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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

First regular session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw continues for 17th day Pyidaungsu Hluttaw records felicitations sent to President and Vice-Presidents by international community and to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw by USDP Queries raised and answered, proposals submitted, Bill Joint Committee, Public Accounts Joint Committee, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Representatives Vetting Committee formed

NAY PYI TAW, 29 March—The first regular session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw went on for the 17th 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, and representatives of the two hluttaws.

The session was valid as 648 or 99.39% of the 652 Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives were present.

Union level organization members Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo, Minister for Home Affairs U Maung Oo, Minister for Commerce U Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint and Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs U Thein Nyunt responded to the questions “use of pesticides” by U Soe Aung from Mandalay Region Constituency (11), “administration of ward or village to be assigned in accordance with the law under Section 289 of the



First regular session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw for 17th day in progress.—MNA

constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar”, by U Aung Thein from Ywangan Constituency, “border trade camp in Maesei Township to be opened by the State”, by U Kyaw Khaing Win from Mae-sei Constituency, “border

trade camp to be opened in Mawtaung, Myeik District”, by U Kyar Maung from Taninthayi Region Constituency (8), “better transport in Hopang” and “development of Wa Region” by U Sai Pao Nat from Shan State Constitu-

ency (12).

U Nyunt Hlaing from Ayeyawady Region Constituency (4) said he was to ask a question about “agricultural loans provided by the Myanma Agricultural Development Bank” but the question was similar to that

raised by U Aung Zin from Pazundaung Constituency at Pyithu Hluttaw on 22 March, and the Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation had given a satisfactory reply to the question. So, he withdrew his question.

Messages of felicitations sent to the President

and Vice-Presidents by international community were submitted to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw for recording. The hluttaw approved the messages. So, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw declared that the messages were put on record.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Keep your environs clean

To keep towns and villages clean and pleasant is part of the drive for building a modern and developed nation. So, the people should abide by rules and regulations set for sprucing up a particular area.

The government has been upgrading and rebuilding roads for development of towns and villages. If drivers respect traffic rules, there will be a decrease in traffic accidents and damage to roads.

In like manner, the people must refrain from throwing away rubbish and spitting betel spittle indiscriminately onto roads, and displaying goods for sales in public areas. If each and every citizen honours rules and regulations with a sense of responsibility, there will be a growing number of pleasant and beautiful areas.

Indiscriminately throwing away rubbish harms drainage system, which causes bad smell and is detrimental to the health of residents. So, it is needed to dredge, unblock and expand drains regularly.

Gardens and parks are being established and shady trees and landscaping plants are being grown to keep environs green. Anyone can visit those pleasant sites for relaxation and recreation.

Today, rural areas are being integrated with urban areas for urbanization. So, only if each and every citizen is self-disciplined and the people work in concert to keep surrounding areas clean and tidy, will their towns and villages remain beautiful and attractive.

Squalls likely to fall under influence of low pressure area

NAY PYI TAW, 29 March — The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology announced today that according to the observations at (06.30) hr MST today, a low pressure area forms over South Andaman Sea. This system is under watched further intensify.

Influence of the low pressure area, squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi coasts. Surface wind speed in squall may reach (35) to (40) mph.

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People's Defence

- * 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

Appointment of Gambian Ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 30 March— The Government of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the proposed appointment of H.E. Mr. Dembo M. Badjie as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Gambia to the Union of Myanmar.

Mr. Dembo M. Badjie graduated with a Diploma in Public and Development Administration from the Glasgow Caledonian University in Scotland in 1980. He served various capacities in the Ministries such as Education, Youth and Sports, Construction and Communications, External Affairs Office of the President, Culture and Religious Affairs from 1994 to 2004. He also served as Commissioner North Bank Division, Commissioner Lower River Division, and Commissioner Western Division. He worked in the Gambia Embassy in Brussels in 1986 and served as Ambassador in Sierra Leone, Liberia

Myanmar Ambassador presents Credentials to King of Cambodia

NAY PYI TAW, 30 March— U Cho Htun Aung, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Kingdom of Cambodia, presented his Credentials to His Majesty Preah Bat Samdech Preah Boromneath Norodom Sihamoni, King of Cambodia, on 22 March 2011, in Phnom Penh.—MNA

and Ivory Coast from 2004 to 2010. He is married with five children.

Mr. Dembo M. Badjie will be concurrently accredited as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Gambia to the Union of Myanmar with residence in New Delhi.—MNA



Yangon Command Commander Brig-Gen Tun Than and wife, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and wife and Bangladeshi Ambassador Major General Anup Kumar Chakma, ndc, pcs cut cake at ceremony to mark 40th Anniversary of Independence Day and National Day of Bangladesh at Sedona Hotel, Yangon on 29 March.—MNA

Tagaungtaung Nickel Mine launched

NAY PYI TAW, 29 March — Tagaungtaung Nickel Mine was opened on a production-sharing basis between No.3 Mining Enterprise of the Ministry of Mines and Myanmar CNMC Nickel Co Ltd in Tagaung Sub-township, Thabeikkyin Township, PyinOoLwin District, Mandalay Region, on 27 March.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of Mandalay Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Brig-Gen Ye Aung, Minister for Mines U Ohn Myint, a retired minister of metallurgy of the People's Republic of China, the CNMC president, the

vice-president of Taiyuan Iron and Steel (Group) Co Ltd and officials.

The commander made a speech. Speaking on the occasion, the minister revealed that Tagaungtaung Nickel Mine will produce 1.97 tons of raw nickel a year and ferronickel plant, 84.495 tons. Then, the president of China Nonferrous Metal Group Co Ltd expressed thanks. Afterwards, the archway of the nickel mine was formally opened.

Later, the commander, the minister and party viewed production process and construction work.—MNA

San Ngwe Yaung Co., Ltd exhibits tyres at Life Styles, Motor & Industrial Show- 2011 at Mandalay City Hall (1).—MNA



ASEAN to provide assistance to earthquake-hit Myanmar

JAKARTA, 29 March—Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) expressed condolences to Myanmar following Thursday's major earthquake and said it stands ready to provide assistance, ASEAN Secretariat said here Monday.

The Secretary-General of ASEAN, Dr Surin Pitsuwan, extended the region's condolence and support in person through the Permanent Representative of Myanmar to ASEAN, U Nyan Lynn, when the two met at the ASEAN Secretariat on Monday afternoon.

"I have been encouraged by the numerous calls, emails and text messages from the other Permanent Representatives to ASEAN," Ambassador Lynn said on the sidelines of the meeting. "I thank everyone for their concern and appreciate the offers of assistance," he added.

ASEAN member states, along with Indonesia as the current ASEAN chair, have issued statements of condolences to Myanmar as well as offered assistance. "The government of Myanmar was able to act quickly, having deployed the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee within 24 hours and relief items including shelters, sanitation, food, medicine kits, blankets and clothes for the victims by the weekend," said Dr Surin.

"Nonetheless, we will continue to be on standby to support Myanmar with any help it may need in the days and weeks ahead," he added.

MNA/Xinhua

Aid workers praise Myanmar quake response

YANGON, 29 March—Aid workers praised Myanmar's regime on Monday for its speedy response to the recent earthquake that killed more than 70, in contrast to the aftermath of previous disasters to strike the country.

The powerful 6.8 magnitude quake struck near the borders with Thailand and Laos late on Thursday leaving an official toll of 73 dead. One woman in Thailand also died.

"The government's response was very fast, it must be stressed," said Vincent Hubin, country head of the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) based in Yangon.

"They put up considerable resources, as was the case with Cyclone Giri, when they saved many lives," he added, referring to a disaster in the west of the country in October 2010 that killed more than 40 people.

Chris Herink of charity World Vision, which is working in areas of Shan state affected by the latest quake, also said at the weekend that the government's cooperation had been proactive.

A Myanmar official told AFP. "The rescue teams with military members are still trying to help people around these areas," he said, declining to be named.

MNA/AFP/CNA

Rocket attack kills one in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 29 March— Iraqi officials say a rocket fired at the Green Zone in Baghdad has killed a bystander and wounded four others.

The rocket landed around 6:30 am Tuesday near a small hotel across the Tigris River from the heavily fortified area that houses government offices and foreign embassies.

A policeman at the scene said a second Katyusha rocket landed inside the Green Zone but there were no immediate reports of casualties.

A second policeman said one person was killed and four wounded. A doctor confirmed the casualties. Both spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to release information.

The attacks were launched on the second day of a trade visit to Iraq by Turkey's prime minister.

Internet



14 security personnel killed in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 29 March— At least 14 security personnel were killed late Monday night in the Akakhel area of Pakistan's northwest tribal area of Khyber Agency, according to local media reports.

While most of the local media reports said that it was a terrorist attack at the security forces stationed in the afore- said area, one local TV channel "Din" quoted army sources from ISPR as saying that it was an accident caused by a mortar shell explosion.

The killed include a colonel and a captain, said a local Urdu TV channel ARY. Three army vehicles were also reportedly destroyed in the incident.

Despite the reported on-going fierce fire exchange between the security forces and the militants, no reports about the casualties of the militants have been received yet.—Xinhua

Thai army receives three Russian transport choppers

BANGKOK, 29 March — Thai army chief General Prayut Chan-ocha on Monday presided over the receipt of three transport helicopters from Russia at a military barrack in the capital.

The three MI-17 V-5 helicopters cost 29.1 million US dollars, including spare parts and training, the Thai army said in a statement.

The medium transport helicopters - to be stationed at the Army Aviation Centre in Lopburi Province, about 150 kilometres north of Bangkok - will be used for disaster relief missions such as extinguishing wild fire and assisting people in distress, the statement said.



Thai army chief General Prayut Chan-ocha (L) presides over the receipt of three transport helicopters from Russia at a military barrack in Bangkok on 28 March, 2011.—INTERNET

"These transport helicopters will enhance transportation with efficiency according to the assignments," the statement said.

