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First Pyithu Hluttaw regular session commences with cent per cent attendance of Pyithu Hluttaw representatives, Defence Services Personnel Pyithu Hluttaw representatives

Invitation of Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw read for convening Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Jan —Summoned by the State Peace and Development Council exercising powers and duties vested according to Article 443 of State Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Article 32 of the Pyithu Hluttaw Law, the first Pyithu Hluttaw regular session took place at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here at 8.55 am today.

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First Pyithu Hluttaw regular session in progress at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Boost production of organic fruit and vegetables

Paddy and other crops grow well in Myanmar due to favourable conditions. Using advanced methods and high-yield strains of crops, Myanmar can boost exportation of its agricultural produce.

In agricultural farming, boosting per acre yield has become at the forefront. So, farmers have to use chemical fertilizers apart from pesticides in order to boost agricultural production to meet the supply.

Use of limited amounts of chemicals and pesticides in a fixed period is not harmful to the health of consumers. Now, there are many cases in which fruits of some species are sprayed with chemical liquid to be more attractive, to the detriment of the health of consumers.

So, the people are paying more attention to organic fruit and vegetables. Farmers and producers are trying to deliver nutritious and organic fruit and foodstuff.

Related syndicates are providing organic farming methods and technical assistance for boosting production. In addition, they issue organic certification for organic produce.

With technological development, organic farming has become popular. In the past, it was to wait one year to grow organic trees and plants in a vacant land. Now, organic trees and plants can be grown directly in fallow lands. Therefore, farmers and producers have to boost production of organic fruit and vegetables with advanced agricultural methods in order that the produce is more saleable in local and international markets.

People's Voice

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

Mr and Ms Myanmar Contest 2011 held

YANGON, 31 Jan— Myanmar Body-Building and Physical Culture Federation and MDG Co Ltd jointly organized the Mr and Ms Myanmar Contest 2011 at Myanmar Convention Centre in Mayangon Township yesterday.

President of the Federation Secretary of Yangon City Development Committee U Aung Than Win and Chairman of MDG Co Ltd U

Aung Maw Thein presented first, second and third prizes to Aung Swe Naing, Khaing Lin and Aung Khaing Win in the Mr Myanmar Senior Contest, Zaw Win Aung, Salai Kyaw Min and Maung Maung Kyi in the Mr Myanmar Junior Contest and Wutyi Phyo, Hay Mar Soe Win and May Nadi in the Ms Myanmar Contest.

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Village development bridge inaugurated in Taikkyi Township

TAIKKYI, 31 Jan— A village development bridge was commissioned into service in Okkan Ywama Village in Taikkyi Township on 27 January.

Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council U Tin Swe Myint, Bridge Construction Committee Chairman U Than Aung and Secretary U Tin Myint formally opened the bridge.



It was attended by departmental officials and local people. The bridge is 15 feet long, 12 feet wide and seven feet high. It was built with K 1 million contribution from the rural development funds and K 1 million by the people.

Township IPRD

The opening ceremony of village development bridge in Taikkyi Township in progress.

TOWNSHIP IPRD

Tube-well, gravel road put into service in Myingyan Township

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Jan— As a gesture of hailing the 64th Anniversary Union Day, a 4-inch diameter tube-well was launched in Thityon Village in Myingyan Township yesterday.

The tube-well pumps 1500 gallons of water per hour.

In Ywathaya Village, a macadam road was commissioned into services in the morning.

Local authorities opened the road and walked along it.

The road is 1320 feet long and 12 feet wide.

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Brief on persuasion in economic subjects 11 Feb

YANGON, 31 Jan— Singapore Education Road Show 2011 will be conducted to explain facts about ERC Institute of EduTrust from Singapore and real life work experience in entrepreneurship and business administration that will commence March 2011 at ERC Institute.

Students have to learn classroom lesson in first three months and practical management in next six months.

Students can enjoy S\$ 400 per

month during six-month period.

Due to agreement, those who have completed the will have been offered by ERC Holdings member companies. The Education Road Show will be held at Summit Parkview Hotel on Ahlon Road on 11 February. For further information, contact Crown Education, Tel: 211888, (Extension: 228-229), 095085185.

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Old students of Lashio BEHS-2 to pay respects to teachers

YANGON, 31 Jan— Old students of Lashio Basic Education High School No. 2 will pay respects to teachers for the first time on 3 April.

Old teachers and students were invited to attend the ceremony. Those wishing to donate cash and kind may contact U Hla Myint (Headmaster), Tel: 082-23080, U Thein Aung, Tel: 082-

22369, U Htay Lwin, Tel: 095260698, U Maung Maung Tin, Tel: 082-30539, Ko Tint Zaw, Tel: 099260405, Ko Hla Kyaw, Tel: 095276118, Daw Tin Tin Cho, Tel: 082-25234, Daw Moe Moe Tun, Tel: 095262052, Dr Aye Aye, Tel: 095009877 and Ko Mya Win in Yangon, Tel: 01-503278 and U Zeyar in Mandalay, Tel: 092034732.

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Education Road Show to explain preparation for entrance test 11 Feb

YANGON, 31 Jan— Singapore Education Road Show 2011 will be conducted from 10 am to 4 pm on 11 February to explain preparations for entrance to Admission Exercise for International Students and Qualifying Test for the students who wish to attend Singaporean government's primary and middle schools.

AEIS test will include English and Mathematics subjects.

Matters related to qualifying test will be explained at the road show.

Asensia Academy will make entrance preparations for the students to attend the schools from primary 1 to 5 and secondary 1 to 3.

For further information, contact Crown Education, Tel: 211888, Extension: 228-229, 09-5085185 and 01-73040688.

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Cyber raids threaten British, US stock markets

LONDON, 31 Jan—Stock exchanges in Britain and the United States have enlisted the help of the security services after finding out they were the victims of cyber attacks, *The Times* newspaper reported on Monday.

The London Stock Exchange (LSE) is investigating a terrorist cyber-attack on its headquarters last year while US officials have traced an attack on one of its exchanges to Russia, according to the British newspaper.

Officials suspect the attacks were designed to spread panic among markets and destabilise



Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE).—INTERNET

western financial institutions.

Cyber attacks on governments and companies increased more than 500 percent over the last two years and a raid on the European Emissions Trading Scheme ten days ago

shut down the carbon market.

A leading UK cyber security expert told the newspaper: "Make no mistake, the UK's critical infrastructure is under attack. The threat is advanced and persistent."—*Internet*

Bombings targeting police kill five in NW Pakistan

PESHAWAR, 31 Jan—A pair of bombings targeting police in the northwestern city of Peshawar on Monday killed five people, including a senior police officer, officials said.

In the most deadly attack, a suicide bomber struck a vehicle carrying Rasheed Khan, the deputy superintendent of police in southern Peshawar, killing him and three others, including his driver, one of his guards and a passer-by, said police official Shafiq Malik.

Authorities originally said the suicide bomber was in a car, but Malik said he was on foot



Rescuers inspect the police van destroyed in suicide blast in northwest Pakistan's Peshawar on 31 Jan, 2011.—XINHUA

and used about 15 pounds (7 kilograms) of explosives. Seven people were wounded in the attack, which took place on the outskirts of Peshawar, he said.

Less than three hours later, a roadside bomb

hit a police vehicle on patrol, killing one policeman and wounding three others, said police official Fazle Wahid. The bombing took place several miles away from the first attack.

—*Internet*

Authorities find six burned bodies in Mexico's north

MONTERREY, 31 Jan—Mexican authorities say six bodies found outside the northern city of Monterrey were burned so badly that investigators couldn't determine the cause of death or the victims' gender.

A Nuevo Leon State prosecutors' spokeswoman says the bodies were found on a dirt road north of the city Sunday morning and bore the hallmarks of cartel killings.

The spokeswoman said cartels have been known to burn bodies to prevent identification and to terrorize rivals.

She spoke on condition of anonymity because she is not authorized to be identified by name.

Officials say more than 100 people — including at least 20 police officers — have been killed in Nuevo Leon this month as cartels fight over smuggling routes to the United States.

—*Internet*

Fire, explosions at Venezuela arms depot; one killed

MARACAY, 31 Jan—A fire and a series of explosions tore through a military arms depot Sunday, killing one person and leading authorities to evacuate thousands of people.

About 10,000 residents were removed to safety from areas up to several miles (kilometres) from the site as the burning ammunition produced powerful blasts, officials said.

The cause of the pre-dawn fire was unclear. Hours after the initial explosions, faint booms could still be heard in the

distance as clouds of white smoke rose from the area alongside hills in Maracay, 60 miles (100 kilometres) west of Caracas.

"It's under control but there is still risk," President Hugo Chavez said as he visited firefighters and other officials in Maracay. He noted that the blasts hurled some explosives such as grenades long distances into surrounding communities, and urged caution.

Officials were searching nearby neighbourhoods for any stray explosives, Aragua State

Gov. Rafael Isea told the state-run *Venezuelan News Agency*.

Chavez praised officials for a swift response. "An event like this could have produced a much bigger tragedy," he said.

Chavez wondered aloud what might have caused it, saying: "A fire there is odd, and at that hour."

Vice President Elias Jaua said earlier on state television that authorities were investigating — and suggested they weren't ruling out sabotage.

—*Internet*



A massive car bomb ripped through a funeral ceremony in a Shiite district of Baghdad on Thursday, killing 48 people in Iraq's bloodiest day in more than two months.—INTERNET

Iraqi government employee killed, six people injured in Baghdad violence

BAGHDAD, 31 Jan—An Iraqi government employee was killed and six people wounded in separate gunfire and bomb attacks in Baghdad on Monday, an Interior Ministry source said.

