

As Myanmar belongs to the Common Law Legal System family, Myanmar Judicial System is deeply rooted with legal maxims, judicial customs and precedents which are enshrined with International Legal Principles that are utilized by successive judges all over the world

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Feb— Myanmar is in the process of political and economic reforms phase by phase. The rule of law is profoundly important to reforming process. There must be rule of law not only in the judicial sector but also in business and administrative sectors as well. All stakeholders, of legislature, executive and judiciary have the duty to implement the rule of law, said Union Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin, at

Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun, Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo, law experts from President's Office, Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Rule of Law and Tranquility Committee Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and members, Hluttaw representatives, delegates from political parties, EU delegates, international law experts, officials from the Union Attorney-General Office and guests.

historic seminar organized by EU in collaboration with UAGO in Myanmar.

The principle of rule of law also contains independence, morality impartiality, integrity, propriety and equality. The seven components of the rule of law is the most useful one for a politically stable and free society. These components are, in a nutshell, firstly, no person can be punished without a due process of law. Secondly,

without undue delay. Sixthly, discretion in interpreting the law whether by officials of government or judges should be limited by law. Seventhly, doctrine that every person is subject to ordinary law within the jurisdiction.

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Union Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin delivers an address at seminar on “the Rule of Law in Myanmar; Perspectives and Prospects”.—MNA



the opening of the seminar on “the Rule of Law in Myanmar; Perspectives and Prospects” which is jointly organized by EU and the Union Attorney-General's Office (UAGO) in Thingaha Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone this morning.

It was attended by Deputy Minister Chief of

This seminar is envisioned to show the path to promoting the rule of law in Myanmar as she ventures into implementing the rule of law in accordance with the policy guided by the President. This occasion is an auspicious one as it is the first seminar of its kind in Myanmar and the very first

all are equal before the law as the legal maxim. Thirdly, judges must be independent and impartial. Fourthly, torture as a means of gaining a conviction is unacceptable. Fifthly, any person in captivity must be able to challenge their detention before a court of law and to do so

Legal Principles that are applied by successive judges all over the world. One of these is “Justice must only be done, but also be seen to be done” Law and justice are inseparable twin sisters. Needless to say a fair law is the vehicle of justice. It is unarguable that rule of law is one of the elements

to meet the ends of justice. When the rule of law prevails in society, there is stability, prosperity and democracy.

In his mission statement, President U Thein Sein underscored the importance of good governance and clean government. Good governance means that authorized persons must have discipline and system in carrying out their duties. Clean government means that the responsible persons must respect the law, retain good moral character and refrain from corruption. The rule of law involves myriad of ambitions in transition to democracy.

Likewise, rule of law has the meaning that involves the development of fundamental rights of citizens, already enshrined in Chapter VIII of

the Constitution. Mechanism to protect the violation of fundamental rights of citizens is also provided in the Constitution. Practically it shows that whenever there is breach of a fundamental right, citizens are protected with five Writs prescribed in the Constitution; i.e Writ of Habeas Corpus, Writ of Mandamus, Writ of Prohibition, Writ of Quo Warranto and Writ of Certiorari. As seen, there is political will to eradicate and combat corruption. If there be corruption, rule of law will not prevail.

As part of efforts for the emergence of good governance and clean government after the government took office, as Action Committee against (See page 8)

Republic of the Union of Myanmar Investigation Commission Press Release No. 3/2013 14th Waning of Pyatho, 1374 ME (9th February, 2013)

- Investigation Commission held its 5th plenary meeting at Hall (I-12) in the compound of Hluttaw at 13:30 hr on 8 February, 2013. The meeting focused on compilation of final report. The commission members held discussions on fundamental principles to be followed in drawing up the final report which is presented by the commission chairman.
- The members who had made field trips on 24-25 January with duty assignment of the commission chairman, presented their findings on health conditions of six monks who are receiving medical treatments in Sitagu Hospital in Sagaing Township, Sagaing District in Sagaing Region and four children from Kangon

- Village, Salingyi Township, Monywa District, who returned to their village after receiving medical treatments in Yangon Children Hospital, to the commission.
- In addition, health conditions of the injured monks in Sitagu Hospital and the woman who got injured in the collapse of brick tank, at Monywa Hospital, were presented by the commission members after making field trips on 6-7 February. Three of those six injured monks were discharged from the Hospital on 8 February.
- The commission was formed with the President Office's announcement No.95/2012. Deadline for submitting the provisional report is set by the end of January. On 19 January, 2013, the commission submitted the provisional report to the President. According to the commission's announcement No.2/2013 appeared in the daily newspapers on 19 January, 2013, it is stated that it is the provisional report only, not for release. Details will be publicized only when the final report is released.

Investigation Commission
9th February, 2013

LOCAL NEWS

Illegal sawn timber seized in Thandwe, Bago

Townships

THANDWE, 9 Feb—A staff-team led by Thandwe Township Forest Department of Rakhine State seized 3.3452 tons of six illegal logs at the tributary of Kya Creek, three miles and one furlong long to the motorway to Thahtaychaung Hydropower Project in Thandwe Township on 23 January.

Staff of Bago Township

Forest Department and policemen on 25 January seized a truck with the load of 118 pieces of sawn teak timber weighing 7.9714 tons, one truck with the loads of 47 pieces of Pynma timber weighing 5.3 tons and one truck with the load of 40 pieces of sawn ironwood timber weighing 2.9792 tons and another truck with the load of 465 pieces of

sawn teak timber weighing 9.57 tons at four places near the road to Kodukwe Dam, northwest of the mile post 49 of Yangon-Mandalay Expressway in Salu Forest Reserve in Bago Township.

Bawnatgyi Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against those who illegally extracted timber.

Myanma Alinn



Plan underway to purchase reserve rice worth K 25 billion

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Feb—Reserve rice worth K 25 billion will be purchased for the State, according to an official of Myanmar Rice and Paddy Federation recently.

“Although a plan was set to purchase rice worth K 10 billion for the State,

the plan was amended to increase purchase of rice due to demand,” he said.

While purchasing reserve rice for the State, plan is underway to rise export of rice to meet the target of 100,000 tons in 2013, disclosed a responsible

person from the federation.

Myanmar exports 2000 tons of rice monthly to Russia and sends quality rice abroad.

At present, Myanmar Rice and Paddy Federation is trying to buy reserve rice meeting the target.

Myanma Alinn

Cargo terminals to be moved to Amarapura Township

MANDALAY, 9 Feb—The commodity terminals in Mandalay will be moved to Pyigy Mingala cargo terminal in Amarapura Township from 5 to 15 February.

Mandalay City Development Committee built 150

RC two-storey structures at Pyigy Mingala terminal and sold one apartment for K 135 million each. The committee leased one room per K 700,000.

Cargo brokerages bought 12 rooms and the companies and private entrepreneurs, the

remaining rooms.

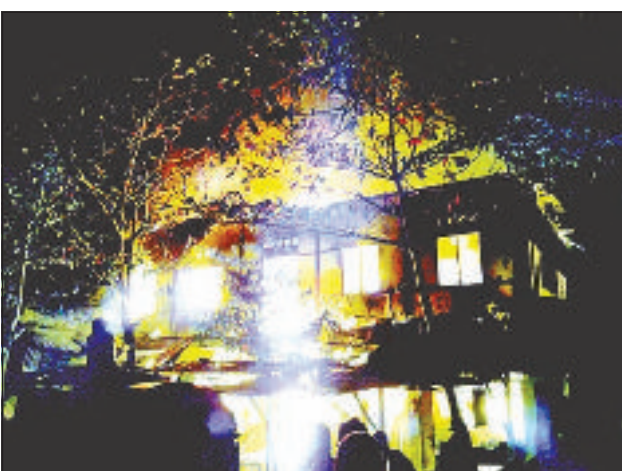
According to those wishing to buy the cargo apartments and hire the rooms, the committee built 139 more cargo terminals and will sell them for K 70 million each and lease K 300,000 per month.—Kyemon

out at 5.10 am.

A total of 10 shops including the market office were blazed in the fire.

Eight fire engines and two water tankers from Kyaukdaga Township Development Affairs Committee, Kyaukdaga, Penwagon, Pado, Peinzalok, Nyaunglebin, Pyundaza, Kanyutkwin and Pyu were engaged in fighting fire.

Kyemon



KYAUKDAGA, 9 Feb—A fire broke out at a shop of Development Affairs Market that started from electric wire shock in

Kyaukdaga at 3.30 am on 1 February.

The local people and firemen managed to control the fire at 4.35 am and put it

Naga celebrate New Year

MOBAINGLUK, 9 Feb—The first Naga traditional New Year festival was observed in Mobaingluk Sub-Township of Leshi Township in Naga Self-Administered Zone of Sagaing Region on 15 January morning.

Chair U Hla Win and Chair of Sub-Township Cultural Committee U Dae Wee explained the history of the Naga traditional new year festival. Then, youths presented traditional dances together with local people.

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Upper Myanmar selected footballers meet

MANDALAY, 9 Feb—The annual meeting of former selected footballers association of Upper Myanmar was held at the grand stand of Bahtoo Stadium, here, on 28 January afternoon.

Patron of the association U Sein Win Gyi (Customs) and Gyotu Nyunt Maung made speeches.

Chairman of the

association U Zaw Win explained the tasks of the association.

Treasurer of the association U Soe Soe read the financial report.

At the meeting, members of the association elected U Zaw Win as Chairman of the association, U Kyaw Than as secretary and 14 executives.

Myanma Alinn

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Feb—A talks on danger of fire was held in conjunction with the fire drill at Thabyegon Market on 29 January afternoon.

It was organized by Nay Pyi Taw Fire Services Department.

Assistant Director U Win Myint explained fire preventive measures and replied to questions. Later, members of Fire Brigade practised fire drill.

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Stake driven for construction of hospital building

MANDALAY, 9 Feb—A ceremony to drive stakes for construction of a six-storey medical ward was held at Mandalay General Hospital, here, on 14 January.

Chief Minister of Mandalay Region U Ye Myint

accepted the cash donations on the occasion.

For the construction task, Daw San San, U Maung Maung Swe, Daw Khin San Yi and Daw Khin Si Nyunt of China Town in Mandalay donated K 800 million and

wellwishers K 1959.3 million and Max Myanmar Co Ltd 10000 bags of cement.

The six-storey building will be 192 feet long, 64 feet wide and 84 feet high. It will be facilitated with a car park and two lifts.—Kyemon

Sagaing Region IPRD focuses on public service media

SHWEDO, 9 Feb—Deputy Director U Tin Than Win of Sagaing Region Information and Public Relations Department held a meeting with staff of Shwedo District at the hall of the district IPRD in Shwedo on 27 January afternoon.

Heads of township IPRDs reported on progress of realizing the public service media.

The staff officer of Shwedo District IPRD gave a supplementary report.

The head of Region Information and Public Relations Department urged the staff members to more cooperate with the local people in their tasks for giving the public service media and serving the public interest.

Myanma Alinn

WORLD

Car bombs in Shi'ite areas of Iraq kill 34

BAGHDAD, 9 Feb—Five car bombs killed at least 34 people in Shi'ite areas of Iraq on Friday, police and medics said, as sectarian and ethnic tensions intensify ahead of provincial elections in April.

Two car bombs were detonated simultaneously at a bus stop near a Friday street market selling birds and other pets in the Shi'ite district of Kadhimiya in Baghdad, killing at least 16 people and wounding another 44, police and

hospital sources said.

Footage of the scene showed dozens of buses and taxis destroyed by the explosion and blood on the ground.

Ongoing violence following the withdrawal of US troops in late 2011 is stoking fears of a return to the sectarian strife that killed tens of thousands of Iraqis in 2006 and 2007.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, a Shi'ite, is facing mass protests by disenchanted Sunni Muslims and is at

loggerheads with ethnic Kurds who run their northern region autonomously from Baghdad.

The prospect of the election is hardening the divisions as political leaders appeal to their constituencies with often hostile rhetoric that rejects compromise.

In the Shi'ite city of Hilla, 100 km (60 miles) south of Baghdad, 15 people were killed in two car bomb explosions at a vegetable market.

"I was shopping when I heard the first explosion. I was scared and tried to reach my car to run away but before I got in the second explosion went off," said Habib al-Murshidi who was at the scene.

"I saw many people, women and old men lying on the ground which was covered with blood and scattered fruit and vegetables".

Another three people were killed by a parked car bomb in Kerbala, 80 km (50 miles) southwest of Baghdad, police said.