After the delivery ceremony, the army demonstrated to guests and reporters the

efficiency of the helicopters in transporting troops.

The government is paying for the helicopters from its annual budgets from the years 2008 to 2011, the statement said.

Xinhua

Police keep watch at the site of a roadside bomb blast in Kunduz recently. The tragic incident happened in Gortipa district at around 10: 00 am local time that day as a result five innocent people including two men and three children were martyred," deputy to provincial police chief told Xinhua.

XINHUA



A man inspects the charred remains of a car that was targeted by a suicide bomber in the Shiite holy city of Najaf. —INTERNET

Five buried alive in western Nepal

RSSKATHMANDU, 29 March— At least five workers were buried alive by mud and stones as they were working on a road construction project in Chekampar Village Development Committee of Gorkha

District in western Nepal. According to Tuesday's National News Agency RSS report, they were constructing the road in Pandgha village when the incident took place Monday afternoon, local witnesses said.

The site of the accident is a six days walk from the district headquarters Gorkha, some 75 km west of Kathmandu, and a team of seven police personnel has been sent for the site soon after information to this regard was received from the Area Police Post, the District Police Office, Gorkha has said.

Xinhua

Minute levels of radioactive materials detected in S Korea

SEOUL, 29 March — Minute levels of radioactive iodine and cesium have been detected in South Korea, presumably attributable to radiation leaks at Japan's quake-hit nuclear plant, the Korea Institute of Nuclear Safety said Tuesday.

Traces of iodine-131, cesium-134 and cesium-137 have been detected at twelve radiation detection

facilities around the country, the state-run institute said, stressing the minuscule levels of the radioactive materials pose no risk to human health.

The report comes a day after the institute confirmed xenon-133, another nuclear fission product, was detected in northern parts of the country and prompted a daily radiation check throughout the country.

Seawater and marine products will also be subject to radiation checks, according to the government.

A 9.0-magnitude earthquake hit the Pacific coastal areas of northeastern and eastern Japan on 11 March, triggering an enormous tsunami which crippled Japan's two nuclear power plants in Fukushima.—Xinhua



A woman carries her daughter as she walks in an area destroyed by 11 March's magnitude 9.0 earthquake and tsunami, in Yamada town, Iwate prefecture on 27 March, 2011.

INTERNET



Japan Self Defence Force members search for victims of the 11 March earthquake and tsunami in Sendai City, Miyagi Prefecture, on 28 March, 2011.

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IAEA: Fukushima plant still serious

BEIJING, 29 March — The director general of the International Atomic Energy Agency says the situation at the Fukushima nuclear power plant remains serious.

Yukiya Amano, IAEA Director General, said, "The difficult situation has not been overcome and takes some time to stabilize the reactors. Radioactivities in the environment, food stuff and water is a matter of concern in the vicinity of Fukushima plant and beyond. Some positive notes are: electrical power has been restored to unit number one, two and three, and fresh water is now available on the site." Amano will convene a high-level conference, possibly in late June, to examine safety procedures at nuclear plants worldwide in the wake of the disaster.

The meeting will focus on assessments of the Fukushima Dai-ichi disaster. The summit will also look at lessons that need to be learned and ways of strengthening the international response to such accidents. He also adds that beyond experts, the IAEA's members will be sending government representatives, saying presence at a "political level" is necessary due to the seriousness of the crisis.—Xinhua



Kyodo shows No 4 reactor at Tokyo Electric Power Co's Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant in Tomioka, Fukushima Prefecture, northeastern Japan on 27 March, 2011.—INTERNET

Floods continue to disrupt southern Thailand

BANGKOK, 29 March — All train services to the South have been suspended because of the heavy flooding, according to the State Railways of Thailand on Tuesday.

Nuan-anong Wongchan, public relations chief of the State Railways of Thailand (SRT), said South-bound trains, normally scheduled to leave Bangkok between 1 pm and 10 pm local time, have been suspended, adding that passengers who bought tickets can get a full refund.

Bangkok Post online reported that heavy rain and associated flooding across southern Thailand have been disrupting transport

and day to day businesses. All 13 districts of Narathiwat Province had seen continual rainfall since Monday night, causing widespread flooding in many areas.

About 90 percent of land and plantations in Narathiwat Province were flooded, with the water between 40 and 50 centimetres deep. Goods on sale in shops have been ruined as people could not move them to higher ground before the flood water surged into their premises. The National Disaster Warning Centre forecast is for more heavy rain Tuesday and into tomorrow.—Xinhua

Plutonium detected in soil at 5 locations at Fukushima plant

BEIJING, 29 March — Plutonium has been detected in soil at five locations at the Fukushima number-one nuclear power plant, which was damaged by the 11th March earthquake and tsunami in Japan. The Kyodo News Agency quotes an official from the Tokyo Electric Power Company, who says the plutonium is believed to have been discharged from nuclear fuel at the plant.

Officials insist that the plutonium poses no

threat to humans. But the power company says the discovery will not suspend work there. Contamination in Unit-two is due to a partial meltdown of the reactor core. However, authorities say pressure inside the containers holding the reactors are stable.

They're also saying it could take weeks to clear out the radioactive water. The latest death toll stands at nearly 11-thousand, with more than 17-thousand still missing.

Xinhua



Children attend a graduation ceremony at Ashinome kindergarten in Kessenuma, a town affected by the earthquake and tsunami, in Miyagi prefecture on 28 March, 2011. One pupil and several parents from the school have been reported missing after the disaster.—INTERNET

Death toll reaches 11,063 from great quake-tsunami in Japan

Tokyo, 29 March — The National Police Agency said on Tuesday that the catastrophic earthquake and ensuing tsunami have left 11,063 people dead and 17,258 others unaccounted for in Japan by 10:00 am local time (0100 GMT).

A 9.0-magnitude earthquake hit the Pacific coastal areas of northeastern and eastern Japan on 11 March, triggering enormous tsunami. Heavy casualties and extensive damage have been caused by the twin disasters.

Xinhua



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Health

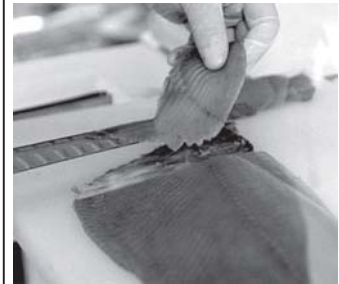
More sugar means more weight

MINNEAPOLIS, 29 March— In almost 30 years, greater sugar consumption by US men and women corresponded to the same upward trend in body weight, researchers say.

Lead author Huifen Wang, a doctoral candidate in the School of Public Health at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, says the researchers' heart study included six surveys looking at subjects' diet, height and weight, conducted during the period of 1980 to 2009.

"There is limited data available looking at how added sugar intake is related to body mass index," Wang says in a statement. "With the information provided, we examined the trends for body mass index and dietary intake of foods and beverages with added sugars across the six surveys." Consumption of sugars and syrups added to foods during processing, preparation or at the table increased during the past three decades, Wang says.

Although there was a slight decline from 2000 to 2002, the consumption of added sugars remained high among the Minnesotans studied, and although other lifestyle factors should be considered for America's increasing waistlines, public health efforts should advise limiting sugar intake, the study concludes.—*Internet*



A chef slices smoked salmon. A study of Alaska's Yup'ik Eskimos, who consume 20 times more omega-3 fats from fish than most Americans, suggests these oils can prevent obesity-related illness such as diabetes and heart disease, researchers said Friday.

INTERNET



A worker demonstrates machinery to fill vials with individual doses of tuberculosis vaccine at a plant in Rockville, Maryland, in 2009. The United States last year saw a sizable drop in the number of tuberculosis cases, but missed its goal of eradicating the disease by 2010, US health officials said Thursday.—INTERNET

Health Tip: Why baby gets diaper rash

A baby's sensitive bottom may develop a rash from sitting too long in a soiled diaper. But that's not the only trigger that can cause the problem.

The ADAM Encyclopedia offers these additional factors that may contribute to diaper rash:

- * Frequent bowel movements or diarrhea.
- * Use of an antibiotic.
- * Irritation cause by ammonia, a byproduct of urine as it breaks down.
- * Wearing diapers that don't fit properly and rub against the skin.
- * Having a reaction to a cleaning product for cloth diapers.—*Internet*

US study ranks walnuts as most healthy nuts

LOS ANGELES, 29 March— Walnuts have a combination of more healthful antioxidants and higher quality antioxidants than any other nut, US researchers have found.

Study findings were presented on Sunday at the 241st National Meeting & Exposition of the American Chemical Society (ACS) in Anaheim, Southern California. Nuts contain plenty of high-quality protein that can substitute for meat, vitamins and minerals, dietary fiber, and are dairy- and gluten-free, ACS researchers said in the study.

Moreover, nuts contain healthful polyunsaturated and monosaturated fats rather than artery-clogging saturated fat, according to the study.

The researchers based their conclusion on analysis of antioxidants in nine different types of nuts: walnuts, almonds, peanuts, pistachios, hazelnuts, Brazil nuts, cashews, macadamias and pecans. They found that walnuts have the highest levels of antioxidants, with plenty of high-quality protein that can substitute for meat, vitamins and minerals, dietary fiber, and are dairy- and gluten-free.—*Xinhua*



Business



Ebay to buy GSI Commerce for 2.4 bln dollars

SAN FRANCISCO, 29 March— Ebay on Monday announced that it has agreed to buy e-commerce service provider GSI Commerce for about 2.4 billion US dollars.

Ebay offered GSI shareholders 29.25 dollars per share in cash, representing a 51 percent premium over GSI's closing stock price on 25 March, and a 47 percent premium over the average closing price of GSI's common stock over the most recent 30 trading days.

