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Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo receives Secretary of Ho Chi Minh City Communist Party Committee Mr Le Thanh Hai and party at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw.

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NAY PYI TAW, 13 March—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo received Secretary of Ho Chi Minh City Communist Party Committee Mr Le Thanh Hai and party at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, here, at 10.30 am today.

Also present at the call together with Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo were Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thuang Lwin, Member of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Kan Chun and departmental heads. The Secretary of Ho Chi Minh City Communist

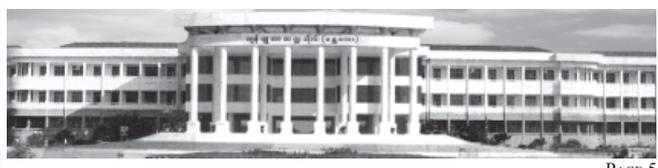
Party and party were accompanied by senior officials. At the call, they discussed undertaking of city of friendship and cooperation between Yangon and Ho Chi Minh City, cooperation in economy between the two countries and development of tourism industry.

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The issue of climate change

All signs suggest that the planet is still hurtling headlong toward climatic disaster.

There are several reasons for this, and we should understand them in order to break today's deadlock.

First, the economic challenge of controlling human-induced climate change is truly complex. The human-induced climate change stems from two principal sources of emission of greenhouse gases.

Changing the world's energy and agricultural systems is no small matter. It is not enough to just wave our hands and declare that climate change is an emergency. We need a practical strategy for overhauling two economic sectors that stand at the centre of the global economy and involve the entire world's population.

The second major challenge in addressing climate change is the complicity of the science itself. Today's understanding of climate change is the result of extremely difficult scientific work. This scientific understanding is incomplete, and there remain significant uncertainties about the precise magnitudes, timing and dangers of climate change.

This has given rise to a third problem in addressing climate change, which stems from a combination of the economic implications of the issue and the uncertainty that surrounds it.

What is clear is that we are courting disaster as a result. And nature is telling us that our current economic model is dangerous and self-defeating. Unless we find some proper and realistic ways in the next few years, we will learn that lesson in the hardest ways possible.

Over 172 fires broke out in Feb

YANGON, 13 March — Over 172 fires broke out in February, 2012, across the country, destroying 1571 houses and one garage and leaving 3750 people homeless.

Out of 172 fires, 126 fires started at kitchens and caused by negligence, seven caused by automatic fires, 21 fires by short circuits, nine fires by arsonists and nine by forest fires.—MNA

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Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann receives a delegation led by US Special Envoy and Policy Coordinator for Myanmar Mr Derek Mitchell.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 13 March—Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann received a delegation led by US Special Envoy and Policy Coordinator for Myanmar Mr Derek Mitchell at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of the Hluttaw Building, here, at 9 am today.

Also present at the call were Deputy Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa, Chairman of the Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee U Hla Myint Oo, Chairman of the Investment and Industrial Development Committee U Htay Myint, members of the Legal Affairs and

Special Cases Assessment Commission and officials of the Hluttaw Office.

At the call, they exchanged views and discussed duties, responsibilities and authority of Hluttaw committees and progress of their tasks, undertakings of the Fundamental Rights of Citizens, Democracy and Human Rights Committee, and the Peasant, Worker and Youth Affairs Committee, and cooperation between Hluttaws of the two countries.

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Union Religious Affairs Minister receives Pakistani Ambassador



NAY PYI TAW, 13 March—Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung received Ambassador of Islamic Republic of Pakistan to Myanmar Mr Qazi M Khalilullah at his office here at 3 pm today.

At the meeting, they discussed matters on further strengthening friendly ties between the two countries and cooperation in the two countries.—MNA

Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung receives Ambassador of Islamic Republic of Pakistan to Myanmar Mr Qazi M Khalilullah.—MNA

Sagaing Region Chief Minister inspects regional development tasks



NAY PYI TAW, 13 March—Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye attended opening ceremony of Great Mart Shopping Centre in Monywa on 8 March.

Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye meets local residents at Tamadaw Village, YeU.

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He met local people at Nyaungbinwun village Basic Education High School in Myinmu Township and inspected site chosen for construction of new school building and site for Construction of Mu River retaining wall.

The region chief minister also met local people of Legyi village in Sagaing Township and inspected construction of

Basic Education Middle School (Branch).

The region chief minister inspected hospitals, markets, schools and roads in Ywathitgyi, Talai, Hsataung and Thazin villages in Sagaing Township, Kanhtooma model village in Taze Township and Tamadaw village in YeU Township. He met local people there and attended to the needs.