Thousands of Sunni Muslims have taken to the

streets since late December in protest at what they see as the marginalization of their sect since the fall of Saddam Hussein and the empowerment of Iraq's Shi'ite majority through the ballot box. The demonstrations in the Sunni heartland of Anbar are also compounding fears that war in neighbouring Syria, where Sunni rebels are fighting to topple a leader backed by Shi'ite Iran, could further upset Iraq's own delicate sectarian and ethnic balance. No group claimed responsibility for the attacks on Friday.

Iraq is home to several Sunni insurgent groups that have carried out at least one high-casualty attack a month since the US withdrawal. They include a local branch of al-Qaeda, the Islamic State of Iraq, which often targets Shi'ites, seeking to reignite sectarian strife.

Reuters



Afghan police officers inspect the site of the blast in Baghlan Province in north Afghanistan on 7 Feb, 2013. Bomb blast shocked Pul-e-Khurmi city, the capital of Baghlan Province, on Thursday, wounding two people, police said. —XINHUA

Six injured in collision between tanker, seabus in Istanbul's Bosphorus Strait

ISTANBUL, 9 Feb—At least six people were injured in collision between a tanker and a seabus in Bosphorus strait of Istanbul on Friday evening.

Eyewitness told Xinhua that the accident happened off the shore of Kabats

during evening rush-hour traffic in the Bosphorus Strait.

Private NTV reports that at least six people were injured in the accident, two of them are reported to be in serious condition.

Xinhua



Iraqi residents gather at the site of a car bomb attack in Baghdad's Kadhimiya district on 8 Feb, 2013.

REUTERS

Over 100 primary school pupils fall victim to food poisoning in Mauritius

PORT-LOUIS, 9 Feb—A total of 105 primary school pupils in a Priority Education Zone (PEZ) in the West of the Mauritius island were victims of food poisoning on Thursday.

Among them 25 who were considered in very serious condition, were still admitted at a regional hospital.

An official at the Bambous governmental school said that the children were taken ill after their lunch. They had consumed rice accompanied with dry grains (dhal), a local salad known as chouchou

and eggs. The children then started vomiting and complained of stomach pains. Among them 96 were transported to Victoria hospital in the Central region of the island while 9 of them were rushed to Jeetoo hospital in the capital, Port-Louis, for proper medication.

An official at the Victoria hospital said that the children were out of danger. "Everything is under control and their health status is stable," the official said when he spoke on a local radio station.

However, the parents

who rushed to Victoria hospital were not surprised. A mother to one of the children said a day earlier, she had alerted the authorities, through a private radio station, about the poor quality of food that is served at Bambous school. Mauritius Education Minister Vasant Bunwaree affirmed, through a press statement, that everything was under control and there was no need to panic.

He said an investigation had been launched to shed more light on the food poisoning incident.

Xinhua

EU condemns kidnapping of two Germans in Colombia

BRUSSELS, 9 Feb — The foreign policy chief of the European Union Catherine Ashton on Friday condemned the kidnapping of two German citizens by the rebel National Liberation Army (ELN) of Colombia.

Ashton called upon the group to free them immediately and unconditionally and to end

its activities, according to a statement issued by her spokesperson.

She also welcomed and commended the efforts of the Colombian government to obtain a peaceful liberation of the hostages.

Two male German nationals, identified as Uve Broyer and Gunter Otto Broyer in their 70s, were seized when they were

traveling in northeastern Colombia on Tuesday.

The ELN, Colombia's second largest guerrilla group after the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), accused the two Germans of spying as they could not explain their presence in the area bordering Venezuela.

Xinhua

Blizzard wallops Northeast, closes roads



A crossing guard helps students at an intersection after schools closed early ahead of bad weather in Pelham, New York on 8 Feb, 2013. A blizzard blew into the northeastern United States on Friday, bringing whiteout conditions to some parts of New England and threatening to drop record amounts of snow around Boston. —REUTERS

BOSTON/NEW YORK, 9 Feb—A blizzard slammed into the northeastern United States on Friday, snarling traffic, disrupting thousands of flights and prompting five governors to declare states of emergency in the face of a fearsome snowstorm.

Forecasters warned that about 2 feet of snow would blanket most of the Boston area with some spots getting as much as 30 inches. New York was due to get about a foot in some areas, while heavy snowfall was also expected in Connecticut and Maine.

Winds were blowing at 35 to 40 miles per hour (56 to 64 km per hour) by Friday afternoon and forecasters expected gusts up to 60 mph as the evening wore on.

Driving conditions were treacherous. Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick took the rare step of announcing a ban on most car travel starting Friday afternoon, while Connecticut Governor Dannel Malloy closed the state's highways to all but emergency vehicles.

As the evening wore on and the snow piled up, mass transit was also affected.

In New York City, transit officials said "suspensions in service remain a strong possibility," and Metro-North Railroad suspended some of its commuter rail service at 10 pm. The Long Island Rail Road partially suspended service on its Montauk branch.

The blizzard left about

10,000 customers along the East Coast without power, and some 3,500 flights were canceled.

"We're seeing heavier snow overspread the region from south to north," said Lance Franck, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Taunton, Massachusetts, outside Boston. "As the snow picks up in intensity, we're expecting it to fall at a rate of upwards of two to three inches per hour."

Early Friday evening, officials warned that the storm was just ramping up to full strength, and that heavy snow and high winds would continue through midday on Saturday. The governors of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York and Maine declared states of emergency and urged people to stay indoors.

In many cases, authorities ordered non-essential government workers to stay home, urged private employers to do the same, told people to prepare for power outages and encouraged them to check on elderly or disabled neighbours.

People appeared to take the warnings seriously. Traffic on streets and ridership on public transportation was significantly lighter than usual on Friday.

Reuters

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

WeChat update turns your phone into a walkie-talkie

NEW DELHI, 9 Feb — Text and voice messaging app WeChat has received an update that lets you make radio-esque voice calls. The update bumps the app to version 4.5 and allows you to use it for live voice chat, use QR codes for sharing group chats, and back up your chat history.

The 'Live Voice Chat' feature enables you to chat with a group of friends in a radio-like fashion. You can hold conversations with a group of friends using a simple, one-touch action. Tencent, the Chinese company behind WeChat, reveals that the app now functions quite like a walkie-talkie: only one per-

son can speak at a time, but everyone can hear.

The Group Chat feature, WeChat's USP, has also received a shot in the arm. You can generate a QR code unique to groups chats, which can then be shared. This QR code can also be used to invite new members, says Tencent.

The back-up and restore feature, which is an old feature in rival apps like WhatsApp, has finally made its way to WeChat. The app now lets you back-up chats with a single touch, making it easy to restore your chat history in case you reset your device or get a new one. Additionally, iOS users can even

search within chats thanks to a new search function.

The company says that the app's tweaked user interface makes it easier for friends to be discovered and recommended. "The new update is part of our endeavor to delight our users with the most innovative and best available mobile messaging options. The new Live Chat feature has been introduced based on user feedback and we believe it will be a great hit among users. We intend to keep improving the app with additional features to enable people to stay connected in a fun and exciting manner," said Dennis Hau, Head of Product Centre, International Business Group, Tencent. WeChat came to India in July last year and has already collected 300 million registered users worldwide. The app was launched initially for iOS, Android, Symbian and Windows Phone, and the company recently released a BlackBerry app too.

The app comes with features such as text mes-

saging, hold-to-talk voice messaging, broadcast messaging, photo/video sharing, location sharing and contact information exchange. WeChat is supposed to be a secure and fast-performing app and comes with social friend-discovery features and an option to stream photo feeds from friends' personal photo albums.

It is the first application in the communication space to offer a 'Hold-to-Talk' voice messaging service, which enables users to send voice messages at the touch of a button. 'Moments' is another key differentiating feature of WeChat using which users can post images or text and share content with their selected friends in a secure way. Location-based social (LBS) features like 'Shake', and 'Drift Bottle' enable users from any part of the world to build new connections.—Reuters



BlackBerry cannot justify the cost of modifying its operating system to accommodate the Japanese language.—PTI

BlackBerry to stop selling handsets in Japan

BANGALORE, 9 Feb — BlackBerry will stop selling smartphones in Japan, partly because the company cannot justify the cost of modifying its operating system to accommodate the Japanese language, the *Nikkei* business daily reported. BlackBerry's market share in Japan has shrunk to 0.3 percent from 5 per cent,

the daily said.

BlackBerry could not be immediately reached for comment.

The company, which changed its name from Research In Motion when it launched its new BlackBerry 10 smartphones a week ago, will continue to offer support to existing users, the *Nikkei* said.—PTI

Drive-by downloads most dangerous online threat

BERLIN, 9 Feb — Computer experts from Germany have warned people to be more careful while surfing the Internet as malicious programs called "drive-by downloads" can be down-

formation Technology, Telecommunications and New Media or Bitkom.

"Cyber criminals are operating in increasingly sophisticated ways," said Bitkom president Dieter Kempf.



Just a visit to a manipulated website is sufficient to make a personal computer vulnerable to attack.—PTI

loaded unintentionally when users visit "manipulated websites".

Currently the biggest threat was the so-called "drive-by downloads", according to the German Federal Association for In-

formation Technology, Telecommunications and New Media or Bitkom.

Just a visit to a manipulated website is sufficient to make a personal computer vulnerable to attack. Other

important items in a list of Internet threats are so-called worms and Trojans, followed by attacks on databases and web applications.

The Hasso Plattner Institute for Software Systems Engineering (HPI) called on Internet users to be more careful in their choice of passwords.

Almost one in three people choose a sequence of six or fewer characters. Short and simple words are also popular, criticised HPI Director Christoph Meinel.

However, these fall far short of providing secure access protection. Around half of Internet users also have the same or a similar password for multiple pages.

The HPI recommends a combination of uppercase and lowercase letters, numbers and special characters. Terms that are in the dictionary, as well as names and dates of birth, should be avoided.—PTI

Japan study reveals greater tsunami risks for New Zealand, Pacific: scientist

WELLINGTON, 9 Feb — New Zealand needs to prepare for a tsunami like the one that devastated Japan in 2011, a New Zealand geologist warned on Friday, after an international project found the tectonic plates on the fault line near Japan were weaker than expected.

University of Otago scientist Dr Virginia Toy represented an Australia-New Zealand ocean drilling consortium in the Japan project, which drilled into the subduction fault that slipped in 2011, generating a magnitude 9 earthquake and a tsunami that hit the Sendai coast.

The aim was to sample the fault materials and make measurements related

to the frictional strength of the fault surface, to help understand why there was such a large displacement, Toy said in a statement.

The researchers found there was near total release of stress in the crust in the wedge materials above the fault plane when the 2011 earthquake occurred.

"This is significant because most earthquake faults only release a small portion (typically 10 percent) of the stress in the crust around them, not nearly 100 percent as in this case," she said.

"Also, such a high proportion of stress was probably released because the fault materials were particularly frictionally weak or slippery."

The results suggested that subduction zone faults in other locations, including around New Zealand, needed to be more carefully examined. New Zealand had so much of its coastline exposed to the Pacific Ocean, which was ringed by subduction zones, such as the Tonga-Kermadec, Hikurangi and Chile zones.

"If the materials in the fault planes are similar to those in the Japan Trench, it is likely they will also be very frictionally weak and therefore that we can also expect very large seafloor displacements when they slip," she said. "It means that we should be prepared for other similar subduction zones to generate very large tsunami."—Xinhua

China threatened by overseas hackers

BEIJING, 9 Feb — Recently foreign media have been hyping up "cyber attack from China" and the talk of a "Chinese hacking threat" is in the air. But it turns out that China is actually the real victim of cyber attacks, *Xinhua* reported, citing statistics from the National Computer Network Emergency Response Coordination Centre of China (CNCERT/CC). The number of Internet users on

the Chinese mainland keeps rising sharply, but Chinese users don't take net safety protection as seriously as do most western users. Hence China has become the biggest victim of Internet hacking.

China suffers from three kinds of cyber attacks. One is from Trojans or Zombie viruses overseas. In 2012, according to CNCERT, 73,286 overseas IPs were involved in hacking China's 14.19

million IPs, among which 10.5 million received attacks from US-based servers, 780,000 from South Korea and 778,000 from Germany.

The second means is to spread the malicious codes via domain names registered overseas. In 2012, among all the CNCERT-detected IPs in which attackers stored malicious programs, about 65.5 percent were found to be registered overseas, posing a serious

security threat to Chinese web users.

The third way is attacking China's Internet through domestic zombie computers compromised by overseas hackers. According to the report, the United States ranks top in the number of overseas hacking attackers, as up to 7,370 US-based IPs (about 22.9% of all attacking IPs) controlled 10,037 websites in China.

