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Root cause of splits

The root causes that underlay the rise of fractious sectarianism and the proliferation of splits are found to be the incentives that the colonialists provided to expand their sphere of influence, the wedges of instigation and incitement that they drove in a wellplanned manner among colleagues, the arrogance born of overestimating oneself, personal rivalries and underestimating others, jealousies, suspicions and grudges.

Some parties looked to foreign countries for guidance and inspiration, followed the imported ideologies and directives irrationally under foreign influence and carried out purges against fellow party members, which inevitably led to their demise. There were also many others that brought misery on themselves by aping the practices of countries with divergent development and dissimilar backgrounds.

Senior General Than Shwe
Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council
Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services

(From speech delivered at the parade of 64th Anniversary Armed Forces Day)



Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to President of Hellenic Republic

NAY PYI TAW, 25 March—Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Karolos Papoulias, President of the Hellenic Republic, on the occasion of the National Day of the Hellenic Republic, which falls on 25 March 2011.

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Prime Minister U Thein Sein felicitates Hellenic counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 25 March—U Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. George A. Papandreou, Prime Minister of the Hellenic Republic, on the occasion of the National Day of the Hellenic Republic, which falls on 25 March 2011.—MNA

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

First regular session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw continues for 14th day Queries raised and replied, proposal submitted, approval sought



*First regular session
of Pyidaungsu
Hluttaw for 14th day
in progress.*

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NAY PYI TAW, 24 March—First regular session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw continued for 14th day at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here at 10 am today. It was attended by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung

Myint, Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann, Pyithu Hluttaw representatives and Amyotha Hluttaw representatives.

After taking the position, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint announced

the validity and start of 14th-day first regular session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw as 654 out of 656 representatives attended the session, accounting for 99.7 per cent of attendance.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Gear up development of border areas

Myanmar is home to national brethren living in unity and amity. Governments has created equal opportunity for national races regardless of where they reside.

Emphasis is being placed on uplifting of living standard of all national races. Development plans are being implemented in all parts of the Union. Especially, infrastructures in transport, education, health and economic sectors are being built in border areas.

The State spent over K 344,273 million on progress of border areas and national races during the period from 1989-1990 to February 2010-2011. For example, many miles of earth roads, gravel roads and asphalt roads are being constructed and maintained while small and large bridges are under construction for ensuring better transport.

As part of efforts to create the learning opportunity for children from border areas, more than 800 primary schools, more than 90 middle schools and more than 90 high schools have been opened in the education sector.

With the aim of turning out intellectuals and intelligentsia from national race youths of border areas, two Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree Colleges were established in Yangon and Mandalay that have produced over 1500 arts and science graduates and AGTI diploma holders. Likewise, 29 Border Areas and National Races Youth Development Training Schools, four Border Areas and National Races Technical Schools and 39 Vocational Training Schools for the Women have been opened in border areas.

At present, sound foundations can be seen in political, economic, education, health and social sectors across the Union. Especially, the people from border areas are enjoying fruits of peace and development. Continuous efforts are to be made for gaining greater momentum of development in border areas.

Learn Engineering diplomas at Tech

YANGON, 24 March—Tech Training Centre has been conducting courses for engineering diplomas of City and Guides (UK) for students who passed matriculation examination since 1998. The one-year courses are Civil (construction), Electrical Power, Electronic, Mechanical, Mechatronic and Mechanical and Electrical (M&E). For more information, Tech Training centre, No.11, Aungmyaythazi Street, Kamayut Township, Yangon and dial 523579 and 09-73043681.—MNA

Border Areas 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

Myanmar Ambassador presents Credentials to Chinese President

NAY PYI TAW, 25 March—U Tin Oo, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the People's Republic of China, presented his Credentials to His Excellency Mr. Hu Jintao, President of the People's Republic of China, on 15 March 2011 in Beijing.

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FM sends felicitations to Hellenic counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 25 March—U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Dimitris P Droustas, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic, on the occasion of the National Day of the Hellenic Republic, which falls on 25 March 2011.

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World TB Day 2011 observed in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 24 March— World TB Day organized by Ministry of Health was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry, here this morning.

It was attended by Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, directors-general of the Departments under the Ministry, deputy directors-general, rectors, directors, medical superintendents, presidents and officials from Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, WHO resident representative Dr H.S.B Tennakoon, representatives of the UN



Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo observes documentary photos and books and publications on show to mark World TB Day 2011.—MNA

agencies and Social organizations and guests.

Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo delivered an address on the occasion. He said that TB is infectious disease and

infected people since over the last 6,000 years. The 24 March was designated as World TB Day since 1996, honouring Dr Robert Koch, German Scientist, who first found the mycobacteria that cause TB. 85 % of the TB cases and 90 % of the deaths are from 22 countries with the highest TB outbreak. Prevention and treatment with ART for TB victims are being carried out in 11 Townships. To eradicate TB in 2050, health staff are to make cooperation

with departments, social organizations and people. The WHO resident representative read out the message sent by WHO Southeast Asia Regional Director.

The deputy minister and officials observed documentary photos and books and publications on display at the hall.

The motto of World TB Day 2011 is "On the move against Tuberculosis Transforming the Fight Towards Elimination."—MNA



WHO Resident Representative Dr H.S.B Tennakoon reads message sent by WHO Southeast Asia Regional Director. MNA

53rd Maha Thingyan Gold Cup Golf Tournament in PyinOoLwin on 11 April

NAY PYI TAW, 24 March— Pyin OoLwin Golf Club will hold its 53rd Maha Thingyan Gold Cup Golf Tournament at Pyin OoLwin Golf Course from 11 to 14 April.

It includes team

events at gold level (0-12 handicap), silver level (13-18 handicap) and bronze level (19-24 handicap), as well as single event, women's event and PyinOoLwin Golf Championship.

While bronze-level

events, senior events, women's events will be held from 11 to 12 April, silver-level and gold-level events and PyinOoLwin Golf Championship from 13 to 14 April.

Main sponsor is Kaung Myat Companies

(KM Golf Centre).

Those interested may register PyinOoLwin Golf Club Ph: 085-22382. Lt-Col Thant Zin Ohn (Ph: 09-2044792), Maj Ye Htet (Ph: 09-49265029), U Tun Tha Zan (Manager) Ph: 09-6506491, U Kyin Win Tun (Ph: 09-2044128) and U Chit Tun (Ph: 09-2044715).

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Large quake hits Myanmar near northern Thailand



CHIANG MAI, 24 March—A large 6.8 magnitude earthquake struck Myanmar near the border with northern Thailand on Thursday, killing a woman and shaking buildings in three big cities. People fled their homes in panic and

tremors were felt in Bangkok, central Myanmar and as far away as the Vietnamese capital Hanoi, leading to the evacuation of several tall buildings and offices. Police in Mae Sai in Thailand's northernmost province of Chiang Rai said a woman had been killed when a wall of her house collapsed. Hospital officials said there were no other deaths or injuries reported in the province.

The earthquake was shallow at a depth of 6.2 miles (10 km). Witnesses in northeast Myanmar and northern Thailand said they felt the earthquake strongly and tremors caused widespread panic. Ten aftershocks further jolted the area.

"In 40 years, I never felt an earthquake this strong. A glass broke, I had to hold on to a pillar," Thanawan Sisukniyom, a retired teacher in Mae Sai, told Reuters by telephone. —Reuters

Soldiers gather at the site of a bomb attack that occurred in the town of Kanaan, 70 km (43 miles) northeast of Baghdad recently.



INTERNET

Greek police detonate bomb device at Tax Office in Athens

ATHENS, 24 March—Greek counter-terrorism police squads detonated a bomb device at the entrance of a Tax Office in a central Athens district on Wednesday afternoon, Greek media reported.

According to early information, there were no injuries, but material damage, since

an unidentified person had made two warning telephone calls to a local daily newspaper and a local television channel a few minutes before the bomb would explode.

Police rushed on the spot, evacuated the area and proceeded to a controlled explosion of the device.

No group has claimed responsibility for the incident yet, but counter terrorism experts unanimously suspect local guerrilla groups which have made many similar attacks at political, judicial, financial and police targets over the past years.

Xinhua

Jerusalem bus bomb victim was British

JERUSALEM, 24 March—A Foreign Office confirms 60-year-old woman killed in explosion outside Jerusalem's main bus station was UK national

The bombing, the first in the city for seven years, left the 60-year-old dead and injured dozens of others.

"We can confirm the death of a British national," said a Foreign Office spokeswoman, adding that the woman's family had been informed.

The 1-2kg suitcase

bomb detonated close to the main bus station and government ministries. Most of the blast was absorbed by commuters waiting at a bus stop, leaving three people seriously hurt and about three dozen with minor injuries. The explosion also broke windows in two buses that were operating nearby.

Israel's prime minister, Binyamin Netanyahu, has vowed to act "aggressively, responsibly and wisely" in response to the bombing, which was also

condemned by the Palestinian prime minister, Salam Fayyad.—Internet

Seven Europeans kidnapped in Lebanon

BEIRUT, 24 March—Seven European tourists were kidnapped on Wednesday in east Lebanon's Bekaa Valley, when they were riding bicycles near Zahle City, a security source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.—Xinhua



A policeman guards near a vehicle damaged in a rocket attack in southwest Pakistan's Quetta on 23 March, 2011. At least 4 people were killed and 16 others were injured in two rocket attacks in Quetta on Wednesday evening.—XINHUA

Two NATO soldiers killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 24 March—Two soldiers with the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) were killed Wednesday in an explosion in Afghanistan's restive southern region, the military alliance on Thursday said. "Two International Security Assistance Force service members died following an improvised explosive device (IED) attack in southern Afghanistan yesterday," said a statement released here by ISAF.

However, the brief statement did not reveal the nationalities of the victims, saying it is ISAF policy to defer casualty identification procedures to the relevant national authorities. Troops mainly from US, Britain, Canada and Australia have been stationed in the southern region within the framework of ISAF to fight Taliban militants.