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Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, right, walks with Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong after a meeting at Bogor Palace in Bogor, West Java, Indonesia.—INTERNET

Indonesia, Singapore agree to renegotiate extradition treaty

BOGOR, 13 March—Indonesia and Singapore on Tuesday agreed to renegotiate extradition treaty and boost negotiation to set up a mutual legal assistance as efforts to pursue corrupt people escaping to the city-state and return their assets stashed there, Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono said here.

President Yudhoyono told a Press conference after meeting Singaporean Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong in the botanic garden palace in

Bogor town of West Java that Lee had expressed readiness to the renegotiation.

“The respond from the Singapore was actually good, they are ready when we are ready to talk about the case again with a good approach and manner,” said Yudhoyono, referring to his discussion with Lee.

Singapore has been a hiding place for corrupt people in Indonesia along with over tens billion US dollars of their assets suspected as the result of grafts. The absence of

extradition treaty has hampered Indonesian legal authorities to take legal action against them.

Both Indonesia and Singapore had nearly reached deal on the package of extradition treaty along with defense cooperation treaty in 2009, but the two sides were still on dispute on the defence agreement.

President Yudhoyono asked Singapore to be back on negotiation table to find the solution on the disagreement.

Besides, the president

said that another legal cooperation plan in the form of mutual legal assistance should be boosted to pursue corrupt people hiding in Singapore and seize their assets there before the extradition treaty deal reached. Indonesia has taken a serious step to fight against rampant graft, scores of officials from active central bank governor and lawmakers have been sent to jail and undergone legal process for corruption charges.

Xinhua

FM spokesman says China shocked at killing of 17 Afghan civilians by US soldier

BEIJING, 13 March—A Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman said here on Tuesday that China was shocked at the killing of 17 Afghan civilians, including nine children and three women, by a US soldier in Afghanistan’s southern Province of Kandahar.

“We extend our condolences and sympathies to the families of the victims,” spokesman Liu Weimin told a regular news briefing in Beijing.

He said China, as a

friendly neighbour of Afghanistan, sincerely hopes the country can resume peace and stability at an early date.

Another five people were injured in the incident, which occurred early Sunday morning in Zangabad Village of Panjwayi district in the province some 450 km south of the capital City of Kabul.

The incident happened in the wake of violent nationwide protests against US troops in Afghanistan, which erupted after some copies of the Koran were

found burnt at a US base, raising concerns over a new wave of demonstrations in the making.

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Afghan boys sit on the ground near the scene where Afghans were allegedly killed by a US service member in Panjwai, Kandahar Province south of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 11 March, 2012.

INTERNET



Sarkozy to lead arch rival Hollande for the first time

PARIS, 13 March — French incumbent President Nicolas Sarkozy outpaced for the first time his challenger the socialist Francois Hollande at four weeks before the two-round runoff as his protectionist push injected new blood to his re-election campaign bid, a poll showed on Tuesday.

According to Ifop daily opinion poll, Sarkozy overturned high unpopularity after winning 28.5 percent of intention of votes in the April first round, up 1.5 percentage points while Hollande

support fell to 27 percent compared to 28 percent at the end of February. However, the poll still showed Hollande keeping a wide lead with 54.5 percent of the vote to Sarkozy’s 45.5 percent in the May decisive round.

Ifop survey questioned 1,638 respondents on March 11 and 12 after Sarkozy’s giant rally of Villepinte where the ruling party candidate defied Europe through his call to revise Schengen treaty to abate influx of immigrants and protect local products.

Xinhua

Eight killed in US drone strike in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 13 March—At least eight people were killed in a US drone strike launched on Tuesday afternoon in Pakistan’s northwest tribal area, according to local media reports.

While most local media reports said that the strike took place in North Waziristan, one local Urdu TV channel Dunya said that it occurred in South Waziristan.

Despite the difference in the location of the US drone strike, all the local media said that the target was a vehicle suspected of carrying militants.

As both North and South Waziristan are the far-flung mountainous areas bordering Afghanistan, it normally takes time to confirm the news coming from these areas.

Tuesday’s US drone strike is the ninth of its kind (counted on daily basis) in Pakistan in 2012. To date, at least 69 people have reportedly been killed and 14 others injured in such strikes since the beginning of this year.

Xinhua

Spies create fake Facebook account in NATO chief’s name to steal personal details

WASHINGTON, 13 March—Spies created a fake Facebook account in the name of NATO’s senior-most commander to steal his personal details.

Senior British military officers and Ministry of Defence officials are believed to have been among those who accepted “friend requests” from the bogus account for American Admiral James Stavridis, *The Telegraph* reports.

The security breach revealed a trove of personal information to spies, including names, personal email addresses, dates of birth, clues about their home address and personal and family pictures online.