Xinhua



Visitors look at an aircraft model presented on the First Shenyang Aerospace Science Exhibition in Shenyang, capital of northeast China's Liaoning Province, on 7 Feb, 2013. Space food, devices, models of Shenzhou spacecraft and China-developed rockets are among the exhibits. — XINHUA

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Ireland announces ECB deal over bank rescue

DUBLIN, 9 Feb—Irish Prime Minister Enda Kenny said late Thursday that his country has reached a deal with the European Central Bank (ECB) over the bailout of two Irish banks.

“I am pleased to announce today that Ireland has reached a conclusion in its discussions with the European Central Bank,” Kenny said in an address at the parliament, adding that the deal will lead to a substantial improvement in Ireland’s debt position over time.

“Today’s outcome is a historic step on the road to economic recovery. It secures the future financial position of the state by reducing the

burden on Irish taxpayers arising from the bail-out of” the former Anglo-Irish Bank and Irish Nationwide Building Society, he said.

Anglo-Irish Bank and Irish Nationwide were two major property lenders in Ireland for decades. Their heavy exposure to the sector made them especially vulnerable in Ireland’s property market crash in 2008.

The two financial institutions were nationalized respectively in January 2009 and August 2010 and were merged into the Irish Bank Resolution Corporation (IBRC) in July 2011.

In a deal struck in 2010, the IBRC promised to pay the

ECB 31 billion euros over 15 years in exchange for access to emergency liquidity so as to avoid collapse.

Thursday’s agreement came hours after Irish lawmakers approved the liquidation of the IBRC at a special session. Under the deal, the previous repayment formula was replaced with long-term Irish government bonds.

The first principal payment will not be made until 2038 and the last payment will be made in 2053. The average maturity of the government bonds will be over 34 years as opposed to the seven to eight years average maturity under the previous deal.—Xinhua

Slow and steady can win the diet drug race



Bottles of pills of the weight-loss drug Qsymia produced by Vivus Inc are shown in this undated handout photo.

REUTERS

NEW YORK, 9 Feb—Vivus Inc, vying to create the world’s first billion-dollar weight-loss pill, is taking a cautious approach to marketing in an attempt to overcome the skepticism, safety concerns and lawsuits that have dogged the diet drug industry.

The company has lost nearly half of its market value since lackluster sales tarnished the September launch of the first new weight-loss pill in the United States for 13 years. Two of its it’s largest shareholders have questioned the company’s strategy.

But Vivus, which sent out only 150 sales

representatives to a target market of 25,000 doctors, is betting on slow, steady marketing of the Qsymia drug to win over customers. Its model, say analysts, could become the blueprint for diet drug makers.

“A slower launch that allows people some time to try and use the drug, and make sure the effects they are seeing are good and any risks are more modest, makes more sense both in the medical and financial sense,” said Kurt Kessler of ZS Associates, which consults on pharmaceutical marketing.

Thomson Reuters Pharma estimates sales of

Qsymia will reach \$1.2 billion by 2017, up from \$128 million in 2013, making it the largest weight-loss pill on the market. A drug with annual sales of \$1 billion is known as a “blockbuster” in the industry.

That potential goldmine has analysts rating the stock of Mountain View, California-based Vivus highly.

Six of 12 analysts recommend buying Vivus stock and none has a “sell” recommendation, according to Thomson Reuters StarMine. Their mean price target for the stock is \$20.30, more than 50 percent above its Wednesday close of \$13.45 on the Nasdaq.

More than one-third of Americans are obese, a condition that can lead to problems such as heart disease and diabetes. A September 2012 report by lobby group Trust for America’s Health estimated the annual burden on the U.S. healthcare system from obesity at between \$147 billion and \$210 billion.

Reuters

Close up view of the front of the BMW 4 Series Concept coupe as it is displayed at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit, Michigan on 14 Jan, 2013.

REUTERS



BMW posts record group sales in January, up 9.9 percent

FRANKFURT, 9 Feb—BMW (BMW.GE), the world’s largest premium carmaker, said group sales in January rose by 9.9 percent to 123,276 vehicles, a record for that month.

Growth was lifted once again by its largest market,

China, where sales of its BMW, Mini and Rolls-Royce brands gained 14.7 percent to 30,397 vehicles last month.

“We are aiming for further growth in BMW Group worldwide sales in 2013 and are targeting a new all-time high for the

third consecutive year,” BMW brand sales chief Ian Robertson.

Sales of BMW brand vehicles increased 11.5 percent while deliveries of Mini brand vehicles edged 0.6 higher, both achieving new record sales for that month.—Reuters

ICBC appointed as yuan clearing bank in Singapore

SINGAPORE, 9 Feb—The People’s Bank of China has designated the Singapore branch of the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC) as the yuan-clearing bank in Singapore, it said on Friday.

Singapore is also the first regional financial centre outside China to have a yuan clearing bank. In China’s Hong Kong and Taipei, the local units of the Bank of China had been picked to clear yuan transactions in 2004 and 2012, respectively.

The Monetary Authority of Singapore said it welcomes the announcement on Friday, which marks a key milestone in the growing financial cooperation between the two countries.

It “will enable Singapore’s financial center to play a useful role in facilitating greater use of the RMB for trade, investment

and other economic activities in the region,” said Ravi Menon, managing director of the Monetary Authority of Singapore.

The much-anticipated announcement came four months after the local units of the Bank of China and the ICBC were both granted qualifying full bank licenses in Singapore, which allow them to open up to 25 outlets in the city state.

China and Singapore signed exchanges of letters on cooperation in the banking industries in July last year under the framework of the bilateral Free Trade Agreements, agreeing for two Chinese banks to be given qualifying full bank licenses in Singapore and one of them to be designated as a yuan clearing bank later.

Singapore is among the several cities, including London and Luxemburg,

to pursue offshore yuan clearing banks.

“Singapore wants a yuan clearing bank firstly because it wants to grow its offshore yuan capital market. With a local yuan clearing bank, it will be more efficient for the transactions to be cleared, and it will be better for the growth of the offshore-yuan capital market and better for its status as a regional offshore yuan hub,” said Tommy Xie, economist at the OCBC Bank.

The Singapore Exchange said last year it was prepared for the listing of yuan-denominated securities.

The demand for yuan in cross-border trade settlement and yuan-denominated investment products in Singapore has been strong, and several companies already issued yuan-denominated bonds.

Xinhua

Longer span between mammograms okay for older women

NEW YORK, 9 Feb—Screening women over 65 each year for breast cancer doesn’t catch any more early tumors—but it does lead to more false positives—than screening every other year, according to a new study. The findings are based on more than 140,000 older women included in five mammography registries across the United States.

“This study clearly tells us that screening every two years may be more appropriate than screening women every year,” said Dr Otis Brawley, chief medical officer of the American Cancer Society (ACS).

However, he noted, there are other studies that contradict that finding and do suggest annual mammograms are the way to go, even among older women. One in eight US women will be diagnosed with breast cancer at some point in her life. Mammography guidelines from the ACS call for women to be screened for breast cancer every year they are in good health, starting at age 40.

The US Preventive Services Task Force, on the other hand, recommends biennial screening for

women ages 50 to 74, saying there’s not enough evidence to recommend for or against mammograms for those aged 75 and older.

For the new study, Dejana Braithwaite from the University of California, San Francisco and her colleagues followed women ages 66 through 89 for seven years. During that time, about 3,000 were diagnosed with breast cancer and 138,000 remained cancer-free.

Among women with breast cancer, a similar proportion had invasive or advanced stage tumors, regardless of whether they had been screened every year or every other year leading up to their diagnosis. About two-thirds of those women were

screened annually.

However, between 47 and 50 percent of women who were screened annually had a false positive mammogram at some point during the study period, compared to 26 to 30 percent of those screened biennially, according to the findings published in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute.

“Just having a false positive result means having the potential anxiety and inconvenience of having to undergo additional procedures,” Braithwaite told Reuters Health.

In older women in particular, biopsies and other procedures may exacerbate underlying health conditions, she added.

Reuters



A radiologist examines breast X-rays after a cancer prevention medical check-up at the Ambroise Pare hospital in Marseille, southern France, on 3 April, 2008.—REUTERS

WORLD



People ride bikes in the snow in Hangzhou, capital of east China's Zhejiang Province, on 8 Feb, 2013. Hangzhou witnessed heavy snowfall on Friday afternoon. Zhejiang provincial meteorological observatory issued an orange alert against the icy road.
XINHUA

UNICEF warns of increased health risks for Syrian children

GENEVA, 9 Feb — Syrian children are at increased risks of disease as water, hygiene and sanitation have been severely disrupted by the nearly two-year conflict, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) said on Friday.

A UNICEF-led nationwide assessment in Syria found that in areas affected by conflict, water supplies are only available at one-third of pre-crisis levels. In Deir al-Zour, an eastern Syrian city, water pumping dropped by up to 90 percent, while in Damascus it has fallen by 20 percent.

Power cuts, fuel shortages, lack of maintenance due to insecurity and damage to infrastructure are the main reasons behind the worsening water shortages, said the UNICEF.

It also found that the treatment of sewage water has decreased from 70

percent before the crisis to 35 percent now. Collection and safe disposal of domestic waste is also highly disrupted. Access to basic water, toilets and soap in schools and health facilities is very poor.

Syrian national production of water treatment chemicals almost ceased because of conflict, increasing the risk that tap water is contaminated.

The UNICEF warned that children, who make up half of the four million people who urgently need assistance, are at increased risk of diarrhoea and other water-borne diseases.

Marixie Mercado, the UNICEF spokesperson, told reporters that the agency started to ship one million litres of chlorine in February to provide safe water for more than 10 million people for three months.—Xinhua

Flu kills four in Greece

ATHENS, 9 Feb — Four patients in Greece died of an influenza virus while more than a dozen others have been hospitalized, Greek health authorities announced on Friday.

Three of the victims were infected by the H1N1 flu which had triggered alarm worldwide four years ago, experts of the Greek Center for Disease Control and Prevention said.

The fourth man had been infected by the same type B flu which has swept other countries this winter.

Health officials advised in particular members of high-risk groups, such as elderly and underage persons suffering from cardiovascular or respiratory illnesses, to get vaccinated.

Experts estimate that the cycle of the seasonal flu in Greece will close by late March.—Xinhua

Argentina accuses Britain of pursuing oil in disputed islands

BUENOS AIRES, 9 Feb — Argentine Foreign Minister Hector Timerman said on Thursday that oil is behind Britain's interest in the Malvinas Islands, known to the Britons as the Falklands. "What I sense in Britain's position is a strong smell of oil," Timerman told Radio del Plata.

The remarks came after Jan Cheek, a leading political figure on the disputed islands, said last Wednesday that Timerman's assertion that the islands would be Argentina's in 20 years "smelled like desperation."

Argentina has criticized Britain's decision to step up its search for oil in island waters, warning that it will denounce the companies that finance the explorations. "The British government uses the British citizens who live on the islands to justify its own

intransigence. We want to dialogue, we want to fulfill the United Nations resolutions," said Timerman.

Timerman returned on Thursday from a 72-hour visit to London, where he met with intellectuals from 18 European countries who support the renewal of dialogue between Britain and Argentina on the disputed islands, located just off Argentina's south coast.

British Foreign Secretary William Hague and Timerman were supposed to meet in London, but the meeting was canceled as Buenos Aires rejected the participation of parliamentarians from the islands.

A referendum will be held on the islands in March, so residents can decide whether to preserve their current political status as a British overseas territory.—Xinhua

French charge north in Mali, Bamako shooting kills two

BAMAKO/GAO, 9 Feb — French forces hunting Islamist rebels in northern Mali parachuted into a strategic town and took control on Friday, but a suicide bombing further south and the killing of two civilians by soldiers in the capital Bamako raised fresh security fears.

In their hot pursuit of al-Qaeda-allied militants in Mali's remote Saharan northeast, French special forces seized the town and airfield of Tessalit, about 50 km (30 miles) from the Algerian border.

It was the northernmost town secured so far by French and Chadian troops in their drive to flush retreating jihadist insurgents out of their hideouts in the Adrar des Ifoghas mountains, where they are believed to hold French hostages.

In a four-week lightning military intervention launched by Paris on 11 January, some 4,000 French troops backed by

warplanes and helicopters have driven Islamist rebels out of the main urban centres of northern Mali into the mountains and desert.

But the speed of the offensive has opened up a potential security vacuum behind the fast-moving French forces, where liberated towns and areas are meant to be secured by the Malian army and a larger African force that is still deploying.

In an ominous sign of vulnerability, Mali's first reported suicide bombing since the arrival of French forces left a Malian soldier injured on Friday on the outskirts of Gao, recently retaken by French and Malian troops from the Islamists.