Gunmen using weapons fitted with silencers shot dead Malik Abdul-Hussien, an engineer in the Iraqi Ministry of Electricity, while he was driving his private car on a highway in Baghdad western District of al-Adil, the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

Separately, five people were wounded in two roadside bomb attacks in eastern and northern the capital in the morning, the source said.

Also in the day, a civilian was critically wounded when a sticky bomb attached to his car detonated while he was driving on a highway in eastern Baghdad, the source added.

The latest attacks are part of wave of assassinations by militant groups against Iraqi security members and government workers. The groups tactics are also include roadside bombings and sticky bombs attached to vehicles.

Violence and sporadic high-profile bomb attacks continue in the Iraqi cities despite the dramatic decrease of violence over the last three years.

—*Xinhua*



Security personnel examine the damaged vehicle belonging to the deputy governor of Afghanistan's southern Kandahar Province, after an attack in Kandahar City, in this image taken from video, on 29 January, 2011.—INTERNET



Chairperson of Pyithu Hluttaw U Htay Oo extends greetings.—MNA

First Pyithu Hluttaw regular session commences with cent per cent attendance of Pyithu Hluttaw representatives, Defence Services Personnel Pyithu Hluttaw representatives

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It was attended by Pyithu Hluttaw representatives-elect from Regions and States and Defence Services Personnel Pyithu Hluttaw representatives. The Pyithu Hluttaw representatives arrived at the hall starting at 7.15 am before the First Pyithu Hluttaw Regular Session started and signed

attendance.

Then, the representatives attended the First Pyithu Hluttaw Regular Session held at the Pyithu Hluttaw Hall.

According to the agenda, the Pyithu Hluttaw representatives elected Chairperson of the First Pyithu Hluttaw Regular Session. As U Htay Oo from Hinthada constituency

was the only nominee of the two proposals, he was elected as Chairperson of the First Pyithu Hluttaw Regular Session.

After taking chairmanship, Chairperson U Htay Oo of the first Pyithu Hluttaw regular session extended greetings.

The chairperson took the affirmation and

signed a statement of allegiance as the chairperson before the Pyithu Hluttaw representatives.

The chairperson

chairperson.

The chairperson presented leave of absence of Pyithu Hluttaw representatives and then confirmed the session was

U Shwe Mann from Zeyathiri Constituency was elected as Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw and U Nanda Kyaw Swar as Deputy Speaker of Pyithu



Pyithu Hluttaw representatives sign attendance book.

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announced the start of the first Pyithu Hluttaw regular session as 435 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives were all present at the session by cent per cent attendance.

The Pyithu Hluttaw representatives took affirmation and signed statements of allegiance before the

attended by all the Hluttaw representatives.

The chairman announced that the agenda of the first Pyithu Hluttaw regular session have been circulated.

Then, the Pyithu Hluttaw representatives cast votes to elect Speaker and Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw. Thura

Hluttaw.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swar took affirmation and signed statements of allegiance before Pyithu Hluttaw Chairperson U Htay Oo.

The Pyithu Hluttaw chairperson handed over duties to the Pyithu Hluttaw speaker.

Then, the Pyithu Hluttaw speaker extended greetings.

(The full note of the Pyithu Hluttaw speaker's greetings is reported separately.)

The Pyithu Hluttaw speaker read out invitation of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw speaker to attend Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session.

The Pyithu Hluttaw speaker announced the adjournment of the first day meeting of the first Pyithu Hluttaw regular session as the Pyithu Hluttaw representatives had to attend the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session at the invitation of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw speaker. The meeting was concluded at 2.30 pm.

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Pyithu Hluttaw representatives arrive at Pyithu Hluttaw Building to attend first regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw.

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Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann extends greetings at first regular Pyithu Hluttaw Session



Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann extends greetings.

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NAY PYI TAW, 31 Jan —The following is the translation of the greetings extended by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker **Thura U Shwe Mann** at the first regular Pyithu Hluttaw Session held at the Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of the Hluttaw Building here today.

Esteemed Pyithu Hluttaw representatives,

The first regular session of the very first Pyithu Hluttaw, which will go down

in the annals of Myanmar's history, starts today. On this auspicious day, I would like to extend my greetings, wishing you all delegates good health and happiness.

I am honoured and grateful to the representatives and all the people for electing me as the Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw on behalf of the people.

Here, accepting the powers and duties the delegates have trustfully vested

in me, I solemnly promise that I will do my best to conscientiously perform the duties of the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker. I also believe that all the representatives here have committed themselves to shoulder their duties conscientiously. I believe that we all will be able to shape a better future for the people through our dedicated duties and loyalty as the delegates of this Hluttaw will have the opportunity to participate in the Pyidaungsu level bodies as President, Vice-President and cabinet members.

Esteemed Pyithu Hluttaw representatives,
With a view to serving the interests of the nation and the people, we will have to constantly study and review to carry out the duties such as making legislation, the main duty of the Pyithu Hluttaw, and amending, supplementing and abolishing the existing laws. As legislation is concerned with all sectors such as politics, national security and defence, economy, finance, social affairs and international relations, it will have impact on executive and judiciary powers as well.

Again, we will have to carry out other tasks and procedures in the Pyithu Hluttaw in accord with the State

constitution to make sure that executive and judiciary powers do not deviate.

This is why we all delegates of the Pyithu Hluttaw need to act with the aim of serving the national interest only in performing tremendous duties, including the enforcement of legislation, without ism, seeking self-interest for own party, sectarianism and racism. It is important to prioritize the interests of the nation and the people rather than self-interest and that of one's own party.

Esteemed Pyithu Hluttaw representatives,

The political parties are urged to work together to seek the national interest as the common ground in implementing the tasks in the Hluttaw although they may have different ways and views.

Esteemed Pyithu Hluttaw representatives,

In short, I would like to say that we are all representatives of the people. So, it is necessary for us to decide, speak and act with goodwill and loyalty to the State and the people. In conclusion, it is also necessary to prove that we the Pyithu Hluttaw delegates are dutiful and loyal to the State and the people through our real actions and fruitful results.

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Thura U Shwe Mann, U Nanda Kyaw Swar elected as Speaker, Dy Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw respectively in accordance with the provisions in the Chapter-V of the Pyithu Hluttaw Bylaws

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Jan — Summoned by the State Peace and Development Council, the first regular session of the Pyithu Hluttaw was convened at the Pyithu Hluttaw Building here today.

According to the agenda 10 of the session, the elected representatives for the Pyithu Hluttaw took out the proposal forms from the MC to choose the candidate for the Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw, filled in the forms and presented them to the chairman of the first regular session.

The number of proposal forms took out for the candidate for the Speaker was two and the number of proposal forms presented back to the chairman of the first session was two.

U Thein Sein, an elected representative from the Zabuthiri Constituency proposed Thura U Shwe Mann of Zeyathiri Constituency for the Speaker and U Aung Thauang of the Taungtha Constituency seconded the nomination while U Thauang, an elected representative from the Mawlaik Constituency proposed U Mahn Maung Maung Nyan, an elected representative from the Pantanaw Constituency, for the Speaker and U Maung Oo, an elected representative from the Phaungpyin Constituency seconded

the candidacy.

Afterwards, the chairman announced the names of the candidates for the Speaker. There were two candidates for the Speaker. As there were two candidates for the Speaker, the elected representatives cast secret ballots for the Speaker.

Afterwards, votes cast by the elected representatives for the two candidates were compiled in accordance with the form-4 and the number of votes cast in favour of each candidate was compiled in accordance with the form-5.

Thura U Shwe Mann won 376 votes while U Mahn Maung Maung Nyan obtained 30 votes, and the chairman announced that Thura U Shwe Mann was elected as the Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw.

According to the agenda 11 of the first regular session, the choosing the Deputy Speaker was put to vote in accordance with the rules and regulations for choosing the Speaker. U Kyaw Hsan, an elected representative from the Pale Constituency proposed U Nanda Kyaw Swar, an elected representative from the Dagon Constituency, for the Deputy Speaker and U Thauang, an elected representative

from the Kyaukse Constituency seconded the candidacy. Dr Sai Kyaw Ohn, an elected representative from the Namkham Constituency proposed U Nelson (a) U Hsaung Hsi, an elected representative from the Kyaukse Constituency, for the Deputy Speaker and U Sai Hla Kyaw, an elected representative from the Langkho Constituency seconded the candidacy. U Tun Aung Kyaw, an elected representative from the Ponnagyun Constituency, proposed U Nelson (a) U Hsaung Hsi, an elected representative from the Kyaukse Constituency, for the Deputy Speaker and U Aung Kyaw Zan, an elected representative from the Pauktaw Constituency seconded the candidacy. U Kyaw Myint (a) U Pho Toke, an elected representative from the Moemeik Constituency, proposed U Mahn Maung Maung Nyan, from the Pantanaw Constituency, for the Deputy Speaker and U Kyaw Myint, an elected representative from the Nawngkhio Constituency seconded the candidacy. There were three candidates proposed for the Deputy Speaker.

As there were three candidates for the Deputy Speaker, the elected representatives cast secret ballots for

the Deputy Speaker.

Afterwards, votes cast by the elected representatives for the three candidates were compiled in accordance with the form-4 and the number of votes cast in favour of each candidate was compiled in accordance with the form-5.

