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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

**Members of Union and Region/State governments will not enjoy salaries in full in consideration of objective and financial conditions of the nation and in public interests**

**President U Thein Sein speaks to members of Union Government, heads of Union level organizations**

NAY PYI TAW, 31 March—President U Thein Sein delivered a speech at a ceremony to take heed of presidential address and make affirmation today.

The following is the translation of speech delivered by President U Thein Sein.

I extend my warmest greetings to members of the Union Government and heads of Union level organizations here and wish you good health and happiness, being able to serve the better interests of the nation and the people.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session, which commenced on 31 January 2011, concluded yesterday. The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw has chosen the organizations and persons who will take charge of Union level executive, judicial and legislative sectors. Likewise, respective State and Region Hluttaws have elected the persons to take charge of those sectors in their own regions.

So, we will have to build a modern, developed democratic nation, the final step of the seven-step Road Map, with the strength of State leaders elected by the Hluttaw and the government and authorities formed by the Hluttaw.

Now I would like to clarify the stances we should have and the policies we must follow in implementing the final step of the Road Map. We are all responsible for executive, judicial and legislative affairs so as to shape a modern, developed democratic nation as well as for accomplishing the final step of the Road Map.

This is why I want to say that the points and work programmes to be explained today are very important for the future of the nation.

### **Heads of Union level organizations, ministers and deputy ministers from the Union Government**

The most important task of the new administration is to work together to create good governance and clean government. To do so, the work programmes of the Union Government and State and Region governments must be transparent, accountable and consistent with the constitution and the existing laws. It is necessary to respect the people's wishes and to ensure all-inclusiveness. The tasks of government must be expeditious and effective.

The second task of the government is to do democratic practices. Today, our country has a consti-



*President U Thein Sein speaking to members of Union Government, heads of Union level organizations.—MNA*

tion that is a foundation to shape a modern, developed democratic nation. The legislative, executive and judicial pillars that emerged from the constitution have come to life. The people have enjoyed the right to elect

Hluttaw representatives as they wish as well as the right to be elected. All these are sound foundations for emergence of a discipline-flourishing democracy.

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# PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 1 April, 2011

## Prosper your nation and people

In accord with the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Union level executive, legislative and judiciary organizations have been formed at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw.

After making affirmation at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on 30 March 2011, the Union level persons accepted the executive, legislative and judiciary powers. Therefore, the administrative machinery of the government of new democratic nation has come into operation.

In transition into democratic system, democratization process should be practised not only among the Hluttaw representatives but also among the people. The government is to cooperate with political parties, political forces with genuine goodwill outside the Hluttaws and social organizations.

Those wishing to serve the interests of Myanmar and the people are to try their best within the framework of the Constitution. Each and every citizen wishing to see the prosperity of the nation and the people are to put their energies into their work within the constitutional framework. Any acts that may harm democratization process and peace and stability, and initiated outside the framework of the constitution are unwanted.

Democracy can be practised well if it goes together with good governance. The onus of practising democracy which can balance freedom and obligation is now on the Union Government. The political parties are to work together in the national interests as common ground although they may have different outlooks and views.

The Tatmadaw government has built sound foundations in political, economic and social sectors for shaping a new democratic nation. We firmly believe that the government will try hard to the best of its ability for ensuring peace and prosperity of the State and the people.

### SPSS Software Application Course on 24 March, 21 May

YANGON, 31 March—Myanmar Fisheries Federation will open batch-1 of Statistical Package for Social Science (SPSS) applying course on 24 March and batch-2 on 21 May, lectured by Senior lecturer (School of Engineering and Science) Rajalingam.S of Curtin

University. The software is applicable to economic, goods production, social science and medical fields.

The trainees will obtain completion certificates conferred by Curtin University after ending the course.

Only 20 trainees will be allowed in each

- \* 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

## Royal Thai Army, Thai companies and individuals, Tatmadawmen (Army, Navy, Air) and their families donate cash and kind to quake sufferers

NAY PYI TAW, 31 March—Commander of Triangle Region Command Brig-Gen Than Tun Oo and Vice Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe of the Ministry of Defence together with officials attended a ceremony to donate cash and kind to Tahlay earthquake relief mission, by Royal Thai Army, and Thai companies and individuals through Myanmar Embassy, at Kengtung Airport in Kengtung this morning.

A delegate from Royal Thai Army explained purpose of the donation.

The commander and Vice Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe accepted 500 bags of rice, 5000 pieces of clothing, 200 emergency lamps, 100 cartons of drinking water



Commander Brig-Gen Than Tun Oo accepts donation of well-wishers for Tahlay quake victims.—MNA

bottles, 100 cartons of Mamee instant noodle and 10 cartons of other foodstuffs contributed by Royal Thai Army and 10 sets of oxygen tents and 105555 Thai baths by Thai companies and individuals. The

commander later expressed thanks.

After that, the commander and Vice Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe attended the donation ceremony provided by Tatmadawmen (Army,

Navy and Air) and their families for earthquake victims in Tahlay, at relief camp in No. 2 Ward in Tahlay.

The commander made a speech and Maj-Gen Hla Shwe explained point of the donation.

Vice Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe on behalf of Tatmadawmen (Army, Navy and Air) presented K 123,786,400 for quake sufferers through the commander.

Well-wishers also donated cash to quake survivors through townsenders. Next, a local people spoke words of thanks. The commander and Vice Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe cordially greeted and encouraged the victims.

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Commander Brig-Gen Than Tun Oo accepts donation handed over by Vice Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe of Ministry of Defence, donated by Tatmadawmen (Army, Navy and Air) and their families.—MNA

### Ptt High Grade diesel introduced

YANGON, 31 March—A ceremony to launch Ptt High Grade diesel imported by Denko Trading Co., Ltd was held at Traders Hotel, Yangon on 15 March.

At the ceremony, chairman of Denko Co., Ltd U Chit Khaing and director U Aung Maw Thein extended greetings. Area manager Mr Suthenop Thunysiri of Ptt, vice-president of International Marketing Mr Kampong

Kittitornkul and chairman U Tun Lwin of Tun Star Co explained Ptt High Grade Diesel.

Denko Trading Co., Ltd distributes diesel to factories, hotels and hospitals and anywhere across the country. For more information, contact No.117 (c), University Avenue, Kamayut Township, Yangon and dial 09-73087905 and 73087906.—MNA

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## Afghan civilians, three NATO soldiers injured as NATO vehicle strikes civilian car

KANDAHAR, 31 March—Four Afghan civilians and three NATO soldiers sustained injuries as a vehicle of the alliance struck a civilian car in Kandahar Province 450 km south of capital Kabul on Thursday, police said.

“The road accident happened in the north of the provincial capital Kandahar City at 09:00 am local time as a result four civilians and three foreign soldiers were injured,” deputy provincial police chief Fazal Ahmad Shirzad told *Xinhua*.

Meantime, a doctor in the Mir Wais Hospital Daud Farhad confirmed that two civilian bodies that lost their lives in

the road accident have been taken to hospital. On the other hand, the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in a statement released here confirmed the incident, saying two persons were killed and three others including the driver of the civilian car sustained injuries.

It also confirmed injuring three soldiers in the accident by saying, “At least three members of an International Security Assistance Force were struck by a civilian vehicle in Kandahar District, Kandahar Province today.”

*Xinhua*



A resident inspects damaged vehicles at the site of a bomb attack in Baghdad, on 29 March, 2011. Two Katyusha rockets landed near a hotel on Abu Nawas Street in central Baghdad and wounded two people, an Interior Ministry source said.—INTERNET

## 65 killed in hostage-taking in Iraq

BEIJING, 31 March—Provincial authorities announced a three-day mourning from the hostage-taking attack that took place at a provincial council building Tuesday. The death toll from the incident has risen to 65. About 100 people have been wounded.

No group is claiming responsibility for the strike, but Iraqi officials

were quick to blame al-Qaeda in Iraq for the slaughter. The coordinated attack took place around midday when about 10 gunmen in police uniforms stormed the provincial council building in central Tikrit and held a number of hostages in the building.

Iraqi security force surrounded the building

and engaged in heavy fighting with the gunmen. Hours later, US and Iraqi SWAT teams stormed the building and killed the attackers. Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki says he will launch an investigation into how the government compound could be so easily overrun by militants.

*Xinhua*



Iraqis are seen at the site of a suicide attack in Kanan, east of the provincial capital of Baqouba, 35 miles (60 kilometers) northeast of Baghdad, Iraq, recently.

INTERNET

## Five people shot dead near Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 31 March—Gunmen shot dead five people in their home near Baghdad on Wednesday, a local police source told *Xinhua*.

The incident took place at dawn when unidentified armed men in military uniforms stormed into a house in Abu Ghraib area, some 15 km west of Baghdad, and gunned down five brothers, the source said on condition of anonymity. One of the victims was a policeman, the source said, adding that the incident is under investigation.

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

*Xinhua*

## Afghan police capture would-be suicide bomber

PUL-E-KHUMRI, 31 March—Police detained a would-be suicide bomber in Baghlan Province 160 km north of Capital Kabul on Wednesday, deputy to provincial police chief Syed Zamandin said.

