room, operation theater and works done for cleaning and beautifying of Kya-in-Seikkyi Township People's Hospital on 23 January.

Next, the commander looked into learning of school children at multimedia classroom and progress in repairing of classroom and fulfilled the requirements.

At the meeting hall of Kya-in-Seikkyi Township PDC Office, the commander met with township level departmental officials, the chairmen of village PDCs and local people.

Next, the commander oversaw chosen site for construction of a bridge on the west bank of Zami river and site chosen for construction of Phatake-Taguntaing axis road, and met with servicemen and their families at the station hall in Kya-in-Seikkyi.

On 24 January, the commander inspected construction of Dale creek bridge on Kya-in-Seikkyi-Chaunghnakwa road.

Next, the commander watched final match of South-East Command Commander's Shield (Men/Women) Volleyball Tournament at the gymnasium of local station and presented prizes.

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Kunhing Township aims summer paddy output growth

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Jan — Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Brig-Gen Yar Pyae gave necessary instructions at the summer paddy cultivation ceremony held at the field of Farmer U Maha Nandar at Namphaing village in Kunhing Township on 24 January and looked into ploughing of farmland and cultivation of summer paddy.

Next, the commander inspected condition of Nampan creek bridge, flow of currents and chosen construction site for rail-cum-bridge. Officials presented reports to the commander.

Afterwards, the commander oversaw preparations for upgrading of wooden bridge across a creek in Loilem. — *MNA*

Students pay respects to retired teachers

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Jan— The second respects paying ceremony of No.1 Basic Education High School of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana took place at the school this afternoon.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, member of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Hla Myint Oo, retired teachers and old students.

Old student U Ni Ni Maung explained the purpose of holding the ceremony.

Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe and member of CSSTB U Hla Myint Oo also spoke on the occasion and donated cash for holding the ceremony.

The students paid respects to the old teachers and received their blessing.

After that, the students donated cash and kind to the old teachers.

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BEPSs in Pyapon Township get new school buildings

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Jan — Member of National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing attended the opening of new school building for Basic Education Primary School donated by wellwisher Daw Than Than Lay (China Airline) and family at Thameinhtaw Theimkon (2) village in Pyapon Township on 26 January.

The minister, the wellwisher and the education officer of Ayeyawady Division opened the new school building. Wellwisher Daw Than Than Lay presented exercise books and stationery to the headmistress.

Next, the minister, the wellwisher and the division education officer opened the new school building for Thameinhtaw Theimkon (1) village BEPS. The wellwisher handed over documents related to new school buildings for Thameinhtaw Theimkon (1) and (2) and Dedaye Swedawkon village BEPSs to the township education officer and explained purpose of donation.

Afterwards, the minister presented certificate of honour to the wellwisher and food and snacks to students of BEPSs.

Similar ceremony was held at Thameinhtaw village BEHS. The minister, wellwisher U Maung Maung (Asia Express) and the division education officer opened the new school building and the wellwisher handed over documents related to the building to the division education officer.

At Hleseik village BEPS in Kyaiklat Township, the minister, the wellwisher and the division education officer opened the new school building and the wellwisher handed over documents related to the building to the township education officer. — *MNA*

Respects paying ceremony of No.1 BEHS Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana in progress.

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Seminar on "One Village One Product" held

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Jan—The Cottage Industries Department under the Ministry of Cooperatives organized the seminar on "One Village One Product" at its meeting hall, here, yesterday morning.

It was attended by Chairman of the Industrial Subcommittee of the Supporting Committee for Rural Development Deputy Minister for Industry-2 Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw, Secretary of the Economic Development and Disbursement Subcommittee Director-General of the Cottage Industries Department U Sein Than, representatives of the departments concerned, resource persons and guests.

Director-General U Sein Than delivered an address.

Eleven resource persons read out papers on progress of one village one product. Attendees discussed the papers. The director-general made concluding remarks.—*MNA*

Golf tourney (2009) for readers of Golf Masters magazine to be organized

YANGON, 31 Jan—Han Golf Masters Pte Ltd will organize the Golf Masters Magazine Reader's Tournament (2009) for the readers of Golf Masters magazine at Shwemantaung Golf Club, Mandalay on 15 February.

Any person who reads the magazine may participate in the tournament and contact Asia Center Han Golf Master Pro Shop (Tel: 02-64583, 09-2017639 and 09-6804015) not later than 12 February. The tourney will be held with system 36 and prizes will be awarded handsomely to winners. The golf tourney is mainly sponsored by Han Golf Masters Pte Ltd with cosponsors: Srixon, Cleveland, Cross Creek, XXIO, OGAWA, Royal Modern Furniture, Pahtama Group Ltd (Mandalay), Mr Big (Mandalay), C Care, GP Watch (Mandalay), Lucky Drinking Water (Mandalay), Dagon Brewery, IBTC, Nivea, Life Line and Hotel Mandalay. Han Even Management will organize the tournament.—*MNA*

Regional Development of Monywa District inspected

YANGON, 31 Jan — Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Myint Soe met with officials of Pauk-in farm of Myanma Agriculture Service at the briefing hall of the farm in ChaungU Township, Monywa District on 24 January.

After hearing reports on cultivation of crops at Pauk-in catchment area, progress of winter crop cultivation in the township and agriculture works of the farm, the commander fulfilled the requirements and inspected sample strains of chick pea and wheat and wheat plantation.

Next, the commander viewed winter crop plantations in Pauk-in catchment area in a motorcade. At papaya farm of Farmer U Tin Myo, the commander oversaw cucumber strains and thriving cucumber plantations and gave necessary instructions. — *MNA*

More hydroelectricity supplied to cover size of electricity lost due to repairs to turbines

Responsible persons trying to restore regular power supply as soon as possible

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Jan—The gas pipelines of Yadana Natural Gas Project offshore Mottama coast have been under maintenance since 24 January. So, gas production has fallen to some extent, and more hydroelectricity is supplied to cover the size of the electricity lost due to the repairs to the turbines.

On 26 January, some terrorists of KNU and KNPP blasted towers Nos (220) and (222) of Lawpita-Toungoo grid near the Thaukyaykhat Creek, thereby worsening the situations. Now, the electricity available is limited and the regions concerned have to share. Responsible persons are trying to restore regular power supply as soon as possible.