U Nanda Kyaw Swar won 368 votes while U Nelson (a) U Hsaung Hsi obtained 45 votes and U Mahn Maung Maung Nyan got 15 votes.

Therefore, the chairperson of the first session of the Pyithu Hluttaw announced that **U Nanda Kyaw Swar** was elected as the Deputy Speaker.

Afterwards, the Speaker and Deputy Speaker sworn in by the chairman as the Speaker and Deputy Speaker and signed the statement of allegiance in the presence of the elected representatives.

U Htay Oo, the chairperson of the first regular session of the Pyithu Hluttaw handed over the duty to **Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann. Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann** received the duty and extended greetings.

The electing of the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw was elected in accordance with the provisions in the Chapter-V of the Pyithu Hluttaw Bylaws.

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Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint extends greetings at first Amyotha Hluttaw regular session

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Jan— The following is the translation of greetings extended by Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker **U Khin Aung Myint** at the first Amyotha Hluttaw regular session held at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building in here today.

Esteemed Amyotha Hluttaw representatives,

Today is the first day when Myanmar started exercising parliamentary democracy system again. So, it is a red letter day in the Myanmar political history. Hluttaw is an organization that has legislative powers vested by the public. Government, the administrative body, and judicial body are to implement the provisions of the Hluttaws.

It can be said that Hluttaw is an organization which reflects the life of people. So, duties and responsibilities of Hluttaw are tremendous. The Hluttaw representatives are to serve the interests of the people unanimously no matter which party they are from. And they are to discuss any matters in unison. It is important not to have a sense of contradiction. The precious time will be lost if they argue with each other. The truth may disappear because of the eloquence of a person in a

debate-like situation. I would like to urge all delegates to serve the interests of the State and the people.

In addition, all Hluttaw representatives are to follow and respect the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Hluttaw Laws and Bylaws. The delegates will have to treat one another with utmost courtesy, and they must have mutual respects.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all delegates for electing me as the speaker of



Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint extends greetings at first Amyotha Hluttaw regular session.

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Amyotha Hluttaw comprising 12 delegates each from Regions and

States. I promise that I will continue to carry out such a formidable

task rightfully in line with the laws and bylaws. MNA



Chairperson of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khat Htein Nan extends greetings.—MNA

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The chairperson took affirmation and signed a statement of allegiance as the chairperson in the presence of the Amyotha Hluttaw representatives.

The chairperson announced the start of the first Amyotha Hluttaw regular session as 224 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives were all present at the session by cent per cent attendance.

The Amyotha Hluttaw representatives took affirmation and signed statements of allegiance before the chairperson.

The chairperson announced that the agenda of the first Pyithu Hluttaw regular session had been circulated.

Then, the Pyithu Hluttaw representatives cast votes to elect Speaker and Deputy Speaker of

Amyotha Hluttaw. **U Khin Aung Myint** from No (8) Constituency of Mandalay Region was elected as Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw and **U Mya Nyein** as Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw.

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker **U Khin Aung Myint** and Deputy Speaker **U Mya Nyein** took affirmation and signed statements of allegiance before Amyotha Hluttaw Chairperson **U Khat**

Htein Nan. The Amyotha Hluttaw chairperson handed over duties to the Amyotha Hluttaw speaker.

Then, the Amyotha Hluttaw speaker extended greetings.

(The full text of the Amyotha Hluttaw speaker's greetings is reported separately.)

The Amyotha Hluttaw speaker read out invitation of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

speaker to attend Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session.

The Amyotha Hluttaw speaker announced the end of the first day meeting of the first Amyotha Hluttaw regular session as the Pyithu Hluttaw representatives had to attend the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session at the invitation of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker. The meeting was concluded at 1.35 pm.—MNA

Amyotha Hluttaw representatives sign attendance book for first regular session of Amyotha Hluttaw.—MNA



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint addresses first Pyidaungsu Hluttaw regular session

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Jan—The following is the translation of the introductory speech delivered by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint at the first Pyidaungsu Hluttaw regular session held at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw hall of Hluttaw building here at 3 pm today.

Esteemed Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives,

Today is a historic day as Hluttaw sessions are opened according to the sixth step of the State's Road Map. The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session is summoned today to elect vice-presidents and the president and to form a governing body and administrative bodies through the seventh step. **Esteemed Hluttaw representatives,**

Among the Hluttaw representatives, there might be only a few persons who witnessed the parliamentary system exercised in the post-independence period.

In retrospect, the 1947 constitution manifests parliamentary principles in the Chapter VI. Procedures and bylaws on parliament of the Union of Myanmar and Chamber of Nationalities were promulgated according to that constitution, and they came into force on 1 April 1952.

Legislative principles are also stated in the Chapter (IV) of the State Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar that was approved with the support of the great majority of the people in May 2008.

Article (443) of

that constitution prescribes that the State Peace and Development Council is responsible for preparatory work to bring the constitution into operation. So, the State Peace and Development Council prescribed laws and bylaws on respective hluttaws on 21 October 2010 for ensuring convenience in holding hluttaw sessions. So, without these laws and bylaws, we should have faced great difficulty in launching the hluttaw.

We can notice that the State Peace and Development Council not only promulgated related laws but also made all arrangements with farsightedness and goodwill for the comfort and convenience of hluttaw delegates such as very grand Hluttaw buildings and facilities.



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint extends greetings at first regular session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.—MNA

Therefore, I would like to say that Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is very grateful to the State Peace and Development Council for that. **Esteemed Hluttaw representatives,**

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is the highest body

in the nation. So, it is of high prestige. If hluttaw representatives show good opinions, speeches and behaviours, the nation and the people will earn good reputation in the international community.

Therefore, in conclusion, I would like

to urge you to make sure that the laws, rules and customs we exercise in the parliament democracy system which is the first in many years in Myanmar will be exemplars and fine traditions for new generations.—MNA

U Khin Aung Myint elected as Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker, U Mya Nyein elected as Deputy Speaker

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Jan—The First Amyotha Hluttaw Regular Session, summoned by the State Peace and Development Council, was convened at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Building here today.

According to agenda No. 10, which is election of the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker, Hluttaw representatives wishing to nominate the Hluttaw Speaker took out Forms No.1 from the master of ceremonies, filled the forms and submitted the forms to the session chairman through the master of ceremonies.

U Khin Aung Myint from Constituency No. 8 of Mandalay Region

was nominated for the Speaker by U Zaw Myint Pe of Constituency No. 5 of Mandalay Region and U Khin Maung Yi from Constituency No. 6 of Ayeyawady Region seconded the candidacy.

Next, the Chairman collected the proposals and announced the lists of the names of candidates with Form No. 3. As **U Khin Aung Myint** was the only nominee for the Speaker, the session chairman announced that **U Khin Aung Myint** from Constituency No. 8 of Mandalay Region was elected as Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker.

It was followed by the election of the Deputy Speaker for

which two representatives were nominated. U Banya Aung Moe from Constituency No. 7 of Mon State was nominated for the Deputy Speaker by U Min Myo Tint Lwin from Constituency No. 10 of Kayin State and U Kyaw Thein from Constituency No. 4 of Mon State seconded the candidacy. He was then proposed for the Deputy Speaker by U Khin Maung from Constituency No. 3 of Rakhine State and U Maung Saw Phyu from Constituency No. 4 of Rakhine State seconded the candidacy. He was also nominated for the Deputy Speaker by U Sai Kyaw Zaw Than from Constituency No. 2 of Shan State and U Sai

Thant Zin from Constituency No. 4 of Shan State seconded the candidacy. He was also proposed for the Deputy Speaker by Dr Myat Nyana Soe from Constituency No. 4 of Yangon Region and the proposal was seconded by U Phone Myint Aung from Constituency No. 3 of Yangon Region.

U Mya Nyein from Constituency No. 7 of Yangon Region was nominated for the Deputy Speaker by U Saw Maw Tun from Constituency No. 1 of Bago Region and U Nyan Lin from Constituency No. 1 of Shan State seconded the candidacy.

As the number of candidates was more

than one person, Hluttaw representatives cast secret votes to choose the Deputy Speaker.

Next, the numbers of the votes cast by Hluttaw representatives for each candidate were listed in the Form No. 4 and the number of votes cast in favour of each candidate were compiled in the Form No. 5.

U Banya Aung Moe from Constituency No. 7 of Mon State obtained 32 votes whereas **U Mya Nyein** from Constituency No. 7 of Yangon Region won 191 votes. So, the chairperson announced that the **U Mya Nyein** was elected as the Deputy Speaker.

The Speaker and the

Deputy Speaker then took oath in the presence of the Hluttaw session chairman and signed the statement of allegiance in the presence of Hluttaw representatives.

Next, Chairman **U Khat Htein Nan** handed over duties to Speaker **U Khin Aung Myint** in the presence of Hluttaw representatives. After taking responsibility of Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker, **U Khin Aung Myint** extended greetings.

The Speaker and the Deputy Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw were elected in line with provisions in Article-V of the Amyotha Hluttaw laws and bylaw.—MNA

Regular sessions of first Region/State Hluttaws opened

Chairpersons, Hluttaw speakers and Deputy Hluttaw speakers elected in respective Region/State Hluttaws

Election processes carried out in line with provisions of Chapters (IV) and (V) of Region/State Hluttaw Bylaws

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Jan—The regular sessions of first Region/State Hluttaws summoned by the State Peace and Development Council according to the power and duties vested by Article 443 of the State Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Article 32 of Pyithu Hluttaw Law took place simultaneously at respective Regions and States at 8.55 am today.