“We arrested Qari Samihullah a suicide bomber in Farang District today,” Zamandin told newsmen while showing the would-be suicide bomber to journalists.

In his brief chat to

newsmen the alleged suicide bomber said his two comrades had carried out two suicide attacks in the neighbouring Kunduz Province over the past one month killing several security personnel including kunduz police chief Mawlana Abdul Rahman Syedkhili. Police officer Zamandin also said that investigation is underway to locate the suicide network affiliated with Qari Samihullah. —*Xinhua*



An Afghan farmer works on a field of weeds in Kabul on

29 March, 2011.

INTERNET



## Ten killed, 29 injured in suicide blast in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 31 March— At least ten people were killed and 29 others injured in a suicide blast that occurred Thursday afternoon in Pakistan’s northwestern city of Charsadda, reported local Urdu TV channel Geo.

Those killed in the blast included three

policemen and one woman, said the report, adding that many of the injured were in critical condition and the death toll could further rise.

According to the report, the blast took place at about 12:40 p m local time when a convoy carrying a local political party chief and his followers was

passing by the District Coordination Officer office on the Nowshera road in the city, which is located some 30 km northeast of Peshawar, the largest city in the country’s northwest region. It was a politically motivated suicide attack, said local police sources, adding that the party chief of a local political party named Jamiat Ulemae Islam was the target.—*Xinhua*



A school head teacher and a provincial lawmaker were killed in two separate explosions in eastern Afghanistan on Tuesday, officials said.

The headmaster was killed by a bomb in his office at the school on the outskirts of Jalalabad City in Nangarhar Province.—INTERNET

## Suicide attack on NATO troops wounds nine in Afghanistan

KABUL, 31 March—A suicide bomber targeted a convoy of NATO-led troops in Kapisa Province, 70 km north of Afghan Capital Kabul, on Wednesday, injuring nine people, including four foreign soldiers, a local official said. “It was a suicide attack carried out by militants against international troops in Tagab District at 2:30 pm, which left four foreign soldiers and five Afghan civilians injured,” police chief of Tagab District, Padshah Gul Bakhtyar, told *Xinhua*.

Meantime, Zabihullah Mujahid, who claims to speak for the Taliban militants, in talks with media via telephone from undisclosed location claimed responsibility, saying a Taliban fighter, named Abdul Rahman, exploded his explosive-laden car next to a convoy of French troops, leaving himself and 12 French soldiers dead.—*Xinhua*

## Moderate earthquake hits east Japan

TOKYO, 31 March—An earthquake measuring 5.3 on the Richter scale on Wednesday hit Chiba Prefecture and its vicinity in east Japan, said the Japan Meteorological Agency.

The focus of the quake, which occurred at 9:51 pm local time (1251 GMT), was located some 20 km under the sea off Chiba, north of Tokyo, said the agency.

There were no immediate reports of casualties or damage to properties, and tsunami warning was issued.

Xinhua



In this 24 March, 2011 aerial photo taken by a small unmanned drone and released by Air Photo Service, damaged Unit 3, left, and Unit 4 of the crippled. INTERNET



People wait to get relief supplies in Yamada-machi of Iwate Prefecture, Japan, on 22 March, 2011. People in Yamada-machi can get a set of relief supplies, including one loaf of bread and a bottle of water, twice a day. The relief supply serve is still in pressing need in quake-affected areas.—XINHUA

## Japan death toll rises to 11,362

BEIJING, 31 March—The death toll from Japan's massive earthquake and tsunami has risen to 11,362. The National Police Agency said 16,290 people are still unaccounted for.

Almost 7 thousand of the dead were in the hardest-hit Miyagi Prefecture. Across the whole nation, about 170-thousand refugees are still staying in shelters.

Xinhua

## Smoke temporarily seen at Fukushima Daini turbine building

TOKYO, 31 March—Smoke was temporarily seen at Fukushima Daini turbine building, but it soon disappeared. Japan's public broadcaster NHK and Kyodo News reported on Wednesday.

Tokyo Electric Power Co said smoke was detected at around 5:56 pm from a power distribution panel on the first floor of the turbine building at the reactor.

The company, known as TEPCO, said it made a call to a local fire department.

The announcement came at a time when efforts are under way to contain the nuclear crisis at the radiation-leaking Fukushima Daiichi nuclear complex, hit by the devastating 11 March earthquake and ensuing tsunami.

The Fukushima Daini plant is located about 10 kilometers south of the crippled Fukushima Daiichi plant, and its four reactors have been stable in so-called "cold shutdown" after suspending operations following the quake.—Xinhua

## IAEA: Japan leak remains serious

BEIJING, 31 March—The head of the International Atomic Energy Agency made his comments on the situation at Japan's stricken nuclear power plant as well. He says it continues to be worrisome to the international community.

Yukiya Amano said, "My understanding is that the situation continues to be very serious and the effort to overcome this crisis is increasing. At the same time, they encounter difficulties, like the existence of water or high levels of radiation."

Meanwhile, the IAEA chief says he has invited government leaders to attend a conference on safety procedures at nuclear plants worldwide. It will start 20th June in Vienna. Amano wants member states to assess Japan's response to the nuclear emergency, and discuss ways of preventing such a disaster from happening again.

Xinhua

Evacuees move into a shelter in Kisai high school, Kazo City, Sai Tama Prefecture, Japan, on 30 March, 2011. Some 1,200 earthquake victims from Futabamachi have been evacuated from a shelter in Sai Tama gymnasium to an abandoned high school, Kisai high school, in Kazo on 30 and 31 March. Futabamachi is the place where stricken Fukushima No 1 nuclear power plant is located. XINHUA



## 6.4 magnitude quake hits Fiji region

BEIJING, 31 March—An earthquake measuring 6.4 on the Richter scale jolted Fiji region at 00:11 GMT on Thursday, the United States Geological Survey said.

The epicentre, with a depth of 23.70 km, was initially determined to be at 16.6 degrees south latitude and 177.5 degrees west longitude.

Xinhua

## Death toll in flood-hit south Thailand climbs to 13

BANGKOK, 31 March—Interior Ministry's Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation reported on Thursday that about 13 people were confirmed dead and 181 others injured in eight southern provinces affected by serious flooding since 23 March.

However, the death toll are expected to rise further

since as many as 200 villagers were missing after the landslide struck in Khao Phanom District in Krabi Province. About 50 homes were washed away by the mudslide on Wednesday.

Approximately 239,160 households and 842,324 people had been affected by heavy rain and floods.

The airport in Nakorn

Si Thammarat province was closed while the one in Samui Island in Surat Thani province operated occasionally.

The rising waters have choked off 61 main roads and rail link in eight Provinces. The south-bound train service currently runs down only to Surat Thani Province.

Xinhua

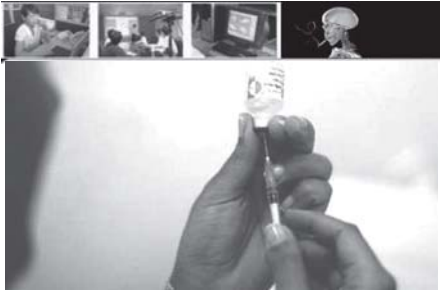


The tanker "Shengchi" is seen departing from a port of Dalian, northeast China's Liaoning Province, to Japan, on 29 March, 2011. The "Shengchi" tanker, anchored at PetroChina-run Dalian Petrochemical's port, was loaded with 20,000 metric tons (tonnes) of fuel and embarked on a journey to Japan on Tuesday morning to supply 10,000 tonnes gasoline to Edajima in Hiroshima Prefecture and another 10,000 tonnes diesel to Imabari in Ehime Prefecture.—XINHUA

In this 24 March, 2011 photo released by Air Photo Service, a small unmanned drone is pictured before flying over the crippled Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant to take aerial photos, at Fukushima Sky Park in Fukushima, northern Japan.—INTERNET







A nurse prepares a vaccine against the influenza A (H1N1) virus, or swine flu, in Caracas on 29 March, 2011.—INTERNET

# Health

## Most children don't use inhalers correctly

CHAPEL HILL, 31 March —Fewer than 10 percent of children with asthma use traditional inhalers correctly, but there is more success with newer inhalers, US researchers say.

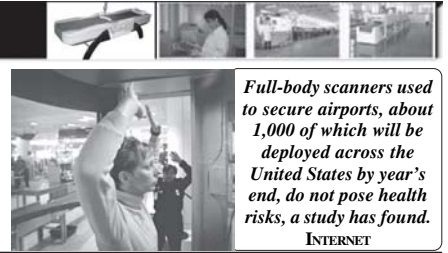
Betsy Sleath of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's Eshelman School of Pharmacy and colleagues studied 296 North Carolina patients ages 8-16, who used four different devices for their asthma.

The devices were: the metered-dose inhaler, commonly called a puffer; the diskus, a dry-powder inhaler delivering Advair; the turbuhaler, a dry-powder inhaler delivering Pulmicort or Symbicort; and the peak-flow meter, which does not deliver a drug but is used to measure lung function to determine if medicine is needed.