Over 90 NATO soldiers, most of them Americans, have been killed in Afghanistan since the beginning of this year.—Xinhua

Four killed, dozen injured in suicide attack in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 24 March—Four people were killed and a dozen others were injured in a suicide car bomb attack at a police station Thursday morning in Hangu, a city in northwest Pakistan, reported local Urdu TV channel Duniya, adding that a policeman and the suicide bomber were killed in the blast.—Xinhua

Bomb alert at Eiffel Tower is false

PARIS, 24 March—The "suspicious package" causing mass evacuation at the Eiffel Tower late Wednesday turned out to be a false warning once again, according to Paris police. Before this one, the most popular tourism site in Paris had already experienced several evacuations due to bomb alerts. The previous three were all proved to be hoaxes.

Some 4,000 people were evacuated around 18:00 local time from the Paris icon after an anonymous call reported of a "suspicious package" in the Tower. Paris security personnel found the unclaimed package at the foot of the tower, but it was apparently not a bomb.

On 26 Feb, anonymous phone calls reported of bombs in the Eiffel Tower and the Montparnasse Tower, another landmark of Paris. Emergency evacuations were conducted respectively in the two sites, but nothing was found afterward in operations by the security personnel.

Xinhua



Police officers take position at the foot of the Eiffel Tower following a bomb threat in Paris, on 23 March, 2011. The "suspicious package" causing mass evacuation at the Eiffel Tower late Wednesday turned out to be a false warning once again, according to Paris police.—XINHUA

HAILING THE 66TH ANNIVERSARY ARMED FORCES DAY

Tatmadaw puts national cause at the forefront

Padaung Than Kywe

Only when the Tatmadaw is strong, will the nation be strong



There is no sovereign country that does not have armed forces for national security and defence. Armed forces are necessary for national politics: perpetuation, peace, stability and development of the nation.

Tatmadaw is a force responsible for the task of serving national interest, which is a lifeblood of a sovereign country. It is also a force that associates with national politics, not with party politics.

Some of the Tatmadaw's primary duty is to ensure perpetuation of sovereignty, territorial areas and national unity. It is also responsible to civil authorities for the rule of law and restoration of stability and peace.

Myanmar has stood tall with own sovereignty and monarchs from time immemorial. British colonialists annexed the country following the three aggressive wars: in 1824, 1852 and 1885. Out of anti-colonialist sentiment, Myanmar people constantly launched attacks on the

colonialists, thus expressing their great love of their motherland and nationalistic vigor.

In 1939 in which the world caught the fire of World War II, Myanmar youths started their movements to launch armed revolts against the British. Myanmar youths including Thakin Aung San and Thakin Shu Maung got contact with Japan and left secretly for Japan. The Thirty Comrades attended a military course to undergo harsh military training at the foot of Goshi Hill of Hinan Island in 1941.

The Thirty Comrades founded the Burma Independence Army (BIA) in Bangkok on 26 December 1941. The initial aim of the Tatmadaw was to drive British colonialists out of the nation's soil. The people joined hands with the Tatmadaw in fighting back the invaders. Although the British colonialists retreated from the nation, Japan failed to honour the pledge of declaring independence of Myanmar.

It was on 27 July 1942 when the BIA was reconstituted into the Burma Defence Army (BDA) to the liking of the Fascists. The strength of the BDA was only about 3000 due to the fact that the Fascists reduced on purpose the Myanmar's armed forces to a far lower level. Fascists declared independence on 1 August 1943. The Central Military Federation (Defence Council) held a meeting on 15 September the same year and passed a resolution to rename the BDA, the Burma National Army (BNA).

The independence of Myanmar Fascists had declared was merely sham, as evidenced by their inhumane treatments and torture to the people. So, the Tatmadaw prepared itself for attacks on Fascism.

On 27 March 1945, entire people under the leadership of the BNA launched nationwide Anti-Fascist Resistance. With the support and cooperation of the public, the Tatmadaw won

victory over the Fascists despite a great gap of armed power.

Witnessing the BNA's victory over the Fascists and consolidated unity of the people, the British colonialists had no choice, but to grant Myanmar independence. Myanmar liberated itself from the British and became an independent nation again on 4 January 1948.

The 27th of March on which the Tatmadaw began to stand on its feet was put into the annals of the Myanmar history as Armed Forces Day.

Nevertheless, independence was followed by internal armed insurrection. The Tatmadaw remained loyal to the nation and successfully repulsed the attacks of internal armed insurgent groups and alien troops. **The Tatmadaw born of the people has carried out national defence duty constantly for safeguarding independence and sovereignty. It made political and economic reforms whenever the nation was on the verge of collapse. The Tatmadaw has been able to accomplish the duties on its shoulders.**

It took up State duties for the first time and served as the Caretaker Government and held an election in 1958, thereby preventing collapse of the government into factions which could lead to massive bloodshed and maintaining the parliamentary democracy system in the nation.

The mismanagement of the ruling government sparked strong disagreements among national races and the nation was standing on the edge of an abyss again in 1962. In great fear that the nation would lose independence, the Tatmadaw took up power on 2 March 1962 and made many reforms in the interests of the nation. The Revolutionary Council formed with Tatmadaw leaders laid down Socialism to comply with the wishes of General Aung San and the people.

In 1988, the people launched political movements to protest against the one-party system. Taking full advantage of the political movements, underground and aboveground insurgents provoked public outrage and revived anarchy. The nation was hovering on the point of collapse again, so the Tatmadaw took over State power for the third time.

The main purpose was to prevent possible collapse of the nation and disintegration of national solidarity.

In the course of the Myanmar history, the Tatmadaw has taken over power and played the leadership role in national politics for three times. Discharging the bounden duty was just to satisfy the people's wishes of laying foundations for political reforms, not because of its own accord.

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At present also, the Tatmadaw upholds national cause and preserves its fine traditions. Regarding Tatmadaw leaders, when the nation was in need of armed revolution for independence, politicians transformed themselves into Tatmadaw members and when the nation was in need of political reforms, the Tatmadaw leaders transformed themselves into politicians. Therefore, the Tatmadaw is knowledgeable about both political affairs and warfare.

Inspired by patriotic fervour, Tatmadaw members defended the motherland against threats, risking life and limb. And they get involved in national politics whenever necessary.

Objectives of the 66th Anniversary Armed Forces Day

1. To work in concert with the people for further burgeoning the eternal principles namely justice, liberty and equality
2. To participate in the leading role of State's national politics hand in hand with the people
3. To crush internal and external subversives, who are disrupting State stability, peace and development, in collaboration with the people
4. To build a strong, competent and modern patriotic Tatmadaw to safeguard Our Three Main National Causes

In successive periods, the Tatmadaw has been able to do all what should be done in the national interests. Throughout its history, the Tatmadaw has put national cause at the forefront and showed loyalty to the nation. It has made uncountable number of sacrifices and risked life and limb to a higher degree than any other organization in the nation.

With the aim of achieving economic growth of the nation, the Tatmadaw adhering to "Our Three Main National Causes" has been implementing the 12 objectives it has laid down for national development. For over 20 years, the government, the people and the Tatmadaw have managed to surmount a large range of challenges of such as the evil legacies deliberately left by the colonialists, varieties of disrupts made by internal and external subversives, natural disasters, and worldwide crises.

In over 20 years, the government adopted correct policies and prudent work programmes. So, the nation today is poised to practise a new system. Across the Union are a massive number of infrastructural buildings due the short- and long-term projects the government has been implementing for equitable development of all parts of the Union.

The Tatmadaw is going to hand over power to the bodies that will exercise the legislative, executive and judicial powers. That indicates the sense of duty of the Tatmadaw that has been making earnest efforts to comply with the people's aspiration to a modern, developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

Inseparable are the government and the Tatmadaw as well as the people and the Tatmadaw. So, it is required to build the Tatmadaw into a strong one. Only then, will it be possible to safeguard independence and sovereignty of the nation forever.

At the parade of the 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe said, "Our Tatmadaw must be strong, efficient and modern with a strong sense of patriotism in order to safeguard the independence and sovereignty forever. Since the time of independence struggles, the people have been convinced of the fact 'Only when the Tatmadaw is strong, will the nation be strong'. Therefore, I would like to urge you to constantly pursue the four tasks of strengthening the forces so that our Tatmadaw is complete with the three types of prowess: military prowess, organizing prowess and administrative prowess and is able to keep preserving the 12 fine traditions."

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Translation: MS

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Ancestral heritage

- * In jungles and on mountains of far corners
All kinds of natural hazards and beasts
Soldiers are familiar with
Launching offensives for national interest
Come hell or high water
No retreat, no surrender
Dare sacrificing lives they
Fallen flowers numbers in thousands
- * Never cease fighting
Even receiving serious wounds
Glorious and virtuous ever
Terribly brave the warriors are
Forever shine in history
Fame reaching all over the world
- * Community and country
Soldiers safeguarding
Bounden duty they discharge
To remain ever dutiful
Striving to do their best
Because of these patriotic heroes
High is the national dignity
- * In this world...
No others can rival
Our matchless Tatmadaw
Where numerous patriots
Born and brought up
Like blossoming flowers
- * Never wane the patriots
Ever vigorous they are
Safeguarding and developing
Community and country
Preserve ancestral heritage of courage
And relay throughout history
Inheriting courage from ancestors
A true Myanmar with valor
Hailed as royal Thakri race
Like rising sun the dignity is
With Earth as the witness

Hailing the 66th Anniversary Armed Forces Day
Zaw Min Min Oo (Trs)

First regular session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw...

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Members of union level organization Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo, Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint, Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Minister for Electric Power No.1 U Zaw Min and Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein answered queries raised by Amyotha Hluttaw representatives U Sai Kyaw Zaw Than of Shan State Constituency No.2 on “growing summer paddy”, Pyithu Hluttaw representatives U Thein Tun of Kyaunggon Constituency on “supervision for ensuring quality fertilizer”, Amyotha Hluttaw representative U Zung Hlei Thang of Chin State Constituency No.2 on “suspension of building Falam-Reed

motorway”, Amyotha Hluttaw representative Dr Banya Aung Moe of Mon State Constituency No.7 on “multi-party democracy system”, Amyotha Hluttaw representative U Khin Maung Yi of Ayeyawady Region Constituency-6 on “electricity generation and power supply project” and Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Aung Thauang of Taungtha Constituency on “whether there is scholarship programme to launch in education sector”.

Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Htay Oo of Hinthada Constituency submitted proposal on “Pyidaungsu Hluttaw opposes economic sanction on Myanmar”; Pyitha Hluttaw representative U Ye Tun (a) U Min Tun of Hsipaw Constituency, “to do extensive study by forming commission including outside scholars to carry out necessary reform in order to implement market-oriented economic system and call on the government to form an

union-level commission in order to assist the government by compiling suggestions and papers”; Amyotha Hluttaw representative Dr Myat Nyana Soe of Yangon Region Constituency, “to collect macroeconomic index that plays an important role in the country’s economic management through accurate information and call on the government to form national commission for economic management in order to accurately calculate GDP and call on the government for extension of special economic zones.” Pyidaungsu Hluttaw sought the approval.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker announced the end of the 14th-day first regular session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and the 15th-day first regular session will be held at 10 am on 25 March (friday).

The session came to an end at 1 pm.

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EP-1 Minister answers question about electricity generation, power supply projects

NAY PYI TAW, 24 March – Amyotha Hluttaw representative U Khin Maung Yi of Ayeyawady Region Constituency-6 raised a question at today’s Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session. He said it is learnt that at the confluence of the Ayeyawady River, the largest hydropower project with 6000 megawatts of installation power is being implemented. It is also found in news that a number of hydropower projects are being implemented at Maykha-Maylikha basin, Thanlwin, Chindwin, Sittoung and Rakhine State. So, he added he believed Myanmar will enjoy adequate electricity in a few years. He would like to know about electricity

generation and power supply projects in detail, he said. The farmers and people of Ayeyawady Region engage in agricultural, economic and social affairs relying on the Ayeyawady River. He is concerned that Ayeyawady Myitsone project may affect the areas along the downstream of the river. This is why he wanted to know what kind of loss and damage the project might cause. And if so, he asked what measures would be taken and how the people would have to prepare.

generation and power supply projects in detail, he said. In response, Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min said as for the first question, the ministry is mainly responsible for implementing power supply projects in order to generate electricity. When the Tatmadaw government started assuming State duties in 1988, there were two hydropower stations and seven gas-fired power stations totalling nine with 529 megawatts of generating capacity in Myanmar. Now, the country has 16 hydropower plants, one coal-fired power plant and 14 gas-fired power plants totalling 31 with 3285 megawatts of generating capacity. Therefore, more 22 stations have been built with more 2756 megawatts of generating capacity. The government has been implementing a 30-year long-term strategic power project since 2001. Large-scale projects usually take five to ten years to complete due to complicated technology, geological conditions, mechanical requirements and budgets. However, with the projects being implemented on a yearly basis, a project or more are completed every year.

With the aim of generating more electricity in a short time, the government is implementing the projects in three ways – projects implemented by related ministries, projects implemented companies of national entrepreneurs and projects jointly implemented by ministries and foreign companies by inviting foreign investments. There are altogether 68 projects with 45568 megawatts of generating capacity being undertaken – 15 by EP-1 Ministry, nine by national entrepreneurs and 44 by joint-venture. These projects will significantly increase electricity generation of the nation. Concerning the second question, the minister said the issues of natural environment and relocation are considered as a special matter. At the site of Myitsone project, there are 91 inches of annual rainfall. The average flow of water to the river is 128.52 million acre feet per year. The dam to be constructed is of concrete face rock-fill type with 4300 feet in length, 458 feet in height and 9.788 million acre feet of water storage capacity. The amount of storage is 7.6 percent of the flow into the river. So, 92.4 percent of the flow will keep flowing to the river. The water stored in Myitsone Dam will flow to the Ayeyawady River through a



Minister for Electric Power No.1 U Zaw Min responding to question.

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drain when generators start running. Thus, agricultural, economic and social matters relying on the river will not have any effects. When there is less water flowing to rivers as they are dammed, especially in the hot season, the amount of flowing sea water increase and agricultural works can be affected. As Myitsone Dam is a hydropower project, generator will be running in the hot season and the water from the drain will regularly flow into the river. When electricity is generated upon completion of the project, the water level of Ayeyawady River will rise 1.5 to 2 feet even in summer. That is why the flow of salt water can be prevented more and watercourse will be better.

Therefore, the project cannot produce any negative effects at all, the minister concluded.

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Attorney-General replies to question on multi-party democracy system

NAY PYI TAW, 24 March—At today’s session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Amyotha Hluttaw representative Dr Banya Aung Moe of Mon State Constituency-7 asked whether the government’s party and opposition party will be separated in realizing the discipline-flourishing democracy in line with the Constitution (2008) of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar; whether all the political parties should cooperate among them based on same policies and goals; and whether it should form the multi-party government based on the above-mentioned questions.

Attorney-General U Aye Maung replied that Section

7 in the Chapter-I Basic Principles of the Union in the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar states that the Union practices genuine, disciplined multi-party democratic system. Section 405 in the Chapter-X Political Parties states that a political party shall accept and practise a genuine and discipline-flourishing multi-party democratic system. According to the provisions, a political party must accept and practise a genuine and discipline-flourishing multi-party democratic system; and Hluttaw representatives from political parties of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Pyithu Hluttaw, Amyotha Hluttaw, Region and State Hluttaws

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are working in concert for realizing the national politics at respective Hluttaws, upholding Our Three Main National Causes. At the respective Hluttaws, two Pyithu Hluttaw representatives of National Unity Party, one of Shan Nationalities Democratic Party, and one of Unity and Democracy Party (Kachin State) (Sa Da Ka) were elected in Kachin State; one of Kayin Peoples Party and two of Phalon-Sawaw Democratic Party in Kayin State; two of Chin Progressive Party and two of Chin National Party in Chin State; three of NUP in Sagaing Region, two of NUP in Bago Region, one of NUP in Magway Region, one of NUP and three of All Mon Region Democracy Party in Mon State; nine of Rakhine National Development Party in Rakhine State; eight of National Democratic Force in Yangon Region, two of NUP, 17 of Shan Nationalities Democratic Party, three of Pa-O National Organization, two of "Wa" Democratic Party, one of Inn National Development Party, one of Taaung (Palaung) National Party and one independent representative in Shan State; one of NUP in Ayeyawady Region.

At the Amyotha Hluttaw, three representatives of NUP, one of SNDP, one of UDP (Kachin State) (Sa Da Ka) and one independent representative were elected in Kachin State; one of Kayin Peoples Party, one of Kayin State Democracy and Development Party, one of All Mon Region Democracy Party and three of Phalon (Sawaw) Democratic Party in Kayin State; four of Chin Progressive Party and two of Chin National Party in Chin State; one of NUP in Sagaing Region; one of NUP and three of All Mon Region Democracy Party in Mon State; three of Rakhine National Development Party in Rakhine State; four of NDF in Yangon Region; two of SNDP, one of Taaung (Palaung) National Party, one of Pa-O National Organization and one of "Wa" Democratic Party in Shan State. At the Region/State Hluttaws, four national race representatives, 11 of NUP, four of SNDP, two of UDP (Kachin State) (Sa Da Ka) and one independent representative were elected in Kachin State; one national race representative in Kayah State; three national race representatives, two of KPP, one of KSDDP, two of AMRDP, four of Phalon (Sawaw) Democratic Party and one independent representative in Kayin State; five of CPP, five of CNP and one of

National Races Development Party in Chin State; two national race representatives, eight of NUP and one of CPP in Sagaing Region; one national race representative and one of NUP in Taninthayi Region, one national race representative, five of NUP and one of KPP in Bago Region; one of national race representative and four of NUP in Magway Region; one national race representative, one of Democratic Party (Myanmar) and one of Shan Nationalities Democratic Party in Mandalay Region; three national representatives, two of NUP and seven of All Mon Region Democracy Party in Mon State; one national race representative, one of NUP, 18 of RNDP and two of National Progressive Democratic Party in Rakhine State; two national race representatives, eight of NUP, two of Democratic Party (Myanmar), four of NDF, one of KPP, one of RNDP and one of 88 Generation Student Youths (Union of Myanmar) in Yangon Region; seven national race representatives, one of NUP, 31 of SNDP, two of Kayan National Party, four of Taaung (Palaung) National Party, three of Inn National Development Party, six of Pa-O National Organization, one of Lahu National Development Party, three of "Wa" Democratic Party and two independent representatives in Shan State; two national race representatives and six of NUP in Ayeyawady Region. Therefore, the government's party and opposition party are not separated at the Hluttaws.

In forming the Bill Committees, the Public Accounts Committees and the Rights Committees at the respective Hluttaws, the Pyithu Hluttaw Bill Committee comprises Daw Nan Wah Nu of Shan Nationalities Democratic Party, U Thaug of NUP, U Ba Shein of Rakhine Nationalities Development Party, U Ngun Mung of Chin National Party and Daw Dwe Bu of Unity and Democracy Party (Kachin State) (Sa Da Ka) in addition to USDP members. The Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee consists of U Khet Htein Nan of UDPKS (Sa Da Ka), U Mahn Aung Tin Myint of Kayin State Democracy and Development Party, Dr Myat Nyana Soe of NDF, U Kyaw Tun Aung of Rakhine Nationalities Development Party and U Hsaing Paung Nup of "Wa" Democratic Party in addition to USDP members. The Pyithu Hluttaw Public Accounts Committee is formed with U Sai Thiha Kyaw of SNDP, U Mahn Maung Maung Nyan of NUP, Daw Tin Nwe Oo of NDF, U Khin Maung Thaug of PNO and U Khun Lein of CPP in addition to USDP members. The Amyotha Hluttaw Public Accounts Committee is



Attorney-General U Aye Maung replying to query.—MNA

constituted with U Baran Shaung of NUP, U Zung Hlei Thang of CPP, U Steven Thabeik of CNP, Daw Khin Waing Kyi of NDF and U Khin Maung of RNDP in addition to USDP members. The Pyithu Hluttaw Rights Committee comprises U Nelson (a) U Hsaung Hsi of SNDP, Daw Mi Myint Than of All Mon Region Democracy Party, Dr Than Win of NDF and U Saw Thein Aung of Phalon (Sawaw) Democratic Party in addition to USDP members. The Amyotha Hluttaw Rights Committee is constituted with U J Yaw Wu of NUP, U Saw Law Pale of KPP, U Hwae Yein of CPP, U Naing Tun Ohn of AMRDP, U Kyaw Kyaw of RNDP and U Nay Win Tun of PNO in addition to USDP members. As the government's party and opposition party are not separated, all the political parties can realize the same policies and goals in line with the Constitution.