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Photo shows ancient urns and other archaeological evidences of Pyu era during the excavation in Beikthano archaeological region. (News reported)

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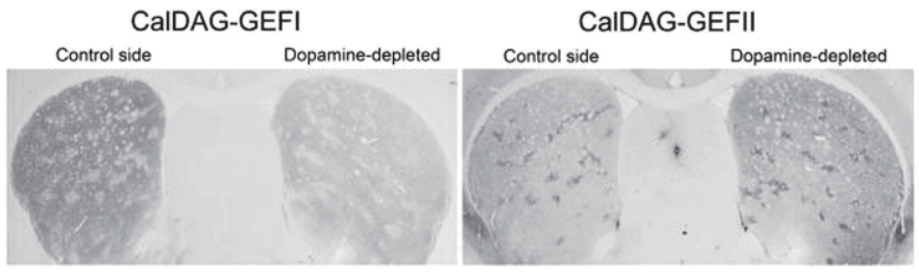
Genes Linked To Parkinson's Side Effects Identified

SCIENCEDAILY, 31 Jan— People with Parkinson's disease commonly suffer a slowing or freezing of movement caused by the death of neurons that make dopamine, a key chemical that allows brain cells to send and receive messages essential to voluntary movements.

Patients regain the ability to move, seemingly miraculously, by taking L-DOPA or related drugs that mimic the missing dopamine. After a few years on L-DOPA, however, most patients again lose motor control — but in an opposite way. Instead of too little, there is too much movement, like involuntary nodding and rocking — side effects known as L-DOPA-induced dyskinesias.

"L-DOPA-induced dyskinesias are a major problem for patients, and there is a great need to help with these drug side effects," said MIT Institute Professor Ann Graybiel, a prominent Parkinson's researcher at the McGovern Institute for Brain Research at MIT.—*Internet*



Chemists Shed Light On Health Benefits Of Garlic

SCIENCEDAILY, 31 Jan — A Queen's-led team has discovered the reason why garlic is so good for us.

Researchers have widely believed that the organic compound, allicin – which gives garlic its aroma and flavour – acts as the world's most powerful antioxidant. But until now it hasn't been clear how allicin works, or how it stacks up compared to more common antioxidants such as Vitamin E and coenzyme Q10, which stop the damaging effects of radicals.

"We didn't understand how garlic could contain such an efficient antioxidant, since it didn't have a substantial amount of the types of compounds usually responsible for high antioxidant activity in plants, such as the flavanoids found in green tea or grapes," says Chemistry professor Derek Pratt, who led the study. "If allicin was indeed responsible for this activity in garlic, we wanted to find out how it worked."

The research team questioned the ability of allicin to trap damaging radicals so effectively, and considered the possibility that a decomposition product of allicin may instead be responsible. Through experiments with synthetically-produced allicin, they found that an acid produced when the compound decomposes rapidly reacts with radicals.

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Chemists have discovered the reason why garlic is so good for us.

Stanford Writes In World's Smallest Letters

SCIENCEDAILY 31 Jan— Stanford researchers have reclaimed bragging rights for creating the world's smallest writing, a distinction the university first gained in 1985 and lost in 1990.

How small is the writing? The letters in the words are assembled from subatomic sized bits as small as 0.3 nanometers, or roughly one third of a billionth of a meter.

The researchers encoded the letters "S" and "U" (as in Stanford University) within the interference patterns formed by quantum electron waves on the surface of a sliver of copper. The wave patterns even project a tiny hologram of the data, which can be viewed with a powerful microscope.

"We miniaturized their size so drastically that we ended up with the smallest writing in history," said Hari Manoharan, the assistant professor of physics who directed the work of physics graduate student Chris Moon and other researchers.

The quest for small writing has played a role in the development of nanotechnology for 50 years, beginning decades before "nano" became a household word.

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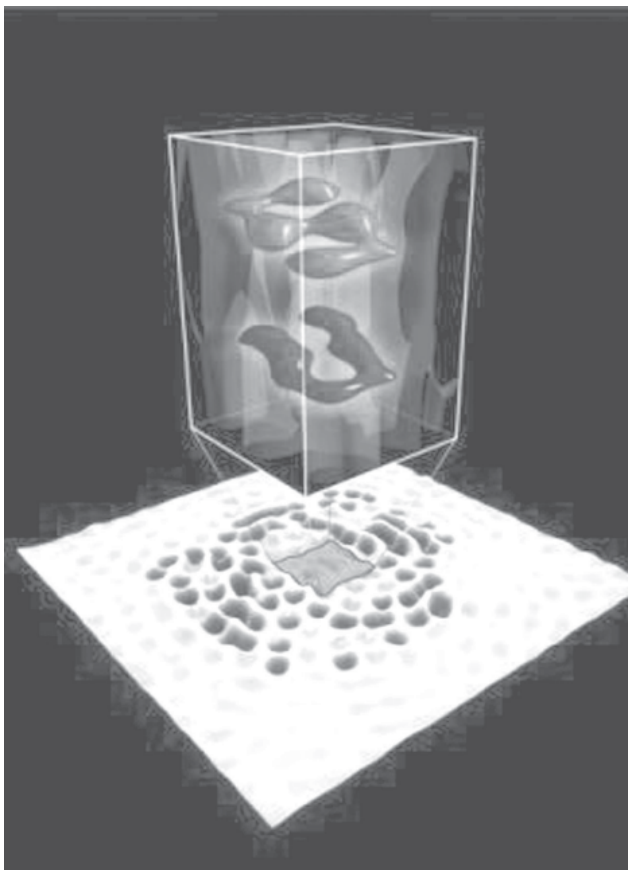

Mandalay Division to grow long staple cotton extensively

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Jan—Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung inspected progress in installing machines in Textile Factory under the Myanma Textile Industries in Pyawbwe this morning.

He called for earlier test run of the factory and growing shade trees and wind-breaking trees for greening the surrounding areas.

The minister inspected Ngwechi (6) long staple cotton purchasing depot in Kantaung Village, Meiktila Township, and called for exactness in weighing goods, and minimizing loss and wastage.

Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe and the minister held a meeting with members of the agricultural coordination supervisory committee and farmers from Yamethin, Myingyan and NyaungU districts and townships at Kandaw Mingala Hall in Meiktila. The commander called for extensive growing of long staple cotton.

The minister instructed the committee members to fulfil the requirements of local farmers, and cooperate with local farmers for boosting purchase of cotton.

The commander and the minister replied to the queries raised by the farmers.

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Collective cultivation of summer paddy in Pyay

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Jan – A collective cultivation of summer paddy took place on the farm of farmer U Hla Moe of Ngaywa village tract in Pyay Township on 23 January.

Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Brig-Gen Hla Min visited the cultivation.

The commander inspected cultivation of sunflower in Pegyi Village-tract and Khawar Dam near Chingyi Village in Pandaung Township.

He also inspected cultivation of summer paddy and ploughing in Tonkin Village.

The commander also inspected concrete sleeper factory construction project (Okshippin), private teak plantation, Phankhapin reserve forest, construction of railroad section of Okshippin-Thekaw-Pandaung-Phayapaw Railroad, construction of bridges and stations.—*MNA*

Mechanized farming has been popular across the nation

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

(from page 16)

Possessing the gift of fertile soil and temperate climate, Myanmar has practised agriculture as major business from time immemorial. So, it stands as an agro-based country, now.