A soldier who witnessed the attack said a man on a motorbike approached a checkpoint from the town

Methane gas buildup leads to Pemex explosion: expert

MEXICO CITY, 9 Feb — An accumulation of methane gas caused the recent deadly blast in the basement of the headquarters of Mexican oil giant Pemex, an investigator said on Thursday. The gas "was confined in a very small cell" and had an airborne concentration below 10 per-

cent, which means it was hardly perceptible to humans, said Brian Dunagan, a foreign expert involved in the investigation.

However, "a single spark is enough (to initiate the blast). It could be an electrical installation, including static electricity," added the expert at a Press

conference.

Explaining why there was no trace of explosives at the site, Dunagan said, "methane gas explosion is a clean explosion." The 31 January explosion at the 211-metre Pemex Tower in downtown Mexico City killed 37 people and left dozens hospitalized.—Xinhua



A soldier points his finger at the wreckage of a motorbike used by a suicide bomber who blew himself up at a checkpoint north of Gao, recently retaken from Islamist rebels, on 8 Feb, 2013.—REUTERS

of Bourem. Ignoring orders to halt, he pulled up his shirt and there was a large blast.

The charred, twisted remains of the motorbike could be seen by the side of the road and shrapnel scarred a nearby wall.

The attack followed the expulsion by French-

led forces of Islamist rebels from their desert strongholds of Gao, Timbuktu and Kidal. Since the recapture of Gao, at least two landmine explosions on a main route to the town have killed several Malian soldiers.

Reuters

Blast near mosque kills 16 in Pakistan's northwest

PARACHINAR, 9 Feb — A bomb blast killed 16 people and wounded 27 in Pakistan on Friday, government officials said, in an area that authorities said they had cleared of Taliban fighters.

"Most of the dead and injured were returning from Friday prayers at a mosque," said Mehmood Aslam, a government official in the area.

A Pakistani journalist and a paramilitary fighter were among the dead, said Fazal Qader, the regional deputy official.

The blast took place near a shop in Kalaya, the capital of the semi-autonomous Orakzai region in the ethnic Pashtun belt that runs through northwestern mountains along the Afghan border. No group claimed responsibility.

Following the attack, nine militants were killed after jets bombed their hideout, a local official and a military official said.

Security forces launched a major operation in Orakzai in March 2010 to push out insurgents fleeing a military offensive in the nearby South Waziristan region on the Afghan border. Orakzai was previously seen as a stronghold of Pakistani Taliban chief Hakimullah Mehsud.

The military says several hundred Taliban fighters have been killed in Orakzai since 2010 and the area is under control. But despite losses, the militants have since carried out several bomb and gun attacks in the area.

Clearing out militant sanctuaries near the Afghan border is seen as crucial to US efforts to bring stability in the run-up to the end of the US-led combat mission in 2014.

Reuters



Rescue workers help a man who was injured during a suicide bomb attack in Kalaya, the capital of the semi-autonomous Orakzai Agency, in Peshawar on 8 Feb, 2013.

REUTERS

WORLD

Abu Dhabi oil giant to get three bln USD loan from Japan

ABU DHABI, 9 Feb — The Japanese ministry of trade said on Friday it will grant a loan of 3 billion US dollars to Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (Adnoc) in order to support the firm's upstream business and to spur relations between Tokyo and Abu Dhabi, *Gulf news* reported.

Japanese Trade Minister Toshimitsu Motegi will sign the deal on Sunday in Abu Dhabi when the minister visits the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Saudi Arabia, said the report. Adnoc will get the loan from Japan Bank for International Cooperation.

Tokyo already granted a loan of the same amount to Adnoc twice in 2007 and 2010, in order to ensure Adnoc's oil exports to Japan which relies 99 percent on oil flows from abroad.

The UAE provides 25 percent of Japan's oil needs. In 2011, bilateral trade between the two countries surged 37 percent to hit 50.38 billion US dollars.

Xinhua

France pays ransom to free hostages in Niger

PARIS, 9 Feb — France had paid millions of US dollars in a bid to release four nationals kidnapped in Niger by an Islamist group more than two years ago, a local media reported on Friday.

In an interview with the news channel i>tele, former US Ambassador to Mali, Vicki J Huddleston unveiled that French officials gave about 17 million US dollars to free the four French captives, who are believed to be hidden in Mali, by al-Qaeda militants in the Islamic Maghreb



Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh (R) meets with his Bhutanese counterpart Jigme Thinley at the former's residence in New Delhi, India, on 8 Feb, 2013. —XINHUA

Pirates kidnap three cargo ship crew in Gulf of Guinea

LONDON, 9 Feb — Pirates have attacked a British-owned cargo ship in the Gulf of Guinea, taking three crew members hostage, the vessel's owner said. The UK-flagged ship *Esther C* was boarded on Thursday by pirates who stole some property, took the seamen then left, said Isle of Wight-based Carisbrooke Shipping in a statement.

Russia's foreign ministry said two of its citizens were among the hostages taken between the Cameroonian port of Douala and the port of Malabo in Equatorial Guinea.

Armed hijackings have been on the rise in West Africa's Gulf of Guinea, an increasingly important source

of oil, cocoa and metals for world markets. Armed gangs have typically targeted oil tankers and attacks on cargo ships are rarer.

Carisbrooke said the remaining nine crew members on board were safe and well and the ship had continued its journey.

Earlier this week a Luxembourg-flagged, French-owned petroleum products tanker hijacked off Ivory Coast was released with its crew of 17 safe.

Many Gulf of Guinea pirate groups are offshoots of militant organisations that once operated in Nigeria's oil-rich Niger Delta but have since signed an amnesty agreement with the government.—*Reuters*

Malian politician supports deployment of UN peace keeping mission

BAMAKO, 9 Feb — Mali's ex-foreign minister and the chairman of PARENA party, Tiebile Drame, said on Thursday that he supported the deployment of a United Nations peace keeping mission in Mali.

Drame who is an expert on security matters in the Sahel, affirmed that "he totally supports the idea of deploying a UN peace keeping mission to Mali after the Franco-African coalition ends its mission of dismantling the logistical bases and weapons of the islamists."

On Monday, after a meeting between the French President Francois Hollande and the US vice-president

Joe Biden at the Elysee, France and the US agreed on the need to quickly put in place a UN peace keeping mission in Mali.

According to Drame, given the gravity of the situation, only funding from the regular UN budget and its logistical support will help the country to overcome the instability that it will be confronted with in the near future.

"A new UN resolution

will be welcome to place all the African troops under the UN flag," he said.

Drame noted that such a move will immediately ensure proper logistical support and a more coherent coordination between different African contingents in the country. In addition, he said that the "fight against insecurity will be reinforced."

During a Press conference on Thursday, the public relations officer of the Mali-

country's most prominent leaders, was nearly killed when gunmen attacked his convoy, killing four of his aides.

Kano residents said soldiers had cordoned off the areas attacked and movement was being restricted in the city.

Boko Haram killed hundreds last year as part of its campaign to impose Islamic law, or sharia, on a country of 160 million split roughly equally between Christians and Muslims.

The group is seen as the most serious threat to the stability of Africa's top energy producer, and Western governments fear the country could become a base for operations of al-Qaeda-linked Islamist groups in the Sahara.

Reuters



A car moves through a toll gate of highway in Changsha, capital of central China's Hunan Province, on 9 Feb, 2013. The highways in China will be toll-free for passenger cars from 0:00 on 9 Feb to 24:00 on 15 Feb when most Chinese will go home for the Spring Festival and return to work.—XINHUA

At least seven killed in a cattle attack in Kenya's northwest

LODWAR, 9 Feb — Two children and a woman were among seven people that were on Friday killed in fresh clashes between cattle raiders and Turkana herders in Kenya's Northwest region.

Turkana South police Chief John Bosco Mutu said over 400 heavily Pokot warriors attacked a Turkana Kraal in Kaptir area sporadically opened fire killing five people before driving away several herds of cattle.

The police chief said the attackers surrounded the village at 5 am (0200 GMT) on Friday and fired at the villagers, killing two children, a woman and two men. "The about 400 armed bandits surrounded the kraal as the villagers woke up to milk their cattle. They sporadically fired at the manyattas and killed the five on the spot before they drove away unknown number of cattle," Bosco Mutu told *Xinhua* on phone from

Lokichar.

The raiders from Om-bolion area in Pokot North were said to have sneaked through the border Nakwamoru River and took several hours to plan to attack the villagers.

The police chief said two of the raiders were killed and the number of the stolen cattle could not be verified but villagers reported to have lost over 2,500 herds including cows, goats and sheep.—*Xinhua*



A staff member feeds dogs sent for holiday fostering service at a pet store in Liaocheng, east China's Shandong Province, on 8 Feb, 2013. Many pet stores in Liaocheng now provide holiday fostering service during the Spring Festival. Pet owners can have their fondlings tended when they are away on holiday. —XINHUA

PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 10 February, 2013

Fair, strong policies need to cope with rapid tourism booming

Myanmar has become a regional tourist destination as the country has opening up and the new government enacted the Myanmar Investment Law inviting foreign investment. Myanmar's Ministry of Hotels and Tourism expects that the number of tourists would increase in 2013 and the tourist arrival can reach around 1.5 million.

Tourist arrival hit a record high in Myanmar, reaching over one million in 2012. As the demand is higher than supply, the hotel industry struggled to cope with the high number of tourists. Hotel rooms are not enough for the tourists and prices for a room in one four-star hotel in Yangon has increased from US\$70 in 2011 to US\$250, though the quality and service of local hotels are not good enough.

The rapid tourism boom has caused challenges for the industry.

Anyway, it is obvious that tourists enhance the development of hotels and shopping facilities, which in turn creates jobs for local people. However, the mass tourism can make challenges and do harm our environment and cultural identities of the local people.

Therefore, we should take the pros and cons of the tourism in consideration and how we can best prevent side effects from the rapid booming tourism, including pollution.

Thousands of people visiting an area would cause more environmental pollution. Tourism is one of the main reasons that improve economic returns and cause pollution. Thus, some actions need to be taken to protect our ecological system. We firmly believe that tourism should be developed harmoniously with environmental conservation.

We should try to set fair and strong policies that can manage the tens of thousands of tourists arrivals not to be crowded so much in the same place at the same time of the year.

Development undertakings of Pakokku, Gangaw districts inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Feb—Chief Minister U Phone Maw Shwe of Magway Region presented gifts to specialists and nurses and optical glasses to patients who have already received free eye surgical operations organized by Sayadaw Bhaddanta Gunalankara and Magway Region Development Foundation in Kanma Village of Pakokku Township on 5 February morning.

The specialist team provided surgical operations to 140 patients, optical glasses to 324

patients and medicines to 263 patients, totaling 727.

On 6 February, the Chief Minister heard reports on progress of Shwechaung Bridge in Pakokku and inspected construction of Thayetchaung Dam in Kababyu Village of Pauk Township, extension of Monywa-Pale-Gangaw-Haka Road and a RC bridge at mile posts 93/4 and 93/5 on Hsaymintaw-Tawma-Yemyetni road section of Monywa-Pale-Gangaw-Hapa Road.

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As Myanmar belongs to the Common Law Legal System...

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Corruption headed by a Vice-President is formed and work of the committee have commenced to fight corruption and bribery. The Legislature on 8 August 2012, formed the Committee on Rule of Law and Tranquility



EU Chairman and Ambassador David Lipman participates in meeting.—MNA

of Pyithu Hluttaw to overview the rule of law.

It is hoped that this seminar will discuss the meaning of rule of law and its essence, the different concepts of rule of law and the social theories and values in Myanmar that are relevant to rule of law reform.

Ambassador David Lipman said that EU commended the historic changes in the country and recognized the challenges ahead in terms of democratization, economic development, the situation of human rights and peace and national reconciliation. "It is therefore a great pleasure that I stand before you today in this first ever high level

meeting", Lipman declared. EU was a union of values and a community of law, he said, adding primarily among these were universal values, the values of democracy, the rule of law and respect for human rights. "EU is eager to support to measure to encourage and



Professor Sir Jeffery Jowell QC participates in meeting.—MNA

maintain the rule of law and wider reforms in Myanmar. We are committed to engage with the government of new Myanmar to make the rule of law work", Lipman said. He went on to say that the rule of law was at the heart of EU and UN and should assist and protect every person on this planet. "We must empower those most vulnerable in society, especially the women and the children, Lipman told the meeting.