"The acquisition of GSI, which offers the most comprehensive integrated suite of online commerce and interactive marketing services available, will significantly strengthen our ability to connect buyers and sellers worldwide," John Donahoe, eBay's chief executive officer, said in a statement.

GSI, headquartered in the US State of Pennsylvania, provides e-commerce services including technology, order management, payment processing, fulfillment and customer care. It now boasts over 180 customers across 14 merchandise categories.—*Xinhua*



Handout photo courtesy of Ford Motor Company in 2009 shows how SYNC will broadcast a Wi-Fi signal using internet connectivity gained through the user's USB mobile broadband modem. More cars are hitting the information superhighway thanks to new automotive Wi-Fi technology that allows vehicles to become rolling "hot spots."

INTERNET

Hot money flows out of S Korea in February

SEOUL, 29 March— South Korea's Capital and financial account, gauging cross-border investments, recorded a net outflow of 2.26 billion US dollars in February, up from January's net outflow of 1.28 billion dollars, the Bank of Korea (BOK) said.

Considering the financial account among South Korea's February balance of payments, "foreigners' stock purchases and banks' short- term external

borrowing were hot money and it looks like the hot money was going out last month," Tim Condon, the head of Asian research in Singapore at ING Groep, said in a report. Portfolio investment, including stock and bond investments, shifted to a net outflow of 3 billion dollars last month from a net inflow of 0.9 billion dollars in January as foreigners dumped local stocks, according to the BOK.

Condon noted the

country's current account surplus widened to 1.18 billion dollars in February from a revised 0.15 billion dollars in January mainly due to positive goods balance. He reiterated his full-year trade surplus forecast of 50 billion dollars, up from 41 billion dollars in 2010. The goods account surplus registered 1.58 billion dollars in February compared with 1.56 billion dollars in January, according to the BOK.

Xinhua

Chinese shares open higher Monday

BEIJING, 29 March— Chinese shares opened higher on Monday with the benchmark Shanghai Composite Index up 0.25 percent to 2,985.36.

The Shenzhen Component Index rose 0.60 percent at the opening to 13,020.21.

Xinhua

China's Sinopec said its 2010 net profit rose nearly 14 percent on higher oil prices and strong domestic demand for refined oil and chemical products.

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Message of felicitations sent to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw by the Union Solidarity and Development Party was read out at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and approval sought for recording. The Hluttaw approved the message. So, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw declared that the message was put on record.

Dr Myat Nyana Soe from Yangon Region Constituency (4) submitted a proposal "It is heartening to note that the three hluttaws have been formed and the democratically-elected Pyidaungsu Hluttaw speaker, the deputy speaker, Pyithu Hluttaw speaker,

the deputy speaker are playing the leading role in legislation", a proposal "It is heartening to note that the President and Vice-Presidents have been elected with common consent and will carry out executive affairs to safeguard the people" and a proposal "It is heartening to note that Pyidaungsu Hluttaw sessions were held successfully". Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approved the three proposals and declared that the proposals were recorded.

U Htay Oo from Hinthada Constituency submitted a proposal "It is grateful to the State Peace and Development Council and it is believed that a peaceful and modern discipline-flourishing multiparty democratic nation will be built with the capabilities of the President and members of Union government". Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approved the proposal and declared that the proposal was recorded.

The speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw sought the approval from the hluttaw regarding formation of Bill Joint Committee. The hluttaw approved and formed the committee.

The speaker sought the approval from the hluttaw regarding formation of Public Accounts Joint Committee. The hluttaw approved and formed the committee.

The speaker sought the approval from the hluttaw regarding formation of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Representatives Vetting Committee. The hluttaw approved and formed the committee.

The speaker announced that the 17th-day session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw adjourns and the 18th-day session runs at 11 am tomorrow.

The session ended at 12.20 pm.—MNA

A&I Minister responds to question about use of pesticides in farms

NAY PYI TAW, 29 March —U Soe Aung of Mandalay Region Constituency-11 raised a question about the use of pesticides in crop farms at today's Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Session. He said it is heard that the use of inefficacy of pesticides in some places have led to destruction of crops while the use of too potent pesticides in some places might have affected the consumers and the environment. Therefore, he said, he would like to know if there is any preventive measure against that.

In response to the question, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo said pesticides and fungicides are used in cultivation to prevent the pests. Pesticide law was enacted on 11 May 1990 and procedures drafted on 8 July 1991 to ensure that companies and shops sell genuine chemical pesticides so they can be effectively used by farmers. Pesticide registration groups and technology committees have been formed and systematic measures are being taken for registration and issuance of import permits. Likewise, measures are also being taken to inspect pesticides in terms of quality and

danger of toxicity in accord with the international norms and standards and to check samples of pesticides in markets whether or not they are met with set standards. Use and import of 19 kinds of pesticides, which are not suitable on account of their toxicity according to the international convention, have been banned. Import and sale of seven kinds of pesticide used for prevention of pests, rats and malaria are permitted under restriction. Besides, educative measures are being taken for farmers to be able to use pesticides correctly. Anti-pest law was enacted on 16 June 1993, and 10 inspection camps are opened at border areas and international airports. In addition, endorsements of free pests are being issued in accordance with the international standards.

Pesticides that are suitable to be used according to the international convention are sold in markets together with instructions in Myanmar version. For systematic use of pesticides, courses for pesticide users and farmers are being conducted and educative measures taken. Moreover, information about danger of chemicals and microbes is



Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo replies to question.—MNA

disseminated in agricultural courses. Arrangements are being made to check fruits and vegetables available in markets and export crops whether they have chemical remnants.

So, farmers should use pesticides recognized by the ministry and if they find those products of the same brand suspicious of its inefficacy and low price, they are to inform Myanma Agriculture Service about it for further action, concluded the minister.—MNA

Home Affairs Minister responds to query of U Aung Thein of Ywangan Constituency

NAY PYI TAW, 29 March—At today's Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Session, Minister for Home Affairs U Maung Oo responded to the query raised by U Aung Thein of Ywangan Constituency on "to assign the duties for administration of ward or village-tract"

U Aung Thein of Ywangan Constituency said that Section 289 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar states that Administration of ward or village-tract shall be assigned in accord with the law to a person whose integrity is respected by the

community. He asked whether or not the aforesaid law is officially issued, and where it can be seen if it has been issued. He would like to know which organization would issue it and when if has yet to be issued.

With respect to the question, Home Affairs Minister U Maung Oo said that he has already replied to the above-mentioned question raised by U Lwin Oo of Thanlyin Constituency, U Aung Kyaw Zan of Pauktaw Constituency and U Hla Maung (a) U Naing Maung Hla of Chaungzon Constituency.



Minister for Home Affairs U Maung Oo replies to questions.—MNA

Laws and directives regarding the appointment of heads for administration of ward or village-tract have been issued. Those laws have still been in use and there is no plan to issue new ones.

Up to date, appointment of heads for administration of ward or village-tract has been carried out across the country in accord with orders and directives of State Law and Orders Restoration Council (1988) and duties and work system of Ward/village-tract Law and Order Restoration Council issued by State Law and Order Restoration Council in 1989.—MNA

Commerce Minister responds to query on "to open border trade camps in Maesei Township, Mawtaung Region"

NAY PYI TAW, 29 March—At today's Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's session, Minister for Commerce U Tin Naing Thein replied to the questions raised by U Kyaw Khaing Win of Maesei Constituency and U Kyar Maung of Taninthayi Region Constituency No.8.

U Kyaw Khaing Win of Maesei Constituency said that Kayah State has less economic development than other regions. Six of Seven Townships in Kayah

State, except Shadaw Township, lie on the way to Maesei Township. He asked whether or not the government has any plan to open a border trade camp in Maesei Township and when it will be implemented, for the economic development of Kayah State, the nearest border trade route in transporting goods from the heart of Myanmar to Thailand, and boosting the country's trade.

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Commerce Minister responds to query ...

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U Kyar Maung of Taninthayi Region Constituency No.8 said that Taninthayi Region includes Dawei, Myeik and Kawthoung Districts. Marine products and other products from these districts should be exported to foreign countries. Now, the products are being sold to Ranoung through Kawthoung. But this route is very long and takes a lot of time. Both the government and the private enterprises would be better off by selling the products from these three districts through border trade route of Mawtaung region in Myeik District.

Regarding the questions, Minister for Commerce U Tin Naing Thein said that since 1988, the government has opened the border trade camps for trade activities with the neighboring countries. In doing so, Muse (105th Mile) border trade camp and Lwejel border trade camp were opened in China-Myanmar border in 1998 and Chinswehaw border trade camp and Kanpeiktee border trade camp, in 2003; in Thai-

Myanmar border, Tachilek border trade camp and Kawthoung border trade camp, in 1996, Myawady border trade camp in 1998 and Myeik border trade camp in 1999; In Bangladesh-Myanmar border, Maungtau border trade camp in 1995, Sittway border trade camp in 1998; and in India-Myanmar border, Tamu border trade camp in 1995 and Reed border trade camp in 2003, totaling 12 border trade camps.

In analyzing the years in which the border trade camps were opened, it can be seen that border camps were opened in different times due to different conditions. New border trade camps could only be opened if the region has stability, better transport and smooth trade.

Opening border trade camp needs to have coordination between the two countries. In addition, it needs to have basic infrastructures including trade, customs and banking services. The trade volume between the two countries must reach considerable amount.

In summing up, to open a border trade needs to have the above-said facts. Regarding the questions, the government has no plan to open border trade camps in



Minister for Commerce U Tin Naing Thein replies to questions.—MNA

Mae-sei and Mawtaung regions for the time being. It would be submitted to the new government only when the above-mentioned requirements are met.—MNA

Construction Minister answers query raised by U Sai Pao Nat from Shan State Constituency-12

NAY PYI TAW, 29 March—At today's session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, U Sai Pao Nat from Shan State Constituency-12 said that dwellers of Panlon Township thanked the government for upgrading Panlon Village to a sub-township. Panlon Township is difficult of access with least development. So, he wondered if Hopang-Panlon Road will be upgraded to an all-weather facility.