The Union government is an organization that is forging the national politics in accord with the Constitution and relevant laws. According to the Constitution, eligible persons from Hluttaw representatives and non-Hluttaw representatives can be appointed as Union Ministers or Region/State Ministers under the agreements of respective Hluttaws. In realizing the national politics, the prescription of provision is aimed at appointing not only the Hluttaw representatives but also outside scholars. According to the provisions, the President can appoint the eligible persons as ministers under the agreement of the Pyithu Hluttaw.—MNA

Construction Minister replies to question on suspension of upgrading Reed-Falam road

NAY PYI TAW, 24 March— At Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session today, Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Zung Hlei Thang of Chin State Constituency No-2 said that Chin State and Chin nationals had the benefits from Falam-Reed motorway, a border trade route. But the road was damaged beyond repair by landslide, erosion and heavy traffic. Indian and Myanmar governments had made agreement to upgrade the road as a border trade road by the Indian side.

Road Department of India sought a road axis from Reed to Falam commencing from July 2005 and the road work was completed on April 2006. But it was a mere axis road. He said he would like to know the reason why the road construction was suspended.

Regarding the question, Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint replied that the government is endeavouring not only to ensure all-round developments in States and Regions but to facilitate border trade links for development of border regions.

There are two roads— Falam-Reed road and Falam-Tiddim— linking between Falam and Reed in border area.

Chief Secretary of Mizoram State of India and officials of Ministry of Construction held discussions on upgrading of Falam-Reed road into border trade road in Monywa in 1994.

Although land survey work was completed, the ministry is making coordination with India government to continue road work.

The downhill 64-mile and two-furlong long Falam-Reed road could not be used as trade route and it is being used as inter-township road. Upgrading and maintenance works are being carried out by Falam District Construction Group of the ministry.

Falam-Tiddim-Reed road is 107 miles and five furlong long. The 54 miles and seven furlong long road section was upgraded to tarred one and the remaining were gravel and earth ones. It is all-weather road for jeep and mini-buses can run on the road in open season.



Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint replying to query.—MNA

It is found that Falam-Tiddim-Reed road gives more benefits for local people than Falam-Reed border trade road. Both roads have same driving time, but the Falam-Tiddim, Reed road with gentle slope contributes towards smooth and secure of transport. So priority was given to upgrade Falam-Tiddim-Reed road.

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Plans are underway to upgrade the road section of Falam-Tiddim-Reed by Myanmar national races companies in cooperation with India. Upgrading works are being carried out by the ministry while paper works are underway to get cash assistance from India. Road Maintenance groups are assigned to tackle transport problems in rainy season.

He continued he would like to present yearly-

collected index of the ministry.

The index is based on collected data through thousands of people, total length of road and number of vehicles.

With regard to the index based on figures collected in 2010, the ratio of the population to the length of roads in Chin State was 1000 people:2.02 miles of roads and the ratio of length of roads to number of vehicle was one vehicle:3.49 miles of road.

Mandalay Region has 1000 people: 0.17 miles of roads, and one vehicle:0.02 mile of road; and Yangon Region has 1000 people:0.09 mile of road, and one vehicle:0.01 mile of road.

It is found that Chin State is better in index compared with other Regions.

According to the index of the ministry, the government is carrying out for development of Chin State in all sectors.

Plans are underway to upgrade Tiddim-Reed road as a first priority. As a second priority, upgrading of Falam-Tiddim road is under coordination with the Indian government. The people from Falam may travel to Reed along Falam-Tiddim-Reed road. Arrangements are being made to upgrade Falam-Reed road by the ministry depending on the fund of the ministry.

MNA

A&I Minister answers query on "summer paddy cultivation"

NAY PYI TAW, 24 March — At today's session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Amyotha Hluttaw representative U



Sai Kyaw Zaw Than of Shan State Constituency-2 asked whether or not the State is aware that farmers from almost all regions of Shan State are bearing burden of the cultivation of summer paddy and whether or not to inspect real situation by forming inspection team, stating that he

Amyotha Hluttaw representative U Sai Kyaw Zaw Than of Shan State Constituency-2 raising question.

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learnt that the summer paddy cultivation is an important policy of the government.

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo said in response to query that Myanmar's staple food is rice which is the important crop of the nation. So, the State sets sight on regional rice sufficiency as it covers the entire nation. A total of 116 million baskets of monsoon paddy were harvested from 1.472134 million acres of farmlands in Shan State in 2009-2010. It is

difficult to extend cultivation of monsoon paddy for rice sufficiency of entire Shan State. So the cultivation of summer paddy in potential farmlands in various ways is focused. A total of 80000 acres of farmlands have been put under summer paddy now. As the weather condition in some places of Shan State is unfavourable for cultivation of summer paddy, the ministry is trying hard for developing cold-resistant paddy strains.



Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo making clarification.—MNA

It is necessary to inform respective authorities and staff of Myanma Agriculture Service if the difficulties

are met in the cultivation of summer paddy. They will help change the crops after in-depth analysis of success.—MNA

A & I Minister replies to question about quality control of fertilizers

NAY PYI TAW, 24 March—At today's Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session, Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Thein Tun of Kyaungkon Constituency said that fertilizer is necessary for boosting per



Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Thein Tun of Kyaungkon Constituency makes question.

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acre yield of crops, and asked what the government will do to make sure that fertilizers meet the standards.

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo in his reply said that the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation enact Fertilizers Law on 1 October 2002, and Procedures on Fertilizers on 1 July 2007. The Fertilizers Committee has been formed with the deputy minister for Agriculture and Irrigation as the chairman, and Fertilizer Technical Group. The ministry issues registration cards and licences for producing, importing or exporting fertilizers. It also examines samples of fertilizers on market.

The ministry is taking measures for designating the amount of fertilizers for an acre of land and giving talks on use of fertilizers.

The government established Myaungdaga Urea Fertilizer Plant in December 2010 and Patheingyi Urea Fertilizer Plant in January 2011 in addition to Kyawswa, Sale and Kyungyaung urea fertilizer plants to satisfy the domestic demand. More urea fertilizer plants will be built according to the conditions.

Imported fertilizers and local organic and inorganic fertilizers are examined for quality control. The ministry is rendering assistance for production of natural fertilizers such as leaf humus fertilizer, vermicompost fertilizer, cow dung and batguano. It will take measures for taking action in accordance with the law against those who produce substandard fertilizers, imitate fertilizers and disqualified fertilizers.—MNA

Education Minister replies to question about scholarship

NAY PYI TAW, 24 March—At today's Pyidaungsu Hluttaw ses-



Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Aung Thaung of Taungtha Constituency raising question.

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sion, Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Aung Thaung of Taungtha Constituency said that up to 1962, Myanmar practised scholarship system. At that time, scholarship examinations were held for 4th, 7th and 10th standards.

Winners were granted scholarships and came to study harder than ever. The system led to competitive spirit among students as well as among teachers. He asked if the upcoming government will practise scholarship system or not, when it will practise it if it has a plan, and why it cannot practise it if it does not have a plan.

Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein answered the queries, saying that the Ministry of Education

presents awards to outstanding students at the higher education level, and provides cash assistance for about 1500 students yearly.

The scholarship system helps increase the number of outstanding students. To launch the system calls for promulgation of policy, procedures and rules and regulations. So, the system should be dealt with the forthcoming government.

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Take Fire Preventive Measures

Yangon Lifestyle Furniture Fair 2011 kicks off

YANGON, 24 March—Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of the Ministry of Defence attended the opening of the Yangon Lifestyle Furniture Fair 2011 at the Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road in Dagon Township this morning.

Chairman of Yangon Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command

Brig-Gen Tun Than and officials formally opened the fair.

Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe, the commander and officials visited the fair.

Under the supervision of Myanmar Timber Entrepreneurs Association, Thousand Islands Business



Group organized the fair where a total of 36 companies display 164 booths. The fair that will last up to 27 March is being organized from 9 am to 6 pm daily.—MNA

Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of the Ministry of Defence visits Yangon Lifestyle Furniture Fair 2011.—MNA

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives submit proposals Approval sought at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to discuss proposals

NAY PYI TAW, 24 March—The regular session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw today sought approval for accepting new proposals submitted Hluttaw representatives to discuss them.

Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Htay Oo of Hinthada Constituency submitted a proposal that **this Hluttaw objects the economic sanctions imposed against Myanmar**. He said that all the persons wishing to serve the interest of the nation and the people do not accept the sanctions against Myanmar. Therefore, he opposed the sanctions in accord with the wishes of the people. He said that he welcomes positive activities for development of social-economic status of the State and the people and all the people are to strive for successfully overcoming the obstacles and sanctions through collaborative efforts.

Dr Kyaw Kyaw Htay of Launglon Constituency seconded the proposal.

The Hluttaw sought the approval to discuss the submitted proposal and decided to discuss it.

The Hluttaw representatives wishing to discuss the proposal are to enlist at the Director-General of the Hluttaw Office after today's session.

Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Ye Tun (a) U Min Tun of Hsipaw Constituency said that although he wanted to submit the proposal **"to urge the government for forming a Union level commission with the participation of outside scholars to be able to support the government with wider observations, suggestions and papers so as to carry out necessary reformation in realizing the market-oriented economic system in conformity with the new system of the State"**, he knew arrangements have been made for formation of Hluttaw committees and joint committees to submit executive and legislative matters, national races affairs, economic, financial, social and foreign affairs and others. Therefore, he said that he did not want to submit his proposal to the Hluttaw.