NATO officials are reluctant to publicly blame anybody for the attack but in classified briefings, military officers and diplomats were told the evidence pointed to “state-sponsored individuals in China”.

NATO has advised senior officers and officials, including Admiral Stavridis to open their own social networking pages to prevent

a repeat of such incident.

Officials at SHAPE, the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe confirmed that its commander had been targeted but refused to comment on the origin of the security breach.

“This type of compromising attempts are called “Social Engineering” and has nothing to do with hacking” or espionage. Discussions/chats/postings on Facebook are of course only about unclassified topics,” a SHAPE spokesperson said.

“There have been several fake supreme allied commander pages. The most important thing is for Facebook to get rid of them. First and foremost we want to make sure that the public is not being misinformed. Social media played a crucial role in the Libya campaign last year,” a NATO official added.

The so-called “spear fishing” exercise is the latest tactic in the wide-ranging use of the Internet to spy on key Western figures and to steal their secrets.—*Internet*



France’s incumbent president and Union for a Popular Movement (UMP) candidate for 2012 presidential election Nicolas Sarkozy takes part in the TV broadcast “Paroles de candidats” of French TV channel TF1 on 12 March, 2012 in Saint-Denis, outside Paris.—INTERNET

US military unveils new non-lethal weapon

Moscow, 13 March—The US military has developed a new non-lethal weapon that makes people feel they are burning when struck by the beam it emits, a media report said Monday. The weapon, dubbed the Active Denial System (ADS), uses a millimetre wave beam and has a range of 1,000 metres. It was demonstrated to senior US military staff at a base in Quantico, Virginia, last week.

The beam only penetrates 1/64 of an inch into the skin and is considered to be completely safe, despite the fact that its power is 100 times higher than that of a regular microwave.

“The military says they’ve done over 11,000 exposures on people with only two injuries,” the *DailyTech* reported.

According to the US Department of Defence Joint Non-Lethal Weapons Directorate, “it could be used across the military spectrum of operations, perimeter security, crowd control, entry control points.”

The ADS has been in development for 15 years, and it was briefly deployed in Afghanistan but never used in combat, the *DailyTech* said.—*Internet*



US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton speaks at the UN Security Council meeting on 12 March, 2012 in New York City. Secretary Clinton and foreign ministers at the meeting discussed the continued violence in the Middle East.

INTERNET

Global march of banana fungus revealed



The fungus can cause bananas to ripen prematurely.—INTERNET

LONDON, 13 March — A banana and plantain fungus which has spread across the world originated in South East Asia, new research has found.

Black leaf streak disease (*Mycosphaerella fijiensis*) affects leaf photosynthesis, and causes premature ripening. It also delays harvests and can affect banana quality, size

and numbers. A *Molecular Ecology Journal* study found “an original and unprecedented global scenario of invasion”.

It is the most important and destructive banana disease in the world, says one of the authors, Stephanie Robert.

“It starts with small flecks and spreads to the whole banana leaves — the disease can totally destroy the whole banana plant,” she says. Using genetic markers, the team were able to map the streaks on 735 banana leaves from 37 different countries and identify genetic similarities. “The historical hypothesis was that it came

from South East Asia,” Ms Robert says. While the fungus was first recorded in Fiji in 1963, it was initially



thought that the centre of origin could have been Papua New Guinea or the Solomon Islands.

However, the study found the whole of South

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East Asia could be the centre of diversity — encompassing at least Malaysia, Philippines, Indonesia and Papua New Guinea.

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Warm winter may bring pest-filled spring

HARTFORD, 13 March — The mild winter that has given many Northern farmers a break from shoveling and a welcome chance to catch up on maintenance could lead to a tough spring as many pests that would normally freeze have not. Winters are usually what one agriculture specialist calls a “reset button” that gives farmer a fresh start come planting season. But with relatively mild temperatures and little snow, insects are surviving, growing and, in some areas, already munching on budding plants.

Almost every state had a warmer-than-usual January, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. In Albany, NY, for example, the average high in January was 37 degrees, when it’s usually less than freezing, according to the National Weather Service. In

Tulsa, Okla., the average high last month was about 57 degrees, 9 degrees higher than normal. The Upper Midwest, Great Plains and a few other areas were “much above normal” in temperature, NOAA said.

Dawn Allen, who has an 89-year-old, family-run bog in Freetown, Mass., said her family will likely start sweeping bogs with a contraption similar to a butterfly net in April to catch winter moth caterpillars, instead of waiting until mid-May, when they typically start. The winter moth caterpillars are aggressive and eat buds, potentially ruining a crop for a whole year.