In his reply, Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint said that the government has been implementing special projects for progress of border areas that lagged behind other regions in development due to various reasons.

Six townships in Shan State—Hopang, Mongmao, Panwaing, Narphan, Metman and Panghsan (Pankham) were grouped into two districts and prescribed as Wa Self-Administered Division. Sub-Panlon Township and Sub-Metkan Township have been established to expedite administrative mechanism and development of the region.

The ministry is building inter-township and inter-region roads and upgrading and maintaining old

ones in Wa Self-Administered Division. Like other regions and states, Wa Self-Administered Division has got six township offices and two sub-township offices. The Ministry of Construction, the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs and the Defence Services Engineering Unit are building, upgrading and maintaining Kunlon-Hopang Road (11 miles and 4 furlongs), Hopang-Manmeinon-Panlon-Narwee Road (44 miles and 4 furlongs), Hopang-Manmeinon-Pankhun-Mongmao Road (100 miles), Mongmao-Narphan Road (62 miles), Mongmao-Panwaing-Panghsan Road (148 miles), Panghsan-Manmansai-Tarkaw-at-Tangyan Road (88 miles), Mongpyin-Metman Road (73 miles) and Panghsan-Mongpauk Road (20 miles).

In addition, Lonkhit Bailey Bridge (220 feet) on Mongmao-Manton Road, Namtein girder bridge (430 feet) on Kulong-Hopang Road, Namkha Bailey Bridge (216.5 feet) on Panghsan-Mongpauk Road, Namkunlong reinforced concrete bridge (220 feet) on Hopang-Mongmao Road, and Wantarkhet Bailey Bridge on



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

Mongpyin-Metman Road were built in the division.

According to the order placed by the ministry, the Defence Services Engineering Unit will upgrade Hopang-Panlon Road into a tarred one, and upon completion, it will be serviceable all weathers.

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PBANRDA Minister responds to question about further development of Wa Self-Administered Division

NAY PYI TAW, 29 March—At today's Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session, U Sai Pao Nat of Shan State Constituency (12) put a question about "further plans for development of Wa Self-Administered Division."

Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs U Thein Nyunt responded that border areas much lagged behind in development due to arm conflicts and poor transportation before 1988. With a view to rapid development of border areas, ministries concerned constituted the Central Committee for Progress of Border Areas and National Races following the notification No (23/89) dated 25 May, 1989 of State Law and Order Restoration Council.

Then Working Committee for Progress of Border Areas much and National Races was formed with 17 members following the notification No (24/89) dated 31 May, 1989 of the State Law and border Restoration Council.

Of 17 major peace groups and over 20 minor peace groups, Kokang Special Region (1) Peace Group

on 31 March, 1989, Wa Special Region (2) Peace Group on 9 May, 1989, SSA Peace Group on 24 September, 1989, Special Region (4) Peace Group on 30 June 1989, returned to legal fold. National armed groups have returned to legal fold one after another in different border areas, consequently, those areas have become peaceful and stable, along with positive developments. Deputy ministers of ministries concerned were assigned chairman of 18 sub-committees for Progress of Border Areas and National Races in order to effectively perform development undertakings in different sectors.

Since 13 June, 1989, 11 regional working committees were formed with commanders and township PDC chairmen concerned in order to closely supervise development tasks in border areas.

The government set up Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs in September, 1992 for further development of border areas and national races.



Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs U Thein Nyunt answering question.—MNA

Having studied reports of township, district, region-level working committees, the central committee and the working committee performed regional development undertakings according to priority.

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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw puts messages of felicitations sent to President, Vice-Presidents on record

NAY PYI TAW, 29 March — At today's Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session, messages of felicitations sent to President and Vice-Presidents were submitted to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

Messages of felicitations sent from foreign countries to President and Vice-Presidents are as follows:-

Sr.	Country	Sender	President/ Vice-President	Date	Sr.	Country	Sender	President/ Vice-President	Date		
1.	People's Republic of China	H.E. Mr. Hu Jintao President	U Thein Sein President	4-2-2011	2.	Democratic People's Republic of Korea	H.E. Mr. Kim Yong Nam President of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly	U Thein Sein President	5-2-2011		
		H.E. Mr. Xi Jinping Vice-President	Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo Vice-President	4-2-2011			3.	Socialist Republic of Vietnam	H.E. Mr. Nguyen Minh Triet President	U Thein Sein President	4-2-2011
		H.E. Mr. Xi Jinping Vice-President	Dr Sai Mauk Kham Vice-President	4-2-2011					H.E. Mr. Nguyen Tan Dung Prime Minister	U Thein Sein President	4-2-2011
		Mr. Bei Enpei Communist Party of China Secretary of Yunnan Province Committee	U Thein Sein President	5-2-2011					H.E. Mrs. Nguyen Thi Doan Vice-President	Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo Vice-President	4-2-2011
		Mr. Qin Guangrong Governor of Yunnan Province	U Thein Sein President	5-2-2011	H.E. Mrs. Nguyen Thi Doan Vice-President	Dr Sai Mauk Kham Vice-President	4-2-2011				
		Mr. Guo Shengkun Guangxi Zhung Autonomous Region CPC Committee Secretary and Governor	U Thein Sein President	16-2-2011	H.E. Mr. Nguyen Phu Trong General Secretary Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam	U Thein Sein President	3-3-2011				
		Mr. Guo Shengkun Guangxi Zhung Autonomous Region CPC Committee Secretary and Governor	Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo Vice-President	16-2-2011	4.	Russian Federation	H.E. Mr. Dmitry Medvedev President	U Thein Sein President	4-2-2011		

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PBANRDA Minister responds to question about...

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For progress of border areas and national races in Shan State (North), the ministry, from 1989 to now, has carried out development tasks in five separate regions—Kokang Region, Wa Region, Shan Region, North-East Kachin Region and Palaung Region.

From 1989 to February, 2011, the ministry has spent K 15879.67 million from border areas fund and 30365.18 million from fund of the ministries on development of the whole northern Shan State.

As for Wa Region, 460 miles long earthen road, 325 miles and seven furlongs long gravel road and 103 miles and three furlong long tarred road were built and 1056 miles and one furlong long road section was repaired. Five large bridges and 79 small bridges were erected. Regarding health sector, 10 hospitals, 15 clinics and three health centres were added to the healthcare facilities of the region.

With respect to education, the region has now two basic education high schools, four basic education middle schools and 28 basic education primary schools. Three Myanmar Agriculture Service Offices, eight agricultural stations and one power tiller station were opened in the region.

The region also got two nurseries, and four live-stock breeding and veterinary offices and three farms. Regarding energy sector, a hydropower station with installed capacity of 500 KW was established at Namaw Creek and Panwai, Mongmaw, Panlong, Winkin and Panghsam regions have been supplied with electricity.

Five retransmission stations, five post offices, four telegraph offices and 19 exchanges were set up for

better public relation and communication sector of the region.

In undertaking development tasks in different border areas, top priority is given to food sufficiency of national races residing at border areas, and the second priority is given to establishment of socio-economic infrastructures for their livelihoods, and the final work is to develop human resource for sustainable development.

A total of 29 Training Schools for Development of Youths from Border Areas were opened to provide free education to needy children at border regions. Seven training schools and three Technical Training Schools were also founded within Shan State. Training Schools were opened in Lashio, Kunlong, Tangyan and Laukkai in northern Shan State and Pinlong in Southern Shan State. Technical Training Schools were founded in Panghsam in Wa Region, Laukkai in Kokang Region, and Mongla in Special Region (4).

Students from Wa region are boarded at Training Schools for Development of Youths from Border Areas and trained at BEHSs.

From 1996 in which training schools were first opened to date, 6300 students studied different level basic education in the seven schools and 81 students have finished matriculation exam. Of those students, 55 male students got degrees from Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree Colleges in Yangon and Mandalay and were assigned in different ministries. Of female students, nine went to University for Development of National Races, five to Nursing Training School four went to Midwifery Training and eight went to Education College and some graduates have already been performing State's duties.

Moreover, three Technical Training Schools for Youths from Border Areas were opened since 2006.

A total of 626 national youth trainees have studied carpentry, mason and steel fixing course, basic mechanics course, welding courses at those schools.

In order to help women in border areas find job and earn an income, 39 Women's Domestic Science Vocational Training Schools were founded in border regions and some central regions of Myanmar with less development. Six schools were opened in Shan State and those schools are providing vocational knowledge to national women from Wa Region.

Three schools were set up in Muse, Lashio and Laukkai in Shan State (North), and the other three were in Kengtung, Monghsat and Tachilek in Shan State (East). The course at those schools covers basic domestic course, advanced tailoring course, mechanized knitting course, weaving course, mosaic handicraft course, rattan- and bamboo-ware course, gold embroidery and cooking course.

A total of 38500 trainees have so far studied at those schools since the establishment of the schools in 1992 and 5395 trainees are earning their livelihoods with the knowledge they learnt from those schools. Six Women's Domestic Science Vocational Training Schools are opened in regions linking with Wa Region, and 8967 trainees pursued vocation education at those schools and 2083 are earning their livelihoods using their vocational knowledge.

So, those works are the clear evidences of State's efforts for development of Wa Self-Administered Division.

In conclusion, the minister said that Central Committee for Progress of Border Areas and National Races, with working committees at different levels, is striving for development of border areas.