Amyotha Hluttaw Representative Dr Myat Nyana Soe of Yangon Region Constituency-4 submitted a proposal that **"he called on the government to collect special important microeconomic index into country's economic management through accurate information and to form a national commission for economic management to accurately calculate GDP"**.

U Phone Myint Aung of Yangon Region Constituency-3 seconded the proposal.

After making clarification on his proposal, Dr Myat Nyana Soe submitted that he would like to amend his proposal. According to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Rule 73 (a), the amendment of the proposal is to be sent to the Hluttaw at least three days ahead. So the proposal

of the representative was not in line with the rules.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw sought the approval to discuss the submitted proposal and announced that the proposal was cancelled as the Hluttaw disagreed to the proposal because the proposal was not in line with the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw rules and the matters related to the proposal are being undertaken by the State at present.

Next, Amyotha Hluttaw Representative Dr Myat Nyana Soe of Yangon Region Constituency-4 submitted a proposal that **"he called on the government to extend special economic zones"**.

U Kyaw Kyaw of Rakhine State Constituency-2 seconded the proposal.

In seeking the approval at the Hluttaw, the government has promulgated the Myanmar Special Economic Zone Law, and the Dawei Special Economic Zone Law. At present, the government is undertaking the tasks to extend special economic zones and has the completed plans to successfully carry out the tasks. Afterwards, the Hluttaw took decision by vote with 139 for, 435 against and 60 abstentions that Hluttaw declined to approve the proposal.—MNA

MYANMAR GAZETTE

NAY PYI TAW, 24 March—The State Peace and Development Council has confirmed the appointment of rector of University of Dental Medicine (Mandalay) Professor Dr U Thein Kyu under the Ministry of Health on expiry of the one-year probation period.—MNA

Two injured in KNU mine blasts

NAY PYI TAW, 24 March—Daw Than Than residing at Shankyay ward, Shwegyin Township, Bago Region stepped on a mine planted by KNU insurgent group yesterday while on her way to collect rubber latex. Due to the incident, he got her below right knee cut and her face and left leg hurt. The victim is under treatment at Shwegyin People's Hospital. Officials concerned are providing necessary assistance to her.

In another incident, U Maung Daing (a) Lakhaekhaw residing at Wetgyi village, Hpa-an Township, Kayin State stepped on a mine planted by KNU insurgent group on the same day while on his way to collect In leaves in Hteephonat forest reserve. In the incident, he got his right ankle cut. The victim was rushed to Hpa-an People's Hospital and is receiving the treatment there. Necessary assistances are being provided to him.—MNA

Thaphanseik Multipurpose Dam...

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Engineer of Thaphanseik Dam U Aung Paing and Head of Thaphanseik Hydro-power Plant U Nyi Nyi explained that the six-meter-diameter shoreshoe-shaped spillway is of reinforced concrete type and is designed both to generate electricity and to irrigate farmlands when they need irrigation water.

According to the two officials, the 4738-foot-long spillway is to produce hydropower and the 460-foot-long spillway, to supply irrigation water



The hydropower plant of Thaphanseik Dam in Sagaing Region.

when farmlands urgently need water. In order to help Sagaing Region to become a granary of the nation, Thaphanseik Dam supplies irrigation water to 500,000 acres of farmlands in surrounding

townships through Kindat Dam and Karboe Dam. In the irrigated areas, monsoon paddy, summer paddy and beans and pulses are grown with multiple-cropping patterns.

It is, therefore, safe to say that Sagaing Region is now on the verge of becoming a granary of the nation.

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Science



Skiers sit on a chairlift in a village outside the Siberian town of Kemerovo. Officials in a Siberian region have announced plans to open a scientific institute for researchers to study yetis, despite opposition from academics.—INTERNET

NASA to open rocket facility in Va

WALLOPS ISLAND, 24 March—NASA has unveiled a new facility in Virginia dedicated to readying commercial rockets for space flight, with work set to begin this month, officials said.

The space agency held a ceremony Tuesday, attended by NASA Administrator Charles Bolden and Sen. Barbara Mikulski, D-Md, to open the new Horizontal Integration Facility at its Wallops Flight Facility on Wallops Island, Va, SPACE.com reported.

The six-storey facility, about 250 feet long and 150 feet wide, will allow multi-stage medium-class rockets to be

assembled and then rolled out for launch at a nearby Wallops pad.

The first commercial customer at the facility will be Orbital Sciences, based in Virginia — which is expected to use the new building to assemble its Taurus 2 rocket, set to begin conducting supply runs to the International Space Station for NASA in 2012.

The different stages of the Taurus 2 will be brought in and joined together in the building. Multiple rockets can be processed inside at the same time, using several huge cranes, officials said.

Internet

Satellites track complete missile flight

LOS ANGELES, 24 March—Two low-Earth-orbiting US satellites have detected and tracked a ballistic missile launch through all phases of flight for the first time, officials said.

This birth-to-death tracking of a ballistic missile launch had never been accomplished before from space and is a significant achievement for the Space Tracking and Surveillance System spacecraft, Doug Young of Northrop Grumman Aerospace Systems, builder of the satellites, said.

On 16 March the satellites tracked an ARAV-B short-range target missile launched from the Pacific Missile Range Facility at Kauai, Hawaii, SPACE.com reported.—*Internet*

New 'missing link' dinosaur discovered in Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, 24 March—Fossils of a recently discovered dinosaur species in Argentina is a "missing link" in the evolution of the long-necked giants that roamed the earth millions of years ago, paleontologists said. Long-neck, long-tail plant-eaters like Diplodocus, Brachiosaurus and

Brontomerus — the largest land creatures ever to walk on earth — are dinosaurs known as sauropods. They lived some 170 million years ago. Paleontologists see the recently discovered Leonerasaurus Taquetrensis as the connection between the smaller prosauropods — also known as near-sauropods — like Sellosaurus and

Plateosaurus from the Triassic period (248-205 million years ago) to their much larger descendants, the sauropods.

Leonerasaurus lived some 10 million years before the sauropods and measured a mere three meters (yards) long, said Diego Pol with the Egidio Feruglio Museum of Paleontology.—*Internet*



Handout picture released by the Museo Paleontologico Trelew showing a real-size replica of the fossil of a Taquetrensis Leonerasaurus dinosaur being exhibited at the museum, in Neuquen, Argentina. Scientists in southern Argentina discovered fossils from this previously unknown species of dinosaur, a herbivore of about three metres long precursor of the great herbivores.—INTERNET

Technology

Jabra announces Freeway Bluetooth speakerphone

WASHINGTON, 24 March—If one or two speakers just isn't doing it for your car's Bluetooth speakerphone, then hold onto your steering wheel: Jabra has announced the Freeway, a model that boasts an industry-first three speakers.

Designed to be clipped to your car's visor, the Freeway boasts HD Voice Ready technology that helps ensure the best voice quality on both ends of the connection. The Freeway also features Virtual Surround Sound and full support for the Bluetooth A2DP wireless audio standard, so you can pipe through your music or other audio if you prefer. And it'll even automatically power up when you get in the car and shut off when your conversation is over or you finish your trip, all in the name of saving battery life.

Voice commands are a big part of the Freeway; after all, you don't want to have to fiddle about with buttons and switches while you're driving. In addition to the built-in Voice Guidance, which will talk you



Freeway bluetooth speakerphone. INTERNET

through the pairing process as well as keep you updated on the device's battery level and connection status, and Caller ID, which will audibly alert you to who's calling, the Freeway also comes with a free one-year subscription to the Voice Assist app. Voice Assist, which is compatible with iOS devices as well as BlackBerry and Android phones, lets you make calls, send and answer e-mails and text messages, and even post to Twitter and Facebook, all with just your voice.

While the Jabra Freeway is already shipping in Europe and Asia, it will arrive in the US in May for a suggested retail price of \$129. It's sure to be the latest and greatest option until somebody starts shipping an in-car speakerphone with four speakers.

Internet

Yahoo Search Direct takes on Google Instant

NEW YORK, 24 March—Yahoo today unveiled Yahoo Search Direct, a new feature similar to Google Instant that shows search results as you type. The benefit to you: Less typing, fewer clicks, and (hopefully) faster results.

Search Direct starts working as soon as you click inside the query window. A dropdown box displays the latest trending

searches before you've typed a single character.

A larger window to the right of the trending list displays relevant information as you type. Enter "cameras," for instance, and Search Direct displays camera pricing information for Yahoo Shopping:

The benefit to you, gentle searcher, is that Yahoo provides relevant information before you've

left the search box. You may very well be directed to Yahoo's in-house content, but that shouldn't come as a surprise. And, of course, you can proceed to a traditional search results page—the usual list of blue links—simply by tapping the Enter key.

Is Yahoo Search Direct better than Google Instant? This depends on what type of information you're seeking.—*Internet*

Visioneer Mobility instantly digitizes documents, photos, plastic ID cards and more into one of three file formats: colour PDF, black and white PDF or colour JPEG. Scanned items can be saved to an SD memory card or a USB flash drive. After scanning items, users can simply eject the removable memory and insert it into any computer with a SD or USB slot, whether Windows, Mac, or Linux.

INTERNET





A pharmacist fills prescriptions as generic diabetes medicine awaits distribution at a community health centre in Colorado in 2009.

Actos, a medicine that treats adult onset diabetes, also prevented the development of the disease in more than 70 percent of people who are considered high risk, according to findings announced Wednesday.—INTERNET

US soldier gets 24 years for murdering Afghans

TACOMA, 24 March— The first of five US soldiers charged with killing unarmed Afghan civilians last year was sentenced on Wednesday to 24 years in prison after pleading guilty to three counts of premeditated murder.

The guilty plea and sentencing of Army Specialist Jeremy Morlock, 23, of Wasilla, Alaska, marked a turning point in the most serious prosecution of alleged US military atrocities during 10 years of war in Afghanistan.

Under questioning by the judge, Morlock recounted his role in the deaths of three unarmed Afghan villagers whose slayings by grenade blasts and rifle fire were staged to appear as legitimate combat casualties.

"I knew what I was doing was wrong, sir," he said, adding that, contrary to his lawyers' suggestions, his judgment was not impaired by drugs. He admitted smoking hashish three or four times a week during his deployment in Afghanistan.