“It’s a big stress factor that gets us out on the bog early,” said Allen, whose farm sells cranberries for juice and pulp converted into cranberry vitamins. —Internet



Up to 900 tropical bird species could ‘go extinct’

LONDON, 13 March — Up to 900 species of tropical land birds around the world could become extinct by 2100, researchers say. The finding is modelled on the effects of a 3.5C Earth surface temperature rise, a *Biological Conservation Journal* paper shows. Species may struggle to adapt to habitat loss and extreme weather events, author Cagan Sekercioglu says. Mountain, coastal, restricted-range, and species unable to get to higher elevations could be the worst affected.

Depending on future habitat loss, each degree of surface warming could affect between 100-500 species, says Mr Sekercioglu, assistant professor of biology at the University of Utah. “This gives us a clear big picture. The problem is most species in the world are highly sedentary... the public perception is most birds are migratory and so climate change is not a problem for them,” he says.

Mr Sekercioglu says tropical mountain species are among the most vulnerable. He says bird species will need to be able to adapt physiologically to changes in temperature and be able to move to higher altitudes if they are to survive. He says cooler, more humid forests could recede higher up mountains and combined with human settlements at higher altitudes, forest habitat could “get pushed off the mountain”. —Internet



The wire-tailed manakin faces an uncertain future. INTERNET

GDC 2012: Create, then game your own music with the PS Vita title, Sound Shapes



NEW YORK, 13 March — Say what you will about the PlayStation Vita, but one thing you cannot deny is that the launch titles have offered a little something for everyone. From franchise shooters to sports games, the Vita has been expanding its reach while also trying to give fans something new and original. Few games typify that as well as the upcoming title from developer Qeasay Games, *Sound Shapes*. If you’ll notice, I have been careful not to use the word “game” to describe *Sound Shapes*, and with good reason. Sure, it is a game, and features both level creation and platforming, but focusing on that is missing the point. *Sound*

Shapes is a rhythm-based musical experience that you control as if it were a game.

At first glance, it is a simple platforming game where you control an amorphous blob that can stick to certain surfaces, and

you collect orbs as you try to progress from screen to screen while avoiding enemies and lasers. If you play without the sound on, that may be all that you take from it, which would be a shame. With the sound on, you realize that to call it a game is only partially true. Sure, it is presented like a game, but it is more about the creation of music, and the platforming elements are simply a byproduct of that. The orbs you collect are actually notes, and the lasers are rhythm drums. The enemies are also part of the sounds, and completing each screen means completing a new section of the soundtrack.

Internet

New iPad expected with faster chip, sharper screen

NEW YORK, 13 March — Apple is holding an event Wednesday in San Francisco, and has hinted that it will reveal a new iPad model. Rumors speak of an updated tablet with a speedier processor, a sharper screen and an option for faster wireless broadband access.

If last year’s launch of the iPad 2 is any guide, the new iPad model will go on sale in the US next week, likely on Friday.

The upgrade from the iPad 2 to the iPad 3 will be less significant than the upgrade from the original iPad to the iPad 2, which added two cameras while cutting both the thickness and the weight of the device.

One big unknown is

whether Apple will keep the iPad 2 in production and offer it at a lower price, like it kept the iPhone 3GS after the launch of the iPhone 4.

Another big question is whether Apple will reveal its rumored foray into making TV sets. Some have speculated that the invite to the Apple event, which said “We have something you really have to see,” points in that direction.

Apple already sells and “Apple TV.” It’s not a TV, but a small box that attaches to a television set to display movies and play music from iTunes. The iPad launch comes as Apple has reached a rare milestone: Last week, it was worth more than \$500 billion. Only six other US companies have been worth that much, and none have held that valuation for long.

On Tuesday, Apple’s stock fell, bringing its market value down to \$493 billion, but analysts believe the company is worth closer to \$550 billion. These are some rumored features of the iPad 3:

— A sharper screen, similar to the “Retina Display” on the iPhone 4 and 4s. The rumored resolution is 2048 by 1536 pixels, which would make text look smoother and some high-resolution pictures look better. It won’t make much of a difference for images on the Web, or video.

Some speculate that Apple will call the model the “iPad HD,” for “high definition,” rather than “iPad 3.”

Internet

US smartphone users now over 100 million, Android increases market share

NEW YORK, 13 March — Research firm comScore has released its latest set of data looking at key trends in the US mobile market for the three-month period ending January 2012.

One figure which caught the eye was its finding that for the first time there are now more than 100 million mobile subscribers in the US using

smartphones. The exact figure was put at 101.3 million, an increase of 13 percent from October. No doubt that figure was helped by the launch of Apple’s popular iPhone 4S handset in October. Indeed, Apple saw its smartphone platform share increase 1.4 percent in the three-month period ending January 2012 over the preceding three-

month period.

