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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

First regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw continues for ninth day

Proposal ‘upgrading of free compulsory primary education system into duty to educate children’ submitted

NAY PYI TAW, 14 March—The first regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw continued for the ninth day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here at 10 am today.

Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann declared that the attendance of 432 made up 99.77 percent of 433 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives and that the ninth-day session was therefore valid.

Out of the questions raised by Pyithu Hluttaw representatives, permitted ones were raised, and members of Union level organizations Minister for Electric Power No.2 U Khin Maung Myint, Election Commission Chairman U Thein Soe and Minister for Transport U Thein Swe replied to them. The questions were about whether or not there is any plan to distribute some of power supply from Myogyi Dam to Danu region and about whether or not there is any plan to extend power supply from Kinda Dam being distributed to Ywangan by U Aung Thein of Ywangan Con-



Pyithu Hluttaw representatives participate in first regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw for the ninth day.—MNA

stituency; about the electricity bills the people of Rakhine State have to pay by U Ye Tun of Thandwe Constituency; about how plans are made to hold by-elections by U Nelson (a) Sai Hsaung

Hsi of Kyaukme Constituency; about prevention of Minbya of Rakhine State from being eroded by Laymyo River by U Aung Sein Tha of Minbya Constituency; and about the

blockage of the waterway of Kaladan River 29 miles north from Paletwa of Chin State by U Paik Lin of Paletwa Constituency.

Regarding the matters related to the

proposals ‘granting permission to foreign guests and tourists to visit Chin State’ and ‘upgrading Haka, the capital of Chin State, into a city with the characteristics of the capital

cities of other states’ presented by U Ngun Moung of Haka Constituency, Pyithu Hluttaw representatives made discussions, members of Union level

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Easy access to clean water in rural areas

The government is constructing dams and river water pumping stations, sinking tube-wells and artesian wells and carrying out tasks for supply of potable water in the regions where water is scarce.

It has been pursuing the 10-year plan since 2000-2001 to materialize two of the five rural development programmes: smooth transport and supply of clean water.

As a result of the water supply projects, all the villages in 82 townships of the three arid regions: 34 in Sagaing Region, 25 in Magway Region, and 23 in Mandalay Region have easy access to safe water. And all the villages in 19 districts have got a tube-well each.

The plan also covers other Regions and States whether water is hard to come by along with the Delta and coastal areas. According to the ongoing programmes, each of the villages in those regions will get one to three tube-wells.

So far, 23,225 villages have enjoyed supply of sufficient clean water. At a time when government is making all-round efforts to improve the living conditions for rural folks, the people are urged to contribute towards rural development tasks.

Eight armed group members exchange arms for peace

NAY PYI TAW, 14 March— The State Peace and Development Council upholding Our Three Main National Causes is striving for equitable development of all parts of the Union after effectively carrying out national reconsolidation. Realizing the correct acts and benevolent goodwill of the State, the armed groups exchange arms for peace for returning to the embraces of the State, the people and the Tatmadaw individuals and in groups after understanding their wrong doing acts.

Zeyar Kyaw, Saw Kyaw Wi, Saw Tin and Zeyar of KNU (Saw La Bwe) insurgent group bringing along with two M-20 pistols, seven 9mm rounds of ammunition on 11 March, Aung Naing Oo and Ye Naing Oo with one M-16, one M-79 and 45 assorted rounds of ammunition on 13 March, Saw Win Aung with one .22 automatic rifle and eight rounds of ammunition on 1 January and Aung Soe with one 9mm pistol with eight rounds of ammunition on 25 January exchanged arms for peace in the area of South-East Command.

Officials of respective military camps warmly welcomed eight persons who have exchanged arms for peace and provided them with necessary assistance. From December 2010 to date, a total of 51 persons from KNU (Saw La Bwe) have exchanged arms for peace, and there are more persons wishing to exchange arms for peace.

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Peace and Development

- * 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

State Central Working Committee of Sangha holds second day session



Sixth State Central Working Committee of the Sangha of All Orders holding fifth meeting.—MNA

YANGON, 14 March— The second-day session of the fifth Meeting of the 6th State Central Working Committee of the Sangha of All Orders took place at Maha Pasana Cave on Kaba Aye Hill, here, this morning.

Vice-Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Tejosarabhivamsa presided over the meeting, and Joint Secretary Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Vayama acted as MC.

Joint Secretaries Agga Maha Pandita Manitasiribhivamsa and Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Nimala responded to the suggestions of members of

the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha of All Orders.

Representative Sayadaws of Shwegyin Gana, Taninthayi and Sagaing Regions discussed the Viniçchaya affairs from the report of SSMNC, representative Sayadaws of Mandalay Region, Maha Dvara Gana and Kachin State the religious affairs, and representative Sayadaws of Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions and Kayin State the education matters.

Today, U Kyaw Hsan-Thiha Thudhamma Theingi Daw Nyunt Nyunt Win (Pyawutyi Enterprise & Diamond Oil Mill family) offered meals to the Sayadaws.—MNA

Adjutant-General hosts dinner to PLA delegation



Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo hosts dinner to Chinese delegation. MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 14 March— Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo of the Ministry of Defence hosted a dinner to a visiting Chinese delegation led by Deputy Director Lieutenant-General Jia Tingan of General Political Department of the People's Liberation Army of the People's Republic of China at Lake View Hall of Golden Palace Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone, here, yesterday evening.

It was also attended by Vice Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Maung Maung Aye, Maj-Gen Than Soe and senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence. The Chinese delegation was accompanied by Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to the Union of Myanmar Mr Li Junhua and Military Attaché Senior Colonel Xiong Shaowei.—MNA

Drone strike kills six in NW Pakistan's tribal area

ISLAMABAD, 14 March—Six people were killed in the latest US drone strike in northwest Pakistan's North Waziristan tribal area on Monday morning, local media reported.

According to the private TV channel Express, US drones fired six missiles on suspected militants hideouts, leading to four killed and several others injured.

The identities of the killed have not been known yet.



US Predator unmanned drone.—INTERNET

The US drones regularly hit hideouts of the militants in the Pakistani tribal region, which Washington considers as the centre of Taliban and al-Qaeda remnants. More than 80

people have been killed in such strikes since the beginning of this year.

Pakistan opposes the US strikes inside the country's tribal regions. *Xinhua*

11 soldiers killed in suicide car bomb in Iraq's Diyala

BAQUBA, 14 March—At least 11 Iraqi soldiers were killed and some 29 people wounded in a suicide car bombing on local government compound in a town in Iraq's eastern Diyala Province on Monday, a provincial police source told *Xinhua*.

The attack took place in the morning when a suicide bomber rammed his explosive-laden vehicle into the local government compound

of the Kan'an town, 20 km east of the provincial capital of Baquba, the source said on condition of anonymity.

"Our latest report said that the deaths were all soldiers, and we have 14 others wounded by the blast, along with 15 government officials at the compound were also wounded," the source said. Iraqi security forces sealed off the scene as ambulances and civilian cars evacuated the

victims to the town's hospital and to the main hospital in Baquba, 65 km northeast of Baghdad, the source added. Diyala Province, which stretches from eastern edges of Baghdad to the Iranian border, has long been the stronghold of al-Qaeda militant groups and hotbed of insurgency and sectarian violence since the US-led invasion broke out in 2003.—*Xinhua*



Fire rages from a NATO oil tanker following an attack in southwest Pakistan's Kalat on 14 March, 2011. Suspected militants attacked and torched two container trucks carrying supplies for NATO forces in Afghanistan in Kalat on Monday morning.—XINHUA

Militants blow up girls school in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 14 Mrch—Some unidentified militants blew up a school with explosives in northwestern tribal area of Pakistan, local media reported.

According to Urdu TV channel SAMAA, a primary girls school was blown up in Khyber Agency, one of the seven semi-autonomous agencies of Pakistan.

The school building was reportedly razed to the ground after the explosions. No casualty was reported as the building was empty at the time of explosions. This is not the first time the militants targeted school in Khyber agency, a total of 41 schools have been destroyed by the miscreants in the area so far, according to reports. —*Xinhua*



Suicide attack on Afghan army centre kills at least 37

KUNDUZ, (Afghanistan) 14 March—A suicide attack on an army recruitment centre in northern Afghanistan killed at least 37 people on Monday, the third major assault in the area

in less than a month, the deputy governor said.

Hamdullah Danishi, deputy governor of Kunduz province, said the casualties were all caused by a single suicide bomber.

Afghan policemen stand at the site of a blast in Arghandab district of Kandahar Province recently.

Eight Afghan civilians and two police were killed in two roadside bomb attacks in the Arghandab district of southern Kandahar Province, the Interior Ministry said in a statement.

Another 12 civilians and five police were wounded.

INTERNET

"The death toll includes new recruits, army soldiers and civilians," Danishi said. Several children who earned a living as shoe polishers were also among the dead, he said.

Violence is spreading fast in the once relatively peaceful north, with Kunduz a focus for insurgents.