The study, published in the journal *Pediatrics*, found 8.1 percent of children performed all of the metered-dose inhaler steps correctly, but older children did better than younger children.

More than 21 percent of the children using the diskus performed all steps correctly, while 15.6 percent performed all of the turbuhaler steps properly and children using a peak-flow meter did so correctly 23.9 percent of the time.

"It is crucial that healthcare providers not only show a child how to use an inhaler correctly but also have the child demonstrate the device in front of a physician or pharmacist," Sleath said in a statement.—*Internet*



Full-body scanners used to secure airports, about 1,000 of which will be deployed across the United States by year's end, do not pose health risks, a study has found. INTERNET

## Bariatric surgery effective for diabetes

NEW YORK, 31 March — Bariatric surgery — weight loss through surgery — is cost effective for managing type 2 diabetes in the moderately and severely obese, US researchers say.

Dr Francesco Rubino, director of gastrointestinal metabolic surgery at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Centre in New York City, says an estimated 285 million people worldwide suffer from type 2 diabetes, and that number is expected to double by 2030.

Catherine Keating, a senior research fellow from the Health Economics Unit at Deakin University in Melbourne, says the analysis found several studies have determined that bariatric surgery — estimated to cost between \$15,000 and \$24,000 in the United States — was not only cost effective, but cost saving.

"For this patient group bariatric surgery generates both cost savings and health benefits," Keating says in a statement. "This provides the strongest rationale yet for implementation of this treatment on economic grounds."—*Internet*

### Health Tip: Feel like you have no energy?

Fatigue describes the feeling that you have no energy or motivation.

The many possible physical and psychological causes of fatigue include exertion, stress, boredom and lack of sleep, the ADAM Encyclopedia says. Its suggestions for reducing fatigue include:

- \* Maintain a consistent sleep schedule.
- \* Drink lots of water every day, and eat a variety of nutritious foods.
- \* Get plenty of regular physical activity, and don't overbook yourself socially or at work.
- \* Try to change any situations that are causing stress.
- \* Consider meditation or yoga to help you ease stress.
- \* Discuss with your doctor taking a multivitamin.
- \* Avoid drugs, nicotine and alcohol.—*Internet*



# Business



## S Korean economy grows at fastest rate in 8 years

SEOUL, 31 March — South Korean economy hit the fastest growth rate in eight years last year due to brisk exports, improved private spending and rising facilities investment, the central bank said on Wednesday.

The country's real gross domestic product (GDP), the broadest measure of economic performance, expanded 6.2 percent on-year in 2010, up from an earlier estimate of 6.1 percent, the Bank of Korea (BOK) said in a statement. It marked the fastest expansion since

2002 when it recorded 7.2 percent growth rate.

"The acceleration in real GDP reflected positive contributions from a sharp upturn in facilities investment, expanded exports and a pickup of growth in private consumption," the BOK said.

The BOK, however, noted negative contribution from a decrease in construction investment partially offset the positive contributions from exports and private spending. Exports of goods, which account for about 50 percent of South Korean economy,

grew 15.8 percent last year, with exports of services rising 6.1 percent. An upswing in exports of semiconductors, auto-mobiles and machinery helped overseas shipment increase, according to the BOK.

Private consumption, one of the main growth drivers, increased 4.1 percent in 2010 as expenditures on durable goods shows higher upward trends, and those on non-durables and semidurables also shifted to a gain, the BOK said.

*Xinhua*



File photo of a Qantas plane landing at Sydney Airport. Qantas said on Wednesday it will slash flights and jobs as it grapples with disasters and surging fuel costs in its "most serious challenge" since the global downturn. INTERNET

## Cisco to buy newScale to expand cloud computing offering

SAN FRANCISCO, 31 March —Computer networking equipment giant Cisco Systems Inc on Tuesday announced the intent to buy privately-held software company newScale Inc, in a move to complement and expand its offerings in cloud computing. Based in San Mateo in the US State of California, newScale provides software that delivers a service catalog and self-service portal for information technology (IT) organizations to select and quickly deploy cloud services within their businesses.

Founded in 1999, the company now has more than two million users worldwide, including 20 percent of the Fortune 500 companies, according to information posted on newScale's website. "With the acquisition of newScale, Cisco will be able to accelerate the deployment of cloud services through a service catalog and self-service portal that allows customers to easily manage their IT infrastructures," Parvesh Sethi, Cisco's senior vice president, noted in a statement.—*Xinhua*

## Ag Bank net profits rise 46 pct in 2010

BEIJING, 31 March—Agricultural Bank of China, the nation's largest lender to farmers, said Tuesday its profits rose 46 percent from one year earlier in 2010 due to widened interest margins.

Net profits climbed to 94.91 billion yuan (14.38 billion US dollars), or 0.33 yuan a share, from 65 billion yuan, or 0.25 yuan a share one year earlier, the Beijing-based bank said in a statement filed at the Shanghai Stock Exchange.

The capital adequacy ratio of the nation's third largest bank by assets rose to 11.59 percent at the end of December from 10.07 percent in 2009.

Its total assets had reached 10.34 trillion yuan by the end of last year, an increase of 16.4 percent from one year earlier, the statement noted.

The bank said the increased profit was due to rising commission fees and widened interest margins.—*Xinhua*



Pedestrians pass through a busy shopping district in Seoul. South Korea's economy grew 6.2 percent in 2010, its fastest expansion for eight years, the central bank said Wednesday after revising up its earlier estimate of 6.1 percent.—INTERNET

## US poverty-linked infections prevalent

WASHINGTON, 31 March— The threat of dengue fever and the prevalence of parasitic infections are a reality for tens of thousands in the United States, an expert says.

Dr Peter Hotez of the George Washington University, who is president of the Sabin Vaccine Institute, says the infections that plague the poor threaten the poorest people living in the Gulf Coast states and in Washington.

In an editorial published in the journal *PLoS Neglected Tropical Diseases*, Hotez says post-hurricane Katrina conditions in the Gulf coast states coupled with the BP oil disaster and extreme levels of poverty make some areas vulnerable to neglected infections of poverty.

Dengue hemorrhagic fever, Chagas disease and cutaneous leishmaniasis, as well as non-vector

borne neglected infections like trichomoniasis and toxocariasis, are affecting the people living in this region, Hotez says. Washington is one of the worst US cities in terms of life expectancy and health index — meaning its residents suffer from the lowest incomes, lowest educational attainment and shortest life expectancy, Hotez says.

Despite the fact that these conditions are triggers for neglected infections, no surveillance data currently exist to reflect their prevalence, the editorial says.

“Because these infections are serious problems that perpetuate poverty, I am extremely concerned about the welfare of the people in these regions,” Hotez says in a statement. “A national plan to help these people is critical.”

Internet



Flag carrier Air China saw posted a better-than-expected rise in profit last year thanks to growing Asian demand for air travel and major events in the country such as the World Expo.

INTERNET



A man talks on his mobile phone as he rides his bicycle in Ivory Coast. Africa has a severe shortage of landlines and hospital beds but the continent is awash with cellphones, one of the key reasons that health-related mobile phone information offers opportunities for providing care at a low cost, say experts.

INTERNET

## Four killed, two injured in plane crash in Australia

SYDNEY, 31 March— Four people were killed and two were seriously injured after a light plane crashed in Australia’s New South Wales (NSW) on Wednesday night, local media reported on Thursday.

The single engine plane crashed about 900 metres north of Moree Airport at about 8 pm (local time) on Wednesday, police said.

The victims were members of a farming dynasty in northern NSW, according to *Australian Associated Press (AAP)*.

The plane had been

flying from Brewarrina, about 200 kilometres west of Moree, in the state’s north, and crashed on approach to the Moree airfield, narrowly missing a caravan park.

Emergency services found a man and his wife, both 77-year-old, along with another female passenger of age 47 and the 63-year-old male pilot dead in the wreckage.

Also on board were the 42-year-old son of the elderly couple and his 12-year-old daughter, both survived the crash and were flown to hospitals in Tamworth and Brisbane

with critical injuries.

On Thursday, the 42-year-old man was in a critical condition in Tamworth Base Hospital while his daughter was in a stable condition at Brisbane’s Mater Hospital.

A Bureau of Meteorology spokesman said weather did not appear to have caused the crash. Witnesses told police the aircraft was flying unusually low, and had apparently clipped trees before it landed.

The Australian Transport Safety Bureau is investigating the incident.—*MNA/Xinhua*

## Indian population hits 1.21 billion

NEW DELHI, 31 March —India’s population reaches 1.21 billion — 623.7 million males and 586.5 million females — larger than the combined population of Indonesia, Brazil, Pakistan, the United States and Bangladesh, according to the latest Census report released Thursday.

This is an increase of 181 million people since the last census, which is equivalent to the population of Brazil, said the 2011 Census report released by Indian Home Secretary GK. Pillai and the Registrar General of India in the capital.