The Cupertino company now has a 29.5 percent share of the smartphone platform market. Google’s Android operating system, on the other hand, comfortably maintains its number one position with a 48.6 percent market share, up 2.3 percent from the previous three-month period.

Internet



A student works out an algebra problem on his school-supplied iPad in class at Grant, Colo. INTERNET



Union FM receives Pakistani Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 13 March—Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin received Ambassador of Islamic Republic of Pakistan Mr Qazi M Khalilullah, who has completed his tour of duty, at the ministry, here, at 1.30 pm today. They focused on promotion of

bilateral relations between the two countries.—MNA

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Technological Universities, Universities of Computer Studies and Arts and Science Universities that link other universities in upper Myanmar

Technological Universities, Universities of Computer Studies and Arts and Science Universities are opened, centered Mandalay in order to link other universities in upper Myanmar. Photos show Technological University (Mandalay) (right) and University of Computer Studies (Mandalay) (above).



Photo shows Mandalay University in Mandalay Region where students in the region are pursuing higher education. (above)

Photo shows Yadanabon University in Mandalay, one of the higher learning institutions in Mandalay. (right)

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- * Mandalay Region becomes a shining star for current education sector. Thanks to the multi development programme across the country, Mandalay is noted for University City in upper Myanmar.
- * In the past, Mandalay University was only one in Mandalay Region. Now Ministry of Education has opened Mandalay University of Foreign Languages, Mandalay University of Distance Education, Yadanabon University, Meiktila University, Institute of Economics (Meiktila) and Kyaukse University.
- * There were over 20,000 students who pursued higher education in the region. Thanks to the increase in the number of universities, the number of students has now reached over 80,000.

New National Democracy Party presents its policy, stance and work programmes

NAY PYI TAW, 13 March — Chairman of New National Democracy Party U Thein Nyunt presented the party's policy, stance and work programmes through radio and TV today.

The translation of his presentation is as follows:



Esteemed people,

Under my leadership, our New National Democracy Party with the logo of three bamboo hats will compete in three constituencies of the Pyithu Hluttaw in Yangon Region. Advocate Mon national U Win Shwe will compete in Dagon Seikkan Township, U Phone Myint who took charge of minority affairs in Mingala Taungnyunt Township together with Saya Chel and young vocalist U Ye Min Thein (a) Ratha in Mayangon Township.

In the 1990 multi-party democracy election, wearing a bamboo hat, I was elected in Thingangyun Constituency-1. As we have to pass through the election route if we want to reach the democracy system, I ran for the 2010 election and was chosen Pyithu Hluttaw representative of Thingangyun Constituency. As you all know, the people of Thingangyun voted for us in the 2010 election by putting a tick beside the Khamout (bamboo hat).

That is why I have been able to work inside and outside the Hluttaw with the authority entrusted by the people. The reason why we stood for the 2010 election is mainly to reduce poverty rate of the people and create job opportunities. In giving an interview to a senior editor of The Washington Post, President U Thein Sein said there are more than 3 million Myanmar migrant workers abroad and the domestic poverty rate is about 26%.

We faced a strong political wind in which some people decided that they would not vote if they did not participate in election in reforming our underdeveloped country through the parliamentary politics. Now, the time has given us the answer whether or not it was right we ran for the election.

Esteemed people,

In an article of the Voice Journal entitled 'The trace of road can be seen: the worries of a bystander in the mist' by author Kyaw Win wrote his remark. In it, he says: "As you all know, those parties had to overcome the demands of no vote to run for election. They had to struggle ardently braving all criticisms and accusations. If they refused to accept the chance, all the efforts they had made would go useless. Indeed, they sacrificed for their single belief."

After I have been in the Hluttaw for a year, what did I do and what am I doing? At the first Pyithu Hluttaw, I

highlighted amnesty for reformation process in accord with democratic and human rights norms and standards. At the second regular session on 26-8-2011, I submitted a proposal requesting the President to continue to issue amnesty orders. After the Pyithu Hluttaw approved it and sent a message to the President, prison doors opened to relieve the sufferings of prisoners' relatives. Tens of thousands of prisoners including those had served jail terms due to their belief were sent back home.

Both inside and outside the Hluttaw, we dealt with our party's three strategies—national reconciliation, democracy cause and human rights—in a peaceful way in the framework of law and solved political problems in a political way. As we had been able to build trust and understanding with all national forces such as representatives from the political parties, national race representatives and Defence Services personnel representatives, We successfully made our proposal to issue amnesty orders continuously.