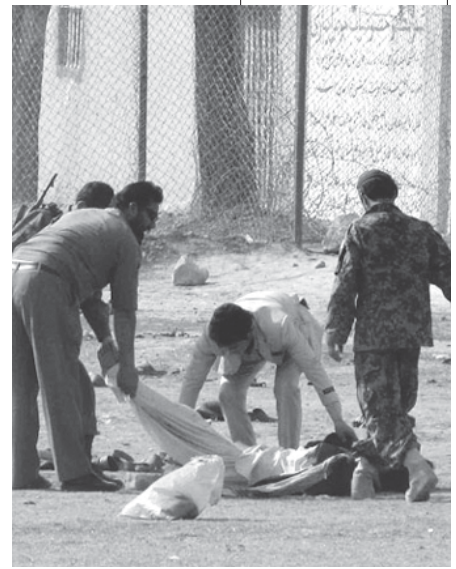
Last year, violence across Afghanistan hit its worst levels since the Taliban were ousted by U.S.-backed Afghan forces in late

2001, despite the presence of about 150,000 foreign troops.

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Those killed in the attack included four children and recruits for the Afghan national army.

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5 militants killed in E Afghanistan

KABUL, 14 March—NATO air raids against militants left five militants dead in Afghanistan's Kunar Province, some 185 km east of capital city of Kabul, a press release issued by NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) said on Monday.

"Coalition forces killed five militants after they observed an imminent threat from armed individuals at a historic militants fighting position in

Ghazi Abad District, Kunar Province," the press release said.

Without giving the exact time for the attack, the press release added that coalition forces on the ground monitored the five militants for several hours to ensure positive identification and intent of the individuals prior to requesting the close air support to engage.

"The militants killed were in possession of automatic weapons and were digging to emplace a mortar tube,"

It said all rounds have been reported safe and on target, adding "There were no reports of injuries or damages to civilians in the area."

Taliban militants have not made comment yet.

The mountainous Kunar and neighbouring Nuristan Provinces bordering Pakistan's tribal areas have been regarded as Taliban stronghold in east Afghanistan.

Xinhua

11 hurt, 7 missing in Japan's N-plant blast



This file photo released by Kyodo News Agency on 13 March, 2011 shows the No 3 nuclear reactor of Japan's Fukushima No 1 nuclear power station.—XINHUA

TOKYO, 14 March—At least 11 people were injured and seven others were missing in a second hydrogen explosion at the Fukushima nuclear power plant in Japan, *Xinhua* reported on Monday.

The first explosion occurred at the plant Saturday.

Plumes of white smoke were seen coming from the Fukushima plant Monday after a loud explosion at its No 3 reactor, the Nuclear and

Industrial Safety Agency (JNISA) said.

Tokyo Electric Power Co said 11 people were injured and seven others were missing after the blast. One of the walls of the reactor building collapsed.

The likelihood of high levels of radiation in the area is low, the agency noted, but warned the 600 people who were still in the 20-km evacuation zone to leave immediately.

The agency said large amounts of hydrogen have amassed in the upper parts of the reactor building, where the pressure remained unusually high, similar to that of the No1 reactor building that exploded Saturday.—*Internet*



Photo taken on 13 March, 2011 shows a nursing home at Sanbontsuka of Wakabayashi in Sendai City, Miyagi Prefecture, Japan. More than 200 old people live in the nursing home. The house is now in good condition, so people live there decided to stay.—XINHUA

US pulls ships, aircraft from Japan nuke plant

TOKYO, 14 March—The US Seventh Fleet said Monday it had moved its ships and aircraft away from a quake-stricken Japanese nuclear power plant after discovering low-level radioactive contamination.

The fleet said that the radiation was from a plume of smoke and steam released from the crippled Fukushima Dai-Ichi Nuclear Power Plant, where there have been two hydrogen explosions since Friday's devastating earthquake and tsunami.

The aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan was about 100 miles (160 kilometres) offshore when its instruments detected the radiation. The fleet said the dose of radiation was about the same as one month's normal exposure to natural background radiation in the environment.—*Internet*

Airforce base in Miyagi damaged

BEIJING, 14 March—The deadly tsunami cause by Friday's quake has devastated an air force base in Miyagi. The tsunami, covered buildings and equipment in thick layers of mud, and smashed up more than 20 fighter jets.

Experts believe, the jets are unsalvageable, despite costing a 100 million US dollars each.

Xinhua



This aerial shot shows a pleasure boat sitting on top of a building amid a sea of debris in Otsuchi town in Iwate Prefecture on 14 March, 2011. INTERNET

About 2,000 bodies found in Japan's quake-hit Miyagi Prefecture

TOKYO, 14 March—About 2,000 bodies were found Monday on two shores in Japan's Miyagi Prefecture following last Friday's devastating Magnitude 9.0 earthquake and massive tsunami, *Kyodo News* reported.

About 1,000 bodies were found coming ashore on hardest-hit Miyagi's Ojika Peninsula and another 1,000 have been spotted in the town of Minamisanriku where the prefectural government has been unable to contact about 10,000 people, or over half the local population, the report said.

The findings will significantly increase the death toll from the powerful quake and ensuing tsunami. Japan's police authorities have so far confirmed 1,597 deaths and 1,481 people missing across the affected areas in northeastern and eastern Japan.

The Miyagi prefectural government has decided to ask for help from other prefectures as work to cremate bodies is falling behind, according to the report.—*Xinhua*

6.2-magnitude earthquake hits off Japan's Honshu

BEIJING, 14 March—An earthquake measuring 6.2 on the Richter scale on Monday jolted near the east coast of Honshu, Japan at 2:12 pm Beijing Time, according to the China Earthquake Network Centre.

The epicentre, with a depth of 10 km, was monitored at 37.8 degrees north latitude and 142.7 degrees east longitude, the centre said in a statement.

Xinhua



Photo taken on 14 March, 2011 shows the ruins in Ofunato City of Japan's northeastern Iwate Prefecture.

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Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee, Public Accounts Committee, Amyotha Hluttaw Rights Committee, Government's Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee hold meetings

NAY PYI TAW, 14 March—The First Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee, the Public Accounts Committee, the Amyotha Hluttaw Rights Committee and the Government's Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee held the first meetings at their offices at the Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here this afternoon. The meetings were attended by chairmen, secretaries and members of respective committees. They participated in discussions on work programme of the committees, duties and rights of the committees.—MNA

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Hluttaw candidates, election agents declared as persons of distorted qualification

NAY PYI TAW, 14 March—The Union Election Commission issued Notification No.6/2011 today. The translation of the notification is as follows:-

The Union of Myanmar Union Election Commission Nay Pyi Taw Notification No.6/2011 10th Waxing of Tabaung, 1372 ME (14 March, 2011)

Hluttaw candidates and their election agents failed to submit election expenses in the prescribed period declared as persons of distorted qualification

- According to Section 55 of respective Hluttaw Election Laws, and Rules para 77, Hluttaw candidates and their election agents who run for Multi-party Democracy General Election held on 7 November, 2010 are to submit election expenses to the respective sub-commissions in line with the laws during 60-day as of the date the name of representatives-elect are announced.
- To be able to decide whether those who fail to submit election expenses in accord with the law should be designated as persons of distorted qualification or not, the Union Election Commission formed election tribunals and ordered them to check with them.
- The Election Tribunal found that the following Hluttaw candidates and their election agents failed to submit the election expenses during the prescribed period, and in accord with the respective Hluttaw Election Rules Paragraph 83 (a), designated them as persons of distorted qualification.

Sr	Hluttaw candidate	Election Agent	Constituency
(a)	U Tun Shwe	U Win Hlaing	Kantbalu Township constituency No.1 Region Hluttaw Sagaing Region
(b)	U Saw Miral	U Nay Myo Kyaw	Htantabin Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency Bago Region
(c)	U Tin Soe	-	Phyu Towship Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency Bago Region
(d)	U Tin Oo	U Thein Kyaw	Thanatpin Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency Bago Region
(e)	U Saw Sinbad	-	Shwegyin Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency Bago Region
(f)	U Aung Thein	-	Amyotha Hluttaw Constituency No.3 Bago Region
(g)	U Win	U Hla Win	Amyotha Hluttaw Constituency No.11 Bago Region
(h)	U Saw Tun Tin	U Saw Thomas	Bago Township Constituency No.2 Region Hluttaw Bago Region

Sr	Hluttaw candidate	Election Agent	Constituency
(i)	U Bo Win Shein	U Salaing Nay Min Shein	Okpo Township Constituency No.1 Region Hluttaw Bago Region
(j)	U Htay Win	-	Mindon Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency Magway Region
(k)	U Tin Wan	-	Myothit Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency Magway Region
(l)	U Thein Nyunt	U Myint Zaw Nyunt	Natmauk Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency Magway Region
(m)	U Myo Myint	-	Myaing Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency Magway Region
(n)	U Sein Tun	-	Gangaw Township Constituency No.1 Region Hluttaw Magway Region
(o)	U Aung Kyi Than	-	Gangaw Township Constituency No.2 Region Hluttaw Magway Region
(p)	U Sein Win	-	Myaing Township Constituency No.1 Region Hluttaw Magway Region
(q)	Dr Than Myint	U Nyi Nyi Kyaw	Amarapura Township Constituency No.1 Region Hluttaw Mandalay Region
(r)	U Saw Ketnet Wai Thaw	-	Kyaiklat Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency Ayeyawady Region
(s)	U Ohn Lwin	U Ye Naing Lin	Amyotha Hluttaw Constituency No.11 Ayeyawady Region
(t)	U Chit Win Aye	-	Bogale Township Constituency No.1 Region Hluttaw Ayeyawady Region

4. The Union Election Commission announced that the above-mentioned Hluttaw candidates and their election agents are persons of distorted qualification according to para 84 of respective Hluttaw Election Rules after judging the decision of Election Tribunal.