The northern state of Uttar Pradesh is the most populous state in India, and the combined population of Uttar Pradesh and the western state of Maharashtra is larger than that of the United States. The density of population is highest in the capital, followed by Chandigarh.—*Internet*

## Police captain on trial in New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS, 31 March—A New Orleans police captain went on trial this week, charged with involvement in a kickback scheme involving a security firm and utility company Entergy.

Prosecutors said in opening states Monday that Capt. Michael Roussel, 47, was fully aware that Joseph Branch, owner of Gladius Inc, was planning an inflated contract with Entergy to provide security if another major hurricane hit New Orleans, *The (New Orleans) Times-Picayune* reported. Roussel’s lawyer says the veteran police officer was simply a go-between, putting Branch together with Louis Dabdoub, a former New Orleans police officer who now works for Entergy.

Branch, whose company is based in Brownsboro, Texas, has pleaded guilty.

Dabdoub, who reported the scheme to the FBI and agreed to wear a wire, testified Tuesday that Roussel approached him and said they could both receive payments from the deal. Prosecutors played audiotapes for the jury, as well as a video that showed Branch giving Dabdoub an envelope as Roussel watched, the newspaper said.—*Internet*

## Venezuela confirms 482 A/H1N1 influenza cases

CARACAS, 31 March—The number of confirmed cases of the A/H1N1 influenza in Venezuela has risen to 482 this year, Health Minister Eugenia Sader said on Wednesday.

According to the latest report, the state of Merida in southeastern Venezuela has 189 A/H1N1 influenza cases, the biggest number ever reported, which was followed by the Capital District of Caracas with 112 cases. The other 181 cases were confirmed in 17 of 24 Venezuelan states.

The first case for this year was reported in Merida earlier this month.

Sader said that the Venezuelan Government was trying to prevent the spread of the disease. Some 3 million people have been vaccinated against the virus.

Three patients infected with the A/H1N1 influenza virus have died in the country this year, according to Sader.

The A/H1N1 influenza can cause deadly pneumonia if it is not treated early.

*MNA/Xinhua*

A cocktail of three drugs, including a new class of antiviral agent, has shown encouraging results in treating hepatitis C, a disease which attacks the liver, a study said Wednesday. Boceprevir, which has been developed by Merck, is currently undergoing review before being approved for general use by the Food and Drug Administration.

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President U Thein Sein, Vice-Presidents Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and Dr Sai Mauk Kham pose for documentary photo.—MNA

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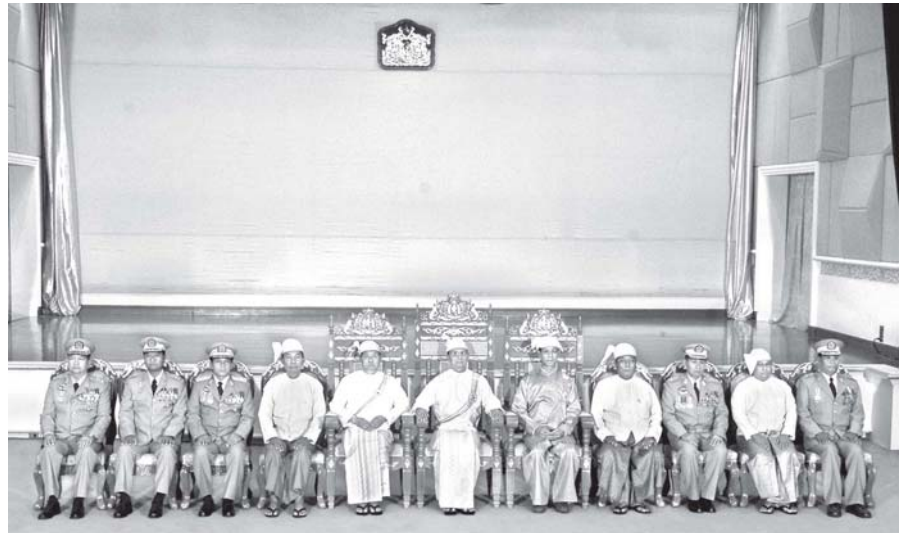
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National Defence and Security Council members including President and Vice-Presidents pose for documentary photo.—MNA

### Members of Union...

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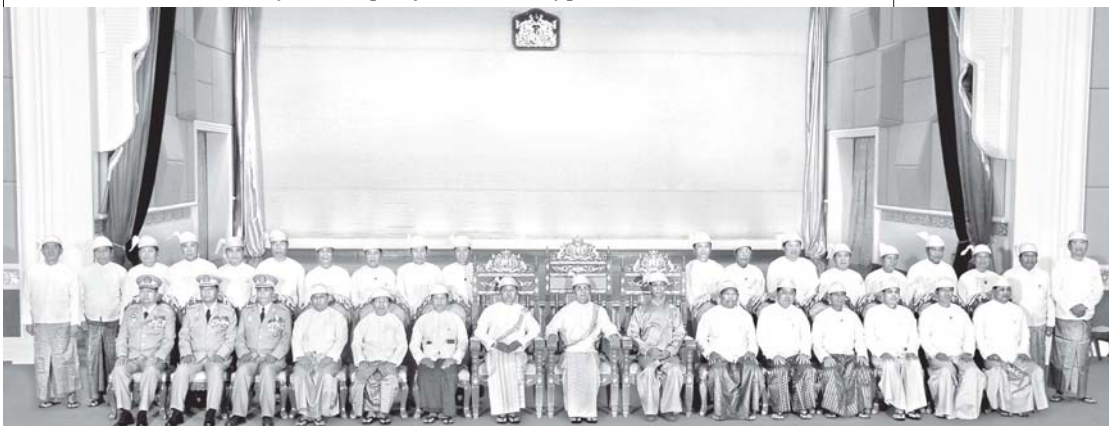
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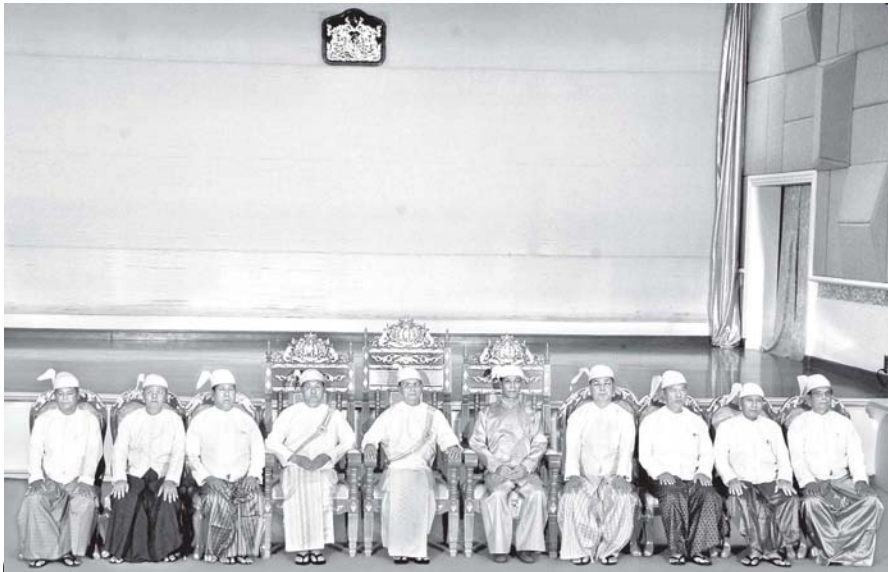
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The Union Government including President, Vice-Presidents, Union Ministers and Union Attorney-General pose for documentary photo.—MNA





*President, Vice-Presidents, Union Chief Justices and Judges pose for documentary photo.—MNA*