According to different geographical features and climate patterns, the regions of the nation grow various species of crops. It is fair to say that Myanmar is a land of crops.

Today, science and technology dominate other fields. Many countries have turned to technology-based agriculture.

Myanmar has been in the transition from conventional to mechanized farming for several years. In the process, the nation is practising advanced farming or model farming system.

Modern farming amounts to replacing of cattle with tractors and combine harvesters, use of high-yield strains, supply of sufficient irrigation water, use of correct agricultural methods, and proportionate ratio of inorganic and organic fertilizers.

On the recent trip to Hsinthe Dam in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon, we came across a convoy of small tractors on Yangon-Mandalay Highway. U Myint Thein of Thiha Tun Co Ltd of Monywa Industrial Zone told the Myanma Alin, "These tractors are our company's products. We also produce ploughing machines for Chindwintha Brand small tractors such as hoeing machines, 12-blade harrows, nine-blade harrows, and three-blade scientific harrows. We sell small tractors by installment. A tractor is priced at around four million kyats. A buyer has to pay by 40 percent in the first installment, and 30 percent each in the second and third installments. We have run this factory for three years. We produce 25 units a month. Up to now, we have produced and sold over 200 units."

In relation to the performance of a tractor, he said, "These tractors are small ones, so it is easy to maintain them, and it does not cost much to repair them. In particular, they are designed for less fuel consumption. A 12-blade tractor can plough 10 acres in eight hours, and a three-blade tractor can plough four acres in eight hours. A tractor consumes about one gallon of fuel an acre."

Many other industrial zones sell Leya-16 Brand and Leya-22 Brand tractors by installment. So, farmers have come to use tractors in place of cattle. Now, the use of tractors has covered 35 percent of the total sown acreage of the nation.

Use of high-yield strains of crops is part of the drive for mechanized farming. Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon and Meiktila townships, for instance, replaced usual strain of cotton with Ngwechi (6) strain cotton and made higher profits last year. The per acre yield of that cotton strain is 400 to 500 viss.

Now, the plan to replace usual strains of crops with high-yield ones is ongoing across the nation. The Agricultural Research Department (Yezin) produces and distributes high-yield strains of various crops to farmers. In this regard, farmers should choose the strains that are suitable for their regions.

The major requirement for agriculture is water. So, the government is constructing clusters of dams throughout the country. So far, the nation has seen 218 dams, the majority of which are in arid regions: Mandalay, Sagaing and Magway divisions. Those regions get an average annual rainfall of only 30 inches. Agricultural farms in the regions are making progress to a certain degree thanks to the irrigation facilities. Use of correct agricultural methods, proportionate ratio of humus and fertilizers, and use of correct pesticides are also necessary for boosting per acre yields of crops.

Now, mechanized farming has been popular all over the nation due to greater use of tractors, quality and high-yield strains of crops and correct agricultural methods.

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A thriving sunflower plantation in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Township.

Iran says US has no choice, but change

TEHERAN, 31 Jan—Iran's government spokesman Gholam-Hossein Elham on Saturday urged the United States to change its policy towards Iran and the world, saying the country has no choice.

Responding to the US offer of direct talks between Iran and the United States, Elham said that "there remains no choice for the United States but change, and this change is determined to be done," Iran's *Mehr* news agency reported.

Elham said that "the US behavior of focusing on the secondary matters will not solve any issue. Negotiation and the like is secondary, the main issue is there is left no other choice in the world but change."

He said the US request of the talks "means the passivity of the Western thought, the failure of capitalist thought and the failure of the system of domination."

"The only way out of this passivity is to change the outlook to the world and to the human being which is the most important discourse in today's world," he added.

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said Wednesday that the United States must make a "fundamental" change in its policy instead of only tactics.—*Internet*

Tuti Yusupowa, 128 years old, is seen in the village in Karakalpakistan in a remote region of Uzbekistan on 28 Jan, 2009. Yusupowa, who was born on 1 July, 1880, is the world's oldest woman, said a state official Safar Hakimov who is working on a field survey to discover people aged over 100 in the country. Picture taken on 28 Jan, 2009.
INTERNET

Musical drama takes Shaolin culture to the world

BEIJING, 31 Jan—"Shaolin In The Wind", a kung-fu musical drama performed by the Zhengzhou Theatrical Troupe, will hit the Australian stage 33 times in only 40 days.

Starting on 28 Jan and covering Sydney, Canberra and Melbourne, it will set the record as the longest continual period for a Chinese drama to perform in a foreign country.

Sound Bite: Zhang Xiangrong, head of the Zhengzhou Theatrical Troupe

"Shaolin In The Wind" tells the legend of a Shaolin monk. It's a story about the conflict between good and evil, set alongside the tragic romance of the eastern world. "Shaolin In The Wind" incorporates international standards of dance to express the core of the Chinese culture and its national spirit. People from every country and culture can understand it.

Xinhua News Agency correspondents reporting from Zhengzhou.—*Internet*

***A man hangs a Vietnamese hat on a tourism booth promoting Vietnam at Madrid's International Tourism Trade Fair (FITUR) on its inauguration day on 28 Jan, 2009. FITUR is a grand international tourism fair with over a hundred participating countries and thousands of companies showcasing their products and services.—*INTERNET**

Senior official urges to safeguard social equity, stability

BEIJING, 31 Jan—A senior official with Communist Party of China (CPC) has urged to ensure social equity and maintain social stability in promoting the country's economic growth.

Zhou Yongkang, member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, made the remark in an article to be published in the journal Qiushi (Seeking Truth), run by the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China on 1 Feb.

Zhou, also secretary of the Political and Legislative Affairs Committee of the CPC Central Committee, said that law enforcement organs should push forward reforms of working mechanism and judiciary system.

He also stressed that all the law enforcement organs should well comprehend and implement the Scientific Outlook on Development, the Party's new creed, and maintain social stability to celebrate the new China's 60th anniversary of founding on 1 Oct.—*Internet*

***In thi on 27 Jan, 2009 file photo, Honda cars are seen parked at docks in Southampton, England, on 27 Jan, 2009. Some 4,200 auto workers at Honda's British plant in Swndon worked their last shift on Friday before a four-month layoff as the Japanese carmaker seeks to cut costs.—*INTERNET**

China's software industry posts 29% revenue growth for 2008

BEIJING, 31 Jan—China's software industry reported a 29-percent revenue growth for 2008 from one year earlier, the Ministry of Industry and IT have announced.

Software technology services were the biggest driving factor, up 40 percent from 2007. And software products followed with a 17 percent rise.