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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw puts messages...*(from page 8)*

Sr.	Country	Sender	President/Vice-President	Date
5.	Republic of Singapore	H.E. S.R. Natham President	U Thein Sein President	7-2-2011
		H.E. Mr. Lee Hsien Loong Prime Minister	U Thein Sein President	7-2-2011
		H.E. Mr. Wong Kan Seng Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security	Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo Vice-President	7-2-2011
		H.E. Mr. Wong Kan Seng Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security	Dr Sai Mauk Kham Vice-President	7-2-2011
		H.E. Mr. George Yeo Minister for Foreign Affairs	U Thein Sein President	7-2-2011
6.	Japan	H.E. Mr. Naoto Kan Prime Minister	U Thein Sein President	7-2-2011
		H.E. Samdech Akka Maha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen Prime Minister	U Thein Sein President	9-2-2011
		H.E. Mrs. Pratibha Devisingh Patil President	U Thein Sein President	7-2-2011
		H.E. Mr. M. Hamid Ansari Vice-President	Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo Vice-President	7-2-2011
8.	Republic of India	H.E. Mr. M. Hamid Ansari Vice-President	Dr Sai Mauk Kham Vice-President	7-2-2011
		H.E. Mr. M. Hamid Ansari Vice-President	Dr Sai Mauk Kham Vice-President	7-2-2011
9.	Brunei Darussalam	His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah of Brunei	U Thein Sein President	8-2-2011
10.	ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly-AIPA	H.E. Mr. Antonio V.Cucnco Secretary-General	U Thein Sein President	9-2-2011
11.	United Nations	Mr. Ban Ki-moon UN Secretary-General	U Thein Sein President	8-2-2011
		Dr. Noeleen Heyzer UN Assistant Secretary- General and Executive Secretary of Asian Pacific Economic and Social Commission	U Thein Sein President	8-2-2011
12.	Nepal	HEDr Ram Baran Yadav President	U Thein Sein President	11-2-2011
		H.E Mr. Parmanand Jha Vice-President	Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo Vice-President	11-2-2011
		H.E Mr. Parmanand Jha Vice-President	Dr Sai Mauk Kham Vice-President	11-2-2011
13.	Lao People's Democratic Republic	H.E. Mr. Choummaly Sayasone President	U Thein Sein President	5-2-2011

Sr.	Country	Sender	President/Vice-President	Date
13.	Lao People's Democratic Republic	H.E. Mr. Thongsing Thammavong Prime Minister	U Thein Sein President	5-2-2011
		H.E. Mr. Bounnhang Vorachith Vice-President	Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo Vice-President	5-2-2011
		H.E. Mr. Bounnhang Vorachith Vice-President	Dr Sai Mauk Kham Vice-President	5-2-2011
14.	Republic of Cuba	H.E. Mr. Raul Castro Ruz President of the Councils of State and of Ministers	U Thein Sein President	9-2-2011
15.	Thailand	H.E. Mr. Kasit Piromya Minister of Foreign Affairs	U Thein Sein President	10-2-2011
		H.E. Mr. Abhisit Vejjajiva Prime Minister	U Thein Sein President	21-2-2011
		His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej of the Kingdom of Thailand	U Thein Sein President	28-2-2011
		H.E. Mr. Suthep Thaugsuban Deputy Prime Minister	Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo Vice-President	28-2-2011
		H.E. Mr. Suthep Thaugsuban Deputy Prime Minister	Dr Sai Mauk Kham Vice-President	28-2-2011
16.	Malaysia	H.E. Dato' Sri Mohd. Najib Tun Razak Prime Minister	U Thein Sein President	10-2-2011
17.	Republic of Korea	H.E. Mr. Lee Myung- bak President	U Thein Sein President	9-2-2011
18.	Palestine	H.E. Mr. Mohmoud Abbas Chairman of the Executive Committee of the PLO, Chair- man of the Palestine National Authority	U Thein Sein President	9-2-2011
19.	Indonesia	H.E. Dr. H. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, President	U Thein Sein President	28-2-2011
		H.E. Prof. Dr. Boediono, M. Ec, Vice-President	Dr Sai Mauk Kham Vice-President	28-2-2011
20.	Belarus	H.E. Mr. A.G. Lukashenko President of the Republic of Belarus	U Thein Sein President	7-2-2011
21.	Sri Lanka	H.E. Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa President	U Thein Sein President	7-2-2011
22.	Saudi Arabia	HRH Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Bin Abdulaziz Alsaud Chairman of the King- dom Holding Company of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	U Thein Sein President	22-2-2011
23.	Iran	HEMr. Mahmoud Ahmadinejad President of the Islamic Republic of Iran	U Thein Sein President	9-3-2011
		H.E Mr. Mohammad Reza Rahimi First Vice-President of the Islamic Republic of Iran	Dr Sai Mauk Kham Vice-President	3-3-2011

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw announced the messages of felicitations were recorded as the Hluttaw approved the recording.—MNA

USDP's felicitations to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw recorded

NAY PYI TAW, 29 March — At today's Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session, the Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw read out a message of felicitations to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw sent by the Union Solidarity and Development Party.

In the message of felicitations, "the Union Solidarity and Development Party felicitates

that as discipline-flourishing multiparty democracy system has been adopted in a stable and peaceful way with successful holding of the sessions of first Pyidaungsu Hluttaw under the leadership of the Speaker in accord with the law and rules of the Hluttaw; smooth and successful formation of Union level organiza-

tions; successful carrying out of functions of the Hluttaw; formation of standing committees at Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw and successful formation of organizations and committees on three powers at respective Region or State Hluttaws according to the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar".

In seeking the approval of the Hluttaw to record the felicitations, the Hluttaw approved and the felicitations were recorded. —MNA

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw records proposal on "expressing gratitude to SPDC for its efforts and beliefs in efforts of the President and members of the Union Government to build a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation"

NAY PYI TAW, 29 March — U Htay Oo of Hinthada Constituency tabled a proposal on "expressing gratitude to the State Peace and Development Council for its efforts and beliefs in efforts of the President and members of the Union Government to build a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation" at today's session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

He said the tasks for building a nation is to be continuously carried out in the past, at present and in the future. Without abandoning the evil and good legacy from the past in the country, the tasks are to be carried out earnestly today to achieve good results in the future.

Under the guidance of the State Peace and Development Council, the Tatmadaw government has fulfilled the requirements such as community peace and tranquility, development of economy of the State and the people and human resources development since it took the responsibility for the

country. Besides, the Tatmadaw government laid down the seven-step road map and successfully implemented it step by step in an effort to build a new democratic nation, he said.

He continued to say that the State Peace and Development Council also completed the National Convention participated by the delegates from all walks of life to draft the State Constitution though it experienced hindrances to the convention.

Moreover, the State Peace and Development Council gave guidance and made arrangements for successfully holding the referendum to approve the State Constitution which was drafted based on basic principles and detailed basic principles, he added.

The State Peace and Development Council also completed the multi-party general election which is one of the important steps of the road map.

Besides, the hluttaw sessions were successfully held with the participation of the representatives elected by the

people, he said.

During the sessions of the hluttaws, the president, two vice-presidents were elected. Meanwhile, the legislation, administration and judiciary powers which are three branches of the State's sovereignty were implemented in accordance with the State constitution.

Thanks to such efforts, good foundations for peace and tranquility and development were achieved which had been absent since the independence. The new government which is elected by the people is taking in shape to continue to carry out the development tasks based on the good foundations, he added.

Special thanks are to the State Peace and Development Council for the guidance and directives for taking shape the new system and new era and to the Tatmadaw government for implementing the tasks for new system and new era, he said. He believed that a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation can be built with efforts of the President and members of the Union government, he said. He also made pledges that all representatives will participate in building a new nation, and asked Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to record his motion.

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approved to record his proposal after seeking approval at the regular session of the Hluttaw. MNA

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Bill Joint Committee formed with 15 members

NAY PYI TAW, 29 March — Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Bill Joint Committee was formed with equal numbers of representatives from Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw to scrutinize bills before discussed in Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in accord with Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Rule 96 today.

The Speaker submitted the Hluttaw that the joint committee will be formed with seven members from Pyithu Hluttaw Bill Committee and seven members from Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee and Deputy Speaker U Mya Nyein will be designated as Chairman in accord with Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Rule 96 (b) and member U Ti Kun Myat as Secretary.

As the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approved the formation of joint committee, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Bill Joint Committee was formed with members as follows:-

(1) U Mya Nyein Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker (Chairman)

(2) U Ti Kun Myat Kutkai Constituency (Secretary)
 (3) Daw Nan Wah Nu Kunhing Constituency
 (4) U Thaug Mawlaik Constituency
 (5) Daw Dwe Bu M'Jangyang Constituency
 (6) U Saw Hla Tun ChaungU Constituency
 (7) U Steven Kengtung Constituency

(8) U Thein Tun Oo Amarapura Constituency
 (9) Daw Nan Ni Ni Aye Kayin State Constituency-6
 (10) U Sun Dot Kyint Chin State Constituency-6
 (11) U Than Myint Taninthayi Region Constituency-10
 (12) U Zaw Myint Pe Mandalay Region Constituency-5
 (13) Dr Myat Nyana Soe Yangon Region Constituency-4
 (14) U Tin Yu Yangon Region Constituency-11
 (15) U Kyaw Tun Aung Rakhine State Constituency-5 MNA

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Public Accounts Joint Committee formed with 15 members

NAY PYI TAW, 29 March — Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Public Accounts Joint Committee was formed with equal numbers of representatives from Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw to carry out accounting works assigned by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in accord with Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Rule 101 today.

The Speaker submitted the Hluttaw that the joint committee will be formed with seven members from Pyithu Hluttaw Public Accounts Committee and seven members from Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee and Deputy Speaker U Mya Nyein will be designated as Chairman in accord with Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Rule 96 (b) and member U Aung Tun as Secretary.