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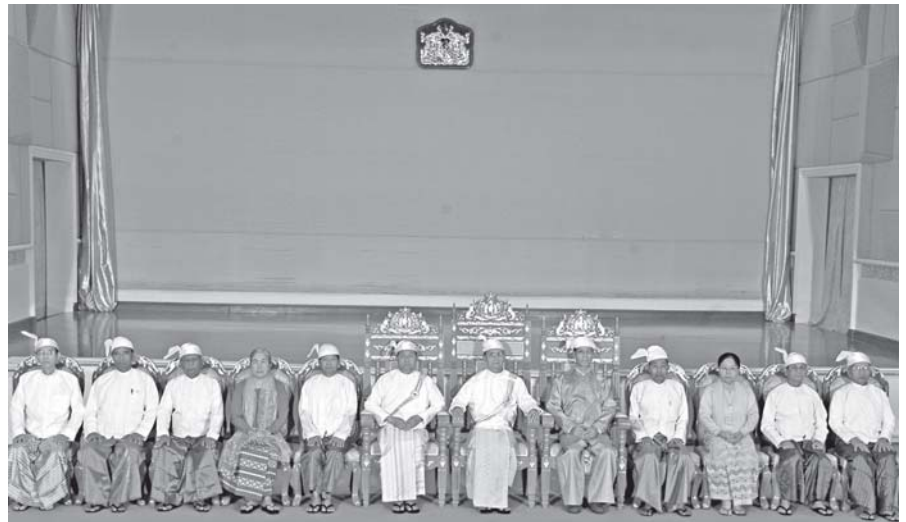
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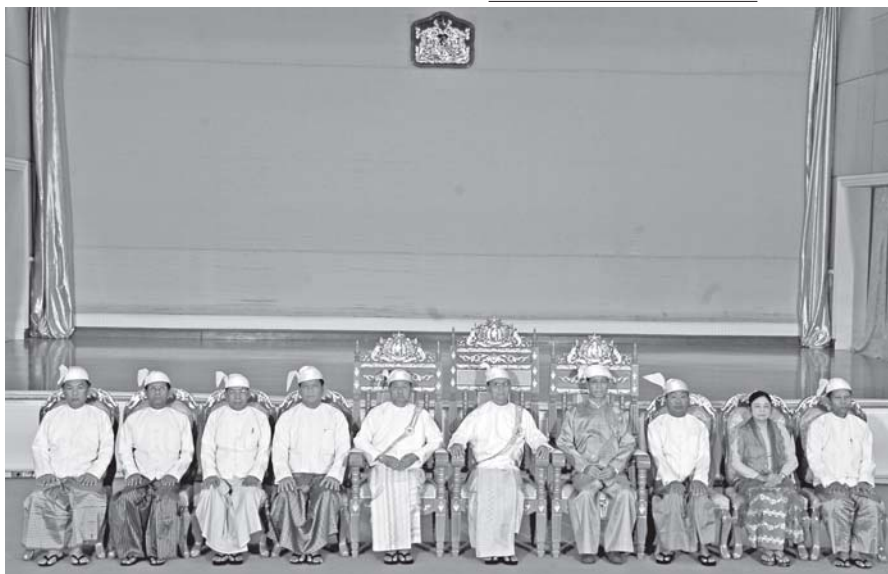
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According to the constitution, the Supreme Court of the Union has been entrusted with power to issue writs, and the first ever constitutional tribunal of the Union in the history of Myanmar has been formed. These organizations are not only to maintain and safeguard the

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*President, Vice-Presidents and Chairman and members of Constitutional Tribunal of the Union pose for documentary photo.—MNA*



*President, Vice-Presidents and members of Union Election Commission pose for documentary photo.—MNA*

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Another important task like the rule of law is to ensure speediness and effectiveness in governmental transactions. The government has yet to materialize the objectives of the five-year project. The SPDC has laid sound foundations for national development. So, we have to make good use of the foundations for development in the economic, education, health, transport, communication and

construction sectors.

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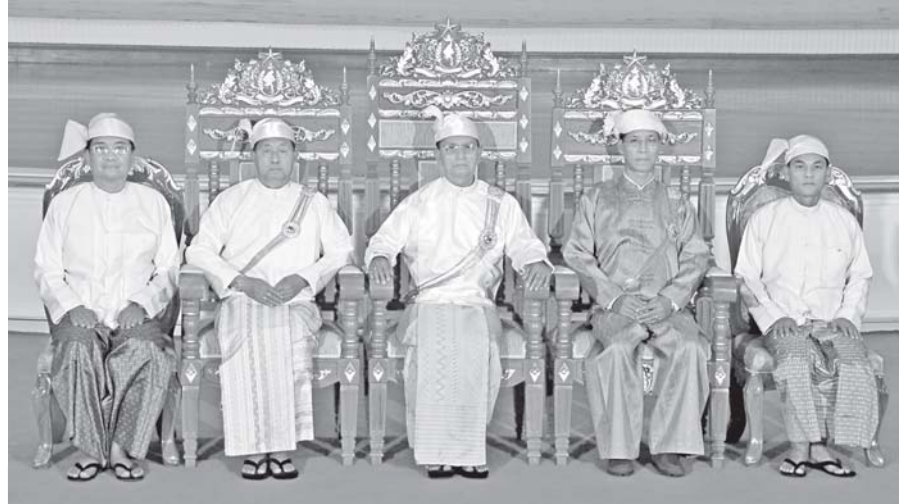
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Another task to make the government's functions more effective is cooperation among ministries. According to the constitution, the nation sees not only the Union government but also Region and State governments. Therefore, cooperation between the governments is of great importance. Nation-build-

countries and the international community are watching with great interest the government formed in accordance with the constitution, how it will discharge its duties, and relations and cooperation between the Union government and Region/State governments.

Similarly, the people are watching the formation, the way the government carries out its duties, in the hope of their better future. Myanmar's democratic practice is in its infancy, so it has to take a



*President, Vice-Presidents, Union Attorney-General and Deputy Union Attorney-General pose for documentary photo.*

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ing tasks are so demanding that an individual or ministry alone cannot realize them, and nor can the Union, a region or a state alone. So, cooperation between members of the government is a must

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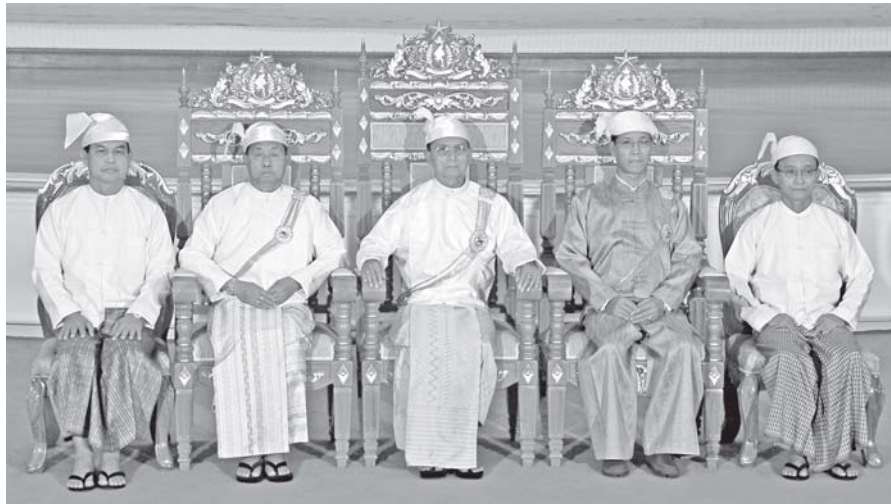
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To be a clean government, we must abstain from corruption and bribery, which tarnishes the image of the nation and the people. Therefore, we have to not only refrain from it but also ensure that the organizations stay away from it. What is very important is

that we must not abuse the mandate in the interest of our friends and relatives. Only then, can our government be recognized as a clean government.

As you know, our country has not been a rich one yet. The nation has developed a lot in the time of the Tatmadaw government, but there are still many people, whose life is a battle against poverty, whose life is a hand-to-mouth existence, and many unemployed people. Therefore, the governing organs at all levels should not seize all the rights and privileges.

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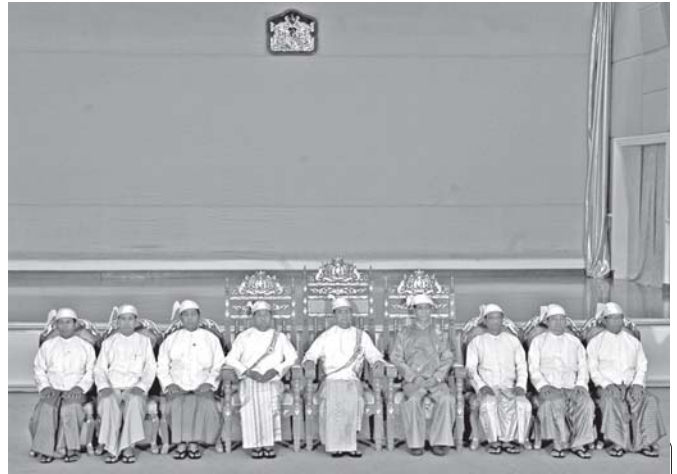
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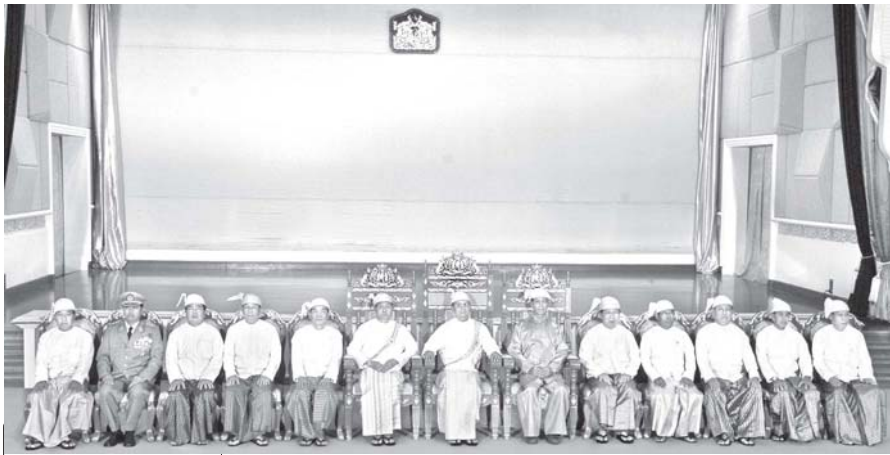
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*President, Vice-Presidents and Deputy Ministers of the Union pose for documentary photo.*

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Attendees seen at ceremony to take heed of presidential address and make affirmation.—MNA

## President U Thein Sein gives address...

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Union, members of Constitutional Tribunal of the Union, UEC members, as well as those who have been agreed to be appointed to the posts of Chairman of Union Civil Services Board, Union deputy ministers, Chief of Myanmar Police Force, Deputy Attorney-General, Deputy Auditor-General, and members of Union Civil Services Board and Nay Pyi Taw Council.