Esteemed people,

We also made a proposal to draft a new prison act guaranteeing human dignity in conformity with the 21st century in place of the prisons act that has been practised since the colonial era. As the Pyithu Hluttaw has put the proposal on record, we will see prison reforms as mentioned in the book entitled 'So cruel' by Former Prime Minister U Nu.

If I present some important Hluttaw questions, we submitted a proposal to arrange for reciting poems and biographies on Martyrs' Day regarding national leader Bogyoke Aung San and other Martyrs' leaders. My question will have its answer on Martyrs' Day, 2012.

At the second regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw meeting, our party raised questions and submitted the proposals on affairs in our constituency and the interest of the state and the people. At the third regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw meeting submitted bills and proposals and raised questions. The major issue I would like to highlight among these proposals is bribery and corruption that has been deeply-rooted in the society. With a view to ensuring the emergence of clean government and good governance, we submitted the proposal on the formation of National Anti-corruption Commission which is independent, trustful and agreeable to all in order to take stern actions against corruptions. As long as corruption and bribery prevails in the society, it would cause a burden to the people, and the collection of full taxes would be impossible, which is a loophole for the government. Our party would carry out to fight against corruptions and bribery spreading like cancer.

Esteemed people,

Our party also puts more emphasis on regional issues. Yangon Region Hluttaw representative U Kyaw submitted the proposal on sufficient supply of drinking water in Yangon Region. More emphasis was also placed on matters relating to the shortage of water, power outage and damaged roads as promised in the 2010 Election. Representative U

Kyaw of Thingangyun Constituency No.1 also submitted the proposal on urging the government to allow antiphonal chant in the course of Thingyan festival which all people and students want. So, we are going to enjoy antiphonal chant in the coming Thingyan festival again. The major amendments to some

matters I made in the Pyithu Hluttaw are that not to pay money in submitting overnight guest list to authorities and exercising secret ballot so as to nurture the democratic practice starting ward level.

We failed to achieve successes in submitting the proposals on abolishing of Emergency Act (1950) which is known for 5(J) {Ngar (Nya)} and—Act (1926). With respect to these Acts, we have already done something we should to some extent.

For the safety of media, we, in particular, submitted the proposal on abolishing of section 500. We have already tried to prescribe a law that can protect media men, the fourth estate.

Esteemed people,

It is witnessed that during one year, our party has submitted the matters such as the rule of law, the end of civil war, promoting human right standards to Hluttaw. In addition, our esteemed people can assess our party's stance on people's hardships outside the Hluttaw. It can be seen how our party got engaged in the issues of Bayintnaung market in Mayangon Township, hyper Mingalar Mon Market in Mingala Taungnyunt Township, 88 ward market in Dagon Seikkan Township and shopkeepers in Yangon Region. All we did is only in the interest of the State and the people.

Esteemed people,

Based on the 2010 Election result, our party's undertakings in the Hluttaws give a witness to our promise. As all know, I am an only representative of our party in Pyithu Hluttaw. So, our party is in urgent need of getting Pyithu Hluttaw representatives who can help me. Here, eligible voters are urged to put a tick in the box next to three bamboo hats so as to vote our representatives U Win Shwe of Dagon Seikkan Township of Yangon Region, U Phone Myint of Mingala Taungnyunt Township and U Ye Min Thein well-known for Hip hopper Ratha of Mayangon Township who will represent youth voices, in the coming by-elections.

Voters are urged to choose representatives who can stand bravely by the people like me. I would like to say again that our party's emblem is three bamboo hats which is officially recognized by the Union Election Commission.



Teaching Traditional Medicine Hospital (Mandalay) upgraded to 100-bed facility

MANDALAY, 13 March—A ceremony to constitute Teaching Traditional Medicine Hospital (Mandalay) (100-bed) under the Ministry of Health was held at the hall of the hospital on 22 February morning.

Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin made a speech. Professor Director-General Dr Aung Myint of Traditional Medicine Department presented gifts in commemoration of upgrading the teaching traditional medicine hospital to the 100-bed facility to the Deputy Minister for Health and the Region Minister for Social Affairs.—Health

District News

Fire preventive measures taken in Singu

SINGU, 13 March—As an act of taking fire preventive measures, Deputy Commanding Officer Maung Gyi and members of Singu Township Auxiliary Fire Battalion and ward administrator inspected use of fire and electricity and systematic keeping of fire extinguishers at food stalls, public residences, government offices and departments in Ward 1 and Ward 2 of Singu on 12 February morning.