An official with the ministry said high-tech industries had developed in a quick and stable manner in 2008 despite the global economic crisis.

Output from industry leading state-owned and privately-owned high-tech companies, with annual sales revenues of more than five million yuan, was up 14 percent from the previous year.

And production of high-end products such as laptops and LCD TV's also rose by more than 20 percent.

The software industry generated 580 billion yuan of revenue in 2007, up 21 percent year-on-year.

Xinhua News Agency correspondents reporting from Beijing.—*Internet*

Philippines to help Brunei to develop agricultural sector

KUALA LUMPUR, 31 Jan—The Philippines is expected to help Brunei to develop its agricultural sector, according to Brunei newspapers on Saturday.

This was one of the outcomes of talks between Brunei Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah and Philippines President Gloria Macapagal Arroyoin Manila on Friday.

Brunei Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah was ending his three-day visit to the Philippines on Saturday, according to the Brunei Times.

The Philippines would send a delegation to assist Brunei in its drive to develop its agricultural sector as one result of the closed-door discussions between the leaders of the two countries, the newspaper said.

According to a joint statement issued on the closed-door meeting, Arroyo said that Brunei had shown interest in seeking assistance from the Philippines in rice production as Brunei hoped to achieve self-sufficiency in agriculture production.

Arroyo said that her country will send a delegation to visit Brunei to discuss mutual cooperation in agriculture, according to the newspaper.

Internet

A model displays a creation by designer Minh Hanh of Vietnam during a Rome Fashion Week Haute Couture Spring/Summer 2009 show on 31 Jan, 2009.
INTERNET

Invitation To Tender

Save the Children is an international aid agency responding to Cyclone Nargis in Myanmar. Save the Children wish to invite competent, reliable and legally registered construction companies for the construction of sub rural health centres as follows;

- **2 centres in Ngapudaw Township (Ayeyarwaddy division) Ref#CONS/HEA/NPW/001**
- **4 centres in Kyauktan Township (Yangon division) Ref # CONS/HEA/KYT/002**
- **4 centres in Kungyangone Township (Yangon division) Ref # CONS/HEA/KCG/003**

The interested bidders can obtain the complete set of bidding documents at SC offices in

- **Kyauktan, No. 25 Saybowa Block, Yangon-Kyauktan road**
- **Yangon, No. 224 A, Solomon Tower, 2nd Floor, U Wisara Road, Bahan Township**
- **Kunchangone, No. 102 Myoma street, Myoma Block**
- **Thingangon, Ywarma Street, Ywarma quarter, Ngapudaw Township**
- **The bidding documents can be collected not later than 6th February 2009 at 17.00 h**
- **The bidding SEALED documents should be received by Save the Children not later than 13th February 2009 at 17.00 h; clearly specifying Ref # on the envelope.**

Police detain man with $2.5 million

MEXICO CITY, 31 Jan—Police say they have detained an Ecuadorean man for carrying about $2.5 million in cash in a suitcase at Mexico City's international airport.

The Public Safety Department said on Friday the money was found during a routine inspection of luggage being taken aboard a flight bound for Colombia.

The man who registered the suitcase was taken into custody. No charges were immediately filed.

Police say inspectors became suspicious on Thursday when they saw lots of rectangular shapes in the man's suitcase.

The shapes turned out to be 153 stacks of US currency wrapped in plastic.

Mexico is a main transit route for Colombian cocaine being smuggled to the United States, and traffickers often try to move proceeds from drug sales back to Colombia.—*Internet*

Detained Mexican beauty queen released

MEXICO CITY, 31 Jan—Prosecutors ruled on Friday that a Mexican beauty queen be released from house arrest after investigations in a drug and weapons case turned up no evidence against her.

Laura Zuniga, 23, was detained in western Mexico on 23 Dec, in a vehicle along with seven men, some of them suspected drug traffickers. Authorities found a large stash of weapons, ammunition and $45,000 with them inside a vehicle.

She was stripped of one of her crowns — the title she won in the Hispanoamerican Queen pageant in October — but still holds the beauty title of the northern state of Sinaloa, long known as a center for Mexico's drug cartels.

Prosecutors on Friday said Zuniga should be released and local media reported that she left custody later that day.

The Attorney General's Office said in a statement that "no information was found that tie (Zuniga) to any criminal activity."—*Internet*

Most Irish expect EU treaty vote to pass

DUBLIN, 31 Jan—Most Irish people expect that any second referendum on the European Union's reform treaty would be passed, a national poll on Friday showed.

The Irish voted "No" in June to the Lisbon Treaty, but since then a deepening recession has raised concerns about Ireland losing its status in Europe.

The former "Celtic Tiger" economy has suffered a reversal of fortune with a severe, two-year downturn in house prices prompting the government to forecast a 4 percent drop in economic output this year — the worst recession on record.

Ireland is expected to hold a second referendum on the treaty later this year after winning concessions from EU members who want it fully ratified by the end of 2009.

Ireland was the first euro zone economy to slip into recession last year.

Nearly 60 percent of respondents in the Lansdowne poll said Ireland would pass a second referendum on the Lisbon Treaty later this year, and 61 percent said they were concerned about the country losing its status in Europe.

Nearly three quarters of the 1,000 people asked said the government was handling the economy poorly, up from 63 percent in September. Just less than half said they expected the recession, which started in 2008, to last more than three years.

Around 56 percent said they expected the government, whose term runs out in 2012, would be forced into a general election this year.

Highlighting the soured public mood in Ireland, 46 percent of those surveyed said they expected their personal situation to be worse off next year. In 1997, when Ireland's economy was booming, that was only 9 percent.

Interviewing for the poll was conducted between 12 and 23 January.

Internet

Murderous mum killed child for lover

OTTAWA, 31 Jan — A Canadian mother murdered her only child in a twisted bid to save her relationship with a boyfriend, a court official said.

Penny Boudreau, 34, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to life in prison with no possibility of parole for 20 years for strangling her 12-year-old daughter Karissa after her boyfriend had given her an ultimatum: Karissa or him.

The Supreme Court of Nova Scotia heard she drove Karissa to a remote spot near the town of Bridgewater in January 2008 and told her to get out of the car.

They argued and Penny tackled Karissa to the ground, pinned her with her knees, wrapped twine around her neck and strangled her.

"Karissa said: 'Mommy, don't'," prosecutor Paul Scovil told the court, as relatives sobbed, according to local media.

Boudreau then drove to nearby LaHave River and rolled her daughter's lifeless body down to the river bank, later discarding some of Karissa's clothes in a public garbage can.

In a bid to conceal her crime Boudreau reported her daughter missing, appearing two days later on television to plead for her to come home before Karissa's frozen body was discovered by searchers.