In her speech, Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Rule of Law and Tranquility Committee Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, in her keynote speech, expressed pleasure to join all participants in the unprecedented seminar on the rule of law in Myanmar,

perspective and prospects, saying there was so much that needed to be done with respect to rule of law in the country. She expressed belief that her committee would be crucial to the wellbeing of the country because the rule of law was crucial to wellbeing of any country. While the protection of human rights was a subject



Pyithu Hluttaw Rule of Law and Tranquility Committee Chairman Daw Aung San Suu Kyi takes part in discussion.—MNA

close to her heart, and very important one, the need for rule of law went beyond much further, she noted. She pointed out the need to have English official translation of the law if the aim was something like to attract foreign investment, adding the unofficial translation of dubious quality left foreign investors and advisors guessing at the actual content and meaning of the law. She saw no problem with the laws and judgments that were purely domestic in scope. Myanmar people did not trust the court and did not believe in justice delivered

by the court and that for decades the courts were not free from the executives, she told the meeting. She spoke of the need to train lawyers, judges and others who had to interpret the law and to improve the working condition of those involved with the court. She made the point that the constitution concerned everybody in the country and everybody should be interested in amending it so that it would meet the norm of a genuine democratic society. At the same time, the committee Chair said she intended to achieve it through negotiations and the establishment of mutual understanding about what was right for country. "The rule of law, constitutional reforms, everything to do with democracy, justice and stability in our country is the concern and responsibility of every single one in our country, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi stated, adding, "We must put greater emphasis on administering and disseminating information so that our people not only know the legal rights but also know the provisions that exist to combat the violation of these rights. I would like to urge that our people must not only know their rights but also the responsibilities." She also pointed out that "If we cannot even provide the courts with the basic equipment necessary for modest law courts, how can we expect the rule of law in our country."

The discussions went on till evening.

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High-ranking officials meet in Myanmar's Future: Economic Growth, Knowledge, and Regional Cooperation

YANGON, 9 Feb—"Infrastructural development is vital for facilitating trade and investment for economic growth of Myanmar," said Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe stressing the importance of Thilawa Special Economic Zone and SMEs development for job creation.

The region chief minister speaking at high-ranking officials' meeting on Myanmar future, economic growth, knowledge and regional cooperation jointly organized by Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI) at Parkroyal Hotel in Yangon yesterday noon called international assistance for boosting competitiveness



Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe and officials pose for documentary photo.—MNA

of SMEs ahead of the emergence of ASEAN Economic Community by 2015. President of

ADB Mr Haruhiko Kuroda discussed the topic of Myanmar future, economic growth, knowledge and

regional cooperation and he and personnel responded to queries of those present.

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NATIONAL

Hailing 66th Anniversary Union Day:

The guardians

- * On a mountain town, Panglong
Nationalities in unity
Blood thicker than water
The essence is the Union
- * Amity and goodwill in core
All in harmony and love
And with resolve we march
Towards a peaceful country
- * Driving away enemies
Unity as strength
And gallantry added
Crushing the destructive
- * Through thick and thin
Ever in cohesion
Long live the Union
We are the guardians

Maung Hte Wa-Pyawbwe (Trs)

Union Day delegates go sightseeing in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Feb—The cultural delegates of regions and states who will attend the ceremony to mark the 66th Anniversary Union Day 2013, accompanied by officials, visited Uppatasanti Pagoda, white elephants shed, Hluttaw

buildings, Defence Services Historical Museum, National Landmarks Garden, Zoological Garden, Safari Park, Planetarium, Water Fountain Garden and Myoma Market on 7 and 9 February morning and afternoon.—MNA



Cultural delegates of regions and states visiting Defence Services Historical Museum.

MNA

Selected players picked out in traditional cane-ball for XXVII SEA Games

YANGON, 9 Feb—The sports trials for the tentatively selected players of Myanmar Traditional Cane-ball Team that will take part in the XXVII SEA Games was held at the Aung San Gymnasium, here, on 2 February morning.

A total of 55 men players and 31 women players participated in the sports trials at the basic level.

The second level of the sports trials was held on 3 February.

Myanma Alinn

All are making efforts for media development...

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State-run media are being converted to Public Service Media and the news

reporting must meet the norms and free from bias and any influence. It is a



U Ko Ko Aung of BBC (Myanmar Section) responds to questions.



Mr Sadar Umar Alam, Head of Office UNESCO (Myanmar) replies to queries.

fundamental of PSM.”

“BBC Media Action, a part of BBC will extend help for media development,” he said.

Mr Sadar Umar Alam, Head of Office UNESCO



U Ko Ko from Yangon Media Group replies to questions.

(Myanmar) expressed his opinion on today's event and he said, “it is an opportunity the Ministry of Information, all the development partners, donors, international organizations, UN agencies who are working in media sector development.”

“They briefed each other on projects, initiatives they have taken and shared views,” he added.

“We are very pleased that the Ministry of Information informed us about the second stage of reform for media development. I am very much satisfied with this forum,” he said.

Farming equipment exhibited

MANDALAY, 9 Feb—Mandalay Region Agricultural Mechanization Department organized the Mandalay and PyinOoLwin District Agricultural Machinery Exhibition at the hall of Patheingyi Township Agricultural Mechanization Department on 31 January.

Four farmers bought

agricultural machinery. Those presented viewed farming equipment.

Farmers may purchase machinery at AMD through installment. Skilled workers will train the farmers at respective villages to be able to use their machinery. Farmers may seek help from the department for maintenance of farming machinery.—Kyemon

GGA donates K 78.5 million for school building

MAHLAING, 9 Feb—With the aim of uplifting education standard of the local people in Mahlaing Township of Mandalay Region, GGA of Japanese Embassy donated K 78.5

million for construction of school building to Chairman of School Committee U Kyaw Khway of Kangyi Basic Education Primary School on 10 January.

At present, a school building to admit 180 students is under construction, according to Headmaster U Khin Maung Shwe.

Kyemon

Coord meeting on construction of concrete bridge held

BAGO, 9 Feb—A coordination meeting on upgrading of bailey bridge to concrete one was held at the hall of Township General Administration Department in Kyaukkyi on 11 January.

The bridge will be 270 feet long. The Township

Administrator made a speech at the meeting. The Senior Engineer of Special Project Group and party held a discussion with the local people for undertaking development of the town and uplift of socio-economic life.

Kyemon

Transformer arrives at Bhamo Power Station

BHAMO, 9 Feb—A 77/11 KV 40 MVA transformer arrived in Bhamo of Kachin State on 25 January.

The facility will be used to supply electricity to the local people in Bhamo, Momauk (Myothit), Mansi and Dawphonyan of Bhamo District on completion of repairing Tapein Hydro-power Plant.

Moreover, ACSR 795 MCM cables arrived at Bhamo Power Station to install 66 KV power lines.

Myanma Alinn



Study finds European cars are less green than claimed

BRUSSELS, 9 Feb—European car manufacturers are exploiting test loopholes to exaggerate their vehicles' green credentials, an official European Commission study has found.

The report, which is likely to stoke already heated debate on carbon standards, found that cars are more polluting and a lot less fuel-efficient than their makers tell us.

Simulations used to test new cars have never perfectly reflected actual emissions. However, the

EC-commissioned analysis by three consulting firms found "flexibilities" squeezed consumers, benefited manufacturers and jeopardised European Union environment goals.

Test techniques such as using tyres with extra traction or driving on an unrealistically smooth road surface could account for about a third of the recorded drop in average carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions across the European Union between 2002 and 2010, it said. "Frank-

ly, people should be absolutely outraged. This is just taking money out of people's pockets.

The industry is running rings around this procedure," one EU source told *Reuters* on condition of anonymity.

CO₂ emissions were 167.2 grams per kilometre (g/km) in 2002 and 140.4 g/km by 2010, figures in the report showed, giving a total average reduction across new EU cars of 26.8 g/km. The study attributed 9.1 g/km, or roughly a third, to the way testing was performed, rather than improved technology.

"This means that vehicles do not deliver end-users the promised fuel cost reductions, leading to consumer misinformation," said the report carried out by the Netherlands Organization for Applied Scientific Research (TNO), British-based AEA Ricardo and IHS Global Insight, of the United States.

Reuters



An aerial view shows cars and trucks stuck in traffic on the A10 motorway between the Austrian cities of Salzburg and Villach near the Tauern tunnel, on 23 July, 2005.—REUTERS

Pepco says power restored to Washington, DC customers

WASHINGTON, 9 Feb—Pepco, a unit of Pepco Holdings Inc, has restored service to about 50,000 Washington, DC homes and businesses that lost power earlier on Friday after a tree hit a transmission line, according to the power company's website.

With the return of the Pepco customers, utilities in the US Northeast and Mid-Atlantic said there were only about 10,000 customers out from New England to the Carolinas due to the massive blizzard pummeling the area.

About half of the current outages — estimated

at 4,700 — are on Long Island, New York, where the state-owned Long Island Power Authority (LIPA) is the electric utility company.

Weather forecasters say the storm could drop up to three feet (nearly one metre) of snow in parts of New England over the next

couple of days. Earlier on Friday, Pepco spokesman Bob Hainey told *Reuters* a tree fell on a major transmission line, affecting four substations and knocking out power to some 50,000 customers. "It's not clear if it was related to the storm," Hainey said.—*Reuters*

Postal Service loss narrows to \$1.3 billion in October-December

WASHINGTON, 9 Feb—The Postal Service cut its losses by more than half in its first quarter as mail tied to the November elections, and stronger revenue from holiday-related packages contributed to a better quarter.

The postal agency, which recently announced plans to cut back on Saturday deliveries because of financial problems, lost \$1.3 billion in the October through December quarter compared with a year ago loss of \$3.3 billion, officials said on Friday.

USPS Chief Financial Officer Joe Corbett said the Postal Service still expects to face extremely low levels of cash during 2013.

"The need for such cost-saving initiatives like

five-day mail delivery are borne out by the continuing loss of first-class mail and the resulting deep and unsustainable financial losses," Corbett said on Friday.

"We cannot continue to operate on a precipice," he said.

The mail service has been grappling with tumbling mail volumes as Americans communicate more online, and has struggled under the weight of massive required payments for future retiree health benefits.

The October through December period, which is the first quarter of the Postal Service's fiscal year, is typically the strongest because of the holidays.

Officials said total mail volume during the quarter

fell to 43.5 billion pieces from 43.6 billion a year earlier. A dip in first-class mail volume was mitigated by the 3.6 percent rise in standard volume, largely due to official election and political mail.

The Postal Service also set aside less this year for its annual payment for future retiree health benefits, which contributed to a 9.8 percent drop in operating expenses to \$18.9 billion

during the quarter.

A 2006 law requires the Postal Service to fund 75 years worth of its future retirees' healthcare by 2016. The Postal Service has blamed much of its financial troubles on the massive payments into this fund. The independent government agency relies on sales of stamps and other products rather than taxpayer dollars to fund its operations.—*Reuters*



A view shows US postal service mail boxes at a post office in Encinitas, California on 6 Feb, 2013.

REUTERS

Final polls show Italy's centre-left needs Monti to govern



Outgoing Italian Prime Minister Mario Monti addresses the annual meeting of the World Economic Forum (WEF) in Davos on 23 Jan, 2013.—REUTERS

ROME, 9 Feb—The centre-left is on course to win Italy's election despite a remarkable surge by Silvio Berlusconi, but it is likely to have to form a governing coalition with outgoing premier Mario Monti, final polls before the 24-25 February vote showed on Friday.

Most polls published before a pre-vote blackout showed Pier Luigi Bersani's centre-left still five or more points ahead, despite a scandal over a Tuscan bank with which it has links and a continuing fight-back by former

Prime Minister Berlusconi. An average of polls calculated by *Reuters* showed Bersani on 34.7 percent, 5.7 points ahead of Berlusconi. The anti-establishment 5-Star Movement of comedian Beppe Grillo was running third on 16 percent, with Monti's centrists trailing on 13.6 percent.

While this lead is expected to give Bersani a clear majority in the lower house, the situation in the Senate is much more uncertain and most pollsters believe the centre-left will need to seek an ally to govern, with Monti by far the most likely. Senate seats are awarded by region, with a big bonus for winners. In the key battlegrounds of Sicily and Lombardy there was less than a 3 point difference between the centre-left and centre-right, barely above the margin of error,

ISPO pollsters said in a survey for *Corriere della Sera* newspaper.

SWG pollsters also showed a Senate projection in which Bersani would win 146 seats, 12 short of a majority, with Monti taking 21. Such a result is considered almost certain to push Bersani into the arms of Monti, despite the former European Commissioner's lack of traction in the campaign.