German magazine Der Spiegel this week published several photos related to the killings, one showing Morlock crouched grinning over a bloodied corpse as he lifted the dead man's head by the hair for the camera. The existence of such photos, among dozens seized as evidence by investigators and ordered sealed from public view by the Army, has drawn comparisons with the pictures of Iraqi prisoners taken by US military personnel at the Abu Ghraib Prison in Iraq that were made public in 2004.

MNA/Reuters



Customers try the latest iPad 2 at the Apple store on Fifth Avenue in New York, on 11 March. Apple said Tuesday that the iPad 2, the latest model of the hot-selling tablet computer, will go on sale in Hong Kong, Singapore and South Korea in April.

INTERNET

Australia to rescue hundreds stranded by floods

MELBOURNE, 24 March— Hundreds of campers stranded by floods and landslides in Australia were waiting to be rescued on Wednesday after roads were washed out by freakish weather.

Darby Bridge, leading to the Tidal River campsite on Wilsons Promontory in south-eastern Victoria state, was washed away following torrential rain.

It left some 300 campers, including 200 schoolchildren, stranded.

Parks Victoria spokesman Steve Gartland said they may have to be evacuated by helicopter, although first preference was to take them out by road if possible.

"We can get people out if there is a need but we need to work out the best way to get a lot of people out," Gartland told



Campers leave a helicopter as authorities evacuate at Fish Creek some 300 people stranded after storms dumped heavy rain, cutting roads and causing flash flooding at Wilsons Promontory National Park, southeast of Melbourne on 23 March, 2011.—INTERNET

reporters, adding that there were no reports of injuries.

The Tidal and Darby rivers both burst their banks and crews were also working to clean up the mess created.

"The water has begun receding. It was such a quick period of rain, and it has stopped raining and it has started to recede," he said.

"But there is damage to vehicles, walking tracks, bridges and the like. We'll be working to make the road passable to get campers out this afternoon."

Heavy rain and floods have inundated parts of Queensland this year, with Queensland hit hard in January when more than 30 people were killed.

Internet

Bomb undiscovered for weeks at Detroit fed building

DETROIT, 24 March— A package found by a security guard at a federal office building in Detroit sat three weeks before someone thought to screen it and found it was a bomb, an official who represents unionized guards said on Wednesday.

A private contract guard, since suspended, apparently found the package outside in late February, said David Wright, president of the union that represents Federal Protective Service guards but not contract guards.

The building in downtown Detroit houses offices for the FBI, US Sen Carl Levin of Michigan, the Social Security Administration and others.

The guard brought the package into the building and put it in "lost and found" without having it screened, Wright said. It sat until 18 March, when someone decided

to X-ray the package and found that it might contain a bomb, he said.

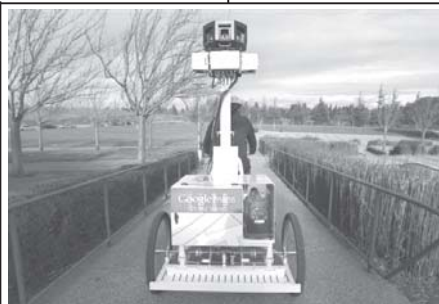
The guards then notified the Federal Protective Service and Detroit police and the package was moved outside the building, where the police bomb squad recovered it, he said.

Detroit police said they recovered a package on Friday from the federal building and detonated it.

The FBI is investigating the incident, Special Agent Sandra Berchtold said. Neither police nor the FBI commented further on details of the incident.

Wright said it was not clear whether the guard who found the package initially was the one who decided to have it screened for explosives.

The package should not have been moved in either case except by explosives experts, he said.—Reuters



Google's Matt Potter pedals Google's new Street View Tricycle in a park near Google headquarters in Mountain View, Calif, 7 March, 2011. Google launched Street View using a tricycle to reach beyond public streets onto hiking trails, amusement parks, historical landmarks, parks and gardens. Google is using a 250-pound, 9-foot-long, human-powered trikes with a 7-foot stalk of cameras.

INTERNET

Bus, train collision in China's Xinjiang kills at least 5, dozens wounded

URUMOI, 24 March—A bus and train collision left at least 5 people dead and dozens injured on Thursday morning in northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, police said.

A runaway No 531 Bus rushed onto a railway track and was hit by a running train at 9:07 am, in Urumqi, the regional capital, said a spokesman with the city's railway bureau.

Passengers on the bus were mostly students on their way to school.

At least 5 people were killed, said Wang Mingshan, Urumqi's police chief.—MNA/Xinhua

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Mayan statue sold at Paris auction for \$4m is 'fake'

MEXICO CITY, 24 March — A Mayan sculpture that fetched 2.9m euros (\$4.2m, £2.5m) at a Paris auction is a fake, Mexican officials believe. The French auction house Drouot maintains that the statue, of a masked figure



The figure came from a private collection.

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carrying a shield, is genuine and more than 1,000 years old. But Mexico's National Institute of Anthropology and History says it does not match the style of the period it was supposedly from. Another 66 pieces at Monday's auction were also fakes, the institute said.

The Mexican Foreign Ministry has informed French authorities. "The figure tries to recreate the Pre-Columbian features of the Maya region in south-eastern Mexico, but the height, the posture and the flexed legs and the boot straps are not characteristic of this culture," the institute said. —Internet

Venezuela makes world record with largest arepa

CARACAS, 24 March — Employees of Venezuela's largest food company cooked the world's largest arepa Wednesday, producing a flattened corn flour patty weighing 1,087.31 pounds (493.2 kilos). It was 19.7 feet (6 metres) across. Arepas, which vaguely resemble Mexican tamales, are a traditional favourite in this South American country and neighboring Colom-

bia. The patties are usually stuffed with fillings like shredded beef, cheese or black beans. Ralph Hannah, a representative of the Guinness Book of World Records, certified the record weight after the giant arepa was cooked for hours over a heated metal plate and the water used to mix the dough evaporated. The previous



File picture shows the entrance to a Castorama store in Paris.—INTERNET

More women buying shoes online

NEW YORK, 24 March — The number of US women buying shoes online has increased dramatically, ShopSmart magazine says.

The magazine, a sister publication of Consumer Reports, surveyed female shoe-shopping habits. Almost one-third of respondents, 29 percent, said they have purchased shoes online, up from 14 percent four years ago. But 39 percent of those who have bought shoes on line say they have returned at least one pair.

The survey found that women on average own 17 pairs shoes and buy three pairs a year. The average price is \$49, although 31 percent say they have paid more than \$100 for a pair at least once in their lives.

Fourteen percent said they have concealed the purchase of a new pair from a husband or boyfriend at least once.

"Shoes never make your butt look big, you don't have to worry about squeezing into them if you've put on a couple of pounds, Maybe that's why, despite the economy, we're still buying shoes," said Lisa Lee Freeman, the magazine's editor-in-chief.—Internet

Surfer injured in shark attack north of Sydney

SYDNEY, 24 March—A 48-year-old surfer has been injured in the second shark attack in a week north of Sydney. Ambulance service spokesman Craig Pusser said on Thursday the man was surfing on Wednesday evening off rocks near Crowdy Head when his right arm was mauled by a shark. He says the surfer was in a stable condition when a rescue helicopter flew him to a hospital in Newcastle city. A 24-year-old woman was flown to the same hospital on 16 March after she was mauled by a shark while wakeboarding behind a speed boat about 27 miles (43 kilometres) south of Crowdy Head at Nelson Bay. There is no information on whether the same shark could be responsible for both attacks.—Internet

Somalia hostages: Pirates 'show Danes to reporter'

LONDON, 24 March — A Danish newspaper says that one of its reporters has met the Danish family being held hostage by Somali pirates and they seem to be well. An unnamed Ekstra Bladet reporter is said to have been allowed to visit the family of five and their two crew members aboard a hijacked Greek ship.

The pirates are reportedly seeking a \$5m (£3.1m) ransom for the hostages who include three children aged 12 to 16. They were seized on 24 February while sailing in the Indian Ocean. Jan Quist Johansen is being held along



Somali pirates usually target cargo vessels for the ransoms often paid out by shipping firms.— INTERNET

with his wife Birgit Marie Johansen, their sons Rune and Hjalte, and their daughter Naja, along with two adult Danish crew members.—Internet

Beauty queen shoots home intruder

TIERRA VERDE, 24 March—A former Miss Tierra Verde shot and killed an intruder in her Florida home with a pink .38-caliber pistol she got for Christmas, her fiance says. Meghan Brown told police someone knocked on the door of the house in Tierra Verde at 3 am 12 March, Foxnews.com reported.

When she opened the door, Albert Hill, 42, forced his way inside and dragged her to an upstairs

bedroom, where her fiance, Ronald Panthaber, tried to pull Hill off her. Panthaber says he managed to give Brown time to grab her gun — which he had given her for Christmas. The Robbery/Homicide Unit with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office is investigating the incident, trying to find a connection between Hill, who had a long criminal record, and Brown or Panthaber.

Internet

Dog found in burnt out flat month after fire

BOSTON, 24 March — A woman who thought her beloved dachshund was gone forever after a fire destroyed her apartment a month ago has found the pet living in the wreckage of her burned-out home. Terisa Acevedo moved in with relatives after the 23 February fire. She returned to the apartment on Tuesday after her landlord asked her to turn off the alarm on a vehicle in the driveway. The 24-year-old Acevedo heard scratching, pulled away the plywood covering the doorway and found the year-old pup, Lola. She says Lola jumped into her arms and set off a flood of tears.

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Women carry goods in Stone Town's central market, in Zanzibar, Tanzania, in 2005. The village folk of Tanzania's idyllic Zanzibar archipelago have hit the road; sleeping on tarmac at night to cool off from the choking tropical heat in their poorly ventilated houses.

Tarmac roads are 'cool' in rural Zanzibar

The village folk of Tanzania's idyllic Zanzibar archipelago have hit the road; sleeping on tarmac at night to cool off from the choking tropical heat in their poorly ventilated houses.