Boudreau was arrested for the murder in June 2008.—*Internet*

Water cutbacks on tap for Mexico City

VILLA DE ALLENDE, 31 Jan—Five million residents in Mexico City and its metro area could soon start feeling the effects of water cutbacks imposed on Friday due to drought conditions.

Water behind the Cutzamala dam system is below normal levels after a lack of rain in 2008, according to officials. The dam system accounts for 20 percent of the water used in Mexico City and its surrounding area.

"This year, the amount of rainfall in the area diminished significantly," said Javier Ramirez, head of the Cutzamala system. "It wasn't enough to fill up the dams. In past years, the general water level of the dam system had gone up a little bit, but this year it was really scarce."

The valves from the dam system are being shut down from Friday until Monday. There will be cutbacks at the end of each month through May. Officials say the move should save 10 million cubic meters (2.64 billion gallons) of water in that time.

Despite the cutbacks, officials say the available amount is still adequate.

"The city will not suffer what you could call a water crisis," said Ramon Aguirre of the Mexico City water department. "We will have 85 percent of the water we would normally receive."

Officials admit the only solution to the water woes is a change in usage habits, particularly in Mexico City, which uses more water than the rest of the country combined.

"For certain, this is priority No 1 for Mexico City, not only because we have announced a reduction this weekend in the supply from Cutzamala, but also because it has to do with sustainability," said Marcelo Ebrard, head of Mexico City's government. "That is to say, the city cannot keep having the same pattern that it now has, a pattern that until recently believed that the resource is unlimited."

Thousands of families in the affected areas have already started to store water. Local and federal authorities are also preparing a national campaign to raise public awareness of water consumption.

Internet

Eight killed in South African butcher shop bloodbath after heist goes awry

DURBAN, 31 Jan—A cash heist at a butcher shop in the South African port of Durban ended in a bloodbath Friday when police fatally shot all eight suspects as they fled with their loot.

"The suspects entered the butcher's and held up people at gunpoint. They later fled with an unspecified amount of money. The police gave chase,'' Police Inspector Michael Read said. "Police shot dead all eight suspects, all men, after they lost control of the vehicle in which they were fleeing."

One policeman and two bystanders were injured in the exchange of fire, Inspector Read said, adding that all the money had been recovered.

More than 50 suspects die every month in South Africa from bullets or at the hands of police in a country which has one of the world's highest crime rates.

Internet

Protein may predict disease progression

MESSINA, 31 Jan — Italian researchers have found blood or urine levels of a protein may predict kidney disease progression.

The study, published in the Clinical Journal of the American Society Nephrology, suggests a small protein released from the kidney's injured tubular cells — called Neutrophil Gelatinase-Associated Lipocalin — could help identify patients in need of more aggressive care because their chronic kidney disease is likely to advances to a more serious form.The investigators evaluated the blood and urine levels of Neutrophil Gelatinase-Associated Lipocalin in 96 patients with non-terminal chronic kidney disease. By the end of the year-and-a-half study, 31 patients experienced significant progression of their disease — in some cases developing end-stage renal disease.

The researchers noted that at the start of the study, the patients who developed advanced disease had had higher Neutrophil Gelatinase-Associated Lipocalin levels than patients whose disease did not progress. Both urinary Neutrophil Gelatinase-Associated Lipocalin and blood Neutrophil Gelatinase-Associated Lipocalin levels predicted worsening of chronic kidney disease.

"Our study offers a great new tool for prevention of renal failure progression," study leader Dr Michele Buemi of the University of Messina in Italy said in a statement.

Internet

PR Newswire Commercial Photo

Starting on 1 Feb , all Verizon Wireless Communications Stores across the nation will have live Verizon Hubs available to test out. The Verizon Hub, the first-ever VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) home telecommunications system featuring fully integrated connectivity with family members' wireless phones, gives busy families information at their fingertips from an easy-to-navigate touch screen with clear icons.—INTERNET

Possible flu silver bullet tested on mice

TOKYO, 31 Jan — Japanese researchers say they've developed a new, universal flu vaccine, offering a possible silver bullet against new strains of the bug.

Trials on mice have shown promising results even on strains that can mutate quickly, Yomiuri Shimbun reported Friday.

Previous vaccines were developed based on proteins resembling barbs that covered the outer surface of the virus, researchers said. When a virus enters the body of a vaccinated person, antibodies detect the barbs and try to suppress and fight off the virus. The drawback was the shape of the proteins differs from strain to strain.

Researchers from the National Institute of Infectious Diseases, Hokkaido University, Saitama Medical University and NOF Corp. targeted the proteins inside the virus, which morph little over time compared with proteins on the surface.

The vaccine has an artificial version of the protein developed by the team that is attached to a special membrane, the Japanese publication said. When the vaccine is injected, immune system cells attack virus-infected cells.

"We'll investigate what dosage will be safe and effective for humans," said Tetsuya Uchida, a senior researcher at the institute. "I hope the vaccine can be put to practical use as soon as possible."—*Internet*

Denmark releases UFO archives

COPENHAGEN, 31 Jan—The Danish Air Force has released 329 pages of previously classified archives on UFO sightings, including details on more than 200 unsolved cases.

Capt Thomas Pedersen said the military released the documents after growing weary of journalists asking questions about them, the Copenhagen Post reported Friday.

"We decided to publish the archives because frankly there is nothing really secret in them," Pedersen said. "The Air Force has no interest in keeping unusual sightings a secret. Our job is to maintain national security, not investigate UFOs."

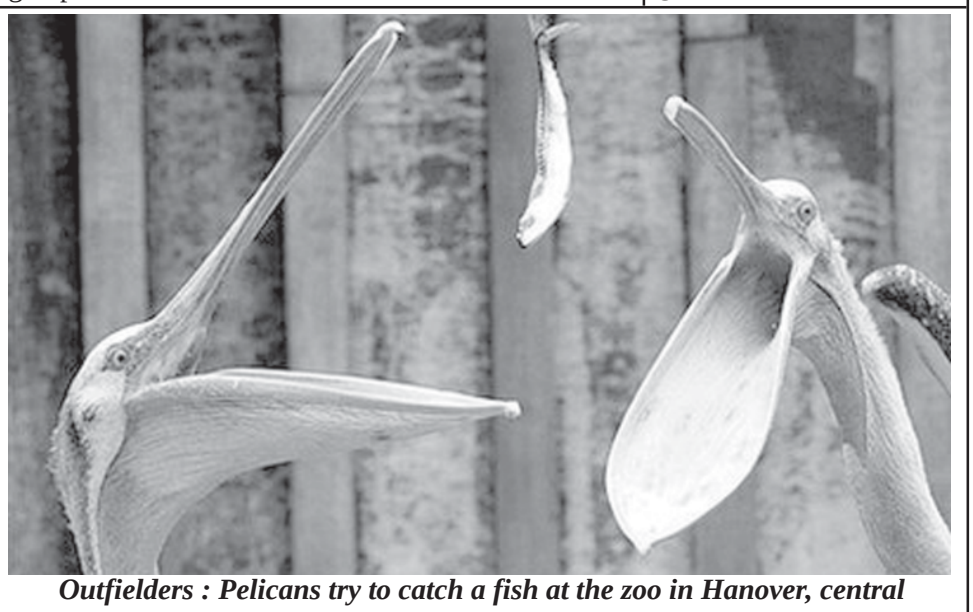
The Air Force said the archives contain details of unexplained events occurring between 1978 and 2002, before the job of chronicling UFO sightings went to a group called Scandinavian UFO Information.—*Internet*

Bacon Explosion recipe an Internet hit

KANSAS CITY 31 Jan— A pair of Kansas City, Mo, pork enthusiasts said their online recipe for the artery-clogging Bacon Explosion has been viewed about 390,000 times.

