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Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, 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

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NAY PYI TAW, 11 March—The first regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw went on for the eighth day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here this morning.

Present were Speaker of the Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and Hluttaw representatives. Today session's attendance was 431 or 99.54 per cent of the 433 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives thus the session was valid, announced Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann.

Sai Bo Aung of Muse Constituency in his question said that medical students from Shan State have to join Magway University of Medicine, instead of Mandalay University of Medicine which is nearer than the former. And economics students from Shan State (North) have to attend classes in Monywa Institute of Economics. Such restrictions on geographical location spark extra burdens on students and harm development of human resources. He said he wondered if there was any plan to deal with such



First regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw in progress for the eighth day.—MNA

weak points.

Answering the question, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint said that previously, there were only three universities for medicine: two in Yangon

and one in Mandalay and they accepted 550 students in total; that at that time, Yangon University of Medicine (1) and Yangon University of Medicine (2) were available for medical

students from lower Myanmar, and Mandalay University of Medicine, for medical students from upper Myanmar; that Magway University of Medicine was opened in

May 2001; that now the four universities of medicine accepts 600 students each; that according to the new plan, Yangon University of Medicine (1) and (2) are for students of Yangon

Region, Mandalay University of Medicine, for those of Mandalay Region and Magway University of Medicine, for those of other regions and states.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Build drugs free society

Narcotic drug is directly concerned with direct users, producers and traffickers. Use of narcotic drugs tarnishes images of economic and social affairs and prestige of related society.

The number of drug addicts and opium, heroin, opium oil and marijuana users is increasing day by day across the world. Various kinds of stimulant tablets made of chemical precursors are spreading throughout the world. Narcotic drugs become greater menace to all countries and nationalities. At present, all the countries and regions are giving first priority to combating narcotic drugs.

Myanmar, on her part, is focusing on drug eradication in full swing. Destruction of poppy plantation is one of the tasks for narcotic drug elimination. In 2000-2011, over 15,000 acres of poppy plantations were destroyed in some regions and states.

Drug addicts and users are interrelated with drug traffickers and possessors. Therefore, utmost efforts are being made in combating narcotic drug traffickers. A total of 270 drug-related cases were exposed in January 2011. Action was taken against 398 offenders in opium, heroin, opium oil, marijuana, stimulant tablets and other drug-related cases under the law.

Myanmar is implementing the 15-year narcotic drug elimination plan. The period of the plan was set from 1999 to 2014. So far, remarkable progress has been achieved in narcotic drug elimination due to collaborative efforts of the government and the people.

Although utmost efforts are being made in combating narcotic drugs across the world, various kinds of narcotic drugs are menacing the mankind. Thanks to concerted efforts of the government and the entire people in narcotic drug elimination, all the people can live healthy and happy in drugs free society.

KNU's mine wounds innocent civilian in Kawkareik

NAY PYI TAW, 11 March — A mine planted by KNU insurgents exploded in Kawkareik, Kayin State yesterday morning, wounding one civilian.

U TE (a) U Aung Lwin of No.2 Ward in Kawkareik, Kayin State stepped on the mine while working roadwork in Aukbote and Nabu Streets at Naungdaing Valley.

He had bruises and cuts in his right leg and right hand and was rushed to Kawkareik Township People's Hospital for medical treatment.—MNA

Five Points Doctrine

- * 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

Nay Pyi Taw Zabuthiri Hotel opened



Commander Brig-Gen Maung Maung Aye, Ministers U Thein Nyunt, U Soe Naing and U Ohn Myint and officials formally open Zabuthiri Hotel.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 11 March— Asia Express Co Ltd held an opening ceremony of Nay Pyi Taw Zabuthiri Hotel in its compound here this morning, attended by Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Maung Maung Aye, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Nay Pyi Taw Mayor U Thein Nyunt, Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Soe Naing, Minister for Mines U Ohn Myint, Deputy Ministers, departmental heads and officials

concerned. After the commander, the ministers and officials concerned had formally opened the ceremony, they looked round the hotel together with invited persons. The newly-opened hotel is designed with 100 standard rooms in the main building, 8 suite rooms, one presidential suite room, four meeting rooms, dining rooms and souvenir shop, as well as 34 bungalows namely Diamond, Pearl and Ruby.—MNA

Forestry Minister on inspection tour of elephant camp, sawmill, training school, workshop in Toungoo



Minister for Forestry U Thein Aung meets officials at Training School No. 1 (Nanchun) of Myanma Timber Enterprise.—FORESTRY

NAY PYI TAW, 10 March— Minister for Forestry U Thein Aung on 9 March morning inspected Phokyar Elephant Camp in Yedashe Township and heard reports presented by General Manager U Than Lwin of Asia Green Co Ltd coordinating with the Ministry of Forestry on preparedness of guesthouses in the camp and arrivals of local and foreign visitors and income of the camp.

Afterwards, the minister looked into No. 89 Sawmill (Kyunkon) of Myanma Timber Enterprise in Toungoo. He left necessary instructions after hearing reports by Assistant Manager of the sawmill U Htay Lwin on ongoing

tasks of the mill. He also visited No.1 Training School (Nanchun) of Myanma Timber Enterprise in Yedashe Township. The minister attended to the needs after hearing reports by Supretendent Assistant General Manager U Aung Myat Moe on courses of the school. The minister then proceeded to Base Workshop (Swar) of Myanma Timber Enterprise. He left instructions on matters related to maintenance of machinery and looked round the workshop.

MNA

Australia Defence Force to face tough fight in Afghanistan

CANBERRA, 11 March—Australian soldiers are facing a difficult Afghan fighting season as summer is approaching, Defence Minister Stephen Smith said on Friday.

According to Smith, progress had been made in Oruzgan Province and in Afghanistan generally.

He said there are better security in Oruzgan where most of Australia's 1,550 troops are based.

"We are, in a sense, steeling ourselves for the return to the fighting season which occurs when the winter recedes and the spring comes," he told ABC Radio.

"April, May, June is the traditional start of the fighting season, so we are steeling ourselves for a difficult year, a difficult fighting season."

Smith is in Brussels to attend the meeting of North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) defence ministers.

He said the meeting would be all about transition of the first provinces back to Afghan security control, and Australia remained confident it could hand over lead responsibility for security matters in Oruzgan Province some time between 2012 and 2014.

Xinhua



A crater is left in a pavement after a suicide truck bomb attack in Baiji recently.—INTERNET

Suicide bomber kills Afghan police chief, two others



KABUL, 11 March—The Afghan government says a suicide bomber has killed the police chief of northern Kunduz Province and two of his bodyguards. The Taliban have claimed

responsibility for the attack.

Once relatively quiet, Kunduz and other parts of northern and eastern Afghanistan have seen an increase in violence in recent months.

A government statement on Friday says police chief Abdul Rahman Sayedkhili was killed as he walked through the streets of Kunduz City late on Thursday. The Taliban claimed responsibility for the bombing in an e-mail.

Police say another 10 people were wounded. President Hamid Karzai has condemned the killing. He says it will not stop the fight against militants.—Internet

Taliban behead two civilians in SW Afghanistan

ZARANJ, 11 March—Taliban militants killed two civilians for allegedly spying to government and foreign forces in Afghanistan's Nimroz Province, some 790 km southwest of capital City of Kabul, police said Thursday.

"Taliban rebels beheaded two innocent civilians in Khash Rod District on Wednesday," deputy provincial police chief, Mohammad Musa Rasouli told Xinhua.

The militants abducted the ill-fated men few days ago and their beheaded bodies were found in Khash Rod District Wednesday evening, the official said.

Taliban outfit fighting Afghan and NATO-led troops has yet to make comment.

Civilian casualties in Afghanistan continued to rise as a total of 2,777 civilians had been killed in 2010 which indicates a 15 percent increase in compare with 2009, a joint report of Afghan Independent Human Rights Commission (AIHR) and UN mission in the country said on Wednesday.—Xinhua

Six killed and three wounded in Baghdad's late night robbery

BAGHDAD, 11 March—Six people were killed, including four Iraqi policemen, and three others were injured Thursday night in an armed robbery in eastern Baghdad, local police source said.

Unidentified gunmen tried to storm a gold store in al Benok neighbourhood in eastern Baghdad, killing at least six people and wounding three others, including two policemen, the police source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

"Clashes erupted between gunmen and the security forces, during which four policemen and two civilians were killed," he added.

The attackers had fled the scene into darkness before the reinforcement arrived.—Xinhua

Afghan, coalition forces capture IMU military leader in Balkh Province

KABUL, 11 March—The Afghan National Security Forces and NATO-led International Security Assistance Forces captured an Movement of Uzbekistan, or IMU militant leader and detained several suspected militants during an operation in Mazar-e Sharif District, Balkh Province Thursday.

The leader commanded a foreign fighter force and is involved in the recruitment and training of suicide bombers. He was associated with several members of the Taliban and IMU leadership throughout Balkh, Konduz, Baghlan, and Takhar Provinces. Coalition leaders spoke directly with Afghan government officials about this imminent suicide threat that could impact the celebrations of the Afghan new year.

Intelligence reports indicated that the militant leader was in the City of Mazar-e Sharif to plan and conduct a suicide attack in the city. Because of this, Afghan and coalition forces arrived and surrounded the compound to arrest the criminal.

According to a statement released by the ISAF, security forces advanced on the compound and issued a call out for all residents to exit the building. Upon exiting the residence, the IMU leader identified himself to security forces and was detained. Several additional suspected militants were detained after initial questioning at the scene for their involvement in militant activity.

Xinhua



File photo shows an Afghan youth, injured during an airstrike carried out by NATO, is visited by ISAF officials in the northern City of Kunduz. The United Nations' special representative for children and armed conflict, Radhika Coomaraswamy, also called for a "thorough review of procedures" to prevent the deaths of children in the Afghan war following the incident.—INTERNET



Afghan men inspect the damage after a misdirected NATO missile hit a mud-built home in Nangarhar Provincied, in Khogyani District in Nangarhar Province recently. Hamid Karzai has warned foreign forces in Afghanistan that they would face "huge problems" if the "daily killing of innocent civilians" did not stop.