"An alliance has already been made between Monti and Bersani; it is all organized," said Rome resident Luigi Jervolino as he sipped coffee in a central bar. The Senate has equal powers to the Chamber of Deputies, and Berlusconi's target is to take enough seats to make a Bersani government unstable. "Monti's presence in the government would mean a reliability in Europe, reliability in the markets, and a much greater strength for the government," Professor James Walston of the American University in Rome told *Reuters*.

Bersani and Monti have begun making cautious overtures to each other this week, but any alliance is strongly opposed by an existing member of the centre-left coalition, the Left Ecology and Freedom party (SEL). Monti has called on Bersani to dump SEL or risk spooking markets.—*Reuters*

Russia, US to jointly probe abuse of adopted children

MOSCOW, 9 Feb—Washington has agreed to cooperate with Moscow to investigate cases involving abuse of adopted Russian children in US families, Russian Investigative Committee (IC) said on Friday.

"IC representatives forwarded earlier this week a letter from (IC head) Alexander Bastrykin to the representatives of the US Justice Ministry," said the committee's spokesman Vladimir Markin. The letter was already delivered to the US Attorney General Eric Holder, he added.

Bastrykin invited Holder for talks in Moscow over the abuse of the Russian-born children in US foster families.

"Russian IC has been investigating 13 relevant child abuse cases," the *Interfax* news agency quoted Markin as saying. At least 19 Russian children have

died due to their US adoptive parents' fault since 1996, according to Russian President's ombudsman for children rights Pavel Astakhov. The working group for Russia-US law enforcement interaction was created by Russian Prosecutor General Yuri Chaika and Eric Holder in May, but the conditions of the Russian children in US families have become a hot issue at the end of 2012 when Moscow passed the Dima Yakovlev Act, the so-called Anti-Magnitsky Act.

The act banned Americans from adopting Russian orphans in a tit-for-tat response to the US Magnitsky Act. The US act passed in December introduced a blacklist of Russian officials allegedly linked to the death of Russian lawyer Sergei Magnitsky at a Russian prison in 2009.

Reuters

REGIONAL

Sunken ferry salvaged in Bangladesh, death toll rises to 12

DHAKA, 9 Feb —At least 12 passengers were drowned in the ferry accident on Friday on the Meghna river in southern Munshiganj district, some 27 km southeast of capital Dhaka, police said on Saturday.

Police chief of Munshiganj district Habibur Rahman told *Xinhua* by cell phone that the ferry ML Sarash was lifted by salvage ship Hamza in the

early hours on Saturday and the rescuers picked up ten more bodies from inside the ferry, raising the death toll to 12.

The victims included five men, two women and five children, he said, adding that there were still some missing people but he could not give the exact figure. The ferry carrying about 100 passengers was going to Matlab of south-

eastern Chandpur district from Narayang river port town, 16 km east of Dhaka, when the accident occurred at around 7 am local time on Friday.

Ferry and boat disasters are common in Bangladesh, which is crisscrossed by about 250 rivers. Ferry is still a key means of transport in the country. Most of them are often overcrowded.—*Xinhua*



MV Rustom arrives to rescue the capsized passenger ferry in the Meghna river in Gazaria in Dhaka, Bangladesh, on 8 Feb, 2013.

XINHUA

India hangs Parliament attack's main conspirator

NEW DELHI, 9 Feb—Indian parliament attack convict Mohammed Afzal Guru was hanged Saturday in New Delhi, said an Indian news channel Aaj Tak.

Guru was executed on early Saturday morning at the high profile Tihar jail in the national capital barely a fortnight after Indian President Pranab Mukherjee rejected his clemency plea on the advice of the Home Ministry, the sources said.

Guru was convicted by Indian authorities for his role in the December 2001 attack on India's Parliament house, which killed several Indian security personnel and five attackers.

He was sentenced to death in 2004 by the country's Supreme Court. The sentence was supposed to have been carried out on 20 Oct, 2006. However, the sentence was stayed after Guru's wife filed a mercy petition.

Guru's execution came less than three months after India had hanged till death Mohammed Ajmal Amir Kasab, the only militant caught alive in the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks which claimed the lives of over 170 people.

This is the third execution since 1995, the first being a man in the eastern city of Kolkata in 2004 for raping and killing a school girl.

Xinhua

New Zealand, Australia to expand economic integration, share refugee burden

WELLINGTON, 9 Feb—The leaders of New Zealand and Australia on Saturday announced a series of new measures to more closely align their two economies, and to tackle regional health and refugee issues.

The prime ministers of the two countries are meeting in the South Island ski resort of Queenstown for the annual Australia-New Zealand Leaders meeting, which takes on extra significance this year as the 30th anniversary of the trans-Tasman Closer Economic Relations (CER) free trade agreement. The new package of measures, announced by New Zealand Prime Minister John Key and Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard, included a CER investment protocol to come into force next month and new retirement savings portability between the two countries from July.

They also announced new technologies to fast-track travel between the

two countries and joint action to tackle the high cost of trans-Tasman cellphone roaming rates.

"These measures underline our on-going commitment to further integration of the Australian and New Zealand economies, which will boost economic growth, and help retain and create new, well paying jobs for Australians and New Zealanders," Key said in a statement. Key also announced that New Zealand had agreed to resettle 150 refugees, who were subject to Australia's offshore processing legislation on Manus Island and Nauru.

"People smuggling has tragic consequences. It is a regional problem that requires regional cooperation," he said. "These 150 refugees will form part of the quota of 750 refugees New Zealand already takes as part of its commitment to the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR).—*Xinhua*



Passengers board a train at the Chongqing Railway Station in southwest China's Chongqing Municipality, on 8 Feb, 2013. The Chongqing Railway Station on Friday saw the last passenger flow peak ahead of the 2013 Spring Festival, which falls on 10 February.

XINHUA

Six killed in US drone strike in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 9 Feb—At least six people were killed and two others injured on Friday evening as a US drone attacked a house in the northwestern tribal region of Pakistan, local media reported.

Local Urdu TV channel Express News reported that the unmanned aircraft targeted a house in the Babar Ghar village that lies at the border of North Waziristan and South Waziristan, Pakistan's two volatile tribal regions bordering Afghanistan.

According to the reports, the drone fired two missiles at the house and killed six people inside besides injuring two others.

The house was completely destroyed in the attack.

Local people rushed to the site and pulled out the bodies and injured from the rubbles.

Friday's attack is the 8th of its kind in Pakistan's northwestern tribal areas since the start of the current year. So far this year at least 53 people have been killed in such strikes.

Xinhua

Indonesia to receive 12 Sukhoi superjets this year

JAKARTA, 9 Feb—Russia will deliver a total of 12 *Sukhoi Superjet 100s* to Indonesia this year in a deal worth 380 million US dollar, media reported here on Friday.

Russian Ambassador to Indonesia Mikhail Galuzin told a Press conference on Thursday that the business deal had been signed between Indonesia's airliner Sky Aviation and Russia's Sukhoi Civil Aircraft Company.

The ambassador also

mentioned the tragic *Sukhoi SJ-100* demonstration crash that killed all 45 people on board last year in West Java of Indonesia.

"The crash brought our countries closer together," the ambassador was quoted by the *Jakarta Post* as saying.

Trade volume between Indonesia and Russia climbed to 2.54 billion US dollar in 2012, from 774.88 million US dollar in the previous year.

Xinhua

Japanese investors eye investment opportunities in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 9 Feb—Business executives from 60 conglomerates in Japan has visited Cambodia to study the country's potential sectors, investment laws and business environment before making investment in the future.

The group of Japan's top business leaders, led by Hiromasa Yonekura, chairman of the Japan Business Federation, met with Cambodian Minister of Commerce Cham Prasidh and Cambodian business people on Friday morning in order to seek business opportunities. In a presentation to those potential investors, Prasidh said that Cambodia now is full of political stabil-

ity and its macro-economic situation is stable.

"Laws related to investment are sound, transparent and predictable. Moreover, products manufactured in Cambodia can get access to key world markets through trade preferences or duty-free because Cambodia is one of the least developed countries," he said.

The minister added that the country is strongly encouraging investment activities in agriculture and agro-industry, transport and telecommunication infrastructure, energy and electricity, labor intensive industries and export-oriented processing and manufacturing, tourism-related in-

dustries, human resources development, processing industry, oil and gas and mining. The Japanese business people are mainly engaged in industries of automotive, petroleum, energy, banking and finance, transportation, brewery, food and beverage, steel and airlines, Yasukiyo Horiuchi, senior manager in charge of public relations bureau at the Japan Business Federation, told reporters.

Among them were representatives from Toyota Motor Corporation, Nippon Steel and Sumitomo Metal Corporation, Hitachi, Panasonic Corporation, Asahi Group Holding and the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, he said.—*Xinhua*



Firefighters try to put out a mountain fire in Dali City, southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 8 Feb, 2013.

Firefighters on Friday are continuing their efforts to contain the mountain fire in Dali, a mountain resort area in Yunnan. Thousands of firefighters and servicemen have been working in shifts to extinguish the fire that broke out Wednesday in Huangjia Village of Dali City. There have been no reports of casualties so far. Initial investigation showed waste incineration by a local sanitation worker started the fire, which was fueled by strong winds and dry weather.

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV BLPL BLESSING VOY NO (1208)

Consignees of cargo carried on BLPL BLESSING VOY NO (1208) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 10-2-2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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HOLIDAY NOTICE

As the wharves, warehouses and chellan Offices of Yangon Port will be closed on the 12th February 2013 (Union Day), Loading, Unloading and delivery for Goods will be received on Payment as Holiday Fees.

Bank Holiday

All Banks will be closed on 12nd February (Tuesday) 2013, Union day, being public holiday Under the Negotiable Instruments Act.
Central Bank of Myanmar

Drive Safely

Indonesia
to see sugar
surplus this
year

JAKARTA, 9 Feb—A senior Indonesian official said on Friday that the country will see enormous surplus of sugar for households this year at 1.36 million tons.

However, despite the abundance of household sugar supply, certain areas could not receive sugar supply properly due to poor distribution, said Bachrul Chairi, foreign trade director general with the trade ministry.

He said that the poor sugar distribution is still affecting remote and border areas that made people living in those areas had to pay more for sugar.

To overcome such a condition, he said that the government would possibly allow importers to import sugar in order to secure sugar supply to remote and border areas.

Those importers would only be permitted to distribute sugar to those regions, not to somewhere else, he said.

"This policy was intended to make people living in those regions paying the appropriate price for sugar like those in other areas," he said.

Xinhua



The Cadillac ELR, an electric hybrid car, is presented at the Chicago Auto Show in the McCormick Place, on 7 Feb, 2013. The auto show kicked off its first of two media preview days on Thursday and will continue with a public show 8-19 February.—XINHUA

Chicago hosts annual
auto show

CHICAGO, 9 Feb—Chicago Auto Show, the largest consumer auto show in North America, boasts many popular vehicles around the world, including Audi, Mercedes-Benz, BMW, Volvo, Toyota, and all the US-made brands.

From passengers cars, trucks, sport-utility vehicles, minivans and concept cars, nearly 1,000 vehicles will be showed to the public in the spacious exhibition hall at the McCormick Plaza.

On the first two days specially opened to media, a concept car from Toyota draws attention.

"Fun-Vii stands for fun vehicle interactive, internet," said Omar, a Toyota representative. "It's essentially a smart phone on

wheels. It allows you to use a lot of the applications in our day-to-day life except that they are actually integrated into our vehicle," Omar said.

The Fun-Vii, an electric vehicle with three seats, is conducted on an electric pad. No need to plug in, and one can check the battery and the functions of the vehicle from remote. Using an app, one can change the image of the vehicle as easily as if downloading a phone app, according to Toyota.

Another vehicle from Toyota that stands out is the Tundra, a pickup.

"It's bigger, more aggressive looking, and has more industrious corners on the vehicle," said Matt Troyer, product specialist Toyota.—Xinhua

Ministry of Information

Invitation to open tender for purchasing machines
for Myanma Radio and Television

1. Open tender documents are invited to purchase the following machines for Myanma Radio and Television under the Ministry of Information—

(a)	Studio Lighting System	1	Lot
(b)	6.6 KV VCB Panel	1	Set

2. Open tender forms are available at Myanma Radio and Television, Nay Pyi Taw (Tatkon), from (9:30 to 16:30) hours as of 9-2-2013.

3. Open tender forms are to be submitted in the presence of Tender Board of Myanma Radio and Television, Nay Pyi Taw (Tatkon), from (9:30 to 16:30) hours on 13-2-2013. Overdue tender forms will not be accepted.