The Bacon Explosion, the brainchild of Aaron Chronister and friend Jason Day, contains two pounds of bacon coupled with two pounds of Italian sausage, totaling about 5,000 calories and 500 grams of fat, the Kansas City Star reported Friday.

US News & World Report quoted the two men as saying the dish was designed to attract visitors to their barbecuing team's Web site, BBQAddicts.com. Chronister said the Bacon Explosion "got so much traction on the Web because it seems so over the top." —*Internet*



Outfielders : Pelicans try to catch a fish at the zoo in Hanover, central Germany.—INTERNET

Man gets life for killing male intern

MEDIA, 31 Jan—A Pennsylvania man was sentenced to life in prison with no parole on Friday for killing a young man he supervised on the job.

William F Smithson, 43, of Thornbury, a Philadelphia suburb, must serve an additional 108 to 208 months in prison on top of his life term, Judge Barry Dozer said.

The family of Jason Shephard asked for the additional time because they wanted to make sure Smithson received a maximum sentence, The Philadelphia Inquirer reported.

Shephard, 23, was an intern for Daktronics, a manufacturer of scoreboards based in South Dakota. Prosecutors said Smithson invited him over, drugged him and then strangled him because he resisted his sexual advances.

Internet

Fastest electric car hits the road

WEST RICHLAND, 31 Jan — US niche automaker Shelby Supercars unveiled on Friday what it calls the world's fastest electric car — a vehicle capable of hitting 208 mph.

The Ultimate Aero EV is not only capable of flying down the road, it can be recharged in 10 minutes, using a system the company calls "Charge on the Run," the Telegraph reported Friday.

On the road, the Ultimate Aero EV can reach 60 mph in 2.5 seconds, the company said.

"The Ultimate Aero EV will prove that electric-powered vehicles will not only match but also provide more overall performance than internal combustion cars," a company spokesman said.

The Ultimate Aero EV is expected to reach showrooms by the end of the year. The price of the car has not been announced.

Shelby Supercars also makes the fastest gas-powered car currently in production, the SSC Ultimate Aero TT, which reaches a top speed of 257 mph.

Internet

Scientists warn of more acidic oceans

MONACO, 31 Jan—Greenhouse gases are putting oceans at risk of becoming too acidic to support reefs and marine life, scientists at a UN forum in Monaco warned on Friday.

More than 150 scientists called on governments to take immediate action to reduce carbon dioxide emissions in the Monaco Declaration on Ocean Acidification drafted during the conference, the United Nations said in a news release.

In the declaration, the marine scientists from 26 countries said acidity levels were accelerating and their negative impacts could be corralled by reducing the amounts of greenhouse gases released to the atmosphere.

Prince Albert II of Monaco urged political leaders to consider the declaration before negotiations at the UN Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen at the end of this year.—*Internet*

SPORTS

Federer's favourite, says shattered Nadal

Spain's Rafael Nadal

MELBOURNE, 31 Jan— Spain's shattered Rafael Nadal has named Roger Federer as clear favourite for their Australian Open final after the top seed's gruelling semi with Fernando Verdasco.

Nadal, who sobbed as he earned three match points after five hours and 14 minutes — an Australian Open record — against his fellow Spaniard was facing a race against time to recover for Sunday's final.

"It's going to be a little bit tough on Sunday. Roger had Friday off and only three sets in his semi-final so now, for sure, he's the favourite," said Nadal.

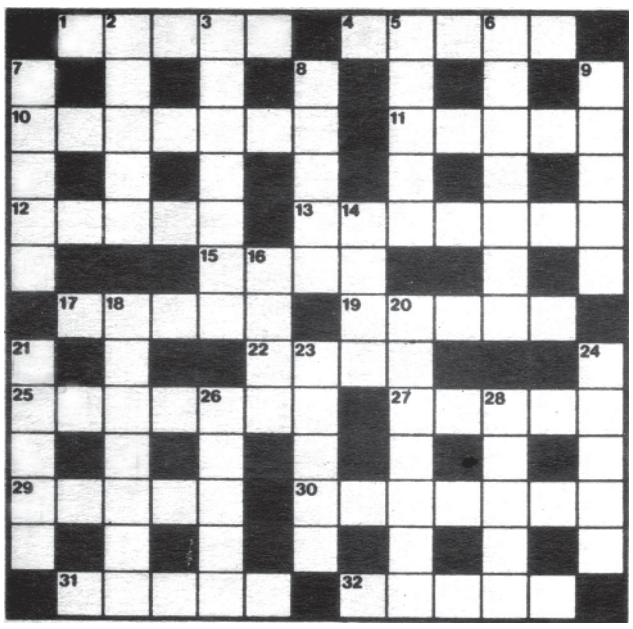
"But I'll try my best."

After the brutal but high-quality marathon, Verdasco netted the final point at 1:07 am on Saturday and Nadal was still talking to the media at 3:00 am.

He said he would have a massage, eat and try to sleep as long as possible on Saturday before a light practice session in the evening. The final is scheduled for 7:30 pm (0830 GMT) on Sunday.

Nadal, 22, is unlikely to be fully recovered after being stretched to the limit by his fellow left-hander, who bounced back from an apparent injury problem to force a gripping final set.—*Internet*

CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



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Owen out for six weeks

NEWCASTLE, 31 Jan— Struggling Newcastle confirmed on Friday that England international striker Michael Owen will be sidelined for up to six weeks with ankle ligament damage.

Owen, who had scored 10 goals this season, limped off after just 19 minutes of Wednesday's 2-1 defeat by Manchester City at St James' Park.

"It's a big blow and the injuries are mounting up," Newcastle manager Joe Kinnear told the club website.