INTERNET

Hundreds killed in major tsunami after 8.9 Japan quake

TOKYO, 11 March— A ferocious tsunami spawned by one of the largest earthquakes ever recorded slammed Japan's eastern coast Friday, killing hundreds of people as it swept away boats, cars and homes while widespread fires burned out of control.

Police said 200 to 300 bodies were found in the northeastern

coastal city of Sendai. Another 88 were confirmed killed and at least 349 were missing. The death toll was likely to continue climbing given the scale of the disaster. The magnitude 8.9 offshore quake unleashed a 23-foot (7-metre) tsunami and was followed by more than 50 aftershocks for hours, many of them of more



In this image, vehicles are washed away by tsunami in coastal area in eastern Japan.—INTERNET



In this video image taken from Japan's NHK TV, ships and boats are washed ashore in Hachinohe, Aomori Prefecture, Japan 11 March, 2011 following a massive earthquake.—INTERNET

building of nuclear power plant. A tsunami warning was issued for the entire Pacific, including areas as far away as South America, the entire US West Coast, Canada and Alaska.

"The earthquake has caused major damage in broad areas in northern Japan," Prime Minister Naoto Kan said at a news conference.—INTERNET



An office building burns in Tokyo after an earthquake on 11 March, 2011.—INTERNET

Tsunami alert issued in Russia's Far East following Japan earthquake

VLADIVOSTOK, 11 March— A tsunami alert was issued in the Sakhalin region in Russia's Far East shortly after a massive earthquake measuring 8.8 magnitude hit northeastern Japan Friday.

According to Russia's State news agency, RIA Novosti, the regional Tsunami Research Centre, Sakhalin AHEM, declared the warning for coastal communities of three districts of the Sakhalin Region: Yuzhno-Kuril, Kuril and Northern Kuril.

People in these areas were being evacuated to safe places. Possible consequences of the passage of tsunami waves were being calculated.

Rescuers have called on local residents in the threatened areas to leave the coast immediately and take shelter in nearby hills, 30-40 metres above the sea level.

Emergency services were on alert to respond to the consequences of the tsunami.

Xinhua

than magnitude 6.0.

The magnitude 8.9 offshore quake was followed by more than 50 aftershocks, most of them of more than magnitude 6.0. Dozens of cities and villages along a 1,300-mile (2,100-kilometre) stretch of coastline were shaken by violent tremors that reached as far away as Tokyo, hundreds of miles (kilometres) from the epicentre.

A utility company in northeastern Japan reported a fire in a turbine

Malaysia issues rough sea, sea level rise warnings

KUALA LUMPUR, 11 March— Rough seas and a rise in sea level is expected to hit the coasts of Malaysia's State of Sabah and its federal territory of Labuan in the East Peninsular Friday night between 06:00 pm to midnight local time.

The Malaysian Meteorological Department issued a statement on Friday, warning people to stay away from the affected beaches. It said the weather condition was brought about by the magnitude 8.8 earthquake that rocked Japan's northeastern Honshu island, leaving at least 16 people dead and many others injured. A tsunami watch has been issued for Guam, China's Taipei, the Philippines, Indonesia and Hawaii state of the United States.—Xinhua

Powerful earthquake rocks Indonesia

JAKARTA, 11 March— A strong earthquake with a magnitude of 6.6 struck off West Nusatenggara in central of Indonesia earlier Friday, but there was no initial report of damage or casualty, officials said. The quake jolted at 00:08 am Jakarta time Friday (1708 GMT Thursday) with the epicentre at 165 km northwest of Sumbawebesar of West Nusa Tenggara and with a depth

of 523 km under the sea bed, an official of the Meteorology and Geophysics Agency told Xinhua. The intensity of the quake was felt at 4 MMI (Modified Mercally Intensity) in Denpasar, the capital of Bali Province, the official said.

The USGS reported on its website that the earthquake was measured at 6.2 magnitude.

Local Disaster

Management and Mitigation Agency official told Xinhua by phone that there was no immediate report of building damages or those injured after the quake.

Indonesia sits on a vulnerable quake-hit zone so called the "Pacific Ring of Fire", where two continental plates meet, causing frequent seismic and volcanic movement.

Xinhua

Hawaii people alerted for possible tsunami following Japan's quake

HONOLULU, 11 March— The Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre on Thursday issued a tsunami warning for Hawaii after a 8.8-magnitude earthquake struck Japan.

"A tsunami has been generated that could cause damage along coastlines of all islands in the state of Hawaii," the centre said. "Urgent action should be taken to protect lives and property."

The warning was issued for a large swath of the Pacific including Hawaii, Australia, New Zealand, Mexico and Central and South America, the centre said.

Sirens were sounded in Honolulu about 30 minutes after the warning was issued at 9:31 pm Hawaii Standard Time (HST), alerting people in coastal areas to evacuate.

The first waves were expected to

arrive at 2:55 am local time Friday, according to the centre.

The centre said wave heights cannot be predicted, but the first wave may not be the largest.

"The danger can continue for many hours after the initial wave as subsequent waves arrive," said the centre. "All shores are at risk no matter which direction they face."

Meanwhile, Hawaii Civil Defence urged all residents in tsunami inundation zones to evacuate immediately.

"Leave all coastal evacuation zones immediately. Refer to Hawaiian Telcom or Paradise Pages for evacuation maps," it said.

About 70 percent of Hawaii's population resides in Honolulu, and as many as 100,000 tourists are in the city on any given day.—Xinhua



Firefighters dismantle a damaged house after a 5.8-magnitude earthquake hit Yingjiang County in southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 11 March, 2011. A 5.8-magnitude earthquake jolted Yingjiang County Thursday noon, killing at least 25 people and injuring 250 others.

XINHUA

Health

Animal study may explain low birth weight-obesity link

LOS ANGELES, 11 March—Newborns with a low birth weight due to their mother's poor nutrition during pregnancy may be "programmed" to eat more, research in animals suggests.

The finding may help explain the connection between low birth weight and obesity later in life, and also highlights the importance of good nutrition for pregnant women, according to researchers at the Los Angeles Biomedical Research Institute at Harbour-UCLA Medical Centre (LA BioMed).

Their work with laboratory animals found that newborns with low birth weight had fewer neurons in the area of the brain that controls food intake than those with a normal birth weight.

"This study demonstrates the importance of maternal nutrition and health in reducing obesity," co-author Dr Mina Desai said in an LA BioMed news release. "Obesity and its related diseases are the leading cause of death in our society, yet we have few effective strategies for prevention or treatment. These studies suggest maternal nutrition could play a critical role in preventing obesity and related disease."—*Internet*



Medical staff wear masks at a hospital. The H1N1 swine flu that swept the globe in 2009/10 could easily morph into a more transmissible form, while an older, mid-20th century virus could also come roaring back, scientists warned this week in separate studies.—INTERNET

Health Tip: Have a dislocated joint?

A dislocation occurs when two bones that meet at a joint become separated. The ADAM Encyclopedia says this may damage nearby ligaments, nerves and blood vessels.

ADAM says it may be difficult to distinguish the following symptoms from those of a broken bone, both of which require immediate treatment. It mentions these potential warning signs of a dislocated joint:

- * A tingling sensation or numb feeling in or around the joint.
- * Severe pain, particularly when trying to move or put weight on the joint.
- * Limited range of motion.
- * Swelling or bruising.
- * Unusual colour or shape.
- * A joint that obviously looks as if it's distorted or out of place.—*Internet*

Coffee drinking may reduce stroke risk in women

BEIJING, 11 March—Women who have a cup or more of coffee everyday may reduce their risk of stroke by as much as 25 percent, according to a new study in the *Journal stroke* Thursday. This study, led by Swedish researcher Susanna Larson of the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, followed more than 34,000 Swedish women aged 49 to 83 who were free of heart disease.

After 10-year of follow-up, there were 1,680 strokes, and the study found that those who drank at least one cup of coffee each day had a 22 to 25 percent lowered risk of stroke, compared with women who drank less. "We used to worry that (coffee) raises blood pressure and causes increased heart rate, but it appears to be less risky than we thought," said physician Claudette Brooks, spokesperson for the American Stroke

Association. However, some experts kept skeptical about the real impact coffee would have on reducing the incidence of stroke.

"The problem with this type of study is that there are too many factors unaccounted for and association does not prove causality," Dr Larry B Goldstein, director of the Duke Stroke Centre at Duke University Medical Centre said. There is no way to know if they changed their behaviour," Goldstein added. In any case, the good news for coffee junkies is that at least drinking coffee don't increase women's risk of stroke.—*Xinhua*

When people do not get enough sleep, they tend to make overly optimistic decisions and may be more prone to risky gambling, US researchers said. INTERNET



Business



US stocks drop on disappointing economic news

NEW YORK, 11 March— The US stocks tumbled on Thursday, with major indexes declining more than 1.8 percent, as both domestic and overseas economic reports disappointed the market.

The Dow Jones industrial average lost 228.41 points, or 1.87 percent, to 11,984.68. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 24.91 points, or 1.89 percent, to 1,295.11. The Nasdaq declined 50.70 points, or 1.84 percent, to 2,701.02.

The US Labour Department said on Thursday that the number of people seeking unemployment benefits rose by 26,000 to a seasonally adjusted 397,000 last week.

The Commerce Department said on Thursday the January trade deficit increased 15.1 percent to 46.3 billion dollars. Exports rose 2.7 percent to 167.7 billion dollars, while imports rose 5.2 percent to 214.1 billion.

Also adding to the pressure, Moody's downgraded Spain on Thursday over concerns the country's banking sector is in worse shape than the government admits, while China reported an unexpected 7.3-billion-dollar trade deficit for the month of February.—*Xinhua*

AIG offers to rebuy toxic assets from New York Fed

WASHINGTON, 11 March— American International Group Inc is offering \$15.7 billion for a heap of toxic mortgage bonds that the Federal Reserve Bank of New York took off its hands at the peak of the financial crisis in 2008.

The insurance conglomerate said in a letter to the New York Fed Thursday that the sale would reduce the amount of government money it holds to \$26 billion, including an unused \$2 billion line of credit, from \$39 billion.