4. Tender form rules, lists of equipments and detailed information are available at the following address.

5. Price scrutiny will be made at 9:00 am on 14-2-2013 at Office No. 7, Ministry of Information, Nay Pyi Taw.

Machine procurement Committee
Myanma Radio and Television, Nay Pyi Taw (Tatkon),
Ministry of Information.
Ph: 067-79411, 067-79135



People select red lanterns for the coming Spring Festival in Qingzhou City, east China's Shandong Province, on 8 Feb, 2013. The Spring Festival, the most important occasion for the family reunion for the Chinese people, falls on the first day of the first month of the traditional Chinese lunar calendar, or 10 February this year.—XINHUA

French, Moroccan companies to build
Africa's largest wind farm

RABAT, 9 Feb—French utility giant GDF Suez and Morocco's Nareva Holding will build and operate Africa's largest wind farm in the Tarfaya desert area of southern Morocco, GDF said in a statement on Friday.

A total of 400 million

euros will be invested in this project, which is due to enter service at the end of 2013. The Tarfaya site will be Africa's largest electricity project with an output of 300 megawatts, nearly two-fifths of Morocco's total wind energy.

Morocco seeks to gen-

erate 2,000 megawatts of wind energy by 2020 in a bid to cut its dependence on fuel and energy imports.

GDF Suez and Nareva signed a 20-year agreement under which the Tarfaya wind power will be sold to the Moroccan government.—Xinhua

Thailand's Hat Yai hotels fully booked for
Chinese New Year

BANGKOK, 9 Feb—Hotel rooms in Thailand's southern tourist haven of Hat Yai are at full occupancy, now fully booked, mostly by tourists for the Chinese New Year this weekend, the Thai News Agency reported on Friday.

Somchart Pimthanoon, president of the Hat Yai-Songkhla Hotel Association, said Hat Yai's business district is lively and the city has been festooned with Chinese-style decorations ahead of the city's Chinese New Year 2013.

He said all the city's hotel rooms are fully booked for the 10-16 February festival, with an increased inflow of both domestic and international tourists feeling confident about the government's security measures.

He said combined forces of police, soldiers and civilians have been deployed across the city round the clock and checkpoints have been set up to ensure safety for local residents and tourists as part of the stiff security measures to prevent any untoward incident by insurgent groups.

About 6.7 million US dollars is expected to be circulated during the upcoming festivities, said the association president.

Xinhua

ENTERTAINMENT

Taylor Swift wants Selena Gomez to cut all ties with Justin Bieber

NEW DELHI, 9 Feb — I Knew You Were Trouble singer Taylor Swift, who is single following her split from One Direction star Harry Styles in December, wants Selena Gomez to boycott Justin Bieber completely. Taylor Swift is encouraging her best friend to move on because she doesn't think the 18-year-old Canadian pop-

star is right for her. A source close to Taylor told HollywoodLife.com: "Taylor would rather Selena break everything off with Justin and believes that will happen in the very near future. Taylor isn't a Justin fan at all. There is just a process that Selena has to go through to have that finally happen and Taylor understands that. Taylor

is very spiritual and superstitious and believes in the saying, 'It takes half the time of a relationship you had with someone to get over the relationship you had with that person.' If Taylor can speed things up a little bit by being there for Selena and showing her the fun she can have, then she will gladly do it."

PTI



Taylor Swift is encouraging her best friend Selena to move on because she doesn't think Justin Bieber is right for her. PTI

Australian singer Kylie Minogue joins Jay-Z's music label

Singer Kylie Minogue



NEW YORK, 9 Feb — Australian Grammy-award winning singer Kylie Mi-

nogue, whose hits include "Come Into My World," moved to rapper Jay-Z's

Roc Nation music label, the company said on its website. Minogue left British label EMI, which had been taken over by Universal, last year and parted with her longtime manager, Terry Blamey, last month after 25 years together.

She joins Rihanna, Shakira, MIA and other artists at the New York-based entertainment company which will increase her presence in the United States. Jay-Z created the company in 2008 with ticketing and promotional business Live Nation. "We would like to welcome Aussie singer, recording artist, songwriter, actress and designer Kylie Minogue to the Roc Nation family!" the company said on its website.—Reuters

company said on its website.—Reuters

Whitney Houston's hit voted best love song in US poll

NEW YORK, 9 Feb — With Valentine's Day just a week away, singer Whitney Houston's classic ballad "I Will Always Love You" has been voted the most popular love song in a US poll. The signature song of the Grammy-award winning singer, who died sud-



Whitney Houston

denly a year ago, scored 38 percent of the vote among all adults in the Harris Interactive survey, and was the top pick among all divorced, separated or widowed Americans. Houston's hit from her 1992 movie, "The Bodyguard" was a cover of a 1974 song written and recorded by country singer Dolly Parton.

The Righteous Brothers' "Unchained Melody," Percy Sledge's "When a Man Loves a Woman," Joe Cocker's "You Are So Beautiful," and the Bees Gees' "How Deep is Your Love" rounded out the top five songs. "Romance is about making an emotional appeal to the senses, and

to the heart," Aaron Levine, of Sony Electronics Home Audio, which commissioned the poll, said in a statement announcing the results. "So, turn down the lights and turn up the sound." More than 2,000 adults who voted in the online poll were asked to pick their favorite love songs from a list of more than 40 tunes spanning several decades.

Aerosmith's "I Don't Want to Miss a Thing" came in sixth, followed by Patsy Cline's "Crazy", Foreigner's "I Want to Know What Love Is," Bryan Adams' "(Everything I Do) I Do It for You" and "Let's Get It On" by Marvin Gaye.—Reuters

I don't care about wrinkles: Cameron Diaz



Cameron Diaz

LONDON, 9 Feb — 'Charlie's Angels' star Cameron Diaz says she has a better body now than when she was in her 20s and has no ageing woes.

The 40-year-old can see the benefits of her healthy eating and fitness regime every time she

looks in the mirror, reported Femalefirst online.

"Do I think my body is different from when I was 20. Yes. But I think that now is better. I don't care about wrinkles and I actually feel stronger," Diaz said.

PTI

Kraftwerk mixes art with music in sell-out shows

LONDON, 9 Feb — German electronic music pioneers Kraftwerk have always aimed to combine music and art so performing at London's Tate Modern was the ideal venue for them after three years of planning.

Kraftwerk took over the 800-capacity Turbine Hall at the art gallery on Wednesday to play the first of eight consecutive shows, each focused on a different album, starting with "Autobahn" from 1974 and ending with "Tour de France" from 2003.

The sight of four middle-aged men in skintight neon suits standing almost motionless on stage behind a line of consoles backed by 3D images may look bi-

zarre to the uninitiated but to the group's devoted following it all seems to make sense.

When tickets went on sale in December, priced at 60 pounds (\$95) each, the demand crashed the gallery's website.

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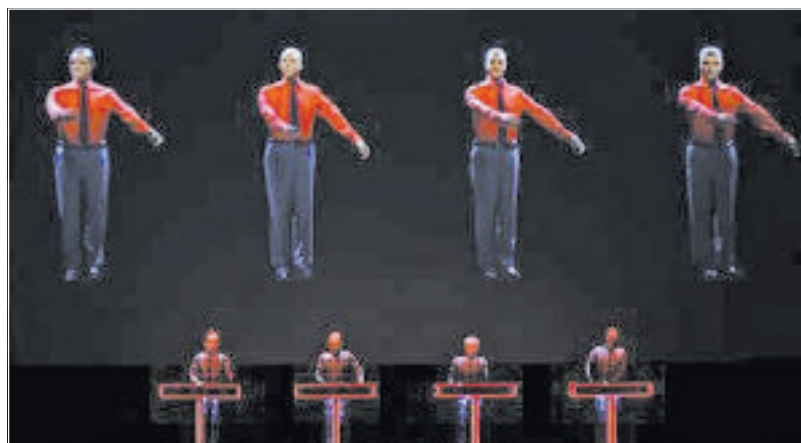
night runs at New York's Museum of Modern Art and in Kraftwerk's home town of Duesseldorf were also sold out with massive demand to see the group hailed by some as one of the most influential in pop history.

Catherine Wood, cura-

tor of contemporary art and performance at the Tate Modern, said it made sense for Kraftwerk to perform in an art gallery, and particularly at the Tate Modern which was once a power station — the English translation of Kraftwerk.

Reuters

German electronic band Kraftwerk perform with a 3d stage set at the Tate Modern in London on 6 Feb, 2013. REUTERS



SPORTS

Figure skating: Hanyu leads, Takahashi trails at Four Cont's



Yuzuru Hanyu

OSAKA, 9 Feb—Newly crowned Japanese champion Yuzuru Hanyu upstaged world silver medalist Daisuke Takahashi to take the lead after the men's short programme at the Four Continents Figure Skating Championships on Friday. Hanyu collected 87.65 points to lead after the first day followed by China's Yan Han in second with 85.08, and American Richard Dornbush in third at 83.01.

The 26-year-old Takahashi, who has announced

he will retire after the Sochi Winter Olympics, was fourth on 82.62 after a shoddy performance to Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata." Hanyu was nearly flawless in a spellbinding performance to "Parisian Walkways" by Gary Moore — his only miscue coming when he popped out of a triple Lutz-triple toeloop combination.

"I don't know why I popped out of my Lutz," said Hanyu. "I am doing very well condition-wise, so going into tomorrow, I feel reassured that I am in first place but at the same time I have lots of regrets. I'm in a good position to work harder."

Dornbush was elated to even be here after receiving the call to compete just days before. "I was very happy with the way I skated my short program this evening because I had just received the call a few days ago,"

he said. "It was better than I did at the national championships, so a big step for me." Takahashi, who has changed his music from the up-tempo "Rock-n-Roll" to "Moonlight Sonata" to add gravitas and switched the sequence of his jumps for the second half of the season, lost his balance on his opening quad toeloop and took a spill on a triple axel.

National bronze medalist Takahito Mura, who turns 22 on Monday, scored

a season's best 78.03 but had to settle for eighth after deductions on his opening quad toeloop-triple toeloop combination and his triple Lutz. US champion Max Aaron slumped to 10th following an error-strewn short programme. Osaka native Takahashi won the Grand Prix Final with the top score in this season's series, 269.40, which left Hanyu second despite a sterling 264.29.

Kyodo News



Daisuke Takahashi

Marius Vizer, the president of the International Judo Federation



Judo: International chief receives Japan apology over abuse scandal

PARIS, 9 Feb — Marius Vizer, the president of the International Judo Federation, revealed on Friday that he has received an apology from the head of Japan's federation.

Vizer was at a Press conference at the Paris Grand Slam, where he said All Japan Judo Federation chairman Haruki Uemura had apologized regarding an abuse scandal that has

rocked sports in Japan.

A complaint from 15 women judo athletes that alleged physical and verbal abuse within the Japan national team has led to the unprecedented apology and the resignations of the national women's coach, an assistant coach and the All Japan Judo Federation's head of development.

Kyodo News

76ers' Richardson out for season with knee injury



Philadelphia 76ers guard Jason Richardson (23) drives on the Denver Nuggets guard Andre Miller (R) during the second half of their NBA basketball game in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on 31 Oct, 2012.—REUTERS

LOS ANGELES, 9 Feb—Philadelphia 76ers guard Jason Richardson will miss

the rest of the National Basketball Association season with a knee injury, the team

said on Friday.

The 32-year-old shooting guard, who has missed his team's last eight games will have surgery at Mt Sinai Medical Center in New York on a date yet to be confirmed.

Renowned for his extravagant slam dunks, Richardson has started 33 games for the 76ers this season, averaging 10.5 points and 3.8 rebounds.

Philadelphia, who reached the Eastern Conference semifinals last season before losing to the Boston Celtics, have a 21-27 record and sit just outside a playoff spot in ninth place.

Reuters

Arsenal defender Santos in Brazil transfer talks

RIO DE JANEIRO, 9 Feb—Brazil's Gremio has confirmed its interest in signing Arsenal defender Andre Santos for the club's upcoming Copa Libertadores campaign.

The club is in a race against time to secure the 29-year-old ahead of the 12 February deadline to submit Copa Libertadores team squads. "Andre Santos is one of our interests. We talked with Arsenal, but there is nothing certain. It is a very difficult nego-

tiation," Gremio president Fabio Koff told Zero Hora.

Santos has made just 23 first-team appearances

for the Gunners since his 2011 move from Turkey's Fenerbahce. Gremio coach Vanderlei Luxemburgo is

seeking a backup to injured former Liverpool and Valencia left-back Fabio Aurelio following the club's failure to sign Argentina international Emiliano Insua last month.—Xinhua



Arsenal defender Andre Santos

Sizzling Snedeker in tie for Pebble Beach lead

LOS ANGELES, 9 Feb—FedExCup champion Brandt Snedeker, the hottest player on the PGA Tour this year, took advantage of ideal scoring conditions by charging into a share of the second-round lead at the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am on Friday. The fast-talking American fired a flawless four-under-par 68 on a glorious sun-splashed afternoon at Spyglass Hill, one of three venues for this week's pro-am celebrity event, to post an eight-under total of 134.