5. It is hereby announced that Hluttaw candidates and the election agents who are declared as persons of distorted qualifications, in accord with the Section 88 of the respective Hluttaw Election Law, shall not contest in the election as a Hluttaw candidate from the date of this declaration in the existing Hluttaw term and the next Hluttaw term.

Sd/ Thein Soe
Chairman
Union Election Commission

Supply of some electric power generated from Myogyi Dam to Danu Region asked at Pyithu Hluttaw session

NAY PYI TAW, 14 March—Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Aung Thein of Ywangan Constituency asked whether there is any plan for supply of some electric power generated from Myogyi Dam to Danu Region after completion of the dam under construction by the government in Ywangan Township of Myogyi Village.

Regarding the question, Minister for Electric Power No.2 U Khin Maung Myint said that the dam with installed capacity of two 15 megawatts turbines with 33KV would generate 30 megawatts of electricity; that generator



EP-2 Minister U Khin Maung Myint responding to queries.—MNA

would distribute electric power to Taungtagwin and Ingon main power stations and connect

national power grids; that now, electric power is being supplied to Pindaya and Ywangan through national power grid; that ten transformers supply 800 KW of electric power to six villages of Pindaya's environs; that two transformers in Ywangan distribute 300 KW of electric power to two villages near Ywangan through national power grid; and that Danu region is using electricity through national power grid before the representative asked.—MNA



U Aung Thein of Ywangan Constituency raising question.

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EP-2 Minister replies to plan to be implemented to supply more electricity from Kinda Dam to Ywangan

NAY PYI TAW, 14 March— In his question, Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Aung Thein of Ywangan Township Constituency said that the main watershed area of Kinda Dam is in located in Ywangan Township of Danu Self-Administered zone. At today's session of Pyithu Hluttaw, he asked whether the plan would be implemented to supply more electricity from Kinda Dam to Ywangan for conservation of the wa-

tershed area and effective management.

In his response, Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Myint said that Ywangan is being supplied electricity from the 12-mile 11 KV power line from Kinda Dam. Depending on demand of irrigation water for agricultural purpose, Kinda Power Station generates eight hours a day. The generator is not operated in the remaining hours. At that time, the

national power grid supplies electricity to Ywangan through Kinda Power Station. At a time when Kinda Station is stopped, Ywangan will get electricity. With regard to extended supply of electricity, he replied that arrangements are being made for supply of electricity from the national power grid to Pindaya and Ywangan via Aungban instead of installation of power line over the watershed area of Ywangan Township.—MNA

EP-2 Minister replies to question of Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Ye Tun from Thandwe Constituency

NAY PYI TAW, 14 March—At the session held today, Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Ye Tun from Thandwe Constituency in his question said that the township electric power supply committee was formed in 2003; that then users are charged from 450 to 1000 kyats for a unit, which means locals also have to share charges for the electricity used at the departmental rate by governmental departments; and that he wondered whether there is a plan to equalize

18 township offices, three sub-township offices, and two town offices totaling 28 electrical engineer's offices with 16 officers and 307 other ranks have been established to supply electricity.

Twenty-eight townships in Rakhine State including state capital Sittway, and three district level townships have 100 generators for which the government uses 29,590 gallons of fuel a month or 355,080 gallons a year; that the government also spends 1776.72 million

townships that get electricity two hours a day; that charge rates on a unit of electricity are various according to own programmes such as K 400 in Sittway, Kyaukpyu, MraukU, Manaung and Taungup, K 500 in Kyauktaw, Minbya and Yanbye, K 550 in Gwa, and K 600 in Thandwe; that there is no township in Rakhine State where electricity users are charged K 1000 a unit; that overall, K 400 a unit is a reasonable rate, but if fuel price goes up, the charge rate will also goes up; that when ongoing hydropower projects in Rakhine State are completed, the rates will go down to K 25 a unit for households and K 50 for enterprises; that the profit the ministry makes from electric power supply is very low; and that the government is carrying out non-profit projects in the national interests in that regard.



U Ye Tun of Thandwe Constituency raising question.

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electric power charges between Rakhine State and other Regions and States.

Minister for Electric Power No-2 U Khin Maung Myint responded that Rakhine State has not got electricity from the national grids yet; that but, a state office, four district offices,

kyats in 2010-2011 fiscal year for salaries of staff and generators, pylons, power stations, maintenance and other structures; that the government fund shows a loss of 453.6 million kyats a year to supply electricity to the townships in Rakhine State including 13

The Pyithu Hluttaw speaker said that U Ye Tun's question carried a fact that Rakhine State has to share charges for the electricity used at the departmental rate by governmental departments; and that responsible persons should review that point.—MNA

MBE Chairman, DGs inspect exam centers in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 14 March— Chairman of Myanmar Board of Examinations under the Ministry of Education Director General of Myanmar Education Research Bureau U Ohn Myint, together with Director General U Bo Win of Education Planning and

Training Department and Deputy Director General U Myint Shwe of No.2 Basic Education Department, this morning inspected Taung Nyo Basic Education High School in Ottarathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw District, meeting with supervisors and assistant supervisors of the

exam center.

There, they encouraged the students sitting for Physics Subject of this year's matriculation exam in respective rooms.

They then proceeded to another exam centres in Nay Pyi Taw District.

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Squally weather warning

NAY PYI TAW, 14 March— Meteorology and Hydrology Department announced today that under the influence of day temperatures were rising before Southwest monsoon season, Cumulonimbus cloud would form during afternoon or evening at everywhere in whole Myanmar. Strong winds with

thunder, lightning, hail and isolated rain or thundershowers might occur due to underneath along the Cumulonimbus moving. Surface wind speed in strong winds might reach (35) mph.

People should be awareness of those weather conditions before monsoon season.—MNA

First regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw continues...

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organizations Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Soe Naing and Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs U Thein Nyunt made reviews and discussions and the approval of Pyithu Hluttaw was sought.

Then, U Tun Myint Oo of Mongpan Constituency submitted the proposal 'nationwide taking of censuses in

Myanmar and U Khin Maung Yi (a Khaing Maung Yi of Ahlon Constituency the motion 'upgrading of the free compulsory primary education system into a free compulsory middle school education system (duty to educate children) with a view to achieving the goal of cent-per-cent literacy rate in Myanmar and making suitable policies in order that both the government and private sector can

engage in adopting school curriculums and the education system in which the examinations that can have links with international universities are included'. Then, the approval of Pyithu Hluttaw was sought to decide whether or not the said motions should be discussed.

Later, the speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw announced that the ninth-day session ended and the tenth-day session would be held at 10 am tomorrow. The session was adjourned at 1.45 pm.

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Transport Minister responds to queries on maintenance for blockage of water course in Kaladan River

NAY PYI TAW, 14 March—In his question, Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Paik Lin of Paletwa Constituency said that the water course of Kaladan River was blocked at 29 miles north of Paletwa of Chin State due to landslide in 1997. He asked whether the department concerned would restore the water course as soon as possible, and he wanted to know when the plan would be implemented.

In his response, Minister for Transport U Thein Swe said that an official report on blockage of water course in Kaladan River due to landslide caused by earthquake in 1997 had not been submitted to the ministry. Kaladan River is shallow in summer and the current of river is speedier in the rainy season. So, any ship cannot run along it, but local motorboats run in it. An expert team will be sent to conduct feasibility study at the place where water course is blocked. If necessary, the State level authorities will carry out maintenance work depending on the report of the expert team. If it is concerned with local authorities, they will carry out the task.

The Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw said that



Minister for Transport U Thein Swe replying to queries.—MNA



Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Paik Lin of Paletwa Constituency raising question. MNA

if Kaladan River has water course limits, other ways and means are to be sought and submitted for better transport of local

people. As blockage of water course in Kaladan River due to landslide triggered by earthquake in 1997 was not reported, the Union level authorities did not know

Industry-1 Minister replies to question "whether or not there is a plan to build a pulp factory in Buthidaung Township where a large number of bamboo plants are naturally grown"



Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thuang answers the question.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 14 March — At the session of Amyotha Hluttaw held today, U Maung Aye Tun of Rakhine State Constituency No-9 said that a large number of bamboo plants that can make pulp are naturally grown in mountainous region of Buthidaung Township. If a pulp factory was built, local people would enjoy job opportunities, contributing towards better living standards. Besides,

the nation can see greater industrial production. So he asked "whether or not there is a plan to build a pulp factory in Buthidaung Township where a large number of bamboo plants are naturally grown".

Regarding the question, Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thuang replied that it was found that Saidin bamboo forest in Buthidaung and Ponnagun regions can be used to produce raw materials for a factory with the production capacity from 200 to 500 tons of pulp a day.

The establishment of a pulp factory requires chemical plant,

the pulp factory be built. Lack of sufficient electricity supply at the present time, capital and technical problems hindered to build the factory. Although five field trips were made with the participation of foreign companies, progress could not be made due to electricity supply, energy and other problems.

With future prospects of energy sector in Rakhine State, there are good prospects for the establishment of a pulp factory by local organizations and foreign investors.

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chlorine dioxide plant, generator and boiler plant, cooking and digesting plant, pulp sheet making plant and recovery plant.

Inputs to the plants are from about 0.3 to 0.75 million tons of bamboo per year, from 20 to 50 megawatts of electricity, from 30,000 to 75,000 tons of limestone, from 90,000 to 300,000 tons of salt and from 10 to 25 million gallons of water a day.