AIG received the largest bailout of the financial crisis. The New York Fed and Treasury Department extended lifelines worth a total of \$182 billion.

Internet



The world's leading luxury carmaker BMW said that its 2010 net profit soared to 3.23 billion euros (\$4.45 billion) from 210 million euros a year earlier.

INTERNET

China CPI up 4.9 percent in February

BEIJING, 11 March— China's consumer price index was unchanged from January to February but rose 4.9 percent from the same month of last year, the government said Friday.

The National Bureau of Statistics said the main gauge of inflation has stubbornly remained high despite a number of measures

to cap price rises, the state-run *Xinhua* news agency reported. The increase, however, was smaller than in November, when it jumped to a 28-month-high of 5.1 percent year-on-year.

The government's target is to keep the rate below 4 percent.

The higher rates have been blamed largely on increases in

food prices.

The CPI rose 3.3 percent for all of 2010, against the government's target of 3 percent.

The bureau said China's producer price index, which measures inflation at wholesale levels, rose 7.2 percent in February year-on-year, up from a year-on-year increase of 6.6 percent in January.

Internet



A woman walks by the AOL corporate headquarters on Broadway in New York City. Internet company AOL is cutting more than 900 jobs as it joins forces with The Huffington Post and seeks to reinvent itself as a major player in online news.

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Sai Bo Aung of Muse Constituency also asked why a mobile phone costs 500,000 kyats in Myanmar, whereas a mobile phone costs less than 10,000 kyats in neighbouring countries.

Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Zaw said that the ministry is carrying out plans to improve phone lines and reduce their cost, that the cost for a phone line has been reduced from over 1 million kyats to 0.65 million kyats, and that for a mobile phone line, from 1.5 million kyats to 0.5 million kyats; that so far, over 2 million mobile phone lines have been installed in 221 townships; that a plan gets underway to transform the communication from Intranet to Internet system; that to achieve the goal, the ministry is working in cooperation with Yatanarpon Teleport Co and ITCS Co; and that to improve and reduce the cost of mobile phone lines is part of the short- and long-term projects.

U Nelson (a) Sai Hsaung Hsi of Kyaukse Constituency asked if there is a programme to publish publications on existing laws, rules and ordinances for convenience of representatives.



Sai Bo Aung of Muse Constituency raising queries.—MNA

Attorney-General U Aye Maung said that the laws promulgated by the government, ordinances and rules are issued through Myanmar Gazette; that the Attorney-General's Office publishes and distributes books on laws enacted, ordinances and rules yearly; that it is gearing up for publishing books on laws that have been sold out; and that laws books are available at the bookshop of the Attorney-General's Office.

U Soe Win of Sangyoung Constituency asked if recently-enacted civil military service law has come into force or not; and how young people will be summoned for military service if it comes into force.

Attorney-General U Aye Maung quoted the speech by General Aung San at the constituent assembly on 16 June 1947 that in the colonial days, to defend Myanmar was the duty of the British, but it was the duty of Myanmar people when the nation regained independence; that if the number of servicemen was not enough, a military service law had to be enacted for all healthy adult citizens to serve military service at least two or three years, that they had to engage in battles if there was a war, that that was one of the major tasks to be carried out when the nation regained independence.

He went on to say that Civil Military Act (1959) was promulgated on 11 March 1959; that act came into force on 1 July 1962; that Article 171 of the constitution (1974) says, "Every citizen shall, in accordance with law (a) undergo military training, and (b) undertake military service for the defence of the State; that Article 385 of the constitution (2008) says, "Every citizen has the duty to safeguard independence, sovereignty and territorial integ-



CPT Minister U Thein Zaw replying to queries.—MNA

ity of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar", and Article 386 says, "Every citizen has the duty to undergo military training in accord with the provisions of the law and to serve in the Armed Forces to defend the Union"; that the recently-enacted civil military service law will come into force on the date featured on the notification issued by the President; and that the processes to summon people for military service are stated in the law.

U Kyi Thar of Gwa Constituency said that the Ministry of Myanmar Industrial Development is yet to be formed, and asked if Myanmar Industrial Development Act will be enacted.

Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung said that all governments of the Union of Myanmar tried for industrial development; that the State Peace and Development Council government also promulgated necessary laws for industrial development; and that the forthcoming government is likely to form the Ministry of Myanmar Industrial Development.

U Ye Tun (a) U Min Tun of Hsipaw Constituency said that at the 16th Mile Checkpoint between Mandalay and Pyin Oo Lwin, such goods as rice, peas, flour and edible oil to the border of China and to northern Shan State are prohibited; that in consequence, local people of northern Shan State have to spend extra money to get unnecessarily expensive goods that are from black markets through the checkpoint; that it is like a trade embargo for growers in Mandalay, Sagaing, Magway and Ayeyawady regions; that it is contrary to the market economy; and that he asked what the new government's stance is in that regard.

Minister for Commerce U Tin Naing Thein said that the 16th Mile Checkpoint is to search weapons, explosives and narcotics, not to prohibit goods; and that the prohibition of goods is for security; that the flow of illegal goods was growing at the 16th Mile Checkpoint, so programmes were launched to fight trade of illegal goods including narcotics and gems; that domestic goods to northern Shan State are permitted, but such goods as rice, peas and flour, that are likely to be smuggled into neighbouring countries, can be transported only with the permission of authorities; that if there is difficulty with transporting goods to the townships in northern Shan State, the case can be presented to authorities; that issues on transport of goods are addressed by the ministry in cooperation with related merchants' associations and companies, and the turnover of goods is increasing year by year at the checkpoint; that a new system has been launched to avoid unnecessary delay; that chicks can be imported to Shan State from other regions of foreign countries if with permits from the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department; that the previous prohibition was just a temporary programme launched by local authorities; that like the ruling government, the new government will try for swift commodity flow, fight against inflation, and boosting export of goods; that the programme is for security and fight against narcotics and transportation of goods without toll fees; and that he believes the new



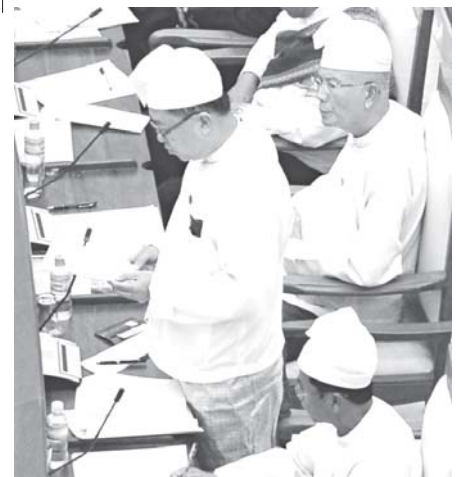
Health Minister Dr Kyaw Myint answering queries.—MNA

governments of Regions and States, and departments will pay careful attention to security, flows of goods, and convenience of the people in terms of food.

The session stopped for a break.

U Ye Tun (a) U Min Tun of Hsipaw constituency seconded the proposal of U Tun Sar (a) U Sai Tun Win saying that Chapter-VIII, Section-354 of the 2008 constitution says every citizen shall be at liberty in the exercise of the following rights, if not contrary to the laws, enacted for Union security, prevalence of law and order, community peace and tranquility or public order and morality.

It is found that there are traders' association, livestock breeding farmers' association, free funeral service associations, literature and culture associations of national races etc. However, as it is not clear and easy to register, some associations are being run without registration and they become as if unlawful associations.



U Kyi Thar of Gwa Constituency raising questions.—MNA

Such associations, organizations, peasants' union and labours' union are sine qua non for a democratic society. While working with such associations and unions, citizens can know how to exercise their democratic rights. Therefore, he seconded the proposal of U Tun Sar (a) U Sai Tun Win, said U Ye Tun (a) U Min Tun.

In response to the proposal, Minister for Home Affairs U Maung Oo said the State Law and Order Restoration Council enacted the Law Relating to Forming of Organizations, No.6/88, on 30 September, 1988. According to the law, an organization or association can register at the Ministry of Home Affairs in accordance with the respective rules and regulations of the Ministry of Home Affairs. It shall apply for registration at An Township General Administration Department.

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Attorney-General U Aye Maung answering queries.—MNA



Industry-1 Minister U Aung Thauung answering queries.—MNA

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After scrutinizing the application, the head of the respective township general administration department is to report the application to the respective township and district peace and development councils. With the recommendations of the respective head of region or state general administration department, the application was sent to the headoffice of the General Administration Department. The GAD is to send the application to the central supervisory committee for establishing organizations and associations after seeking remarks from ministries concerned.

After the central committee's agreement on establishing such organization, the application is sent to the cabinet which issue the license to the organization.

The Ministry of Home Affairs issued the order No 1/2010 on 15, July, 2010, and has issued a two-year license to an organization at cost of K100,000.

So far, a total of 218 organizations have been formed under the agreement of the respective ministries.

Therefore, organizations and associations are allowed to register their organizations in accordance with the prescribed rules and regulations, the minister said.

Afterwards, the Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw asked opinion of U Tun Sar (a) U Sai Tun Win over discussion of the Minister for Home Affairs and U Tun Sar (a) U Sai Tun Win accepted the discussion of the minister.

The Speaker announced that the proposal of U Tun Sar (a) U Sai Tun Win should not proceed seeking approval from Pyithu Hluttaw.

Afterwards, three representatives discussed the proposal "Rights of the national races to participate in the governance and administration sectors" submitted by U Ngun Moug of Haka Constituency.

U Ye Tun (a) U Min Tun said according to the Chapter-1 Section 22 of the Basic Principles of the Constitution, the Union shall assist: (a) to develop language, literature, fine arts and culture of the National races; (b) to promote solidarity, mutual amity and respect and mutual assistance among the National races; (c) to promote socio-economic development including education, health, economy, transport and communication, so forth, of less-developed National races.

According to the Section (11) (B) of the Chapter-1 of the Basic Principles of the constitution, to implement the three tasks, the three branches of sovereign power namely, legislative power, executive power and judicial power are shared among the Union, Regions, States and Self-Administered Areas.

It is found that governance and administration duties are also shared with National races at state/region hluttaws and the Union Hluttaw.