As the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approved the formation of joint committee, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Public Accounts Joint Committee was formed with members as follows:-

(1) U Mya Nyein Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker (Chairman)
 (2) U Aung Tun Magway Region Constituency-11 (Secretary)
 (3) U Thurein Zaw Kawkareik Constituency
 (4) U Maung Toe Minhla Constituency
 (5) U Sai Thiha Kyaw Minhla Constituency

(6) U Mahn Maung Maung Nyan Pantanaw Constituency
 (7) U Kyi Tha Gwa Constituency
 (8) Daw Mi Yin Chan Kyaikmaraw Constituency
 (9) U Moe Zaw Hein Katha Constituency
 (10) U Khin Maung Aye Sagaing Region Constituency-7
 (11) U Baran Shaung Kachin State Constituency-3
 (12) U Hsar Ye Kayah State Constituency-6
 (13) Daw Yi Yi Myint Mon State Constituency-1
 (14) U Thein Win Sagaing Region Constituency-9
 (15) U Shu Maung Shan State Constituency-8 MNA



SPDC Secretary-1 Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo cordially greets Chairman of China Railway International Ltd Mr. Zhao De Yi. (News on page 16)—MNA

Ministry of Defence holds 66th Anniversary Armed Forces Day parade

NAY PYI TAW, 29 March— The 66th Anniversary Armed Forces Day parade of the Ministry of Defence was held on 27 March morning at its parade ground with a speech of Camp Commandant Col Lu Aye of Camp Commandant's Office of the Ministry of Defence.

It was attended by senior military officers and other ranks of the ministry.

Camp Commandant Col Lu Aye took a salute of the companies and they saluted the State Flag and took the Four Oaths.

Then, the Camp Commandant Col Lu Aye delivered a speech.—MNA



Camp Commandant Col Lu Aye delivers an address at 66th Anniversary Armed Forces Day parade of the Ministry of Defence.

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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Representatives Vetting Committee formed with 17 members

NAY PYI TAW, 29 March — Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Representatives Vetting Committee was established under Article 14 (c) of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law today.

The name list of chairperson, secretary and 15 members was submitted to the Hluttaw.

As the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approved the formation of committee, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Representatives Vetting Committee was formed with members as follow:-

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| (1) U Maung Oo | Tatkon Constituency (Chairman) |
| (2) U San Pyae | Kachin State Constituency-7 (Secretary) |

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| (3) U Than Nwe | Budalin Constituency |
| (4) Dr Soe Thura | Kyonepyaw Constituency |
| (5) U Kyin Thein | Bago Constituency |
| (6) U Ko Ko Tun | Aunglan Constituency |
| (7) U Tun Myint Oo | Mongpan Constituency |
| (8) U Aung Kyaw Zan | Pauktaw Constituency |

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| (9) U Maung Hla (a) | Pulaw Constituency |
| U Hla Myint | Insein Constituency |
| (10) U Aye Myint | Kayah State Constituency-1 |
| (11) U P Maung Soe | Kayin State Constituency-7 |
| (12) U Saw Tawpale | Chin State Constituency-3 |
| (13) U Paul Htan Htai | Magway Region Constituency-11 |
| (14) U Aung Tun | Mon State Constituency-2 |
| (15) Dr Soe Win | Rakhine State Constituency-5 |
| (16) U Kyaw Tun Aung | Shan State Constituency-2 |
| (17) U Sai Kyaw Zaw Than | |

MNA

KNU mine blast leaves innocent civilians dead, injured

NAY PYI TAW, 29 March—Three men were killed and the other three men were injured in the blast of the landmine planted by KNU in Papun Township, Kayin State, at about 9 am yesterday.

When the explosion occurred, the six men: U Tun Nyein of Matlaykyauk Village, Maung Saw Ma Lay Saw of Winmaung Village, Ko Ye of Dagundaing Village, Ko Aung Lwin of Kinmonchaung Village, Ko

Aung Than of Matlaykyauk Village and Maung Saw Ko Soe of Migyaungwin Village were in search of plots to pan for gold.

U Tun Nyein, Maung Saw Ma Lay Saw and Ko Ye died on the spot, and Ko Aung Lwin, Ko Aung Than and Maung Saw Ko Soe were injured.

Officials concerned are providing assistance for the injured who are now in Bilin Township Hospital.

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Two injured in KNU heavy weapon fire

NAY PYI TAW, 29 March—KNU insurgents opened heavy weapon fire indiscriminately into Kawkareik Township, Kayin State, at about 12.20 pm today.

The deliberate attack left two innocent civilians injured. The victims are now receiving treatment in Kawkareik General Hospital. Officials concerned are providing assistance to them.

A Tatmadaw column is in pursuit of the insurgents. KNU insurgents are resorting to varieties of terrorist attacks to kill innocent people and create public panic.—MNA

Sailun brand car tyres available at Life Styles, Motor & Industrial Show-2011

NAY PYI TAW, 29 March—Life Styles, Motor & Industrial Show-2011, organized by, is being held at Mandalay City Hall from 28 to 31 March. San Ngwe Yaung Co., Ltd exhibits Sailun and Torch brand tyres and CZM brand car machine parts at the show.

For more information, contact No. 94, Bayintnaung Market road, Mayagon Township (Ph-686292 and 686293) in Yangon and Mandalay Office, No.H2, Industrial Zone-1, Phoyazar road, Mandalay (Ph-02-53455 and 54403) and shop No.(Zya-21-90), corner of Yawmingyi Street and 65th Street, Industrial Zone-1(Ph-02-52117) in Mandalay.—MNA

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV ATLANT TRINA VOY NO (582)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV ATLANT TRINA VOY NO (582) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 30.3.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W(4) where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S MARTINE LIPPENS**

Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV BUNGA MAS 12 VOY NO (141)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV BUNGA MAS 12 VOY NO (141) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 30.3.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S MALAYSIA INTERNATIONAL
SHIPPING CORPORATION BERHAD (MISC)**

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV DAN JIANG VOY NO (007)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV DAN JIANG VOY NO (007) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 30.3.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S INTERASIA
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Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV GATI PRESTIGE VOYNO (31311)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV GATI PRESTIGE VOY NO (31311) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 30.3.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S GATI COAST TO COAST**

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797



Carrier HMS Ark Royal put up for auction on MoD website

LONDON, 29 March — The aircraft carrier HMS Ark Royal is up for sale on the Ministry of Defence's auction website. The Royal Navy's former flagship was decommissioned two weeks ago after 25 years in service as part of the government's defence budget review.

Proposals for it include turning it into a commer-

cial heliport, a base for security personnel during the London Olympics, or a school and nightclub. But it could also be sold for scrap like its sister ship HMS Invincible. Ark Royal's operations have included leading the UK's naval forces during the invasion of Iraq. The current ship is the fifth vessel to carry the name - the first saw battle in 1588

Yangon Golf Club

The Yangon Golf Club will be celebrating its 102nd year Annual At Home ceremony on the 3rd of April 2011. Competitions will start at 12:00 noon followed by the Captain's drive in at 16:30 hr and will carry on with the Prize Giving ceremony which includes food and entertainment.

All members cordially with their families are invited to join us on this special occasion.

Committee
Yangon Golf Club

Bank Holiday

All Banks will be closed on 1st April (Friday) 2011, being Bank holiday Under the Negotiable Instruments Act.
Central Bank of Myanmar

Many people, especially in Portsmouth, are sad to see Ark Royal decommissioned.

INTERNET

Colombian Navy seizes 400 kilos of cocaine

BOGOTA, 29 March— The Colombian Navy seized 400 kilos of cocaine in Buenaventura port, which was believed to be on its way to Central America, official sources told Xinhua on Sunday.

Commander of the Pacific Navy Force Admiral Hernando Willis said the drug was found aboard a boat when it was departing from the Buenaventura port.

"It was a wooden boat covered with glass fiber. We also detained five people. The cocaine was hidden in a double bottom and it took our men several hours to find the drug," Willis said.

MNA/Xinhua



A worker extract caviar from the sturgeon body at a fish farm, outside the Russian town of Kaluga, some 180 kilometres from Moscow on 15 March. The fish farm has the ambitious goal of producing 16 tons of the sturgeon eggs per year by 2014. Once the world's top exporter of black caviar, Russia is building fish farms to harvest the gourmet delicacy as it aims to bring its sturgeon stocks back from the brink.— XINHUA



The Child Abuse Investigation Command is liaising with Canadian police.— INTERNET

Canadian girl quizzed about dead baby in London hotel

LONDON, 29 March — A Canadian schoolgirl has been questioned by police after a dead baby was found in a London hotel room. The results of a post-mortem examination on the baby boy on 25 March were "inconclusive", said a Metropolitan Police spokesman.

The baby was found in the hotel room in Hounslow, west London, on 19 March after a group of Canadians who were in England on a school trip went home. British and Canadian police are investigating.

A spokeswoman for Barrie police in Ontario, Canada, said that a 15-year-old girl from the city had been identified as the baby's mother. The spokeswoman explained that the police's priority was to make sure the girl was healthy.

Internet

Brass band tribute to chip shop

ISLE OF WIGHT, 29 March — A fish and chip shop has become possibly the first in the world to have inspired a brass band march to be written about it. Composer Andy Norman was so moved by the generosity of the Corries Cabin takeaway in Cowes, Isle of Wight, that he decided to pen the piece of music for the shop.

The conductor of the Cowes Concert Brass Band wrote the music after the shop's proprietor Richard Quigley donated to the group £250 collected during a fundraising event. Mr Norman, 48, said: "I have written several pieces of music for the



A brass band march has been written about Corries Cabin takeaway in Cowes, Isle of Wight.— INTERNET

band over the years and when I heard we were getting help from Corries Cabin, I thought it would be nice to write a piece in honour of the shop which is extremely popular with locals and visitors.

Internet

400 pound wrestler completes marathon

A 400-pound former national champion sumo wrestler who completed the Los Angeles Marathon in torrential rain may have set a Guinness record, race officials say. Kelly Gneiting, 40, jogged and walked his way through driving rain to finish Sunday's 26.2-mile marathon in 9 hours, 48 minutes, 52 seconds, *the Los Angeles Times* reported.