Only if these inputs are fulfilled can



U Maung Aye Tun of Rakhine State Constituency-9 raising question. MNA

Physicians provide free treatments for patients of Popa Jivitadana Sangha Hospital

NAY PYI TAW, 14 March — An Upper Myanmar physicians' team from Mandalay Region provided free treatments for patients at Jivitadana

Sangha Hospital on Popa Mountaintop in Kyaukpadaung Township in Myingyan District on 12 March and yesterday.—MNA

MMDC, LUDU organize health educative talks

YANGON, 14 March — Myanmar Molecular & Diagnostic Centre (MMDC) and Molecular & Diagnostic Centre (LUDU) jointly held educative talks on health at Traders Hotel here yesterday afternoon.

Professor Dr Rai Mra gave

talks on "Genomics-Haematology, HIV" and Professor Dr Win Naing "Changing Concepts in HCV Management with New Therapies".

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Representative of Yangon Region Constituency-4 Dr Myat Nyana Soe raises questions

NAY PYI TAW, 14 March — At today's session of Amyotha Hluttaw, Representative Dr Myat Nyana Soe of Yangon Region Constituency-4 said according to surveys, Yangon has a population of more than 7 million. Among them are over 3 million commuters. There are over 200 bus lines, 8000 vehicles, 240,000 private cars and 130,000 circular train users. It is learned that in the circular train system, there are 21 railway coaches, 200 daily railway schedules, 18 diesel locomotives and three RBEs. Train fares are low enough for the convenience of grassroots. However, it can still be found that trains are running on untimely schedule with weaknesses in sanitary and maintenance services. So it is necessary to upgrade the circular railway system, the most common public transportation, in order to solve the problem of traffic congestion.

Then, Dr Myat Nyana Soe questioned whether or not new circular railroads can be built in the commercial capital Yangon for the convenience of service personnel, students and public commuters; whether or not new circular railway schedules can be extended; whether or not enough locomotives and railway coaches can be provided; whether or not services can be provided to improve the standards of railway coaches in accord with the characteristics of a commercial capital; and whether or not departure and arrival time of trains can be exact to meet the international standard.

In response to the questions, Minister for Rail Transportation said there are two systems—circular trains and sub-urban trains running to Hlawga, Thanlyin, Oakposu and Thilawa in connection with circular railways.

Before 1988, there were about 100 daily railway schedules with nine coaches. But now there are about 200 daily railway schedules with 21 coaches to transport more than 0.1 million railway passengers.



Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min replying to query.—MNA

With the increasing area of Yangon, survey work has been carried out to build a new outer circular railroad from Toekyaunggalay, Dagon University and Pale Myothit to Hlawga.

In building a new circular railroad, a point should be considered in order not to cause traffic congestion. The Yangon circular railroad is 30 miles long and there are 65 level crossings. When a road is blocked for a circular train to pass, about 300 cars have to stop. So to solve this problem, 24 overpasses have been built and plans are under way to construct 41 others. For transportation of more passengers, arrangements are being made for trains to run with more carriages without necessity to extend the existing circular railway schedules.

In order to manufacture quality locomotives and



Amyotha Hluttaw Representative Dr Myat Nyana Soe of Yangon Region Constituency-4 raising question.

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coaches locally, plans are under way to build a locomotive shed in Nay Pyi Taw and a coach factory in Myitnge with the parts from the People's Republic of China. Construction of factories has to take about two years. Upon completion, locomotives

Rail Transportation Minister responds to question on arrangements for the convenience of passengers on Mandalay-Shwebo-Myitkyina railroad in all seasons

NAY PYI TAW, 14 March — At the session of Amyotha Hluttaw held today, U Khet Htein Nan of Kachin State Constituency No-1 said that running of one-day trains on Mandalay-Shwebo-Myitkyina railway is convenient for public transportation. He was delighted to see and thanked the government for construction of Katha-Bhamo and Myitkyina-Bhamo-Momeik-Namhsan railroads. But the accidents in which trains derailed and overturned happen along Meza-Bonchaung railroad section on Mandalay-Shwebo-Myitkyina railroad in Indaw Township in Sagaing Region. So he asked about arrangements made for the convenience of passengers on Mandalay-Shwebo-Myitkyina railroad in all seasons.

Regarding the question, Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min said that about 200,000 passengers are provided with 400 rail services of Myanmar Railways of the

and coaches of high standards can be provided.

Moreover, diesel motorized units will be imported for improving the standard of locomotives and coaches, the minister added.—MNA

ministry daily. Depending on the maximum transportation of passengers and goods, Yangon-Mandalay railroad stands first on the list of priorities. Mandalay-Myitkyina railroad is second, Yangon-Mawlamyine-Ye is third and Yangon-Pyay is fourth. More emphasis was placed on Mandalay-Myitkyina railroad section as people heavily relied on the railroad. In 2010-11, erosion of the banks between Namhkam and Bonchaung destroyed railroads after Nange creek was eroded by rainwater caused by heavy rains. The first time lasted from 26 to 29 September 2010 and the second time from 6 to 8 October 2010. Railway schedules were suspended for seven days.

According to the guidance given by the Head of State on cut of travel time from 24 hours to 16 hours on Mandalay-Myitkyina railroad, upgrading of railroad was carried out on 12 December, 2009.

60 pounds rail tracks were substituted with 75 pounds ones on 357 miles long Mandalay-Myitkyina railroad. 33% or 291312 out of 873936 wooden sleepers laid along Mandalay-Myitkyina railroad were substituted with concrete sleepers and

substitutions are underway. Repair works for maintenance of bridges were carried out and 1577900



Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Khet Htein Nan of Kachin State Constituency-1 raising question.

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cubic feet of paving stones were filled.

Watercourse of Nange creek was changed in order not to occur erosion of the banks of Nange creek between Namhkam and Bonchaung. Retaining walls totaling 245 feet long were built in three places and widening of the area on both sides of railroads and heavy maintenance works are being carried out.

He said that upgrading of Mandalay-Myitkyina railroad is gearing up for the convenience of passengers in all seasons.

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Transport Minister answers question of Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Aung Sein Tha from Minbya Constituency



Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Aung Sein Tha of Minbya Constituency raising question.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 14 March — At today's regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw, U Aung Sein Tha from Minbya Constituency in his question said that Minbya in Rakhine State is facing the erosion of its costal areas yearly due to the Laymyo River; that strong current of the river causes damage to houses and buildings in riverside wards in the township; and asked if there is a plan to take preventive measures against bank erosions in the township.

Minister for Transport U Thein Swe relied that preventive measures against bank erosions have been taken in Minbya from 1999-2000 to 2010-2011 as follows: —

(a) 1999-2000	sand bed	1320 feet
(b) 2000-2001	Geotube	2490 feet
(c) 2004-2005	rock-filled embankment	350 feet

(d) 2005-2006	rock-filled embankment	180 feet
(e) 2007-2008	rock-filled embankment	120 feet
(f) 2008-2009	rock-filled embankment	150 feet
(g) 2009-2010	rock-filled embankment	90 feet

Rock-filled embankments are being built for 320 feet in 2010-2011 fiscal year as follows: —

(a) No. 1 retaining wall (mouth of Sambale Creek)	70 feet
(b) No. 2 retaining wall (downstream mouth of the creek)	120 feet
(c) No. 3 retaining wall (downstream mouth of the creek)	130 feet

He said that the tasks will continue for prevention of bank erosions in Laymyo.

The Pyithu Hluttaw speaker in his discussion said that if erosion of coastal areas persists in Laymyo despite preventive measures, it should seek to know whether there are other technical requirements or not, and other approaches for durability of embankments.—MNA

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Yangon Region constituency No.4 raised a question on a plan for extending community train services for public transportation in Yangon. U Khet Htein Nan of Kachin State constituency No.1 put a question about the plan upgrading Mandalay-Shwebo-Myitkyina Railroad to an all-weather road. Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thuang,

Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Soe Naing and Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min answered the respective questions.

Afterwards, Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint discussed proposals of U Paw Hlyan Lwin of Chin State No.9 constituency about upgrading of the road between Gangaw and Razwa to an all-weather

road and about upgrading of the suspension bridge between East Gangaw and West Gangaw to a bridge with a motor road. He also discussed proposals of U Kyun Khan of Chin State constituency No.1 about building low-cost housing and letting government employees to buy them in installments.

After seeking the decision of the Hluttaw, the Speaker announced the conclusion of the session and holding of the tenth-day session at 10 am tomorrow.—MNA

Visit of tourists has been allowed to Chin State

NAY PYI TAW, 14 March— At today's session of Amyotha Hluttaw, Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Paul Thang Thaing of Chin State Constituency-3 said that the tourists are allowed to visit all 14 regions and states except Chin State in the nation. In Chin State, the tourists are allowed to visit Kanpetlet only. However, he requested to allow the tourists not only to Kanpetlet but also to Haka and other regions of Chin State on their visits. As Chin State has less development with least income, the visits of tourists will help increase income. He raised a question whether the plan will be set to allow tourists to visit Chin State or not.

Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Soe Naing responded that tourists visit Chin State similar to other Regions and States. The tourists wishing to visit Myanmar took tourist visas from Myanmar embassies and consul general from their countries. At present, they are allowed to make trips in Myanmar with 28-day tourist visa.

On their arrival at Myanmar, tourists can freely tour Yangon, Mandalay, Bagan, Inlay and beaches. For some regions and states with difficulties for far distance, limitation of duration, accommodation and meals, restriction of security, permissions are issued under scrutiny of respective committees

and superior departments.