Therefore, he seconded the proposal submitted by U Ngun Moug as his proposal would help building mutual respect and friendship among the National races, U Ye Tun (a) U Min Tun said.

Afterwards, U Kyi Myint of Latha Constituency took part in the discussion and suggested that greater consideration should be given to quality of a person or organizations than the sharing among National races to decide the motion of the participation of the National races in the governance and administration sectors. It is important to assign duties to highly qualified citizens in the governance and administrative sectors of the Myanmar society.

Only highly qualified person or organization can make the best use of natural resources of the country in order to boost the productivity, to benefit the people and to improve the living standard of the people. Therefore,



U Nelson (a) Sai Hsaung Hsi of Kyaukse Constituency holding discussions.—MNA

Affairs U Maung Oo said that he will make clarification on undertakings in line with law, rule and regulations enacted by the State. First, the motion should be considered in line with the constitution totally approved by the entire nation.

Section 348 in the Chapter-VIII, Citizen, Fundamental Rights and Duties of the Citizens states that the Union shall not discriminate any citizen of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, based on race, place of birth, religion, official position, status, culture, sex and wealth.

With regard to participation of national races in administrative and management sectors, Section 349 states that citizens shall enjoy equal opportunity in carrying out the following functions:-

- (a) public employment;
- (b) occupation;
- (c) trade;
- (d) business;
- (e) technical know-how and vocation
- (f) exploration of art, science and technology.

Section 352 states that the Union shall, upon specified qualifications being fulfilled, in appointing of assigning duties to civil service personnel, not discriminate for or against any citizen of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, based on race, place of birth, religion and sex. However, nothing in this Section shall prevent appointment of men to the positions that are suitable for men only.

Section 368 states the Union shall honour and assist citizens who are outstanding in education irrespective of race, religion and sex according to their qualifications.

Section 290 of Chapter-V states that matters relating to the appointment, promotion, retirement, enforcement of rules and regulations and taking action on the civil service personnel shall be exercised in accord with the law.

With regard to the proposal calling for participation of national races in administrative and management sectors



U Soe Win of Sangyoung Constituency holding discussions.—MNA

considering quality or competitions is more suitable than the sharing to decide the participation of National races in the governance and administrative sectors, he said.

U Zone Teint of Chipwe Constituency discussed the proposal submitted by U Ngun Moug with two portions based on review and matters related to expression. At present, he said that all the national race representatives including the vice-president participate in the Union level committees and local people are assigned as ministers and appointed at the important posts at the region and state governments. It is satisfactory for assignments and appointments of national races without requests of any party or person.

With regard to expression, he noted that the national races mean all the nationalities. If proposals are submitted and questions raised at the Pyithu Hluttaw with the Union Spirit, it will be the best. As national races have been concluded in the administrative and management sectors, there is no need for serious discussion. Therefore, he said that the motion of U Ngun Moug should be withdrawn.

Regarding the proposal of U Ngun Moug of Haka Township Constituency of Chin State, Minister for Home

tabled by U Ngun Moug of Haka Township Constituency of Chin State, the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar proves that all the national races have equal rights.

Administrative and management sectors are being realized by State service personnel in line with law, rules, procedures, orders and policies. In appointing the personnel, they enjoy equal rights in accord with the provisions of 2008 Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. According to Section 246, the Union Civil Services Board was formed to perform the duties of selecting, training the civil services personnel and prescribing of civil service regulations. The Civil Service Selection and Training Board provides international standard trainings to personnel at Central Institutes of Civil Service after appointing them. Approval is to be sought for appointment of personnel from the board of planning and scrutinizing organization set-up. After submitting it to the Union government office, the service personnel are to be appointed. Staff members cannot be elected with the approval of the majority.

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The government has turned out the national races to be educated ones, graduates and post-graduates. Especially, University for Development of National Races and degree colleges under the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs are opened for providing free education to the national races.



U Ngun Moug of Haka Township Constituency holding discussions.—MNA



U Ye Tun (a) U Min Tun of Hsipaw Constituency holding discussions.—MNA

Graduate national races are assigned to respective ministries to discharge duties of the State. With regard to the motion, the Union level and relevant ministries are constantly realizing the appointment of national races in administrative and management sectors.

In studying the appointments concerning the three powers at Union level and Region/State level in line with the constitution, matters related to the motion have been undertaken. As the Union level organizations have performed matters related to the motion, he said that the motion does not need to be submitted to the Hluttaw.

The Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw said he believed that all the representatives understood discussions of three persons on the proposal of U Ngun Moug of Haka Constituency and the full clarification of the Minister for Home Affairs. He noted that the motion does not need to be submitted to the Hluttaw. Therefore, he asked the opinion of U Ngun Moug regarding above-mentioned matter. U Ngun Moug said that he submitted the proposal on 9-2-2011 when he could not know the future progress. On that day, national races have not been assigned duties at the committees. At present, national races have been assigned at Hluttaws and region and state hluttaws. Therefore, the motion will not be submitted to the Hluttaw.

The Hluttaw declared that it is unnecessary to continue submission of the proposal to create opportunity for participation of national races in administrative and management sectors.

Next, U Ngun Moug of Haka Constituency submitted the proposal calling for transport facilitation in Chin State by the Union Government.

Two representatives participated in the discussions.

U Khaing Maung Yi (a) U Khin Maung Yi of Ahlon Constituency said that Chin State is constituted



U Tun Sar (a) U Sai Tun Win of Tangyan Constituency submits proposal.—MNA

with nine townships and three sub-townships. Capital Haka of northern Chin State has no access to its nearest town Matupi of northern Chin State. Likewise, Paletwa of southern Chin State has no access to its nearest town Matupi.

If the road linking Kalay of Sagaing Region to Reed Sub-Township near border of India through Tiddim can be constructed as an all-weather road, the facility will serve the best interest for the people. If the 64 miles long Falam-Reed Road can be built as an all-season road, Falam will achieve greater development.

That is why roads are to be upgraded and maintained in Chin State for realizing the border trade that plays an important role for development of the state.

In his discussion, U Khun Lein of Falam Constituency said that at a time when Myanmar had regained her independence, Chin State was designated as the Chin special division. In the post-independence period, the government built motor roads in Chin State. Nowadays, the local people have easy access to main land of the nation along three roads namely the Kalay-Tiddim-Tonzang-Falam-Haka Road, the Mandalay-Gangaw-Haka Road, and the Pakokku-Pauk-

Kyaukhtu-Mindat-Kanpetlet-Matupi Road. However, it is necessary to upgrade these facilities to be all-weather roads. Paletwa of southern Chin State has no access to other eight townships of the state through motor roads. Therefore, he submitted his discussions to build a road linking Paletwa, Matupi and Haka. In conclusion, he submitted to upgrade the existing roads, to construct Paletwa-Matupi Road and maintain Falam-Reed Road.

With regard to the motion, Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint explained that Public Works of the Ministry of Construction is taking responsibility for construction and maintenance of 26 roads as road network including eight main roads in Chin State.

Eight main roads are as follows:-

- (1) 115 miles and one furlong long Haka-Falam-Thaingngin-Kalay Road
- (2) 107 miles and five furlongs long Thaingngin-Tiddim-Tonzong-Kyikha Road
- (3) 32 miles and three furlongs long Tiddim-Reed Road
- (4) 64 miles and two furlongs long Falam-Reed Road
- (5) 70 miles and four furlongs long Haka-Gangaw Road
- (6) 172 miles and seven furlongs long Haka-Rezwa-Matupi Road
- (7) 114 miles and seven furlongs long Matupi-Mindat-Kyaukhtu Road
- (8) 135 miles and three furlongs long Matupi-Paletwa Road.

A total of 1094 miles and six furlongs long roads, including 287 miles and 7 furlongs long asphalt roads, 282 miles and three furlongs long gravel roads, 15 miles and four furlongs long hard roads and 509 miles long earthen roads, are under construction in Chin State.

So far, box culverts and 80 bridges of under 50



U Khaing Maung Yi (a) U Khin Maung Yi of Ahlon Constituency holding discussions.

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feet, 29 bridges between 50 feet and 100 feet in length, one bridge between 100 feet and 180 feet in length, five bridges of above 180 feet totaling 115 have been constructed in Chin State. Among them, 270 feet long Natzan bridge, 240 feet long Lemyo bridge, 340 feet long Var bridge, 385 feet long Katel bridge and 460 feet long Manswang bridge are above 180 feet long facilities which were built in the present decade in Chin State.

For building of more roads and bridges in Chin State by the Public Works, one state Superintending Engineer's Office, two district senior engineer's offices, nine township engineer's offices and three sub-township offices are being opened to carry out maintenance work and road construction project special group-11 led by the deputy superintending engineer and road construction project special group-12 led by the deputy superintending engineer were assigned two base offices in Falam and Haka since 1994.

Road and bridge construction works were carried out with the 90 engineers, 75 staff, 300 workers and 199 heavy machinery in order to see more progress in Chin State year after year.

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For better transport in Chin State, Chin national U Ngun Hsan Aung, Chin State in-charge Superintending Engineer of the Public Works, was promoted to higher positions from 1987 to date. At present, better transport facilities can be seen in the state.

For construction of reinforced concrete bridges in Chin State, along with remaining States and Regions, emphasis are being placed in three stages—bridges of 50 feet and above long are in first stage, bridges between 50 and 100 feet in length are in second stage and bridges between 100 and under 180 feet in third stage. Works are being carried out for bridges of above 180 feet after seeking approval of the government.

In 2010-2011 fiscal year, 824 tons of tar were sent to Chin State. Road works are being carried out on Haka-Rezwa-Matupi road. Preliminary engineering works are being carried out for Paletwa-Kaletwa-Myeik trade link by Max Co., of Myanmar in cooperation with IRCON Co., (Indian Railway Construction Company Limited). Plans are under way to upgrade Paletwa-Matupi road.

Construction works are being carried out on Kyauktaw-Paletwa road linking with Rakhine State by eight road construction groups and 16 bridge construction groups with the use of 30 heavy machinery.

Works for all-round development of Haka-Matupi, Matupi-Paletwa and Kyauktaw-Paletwa roads linking with India, roads linking with Rakhine State and southern and northern parts of Chin State are being



Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint responding to queries.