After that, they gave talks on danger of fire and fire preventive measures.—Myanma Alin



EDUCATIVE TALKS GIVEN: Talks on eradication of illegal timber extraction and environmental conservation were held at office of Kyaukkupyin Village in Ywangan Township on 28 February. Head of Township Forest Department U Zaw Naing talks about environmental conservation.—TOWNSHIP IPRD

Unity and Peace Party presents its policy, stance and work programmes

NAY PYI TAW, 13 March—Chairman of Unity and Peace Party U Ohn Lwin presented party's policy, stance and work programmes through radio and TV on 13 March evening. The translation of the presentation is as follows:



May all the people be in health and well-being. I am Chairman of Unity and Peace Party U Ohn Lwin. Firstly I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to leaders of the State, Information Minister, Union Election Commission Chairman and the entire people for allowing me to make this presentation.

As Unity and Peace Party was officially recognized as political party by Union Election Commission on 14-10-2011 with the registration No. 46, it is only five months old. Though, the party's leaders deeply and actively engaged in political movements in times of AFPFL, MSPP, SLORC and SPDC. Esteemed people, I would like to introduce the flag and logo of our Unity and Peace Party. Upper half of our flag is painted sky blue and lower half, white. It means peace, unity, determination and honesty. The party's logo is dove, the symbol of peace, in three circles. It bears the meaning of bringing about national reconciliation and eternal peace based on liberty, equality and justice.

I would like to report you on our undertakings made in the light of consideration on politics.

In 1988, the country collapsed into anarchy. The Tatmadaw took control of the country and promised the public to shape multi-party democracy and market economy. While some politicians were trying to remove the Tatmadaw with the help, inside and outside, we firmly supported the promise of the Tatmadaw. We have the answer why we did so. As the country legged behind other countries, the democratic classes—national capitalists, middle-class educated persons and white-collar workers—were weak and we considered the Tatmadaw government then should lead democratic revolution with their own understanding. The Tatmadaw government then convened National Convention in 1993 to draft the constitution. The convention was suspended in 1995 as the representatives of a party walked out the convention. The Tatmadaw government then designated the seven-step roadmap and resumed the National Convention. Three Hluttaws and the government ruled under the constitution have emerged.

Esteemed People,

Unity and Peace Party will field four candidates in coming by-elections on 1-4-2012. They are (1) Amyotha Hluttaw candidate Vice-Chairman (1) U Aung Than Tin in Taungdwingyi Township of Magway Region, (2) Pyithu Hluttaw candidate Vice-Chairman (2) U Hsan Tun in Tada U Township in Mandalay Region, (3) Pyithu Hluttaw candidate CEC Member U Tin Yi in Kawhmu Township in

Yangon Region, and (4) Pyithu Hluttaw candidate CEC Member U Thet Oo in Htantabin Township in Bago Region.

National reconciliation and eternal peace are our party's objective. We will try our best to implement united and peaceful transition in the move towards democracy. We believe the confrontation does not pay in democratic transition. Only when the people, the government and political parties work in cooperation, will our country be developed.

The people play a key role in democratic system. The constitution states, "The Sovereign power of the Union is derived from the citizens and is in force in the entire country." Nothing can be done without participation of the people in democratic system. The people must be allowed to elect candidates freely in free and clean elections. If not so, the mobocracy and ultra-democracy will become strong and the country and its people will be plunged into chaos. In post-independence period in 1948, political parties including red flag, white flag and people's militia took the parliamentary government (AFPFL) as enemy rather than friend and waged a war against it. The country legged behind in civil war for about forty or fifty years. It is the consequence from the mistake that the political party assumed the ally as enemy. We all the political parties should take lesson from it.

As success of the market orientation system is the key for development of the country, we all should make efforts for the success of the market system. Only then, will the country be developed in parallel with flourishing of democracy and human rights in it.

Esteemed People,

The stance of political parties is serving in the interests of the people. The national interest means development of the country, stability and peace in the country, democracy and human rights. As for us, we are working together with the parties which have the same stance with us. We have reviewed and made assessment to the political situations from all dimensions and have worked with our political convictions which do not base on extremist thinking such as personality cult, sectarianism and idealism. We do not hold the policy of "who diverse from me is my enemy" and we have worked together for a common purpose based on the concept of "Agree to Disagree" and are committed to find solutions on diversities through discussions. Our party, joining hands with our ally parties who have same political convictions with us, has engaged in political activities with our party's policy and stance. If we want the democratic system, we should support the elected government so that it can serve in the interests of the country and the people. The politics which has blind faith in whatever the government does and which opposes whatever the government does is the extreme politics and does not help the development of the country. We must support the government's efforts if they serve in the interests of the country and people and we must point out and give advices to the government when it's efforts are deviated from the national interests.