At the regular session of Kachin State Hluttaw, U Lajun Ngan Sai of Tanai Township Constituency (1) was elected as the chairperson.

In the process of electing the speaker of Kachin State Hluttaw, U Khin Maung Tun of Myitkyina Township Constituency (2) nominated U Rawan Jone of Machanbaw Township Constituency (1). U Alay Par of M' Jangyang Township Constituency (1) supported the nomination. U Sut Naung of Momauk Township Constituency (1) nominated Hluttaw Representative U Htaw Lwan of Waingmaw Township. U Kyaw Swe of Bhamo Township Constituency (1) supported the nomination. The nominees for the speaker numbered two. U Rawan Jone of Machanbaw Township Constituency (1) was named the speaker, winning 36 secret ballots while U Htaw Lwan got 12.

In the process of electing the deputy speaker of Kachin State Hluttaw in line with election procedures, U Dein Kham Dar of Khaunglanphu Township Constituency (1) nominated U Sai Myint Kyaw of Phakant Township Constituency (2), which was supported by U Lwe Saung Sam Aun of Tanai Township Constituency (2). U Kyaw Swe of Bhamo Township Constituency (1) nominated U Htein Maung Tu of Machanbaw Township Constituency (2) which was seconded by U Mya Aung of Waingmaw Township Constituency (1). There were two nominations for deputy speaker. Secret ballots were cast. U Sai Myint Kyaw won 38 ballots and U Htein Maung Tu 10 and, so U Sai Myint Kyaw was elected as the deputy speaker.

The first day session of the regular session of first Kachin State Hluttaw was brought to an end at 11.40 am.

At the regular session of Kayah State Hluttaw, U Khin Maung Oo of Bawlake Township Constituency (1) was elected as the chairperson.

In the process of electing the speaker of Kayah State Hluttaw, U Chit Hla of Bawlake Township Constituency (2) nominated U Kyaw Swe of Loikaw



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Township Constituency (1) and U Aye Maung of Shadaw Township Constituency (2) seconded the nomination. U Ko Yal of Loikaw Township Constituency (2) made similar nomination which was seconded by Bamar Representative U Sein Oo. The only nominee U Kyaw Swe of Loikaw Township Constituency (1) was unanimously elected as the speaker by hluttaw representatives.

The process of electing the deputy speaker was carried out in line with the election procedures. U Saw Ko Yi of Pasawng Township Constituency (2) nominated U Aye Maung of Shadaw Township Constituency (2) and U Poe Ye Yan Aung of Dimawho Township Constituency (2) seconded the nomination. U Hue Hu of Pruho Township Constituency (1) made similar nomination which was seconded by U Thein Tun of Meisei Township Constituency (1). The only nominee U Aye Maung of Shadaw Township Constituency (2) was unanimously elected as the deputy speaker by hluttaw representatives.

The first day session of the regular session of first Kayah State Hluttaw was brought to an end at 9.45 am.

At the regular session of Kayin State Hluttaw, Defence Services Personnel Representative Brig-Gen Zaw Min was elected as the chairperson.

In the process of electing the speaker of Kayin State Hluttaw, U Saw Sa Lawla of Kya-in Seikkyi

Township Constituency (2), Defence Services Personnel Representative Col Aung Lwin, U Saw Khin Maung Myint of Hpa-an Township Constituency (2), U Saw Shar Htunt Phaung of Hlaingbwe Township Constituency (2), Defence Services Personnel Representative Maj Tun Tun Oo, U Chit Hlaing of Myawady Township Constituency (1), U Min Aung Lin of Hlaingbwe Township Constituency (1), Defence Services Personnel Representative Major officiating Myint Ko, Defence Services Personnel Representative Major officiating Nay Lin Oak and Defence Services Personnel Representative Captain Zaw Min Tun nominated U Saw Aung Kyaw Min of Kya-in Seikkyi Township Constituency (1). The only nominee U Saw Aung Kyaw Min of Kya-in Seikkyi Township Constituency (1) was elected as the speaker.

The process of electing the deputy speaker was carried out in line with the election procedures. U Chit Hlaing of Myawady Township Constituency (1), U Than Dai of Myawady Township Constituency (2), Defence Services Personnel Representative Col Aung Lwin, Defence Services Personnel Representative Major officiating Maj Tun Tun Oo, Defence Services Personnel Representative Major officiating Myint Ko, Defence Services Personnel Representative Major officiating Nay Lin Oak, Defence Services Personnel Representative Captain Zaw Min Tun, U Min Soe Thein (or) U Naing Min Soe Thein of Kawkareik Township Constituency (2) and U Saw Shar Htunt Phaung of Hlaingbwe Township Constituency (2) nominated U Mahn Hla Myaing of Kawkareik Township Constituency (1). The only nominee U Mahn Hla Myaing of Kawkareik Township Constituency (1) was unanimously elected as the deputy speaker.

The first day session of the regular session of first Kayin State Hluttaw was brought to an end at 10.15 am.

At the regular session of Chin State Hluttaw, U Hon Ngai of Mindat Township Constituency (2) was elected as the chairperson.

In the process of electing the speaker of Chin State Hluttaw, U Hauk Khin Kham of Tonzang Township Constituency (2) and U Lal Maung Kyon of Thantlang Township Constituency (1) were nominated. U Hauk Khin Kham won 14 ballots and U Lal Maung Kyon 10. U Hauk Khin Kham was elected as the speaker. (See page 9)



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The process of electing the deputy speaker was carried out in line with the election procedures. U Ohn Lwin of Matupi Township Constituency (1) and U Zam Ciin Paul (or) U Zozam of Tiddim Township Constituency (2) were nominated. U Ohn Lwin won 14 ballots and U Zam Ciin Paul (or) U Zozam 10. U Ohn Lwin of Matupi Township Constituency (1) was elected as the deputy speaker.

The first day session of the regular session of first Chin State Hluttaw was brought to an end at 11.05 am. At the regular session of Sagaing Region Hluttaw, U Tin Ngwe of Wetlet Township Constituency (1) was elected as the chairperson.

In the process of electing the speaker of Sagaing Region Hluttaw, U Tint Hlaing Myint of Monywa Township Constituency (1) nominated U Thin Hlaing of Kanbalu Township Constituency (1). The only nominee U Thin Hlaing of Kanbalu Township Constituency (1) was unanimously elected as the speaker by hluttaw representatives.

The process of electing the deputy speaker was carried out in line with the election procedures. U Soe Myint of Mawlaik Township Constituency (1) nominated U Thaug Sein of Pale Township Constituency (2). The only nominee U Thaug Sein of Pale Township Constituency (2) was unanimously elected as the deputy speaker by hluttaw representatives.

The first day session of the regular session of first Sagaing Region Hluttaw was brought to an end at 9.47 am.

At the regular session of Taninthayi Region Hluttaw, U Myat Ko of Dawei Township Constituency (2) was elected as the chairperson.

In the process of electing the speaker of Taninthayi Region Hluttaw, the only nominee U Htin Aung Kyaw of Palaw Township Constituency (2) was unanimously elected as the speaker by hluttaw representatives.

The process of electing the deputy speaker was carried out in line with the election procedures. The only nominee U Kyi Win of Kawthoung Township Constituency (1) was unanimously elected as the deputy speaker by hluttaw representatives.

The first day session of the regular session of first Taninthayi Region Hluttaw was brought to an end at 10.35 am.

At the regular session of Bago Region Hluttaw, U Nyan Win of Zigon Township Constituency (1) was elected as the chairperson.

In the process of electing the speaker of Bago Region Hluttaw, the only nominee U Win Tin of Bago Township Constituency (1) was unanimously elected as the speaker by hluttaw representatives.

The process of electing the deputy speaker was carried out in line with the election procedures. The only nominee U Win Myint Soe of Gyobingauk Township Constituency (2) was unanimously elected



The regular session of first Taninthayi Region Hluttaw in progress.—MNA

as the deputy speaker by hluttaw representatives.

The first day session of the regular session of first Bago Region Hluttaw was brought to an end at 9.50 am. At the regular session of Magway Region Hluttaw, U Phone Maw Shwe of Minbu Township Constituency (1) was elected as the chairperson.

In the process of electing the speaker of Magway Region Hluttaw, U Nay Win of Natmauk Township Constituency (2) nominated U Ye Myint of Magway Township Constituency (1). The only nominee U Ye Myint of Magway Township Constituency (1) was unanimously elected as the speaker by hluttaw representatives.

The process of electing the deputy speaker was carried out in line with the election procedures. U Kyi Thein of Taungwingyi Township Constituency (1) nominated U Saw Win Maung of Taungwingyi Township Constituency (2). U Nay Shin of Chauk Township Constituency (1) supported the proposal. The only nominee U Saw Win Maung of Taungwingyi Township Constituency (2) was unanimously elected as the deputy speaker by hluttaw representatives.

The first day session concluded at 9.40 am. At the regular session of Mandalay Region, U Aung Zan of Myingyan Township Constituency-2 was elected chairperson. U Tun Win of Chanmyathazi Township Constituency-2 nominated U Win Maung of Taungtha Township Constituency-2. As U Win Maung was the only nominee, he was elected as the speaker.

In the processing of electing the deputy speaker, U Aung Htay Kyaw of PyinOoLwin Township Constituency-1 was the only nominee and was elected as deputy speaker. The first day session concluded at 10.25 am. At the regular Hluttaw session of Mon State, U Ohn Myint of Mudon Township Constituency-1 was elected as the chairperson.