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upgraded.

As the government is striving for all-round development of roads, the entrance to Chin State, linking with Sagaing and Magway Regions and Rakhine State, trade routes and border routes, the proposal calling for transport facilitation in Chin State by the Union Government submitted by the representative was not necessary to discuss again.

Next, the Hluttaw Speaker said that two representatives and the Minister for Construction made comprehensive discussions on the motion tabled by U Ngun Mung of Haka Constituency and that it was not necessary to submit the proposal separately. The speaker asked about the opinion of U Ngun Mung on the



Minister for Home Affairs U Maung Oo answering queries.

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discussions of today. U Ngun Mung thanked to the minister and he came to understand that requirements are being fulfilled by the government systematically. With the approval of the Hluttaw, he withdrew his motion.

Next, U Ngun Mung of Haka Constituency submitted proposal **“to allow visit of tourists to Chin State”**.

Daw Zar Talam of Thantlang Constituency seconded the proposal. The Hluttaw approved to discuss the proposal at the ninth-day session of the Hluttaw on 14 March (Monday). There was an announcement for the representatives who will take part in discussions to register themselves at deputy director-general of the Pyithu Hluttaw this evening.

U Khaing Maung Yi (a) U Khin Maung Yi of Ahlon Constituency withdrew his proposal **“to allow visit of tourists to Chin State for creating job opportunities for local people in Chin State with poor economic opportunity”** as his proposal is similar to that of U Ngun Mung. The Hluttaw approved it.

Next, U Ngun Mung of Haka Constituency submitted proposal **“to upgrade Haka, capital of Chin State, like capital of other States”**.

Daw Zar Talam of Thantlang Constituency seconded the proposal. The Hluttaw approved to discuss the proposal at the ninth-day session of the Hluttaw on 14 March (Monday). There was an announcement for the representatives who will take part in discussions to register themselves at deputy director-general of the Pyithu Hluttaw this evening.

Then Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw announced the conclusion of the eighth-day session and holding of the ninth-day session at 10 am on 14 March (Monday).

The session ended at 2.25 pm.—MNA



U Khun Lane of Falam Constituency holding discussions.—MNA



U Kyi Myint of Latha Constituency holding discussions.—MNA

48th Myanmar Gems Emporium continues for second day

NAY PYI TAW, 11 March—The 48th Myanmar Gems Emporium organized by Central Committee for organizing Myanmar Gems Emporium continued for the second day at Mani Yadana Jade Hall near Myanmar Gems Museum here this morning.

Patron of the Central Committee for Organizing Myanmar Gems Emporium Minister for Mines U Ohn Myint visited the

emporium. The minister inspected jade and pearl lots on display and gave necessary instructions. Gems merchants at home and abroad tendered for jade and pearl lots, which was supervised by Managing-Director U Thein Swe of Myanmar Gems Enterprise and members of the Central Committee for organizing Myanmar Gems Emporium. A total of 73

pearl lots were sold out and sales will be continued tomorrow under tender and bidding systems.

Under the arrangement of the committee, artists and vocalists entertained the local and foreign gems merchants with songs and Myanmar young ladies modeled precious stones.

The 48th Myanmar Gems Emporium will continue till 22 March.—MNA



Mines Minister U Ohn Myint observes lots of jade on display at Mani Yadana Jade Hall.

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languages and literatures, and if possible, he wanted to know the time to permission of creating the learning opportunity.

Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein responded the question of U Zone Hle Thang of Chin State Constituency-2. He said that the Ministry of Education is carrying out tasks to open and upgrade universities and colleges for uplift of national education standards. A college representing Chin State was opened with the name of Kalay College on 16-3-1993. It was upgraded to Kalay Degree College on 7-7-1999 and Kalay University on 14-5-2003. As the Ministry of Education titled its educational institutions with the names of town on their locations, Kalay University has been initially called Kalay College since its establishment.

Kalay University is opened for those from northern townships of Chin State wishing to pursue higher education and Pakokku University for those of southern townships of Chin State. Anyone living in all parts of the nation can enjoy the opportunity to learn education at University of Distance Education.

With regard to the question raised by Dr Banya Aung Moe of Mon State Constituency-7, the Ministry of Education is giving priority to creation of opportunity for all the citizens to pursue basic education and ensuring uplift of State's education standard.

To preserve languages, literatures and culture of national races, the Ministry of Education has any plan to establish the education centres for national races at present.

Regarding the question raised by U Steven Thabeik

provide necessary assistance for teaching national races as non-formal education.

U Khet Htein Nan of Kachin State Constituency-1 asked whether Myitkyina Airport can be extended for landing of jets, and whether arrangements can be made for landing at and taking off passenger jets.

U Zone Hle Thang of Chin State Constituency-2 asked whether two airports can be constructed in Falam of northern Chin State and a suitable place in southern Chin State.

With regard to the question raised by U Khet Htein Nan of Kachin State Constituency-1, Minister for Transport U Thein Swe replied that Fokker F-28 jets land at and take off from 6000 feet long and 150 feet wide runway of Myitkyina Airport. The maintenance of the airport commenced in 1992-93 financial year and it was completed in 1993-94. The present runway is being added with 1000 feet long and 150 feet wide extended section. On completion, Fokker F-100 and Y-8 airplanes can land at and take off from Myitkyina Airport. The more extension of runway will be carried out there.

Concerning the question raised by U Zone Hle Thang of Chin State Constituency-2, the minister said that Myanmar Airways of the Ministry of Transport is placing emphasis on giving aviation service to regions and states for convenience of passengers. Thick mountains and forests in Chin State are natural barriers for airplanes to land at and taking off at the airport. An airport was built in Kalay for better transport of local people in northern Chin State and one airport in Pakokku for the people of southern Chin State. Moreover, a new airport was constructed in Kyaukhtu. Airplanes have regular flight schedules to these airports. At present, any plan is not to be undertaken to build airport.

Afterwards, the session was stopped for a while.

When the session resumed, the member of respective Union level organization replied to the proposal submitted



Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein replies to queries raised by Hluttaw representatives.

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the university level. According to task, 23, 24, and 32 of the national education promotion 30-year long-term plan, Curriculum Development Teams-CDT were formed at every university and university curricula are being reviewed to meet the international standards

- (d) making cooperation with international universities as a member of (ASEAN University Network-AUN), conducting research in cooperation with universities in England, American, Australia, Germany, Republic of



U Steven Thabeik of Chin State Constituency (4) asking questions.—MNA

of Chin State Constituency-4, the curricula for basic education meeting international standards were drawn with the participation of local and international experts, scholars from UN agencies and international experts so as to turn out the students to be good and able educated citizens equipped with Union Spirit and nationalistic spirit.

Myanmar, being a home to over 100 national races, has many languages. Some ethnics use different dialects based on their residences. As many ethnics are living in all regions and states, a classroom of the school can be found with multi-national race students.

The present curricula and syllabuses were drawn in conformity with aged and learning capability of children based on education policy in line with the education goal of the State. As Myanmar language is designated as the office language in Myanmar, the curricula of basic education are drawn inclusive of Myanmar and English.

At present, it is impossible to draw basic education curriculum with each literature of national races from Regions and States due to the fact that many national races are residing in Myanmar. If necessary, the ministry will

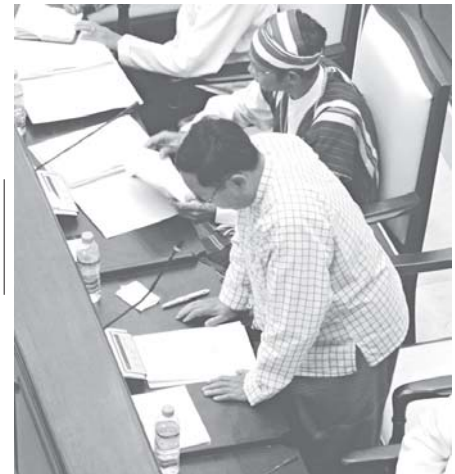


U Zone Hle Thang of Chin State Constituency (2) raising questions.—MNA

to the Amyotha Hluttaw and sought the approval of the Amyotha Hluttaw.

With regard to the proposal calling for reviewing the current education system by forming a board comprising experts and well-experienced persons submitted by U Steven Thabeik of Chin State Constituency-4, Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein responded that systematic arrangements are being undertaken for ensuring international standard education system in line with the national education promotion 30-year long-term plan. They are:

- (a) the Myanmar Education Committee was formed at the State level to adopt the education policies for promotion of national education
- (b) the Council of University Education Boards and the Universities' Central Council were formed in the higher education sector and the Basic Education Council in the basic education sector to realize the policies
- (c) the University Management Board and the University Education Board were formed with experts of universities and outside scholars at



Dr Banya Aung Moe of Mon State Constituency (7) raises questions.—MNA

Korea, Japan, India and the People's Republic of China, works are being made in opening of research department and academic centres, delivering lectures by visiting professors and supervising, examining and holding subject-wise discussions and sending scholars in accord with international standard

- (e) basic education curriculums and syllabus are being upgraded with the participation of officials of basic education and higher education departments in accord with the procedure (3) of 30-year long term plan in basic education level as well as programme of international standard learning and teaching, criteria to judge education standard and programme for promotion of teachers are being implemented with the cooperation of JICA, KOICA and TICA.

As National Education Promotion Seminars with the participation of officials concerned and experts are being held, works for development of education are being

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reviewed, assessed and modified regularly and cooperation in education with international universities are being made, the motion tabled by U Steven Thabeik has already been included as part in already-implemented and ongoing works of the ministry.

U Steven Thabeik of Chin State Constituency-4 expressed thanks for detailed clarification on undertakings in education sector by the Ministry of Education; said that he did not intend to withdraw his motion and he would accept the decision made by the majority of the Hluttaw.

In casting votes with the help of voting machine for whether or not the motion to review the current education system by forming a board comprising experts and well-experienced persons should be approved, the Hluttaw announced that the motion was rejected as 22 voted in favour, 181 against and eight abstained.