"Joey Barton is also missing for about 10 weeks but we have to soldier on and put out the best team we can."—*Internet*

Michael Owen, will be sidelined for up to six weeks with ankle ligament damage. INTERNET

Man United's Ferguson rejects 2012 Olympics job

MANCHESTER, 31 Jan—Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson has ruled out coaching a British soccer team at the 2012 London Olympics.

The 67-year-old Scot held informal talks last year about the role with British Prime Minister Gordon Brown and London 2012 chairman Sebastian Coe, but said he does not want another job.

"No. I won't turn to international management," Ferguson said Friday in the club's magazine, Inside United. "When I've finished here, I think I deserve a rest. After here, I'm finished."

Ferguson, who would be 70 when the Olympics begin, does not even believe there will be a combined British team at the games.

Internet

Newcastle complete Nolan signing

Newcastle, 31 Jan—Newcastle on Friday completed the four-million-pound signing of former Bolton captain Kevin Nolan.

Nolan, 26, has signed a four-and-a-half year contract and goes straight into the squad for Sunday's northeast derby clash with Sunderland.

Once tipped to become an England international, Nolan has gone off the boil over the last year and felt he needed a fresh challenge to revitalise his career.

He said he would relish the prospect of a derby debut.

"It's a massive game to come into and hopefully one in which we can get the win and start getting away from that relegation zone."

Nolan represents manager Joe Kinnear's second breakthrough in the transfer market in the wake of Danish winger Peter Lovenkrands' arrival last week.

Internet

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BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE

(31.1.2009)

Stoke City	**1 - 0**	**Manchester City**
Arsenal	**0 - 0**	**West Ham United**
Aston Villa	**0 - 0**	**Wigan Athletic**
Bolton	**3 - 2**	**Tottenham**
Fulham	**3 - 1**	**Portsmouth**
Hull City	**2 - 2**	**West Bromwich**
Middlesbrough	**0 - 0**	**Blackburn**
Manchester United	**1 - 0**	**Everton**

Arsenal's Gael Clichy (L) challenges West Ham United's Valon Behrami during their English Premier League soccer match at the Emirates stadium in London on 31 Jan, 2009.— INTERNET

Stoilov named as new Bulgaria coach

SOFIA, 31 Jan— Litex Lovech coach Stanimir Stoilov was on Friday handed the job of trying to guide struggling Bulgaria into the 2010 World Cup finals.

Stoilov succeeds Plamen Markov who was sacked in December after the team's disappointing start to their World Cup qualifying campaign which has seen them draw their opening three Group Eight games.

They are currently seven points behind leaders, and reigning world champions, Italy, and four off second-placed Ireland.

The 41-year-old Stoilov, who is likely to remain in charge of his club side, briefly coached the national team in 2007 after the resignation of Bulgaria's 1994 World Cup star striker Hristo Stoichkov.—*Internet*

Litex Lovech coach Stanimir Stoilov

Chelsea manager slams unfair referees

COBHAM, 31 Jan—Luiz Felipe Scolari fears Chelsea's Premier League challenge could be wrecked by referees who punish his team more than their title rivals.

Scolari is convinced the Blues are being picked on by officials and highlighted Lee Probert's failure to send off Mohamed Shawky after the Middlesbrough midfielder handled when he had already been booked in Wednesday's 2-0 win at the Bridge as concrete evidence.

The Brazilian believes the likes of Manchester United and Liverpool — who Chelsea face in a crucial clash on Sunday — get more decisions going their way at home because they put pressure on referees and make life uncomfortable for them.

Internet

Asleep in Jesus
Ms Florence Jarvis (Toungoo)
Retired Sister YGH
Age (86) years

Eldest daughter of Mr JF Jarvis and Daw Than of Toungoo Sister of (Patsy-Daw Saw Po), (Cyril)-Daw Khin Shwe Mar, (Ernest)-Daw Shirley, (Charles)- Silvy, Rev Mother Josephine Mary, (Sisters of Reparation, Toungoo), (Vincent-Daw Mya Mya Aye), Cecy-U Hla Win, Rita-U Victor Myo Myint, Christopher and Magdalena, fell Asleep in Jesus, on Friday, 30th January, 2009 at 6 pm.

Burial will take place on 2-2-09, after funeral service at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Toungoo for entombment at St Lazarus Cemetry RIP.

Performers dance during the 37th Chingay Parade in Singapore on 30 Jan, 2009. More than 4,300 performers from all over the world attended the annual street parade on Friday night to celebrate China's lunar New Year, attracting tens of thousands of visitors.— INTERNET

MRTV-3
Programme Schedule
(1.2.2009) (Sunday)

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
* Aungpan Oranges
* Kiss of Death
* With the Gentle Breeze....
* Coconut Juice and Its Palm-Leaf Hat
* Myanmar Traditional Marionette Theatre (Part-I)
* Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

Abroad Transmissions

* Signature Tune
* Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
* Palm Leaf Inscription
* Travelogue "Sagaing"
* Floral Lovers' Paradise (National Kandawgyi Gardens)
* Let's Strive for Environmental Conservation: Clearance of Discarded Plastic
* Shwe Li-1 Hydropower Project
* New, Modernized Myanmar Food
* Myanmar Modern Song
* Aungpan Oranges
* Kiss of Death
* With the Gentle Breeze....
* Myanmar Traditional Morionette Theature (PartI)
* Women with Remarkable Necks
* Village Use Area Zoning Process (Hukaung Tiger Reserve)
* Glazed Earthen Pot
* Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

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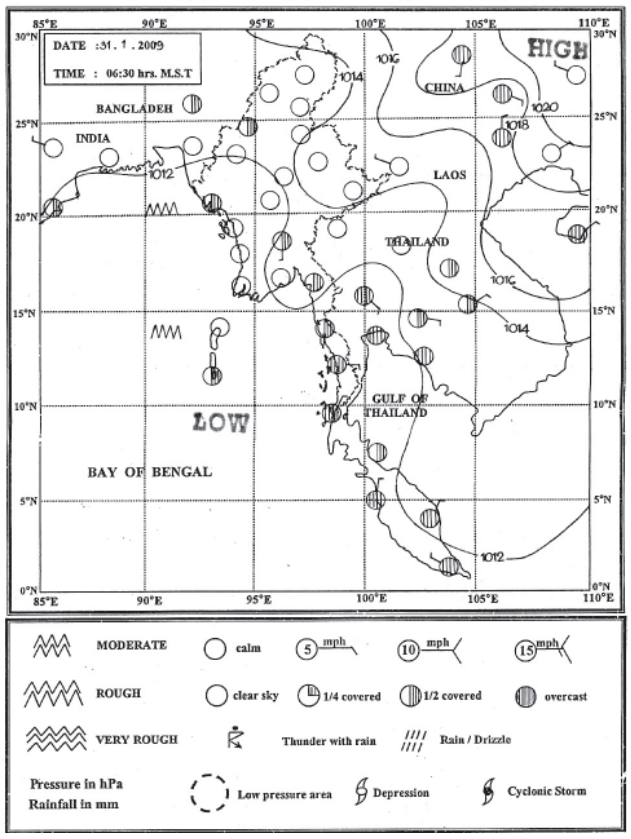
Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Saturday, 31 January, 2009

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

Maximum temperature on 30-1-2009 was 93˚F. Minimum temperature on 31-1-2009 was 62˚F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 31-1-2009 was 80%. Total sunshine hours on 30-1-2009 was (8.5) hrs approx.