"I did it, but it was hell," Gneiting said shortly after crossing the finish line in Santa Monica. "Pure hell." Gneiting — who weighs 400 pounds and has a 60-inch waist — said he thought more than once during the race his blistered, rain-soaked feet would prevent him from finishing the course.

"My feet were on fire," he said. "Twice, blisters popped and just about brought me to my knees — but I kept going."

Aside from completing the marathon, Gneiting succeeded in accomplishing a personal best, improving his time from 11 hours, 48 minutes, 16 seconds from the 2008 Los Angeles Marathon, the Times said.

Gneiting may also have set a Guinness world record for the heaviest person to complete a marathon. That decision will be made after Guinness representatives review his results.

News Album



Chocolate easter bunnies are pictured at the Hauswirth confectionery factory in Kütsee, some 60 km (37 miles) east of Vienna, on 24 March, 2011.

Handcuffed woman drove away in police car

Police in Florida said a handcuffed woman in the back of a police car crawled into the front seat and drove away in the cruiser.

A Riviera Beach Police Department spokeswoman said officers responding to a Monday morning report about a possible sexual assault placed the subject of the call, Crystal Ivory, in handcuffs and put her in the back of a police cruiser while they investigated the incident, *The Palm Beach Post* reported Monday.

The spokeswoman said Ivory "may have been experiencing some type of mental illness event due to the nature of actions witnessed by the officers." She said Ivory was able to move her arms to get the handcuffs to the front of her body and crawled through a divider window to get to the front seat of the cruiser.

Extinction threat for 45 Australian species



In this undated photo provided by the Northern Territory Government, a Spotted Tree Goana is shown.

Up to 45 rare species of wallaby, bandicoot and other Australian animals could become extinct within 20 years unless urgent action is taken to control introduced predators and other threats, scientists warned Wednesday.

Dozens of mammals, birds, lizards and other vertebrates in the remote northwestern Kimberley Region are at risk from

hunting by feral cats and from destruction of their native habitat by wild donkeys, goats and fires, a study of the conservation needs of the area shows.

"We're in the midst of a massive extinction event in Australia and the north has really been the last stronghold for many species of birds and mammals and reptiles," said Tara Martin, a co-author of the report by the

government-funded Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization.

Nearly 30 percent of the endangered species identified in the study are unique to the Kimberley region, while others, like the golden bandicoot and golden-backed tree rat, have found the area to be their last refuge after being pushed into extinction elsewhere in the country.

"The Kimberley is really their last chance on Earth," Martin told *The Associated Press*.

The report says immediate funding of \$96 million (95 million Australian dollars) is needed to start a range of conservation programs, and that annual funding to protect the region's native animals should be doubled to \$40 million (AU\$40 million).

It says the most effective ways of

combating the threat of extinction are to reduce the number of wild donkeys and goats that are competing with native species for scarce food and water, and to do more to combat wildfires that scorch the landscape. It says attacks by feral cats should also be reduced by educating the community about the threat pets pose to small native animals, building fences, and by ending the poisoning of dingoes in the region.



Models present creations for the 7th Hosa Cup Swimwear Design Contest during the China Fashion Week in Beijing, capital of China, on 28 March, 2011.
XINHUA

Paris Hilton discusses jail time with Lil Wayne in magazine interview

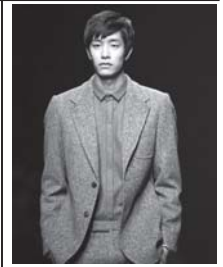
NEW YORK, 29 March—Socialite Paris Hilton and rapper Lil Wayne found a common topic to talk about during their interview with Interview Magazine - their time behind bars. Hilton, 30, took a break from filming her upcoming reality show in LA to interview Wayne, 28, in Miami, via phone, and



Paris Hilton

their conversation started off with how they spent their time in jail.

"For me it was okay because it just meant that I was alone with my thoughts," *the New York Daily News* quoted Wayne as saying of his one-month stint in solitary confinement, after being caught with an iPod at Rikers Island last year.—Internet



A model displays costumes designed by Korean designer Kim Seoryong during the first day of Seoul Fashion Week 2011 F/W in Seoul, South Korea, on 28 March, 2011.—XINHUA

Warner Bros to rent 5 more movies on Facebook

NEW YORK, 29 March—US film studio Warner Brothers said it would offer five additional movies for rent on social networking website

Facebook, a further sign of intensifying competition in renting out movies on the Internet. Warner Bros, a unit of Time Warner Inc, said the films on offer would be "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets," "Inception," "Life as We Know It" and "Yogi B." Earlier this month, Warner Bros said it would make some of its movies available on Facebook, where consumers can pay the rent using Facebook Credits, a virtual currency so far used mainly in social games on the site.

Reuters



A model presents a creation at a fashion show highlighting costumes of ethnic group minorities in Taitung, southeast China's Taipei, on 26 March, 2011.—XINHUA

Colin Firth to return to the stage with Betrayal



Colin Firth

LONDON, 28 March—Oscar winning actor Colin Firth is planning to team up again with actor Kristin Scott Thomas for Harold Pinter's "Betrayal".

This is Firth's first

stage performance in over a decade.

"Colin has wanted to go on stage for a long while. He'll do 'Betrayal' after he completes filming 'Gambit' with Cameron Diaz and Alan Rickman," the *dailystar.co.uk* quoted a source as saying.

Firth received the best actor Oscar for his role as stuttering monarch King George VI in "The King's Speech".—Internet



Recording artist Jacynthe poses on the red carpet during the 40th Juno Awards in Toronto on 27 March, 2011.

XINHUA

Jeffrey Archer to sell artworks valued at \$8M

LONDON, 29 March—Novelist and former politician Jeffrey Archer is selling 5 million pounds (\$8 million) worth of works from his extensive art collection.

The 150 pieces include a view of the River Seine by Claude Monet and an Andy Warhol portrait of Marilyn Monroe.

Internet

New Roma owner wants 'club for 21st century'



ROME, 29 March—American millionaire Thomas DiBenedetto, the future owner of Serie A side Roma, said on Monday that his aim was to create a team for the 21st century. Boston-based private equity tycoon DiBenedetto is the head of a group of American investors who will sign a multi-million-euro deal to buy the club on Wednesday. "The aim is to make Roma one of the top teams in the world," DiBenedetto told

the *Gazzetta dello Sport* daily.

"Getting a competitive team together is in our interest. Winning will be the only way to obtain a return on our investment." The first priority, he said, was "to balance the books, to bring the club back into financial fair play, given that we're presently outside". He then wants to move the team from the Stadio Olimpico, which was built for the 1960 Olympic Games. "We need a new and different stadium: an English-style stadium that motivates the players," DiBenedetto explained.— *Internet*

Gallas extends Spurs contract by two years

LONDON, 29 March—Tottenham's France international defender William Gallas has extended his contract with the English Premiership club. The 33-year-old joined Spurs on a one-year deal last summer after failing to agree a new contract with Arsenal, and has gone on to make 28 appearances for Harry Redknapp's side this season.

The former Chelsea player has also led the north London side on occasions



Tottenham's France international defender William Gallas

in the Premier League and Champions League. "The club is delighted to announce that William Gallas has signed a two-year contract extension which runs until 2013," Tottenham said in a statement.

"The experienced France defender has impressed at the heart of our defence since joining the club in the summer following the expiration of his contract at Arsenal at the end of the 2009/10 campaign." Gallas, who is currently out injured, has been a key figure in Tottenham's progression into the Champions League quarter-finals and made a vital goal-line clearance during the decisive draw with AC Milan in the last 16.— *Internet*

Blatter urges Brazil to speed up World Cup stadia

GENEVA, 29 March—FIFA president Sepp Blatter on Monday urged Brazil to speed up its 2014 World Cup preparations, warning that Rio and Sao Paulo might not be ready to host Confederations Cup matches a year beforehand. "If you make a comparison between the state of play in South Africa and Brazil three years before the World Cup, Brazil is behind Africa. It shouldn't be said but it's a fact," the head of world football's governing body



FIFA president Sepp Blatter

told journalists. "If they carry on working like that when we have the Confederations Cup... a year before the World Cup as a rehearsal, there won't be matches in Rio and no matches in Sao Paulo," he added. *Internet*

SPORTS

Blackburn confirm van Nistelrooy interest

LONDON, 29 March—Blackburn Rovers coach Steve Kean revealed on Monday that the English Premier League club are interested in signing former Manchester United and Real Madrid striker Ruud van Nistelrooy. Rovers' Indian owners, Venky's, have been looking to make a marquee signing since purchasing the club last year but missed out on both Ronaldinho and David Beckham during the January transfer window.

Van Nistelrooy, 34, has said that he will not sign a new contract at German side Hamburg when his current deal expires in the summer and Kean told the ESPN Soccer website



Former Manchester United and Real Madrid striker Ruud van Nistelrooy

that Blackburn were poised to pounce. "Yes, I can confirm we are interested," said Kean, who replaced the sacked Sam Allardyce in January. Van Nistelrooy scored 150 goals during a five-year stint at United and was refused permission to return to Real when the Spanish giants made a bid to bring the Dutchman back to the club in January.— *Internet*

Prandelli shakes up Italy for Ukraine friendly

ROME, 29 March—Italy coach Cesare Prandelli has made a sweeping seven changes to his team to play a friendly against Ukraine in Kiev on Tuesday. Only defenders Christian Maggio and Giorgio Chiellini and midfielders Roberto Aquilani and Riccardo Montolivo have been retained from the side that convincingly beat Slovenia 1-0 in Friday's Euro 2012 qualifier. Aquilani and Maggio

were solid in Ljubljana while 39-times capped Chiellini and Montolivo are stalwarts of the team.