U Myo Nyunt of Thanbyuzayat Township Constituency-2 nominated U Kyin Pe of Chaungzon Township Constituency-2 and it was seconded by U Thein Zaw of Thaton Township Constituency-2. U Aung Naing Oo of Chaungzon Township

Constituency-1 nominated Dr Min Nwe Soe of Mudon Township Constituency-2 and it was seconded by U San Tin of Kyaikmaraw Township Constituency-2. Then, secret ballots were cast and U Kyin Pe who got 24 votes was elected as speaker.

U Min Thein Han of Ye Township Constituency-2 nominated Dr Min Nwe Soe of Mudon Township Constituency-2 and it was seconded by U Naing La Wi Aung of Ye Township Constituency-1. U Hla Tun of Kyaikmaraw Township Constituency-1 nominated U Htay Lwin of Kyaikto Township Constituency-1 and it was seconded by U Sein Win of Kyaikhto Township Constituency-2. Then, secret ballots were cast and U Htay Lwin who got 23 votes was elected as deputy speaker. The first day session concluded at 10.47 am. At the first regular Rakhine State Hluttaw session, U Hla Maung Tin of An Township Constituency-1 was elected as chairperson.

U Htein Lin of Gwa Township Constituency-1 was elected as the speaker.

U Tha Nyunt of Manaung Township Constituency-2 was elected as deputy speaker. The first day session concluded at 11.30 am. At the regular session of Yangon Region Hluttaw, U Maung Maung Win of Shwepyitha Township Constituency-1 was elected as chairperson.

U Sein Tin Win of Kungyangon Township Constituency-2 was elected as the speaker and U Tin Aung of Dagon Myothit (East) Township Constituency-2 was elected as deputy speaker. The first day session concluded at 10 am.

At the regular session of Shan State Hluttaw, U Sai Tun Yin of Taunggyi Township Constituency-1 was elected as chairperson.

Daw Nan Ngwe Ngwe of Muse Township Constituency-1 and U Sai Lone Saing of Kengtung Constituency-1 were nominated for the speaker. Then, secret ballots were cast and U Sai Lone Saing was elected as the speaker with 105 votes.

U Sai Khan Hmak of Lashio Township Constituency-2 was elected as deputy speaker with 105 votes. The session concluded at 3:15 pm.

At the regular session of Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw, U Thein Aung of Ingapu Township Constituency-1 was elected as chairperson.

U Tin Soe of Kyonpyaw Township Constituency-2 nominated U Hsan Hsint of Yekyi Township Constituency-1 and it was seconded by U Khin Kyaw Nyunt of Kyangin Township Constituency-1. There was only a nominee, U Hsan Hsint was elected as the speaker.

U Htein Lin of Labutta Township Constituency-2 nominated Dr Htein Win of Kyaunggon Township Constituency-1 and it was seconded by U Aung Win Swe of Myanaung Township Constituency-2. As there was only one nominee, Dr Htein Win was elected as the deputy speaker.

The first day regular session of Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw ended at 10:10 am.

Chairpersons, Speakers and Deputy Speakers at the first-day regular sessions of State/Region Hluttaws were elected in accordance with the provisions of Chapter-IV and Chapter-V of Region or State Hluttaw Bylaws.—MNA



The regular session of first Yangon Region Hluttaw in progress.—MNA

First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Regular Session held Speaker U Khin Aung Myint addresses the session

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Jan—With the consent of the State Peace and Development Council, and at the invitation of the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Regular Session was held at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Building at 3 pm today.

The First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Regular Session was attended by Pyithu Hluttaw representatives and Amyotha Hluttaw representatives.

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives arrived before the session and signed in the attendance

book.

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint acted as the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker and Director-General U Myint Thein of Hluttaw Office as the master of ceremony.

First, Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint extended greetings.

(The full address of the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is reported separately.)

The speaker said that the First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Regular Session was valid as all of 659 representatives who were eligible to attend the First



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives attend first Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Regular Session.—MNA



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives sign attendance book for First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Regular Session.—MNA

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Regular Session were present and announced the opening of the session.

Next, the speaker read out the leave requests of Hluttaw representatives. Then, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approved the attendance of all the representatives without leave.

Afterwards, the Speaker announced the agenda of the first day meeting of the First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

Session. He then set the date for group meetings of Pyithu Hluttaw representatives group, Amyotha Hluttaw representatives group, and Defence Services Personnel Hluttaw representatives group for election of vice-presidents on 1st February, 2011 (Tuesday) at 10 am.

After the each group has elected a vice-president, the names of the vice-presidents are to be reported to the

Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, who is member of Presidential Scrutiny College, and then Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Session will be adjourned for election of president in conformity with laws and bylaws, announced the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

The First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Regular Session ended at 3:15 pm. Group meetings of representatives begin tomorrow.

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18 armed group members exchange arms for peace in September, October, December in 2010

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Jan— Upholding Our Three Main National Causes, the State Peace and Development Council is striving for equitable development of all parts of the nation after fully realizing the national reconsolidation. After understanding their wrong acts, the armed groups that realized the correct endeavours and genuine goodwill of the government exchanged arms for peace in groups and individuals.

In September, October and December 2010, Pvt Wae Ei of KNPP armed group bringing along with one M-21 and 10 rounds of ammunition,

Pvt Aik Swe of SSA (Ywet Sit) armed group along with one M-22 and 71 rounds of ammunition, and Pvt Ai Pi, Pvt Maung Lin of KNPP armed group along with one M-16 and five rounds of ammunition and Pvt Stany along with one revolver and six rounds of ammunition in Eastern Command area; Cpl Saw El Tha of KNU armed group along with one carbine, six rounds of ammunition and one magazine, Lt Chan Aye with two grenades, Pvt Saw Htaw Kho with one .32 revolver and six rounds of ammunition, Pvt Saw Htoo Wah with one AR-

15, five magazines and 200 rounds of ammunition, WO Alex Sein, Sgt D Kyaw Htoo, Sgt Saw Pwa and Pvt Tu Tu in South-East Command area; Pvt Kyaw Myo Tun of KNU armed group with one pistol and five rounds of ammunition in Coastal Region Command area; Cpl Nan Le of CNA armed group, (former) Chairman U Patee Phyu, (former) Sgt Sandasara (a) U Saw Tun (a) U Nyan Lin of Rakhine National Unity Party (NUPA) armed group in Western Command area; Pvt Saw Maung Maung Lwin (a) Yoe Ni with one grenade and seven rounds of ammunition in Southern Command area exchanged arms for peace.

Officials of respective military camps warmly welcomed 18 persons exchanged arms for peace and provided necessary assistance to them. It is learnt that there are more persons wishing to exchange arms for peace.

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Brain scan can tell if a smoker will quit



US researchers have found a way to predict how successful a smoker will be at quitting by using an MRI scan to look for activity in a region of the brain associated with behavior change.

INTERNET

WASHINGTON, 31 Jan—US researchers have found a way to predict how successful a smoker will be at quitting by using an MRI scan to look for activity in a region of the brain associated with behavior change.

The scans were performed on 28

heavy smokers who had joined an anti-smoking programme, according to the study published Monday in the peer-reviewed journal *Health Psychology*.

Participants were asked to watch a series of commercials about quitting smoking while a magnetic resonance imaging machine scanned their brains for activity.

After each ad, subjects in the study “rated how it affected their intention to quit, whether it increased their confidence about quitting, and how much they related to the message,” researchers explained.

Those who showed activity in the medial prefrontal cortex during the ads were “significantly linked to reductions in smoking behavior” in the month that followed, regardless of how the people said they were affected by the ad.

Internet



A Thai vendor waits for customers to buy home decoration items for the Chinese New Year in Bangkok on 31 Jan, 2011, ahead of Chinese New Year celebrations.

INTERNET

Calif officer wounded, police search for shooter

LONG BEACH, 31 Jan—Police searched on Sunday for as many as three men who were involved in the late-night shooting of an anti-gang detective, who was wounded as he drove in a squad car with another officer, authorities said.

The officers were driving at about 11 pm Saturday near Anaheim Street and Gundry Avenue in Long Beach when a gunman opened fire, hitting the detective in the upper body, police spokesman Sgt Rico Fernandez told *The Associated Press*.

A patrol officer who happened to be nearby heard the shots and saw the suspects, Fernandez said. The officer fired at the suspects as they fled, but it was unclear whether anyone was hit.

Dozens of officers spread out in the MacArthur Park area and looked for two, possibly three men, who fled in a car, Fernandez said.—Internet



A woman is seen here rubbing her hands for good luck across a bas-relief sculpture of a rabbit at the White Cloud Temple in Beijing, ahead of arrival of the “Year of the Rabbit.” In stews, as pets or adorning shop windows, rabbits are ubiquitous as millions of Chinese mark the Lunar New Year, hoping for a more tranquil time ahead as the old Year of the Tiger roars its last.—INTERNET

Russian vessel freed after month trapped in ice

MOSCOW, 31 Jan—The Russian Transport Ministry says two icebreakers have freed a large fish-processing ship that had been trapped in ice off the country’s far eastern coast since New Year’s Eve. The Ministry said Sunday the ship has been towed to open water in the Sea of Okhotsk.

The *Sodruzhestvo* was the last of three ships that became trapped on 31 Dec. It was the most difficult to free because it is wider than the path an icebreaker can clear. Previous rescue operations had been impeded by heavy winds and poor visibility.

When the ships became trapped, the Transport Ministry said all had adequate supplies of food and water and the crews were not in danger.—Internet

Device helps pregnant diabetics

BEIJING, 31 Jan—Research has shown that an artificial pancreas could prevent the potentially fatal complications that can affect diabetic mothers-to-be.