Director-General U Min Zaw of the President Office acted as master of ceremonies with the assistance of Director-General U Tin Myo Kyi of Union Government Office.

First, those who have been selected to be appointed to the posts of Chairman of Union Civil Services Board, Union Deputy Ministers, Chief of Myanmar Police Force, Deputy Attorney-General, Deputy Auditor-General, and members of Union Civil Services Board and Nay Pyi Taw Council took position before the President to make affirmation.

Minister of President Office U Thein Nyunt led the recitation of the oath, which was followed by the appointees, saying, **“I...do solemnly and sincerely promise and declare that I shall be loyal to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the citizens and hold always in esteem non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty.**

**I shall uphold and abide by the Constitution and the laws. I shall carry out the responsibilities uprightly to the best of my ability.”**

President U Thein Sein delivered an address. (His address was reported separately.) He agreed the master of ceremony’s request to record his speech and the master of ceremony announced the President’s speech was recorded.

The master of ceremony then announced that the oath-taking ceremony successfully completed and the ceremony came to an end.

After the ceremony, the President posed for documentary photos together with those present. Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint also joined the photo shoot.

Next, the attendees had the luncheon hosted by President U Thein Sein, enjoying songs of artists from Ministry of Culture.

After the luncheon, President U Thein Sein cordially greeted the attendees.

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Lunch served to attendees at ceremony to take heed of presidential address and make affirmation.—MNA

## Regular sessions of First Region and State Hluttaws go on Region or State Hluttaw Representatives Vetting Committees formed Chief Ministers, members of Region or State level organizations make affirmation in presence of respective Hluttaw Speakers

NAY PYI TAW, 31 March—The regular sessions of First Region and State Hluttaws took place in respective Regions and States yesterday morning.

Speakers of respective Region and State Hluttaws sought the approvals for the numbers and nominations of Region or State Hluttaw Representative Vetting Committee of respective Region or State Hluttaws.

### Kachin State

U Soe Nwe of Mogaung Township Constituency-1 was assigned duty as Chairman of Kachin State Hluttaw Representatives Vetting

Committee, U Kyaw Swe of Bhamo Township Constituency-1 as Secretary, U Zaung Khaung of Sawlaw Township Constituency-1, U Ah Ri of Putao Township Constituency-1, U Li Paw Re of Putao Township Constituency-2, U Khin Lay Phon of Khaunglanphu Township Constituency-2, U Za Khon Yein Hsaung of Chipwe Township Constituency-2, U Kwam Hsaung Sam Aong of Tanai Township Constituency-2, U Mabuda Gon of Nagmon Township Constituency-2 and U Tun Kyaing of Mansi Township Constituency-1 as members.

### Kayah State

U Saw Ko Di of Pasawng Township Constituency-2 was assigned duty as Chairman of Kayah State Hluttaw Representatives Vetting Committee, U Thein Tun of Meisei Township Constituency-1 as Secretary and U Ree Chap of Prusho Township Constituency-2 as member.

### Kayin State

Pado U Aung San of Papun Township Constituency-2 was assigned duty as Chairman of (See page 12)

## Regular sessions of First Region...

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Kayin State Hluttaw Representatives Vetting Committee, Defence Services Personnel Representative Officiating Major Myint Ko as Secretary, U Saw Shar Htunt Phaung of Hlaingbwe Township Constituency-2, U Saw J A Win Myint of Thandaunggyi Township Constituency-2, U Min Aung Lin of Hlaingbwe Township Constituency-1 and Defence Services Personnel Representative Officiating Major Nay Lin Oak as members.

### Chin State

U Noe Sun of Falam Township Constituency-2 was assigned duty as Chairman of Chin State Hluttaw Representatives Vetting Committee, U Kwi Thang of Kanpetlet Township Constituency-1 as Secretary, U Lal Maung Kyon of Thantlang Township Constituency-1, Defence Services Personnel Representative Major Thet Lwin and Defence Services Personnel Representative Captain Myo Maung Maung Thwin as members.

### Sagaing Region

U Tun Ko Ko of Shwebo Township Constituency-2 was assigned duty as Chairman of Sagaing Region Hluttaw Representatives Vetting Committee, U Khin Maung Swe of Homalin Township Constituency-2 as Secretary, U Soe Myint of Mawlaik Township Constituency-1, U Sein Khe of Sagaing Township Constituency-2, U Htein Min of Wuntho Township Constituency-1, U Maung Maung San of Mingin Township Constituency-2 and U Aung Zaw Oo of Salingyi Township Constituency-2 as members.

### Taninthayi Region

U Soe Htwe of Thayetchaung Township Constituency-2 was assigned duty as Chairman of Taninthayi Region Hluttaw Representatives Vetting Committee, U Tin Soe of Kyunso Township Constituency-2 as Secretary, U Tun Aye of Bokpyin Township Constituency-1, U Aung San Lwin of Taninthayi Township Constituency-1 and U Shwe San of Yebyu Township Constituency-1 as members.

### Bago Region

U Khin Maung Lwin of Gyobingauk Township Constituency-1 was assigned duty as Chairman of Bago Region Hluttaw Representatives Vetting Committee, U Kyaw Hsan Oo of Kyaukdaga Township Constituency-2 as Secretary, U Tin Maung Myint of Shwedaung Township Constituency-1, Daw Khin Nwe of Shwegyin Township Constituency-1 and Defence Services Personnel Representative Major Thein Lwin Oo as members.

### Magway Region

U Myo Myint of Minhla Township Constituency-1 was assigned duty as Chairman of Magway Region Hluttaw Representatives Vetting Committee, U Maung Maung Tin of Minbu Township Constituency-2 as Secretary, U Maung Maung Soe of Sinbaungwe Township Constituency-1, U Zaw Moe Thein of Pakokku Township Constituency-2 and Defence Services Personnel Representative Major Nyan Lin Aung as members.

### Mandalay Region

U Saw Htay of Meiktila Township Constituency-1 was assigned duty as Chairman of Mandalay Region Hluttaw Representatives Vetting Committee, U Pyay Win of Mahaangmye Township Constituency-2 as Secretary, U Tauk of Singu Township Constituency-2, U Sein Thaug of Singaig Township Constituency-2, U Than Htay Aung of Taungtha Township Constituency-1 and Defence Services Personnel Representative Major Phone Myint Naing as members.

### Mon State

U Sein Myint of Kyaikto Township Constituency-2 was assigned duty as Chairman of Mon State Hluttaw Representatives Vetting Committee, U Chan Myint of Paung Township Constituency-2 as Secretary, U Maung Lan of Paung Township Constituency-1, U Hla Tun of Kyaikmaraw Township Constituency-1 and Defence Services Personnel Representative Major Thet Min Tun as members.

### Rakhine State

U Maung Lon of Myebon Township Constituency-2 was assigned duty as Chairman of Rakhine State Hluttaw Representatives Vetting Committee, U Tin Aung of An Township Constituency-2 as Secretary, Defence Services Personnel Representative Major Thein Tun, Daw Than Sein of

Taungup Township Constituency-1 and U Maung Hla Kyaw of Kyauktaw Township Constituency-1 as members

### Yangon Region

U Mya Ngwe of Kamayut Township Constituency-2 was assigned duty as Chairman of Yangon Region Hluttaw Representatives Vetting Committee, U Tin Hlaing of Dagon (Seikkan) Township Constituency-2 as Secretary, U Min Thein of Seikkyi-khanaungto Township Constituency-1, Daw San San Win of Dagon Myothit (South) Township Constituency-2, U Thet Tun Maung of North Okkalapa Township Constituency-2, Dr Nyo Nyo Thin of Bahan Township Constituency-2 and U Soe Win of Lanmadaw Township Constituency-2 as members.

### Shan State

U Nyunt Win of Mongphyat Township Constituency-1 was assigned duty as Chairman of Shan State Hluttaw Representatives Vetting Committee, U Zaw Zaw of Mabein Township Constituency-1 as Secretary, U Sai Kan of Mongshu Township Constituency-2, U Sai Mon (a) U Sai Kyaw Tun of Kunhing Township Constituency-1 and U Arbya Han of Pekhon Township Constituency-2 as members.