The organizer travel agencies give services of package tours under the permissions with tour guides. Regarding the visits to Chin State, tourists are allowed with the permissions of respective committees.

According to the ordinance issued on 10 April 1996 by the ministry concerned, the visit of tourists to Chin State was restricted. After opening Natma Hill National Park in 1997, tourists were allowed to make visits to that area in 2002. Under the permissions of the ministry concerned, the tourists were allowed to visit Kanpetlet, Natma Hill and Mindat of Chin State in 2007 and then Ayeiwa Camp, Ramsi Camp, 8th-Mile Camp, Mount Kennedy, Falam and Haka. At present, the tourists make trips to there.

A total of 80 tourists visited Chin State in 2008, 151 in 2009, and 280 in 2010. The number of tourists is increasing in Chin State in 2011. In January 2011, a total of 112 tourists visited Chin State. As such, it is estimated that the number of tourists to Chin will increase this year.

The minister said that visit of tourists has been allowed to Chin State. The number of tourists who visited Chin State is increasing year by year. The Ministry of Hotels and Tourism will provide as-



Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Paul Thang Thaing of Chin State Constituency-3 raising question.

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sistance for improvement of tourism industry.

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UEC Chairman U Thein Soe responds to Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Nelson (a) Sai Hsaung Hsi of Kyaukme Constituency

NAY PYI TAW, 14 March — Pyithu Hluttaw Representative of Kyaukme Constituency U Nelson (a) Sai Hsaung Hsi asked about the preparations for by-elections to fill the seats of the Hluttaw representatives who are going to take the executive duties including the president-elect and the vice presidents-elect; when the elections will be held; and how the elections will be managed to be free and fair.

Regarding the question, Chairman of Union Election Commission U Thein Soe explained that the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker or the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker will inform the Union Election Commission to fill the vacant seats in accord with Pyithu Hluttaw Rules and Amyotha Hluttaw Rules (86). The UEC in accord with respective Hluttaw election Rule (16) will issue the following dates to fill the unoccupied seats:

- Date of by-election in vacant constituencies
- Starting date to submit the name list of Hluttaw candidate for vacant constituencies
- Last date to submit the name list of Hluttaw



Union Election Commission Chairman U Thein Soe replying to question.—MNA



Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Nelson (a) Sai Hsaung Hsi raising question.

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candidate for vacant constituencies

- Date of scrutinizing

the name list of Hluttaw candidate

- Last date to withdraw submission of the name list of Hluttaw candidate if there is any wish

Based on original list of eligible voters, the list of eligible voters will be compiled to be appropriate with current situation and preparedness for the election including polling stations and ballot boxes will be made.

Expected period for interim elections is around October and November 2011. To be free and fair, the interim elections will be held in accord with respective Hluttaw election Laws and Rules.—MNA

Poor prospects for building cement factories in Nayputaung and Gutaung-Kantaung due to low quality limestone

NAY PYI TAW, 14 March — U Maung Aye Tun, a representative of Amyotha Hluttaw from Rakhine State constituency No.9 asked question whether the State has a plan to implement cement projects at limestone hills at Nayputaung and Gutaung-Kantaung areas in Taungup Township during today's regular session of Amyotha Hluttaw.

In his question, he said that Taungup Township has prospects for mass production of cement from 500 tons to 2000 tons a day as there are many limestone hills in the township. He suggested the State build a cement factory in the township, paving the way for creating job opportunities for locals and boosting production of the country.

Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thuang said the amount of limestone in the township is not enough to be supplied to a cement factory and the material in the area does not meet the standard for making cement. Besides, it has been calculated that there are only about 18 million tons of the stone at

Gutaung-Kantaung limestone hill about 8 miles north-east of Kama Village, 20 miles south of Maei, Taungup, and the amount is just enough to produce cement at a cement factory for a few years. The quality of limestone in the township is same to the one of Nayputaung, meeting the standard for producing ornaments.

As the quality of limestone in Nayputaung does not meet the required standard for making cement, Ministry of Industry-1 used the limestone in the area to make ornaments. But, the production was not a commercial success and stopped in 2006. Rakhine State Union Solidarity and Development Association made proposal to build cement factories in Nayputaung and Gutaung-Kantaung areas to create job opportunities for locals. Ministry of Industry-1 assessed prospects for producing cement in the areas in 2005-2006. It was found that there are poor prospects for building cement factories in the areas, the minister said.—MNA

Construction Minister replies to proposal of U Paul Hlyan Lwin of Chin State Constituency-9

NAY PYI TAW, 14 March— Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint, responded to the proposal approved to be discussed by previous sessions “to construct motor road linking Paletwa and Matupi as soon as possible, tabled by Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Paul Hlyan Lwin of Chin State Constituency-9 at Amyotha Hluttaw session today.

The minister said that 135 miles and three furlongs long Matupi-Paletwa Road comprises three furlongs long

asphalt section, two miles and one furlong long gravel section and 132 miles and seven furlongs long earthen session. At present, Matupi-Paletwa Road cannot be carried out due to heavy work and regional situation. The people from Paletwa may go to Matupi along 33 miles and five furlongs long Paletwa-Kyauktaw section, 133 miles long Kyauktaw-An section, 66 miles long An-Padan section, 121 miles long Padan-Pauk junction section, 50 miles and two furlongs long Pauk junction-

Mindat, and 102 miles long Mindat-Matupi section by car spending one and a half days. Normally, it will be a two-night trip.

As the route between Paletwa and Matupi has been arranged, he requested to withdraw the motion to construct motor road linking Paletwa and Matupi as soon as possible.

U Paul Hlyan of Chin State Constituency-9 submitted to change his proposal to the question.

The session followed according to the agenda. *MNA*

Proposal to construct low-cost housing and sell them to staff in monthly installments replied



Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Zhun Kan of Chin State Constituency-1 raising question.

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NAY PYI TAW, 14 March—Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint replied the proposal of U Zhun Kan of Chin State Constituency-1 “to construct low-cost housings and sell them to staff in monthly installments” which was approved to discuss by recent Hluttaw sessions at today’s regular session of Amyotha Hluttaw.

To construct low-cost housings and sell them to staff in monthly installments is a matter for the Ministry of Construction, the Ministry of Finance and Revenue and other related ministries as the salary needs to be balanced

against the price of the housing and financial investment has to be funded in construction.

Currently in Chin State, three rental staff quarters have been built in Haka, Mindat and Fhlam. The staff quarters in Haka has 103 rooms—98 rooms of 48 two-room buildings and five bungalows; that in Mindat has 82 rooms—48 rooms of four-room buildings and 43 bungalows; and that in Falam has 74 rooms—10 rooms of five two-room buildings and 64 bungalows. The staff with difficulties were roomed in 259 apartments in Chin State.

There is no plan at present to build low-cost housings in Chin State and sell them in installment. Regarding the matter related to construct low-cost housings and sell them to staff in monthly installments proposed by the MP, the representative was requested to withdraw the proposal as the State has arranged rental staff quarters, the minister explained.

U Zhun Kan of Chin State Constituency-1 submitted the withdrawal of the proposal. The Hluttaw approved the withdrawal of the proposal of U Zhun Kan of Chin State Constituency-1. *MNA*

PBANRDA Minister replies to question of Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Ngun Moug from Haka Constituency

NAY PYI TAW, 14 March—At the session held today, Pyithu Hluttaw representative Daw Zartalan from Thantlang Constituency seconded the proposal “to upgrade Haka, the capital of Chin State to the level of other state capitals” submitted by U Ngun Moug from Haka Constituency in his question.

Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs U Thein Nyunt said that the State Law and Order



Minister for PBANRDA U Thein Nyunt answers question.—MNA

Restoration Council issued Ordinance No 5/93 dated 1 April 1993 to keep townships clean and beautiful and ensure development of rural areas; that taxes and revenues levied in a year from Haka Township are low, so the government has to provide funds to

urbanize Haka; that in that case, the government is upgrading roads in Haka to fine ones and constructing bridges and supplying potable water; that in addition, it built 120 feet long, 60 feet wide and 30 feet high city hall, Wamma Thumaung Sports grounds, Khaingkam Gymnasium, Bo Taik Chun Gymnasium and Bo Kywan Pi Gymnasium in Haka; that Chin State has seen a park, nine youths training centres, six vocation training centres, Haka General Hospital (200-bed), and many other offices, revenues and buildings; that according to Article 254 of the constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, taxes and revenues collected in Chin State are deposited in the state fund; that the government is urbanizing Haka to become a modern

capital, so there is no need to present a separate proposal.

The speaker said that a representative has seconded the motion of U Ngun Moug and the minister has made clarification to the question, so all are believed to realize the process; that what the minister has presented is such a thorough reply that the minister suggested that the motion should not be under further discussion; and that so he wanted to know the stance of U Ngun Moug.

U Ngun Moug of Haka Constituency expressed thanks for the clarification, and said that he no longer wanted to continue his proposal.