In his response to proposal for establishment of a college in Haka, the capital city of Chin State submitted by U Paw Lian Lwin of Chin State Constituency-9, Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein replied that Kalay University had been set up for youths from northern Chin State regions to be able to pursue higher education and Pakokku University for those from southern Chin State regions. International norms of the universities worldwide were accessibility, quality education, and diversity.

With regard to accessibility, a total of 968 undergraduates from Falam, Haka, Tiddim, Tonzang, and Tantlang were pursuing education at Kalay University and a total of 667 undergraduates from Matupi, Mindat, Kanpetlet at Pakokku University. So, it could be concluded

appreciated the minister for elaborating on endeavors of the Education Ministry but he did not intend to withdraw his proposal and would like to listen opinions of other representatives.

With the help of voting machine, representatives cast votes to decide whether the proposal should be discussed or not, and the result was—13 voted in favour, 190 against and 10 abstained. Accordingly, the Hluttaw declared that the proposal was rejected.

Hluttaw representatives discussed proposals submitted to Amyotha Hluttaw.

In her reply to proposal for upgrading of motor road between Gangaw and Yayzwa to weatherproof one and upgrading of suspension bridge between eastern and western Gangaw into a bridge with motor road made by U Paw Lian Lwin of Chain State Constituency-9, Daw Khin Waing Kyi of Yangon Constituency-1 said that two districts, nine townships and three sub-townships constituted Chin State which lagged behind other states and regions in education, health and development due to lack of natural resources, and poor transportation resulted from geographical condition. Although a motor road was built between Gangaw and Yayzwa in 1960 and 1970 with a view to enhancing socio-economic status of the region, the road was mere earth and gravel road and could be used in summer just for four months.

She said that she supported U Paw Lian Lwin's proposal considering the development and smooth transportation of the region, pointing out that transportation between Magway Region and Chin State was extremely poor, and the suspension bridge between eastern and western Gangaw was still not in the service of vehicles.

U Thaw Zin Oo of Magway Region Constituency-9 discussed that the suspension bridge across Myittha River between eastern and western Gangaw lay on 105-ft long motor road linking Gangaw of Magway Region and Yayzwa



Minister for Transport U Thein Swe makes response to Hluttaw representatives' questions.

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expressed his opinion about the proposal of U Paw Lian Lwin for urgent construction of a motor road between Paletwa and Matupi: Chin State and Rakhine State were two states sharing border and the least-developed states of 14 states and regions mainly due to poor transportation. Despite the fact that Paletwa is located in Chin State, it was not accessible for poor transportation and Sittway is communicated with instead. If there emerged a motor road linking Paletwa and Matupi, transportation would become smooth in Chin State and commodity flow swift as well. He then said for those



U Paw Lian Lwin of Chin State Constituency (9) taking part in discussion.—MNA

that youths of Chin State had an easy access to education like those from other states and regions.

With respect to quality of education, Kalay University was equipped with 170 lecturers, 41 of who had got Ph.D degrees. Of over 200 lecturers in Pakokku University, 49 are Ph.D holders. So, it could be seen that education at those universities was on a par with any other universities in the nation. Moreover, those universities were made of fine buildings furnished with modern pedagogical aids.

Concerning diversity, as both of the universities taught 12 major subjects, youths could learn according to their own choices. So, those from Chin State wishing to pursue higher education were learning at international standard universities like others. Distance Education System, which was internationally practiced worldwide, had been set up to ensure everyone had access to higher education regardless of the place he lives.

Minister Dr Chan Nyein then requested the representative to withdraw his proposal if he could understand his clarification.

U Paw Lian Lwin then replied that he much



U Thaw Zin Oo of Magway Region Constituency (9) discussing at the Hluttaw session.—MNA

of Chin State only can cope with motorbikes. So, the government should grant a fund to upgrade the bridge as it is a gateway to Gangaw, Htilin, Kyaukhtu, Pauk, Pakokku and Mandalay from Yayzwa.

Nevertheless, he continued his discussion, a bridge linking Gangaw with Haka, Kalay and Tamu was built spanning Myittha River about three miles from the suspension bridge. Owing to the storm in October 2010, Ohntaw Bridge and Yepya Bridge across Yaw Creek on Gangaw-Htilin-Kyaukhtu-Pakokku motor road near Pauk were completely damaged and are in urgent need of repair. If those two bridges could not be repaired in the soonest time, Kanpetlet, Mindat, Matupi and Haka of Chin State would be cut off from the central regions of Myanmar. Therefore, the Government should take urgent measures to reconstruct those bridges. Repairing of Gangaw Suspension Bridge would only benefit Yayzwa Sub-township and thus it should be done later depending on budget of the State. He then said he disagreed with U Paw Lian Lwin about his proposal and thus he should withdraw his proposal.

Then, U Ohn Tin of Rakhine State Constituency-10



U Khet Htein Nan of Kachin State Constituency (1) raising queries.—MNA

reasons, he supported the proposal of U Paw Lian Lwin.

U Salai Kweyan of Chin State Constituency-12 seconded U Paw Lian Lwin's proposal, highlighting the benefits of the motor road. He said transportation was fundamental in enhancing socio-economic status. From Paletwa to the capital city of Chin State, Haka, one had to pass through Rakhine State, Magway Region, Mandalay Region and Sagaing Region. Residents of villages between Paletwa and Matupi had to rely on their own feet for living, education, and health matters. In spite of the region being rich in fertile soil and producing bumper harvest, products of the region could not reach the markets. If transportation was better, Paletwa could be accessible from Matupi, Mindat, Rakhine State and other states and regions.

According to the condition of alignment of Paletwa-Matupi motor road, there was over 170 miles of motor road between Paletwa and Matupi. Currently, four miles distance from Paletwa was gravel road and over five miles distance from Matupi was earth road whereas the remaining section still existed as alignment, so walking was Hobson's choice

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for villagers between Paletwa and Matupi. So, construction of Paletwa-Matupi motor road should be undertaken as a priority to improve socio-economic status of locals of Matupi Township and smoothly running of administrative machinery.

Afterwards, U Zone Hle Thang of Chin State Constituency -2 discussed proposal made by U Zhun Kan of Chin State Constituency -1 to construct low-cost housings and sell them to staff in monthly installments. He said he learnt that governments worldwide have plans for their peoples to own a house. If the Government raised a fund to build housings for its staff, they could purchase a house by installments and their living standard will higher as a result. He said he therefore supported the proposal.

Afterwards, the session took a break. When the session was resumed, proposals were submitted to Amyotha Hluttaw and discussed.

U Zhun Kan of Chin State Constituency -1 submitted a proposal that the Government should provide financial assistance to those aged 75 and above and to retired persons of the armed forces and governmental departments in addition to pension. U Paw Lian Lwin of Chin State Constituency -9 supported the proposal.

Afterwards, Amyotha Hluttaw called the representatives to express their opinions about the proposal.

As there were some representatives that raised objection to the proposal, according to Amyotha Hluttaw Rule 17-Ta (3), they stand up and vote to decide whether to discuss the proposal or not. As less than 40 representatives wished to discuss the proposal, Amyotha Hluttaw declared that the proposal was turned down.

U Zhun Kan of Chin State Constituency -1 then submitted proposal to raise pension of retired persons of the armed forces and governmental departments who did not catch up the current pay scales, according to their ranks when they retired. The proposal was supported by U Hui Yein of Chin State constituency -11.

Afterwards, Amyotha Hluttaw called the representatives to express their opinions about the proposal. As there were some representatives that raised objection to the proposal, according to Amyotha Hluttaw Rule 17-Ta (3), they stand up and vote to decide whether to discuss the proposal or not. As more than 40 representatives wished to discuss the proposal, the Hluttaw accepted the proposal and declared that those wishing to discuss the proposal may report to the deputy director-general of Hluttaw Office when the session ended.

In accord with Sub-section (a) of Amyotha Hluttaw Rule 138, U Paw Lian Lwin of Chin State Constituency -9 said that he would like to withdraw his proposal to the Hluttaw for launching nation-wide campaigns to persuade peoples to pay taxes with a will.

Then again, U Paw Lian Lwin withdrew his proposal that short-term and long-term plans should be adopted to substitute slash-and-burn farming with growing of crops and the Central Bank of Myanmar should provide loans to



U Zhun Kan of Chin State Constituency (1) submits proposal.—MNA

farmers to carry out those plans, in line with Sub-article (a) of Amyotha Hluttaw Rule 138.

Next, the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker announced that the eighth day of the first regular session of Amyotha Hluttaw ended and the ninth day session would be continued at 10 am on 14 March.

The session came to an end at 2 pm.—MNA



U Salai Kweyan of Chin State Constituency (12) holding discussion.—MNA



Daw Khin Waing Kyi of Yangon Region Constituency (1) holding discussion.—MNA



U Ohn Tin of Rakhine State Constituency (10) discussing at the Hluttaw session.—MNA

Myanmar CP OPEN & INTER CLUB Tennis Tournament on 20 March

YANGON, 11 March—Hailing the 66th Anniversary Armed Forces Day, CP OPEN & INTER CLUB Tennis Tournament, organized by Myanmar CP Co Ltd and conducted by Myanmar Tennis Federation, will be held at Theinbyu Tennis Court here from 20 to 26 March.

The tournament includes Men's single event (Open), Men's double event (Open), Women's single event (Open), Women's double event (Open), Men's and Women's mixed double

event (Open) and Men's and Women's single events (under 12,14 and 16 aged).

Any team may be formed with two State/Region level players including one over-45-aged Myanmar selected tennis player or one State/

Region selected player, but any over-60-aged tennis players.

The participants are to enroll Myanmar Tennis Federation, not later than at 10 am on 19 March, (Ph: 372360 or 381991 or 381992).

MNA

Strong earthquake hits Japan

NAY PYI TAW, 11 March—A very strong earthquake of magnitude (8.9) Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (Hunshu Island, Japan), 3100 miles north-east of Kaba Aye seismological observatory was recorded at (12) hrs (25) min (33) sec M.S.T today, announced Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.—MNA

Tsunami occurred, but no danger to Indian Ocean

NAY PYI TAW, 11 March—Although there was Tsunami, huge waves, in regions in Japan as soon as a strong earthquake with 8.9 Richter Scale had hit Hunshu Island of Japan at 12 hrs 25 min

33 sec, the huge waves couldn't reach the countries in the Indian Ocean rim sharing border with Myanmar, announced Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

MNA

Nepali media boss shot in Central Jail

KATHMANDU, 11 March—Chairman of the National Television, Yunus Ansari was shot and injured inside the Central Jail in Nepali Capital Kathmandu on Thursday, local media reported on Friday.