### Ayeyawady Region

Dr Khin Khin Si of Patheingyi Township Constituency-1 was assigned duty as Chairman of Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw Representatives Vetting Committee, U Aung Kyaw Sein of Patheingyi Township Constituency-2 as Secretary, U Mahn Thet Tin of Pantanaw Township Constituency-1, U Hla Myint of Danabyu Township Constituency-2, U Yan Win of Maubin Township Constituency-1, U Myint Aung of Mawlamyinegyun Township Constituency-2 and Defence Services Personnel Representative Major Aung Myo Myint as members.

At the Region and State Hluttaw sessions, Chief Ministers of Region or State and members of Region or State level organizations made affirmation in the presence of the Speakers of respective Hluttaws in accord with Region or State Hluttaw Rule 60. And then, the Chief Ministers of respective Region or State Hluttaws delivered addresses. Later, the regular sessions of the First Region and State Hluttaws came to a close successfully.—MNA

## CETC donates K 100 million for Tahlay quake victims



Minister U Aung Kyi accepts K 100 million donated by Mr Tian Yaobin of CETC International Co Ltd of the PRC for earthquake victims.

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NAY PYI TAW, 31 March—China Electronic Technology Corporation (CETC) International Co., Ltd from the People's Republic of China donated K100 million for

the Tahlay quake victims from Tahlay, at the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, here this evening.

Mr Tian Yaobin of CETC International

Co., Ltd explained the purpose of donation. After that, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and for Labour U Aung Kyi accepted the donation,

## Learn Hospitality Management Course at Star Resources

YANGON, 31 March—Star Resources Hospitality Management Academy will soon open International Hospitality Management Course and Hospitality Operation & Service course in the first week of April.

Experienced teachers will conduct five-month long International Hospitality Management

presented certificates of honour and spoke words of thanks.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Phone Swe, departmental heads under the ministries, officials from the company.—MNA

Course including subjects such as Leadership & People Management, Human Resources Management, Sale & Marketing Management, Front Office Management, Food and Beverage Management and House Keeping Management.

Hospitality Operation & Service course will last three months. Trainees

will have opportunity to find experience in local hotels as on-the-job-training while attending the course. For more information, contact Star Resources Hospitality Management Academy, Building-267, Room-302, Pyay Road, Myaynigon, Sanyoung Township (Ph-01-523623 and 523200).

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## Low pressure area becomes weak

NAY PYI TAW, 31 March—Department of Meteorology and Hydrology announced today that according to the observations at 5:30 am M.S.T today, the low pressure area over South Andaman Sea has become unimportant.

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## Philippine, Thai governments donate cash for earthquake victims in Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 31 March — A ceremony to hand over donation of US\$ 50000 by the government of the Republic of the Philippines for the victims of natural disaster in Myanmar, was held at the hall of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs here at 3 pm today.

It was attended by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Deputy Ministers U Maung Myint and Dr Myo Myint, Philippine Ambassador Ms Maria Hellen M Barber, officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and officials of Embassy of the Philippines.

The Ambassador of the Philippines handed



**Thai Ambassador hands over 3,000,000 baht donated by Thai Government to Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin.—MNA**

over donation of US\$ 50000 by the government of the Republic of the Philippines to the minister. A ceremony to hand over donation of 3,000,000

baht by the government of Thailand for the Myanmar government's relief and recovery efforts in the earthquake- hit areas in Shan State (East)

was held at the same venue here this evening. Thai Ambassador Mr Apirath Vienravi handed over the cash donation to the minister. —MNA

## Appointment of Myanmar Police Chief

NAY PYI TAW, 31 March— The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed BC 16738 Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun of the Ministry of Defence as Chief of Myanmar Police Force on probation from the date he assumes charge of his duties.

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## Father land provides construction services

YANGON, 30 March— Father land Construction & Decoration Co Ltd handed Jade Condominium to Dr U Khun Kyaw Aung who placed order to construct the condo on his land, on 10 March.

Dr Khun Kyaw Aung and Managing Director U Kyaw Myint of Father land formally opened the condo. Father Land Construction & Decoration Co Ltd provides construction, renovation and decoration services of buildings, condos, detached houses, factories and hotels for customer's satisfaction, selling apartments by installments.

For more information, contact, No.219/ 220 on Bo Myat Tun Street, Botahtaung Township, here, Ph:09-5131071 and 09-5067474.—MNA

## UMFCCI vice-presidents meet foreign guests

YANGON, 31 March—Vice-Presidents of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Aung, U Zaw Min Win and U Tun Aung, CEC members and executives met a three-member delegation led by President Mr Yoshitaka Kutsuna of Izumi Seika Co of Japan at the office of the federation, here, on 18 March morning.

They discussed cooperation in foodstuff industry, production of value-added foodstuffs, cooperation in small and medium scale industries, exchange of foodstuff technology, sending of delegations and cooperation in trade and investment between the two countries.

In the afternoon, the vice-presidents, CEC members and executives met Director-General Mr Sergey V Chernyshow and party of the Asia and Africa Affairs Department of the Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation. The meeting focused on implementation of heavy construction tasks and projects by Russia, manufacturing of heavy machinery for construction tasks and agri-



cultural equipment and exchange of machinery production.

The CEO and four members of Western Australian Chamber of Commerce called on the Vice-Presidents and party of the UMFCCI at the office in

**UMFCCI Vice-President U Win Aung and party meeting CEO and four members of Western Australian Chamber of Commerce.—MNA**

the afternoon.

They discussed investment and cooperation in micro-credit scheme, information and technology, production of security equipment, trade and services and garment industries in Myanmar.—MNA

## Internet hoax sparks rumours of Jackie Chan's death



Jackie Chan

HONG KONG, 31 March— Rumours of Jackie Chan's death have set the Twittersverse into overdrive, but according to his Facebook page the action star is alive and kicking.

The bogus news took hold after it was tweeted that the action star had suffered a heart attack, the *Courier-Mail* re-ported.

'RIP Jackie Chan' topped Twitter's trending topics, sparking confusion and leading to a post on Chan's Facebook page debunking the story.

"Jackie is alive and well. He did not suffer a heart attack and die, as was reported on many social networking sites and in online news reports.

"Jackie is fine and is busy preparing for the filming of his next

movie."

The prank originated on a fake website made to look like the *Australian news website Yahoo!7News*. Chan is not the first celebrity to be prematurely killed off on the internet. Jurassic Park star Jeff Goldblum was the victim of a similar bogus story that he had died in a ski accident in New Zealand, sparking a spate of copycat celebrity death hoaxes.—*Internet*

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE  
MV CTP EAGLE VOY NO (105)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV CTP EAGLE VOY NO (105) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 1.4.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY  
AGENT FOR: M/S SAMUDERA SHIPPING  
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Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE  
MV SEA ZENITH VOY NO (02)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SEA ZENITH VOY NO (02) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 1.4.2011 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.

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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY  
AGENT FOR: SANG THAI SHIPPING CO LTD  
Phone No: 256924/256914**

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE  
MV SILVER WAVE VOY NO (3/11)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SILVER WAVE VOY NO (3/11) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 1.4.2011 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: PACIFIC GLORY SHIPPING  
CO LTD  
Phone No: 256924/256914**

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE  
MV BILLION VOY NO (125)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV BILLION VOY NO (125) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 1.4.2011 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 PHULSAWAT SHIPPING  
CO LTD  
Phone No: 256916/256919/256921**

**INVITATION FOR TENDER  
(TENDERNO.8(T)MPE/LBO(2)/2010-2011)**

1. Sealed Tenders are invited for the Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise, the Ministry of Energy for the supply of 1,792.8±10% Metric Tons Lube Base Oil & Additives.
2. Tender Closing Date : 26-4-2011 at (12:00) noon.
3. Tender Opening Date : 26-4-2011 at (13:00) hrs.
4. Delivery Time : Within July 2011
5. Tender Documents and details information are available at the Department of Finance, Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise, Nay Pyi Taw, during office hours commencing 31-3-2011 on payment of the Myanmar Kyat One Hundred Thousand (Kyat 100,000) per set.
6. Only bid from tenderer who has purchased tender document officially from Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise will be accepted for evaluation.

Managing Director  
Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE  
MV ENCORE VOY NO (008)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV ENCORE VOY NO (008) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 31.3.2011 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: SONG WON PCS CO LTD,  
KOREA**

Phone No: 256924/256914

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE  
MV DIBENA WIN VOY NO (139)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV DIBENA WIN VOY NO (139) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 31.3.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W(6) 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 PHULSAWAT SHIPPING  
CO LTD**

Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE  
MV CENA FAITH VOY NO (001)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV CENA FAITH VOY NO (001) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 31.3.2011 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 COSCO SHIPPING  
CO LTD**

Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

**Don't Smoke**

**INVITATION TO SEALED TENDER**

1. Under-mentioned (11) units of old motor vehicle belonging to the Directorate of Trade, Ministry of Commerce shall be sold out in tender -

- |                                      |   |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| (a) Path Finder                      | (1) unit  |
| (b) Mazda Jeep                       | (6) units   |
| (c) Mazda T-2000                     | (2) units   |
| (d) Hino TE-21                       | (2) units   |
| (e) Date and Time of Tender Sale:    | 1-4-2011<br>(9:30) to (16:30)   |
| (f) Closing Date and Time of Tender: | 4-4-2011 (12:00)  |
| (g) Selling Place of Tender Form:    | Directorate of<br>Trade Planning<br>and Training<br>Branch, Office<br>No.3, Nay Pyi Taw |

2. Current situation of these motor vehicles can be seen at No.240, Upper Pazundaung Road, Setsan Ward, Mingalar Taung Nyunt Township and at Building (5321), Wunna Thakedi Ward, Nay Pyi Taw and inquiry should be done connecting with telephone number 067-408230, 408409 for more informations.