Regulating sugar levels of diabetic pregnant women is difficult with their hormonal changes, which can have damaging consequences.

Dr Helen Murphy, from Cambridge University, said: “Half of all babies born to mothers with Type 1 diabetes are overweight or obese at birth because of too much sugar in the blood”.

The artificial pancreas, a mobile phone-sized device worn on the hip, consists of a continuous glucose monitor (CGM) and an insulin pump. The device automatically monitors blood glucose and pumps insulin into the circulation to maintain correct sugar levels.

Researchers at the Medical Research Laboratories in Cambridge fitted artificial pancreases to 10 women with the disease.

A sensor continually monitored sugar levels, which fed the information to a computer, which then told an insulin pump how much of the hormone to inject. The early study showed that normal sugar levels could be maintained.—Xinhua



Photo taken on 29 Jan, 2011 shows a snow-covered pine tree on a cliff in the Yellow Mountain (Huang Shan Mountain), a place of interest famed for its versatile scenery, east China’s Anhui Province.—XINHUA

Four drown when boat capsizes in Missouri

KANSAS CITY, 31 Jan—A 62-year-old man who may have plunged into the frigid waters of the Niangua River in southwest Missouri to save three friends died shortly thereafter, authorities said on Sunday.

Although there were no witnesses to the event, evidence suggests Doyle “Pete” Cowin died while responding to the capsizing of a 12-foot boat around 10:30 pm Friday night. Investigators found Cowin’s boots on the riverbank, suggesting he took them off and entered the water, whose temperature was in the upper 30s Fahrenheit at the time.

When a highway patrol officer, responding to reports of screams coming from the river, arrived on the scene he saw another fisherman, David Dixon, 68, of Fair Grove, clinging to the side of the capsized boat and suffering from extreme hypothermia, Sergeant Jerry Callahan, a spokesman for the Missouri Highway Patrol, told *Reuters*.

Though flown to a Springfield, Missouri hospital by helicopter, Dixon died around 2 am Saturday.

Besides Cowin, investigators at the scene also found and pronounced dead 43-year-old Hubert “Eugene” Highfill and his 11-year-old son.

Reuters

Despite China’s might, US factories maintain edge

WASHINGTON, 31 Jan—US factories are closing. American manufacturing jobs are reappearing overseas. China’s industrial might is growing each year.

And it might seem as if the United States doesn’t make world-class goods as well as some other nations.

“There’s no reason Europe or China should have the fastest trains, or the new factories that manufacture clean energy products,” President Barack Obama said in his State of the Union address last week.

Yet America remains by far the No 1 manufacturing country. It out-produces No 2 China by more than 40 percent. US manufacturers cranked out nearly \$1.7 trillion in goods in 2009, according to the United Nations.—Internet

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV OCEAN-CORAL VOY NO (58)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV OCEAN-CORAL VOY NO (58) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 1.2.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W-5 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.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: EASTERN-CAR LINER S'PORE
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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV KOTA MACHAN VOY NO (281)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA MACHAN VOY NO (281) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 31.1.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T 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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China's CCTV news report was 'Top Gun' scene

BEIJING, 31 Jan—China's state broadcaster is facing questions after Internet users spotted that footage in a report on air force manoeuvres in a national newscast was taken from the 1980s Hollywood film "Top Gun".

China Central Television, or CCTV, aired the footage in a 23 January report on a People's Liberation Army Air Force training exercise, showing a plane firing a missile at another.

The second aircraft plane was destroyed in a fiery explosion, and the dramatic footage was shown in between interviews with air force officers.

However, some Internet users recognized the explosion from the dogfight in the final scene of the 1986 film "Top Gun" starring Tom Cruise.

Internet



The new CCTV headquarters (C) rises out of the central business district in Beijing.
INTERNET

Nine injured in New Zealand deck collapse

WELLINGTON, 31 Jan—Nine people were injured after the collapse of a deck during a party at a house north of Auckland on Sunday night.

The Fire Service said on Monday the deck was on the second storey of a house, and said it believes the structure collapsed because it was overloaded.

Two people were airlifted to Auckland Hospital, four were taken to the hospital by road and three others taken to North Shore Hospital by road. As at midday on Monday, Auckland City Hospital said one woman remained in the ward with a broken ankle, while two people were in a stable condition in the orthopaedic ward at North Shore Hospital.

MNA/Xinhua

A policeman directs traffic in central Beijing.

INTERNET

Israel, European Space Agencies to increase coop

JERUSALEM, 31 Jan— Israel passed another goal towards reaching the high frontier on Sunday when the government signed a cooperation agreement with the European Space Agency (ESA).

The Israel Space Agency (ISA) and the ESA will exchange scientists, engineers and information, as well as hold joint research projects, professional conferences and symposiums as a part of the accord, according to a government Press release.

"The agreement constitutes an international recognition of Israel's status as a space power," Science and

Technology Minister Daniel Hershkowitz noted. Hershkowitz' comments came at the opening of the Fisher Institute's Sixth International Ilan Ramon Space Conference, being held in Israel. Israel has also worked closely with the French and Italian space agencies in recent years, as well.

"This is an additional step in joint research and development as a whole, and space research in particular, which is strengthening and intensifying with European countries, according to ISA Director-General Dr Zvi Kaplan.

MNA/Xinhua

Man dies in fall from roller coaster at Tokyo park



Police investigators examine a spinning roller coaster after a man fell from that to his death at the Tokyo Dome City Attractions on 30 Jan, 2011 in Tokyo.—INTERNET

TOKYO, 31 Jan—Police say they are investigating the death of a man who fell from a roller coaster at a Tokyo amusement park.

They say the man fell on Sunday as he was riding with a friend on the Spinning Coaster Maihime at the Tokyo Dome park. He was rushed to a hospital but was declared dead two hours later.

The small roller coaster has single cars which spin like a tea cup as they travel along a track.

Police say they are investigating whether the accident was caused by professional negligence or if the man failed to follow safety instructions.

Tokyo Dome had no immediate comment but suspended all rides at the complex.—Internet

China policeman's son gets six years for hit-and-run

BEIJING, 31 Jan—A Chinese court sentenced a man who attempted to exploit his father's senior police rank to flee a fatal road accident to six years in jail on Sunday, state media reported.

Li Qiming, 23, pleaded guilty to drunk driving and manslaughter by motor vehicle, the official Xinhua news agency reported, citing a statement from the People's Court in Wangdu County in northeast China.

An official at the court confirmed a verdict was delivered on Sunday when contacted by AFP, but said he could not provide details.

The case of Li Qiming went viral on the Internet in China after he was ac-

cused of fatally striking a young woman pedestrian while driving drunk in the northern city of Baoding in October. He was 22 at the time.

Internet



Smooth Lunar New Year travel season so far

BEIJING, 31 Jan—Transportation officials in China say Lunar New Year holiday travel has been generally smooth ahead of the biggest travel days of the year.

About 230 million people — more than the entire population of Brazil — are expected to take part in the world's biggest annual human migration. For many, it's the only chance they get to visit home all year. The busiest travel days will be on Monday and Tuesday, as millions take to the roads, boats, planes and trains to join family for the traditional New Year's Eve "reunion meal." The Lunar New Year falls on Thursday.—Internet

Carpet among forgotten hotel items

LONDON, 31 Jan — A guitar, a baby car seat and a roll of carpet are among the unusual items that have been left behind at hotels, according to new research. Mobile phone chargers and underwear topped the list of the most commonly forgotten belongings but a survey of lost property also found a number of wigs, keys to a

sports car and walking sticks have all been found after guests checked out.

Novotel Hotels said false teeth and hearing aids were also found in rooms at its 31 outlets along with adult toys, odd shoes and electric toothbrushes.

Hotel towels topped the list of the most popular items to be taken from

rooms, with guests also keeping cushions, bathrobes, lightbulbs and remote controls. The top 10 also included coffee sachets, coat hangers and plastic tissue boxes.

The hotel franchise has even opened its own online shop so customers can buy everything in the rooms they stay in.

Internet

Don't Smoke

Mountain climber survives 1,000-foot fall



A climber who fell around 300 metres from the summit of a Scottish mountain is lucky to be alive, his rescuers said Sunday.

A mountain climber in Scotland fell 1,000 feet and then stood up to await rescue, the British military said. The unidentified 35-year-old man from Glasgow slipped and fell Saturday afternoon on the 3,600-foot mountain in west-central Scotland, *Scotland on Sunday* reported.

He was among a group of more than 20 climbers who made a distress call after he vanished, the report said. By chance, a military helicopter with a medical crew aboard was airborne on a training exercise and reached the scene within 30 minutes. The crew expected

to find a dead man, but was shocked to spot the climber standing up, reading a map, the report said. Helicopter officer Lt Tim Barker said it was a shock to see the man alive after falling the height of the Eiffel Tower. "We honestly thought it couldn't have been him, as he was on his feet reading a map," Barker said. "We were able to get in quite close to where he had landed and we winched our paramedic down to the scene and it appeared that, beyond some superficial cuts and bruises and a minor chest injury, he was unscathed."