Rainfall on 31-1-2009 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 Southeast at (11:30) hours MST on 30-1-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 1st February 2009: Isolated light rain are possible in Kachin State, weather will be partly cloudy in Shan State, upper Sagaing, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 1-2-2009: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 1-2-2009: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 1-2-2009: Generally fair weather.

TV Myanmar

Sunday, 1 February
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
7:55 am
5. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ(၃၈)ဖြာမင်္ဂလာ
8:15 am
6. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
8:30 am
7. International news
8:45 am
8. Musical programme
11:00 am
1. Martial song
11:10 am
2. Musical programme
11:25 am
3. Round up of the week's International news
11:35 am
4. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အားကိုးချစ်သူကျေးတောသူ" (အပိုင်း–၁၉)
12:15 pm
5. Golf magazine (TV)
12:30 pm
6. မြန်မာဗီဒီယိုဇာတ်လမ်း "သံယောဇဉ်လွန်းတင်သည့်ကြိုး" (မင်းသစ္စာ၊ ကြည်လဲ့လဲ့ဦး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ–စန္ဒာအောင်သိန်း)
2:25 pm
7. Musical programme
2:35 pm
8. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
2:50 pm
9. International news
4:00 pm
1. Martial song
4:10 pm
2. Song of national races
4:20 pm
3. လက်ဆင့်ကမ်းပေးဂီတတေး
4:30 pm
4. မူဟန်သွယ်သွယ်ဆိုကြမယ်
4:40 pm
5. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
4:50 pm
6. ၂၀၀၉ခုနှစ်၊တက္ကသိုလ်ဝင်စာမေးပွဲ ဘာသာရပ်ဆိုင်ရာသင်ခန်းစာ (ရူပဗေဒဘာသာရပ်)(အပိုင်း–က)
5:20 pm
7. Songs to uphold national spirit
5:30 pm
8. Sing and enjoy
6:00 pm
9. Evening news
6:30 pm
10. Weather report
6:35 pm
11. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် "Pocket Dragon Adventure"
6:55 pm
12. တစ်မျက်နှာတစ်ကွက်စာ "မေ့တတ်သူ" [မြို့တော်ချစ်ဖွယ်၊ မန်းဝင်း၊ ကြည်သာ (ပွဲကြိုက်ခင်)] [ဒါရိုက်တာ–ကြည်သာ (ပွဲကြိုက်ခင်)]
7:10 pm
13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "သစ္စာနှင့်ယှဉ်သောမေတ္တာ" (အပိုင်း–၁၆)
8:00 pm
14. News
15. International news
16. Weather report
17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ကြမ္မာမုန်တိုင်း" (အပိုင်း–၈)

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Foreign Affairs Minister, TCG meet Special Advisor to UN Secretary-General

Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win meets Special Advisor to UN Secretary-General Mr. Ibrahim Agboola Gambari. —MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Jan —Special Advisor to the Secretary-General of the United Nations Mr. Ibrahim Agboola Gambari and party arrived in Yangon at 9.25 a.m. today.

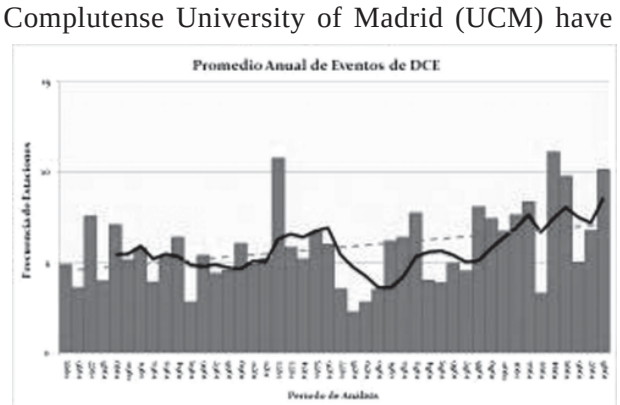
Mr. Gambari met Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win at five-storey Guest House in Yangon at 1 p.m. and Tripartite Core Group at the Chatrium Hotel at 3.55 p.m.

In the evening, Minister U Nyan Win hosted a dinner to Mr.Gambari at Mya Yeik Nyo Royal Hotel.

MNA

Fewer Days Of Extreme Cold And More Days Of Extreme Heat In Europe

SCIENCEDAILY, 31 Jan— Scientists from the Complutense University of Madrid (UCM) have selected 262 European observatories which analysed the series of minimum and maximum daily temperatures from 1955 to 1998 to estimate trend variations in extreme temperature events. According to the study, in Europe days of extreme cold are decreasing and days of extreme heat increasing. From 0.5ºC to 1ºC in the average minimum temperature, and from 0.5ºC to 2ºC in the average maximum temperature.



Frecuency of extreme heat (DCE) from 1955 to 1998.

Continuous rises in annual temperatures in certain areas lead to "changes in the environment and significant increases in the frequency of values considered extreme temperatures", SINC was told by Emiliano Hernández, Professor of Atmospheric Physics at the UCM and one of the study's authors.

Internet

Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee meets

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Jan — The meeting (4/2009) of Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee was held at Nay Pyi Taw Command yesterday.

Patron of the committee Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin addressed the meeting.

The chairman of the committee reported on traffic accidents and enforcement of traffic rules.

Later, the commander gave instructions to the officials after hearing the reports on work being done by the committee and the subcommittees.

MNA

TAKE FIRE PREVENTIVE MEASURES

Earthquake News

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Jan—The Meteorology and Hydrology Department today announced that a moderate earthquake of intensity (5.1) on Richter Scale with its epicenter about (358) miles South-West of Kaba-Aye Seismological observatory in Myanmar water region was recorded at (10) hrs (57) min (33) sec M.S.T on 31st January, 2009.—*MNA*

INSIDE

Pakokku, Yesagyo, Pwintbyu and Myaing Townships in Pakokku District are making a good progress in growing paddy, cotton, sugarcane, beans and pulses and edible oil crops thanks to the new irrigation facilities.

PERSPECTIVES PAGE 2

Mechanized farming has been popular across the nation

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

A convoy of small tractors near Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Township on their way to Hpa-an.

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