According to the Kathmandu Post, Ansari is serving time at the judicial custody in the Central Jail as per the

verdict given by the Kathmandu District Court for his involvement in the fake Indian currency and drug peddling on 31 Jan. A visitor, whom the police have identified as Indian national Ahmad Khan, reached the Central Jail to meet Ansari and opened fire.

Ansari, who sustained injuries in his shoulder, has been rushed

to the Norvic Hospital for treatment. Ansari is out of danger.

Meanwhile, the Indian shooter has been detained for opening fire at Ansari. Prior to this incident, media entrepreneur Jamim Shah, Chairman of the Spacetime Network Pvt Ltd was also shot in the heart of the capital on 7 Feb, 2010.—Xinhua

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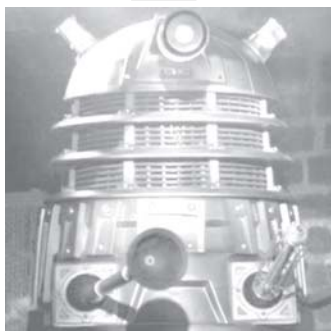
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30% say they believe in time travel

LONDON, 11 March — The lives of nearly a third of Britons could soon be made much easier thanks to the gift of time travel — or so they believe. A survey of 3,000 people reveals 30% of adults across the UK mistakenly believe time travel is actually possible and not confined to the realms of fictional films or television. The research, commissioned by Birmingham Science City, suggests programmes such as Doctor Who and Ashes to Ashes may have had a hand in the blurring of lines between science fiction and science fact.

Results also show nearly half of adults (44%) wrongly believe memory-erasing technology, similar to that used in the film Men in Black, and hover boards, such as those showcased in Back to the Future, exist in reality. The possibility of being teleported is also an option for nearly a quarter of those surveyed

(24%) who wrongly think it is a real mode of transport, while 22% of people think light sabres exist not just in Star Wars but also in real life. —Internet



Experts believe shows such as Doctor Who and Ashes to Ashes may have blurred the lines between science fiction and science fact.—INTERNET

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US woman is 'world's oldest person'



Besse Cooper, 114, is kissed by her grandson Paul Cooper, 42.

INTERNET

ATLANTA, 11 March — Georgia's 114-year-old Besse Cooper has been certified by Guinness World Records as the world's oldest living person. Surrounded by family, Ms Cooper accepted a plaque during a small ceremony at a Monroe nursing home. Her son, 75-year-old Sid Cooper, said previously that relatives never imagined she would live to be the world's oldest person.

Student survives bridge plunge

SAN FRANCISCO, 11 March — A California high school student visiting the Golden Gate Bridge on a field trip climbed over a railing, jumped — possibly on a dare by fellow classmates — and somehow survived the 220-foot plunge into San Francisco Bay that kills dozens of people each year. Most jumpers die a grisly death, with massive internal injuries, broken bones and skull fractures. Some die from internal bleeding, while others drown.

But the 17-year-old lived, suffering just a broken coccyx and torn lung. California Highway Patrol Officer Chris Rardin said he was rescued by a surfer. Windsor Unified School District Supt Bill McDermott said he does not think the teenager was trying to commit suicide. The teenager was taken to a San Francisco hospital, but officials could not provide further details on his condition.— Internet

Kangaroo bounce mechanics illuminated by infrared study

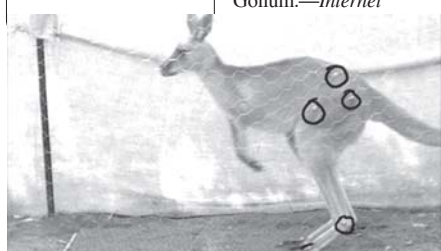
LONDON, 11 March — The precise details of how kangaroos bounce are now being laid bare, thanks to new technology. Most animals adopt a more upright posture as their body mass increases, redistributing their weight to allow more efficient

movement. However, kangaroos do not appear to adjust their posture in this way.

Now an outdoor infrared motion-capture approach is showing how the kangaroos' bounds distribute forces along their legs and to the ground. Motion-capture records movement, registering and analysing reflections from small plastic markers stuck on to the moving entity.

Golf coaches use it to analyse their pupils' swings, and it was used in the Lord of the Rings films to translate the movements of actor Andy Serkis into those of the creature Gollum.—Internet

Scientists look into kangaroo's bounce.—INTERNET



Somali pirates free Indian crew



Analysts say pirates increasingly operate off the coast of India.—INTERNET

LONDON, 11 March — Somali pirates have freed 11 Indian crew members of a ship they captured almost a year ago. The pirates boarded the MV Rak Afrikana near the Seychelles on 11 April last year, taking 23 crew members hostage. Indian authorities said the freed crew were being brought back to India aboard a

Spanish naval ship. It is not clear if any ransom was paid. Officials say 79 Indians on seven ships are still being held by pirates.

Negotiations are in progress to release another six Indians aboard another ship, the MV Suez, reports say.— Internet



An alligator was found guarding a cannabis stash in California.—INTERNET

Nine officers to be disciplined over Fort Hood shooting

WASHINGTON, 11 March — The US Army plans to discipline nine officers for failing to spot warning signs that might have prevented the Fort Hood shooting in Texas. Army doctor Maj Nidal Malik Hasan is accused

of killing 13 people and wounding 32 more in November 2009 at the military base. The Army said certain officers had failed to meet expected standards in evaluating the career of Maj Hasan. Action against

them was recommended by Army Secretary John McHugh in a report.

The Army has not yet identified the officers involved, and it may be several weeks before action is taken.—Internet

Alligator protects cannabis stash

SACRAMENTO, 11 March — A drugs squad in California has found a 1.5 million-dollar (£920,000) marijuana-growing operation at a house along with an unusual security guard — a 4ft-long alligator named Wally. The Riverside County drug task force team moved in on the house in Hemet and seized nearly 2,300 pot plants. Agents also found the reptile, described as a "watchgator". The healthy 55lb American alligator was turned over to the Forever Wild Exotic Animal Sanctuary in Phelan, since alligators are illegal to keep as pets in California.— Internet

Rossi's 24th goal helps Villarreal to Europa win

LEVERKUSEN, 11 March — Giuseppe Rossi started Villarreal's comeback with his 24th goal of the season, and the Yellow Submarine won 3-2 at Bayer Leverkusen on Thursday night in the first leg of their third-round matchup in the Europa



League. Rossi, a New Jersey native, tied the game 1-1 in the 42nd minute with his seventh Europa League goal, matching Porto's Radamel Falcao for the most in the competition. Nimar replaced Rossi in the 69th and scored in the 70th minute and the fourth minute of injury time.— *Internet*

Villarreal's Giuseppe Rossi jumps after scoring his team's equalizing goal during the Europa League round of 16 first leg soccer match between Bayer Leverkusen and Villarreal CF in Leverkusen, Germany, on Thursday.— INTERNET

Andy Murray matures as he learns from mistakes

INDIAN WELLS, 11 March — Andy Murray begins every new tennis campaign by carrying the weight of British tennis hopes on his slender shoulders. And the 23-year-old from Dunblane, Scotland says the key to managing that burden is learning from your mistakes. "As I get older I learn how to deal with things better. We all make mistakes when we are younger," Murray said on Thursday. "I am learning how to deal with my mistakes and move on from them." Murray started this season by trying to become Britain's first Austral-

ian Open champion since 1934 but lost in the final to Novak Djokovic.

It was the second-straight year at the Aussie Open and third time in his career Murray finished runner-up at a grand slam. "I have been thinking a lot about the future and not about the past," said the world No 5 Murray.— *Internet*



Andy Murray

James Driscoll leads Puerto Rico Open

RIO GRANDE, 11 March — James Driscoll shot a 9-under 63 on Thursday in the PGA Tour's Puerto Rico Open, missing a chance to break 60 when he played the final four holes in 2 over.



Driscoll eagled the par-5 fifth — his 14th hole of the day — to reach 11 under, but dropped strokes on the par-4 seventh and par-3 eighth at Trump International Golf Club-Puerto Rico. He had 10 birdies in a 12-hole stretch from No 12 to No 3 and ended up with a two-stroke lead over Will MacKenzie.— *Internet*

US' Stewart Cink watches his shot from the seventh tee during the first round of the Puerto Rico Open PGA golf tournament in Rio Grande, Puerto Rico, on Thursday.— INTERNET

Drogba defends Toure over failed drug test



Ivory Coast international team-mate Kolo Toure

LONDON, 11 March — Didier Drogba on Thursday spoke out in defence of his Ivory Coast international team-mate Kolo Toure and said his failed drug test was a "stupid mistake". Manchester City centre-back Toure, 29, was revealed to have tested positive for a banned substance last week and was subsequently suspended.

"It would be a difficult

situation for us (Ivory Coast) if he is banned because he is one of the most important players, one of the oldest, most experienced players," said Drogba, who was in Barcelona to promote his humanitarian foundation at the Global Sports Forum. "It would be very difficult for us if something like this happens. I think we all know how stupid it was, the mistake, and I don't think he did it to improve his performance. I think it was just a mistake and we feel sorry for him and he has all our support, and that's the maximum we can do."

Internet

Nigeria call up League Cup hero Martins

LAGOS, 11 March — New Nigeria coach Samson Siasia on Thursday invited Obafemi Martins, who recently helped Birmingham City to win the English League Cup, for a forthcoming 2012 Africa Cup of Nations qualifier against Ethiopia. This will be Siasia's first call-up of the 26-year-old striker since he took over the Super Eagles in December. Martins scored a late winner as Birmingham City shocked favourites Arsenal to win the League Cup.