Separated dogs reunite and wed

Two dogs at a New York shelter, separated when a dog-napper made off with one of them, were reunited and "married" in a civil ceremony, shelter workers say. Archie, a poodle-shih tzu mix, and Edith, a chihuahua-papillon combo, both 12 years old, have been together since they were puppies. Archie was heartbroken when a woman came to the shelter allegedly to inquire about adopting Edith but then walked out with the dog hidden under her coat, *the New York Daily News*

reported on Saturday. "He didn't eat. He didn't sleep. He couldn't play or rest," shelter director Vinny Spinola said. "It was terrible to see him in that state." Using surveillance video footage, police found the woman and recovered the dog. The reunion was incredible, Spinola said. "They ate a whole bowl of food and then jumped all over each other," he said.

The two came to the shelter last year when their owner was placed in a nursing home, Spinola said. People often ask about adopting one or the other but their bond is so strong separating them would be cruel, he said. The well-attended "wedding" of Archie and Edith raised \$1,500 for new dog beds at the shelter, *the Daily News* reported.

News Album



Bizarre hats show

Florida man busted over roaches

A Florida man was arrested after he allegedly purchased 500 illegal cockroaches through the Internet, officials said. Derek Alan Rader allegedly forged a permit giving him permission to purchase the roaches, although it was unclear what he intended to do with them, *the Orlando (Fla.) Sentinel* reported.

Blaptica dubia are a native of South and Central America, and are considered an invasive species in Florida, which officials said has the largest number of roach species in the United States. The roaches, also called the Guyana Orange Spotted Cockroach, are considered a gourmet reptile food because of their soft shells and high protein content.

British actor Henry Cavill cast as Superman



This undated photo provided by Warner Bros shows actor Henry Cavill.

NEW YORK, 31 Jan—British actor Henry Cavill is going up, up

and away. Cavill will star as Superman (and, obviously, Clark Kent) in the next installment of the movie franchise. Warner Bros. Pictures announced the casting Sunday. The film is to be directed by "300" director Zack Snyder, who says in a statement Cavill is "the perfect choice to don the cape and 'S' shield." No title has been announced for the film,

which is intended to reboot the franchise after its latest incarnation fizzled. The 2006 movie "Superman Returns" was directed by Bryan Singer and starred Brandon Routh as the Man of Steel. Cavill is relatively unknown. He had been considered for the blockbuster roles of Batman, James Bond and even the previous version of Superman. He co-starred on Showtime's "The Tudors."

Internet

Love, death conquer all at Sundance film festival

PARK CITY, 31 Jan—An Anglo-American story of young love entitled "Like Crazy" and a moving documentary about euthanasia, "How to Die in Oregon," won the top prizes at the Sundance film festival late Saturday. The climax of the prestigious 10-day independent movie fest also saw honours for a Norwegian tale of sexual re-awakening and another US-British film



Director Drake Doremus accepts the Grand Jury Prize for a US Drama for "Like Crazy" at the 2011 Sundance Film Festival Awards Night Ceremony at Basin Recreation Field House, on 29 Jan, in Park City, Utah.—INTERNET

about a soldier's struggle after being injured in

Afghanistan. The Grand Jury Prize for a US drama went to "Like Crazy" by Drake Doremus, which tells the story of a British and American student couple forced to live apart after she overstays her visa in the US. Receiving the award the young US filmmaker paid tribute to his parents "for believing in love, and teaching me that love is important so I can make this movie one day".—*Internet*

Singing Swiss bus driver steers for stardom

GENEVA, 31 Jan—A singing Swiss bus driver, who practices once the passengers have got off, has stepped into the limelight in Switzerland with her stunning rendition of Puccini opera in a television talent show. Maya Wirz, who claims she lets rip with her soprano voice when the bus is empty, was driving the number 78



Swiss singer, dancer and music producer DJ BoBo performs in 2010.—INTERNET

in the humble northern town of Liestal when the pre-recorded show was screened late Saturday,

SonntagsZeitung reported. Dubbed "Switzerland's Susan Boyle" by the media, the 49 year-old told the newspaper she was getting a bit fed up with 13 years at the wheel, despite her partner Roger's reticence. "I want to sing for heavens's sake," said Wirz.

Internet



From left, Anthony Andrews, Geoffrey Rush, Helena Bonham Carter and Colin Firth hold best ensemble awards for 'The King's Speech' at the 17th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards on Sunday, on 30 Jan, 2011 in Los Angeles. Firth also won best actor.—INTERNET

'King's Speech' rules obvious batch of Oscar bait

LOS ANGELES, 31 Jan—This Academy Awards season seems all over but the coronation. "The King's Speech" won top prizes over the weekend from Hollywood actors and directors, securing its standing as the film to beat at the 27 Feb Oscars, whose winners mostly look like foregone conclusions. Front-runners coasted to victory at Sunday's Screen Actors Guild Awards — lead performers Colin Firth as Queen Elizabeth II's stuttering dad in "The King's Speech" and Natalie Portman as a ballerina going off her rocker in "Black Swan," plus supporting players Christian Bale as a boxer on the skids and Melissa Leo as his dotting but domineering mother in "The Fighter".—*Internet*

Real's Spanish league title bid in tatters after Osasuna defeat

MADRID, 31 Jan — Real Madrid's title hopes were left hanging by a thread after Jose Mourinho's side suffered a shock 1-0 defeat at relegation-threatened Osasuna on Sunday to fall seven points behind leaders Barcelona.

It was Mourinho's second league defeat in charge as Madrid-born striker Javier Camunas scored the decisive goal on 62 minutes to seal an historic win for Osasuna and deal Real's title aspirations a hammer blow.

Even Emmanuel Adebayor, on loan from Manchester City, could not inspire Real who have now dropped 12 points on the road and have an uphill task if they are to dethrone double champions Barcelona.

"I can't fault the players as they did their job," said Mourinho.

"We didn't deserve to lose the three points but we lost against a team that gave everything and had the whole week to prepare for the match."

Internet



Real Madrid's Portuguese forward Cristiano Ronaldo (R) vies with CA Osasuna's midfielder Javier Camunas (L) during the Spanish league football match Club Atletico Osasuna vs Real Madrid CF at the Reyno de Navarra stadium in Pamplona. Real Madrid's title hopes were left hanging by a thread after Jose Mourinho's side suffered a shock 1-0 defeat at relegation-threatened Osasuna.—INTERNET

West Ham agree loan deal for Spurs star Keane

LONDON, 31 Jan — West Ham have agreed a deal to sign veteran Tottenham striker Robbie Keane on loan until the end of the season.

Keane was at Upton Park on Sunday to see Victor Obinna score a hat-trick as the Hammers beat Nottingham Forest 3-2 in the FA Cup fourth round.

West Ham are believed to have negotiated a deal which takes Keane on

loan until the end of the season with a view to making a permanent six million pounds (9.5 million dollars) switch to the east London club.—Internet



Veteran Tottenham striker Robbie Keane

Debutant Pazzini stars in Inter fight-back

ROME, 31 Jan — Giampaolo Pazzini scored a brace on his debut as Inter Milan fought back from a two-goal half-time deficit to beat Palermo 3-2 on Sunday.

The win kept the champions in the title race following leaders AC Milan's 2-0 win at Catania on Saturday, leaving them nine points behind but with a game in hand.

Fabrizio Miccoli and Antonio Nocerino had given the visitors a 2-0 lead at the break while Javier Pastore hit the post and

had a penalty saved for the Sicilians. But Pazzini's double got Inter back on level terms before Samuel Eto'o smacked home the winner from the spot.

Internet



Inter's Giampaolo Pazzini (L) celebrates with teammate Houssine Kharja after scoring against Palermo.—INTERNET

Djokovic wins 2nd Slam, gets serious about career

MELBOURNE, 31 Jan — For a few years now, Novak Djokovic has been known as a top-10 player with a difficult name to pronounce and a reputation as a bit of a joker.

Funny quips on the court, a favo'r'ite in the locker room, and, oh yes, those hilarious YouTube imitations of other players' serving mannerisms.

On Sunday, the comedian came up with another impressive punch line, winning the second major championship of his career. He trounced Andy

Murray 6-4, 6-2, 6-3 to take his second Australian Open title, extending Britain's near 75-year drought in men's singles Grand Slams.

Djokovic's first major came here in 2008. And after throwing his racket, shirt and shoes into an adoring crowd Sunday night at Rod Laver Arena, he let it be known he's a different guy than when he won three years ago.

"I feel like a more experienced player," Djokovic said with the trophy sitting next to him. "Physically, I'm stronger, I'm faster. Mentally, I'm more motivated on the court. I know how to react in certain moments, and I know how to play on a big stage."—Internet



Djokovic

SPORTS

Greek striker Charisteas signs for Schalke

BERLIN, 31 Jan — Bundesliga side Schalke 04 on Sunday signed Greece striker Angelos Charisteas until the end of the season.

The 30-year-old has trained with Schalke since Wednesday and has been without a club since French side Arles-Avignon cancelled his contract in November.

Despite having qualified for the last 16 of the Champions League, Schalke are 11th in the league and



Greece striker Angelos Charisteas

lost 1-0 at home to Hoffenheim on Saturday.

"The defeat showed we still need a headstrong forward," said Schalke boss Felix Magath, with reference to Charisteas.—Internet

Woods off to a slow start to new season



Tiger Woods reacts to another mis-hit shot while playing the fourth hole of the South Course at Torrey.—INTERNET

SAN DIEGO, 31 Jan — Tiger Woods began a new year with his worst season debut.

Woods failed to birdie a par 5 for the second time this week and closed with a 3-over 75 on Sunday in the Farmers Insurance Open, ending his five-

tournament winning streak at Torrey Pines with a middle-of-the-pack finish.

"I have some work to do," Woods said. "There's no doubt about that."