Snedeker, who has recorded three top-three finishes in his first four starts on the 2013 PGA Tour, collected two birdies on each nine to end the day level with compatriot Ted Potter Jr, who carded a three-under 67 at Monterey Peninsula Country Club. "I didn't make a lot of putts today but I look forward to going into the weekend," Snedeker, 32, told reporters

after sinking nothing longer than a five-footer for his four birdies on the toughest of the three courses being used this week.

"My confidence is very high and, after last week, I feel like my game is where I want it to be. Two good days to go, it should be a lot of fun." Snedeker, a four-times winner on the PGA Tour, has finished second in his last two events — four

shots behind Tiger Woods at the Farmers Insurance Open and then four behind Phil Mickelson at last week's Phoenix Open.

"That's how you win out here, you keep putting yourself in position, and the more times you do, that the more success you're going to have," said Snedeker, who is widely regarded as one of the best putters in the game.—Reuters



Golfer Brandt Snedeker watches his drive off the 10th tee of the south course at Torrey Pines during first round play at the Farmers Insurance Open in San Diego, California on 24 Jan, 2013.—REUTERS

Cuba optimistic for returning to Davis Cup

HAVANA, 9 Feb—The Cuban tennis commissioner and one of the best players in the island's history, Juan Antonio Pino, on Friday expressed his optimism on the return of locals to Davis Cup as part of the group America 3. "We have short-listed a group of talented young players, who have improved in their daily

work and we are optimistic, as we have seen how they have been perfecting their game," Pino was quoted as saying by official daily "Granma".

The America 3 group will hold matches from 18 to 27 June in La Paz, Bolivia, and includes Cuba, Bahamas, Bermuda, Bolivia, Costa Rica and Hon-

duras. Pino said the return of Cuba to the competition represents a great opportunity, after an absence of five years. "It is a fact that this return gives us prestige before the International Tennis Federation (ITF), motivates the players and gives us the opportunity to develop our sport," he said.

Xinhua

GENERAL

Wellwishers donate nutrition to school children

YANGON, 9 Feb — Wellwishers donated nutrition to school children from the Basic Education Primary School No. 15 and Alatchaung Monastic Education School on 28 January.

U Kyaw Thu Zaw, District Administrator of Yangon West District General Administration Department and wife also donated K100,000 to repair desks and



benches of the BEPS school children from both No. 15 and 100 dozens of exercise books for 1230 schools.

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Kenya plans more friendlies ahead of World Cup qualifier



Football Kenya Federation (FKF) president, Sam Nyamweya

NAIROBI, 9 Feb—Egypt and Congo Brazzaville have been lined up as Kenya's next opponents as the country's national football team prepares to take on the might of Nigeria in their next 2014 FIFA World Cup qualifier. Football Kenya Federation (FKF) president, Sam Nyamweya, announced the planned friendlies on Friday while stating the intent of pulling all stops to ensure Harambee Stars were in good shape for the Super Eagles next month.

"We have received invitations from Egypt and Congo Brazzaville in March before we play Nigeria. We are ready for them and I'm urging the team to cause a surprise," the chair added.

He also disclosed interviews were still going on with the candidates for the position of the team's head coach although Belgian Adel Amrouche who is tipped for the role travelled with the team to Tunis where they beat Libya 3-0 on Wednesday. "There is nothing wrong with someone going to see a team. We will name a head coach when we are ready but for now, we have (James) Nandwa who will go anywhere."

"We are looking for someone with experience in matches like World Cup qualifiers to help Nandwa and we have not appointed anyone yet. We are still talking to them," Nyamweya underscored. He also refuted reports his federation had settled for Algerian born Amrouche and his presence in Tunis

meant he had nailed the job as the successor to Frenchman Henri Michel who quit the team in December. The Belgian quit Burundi in February last year days after led them past Zimbabwe 2-1 in a 2013 Africa Nations Cup qualifier.

"These friendlies will give the team good time to gel and I'm confident we can do well against Nigeria. In Tunis, the local and foreign players gelled very well and followed instructions and that is why they played so well." "We want to keep this going and we shall ensure we have good preparations before we play Nigeria," Nandwa who hailed his team's performances while beating a side ranked 47th in the world added.

"The morale was good and the players were looking forward to do something. They know they can change our football. The international players worked so well with ours in a 4-3-3 formation."

Xinhua

Joint leader Fisher goes slowly but surely at Joburg Open

JOHANNESBURG, 9 Feb—Trevor Fisher Jr, chasing his first European Tour win, shot a scintillating nine-under 62 to earn a share of the lead with fellow South African Richard Sterne after the Joburg Open second round on Friday.

The 33-year-old Fisher strung together seven birdies and an eagle on the less challenging West Course at the Royal Johannesburg and Kensington Golf Club to finish on 15-under 128 alongside joint overnight leader Sterne (65).

"It was a great day," Fisher told reporters. "Everything just happened for me and I sank the putts I needed to sink. 'I was patient ... I walked slowly and did everything slowly.'" Fisher and Sterne were three shots ahead of third-placed South African George Coetzee (64) who is also looking for his maiden European Tour victory after a string of near misses. World number 18 Charl Schwartzel, the highest-ranked player in the tournament, burst through the field with a 65 as he



Trevor Fisher Jr

grabbed a share of fourth position on 133 with Chile's Felipe Aguilar (66) and

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| 2:45 pm | 24. News |
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US captain of 'Miracle on Ice' hockey team selling his jersey

CANBRIDGE, (Massachusetts), 9 Feb—The captain of the US Olympic hockey team, known for its "Miracle on Ice" victory over the Soviet Union in 1980, plans to auction off the jersey he wore in the game along with other items from the Games. Mike Eruzione also plans to sell the stick he used to score the game-winning goal and the gloves he wore throughout the tournament at an auction in New York on 23 February, said Chris Ivy, director of sports at Heritage Auctions in Dallas.

The team's 4-3 victory over the formidable Soviet team at the Olympic Games in Lake Placid, New York, was



Vice President Joe Biden stands with 1980 Miracle on Ice legend Mike Eruzione at the women's US vs China hockey game at the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics, on 14 Feb, 2010.—REUTERS

a David-and-Goliath story, Ivy said on Friday. "This (hockey) stick is the sling that David used to launch the rock that caused the victory," he said. Eruzione decided to sell the items to raise money for his foundation, which supports charitable causes in his hometown of Winthrop, Massachusetts, and for his children and grandchildren, the auction house said in a statement. The jersey emblazoned with Eruzione's name and the number 21 was expected to fetch about \$1 million, the auction house said, and was among 22 items offered for sale. Eruzione also put up for sale the jersey he wore two days later in a gold medal-winning game against Finland and the warm-up suit he wore during

the medal ceremony, when he called his team to the podium. Eruzione kept the clothing and equipment in a hockey bag in the attic of his home, according to Heritage Auctions.

He said he was selling them "because I want to take care of my family, my charity and to turn them over to history." "They hold no nostalgia for me," Eruzione was quoted as saying in the statement. "I went to Lake Place Placid for one thing: to get a gold medal. I achieved that and it will never leave my possession." He added: "If my jersey can end up in a museum, or with a collector, a team or a corporation that will care for it and display it the right way, then I will be happy."—Reuters

All are making efforts for media development in Myanmar



Work coordination meeting for the development of media, jointly organized by Ministry of Information and Media Development Thematic Working Group (MDTWG) in progress.

YANGON, 9 Feb—Ministry of Information and Media Development Thematic Working Group (MDTWG) held a work coordination meeting for the development of media at the Chatrium Hotel here today.

It was participated by Deputy Minister for Information U Ye Htut and heads of departments of the Ministry of Information, diplomats, responsible personnel from the UN agencies, journalists and guests.

Ministry of Information and UNESCO have worked together to promote the role of media in Myanmar.

UNESCO has provided technical assistance to Myanmar to draft the framework for rules and regulations for Myanmar's media to meet the international standard.

Interviewed by MNA

The Myanmar News Agency interviewed Mr Raman R Tuazon, CI/Media Development Specialist from UNESCO (Myanmar).

Regarding the press freedom in Myanmar, Mr Raman R Tuazon said, "I think it's very important because many organizations are coming and they are very much willing to help in media reforms in Myanmar and we need to coordinate the efforts of different organizations in Myanmar. The efforts of this organizations are to be complementary, so in this thematic working group and the Ministry of Information is very very timely and very important, so a good set up.

UNESCO is very happy and we are working with the Ministry of Information in the creation of this thematic

working group."

Regarding the media freedom in Myanmar, he said "there has been very very positive development (of media freedom) in Myanmar and UNESCO is very encouraged by this positive development, hoping that this will continue and press freedom in Myanmar will continue to expand in the very near future. There will be more laws which will protect and promote press freedom."

As regards the question on media reforms, he said, "I think one of the main features is the creation of the Public Service Media-PSM in Myanmar. We hope the transformation will be soon and independent, freedom and autonomy of the public service media to

be established.

Regarding today's event, U Ko Ko of Yangon Media Group said, "We begin to have greater press freedom along with democratization process. Myanmar's media reforms are dramatic and unexpected ones. It is important that media industry develops along with greater press freedom, and we might need systematic plans and road maps for this. The government has given green light to private newspapers and it is a positive sign for democratization. And they are also the feature of democratic society."

U Ko Ko Aung (BBC Myanmar Program) said, "I hope greater inclusive discussion will continue for media development of Myanmar.

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National Objectives of 66th Anniversary Union Day

- For all the national races to perpetuate the Union and to cultivate the Union Spirit
- For all the national races to live in unity and harmony
- For all the national races to build up the prevailing national reconciliation
- For all citizens to participate in tasks for tranquility and the rule of law
- For all the national races to join efforts for modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation

Myanmar, Malaysia sign MoU on science and technology cooperation

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Feb—Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr Ko Ko Oo and Malaysian Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation Dr Maximus Johnity Ongkili signed MoU on science and technology cooperation on 5 February.

The areas of cooperation range from exchange of scientists, experts and scholars in implementing joint projects, joint designing, holding joint conferences,

and seminars, trainings and courses and exchange of research findings, to science and technology information and documents.

The Union minister held a discussion on bilateral cooperation with the Malaysian minister and personnel of Multimedia Development Corporation (MDeC), and research departments of Biotech Corp and MIMOS.

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Union Day delegates at Hluttaws

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Feb—A total of 235 cultural troupe members from Kayin, Mon, Shan and Shan (North) States and Taninthayi Region

who will attend the 66th Anniversary Union Day Ceremony observed Hluttaw buildings this noon.

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By Ko Naing

Kyaukpyu is a beautiful sea port in Rakhine State. It is made up of ten wards which are home to 12365 population of 4467 households. From 1954 to 2012, it was supplied electricity by a 55-kilowatt generator. In 2012, it was complete with one 1000 KVA generator and one 500 KVA generator. In this case, the department spent fuel cost for two hours and the power supply committee, 17 hours.

Since early February 2013, one Welt Man brand 1000 KVA generator, one 400/11000 volt 1000 KVA transformer and machinery

have been installed. Additionally, it was equipped with the 19.82 miles long 11 KVA power lines, the 14.77 miles long 400 volt power line and 16 transformers while the old power lines was substituted with new ones.

To supply electricity to Kyaukpyu, tower foundations are under construction as of January 2013 in the building of the Okshitpin-Taungup-Kyaukpyu 230 KV power lines.

A 230/66/11 KV 100 MVA sub-power station is being built on 54 acres of land, 5.6 miles southwest to Kyaukpyu to link the



Photo shows a 1000 KVA generator that arrives in Kyaukpyu being moved by crane.

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national grid. Arrangements are being made to transfer electricity to 66/11 KV 20 MVA sub-power station in the compound of the Kyaukpyu Township Electrical Engineer Office and install 5.6 miles long 66 KV power lines. Meanwhile, a 50-megawatt gas power plant will be built in the 230/66/11 KV power station yard for generating electricity by using natural gas from the Shwe natural gas project. On completion, the gas power plant will supply electricity not only to Kyaukpyu but also to its surrounding towns of Rakhine State.

The construction of power plant, sub-power station and installation of power lines are expected to be completed at the end of 2014. It is also projected to supply electricity to the whole town beginning the early March of 2013.

After 2014 when electricity can be generated from the power stations and gas power plants across the nation, those facilities will be able to supply electricity at full capacity to Rakhine State.

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