The hluttaw approved U Ngun Moug’s submission and announced that there is no need to continue discussing his proposal. —*MNA*



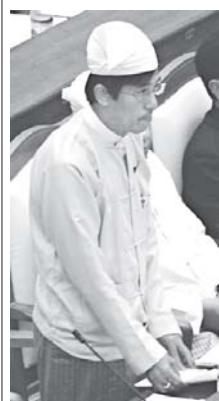
Pyithu Hluttaw Representative Daw Zar Talan of Htantalan Constituency raising question.—MNA

has to provide funds to

Minister for Hotels and Tourism replies to discussion of U Khin Maung Yi (a) Khaing Maung Yi of Ahlon Constituency

NAY PYI TAW, 14 March— U Khin Maung Yi (a) Khaing Maung Yi of Ahlon Constituency

Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Khin Maung Yi (a) Khaing Maung Yi of Ahlon Constituency participates in discussion.—MNA



discussed the proposal of U Ngun Moug of Haka Constituency “to allow foreign guests and tourists to visit Chin State” at today’s regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw that Chin State is scenic and could attract the attention of tourists; tourism industry is one of important

foreign currency earners of the nation; it is heartening to learn the State is undertaking development tasks in Chin State; to help Chin State develop in parallel with the Union the blockage of tourist entry should be cleared; the similar cases of that, *(See page 11)*

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for example, an American citizen who was born in Haka and his family legally arrived in Myanmar to attend 100th Anniversary of Haka, was refused to travel to Haka and only reached Kalay should be averted.

With the aim to apply new ideologies, new ways and new laws which envision peace and development in transition to democracy in conformity with the new State Constitution, he supported the proposal submitted by U Ngun Moug, he discussed.

Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Soe Naing explained that foreign guests and visitors who want to enter Myanmar for various purposes may obtain visa at Myanmar Embassy and Consul-General Office; they are permitted to live for 28 days in Myanmar; the number of foreign guests and visitors entered Myanmar through Yangon and Mandalay

International Airports in 2010 was 310688 including 201971 tourists.

The State had issued Myanmar Hotels and Tourism Law to enable private entrepreneurs to run hotels, rest houses, tour, transportation and tour guide services with

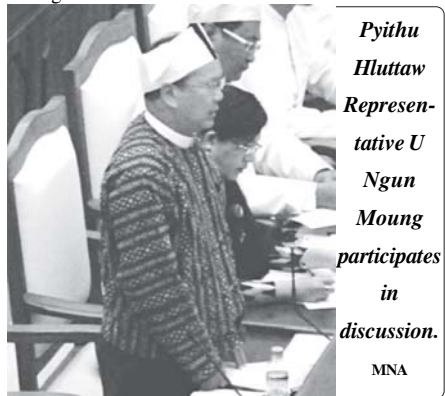
Affairs had issued rules, orders and directives for tourists and foreign guests who visit Myanmar to travel with their tour plan and to travel with the permission of respective ministries through the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism. Tourists and foreign guests are traveling in Myanmar in accord with this directive.

Although the directive

2002 with prior request. With improved number of tourists and increased interest in ecotourism industry, the Home Affairs Ministry issued necessary directives for foreign citizens for business purpose, tourists and other foreigners for various purposes. Package tour groups and foreign independent travelers were allowed to travel Kanpetlet, Natmataung, Mindat, Ayeywa station, Ramhsi station, 8th mile station, Kennedy hill, Falam and Haka in Chin State with the arrangement of tour companies.

Therefore, the number of tourists who visited Chin State reached 80 in 2008, 150 in 2009 and 280 in 2010. The number of tourists who visited the state in January, 2011 alone, reached 112.

To allow tourists to visit Chin State, Ministry of Hotels and Tourism and other ministries concerned have to make arrangements for them as the trip to the hilly state is tough and not easily accessible by vehicles and there is a limited number of guest houses. Besides,



Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Ngun Moug participates in discussion.

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licenses to make tourism industry systematically developed.

The number of hotels and rest houses was 691; that of tourism companies, 658; that of tour vehicles, 215; and that of tour guides, 4077.

The Ministry of Home

for tourists and foreign guests to travel in Myanmar issued in 1996 by the Ministry of Home Affairs had some limitation to travel in Chin State, Natmataung National Park was opened in 1997 and tourists were allowed to travel to this region and Chin State since



Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Soe Naing discusses proposal.—MNA

arrangements have to be made to ensure safety and prevent accidents.

The number of foreign visitors to Chin State would increase in proportion to the number of visitors to the country.

Like other regions and states, Chin State should attract not only foreign tourists but also local visitors.

Therefore, the tourists have been allowed to visit Chin State since 2002, and the number of visitors to the state has increased year after year. Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Soe Naing promised to provide necessary assistance to the state and

the ministry has already taken measures related to the proposal submitted by U Ngun Moug of Haka constituency in Chin State.

Afterwards, the Speaker sought approval of the representatives over the discussion of the minister.

U Ngun Moug thanked the minister for his clear clarification, saying it was not necessary to continue to discuss the proposal.

After the approval of Hluttaw, the Speaker announced that it is not necessary to discuss the proposal separately.

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Proposal to upgrade Gangaw-Yezwa road approved



NAY PYI TAW, 14 March — In response to the proposal of U Paw Lian Lwin of Chin State constituency 9 to upgrade Gangaw-Yezwa road to become an all-weather facility and to upgrade a suspension bridge between east and west Gangaw to be usable by cars, Minister

Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Paul Hlyan Lwin of Chin State Constituency-9 participates in discussion.—MNA

for Construction U Khin Maung Myint said the distance between Yezwa in Chin State and Gangaw is 104 miles and six furlongs. Eighty-three miles and one furlong long section of the road is earthen and the remaining 21 miles five furlongs is gravel. Yearly plans are under way to lay gravel on the earthen section. The 700-foot suspension bridge is just for pedestrians. There is not any plan yet to upgrade it into a car-crossing bridge. The

government will upgrade the Gangaw-Yezwa road portion by portion. As there are no plans yet to upgrade the suspension bridge, the minister requested to withdraw the proposal.

U Paw Lian Lwin asked the hluttaw to approve his first proposal and withdraw his second. The hluttaw approved the proposal to upgrade Gangaw-Yezwa road and permitted to withdraw the proposal to upgrade the suspension bridge.

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Gem merchants visit 48th Myanma Gems Emporium

NAY PYI TAW, 14 March—A total of 2542 lots of jade were sold through tender system at the 48th Myanma Gems Emporium at Mani Yadana Jade Hall near the Gems Museum, here, today.

Secretary of Central Committee for Organizing the emporium Managing Director U Thein Swe and members supervised the emporium.

The jewellery shops were crowded with gem

merchants.

The emporium will continue at Mani Yadana Jade Hall till 22 March.

Subcommittees of the central committee have made arrangements for convenience of local and foreign gem merchants in a c c o m m o d a t i o n , transport, communication and health sectors.

A total of 4700 foreign gem merchants and 3948 local merchants visited the emporium today.—MNA

Prize presentation of 33rd Region and State Golf Tournament 2011 held

YANGON, 14 March—The prize presentation of the 33rd Region and State Golf Tournament 2011 was held at Myanmar Golf Club at 9th Mile, here, on 12 March.

On behalf of the Chairman of Myanmar

Olympic Committee Minister for Sports, General Secretary of MOC Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaug Htaik presented the trophy to first prize winner Sagaing Region. Next, the Myanmar

Golf Federation presented K 1 million to Myanmar PGA.—MNA

Local and foreign gem merchants view jade lots displayed at Myanma Gems Emporium.—MNA



NAY PYI TAW, 14 March — General Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence received a visiting Chinese delegation led by Deputy Director Lieutenant-General Jia Tingan of General Political Department of the People's Liberation Army of the People's Republic of China at the hall of Zeyathiri Beikman of the Ministry of Defence, here, at 2 pm yesterday.

Also present at the call were Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo, Maj-Gen Zaw Win, Maj-Gen Than Soe and senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence.

The Chinese del-

General Min Aung Hlaing receives Deputy Director of PLA General Political Department



egation was accompanied by Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to the Union of

Myanmar Mr Li Junhua and Military Attaché Senior Colonel Xiong Shaowei.—MNA

General Min Aung Hlaing of Ministry of Defence receives Deputy Director Lieutenant-General Jia Tingan of General Political Department and party of People's Liberation Army of China.—MNA

Adjutant-General meets Deputy Director of PLA General Political Department

NAY PYI TAW, 14 March—Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo of the Ministry of Defence met a delegation led by Deputy Director Lieutenant-General Jia Tingan of General Political Department of the

People's Liberation Army of the People's Republic of China at the hall of Bayintnaung Yeiktha, here, at 1 pm yesterday.

Also present at the call were Vice Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe, Maj-Gen Than

Soe and senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence. The Chinese delegation was accompanied by Military Attaché Senior Colonel Xiong Shaowei of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China.—MNA



Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo of Ministry of Defence meets Deputy Director Lieutenant-General Jia Tingan of General Political Department and party of People's Liberation Army of China.—MNA

Kenbo Trophy Golf Tournament at Hanthawady Golf Course on April 7-8

NAY PYI TAW, 14 March— The third-round of Kenbo Trophy Golf Tournament will be held at Hanthawady Golf Course in Bago on 20 March, 2011.

Sponsored by Kenbo, the tournament will be held to hail the Thingyan Festival.

Top-ten amateur golfers will be selected in the tournament and they will participate in final match

at Shwemanntaung Golf Course on April 7 and 8.

Any one who wins Hole-In-One prize will be awarded with one Kenbo motorcycle.

Those wishing to participate in the pre-Thingyan golf tournament may phone 09 5177956; 09 2037671 and Hanthawady Golf Club Ph: 052 22254. participate in the tournament.

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Proposals submitted, approvals sought at Pyithu Hluttaw session

NAY PYI TAW, 14 March— Today's Pyithu Hluttaw session made decisions on whether new proposals submitted by Hluttaw representatives should be discussed or not. First, U Tun Myint Oo of Mongpan Constituency submitted the proposal on taking census across the country.