The open-sky experience is completed with a TV set place at the roadside for added comfort, but police have warned against such relaxation.

"We are only looking for a comfortable place to sleep, sometimes the temperature in our houses is so high you cannot sleep," said Mohamed Omar of Uzini village in the south of Zanzibar's main isle of Unguja.

"It is dangerous to sleep on roads, but we believe the drivers are sympathetic and drive carefully not to knock us," he added. Residents say the roads are wide and there is a refreshing breeze.

Autistic physics genius, 12, in college

A 12-year-old autistic boy functioning at genius levels in mathematics is studying doctorate-level astrophysics at an Indiana university, his parents say.

Jacob Barnett was diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome, a form of borderline autism when he was about three when his parents noticed it was difficult for him to make eye contact with them, show emotion and interact with other people, *The Indianapolis Star* reported.

What he did was work with numbers either on paper, a dry erase board or in his head working without 200 digits for fun.

Jacob's parents noticed when they took him to the planetarium he loved looking at the

stars and planets, but as his interest in cosmology grew so did his boredom in school. The Barnetts had a number of clinical evaluations done on "Jake" as he was known and decided to heed the last one made by clinical neurophysiologist Carl S Hale.



An employee bottle-feeds a 1-week-old Meerkat cub at the Royev Ruchey zoo in the Siberian City of Krasnoyarsk, on 21 March, 2011. The cub is one of a litter of three being handfed after they were rejected by their mother.

Man marks 100th birthday with skydive

A Pennsylvania man celebrated his 100th birthday by jumping out of an airplane 13,000 feet over the Earth. Fred Mack of Newtown Square said his tandem skydiving jump Sunday at Free Fall Adventures in Williamstown, NJ, was the culmination of a promise he made five years ago when he made his first-ever skydiving jump to mark his 95th birthday, KYW-TV, Philadelphia, reported Monday. "I'm still alive," Mack said after landing Sunday.

Dr Elliot Gerber, Mack's cardiologist, said he contacted Guinness World Records about the centenarian's accomplishment. "I cleared him last time, this time they didn't ask for me to sign off," Gerber said. "Mack has been my patient for 20 years and he is in great shape. He's an amazing man."

Woman finds frog in can of beans

A Kentucky woman said she found a dead frog in a can of green beans she purchased at a grocery store.

Priscilla Owens of Lexington said she made the discovery Sunday inside the can of Wylwood Blue Lake Cut Green Beans she purchased a week or two previously at the Save-A-Lot store on North Broadway, WLEX-TV, Lexington, Ky, reported Monday.

"I poured it in there and I was like, 'God help me, please,'" she said, adding the frog was "the grossest thing I've ever seen." Owens said store officials told her they are investigating the find.

"They were like, 'well we'll look into it, but you can come bring the can back to the store and we'll replace it,' and I was like, 'No, no, I'm going to see what I can do to try and get that batch off the shelf,'" Owens said.

Save-A-Lot officials said they were unable to comment, WLEX-TV said.



Canadian singer Bryan Adams is honoured with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in Los Angeles on 21 March, 2011.
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Canadian singer Bryan Adams gets Hollywood star

LOS ANGELES, 24 March—Bryan Adams is now enshrined in concrete.

The Canadian singer, songwriter, guitarist, bassist and producer got his Hollywood Walk of Fame star Monday in front of the Musicians Institute. His hits included "Cut Like a Knife," "Summer of 69," "Run to You," and "(Everything I Do) I Do It For You." Adam

recalled visiting Hollywood Boulevard at 16 and marveling at the stars. He said he was humbled by seeing his own star.

Retired hockey star Wayne Gretzky was on hand for the dedication. Adams sang Canada's national anthem before Gretzky's final game. The Grammy-winning singer is currently on tour.

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Rock legend Lou Reed, shown here performing in 2010, and composer Philip Glass will perform next month in New York at a half-day concert to benefit victims of Japan's devastating earthquake, organizers said Monday.

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Lou Reed to play Japan quake benefit

NEW YORK, 24 March—Rock legend Lou Reed and composer Philip Glass will perform next month in New York at a half-day concert to benefit victims of Japan's devastating earthquake, organizers said Monday. The Japan Society, a cultural institute in midtown Manhattan, will play host to the 9 April concert which was put together largely by John Zorn, the jazz fusion artist who has performed extensively in Japan. Reed, the driving force behind the influential 1960s-70s band The Velvet Underground, will perform a set along with Glass, Zorn and Laurie Anderson, the experimental artist who is married to Reed. Ryuichi Sakamoto, the Japanese composer known for his electropop outfit Yellow Magic Orchestra and his work on movies including Bernardo Bertolucci's "The Last Emperor," will headline a separate evening set.—INTERNET

South Korea sweeps Asian Film Awards

HONG KONG, 24 March—South Korea's finest celebrated after they blitzed the annual Asian Film Awards on Monday, bolstering the country's growing reputation as the pre-eminent force in the region.

South Korean movie stars and filmmakers dominated the glitzy ceremony in Hong Kong, now in its fifth year, snapping up awards for best director, best screenplay, best actor, best supporting actress and best editing. Lee Chang-Dong clinched best director for the feature film "Poetry", which also won best screenplay. The film portrays an elderly woman who falls in love with poetry after taking literature lessons but discovers some dark facts about her grandson along the way.

Lee, who previously won best director and best film for his movie "Secret Sunshine" in 2008, told reporters after the ceremony he did not expect to be crowned best director again.—INTERNET



Actor Ha Jung-woo (L) of South Korea and actress Xu Fan of China pose with their trophies after taking the 'Best Actor' and 'Best Actress' awards respectively, at the Asian Film Awards in Hong Kong.—INTERNET

Daytime Emmys show returning to Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS, 24 March—The 38th annual Daytime Emmy Awards show is to be broadcast for a second year from the Las Vegas Hilton, CBS said Monday.

The event honoring the best in daytime television is to take place 19 June. For the third year in a row, Associated Television International will produce the telecast. "NATAS is once again delighted to work with CBS and ATI on the broadcast of the Daytime Emmy Awards," Darryl Cohen, chairman of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences, said in a statement. "All of us are excited to once again show America just how great and relevant daytime television is to all of us. We look forward to a fabulous evening of television that will delight, entertain and enlighten."—INTERNET



Rachael Ray holds the award for outstanding talk show entertainment at the 36th Annual Daytime Emmy Awards in Los Angeles on 30 August, 2009.
INTERNET

Ban on Portugal's ex football coach overturned



Portugal's former football coach Carlos Queiroz

GEBEVAM 24 March — The Court of Arbitration of Sport on Wednesday overturned a six month ban imposed on Portugal's former football coach Carlos Queiroz after he insulted Portuguese anti-doping officials.

The former Manchester United assistant manager

was suspended by the Portuguese Football Federation (FPF) for insulting officials who had turned up to test his players at a pre-World Cup training camp last May.

He was accused of hindering anti-doping tests on players and sacked as national team coach after being sanctioned by the Portuguese anti-doping authority. Queiroz then appealed to the Lausanne-based CAS.

However, the CAS arbitrators ruled that Queiroz's outburst had not disturbed the anti-doping control.— *Internet*

Nigeria await FIFA clearance for Moses

LAGOS, 24 March — Nigeria officials have dispelled fears that Wigan Athletic winger Victor Moses will play against Ethiopia in a Nations Cup qualifier without clearance from FIFA.

Nigeria risk forfeiting points if they play Moses without clearance from FIFA in respect of his switch to Nigeria as he has featured for England at Under-17 and U21 levels.

Nigeria would also be fined over 6,000 dollars for fielding an ineligible player. A FIFA official

was reported as saying Wednesday that they are yet to receive such an application from Nigeria. However, a top official of the Nigeria Football Federation (NFF), Emmanuel Ikpeme, disclosed that Nigeria had Tuesday applied to FIFA for Moses to change his national status.— *Internet*



Wigan Athletic winger Victor Moses

Michelle Wie set for Kia Classic

INDUSTRY, 24 March — Michelle Wie has been too busy with finals at Stanford to have a problem with the LPGA Tour's light early schedule. "For me, it didn't seem so slow because I had finals last week and I've been going to school," Wie said on Wednesday, a day before the start of play in the Kia Classic. "So, it's been really busy for me."

She won the Canadian Women's Open last season for her second LPGA Tour title. She has played two of the first three events this year, finishing second last month in the season-opening event in Thailand and 40th the following week in Singapore. "I worked really hard this offseason to get healthy

and to get better," Wie said. "I think right now I've been working on everything. If I work on one thing, then another thing fails."

The Kia endorser is playing the Industry Hills Golf Club at Pacific Palms for the first time. "It's pretty tough," Wie said. "It's a good golf course. It's tricky." The tournament is the tour's first in the Los Angeles area in six years. Last year at La Costa in Carlsbad, Hee Kyung Seo won her first LPGA Tour title, beating Inbee Park by six strokes. The top 14 players in the world ranking are in the field, led by No. 1 Yani Tseng. She won in Thailand and has three other worldwide victories this year.— *Internet*

SPORTS

Tennis star Murray ready to reverse fortunes

MIAMI, 24 March — Andy Murray hopes a move from America's West Coast to the East for the Miami ATP Masters will let him move on from a dismal outing at Indian Wells. "I want to do well here, it's obviously an important week for me," said the world No. 5 from Scotland, who admits his tennis hit a low 11 days ago when he was humiliated in his opening match at Indian Wells by 128th-ranked American

Donald Young. "Indian Wells was tough, because I didn't feel like I did myself much justice on the court. I don't mind normally, like, if you lose and you feel like you've given everything you can, you've left everything on the court. "That's when it can be easier to get over the losses. But I was disappointed in myself last week." — *Internet*



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Mourinho says Higuain will be back 'very soon'

MADRID, 24 March — Real Madrid's Argentine striker Gonzalo Higuain will return "very soon" from the injury he suffered in November, coach Jose Mourinho said on Wednesday. "For the first time he played in a little training match with the players of Real's reserve team," he said. "He played 60 minutes. Obviously he is not 100 percent, but he is on his way. I don't know if he will be there for the match against Sporting (Gijon on April 2 or 3) but if he is not, he will be back very soon."