Spain-based striker Ikechukwu Uche, who was ruled out for several



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months by knee injury, was also picked in a 24-man squad for a March 27 qualifier against Ethiopia slated for Abuja.— *Internet*

Cole escapes charges for shooting student



England and Chelsea defender Ashley Cole

LAGOS, 11 March — England and Chelsea defender Ashley Cole will not be prosecuted for accidentally shooting a work placement student with an air gun, police sources said on Thursday. Sources said officers were "highly unlikely" to pursue enquiries any further after contacting Chelsea over the incident.

The Blues left-back shot 21-year-old sports science student Tom Cowan with a pellet from a .22 air gun that the player brought into the club's training ground in Cobham, southwest of London, on 20 February.

Cowan, who is on a one-year work placement with the English Premier League champions, has no plans to press charges against the star. Cole, who reportedly did not realise the gun was loaded, shot him in the side with a lead pellet. Chelsea's medical staff reportedly treated the bleeding wound and he did not require hospital treatment.— *Internet*

Dortmund's Barrios doubtful for Hoffenheim clash

BERLIN, 11 March — Runaway Bundesliga leaders Borussia Dortmund are set to be without hot-shot striker Lucas Barrios for Saturday's German league clash with Hoffenheim.

The 26-year-old Paraguayan striker, Dortmund's top scorer with 11 goals in 24 games this season,



has a calf problem, sat out training on Thursday and is unlikely to play at Hoffenheim.

Dortmund have a 12-point lead at the top of the table and are chasing their 20th win of the season from 26 league games. Germany defender Mats Hummels is again doubtful after suffering from a trapped nerve.— *Internet*

Runaway Bundesliga leaders Borussia Dortmund's hot-shot striker Lucas Barrios

SPORTS

Fabregas to miss United Cup clash

LONDON COLNEY, 11 March — Arsenal captain Cesc Fabregas will miss on Saturday's FA Cup quarter-final against Manchester United after suffering a recurrence of his hamstring injury. Fabregas returned ahead of schedule to play in Tuesday's Champions League clash at Barcelona, but the gamble backfired as he was forced to come off midway through the second half and the Gunners eventually crashed out.

Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger confirmed on Thursday that the Spain midfielder won't feature at Old Trafford this weekend and he could also miss the next Premier League match against West Bromwich Albion on

19 March. Asked if Fabregas would play on Saturday, Wenger told reporters: "No, he had a recurrence of his hamstring and will be out for the next game, maybe for the next two games. Wenger will also be without young goalkeeper Wojciech Szczesny against United after the Pole suffered a figure injury while saving a shot in the Barcelona match.— *Internet*



Arsenal captain Cesc Fabregas

Del Potro continues comeback at ATP/WTA Indian Wells

INDIAN WELLS, 11 March — Juan Martin del Potro, playing his first match since winning at Delray Beach, defeated former top-10 player Radek Stepanek 6-4, 6-0 at the WTA and ATP Masters event. Argentina's del Potro on Thurs-



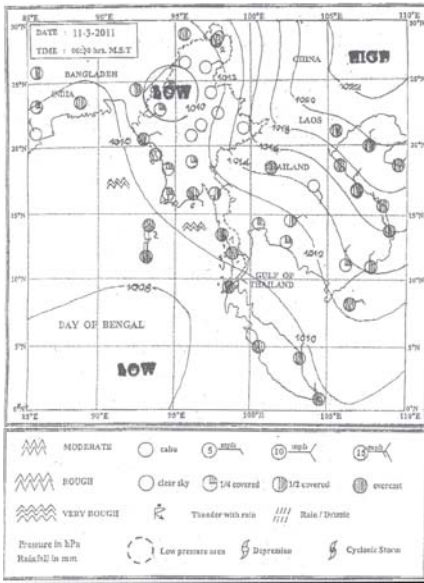
Juan Martin del Potro of Argentina

day beat the Czech and former world number eight in a controlled and powerful fashion to reach the second round as he continues a comeback from surgery on his right wrist that forced him to miss most of last season.

"I broke his serve very soon in the match and it gave me confidence with my serve," del Potro said. This marked the first time del Potro has beaten Stepanek in three career meetings. He lost to the Czech twice in 2009.

Internet

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Friday, 11th March, 2011

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T.
 During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Yangon Region and Kayin State, scattered in Taninthayi Region, isolated in Kachin and Mon States, weather has been partly cloudy in Upper Sagaing, Bago and Ayeyawady Regions, Rakhine and Chin States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above March average temperatures in Upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Regions, Southern Shan and Mon States, (5°C) above March average temperatures in Mandalay Region and Chin State, (3°C) below March average temperatures in Yangon Region and about March average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperatures were Myingyan, Chauk, Pakokku and Pyay (40°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Launglon (1.06) inches, Yangon (Hmawby) (0.71) inch, Yangon (Mingaladon) and Myawady (0.31) inch each and Yangon (Kaba-Aye) (0.24) inch.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 10-3-2011 was 102°F. Minimum temperature on 11-3-2011 was 71°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 11-3-2011 was (59%). Rainfall on 11-3-2011 was (Nil).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 10-3-2011 was 97°F. Minimum temperature on 11-3-2011 was 73°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 11-3-2011 was (70%). Total sunshine hours on 10-3-2011 was (5.3) hours (Approx).

Rainfall on 11-3-2011 was (0.32) inch at Mingaladon, (0.24) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.20) inch at Central Yangon each. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (2.29) inches at Mingaladon, (2.13) inches at Kaba-Aye and (4.02) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (10) mph from Southeast at (14:30) hours MST on 10-3-2011.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 12th March 2011: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered in Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions, Mon State and isolated in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters. **Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of continuation of isolated rain or thundershowers in the Lower Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 12-3-2011: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 12-3-2011: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 12-3-2011: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Weather Outlook For Second Weekend Of March 2011: During the coming weekend, rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay Regions.

Liverpool's Gerrard out for four weeks

LONDON, 11 March—Liverpool captain Steven Gerrard faces a four-week injury lay-off after undergoing surgery on a groin problem, the Premier League club confirmed Friday.

Gerrard, who missed Thursday's Europa League defeat against Braga, will now miss around four of Liverpool's remaining league fixtures and is also out of England's Euro 2012 qualifier against Wales on 26 March. "LFC can today confirm that Steven Gerrard has undergone successful surgery on his groin and will be out for up to four weeks," a Liverpool statement confirmed. "The decision was made following consultation with a specialist."

Gerrard has had niggling problems with his



Liverpool captain Steven Gerrard.—INTERNET

groin throughout his career, most notably in 2002, when he was forced to withdraw from England's World Cup squad over the problem.—Internet

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (12-3-2011) (Saturday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	(09:00am-11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission	(12-3-11 09:30 am ~ 13-3-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * From "Putao" to "MachanBaw"
- * Double Golden Horse Battery Factory
- * News
- * Panto Mime (Silent Show) (Part-III)
- * News
- * Current Affair
- * "Falken Technical Seminar 2011"
- * News
- * Music Gallery
- * Mythical Antelopes & Old Spirit Ogres

Oversea Transmission

- * Opening
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- * Double Golden Horse Battery Factory
- * News
- * Panto Mime (Silent Show) (Part-III)
- * News
- * Mythical Antelopes & Old Spirit Ogres
- * News
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Elegant Myanmar Dance
- * News
- * Current Affair
- * "Falken Technical Seminar 2011"
- * Songs for you
- * News
- * Secret Palaces for Yummy food
- * "Tasty! Delicious Smart Food"
- * News
- * Picturesque Views in Southern Shan State
- * Myanmar Movie "Great Goodwill"



Saturday, 12 March
View on today

- 7:00 am**
1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun 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
- 7:50 am**
6. Health Programme

- 8:00 am**
7. Poem Garden
- 8:15 am**
8. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 8:20 am**
9. Teleplay (Health)
- 8:30 am**
10. Songs in honour of (66)th Anniversary Armed Forces Day
- 8:40 am**
11. International News
- 8:45 am**
12. Musical Programme
- 11:00 am**
1. Martial Song
- 11:10 am**
2. Musical Programme
- 11:25 am**
3. Game For Children
- 11:55 am**
4. Round Up Of The Week's TV Local News
- 1:30 pm**
5. Yan Can Cook

- 1:50 pm**
6. TV Drama Series
- 2:55 am**
7. Song Of National Races
- 4:00 pm**
1. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm**
2. Musical Programme
- 4:20 am**
3. Cultural Dances
- 4:30 pm**
4. Songs in honour of (66)th Anniversary Armed Forces Day
- 4:45 pm**
5. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -(Third Year) (Law)
- 5:00 pm**
6. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 5:10 pm**
7. Musical Programme

- 5:25 pm**
8. Songs in honour of (66)th Anniversary Armed Forces Day
- 5:40 pm**
9. Teleplay (Policy)
- 6:00 pm**
10. Evening News
- 6:15 pm**
11. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm**
12. Ahlshamae Hlagabawai
- 6:35 pm**
13. Yindagomae
- 7:00 pm**
14. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm**
15. News
 16. International News
 17. Weather Report
 18. Cartoon Series
 19. TV Drama Series
 20. Gitadagale Phwintbaohn
 21. Metta Bavana By Mingun Sayadaw

- ★ 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 regular session of Amyotha Hluttaw continues for eighth day
Everyone of different regions has access to higher learning education
Kalay University open for those from Chin State (North),
Pakokku University opened for those from Chine State (South)



First regular session of Amyotha Hluttaw in progress for the eighth day.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 11 March—The first regular session of the Amyotha Hluttaw continued for the eighth day at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building, here, at 10 am today, attended by Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and Amyotha Hluttaw representatives.

The attendance of 220 made up 98.65 per cent of 223 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives, and the eighth-day session was therefore valid, declared Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint.

Of the questions submitted by Amyotha Hluttaw representatives, permitted ones were raised, and members of respective Union level organizations replied to the queries.

First, U Zone Hle Thang of Chin State Constituency-2 asked **whether two colleges can be established in southern and northern Chin State.**

Dr Banya Aung Moe of Mon State Constituency-7 asked **whether educative centres for national races should be opened.**

U Steven Thabeik of Chin State Constituency-4 asked **whether languages and literatures of national races can be permitted at government schools for improvement of national races'**

(See page 10)