It was seconded by U Sai Awan Sai Mai of Kehsi Constituency. After that, the approval of Pyithu Hluttaw was sought to discuss it in Hluttaw, and then Hluttaw accepted the approval.

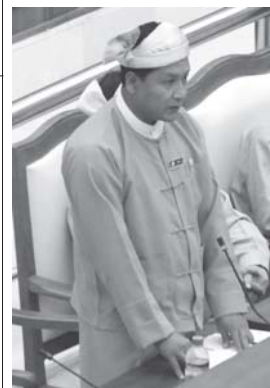
The proposal submitted by U Tun Myint Oo of Mongpan Constituency will be discussed at tenth-day Pyithu Hluttaw session held on 15 March, 2011 (Tuesday). Hluttaw announced that those representatives who want to discuss the above proposal are to register at Deputy Director-General of Pyithu Hluttaw this evening.

Later on, U Khin Maung Yi (a) Khaing Maung Yi of Ahlon Constituency submitted a proposal to prescribe a compulsory education system "Duty to Educated Children" at the primary and middle school levels for

100% literacy and new syllabuses and policies comprising examination systems for students to continue education in international universities in which the government and private education centres can participate.

The proposal was seconded by U Thein Aung of Thanbyuzayat Constituency. After that, the approval of Pyithu Hluttaw was sought to discuss it at Hluttaw, and then Hluttaw accepted the approval.

The above-mentioned proposal will be discussed at tenth-day Pyithu Hluttaw session held on 15 March, 2011 (Tuesday). Hluttaw announced that those representatives who want to discuss the above-mentioned proposal are to register at Deputy Director-General of Pyithu Hluttaw this evening.—MNA



Pyithu Hluttaw

Representative

U Tun Myint

Oo submits a

proposal.

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MYANMA RAILWAYS
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Sr No	Tender No	Description	Qty	Closing Date
1.	12(T)5/MR(MC)	Vacuum Brake Cylinder	100 Sets	11.4.2011
	2010-2011(Kyat)	15" Combined E-Type (C&W)		(12:00)Hr:
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	2010-2011(Euro)	21" F-Type Loco & (C&W)		(12:00)Hr:

2. Tender documents are available at our office starting from 14.3.2011 during office hours and for further detail please call Deputy General Manager Supply Department, Myanma Railways, Corner of Theinbyu Street and Merchant Street, Botahtaung, Yangon. Phone: 95-1-291985, 291994.

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HOLIDAY NOTICE**

As the wharves, warehouses and chellan Offices of Yangon Port will be closed on the 19th March 2011 (Fullmoon Day of Tabauing) and 27th March 2011 (Armed Forces Day) Goods Shipped or delivered on payment will be received as Holiday Fees.



China's Chen Siming competes during the final of 2011 Amway WPA (World Pool-Billiard Association) Women's World 9-Ball Open against Kim Ga-Yong of South Korea in Taoyuan, southeast China's Taipei, on 13 March, 2011. Chen lost 9-11—XINHUA

Jet wins Best in Show at Crufts

LONDON, 14 March — A Flatcoated Retriever called Jet has won Best in Show at Britain's Crufts festival, the world's largest annual dog show. Jet, from Edinburgh, Scotland, earlier won the Best Gundog category before being crowned champion ahead of 21,000 other

dogs at the NEC arena in Birmingham.

The nine-year-old's breeder, Jim Irvine said: "We're delighted, absolutely delighted to win this show. "There's been lots of good dogs here over the last four days, but he has a very happy and outgoing personality, and

it shows in the ring." The show, which is organised by The Kennel Club, celebrates its 120th anniversary this year.

Internet

Jet, a Flatcoated Retriever, from South Queensferry, Edinburgh, with the trophy after winning Best in Show at the 120th Crufts competition.—INTERNET



Two arrested over fight onboard US plane

LOS ANGELES, 14 March—Two people were taken into custody Sunday for allegedly fighting onboard a Los Angeles-bound flight, authorities said.

The crew of an Alaska Airlines jet radioed the controller that three people were acting suspiciously on the plane as the jet approached the Los Angeles International Airport at 7.45 am.

Two people were later arrested, officials said.

"They had a couple of people on the plane that were rowdy," fire spokesman Cecil Manresa was quoted as saying by Xinhua.

Xinhua

Indian Navy intercepts pirate vessel

NEW DELHI, 14 March — The Indian Navy intercepted a pirate mother vessel Monday, 600 nautical miles west of the Indian coast in the Arabian Sea, official sources revealed.

In the process, the navy succeeded in rescuing 13 hostages aboard the vessel. Besides, as many as 61 pirates were also caught in the operation. The rescued sailors and pirates are being brought to Mumbai and Kochi port in southern India.

Meanwhile, the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS), chaired by Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, has decided to formulate suitable Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for the Navy and for its coordination with other navies engaged in the anti-piracy operations in the Indian Ocean.—Xinhua

Sevilla hold Barca to tighten La Liga title race

PARIS, 14 March — Barcelona dropped two vital points in the La Liga title race as they could only draw 1-1 with Sevilla in Sunday's late match.

Second-placed Real Madrid, who beat Hercules 2-0 on Saturday, are now just five points behind with the two sides going head-to-head next month at the Bernabeu.

Barcelona completely dominated the first half and took the lead on the half hour mark through Bojan Krkic who came on for the injured Pedro Rodriguez.

Andres Iniesta floated a pass to Diego



Barcelona's Argentinian forward Lionel Messi reacts during their Spanish league football match.—INTERNET

Alves who found Bojan and he was able to walk the ball into the net.

After the break it was a different looking Sevilla who pressed forward and got their reward with Jesus Navas heading in an Alvaro Negredo cross.

Internet

Retired Lehmann could be set for Arsenal comeback



Former German international goalkeeper Jens Lehmann

BERLIN, 14 March — Former German international goalkeeper Jens Lehmann could be in line for a shock short-term comeback on the bench at Arsenal, to help ease their problems in goal, it was reported Sunday.

Internet

Petit-Arsenal have wrong mentality

LONDON, 14 March—Former Arsenal midfielder Emmanuel Petit feels his old club are paying the price for not playing to their strengths and not having enough proven winners.

Saturday's FA Cup defeat at Manchester United means that unless the Gunners can wrestle their rivals from the top of the Premier League between now and the end of the campaign, they will have gone six seasons without winning a trophy. And Petit, who won the Premier League and FA Cup double with Arsenal in 1998, thinks he knows why.



Emmanuel Petit

He told The Sun: "Since 2005, and the departures of (Patrick) Vieira, (Robert) Pires and company, you realise he's banking above all on a young, malleable team where he can invest in a sporting project. Arsenal's game is a trademark on the pitch but there aren't really any players with a winning mentality."—Internet

Bayer beat Mainz to trim Dortmund's lead

BERLIN, 14 March — Brazil midfielder Renato Augusto trimmed Borussia Dortmund's Bundesliga lead to nine points with a superb strike on Sunday to give second-place Bayer Leverkusen a 1-0 win at Mainz.

With the game heading towards a goalless draw, Augusto robbed Mainz's Danish defender Bo Svensson of possession on the edge of the penalty area and drilled home his shot on 82 minutes to poach three points for his team.

"We found things difficult in the first half, particularly in midfield," said Leverkusen coach Jupp Heynckes.

"In the second half, the team showed passion, great morale and team spirit, so that we took our chances when they came."—Internet



Leverkusen's Chilean midfielder Arturo Vidal (R) and Brazilian midfielder Renato Augusto celebrate scoring during the German first division Bundesliga football match FSV Mainz 05 vs Bayer Leverkusen in the southern German city of Mainz.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Villa duo say sorry after coaching clash



Aston Villa defenders Richard Dunne

LONDON, 14 March — Aston Villa defenders Richard Dunne and James Collins have apologised after clashing with the club's coaching staff.

The News of the World reported on Sunday that Ireland defender Dunne and Collins were critical of some of Villa manager

Gerard Houllier's coaches during a team break at a health spa in Leicestershire.

Reports earlier this week claimed several players had to be pulled apart in the restaurant at the Champneys Springs resort following a row believed to be linked to the coaching criticism.

Houllier was at the resort on Wednesday before travelling to White Hart Lane with assistant Gary McAllister to watch the Champions League game between Tottenham and AC Milan.—Internet

Roddick rolls over Blake at Indian Wells

INDIAN WELLS, 14 March—Former world number one Andy Roddick got his Indian Wells tournament off on a successful note Sunday by beating fellow American James Blake 6-3, 7-5.

"It was tough, but the numbers looked good afterwards," Roddick said. "I felt like I was hitting the ball OK, so it worked out."

The 28-year-old Roddick hammered 13 aces and won 94 percent of the first serve points in a second round match of the WTA and ATP Mas-

ters 1000 event.

Roddick's win on the centre court stadium boosted his record this season to 15-2 as he tries to capture his first Indian Wells title. He lost to Ivan Ljubicic in last year's final.—Internet



Andy Roddick of the US serves to James Blake of the US during the BNP Paribas Open.—INTERNET

Richards sends City through to face United in FA Cup

MANCHESTER, 14 March — Micah Richards scored the only goal to earn Manchester City a 1-0 win over Reading in the FA Cup quarter-finals on Sunday and set up a semi-final clash with Manchester United.

City, who have not won a major trophy since 1976, discovered before the match at Eastlands that a win would take them through to face Sir Alex Ferguson's side at Wembley on the weekend of 16/17 April.