Tender Censor Board  
Ministry of Commerce

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Dated. 01 April, 2011.



**Final turf laid at  
London Olympic  
2012 Stadium**

LONDON, 31 March — Construction work on London's Olympic Stadium has finished. International inspectors laid the last piece of turf on the field of the stadium, just under three years after building work began. Inspectors will now begin a check-up of preparations for the London 2012 Games.

But London 2012 chairman Lord Coe said: "We wouldn't want anyone to run away with the idea that this stadium is ready to stage an Olympic track and field championship tomorrow."

Internet

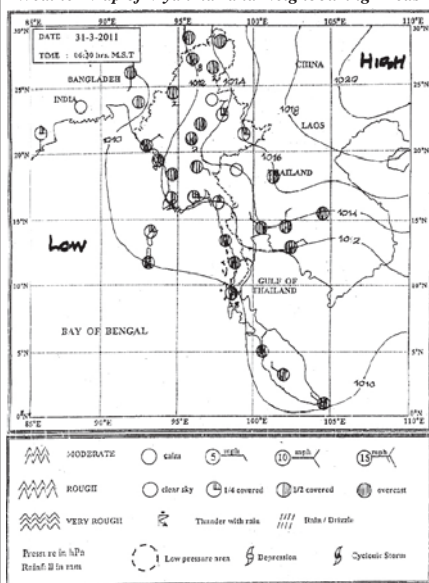
**Bronx Zoo's  
missing cobra  
'speaks out'  
on Twitter**

NEW YORK, 31 March — A tongue-in-cheek Twitter user giving "updates" on a missing deadly Egyptian cobra now has some 35,000 followers. The 20in (50cm) venomous snake escaped from New York City's Bronx Zoo on Friday, and is yet to be found. In one tweet, BronxZooCobra says: "On top of the Empire State Building! All the people look like little mice down there. Delicious little mice." — Internet

A bite from an Egyptian cobra can kill within seconds. — INTERNET



**Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas**



**WEATHER**

**Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> 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 Upper Sagaing Region, fairly widespread in Chin State, scattered in Mandalay Region and Kachin State, isolated in Lower Sagaing, Magway, Bago and Taninthayi Regions, Shan and Rakhine States and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below March average temperatures in Ayeyawady Region, Kayin and Mon States, (5°C) to (6°C) below March average temperature in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Regions, Chin and Kayah States, (8°C) to (12°C) below March average temperature in Upper Sagaing Region, Kachin and Shan States and about March average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperatures was Chauk (39°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Tamu and Kawthoung (1.10) inches each, Thipaw (0.55) inch, Maungtau (0.51) inch, NyaungOo (0.43) inch, Mogok and Kyauktaw (0.39) inch each.

**Nay Pyi Taw**

Maximum temperature on 30-3-2011 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 31-3-2011 was 69°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 31-3-2011 was (63%). Rainfall on 31-3-2011 was (Nil).

**Yangon (Kaba-Aye)**

Maximum temperature on 30-3-2011 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 31-3-2011 was 66°F. Relative humidity at (09:30)

hours MST on 31-3-2011 was (56%). Total sunshine hours on 30-3-2011 was (10.6) hours (Approx).

Rainfall on 31-3-2011 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (5.79) inches at Mingaladon, (6.89) inches at Kaba-Aye and (7.09) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southeast at (12:30) hours MST on 30-3-2011.

**Bay Inference:** According to the observations at (05:30) hrs MST today, the Low Pressure Area over South Andaman Sea has become unimportance. Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and South and North Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011:** Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing Region, Kachin and Chin States, scattered in Mandalay and Taninthayi Regions, Shan and Rakhine States and isolated in Lower Sagaing, Magway and Bago Regions, Mon State and partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**State of the sea:** Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of continuation of isolated rain or thundershowers in the Upper Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 1-4-2011:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 1-4-2011:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 1-4-2011:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**Tiger Woods to attend tour in China and South Korea in April**

GUANGZHOU, 31 March —Tiger Woods will appear in China and South Korea to attend the first Nike “Make It Matter” Tour in April, said the Tour organizer on Thursday in China’s south city of Shenzhen.

The Nike “Make It Matter” Tour is not a real competition but to illuminate the sport of golf in Asia among youth, golf fans and aspiring athletes alike all through the insights shared by Woods as it relates to golf, including athletic training, practicing, preparing for competition and product innovation.

The Tour will make its first stop at Mission Hills golf club in China’s south city of Shenzhen from 11-12 April, which will be the second time for the club to host Woods. His inaugural visit 10 years ago was a landmark event for Chinese golf development, raising the game’s profile both in China and around the world.—Xinhua



**Werder Bremen’s Peruvian striker Claudio Pizarro (right) and Inter Milan’s Nigerian midfielder Obiora Nwankwo fight for the ball during their UEFA Champions League match Werder Bremen in Bremen, 2010. Pizarro is set to be out for up to ten days after twisting his ankle while playing for Peru in a goalless draw with Ecuador.**

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**MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (1-4-2011) (Friday)**

Transmissions	Times
Local	(09:00am - 11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission	(1-4-11 09:30 am - 2-4-11 09:30 am) MST

**Local Transmission**

- \* Opening
- \* News
- \* Promoting Tourism Through Sports
- \* News
- \* Golden Dreams and his Art (Academy Diramore)
- \* News
- \* How to extract Timber Using Elephant
- \* News
- \* Youth and Technology

**Oversea Transmission**

- \* Opening
- \* News
- \* Promoting Tourism Through Sports
- \* News
- \* Golden Dreams and his Art (Academy Diramore)
- \* News
- \* How to extract Timber Using Elephant
- \* News
- \* Wonderful Myanma Handicrafts from Inlay Lake
- \* News
- \* Myanmar DVD Impact “Love you So Much”
- \* News
- \* Anthropoid Orgions in Myanmar (I)
- \* News
- \* Youth and Technology
- \* News
- \* Come and Visit, no matter the distance
- \* Myanmar Movie “New Bosom”



**Friday, 1 April View on today**

- 7:00 am**
- 1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw
- 7:15 am**
- 2. Dhamma Puja Song
- 7:25 am**
- 3. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am**
- 4. Morning News

- 7:40 am**
- 5. Nice & Sweet Song
- 7:50 am**
- 6. Health Programme
- 8:00 am**
- 7. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 8:10 am**
- 8. Teleplay (Health)
- 8:25 am**
- 9. Dance Of Thin Gyan Festival
- 8:40 am**
- 10. International News
- 8:45 am**
- 11. The Mirror Lmages Of The Musical Oldies
- 4:00 pm**
- 1. Martial Song

- 4:05 pm**
- 2. Song Of National Races
- 4:10 pm**
- 3. Songs Of Yester Years
- 4:20 pm**
- 4. Dance Of Thin Gyan Festival
- 4:45 pm**
- 5. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -First Year (History)
- 4:55 pm**
- 6. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 5:00 pm**
- 7. Myanmar Language

- 5:15 pm**
- 8. Dance Of Thin Gyan Festival
- 5:35 pm**
- 9. Yoetha Phyu Sin Kalaydoeathwin
- 6:00 pm**
- 10. Evening News
- 6:15 pm**
- 11. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm**
- 12. Internet Garden
- 7:00 pm**
- 13. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm**
- 14. News
- 15. International News
- 16. Weather Report
- 17. Just For Laughs (Gags Asia)
- 18. TV Drama Series
- 19. Song Lover

- ★ 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

**President U Thein Sein gives address to heads of Union level organizations, members of Union Government UCSB Chairman, Union Deputy Ministers, MPF Chief, Deputy Attorney-General, Deputy Auditor-General, UCSB members, Nay Pyi Taw Council members make affirmation before the President**



*Chairperson of Union Civil Services Board, Union Deputy Ministers, Chief of Myanmar Police Force, Deputy Attorney-General, Deputy Auditor-General, members of Union Civil Services Board and members of Nay Pyi Taw Council making affirmation before the President.—MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 31 March—A ceremony to take heed of presidential address and make affirmation took place at the President Office here this morning. Present on the occasion were President U Thein

Sein, Vice-Presidents Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and Dr Sai Mauk Kham, the Commander-in-Chief, the Deputy Commander-in-Chief, the Union Chief Justice, the Chairperson of Constitutional

Tribunal of the Union, the Chairman of Union Election Commission, Union Ministers, the Attorney-General, the Auditor-General, judges of Supreme Court of the  
(See page 11)