AC Milan striker Antonio Cassano, who appeared tired Friday, will start on the bench, although Prandelli insisted: "I'm happy with his match in Slovenia and I still count on him." Prandelli has opted for a tri-pronged attack of Alberto Gilardino and Giuseppe Rossi supported by Aquilani.— *Internet*

Man City probe Balotelli dart incident

LONDON, 29 March—Manchester City are investigating reports that troublesome Italian striker Mario Balotelli threw a dart at youth-team players, according to a report by British daily *The Independent* on Monday.



Italian striker Mario Balotelli

Balotelli is alleged to have thrown "at least one dart" at members of City's youth squad at the club's Carrington training centre, but his intended targets are reported to have escaped unhurt.

"City are yet to establish a full understanding of why Balotelli threw the dart and will give him the chance to offer an explanation before deciding what action to take," wrote *The Independent*. *Internet*

French coach to make adjustments for Croatia friendly

PARIS, 29 March—France are bidding for a seventh consecutive victory in Tuesday's

friendly with Croatia in Paris, and yet uncertainties continue to dog Laurent Blanc's side.

Les Bleus went four points clear in their Euro 2012 qualifying group following Friday's 2-0 win in Luxembourg but the laborious nature of the victory raised fresh doubts about the team's attacking configuration.

Franck Ribery, making his first appearance since last year's World Cup in South Africa, was largely ineffective until being switched from the right flank to the left late in the game.— *Internet*

Federer holds off Monaco at Miami tennis event

MIAMI, 29 March—Roger Federer fought through a tough first set and turned it on in the second to beat Juan Monaco 7-6 (7-4), 6-4 as the Swiss clocked his 20th win of the season to



Roger Federer of Switzerland

advance at the Miami ATP Masters 1000.

The third seed, who won the event at Crandon Park twice, improved his record on the season to 20-3 in a campaign dominated so far by the 20-match win streak of second-seeded Serb rival Novak Djokovic.

Top seed Rafael Nadal followed suit as he beat fellow Spaniard for the seventh time in nine meetings, taking a 6-3, 6-3 decision. Federer's clean and clinical third-round victory Monday in one and three-quarters hours over the Argentine, improved his overall Miami mark to 38-10.— *Internet*

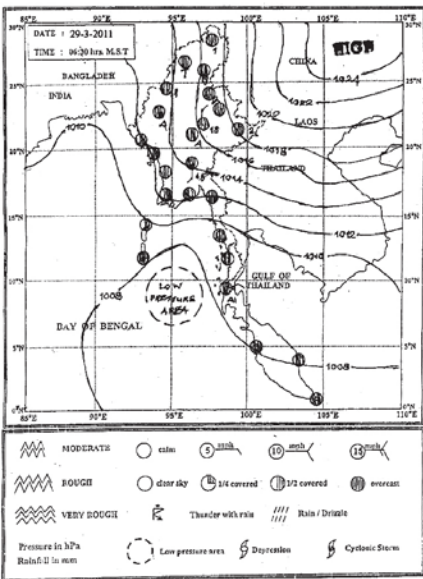
Bale injury means race for Real Madrid clash

LONDON, 29 March—Wales winger Gareth Bale is a doubt for Tottenham's Champions League quarter-final against Real Madrid after sustaining a grade one hamstring strain while on international duty. Bale, 21, withdrew from Gary Speed's squad to face England last Saturday after pulling up in training and he was sent for a scan on the injury on Monday. Results revealed the winger had suffered a grade one strain - the recovery time for which usually stands from between seven and 10 days. Spurs will continue to monitor Bale's condition ahead of this weekend's match against Wigan, but his participation in the first leg of the Champions League quarter with Real next Tuesday could be in doubt if he does not respond well to the conditioning of the injury.— *Internet*



Wales winger Gareth Bale

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Tuesday, 29th 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 Sagaing Region, Kachin, Shan, Kayah and Kayin States, fairly widespread in Mandalay and Taninthayi Regions, Chin State, scattered in Magway and Bago Regions, Mon State, isolated in Ayeyawady Region and Rakhine State and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavy falls in Lower Sagaing and Mandalay Region. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below March average temperatures in Upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions, Chin State and (5°C) to (6°C) below March average temperature in Bago and Yangon Regions, (7°C) to (9°C) below March average temperature in Taninthayi Region, Shan, Kayah, Kayin and Mon States, (3°C) above March average temperature in Kachin State and about March average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperatures were Chauk (39°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Yezin) (1.97) inches, Nay Pyi Taw (Lewe) (0.82) inch, Nay Pyi Taw (Aviation) and Nay Pyi Taw (Pynmana) (0.59) inch each, Kawthoung (2.21) inches, Shwebo (1.77) inches, Mogok (1.18) inches, PynOoLwin (1.15) inches and Naungcho (0.83) inch.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 28-3-2011 was 97°F. Minimum temperature on 29-3-2011 was 69°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 29-3-2011 was (83%). Rainfall on 29-3-2011 was (1.97) inches.

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 28-3-2011 was 89°F. Minimum temperature on 29-3-2011 was 69°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 29-3-2011 was (56%). Total sunshine hours

on 28-3-2011 was (8.7) hours (Approx).

Rainfall on 29-3-2011 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 (12) mph from Southeast at (10:30) hours MST on 28-3-2011.

Bay Inference: According to the observations at (09:30) hrs MST today, the Low Pressure Area over South Andaman Sea still persist. Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea and partly cloudy in the South Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 30th March 2011: Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Regions, Kachin, Shan and Mon States, scattered in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Bago Regions, Kayah and Kayin States and isolated in the remaining Regions and States with Likelihood of isolated heavy fall in Taninthayi Region. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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 (35-40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of decrease of day temperatures in the Upper Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 30-3-2011: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 30-3-2011: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 30-3-2011: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Boy mauled by bear while skiing

HARJEDALEN, 29 March — A Swedish boy mauled by a bear at a ski resort was recovering from his injuries and should be released from a hospital within a few days, doctors said.

Olle Frisk, 12, was bitten on both legs and clawed on his back after he fell into the bear's lair while skiing with four friends in Harjedalen in northern Sweden Friday, the Swedish news agency TT reported Monday. "I accepted death, that was the feeling, let it come," the boy said.

After the attack, the bear fled into the woods, leaving her cubs behind. Authorities said the cubs would die of starvation if the mother fails to return.

Officials at a nearby animal park said they would like to care for the cubs and were to meet with authorities to discuss the fate of the animals.

Internet



Performers in Tibetan costume gather to dance to celebrate Serfs Emancipation Day in Xigaze, southwest China's Tibet Autonomous Region, on 28 March, 2011. The Serfs Emancipation Day commemorates the 1959 democratic reform in Tibet, which ended feudal serfdom and freed about one million Tibetan serfs.

XINHUA

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (30-3-2011) (Wednesday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	(09:00am-11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission	(30-3-11 09:30 am - 31-3-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Pristine Paradise in Inle
- * News
- * Youth & Music
- * News
- * Myanma Traditional String Puppetry
- * News
- * Traditional Customs of Gon Shan and Li Shan

Oversea Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Pristine Paradise in Inle
- * News
- * Youth & Music
- * News
- * Get Well-tailored Clothes Here
- * News
- * Kyeik Htee Yoe: Myanmar's Miraculous Marvel
- * News
- * The Alchemist is Dancing
- * News
- * "Me N My Travel (Pyn Oo Lwin)" (Episode-1)
- * News
- * "Product of Myanmar (Power Ring)"
- * News
- * Traditional Customs of Gon Shan and Li Shan
- * Myanmar Movie "The Director"



Wednesday, 30 March View on today

- 7:00 am**
 1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw
- 7:25 am**
 2. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am**
 3. Morning News
- 7:40 am**
 4. Dhamma Puja Song

- 7:50 am**
 5. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:00 am**
 6. Health Programme
- 8:10 am**
 7. Cultural Dances
- 8:20 am**
 8. Teleplay (Health)
- 8:30 am**
 9. Musical Programme
- 8:40 am**
 10. International News
- 8:45 am**
 11. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 4:00 pm**
 1. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm**
 2. Song Of National Races
- 4:20 pm**
 3. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

- 4:25 pm**
 4. Musical Programme
- 4:30 pm**
 5. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Second Year (Mathematics)
- 4:45 pm**
 6. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 4:05 pm**
 7. Classical Songs
- 5:00 pm**
 8. International Science News
- 5:15 pm**
 9. "ASEAN" Programme
- 5:30 pm**
 10. Melody Tunes (Sogy Pyawshwin Tay Thansin)

- 6:00 pm**
 11. Evening News
- 6:15 pm**
 12. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm**
 13. Traditional Boxing
- 6:45 pm**
 14. Shwe Yin Chone Than
- 7:15 pm**
 15. Ratha Pawlwin Thayotesaung Lwin Pyn (Character Contest)
- 7:45 pm**
 16. Alinka Wut Yi Music Tropue
- 8:00 pm**
 17. News
- 8:00 pm**
 18. International News
- 8:00 pm**
 19. Weather Report
- 8:00 pm**
 20. Korea NG Award
- 8:00 pm**
 21. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm**
 22. Myanmar Drama

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

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

People's Desire

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

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

Secretary-1 receives Chairman of China Railway International Ltd Mr. Zhao De Yi and party



Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo receives Chairman of China Railway International Ltd Mr. Zhao De Yi and party.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 29 March — Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo received a Chinese delegation led by Chairman of China Railway International Ltd Mr. Zhao De Yi and party at the SPDC Office here this afternoon.

Present also at the call together with Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo were Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Commerce U Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Rail Transportation U

Aung Min, Director-General of State Peace and Development Council Office U Kyaw Kyaw Win and officials.

They held comprehensive discussions on bilateral cooperation in the rail transportation sector.

MNA