But for long periods it looked like they might be taken to a replay by the stubborn Championship side.

Having already taken two games to get past Notts County and Leices-



Manchester City's Ivorian midfielder Yaya Toure (L) vies with Reading's Welsh midfielder Hal Robson-Kanu (R) during the FA Cup quarter-final football match between Manchester City and Reading at The City of Manchester Stadium, Manchester.—INTERNET

ter, it was the last thing that City boss Roberto Mancini, who has already complained of his squad being stretched by a heavy schedule, would have wanted.

Internet

Rangers close on Celtic after Killie comeback

GLASGOW, 14 March — Rangers left it late to secure a 2-1 win over Kilmarnock at Ibrox on Sunday to move two points behind Celtic at the top of the Scottish Premier League.

The home side took the lead in the 38th minute when El-Hadji Diouf fired home his first league goal.

However Kilmarnock were level on the hour mark when they were

awarded a controversial penalty for a high-footed challenge by Richard Foster on Tim Glancy that Jamie Hamill converted.

With time running out substitute Vladimir Weiss came to the rescue for Rangers when his cross was knocked into his own net by Glancy when Killie were temporarily down to ten men as Mohammadou Sissoko was off receiving treatment.

Taking advantage of Celtic's involvement in the Scottish Cup the win means Walter Smith's side could go top if they win their game in hand over the Hoops.

Internet



Rangers' Senegalese striker El-Hadji Diouf

Michael Bradley wins Puerto Rico Open

RIO GRANDE, 14 March — Michael Bradley took advantage of Troy Matteson's short par miss on the first extra hole Sunday to win the Puerto Rico Open for the second time in three years.

The 44-year-old Bradley closed with his fourth straight 4-under 68 to match Matteson (72) at 16-under 272 at Trump International Golf Club, then parred the par-5 18th

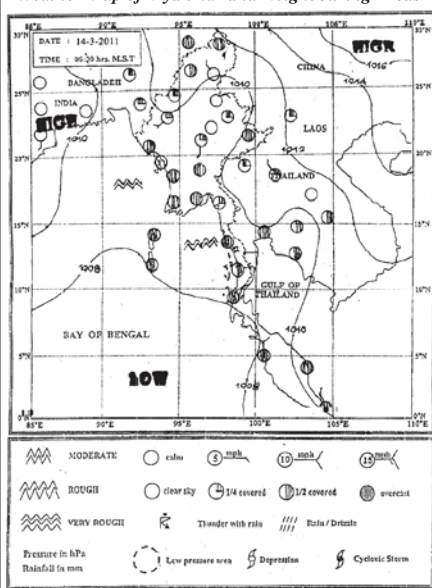


Michael Bradley of the United States

in the playoff for his fourth PGA Tour victory.

Matteson three-putted in the playoff, missing a 3-footer.—Internet

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Monday, 14th March, 2011

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T.
 During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been fairly widespread in Taninthayi Region, scattered in Bago Region, isolated in Ayeyawady Region, Kachin, Kayin and Mon States and weather has been partly cloudy over the remaining Regions and States. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above March average temperatures in Mandalay Region, Chin and Mon States, (5°C) above March average temperature in Taninthayi Region, (3°C) to (4°C) below March average temperatures in Yangon Region and Rakhine State, (5°C) below March average temperature in Bago Region and Kayah State and about March average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperatures was Chauk (41°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Yangon (Kaba-Aye) (1.42) inches, Launglon (0.87) inch, Yangon (Mingaladon) and Thaton (0.63) inch each and Dawei (0.47) inch.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 13-3-2011 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 14-3-2011 was 69°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 14-3-2011 was (63%). Rainfall on 14-3-2011 was (Nil).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 13-3-2011 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 14-3-2011 was 73°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 14-3-2011 was (84%). Total sunshine hours on 13-3-2011 was (4.7) hours (Approx).

Rainfall on 12-3-2011 was (0.63) inch at Mingaladon, (1.42) inches at Kaba-Aye and (0.12) inch at Central Yangon. Total

rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (3.07) inches at Mingaladon, (3.94) inches at Kaba-Aye and (4.88) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (10) mph from East at (13:50) hours MST on 13-3-2011.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 15th March 2011: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered in Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions, Kayin and Mon States, isolated in Mandalay Region, Kachin, Shan, Rakhine and Kayah States and weather will be partly cloudy over the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Strong Easterly winds with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coast. Surface wind speed in strong wind may reach (35) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere 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 15-3-2011: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 15-3-2011: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 15-3-2011: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Angry Birds” developers: big funding for brand growth

BEIJING, 14 March — “Angry Birds” game developers at Rovio have announced a funding of 42 million US dollars to expand their “mean pigs, cranky birds” empire, according to foreign media report Sunday. The funding, announced Thursday, is the first venture-capital money Rovio has secured. Richard Wong with Accel Partners, who led the firm’s investment in Rovio, hailed “Angry Birds” as “an incredible consumer franchise beyond just being a mobile game.”

With the newly raised funding, “Angry Birds” developers have made a strategic plan to achieve the brand growth of “Angry Birds.” According to developer Peter “Mighty Eagle” Vesterbacka, Rovio is going to expand the franchise of “Angry Birds” in a lot of directions such as movie, broadcast and TV. *Xinhua*



A woman holds the hood of her overcoat in Jinan City, capital of east China’s Shandong Province, on 14 March, 2011. Many places in China witnessed significant temperature drop in recent days due to cold wave.
XINHUA

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (15-3-2011) (Tuesday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	(09:00am-11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission	(15-3-11 09:30 am ~ 16-3-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Exceptional Monywa & Excellent Resort
- * News
- * Gift of Longevity to the Old (Episode-2)
- * News
- * The Art Festival for Valentine Month
- * Record Album
- * News
- * People Magazine Promotion Show
- * Ywama Floating Market: A Place of Matchlessness

Oversea Transmission

- * Opening
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- * The Art Festival for Valentine Month
- * Record Album
- * News
- * People Magazine Promotion Show
- * News
- * The World’s Largest Book
- * News
- * Today’s Efficient Youths (ILBC)
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * The Light of World Peace
- * News
- * Products of Aye Thar Yar Industrial Zone
- * Myanmar Movie
- “Implicated Attachment”



Tuesday, 15 March View on today

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| <p>7:00 am</p> <p>1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw</p> <p>7:15 am</p> <p>2. Dhamma Puja Song</p> <p>7:25 am</p> <p>3. To Be Healthy Exercise</p> <p>7:30 am</p> <p>4. Morning News</p> | <p>7:40 am</p> <p>5. Nice & Sweet Song</p> <p>7:50 am</p> <p>6. Health Programme</p> <p>8:00 am</p> <p>7. Songs Of Yester Years</p> <p>8:10 am</p> <p>8. Myanmar Traditional Cultures Performing Arts Competitions</p> <p>8:20 am</p> <p>9. Dance Of National Races</p> <p>8:30 am</p> <p>10. Songs in honour of (66)th Anniversary Armed Forces Day</p> <p>8:40 am</p> <p>11. International News</p> <p>8:45 am</p> <p>12. Musical Programme</p> |
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| <p>4:00 pm</p> <p>1. Martial Song</p> <p>4:10 pm</p> <p>2. Musical Programme</p> <p>4:20 pm</p> <p>3. Songs in honour of (66)th Anniversary Armed Forces Day</p> <p>4:30 pm</p> <p>4. University Of Distance Education (TV Lecuters) -Third Year (Economic)</p> <p>4:45 pm</p> <p>5. Songs For Upholding National Spirit</p> <p>4:50 pm</p> <p>6. The Mirror Images Of The Musical Oldies</p> <p>5:00 pm</p> <p>7. Teleplay (Forest)</p> | <p>5:15 pm</p> <p>8. Songs in honour of (66)th Anniversary Armed Forces Day</p> <p>5:25 pm</p> <p>9. Sweet Melody</p> <p>5:35 pm</p> <p>10. Documentary</p> <p>6:00 pm</p> <p>11. Evening News</p> <p>6:15 pm</p> <p>12. Weather Report</p> <p>6:20 pm</p> <p>13. Kyae Pwint Myaye Yin Khone Than</p> <p>6:35 pm</p> <p>14. Sing A Song</p> <p>7:00 pm</p> <p>15. TV Drama Series</p> <p>8:00 pm</p> <p>16. News</p> <p>17. International News</p> <p>18. Weather Report</p> <p>19. Just for Laughs</p> <p>20. TV Drama Series</p> |
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- ★ 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 ninth day Raising and replying to queries, submitting proposals, holding discussions and approval sought at Amyotha Hluttaw

NAY PYI TAW, 14 March — The first regular session of the Amyotha Hluttaw continued for the ninth 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 speaker announced that the ninth-day session was valid as the attendance of 222 made up 99.55 per cent of 223 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives.

During the session, questions asked by Amyotha Hluttaw representatives were answered by the respective Union level organizations members.

U Maung Aye Tun of Rakhine State Constituency No.9 asked whether there is any plan to construct a pulp factory in Buthidaung Township as bamboo are abundant in the township and whether the State has a plan to implement cement production projects at limestone hills at Nayputaung and Gutaung-Kantaung areas in Taungup Township. U Paul Thang Thaing of Chin State Constituency No. 3 asked whether there is a plan for allowing tourists to visit Chin State. Dr. Myat Nyana Soe of

(See page 9)



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