"With so many matches to play before

the end of the season, it's important to be able to count on everyone." Real have nine league matches still to play this season, a Spanish Cup final against Barcelona and a quarter-final meeting with Tottenham in the Champions League. — *Internet*



Real Madrid's Argentine striker Gonzalo Higuain

Woods goes mobile with his instruction

ORLANDO, 24 March — Tiger Woods is now giving lessons on mobile phones. Woods launched a mobile application on Wednesday called, "Tiger Woods: My Swing," for the iPhone and iPod touch geared toward helping golfers of all skill levels improve through video analysis and instruction.

The cost is \$9.99, which is significantly higher than other such applications — Paul Azinger has an instruction app for 99 cents

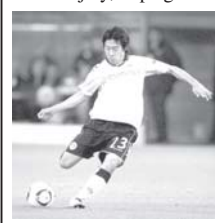
— but Woods said his share of the proceeds go toward the Tiger Woods Foundation. Woods said he would not have done the app except that it benefits his foundation, specifically with college scholarships. So which swing is it?

Woods and his foundation came up with the idea six months ago, right after Woods embarked on his fourth swing change as a pro and began working with Sean Foley.

— *Internet*

Dortmund's Kagawa to continue recovery in club

OSAKA, 24 March — Japan and Borussia Dortmund midfielder Shinji Kagawa returned to Germany on Wednesday as he continues to recover from a foot injury, hoping to be



Japan and Borussia Dortmund midfielder Shinji Kagawa

back on the pitch next month to help his club's title bid. "I've healed to a point where I'm running again," Kagawa, who underwent surgery two months ago, told Kyodo news agency before leaving from Osaka's Kansai international airport.

"Ideally, I want to come back in mid to late April. I want to head back and rejoin the team as soon as I can. I want to help out the team in any way I can so we can win the championship," the 22-year-old said.

— *Internet*

Football player Milner hails captain 'fantastic' Terry

WATFORD, 24 March — England midfielder James Milner on Wednesday insisted the squad was united behind John Terry following the Chelsea defender's controversial reinstatement as captain. Terry won back the England captaincy on Tuesday, one year after being stripped of the armband by manager Fabio Capello following lurid newspaper allegations about his private life.

The clumsy handling of the announcement is understood to have angered injured captain Rio Ferdinand, who first learnt of Capello's desire to return the captaincy to Terry



John Terry

via newspaper reports. However, Milner brushed off suggestions that the captaincy saga had had an adverse affect on England's preparations for Saturday's Euro 2012 qualifier against Wales in Cardiff. "(It's) just business as usual, the manager's made the decision," Milner told a press conference.— *Internet*

Nigeria to host Argentina in June friendly

LAGOS, 24 March — Nigeria will host Argentina in a friendly match on 1 June in Abuja, Nigerian officials announced on Wednesday.

The high-profile friendly will be financed by one of the team's leading sponsors, Guinness.

"We can confirm this match for 1 June in Abuja," said event organiser Devlin Hainsworth at an elaborate event in Lagos to announce the details of the match. "This is a time to have some of the world's best players on Nigerian soil."

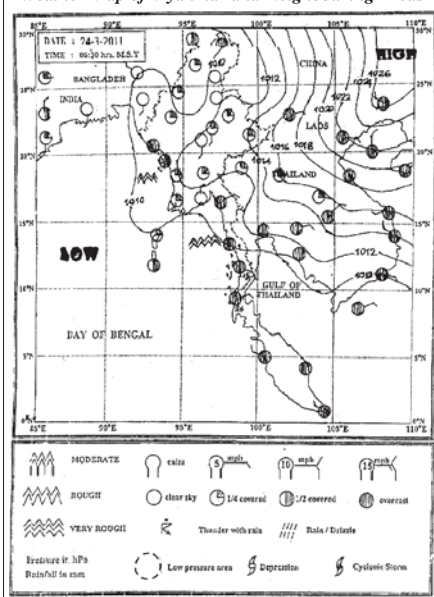
Musa Amadu, general secretary of the Nigeria Football Federation (NFF), praised the match organizers for bringing a world-class team like Argentina to the country. "It will be a big event because the fans have been asking for such a big match since we last hosted Brazil in Abuja in 2003," said Amadu.

— *Internet*



Tiger Woods

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Thursday, 24th 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 Taninthayi Region, weather has been partly cloudy in Yangon Region, Kachin, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above March average temperature in Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions, Kachin, (Southern) Shan and Chin States, (5°C) below March average temperature in Taninthayi Region and about March average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperatures were Aunglan (42°C), Nay Pyi Taw (Yezine), Nay Pyi Taw (Pinyinana), Mandalay, Chauk, Minbu and Magway (41°C) each. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Kawthoung (1.06) inches, Launglon (0.98) inch and Myeik (0.59) inch.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 23-3-2011 was 106°F. Minimum temperature on 24-3-2011 was 74°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 24-3-2011 was (54%). Rainfall on 24-3-2011 was (Nil).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 23-3-2011 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 24-3-2011 was 74°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 24-3-2011 was (70%). Total sunshine hours on 23-3-2011 was (7.5) hours (Approx).

Rainfall on 24-3-2011 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon each. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (5.79) inches at Mingaladon, (6.89) inches at Kaba-Aye and (7.09) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Northwest at (16:30) hours MST on 23-3-2011.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 25th March 2011: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered in Yangon and Taninthayi Regions, Kayin and Mon states, isolated in Bago and Ayeyawady Regions, Kachin and Shan States and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of rain or thundershowers in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 25-3-2011: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 25-3-2011: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 25-3-2011: Partly cloudy.

“Risky” Boll converted to Volkswagen final

GUANGZHOU, 24 March — Germany’s world No.1 table tennis player Timo Boll moved one step closer to retaining the Volkswagen Cup title here on Wednesday. Boll came back from 2 games down against Japan’s Jun Mizutani in their semi-final encounter of the men’s singles event and wrapped the match 4-2.

It was their fifteenth meeting on the international stage, where Boll got his fourteenth win in Guangzhou this time. Playing at full speed, Jun Mizutani captured the first two games; seeking to execute his forehand topspin at every opportunity, which helped he seize the initiative. “Jun was very aggressive, I was really surprised how positive he was at the start of the match”, Boll said.

However, after losing the first two games, Boll performed a flawless game in the third; he dominated from start to finish and reduced the deficit to one. Jun Mizutani said he was a little nervous at the moment when Boll made the equalizer. “He changed his type of service; I was feeling a bit of a misfit.”

But this was only the start of his nightmare. A convincing third game success for Boll was followed by fourth and fifth wins. The sixth game saw the



Newly-weds pose for photos at Taizwan Park in Hangzhou, east China’s Zhejiang Province, on 24 March, 2011. Some 300,000 tulips bloom at the park, attracting many newly-weds to take wedding photos here.—XINHUA

momentum in the German world N01, who finished his conversion with an overwhelming score of 11-4. “I have to try something and I have to be risky when I was trailing, that was the key to my victory.” Boll Said.

Xinhua

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (25-3-2011) (Friday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	(09:00am - 11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission	(25-3-11 09:30 am ~ 26-3-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Marching towards A Democratic New Nation (Roads & Bridges)
- * News
- * Ngapali, Unique Spot To Relax
- * News
- * Sport Show (Basketball)
- * News
- * Record Album
- * Thiri Zeya Buhmi Bagan Golden Palace and Museum of King Anawarhta

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- * News
- * Youth and Music (Parts-2)
- * News
- * Amazing Interior Decoration
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Culture Stage
- * News
- * Glorious Mrauk U & Its Pagoda Festival
- * Myanmar Movie “Pure Love”



7:30 am 3. Morning News	8:30 am 8. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions	6:00 pm 3. Evening News
7:40 am 4. Dhamma Puja Song	8:40 am 9. International News	6:15 pm 4. Weather Report
7:50 am 5. Nice & Sweet Song	8:45 am 10. Musical Programme	7:00 pm 5. TV Drama Series
8:00 am 6. Health Programme	3:15 pm 1. AFC Challenge 2012 Group (A) (Live) (Myanmar Vs Palestine)	7:50 pm 6. Documentary
8:10 am 6. The Mirror Images Of The Musical Oldies	5:15 pm 2. Yotha Phyu Sin Kalaydoeathwin	8:00 pm 7. News
8:20 am 7. Dance Of National Races		8. International News
		9. Weather Report
		10. Just For Laughs (Gags Asia)
		11. TV Drama Series
		12. Song Lover

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- ★ 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

Thaphanseik Multipurpose Dam in Sagaing Region

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The control tower of Thaphanseik Dam in Sagaing Region.

Recently, I happened to visit Thaphanseik Dam which benefits 500,000 acres of farmlands in many townships in Sagaing Region all-year round. On my way to the multipurpose dam through Tatkon Village of Inngaung Village-tract, Kyigon Village-tract, Zeedawchaung Village of Ywathi Village-tract, Kyigan Village, Padaukkon Village, Ywathitkon Village, Shwedaung Village, Sanpya Village, Ngabat-ai Village, Bogon Village, Yaygin Village, Paukpinseik Village and Thaphanseik Village, I was accompanied by Staff Officer of the Township Development Affairs Department U Kyaw Kyaw. It was very pleasant to view thriving groundnut plantations stretching to the destination like a very long green carpet.

Then, we got to the Thaphanseik Dam. The government implemented the Thaphanseik Multipurpose Dam Project in 1996-1997, spending 8570 million kyats. The irrigation facility was inaugurated in 2001-2002.

From a distance, we saw the PhaungdawU Pagoda and the hydropower plant apart from the large dam. The hydropower plant attached to the dam is installed with three 10-megawatt generators to produce 30 megawatts of electric power.

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Strong earthquake jolts Loimwe

NAY PYI TAW, 24 March—The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology Department announced that a strong earthquake of magnitude (7.0) Richter Scale with its epicenter inside Myanmar near Loimwe (35 miles Southeast of Kengtung) about (300) miles Southeast of Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at (20) hrs (29) min (30) sec M.S.T today.

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