The biggest surprise of his 74-75 on the South Course is that Woods had won seven times on this public course, including the 2008 US Open.

Internet

Wolves take Spurs midfielder O'Hara on loan



Tottenham midfielder Jamie O'Hara

LONDON, 31 Jan — Wolves signed Tottenham midfielder Jamie O'Hara

on loan until the end of the season on Sunday. O'Hara was in the stands to watch Wolves' 1-0 FA Cup fourth round defeat to Stoke on Sunday after undergoing a medical with Mick McCarthy's struggling Premier League team. The 24-year-old had a spell on loan at Portsmouth last season but has

not featured at first-team level at White Hart Lane this season because of a back injury.

The former England Under-21 international has featured in two recent full-scale practice matches with Spurs and was eager to go out on loan again in order to regain full match-sharpness.—Internet

Results on 30 January

Italy - Serie A		
Brescia	0 - 3	Chievo
Cagliari	2 - 1	Bari
Genoa	3 - 1	Parma
Inter Milan	3 - 2	Palermo
Lecce	1 - 1	Cesena
Napoli	4 - 0	Sampdoria
Juventus	1 - 2	Udinese
Spain - Primera Division		
Atletico Madrid	0 - 2	Athletic Bilbao
Osasuna	1 - 0	Real Madrid
Espanyol	0 - 1	Villarreal
Germany - Bundesliga I		
Stuttgart	0 - 1	Freiburg
Eintracht Frankfurt	0 - 1	Monchengladbach
France - Ligue 1		
Bordeaux	2 - 0	Nice
Nancy	1 - 2	Montpellier
Monaco	0 - 0	Marseille

Dortmund tighten title grip, Bayern go for throats

BERLIN, 31 Jan — Borussia Dortmund tightened their grip on the Bundesliga title race



Bayern Munich winger Arjen Robben (L) celebrates after scoring with teammate Thomas Mueller (R).—INTERNET

while defending champions Bayern Munich were at each others'

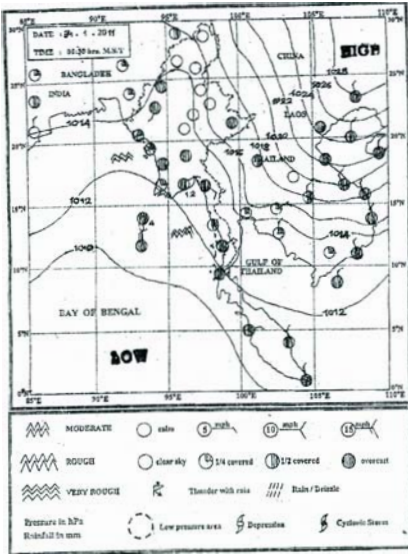
throats during their win at Werder Bremen.

Bayern are third after Saturday's 3-1 win at Bremen, but still lag 14 points behind leaders Dortmund with 14 games left to play.

Despite scoring the equaliser as Bayern came from 1-0 down, Arjen Robben grabbed Germany star Thomas Mueller by the throat during the second half after Mueller had gesticulated to the Dutchman to not be so selfish with possession.

Internet

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Monday, 31st January, 2011

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain have been widespread in Yangon Region, scattered in Mon State, isolated in Bago Region, Shan and Kayin States, weather has been partly cloudy in Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions, Kachin, Rakhine and Kayah States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Night temperatures were (3°C) below January average temperature in Chin State, (5°C) below January average temperature in Upper Sagaing Region and (3°C) to (4°C) above January average temperatures in Yangon Region, Kayin and Mon States, (5°C) to (6°C) above January average temperatures in Bago and Ayeyawady Regions, Rakhine State and about January average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant night temperatures were Haka (2°C), Lashio (3°C), Machanbaw and Namhsan (4°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Yangon (Hmawby) (1.58) inches, Yangon (Kaba-Aye) (0.47) inch, Kayan (0.24) inch, Yangon (Central), Kengtung and Cocygyun (0.16) inch each and Bago and Bilin (0.04) inch each.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 30-1-2011 was 94°F. Minimum temperature on 31-1-2011 was 64°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 31-1-2011 was (82%). Rainfall on 31-1-2011 was (Nil).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 30-1-2011 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 31-1-2011 was 72°F. Relative humidity at

(09:30) hours MST on 31-1-2011 was (63%). Total sunshine hours on 30-1-2011 was (4.4) hours (Approx).

Rainfall on 31-1-2011 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, (0.47) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.16) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (1.97) inches at Mingaladon, (1.89) inches at Kaba-Aye and (3.54) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from Northwest at (15:30) hours MST on 30-1-2011.

Bay Inference: Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the South Bay and partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 1st February 2011: Light rain are likely to be isolated in Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions, Kachin, Shan, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States and weather will be partly cloudy in Upper Sagaing and Mandalay Regions, Chin and Kayah States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Strong Easterly winds with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coast. Surface wind speed in strong wind may reach (35) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of isolated rain in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 1-2-2011: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 1-2-2011: Likelihood of isolated light rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 1-2-2011: Partly cloudy.

Two shot dead in violent attack in front of courthouse

ISTANBUL, 31 Jan—Two people were shot dead in an attack in front of the Bakirkoy courthouse in Istanbul on Monday.

Eylem Gundogdu and her father Ali Haydar Kocintar were shot in a taxi after exiting the courthouse.

Both of them were wounded in body and rushed to hospital by taxi.

The daughter died on spot, while the man died in hospital.

They had earlier attended a hearing of a case at the 6th Criminal Court.

Eylem Gundogdu's husband is in prison for murder.

The shooters have not yet been identified.

Xinhua

Dome of lava is seen at an eruptive crater at Shinmoedake peak between Miyazaki and Kagoshima prefectures on 31 Jan, 2011. More than 1,000 people is southern Japan have been urged to evacuate as a volcano picked up its activities, spewing ashes and small rocks into air and disrupting airline operations, a municipal official said on Monday.

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MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (1-2-2011) (Tuesday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	(09:00am - 11:00am MST)
Oversea Transmission	(1-2-11 09:30 am - 2-2-11 09:30 am MST)

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Pride of Place in Bagan (The Ananda Temple)
- * Lacquerware in Bagan
- * News
- * Record Album
- * Ywama Floating Market: A Place of Matchlessness
- * News
- * Magnificent Festival in Tazaungmone
- * News
- * Yadanarpon Fiber Optical Factory

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- * Yadanarpon Fiber Optical Factory
- * News
- * Mazali Salad & Vermicelli Soup
- * News
- * Youth & Art
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * "Myanmar Traditional Instruments" Myanmar Harp (Episode-1)
- * Mya Nan San Kyaw Golden Palace in Mandalay
- * The historical sites of Taung Tha Man
- * News
- * Myanmar Movies "Misdeeds"



Tuesday, 1 February View on today

- 7:00 am**
1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw
- 7:15 am**
2. Dhamma Puja Song
- 7:25 am**
3. To Be Healthy Exercise

- 7:30 am**
4. Morning News
- 7:40 am**
5. Nice & Sweet Song
- 7:55 am**
6. Songs Of Yester Years
- 8:05 am**
7. Dance Of National Races
- 8:15 am**
8. Musical Programme
- 8:30 am**
9. 64th Anniversary Union Day Programme
- 8:40 am**
10. International News
- 8:45 am**
11. Teleplay (Forest)

- 4:00 pm**
1. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm**
2. The Mirror Images Of The Musical Oldies
- 4:20 pm**
3. Instrumental Music
- 4:30 pm**
4. 2011 University Entrance Examination (Myanmarsar)
- 5:05 pm**
5. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 5:10 pm**
6. 64th Anniversary Union Day

- Programme**
- 5:20 pm**
7. Sweet Melody
- 5:35 pm**
8. Star Garden
- 6:00 pm**
9. Evening News
- 6:15 pm**
10. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm**
11. Kyae Pwint Myaye Yin Khone Than
- 6:35 pm**
12. Sing A Song
- 7:00 pm**
13. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm**
14. News
- 15. International News**
- 16. Weather Report**
- 17. Just for Laughs**
- 18. TV Drama Series**

- ★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
- ★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

- ★ Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
- ★ Riots beget riots, not democracy
- ★ Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People's Desire

- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

- ★ VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
- ★ RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
- ★ Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

First Amyotha Hluttaw regular session commences with cent per cent attendance of Amyotha Hluttaw representatives and Defence Services Personnel Amyotha Hluttaw representatives



First Amyotha Hluttaw regular session in progress. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Jan — Summoned by the State Peace and Development Council exercising powers and duties vested by Article 443 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Article 32 of the Pyithu Hluttaw Law, the first Amyotha Hluttaw regular session took place at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here at 8.55 am today.

It was attended by Amyotha Hluttaw representatives-elect from Regions and States and Defence Services Personnel Amyotha Hluttaw representatives.

The Amyotha Hluttaw representatives arrived at the hall starting at 7.15 am before the first Amyotha Hluttaw regular session started and signed

the attendance.

Then, the representatives attended the first Amyotha Hluttaw regular session held at the Amyotha Hluttaw Hall.

According to the agenda, the Amyotha Hluttaw representatives elected Chairperson of the first Amyotha Hluttaw regular session. As **U Khat Htein Nan** from No (1) constituency of Kachin State was the only nominee, he was elected as Chairperson of the first Amyotha Hluttaw regular session.

After taking chairmanship, Chairperson **U Khat Htein Nan** of the first Pyithu Hluttaw regular session extended greetings. *(See page 6)*