Esteemed People,

I pledge that if the candidates of the Unity and Peace party are elected to Amyotha Hluttaw, Pyithu Hluttaw and Union

Hluttaw, they will give commitments to polish and to doing betterment of laws which would benefit the country and the people. Regarding the party's stance on farmers, we are committed to land ownership for farmers, helping farmers for their management for farmland by themselves, high living standard of farmers, providing sufficient capital for farmers, good agricultural pattern and high efficiency, wide markets for agricultural produce, creating opportunities for farmers so that they can participate in the market by themselves and organizing the Farmers Union. Regarding the workers, our party adopted the policy to invite Foreign Direct Investment-FDI to create job opportunities, to increase wages, to promote rights, to boost social security assistance and pension, to promote science and technology for workers and to systematically establish the Workers Union. We will also make efforts within and without Hluttaws for forming a clean government, good governance and right judiciary. We pledge that our party will manoeuvre the guideline "No man is above the law" so that every one can have equal rights under the law approved by 92.48% of the people. We pledge that our party will encourage foundations which are working for poverty alleviation, development of human resources and education. We will work together with the government to gain achievements in the education, health, culture, sports sectors and will make utmost efforts for sustainable development of the political, socio-economic lives of the people.

Regarding the economy sector, we pledge that our party will adopt the market oriented economy system which is agreeable to the socio-economic life of the people. In doing so, we will lay down plans in an attempt to shape an economic system which is agreeable to Myanmar society after making assessment of progresses in international communities. Regarding the foreign affairs, we will encourage the free and active foreign affairs policy which has been adopted by successive governments in Myanmar and will follow the five principles of peaceful coexistence. Regarding the defense sector, we pledge that our party is committed to building a modern military force which gains respects from foreign countries and has a strong military capacity to fully protect the internal and external destructive elements while upholding the Our Three Main National Causes. We believe that we can build a modern and developed country within the framework of the State constitution while upholding the Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of the National Solidarity and Perpetuation of Sovereignty and practicing the multi-party democratic system and the market oriented economy.

I pledge that our party is loyal to the State and the people forever and shall give priority to the interests of the nation when we have to choose the one between the party's interests and the national interests.



MCPAA to conduct talks

YANGON, 13 March—The Myanmar CPA Association will conduct a talks at the hall of UMFCCI at 29 on Minye Kyawswa Road in Lanmadaw Township on 27 March morning.

Retired Vice-Governor U Than Lwin (Rtd), Vice-Chairman-2 of Kanbawza Bank Ltd, will give talks on the crucial role of the Banking Sector and its contribution in nation building efforts (An assessment of opportunities and challenges for Myanmar). Any person may attend the talks, and

CPAs will get the hour recommendation for CPE hours. Those wishing to attend the talks are to pay registration fee at the office of Myanmar CPA Association (No. 1/19, Thakin Mya Park Road, Office of the Auditor-General of the Union, first floor of Yangon Training School), not later than 22 March. The students of CPA Part II are to pay the fee before the talks day. Those from countryside are to contact Tel: 214653 before the designated date for registration. Those who paid fee beyond the designated date may not be considered to allow attending the talks.—MNA

Basic international trade course to begin on 26 March

YANGON, 13 March—With the aim of ensuring development of State economy, trade sector and human resources of trade sector, the Ministry of Commerce will open the Trade Institute and conduct the basic international trade course No. 1 beginning 26 March. Economists and senior officers of departments concerning trade sector will give lectures on theory and ideology on international trade in addition to export

and import rules and regulations to the trainees. The course will be provided three days a week from 9 am to 12.30 pm. The course will last four months.

Those wishing to attend the course may take out applications from Directorate of Trade (Yangon Region Office), ground floor, No. 228/240, Strand Road, Pabedan Township, not later than 20 March.

Myanma Alin

Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint receives US Special Envoy and Policy Coordinator for Myanmar and party

NAY PYI TAW, 13 March—Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint received a delegation led by US Special Envoy and Policy Coordinator for Myanmar Mr Derek Mitchell at the hall of Amyotha Hluttaw of the Hluttaw Building, here, at 10.40 am today.

Also present at the call were Deputy Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Mya Nyein, chairmen of Amyotha Hluttaw Committees and officials of the Hluttaw Office.

They frankly discussed matters related to the Hluttaw of Myanmar, tasks of by-election and promotion of friendly ties between Myanmar and the US.

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According to the experience and survey, the aforesaid branches tons are much more than actual outputs. Systematic production of branches will be carried out. Due to the lack of economic scale and malpractice there is no plan to carry out production of branches at present.

But, the Ministry will reduce timber extraction from natural forests proportionally. So, the branches will come into use to a certain degree. In the future, production of hard wood braches will be done if there is a market demand as the representative have suggested.

Regarding the question of U Ko Ko Lwin of Mawlamyinegyun Constituency on **“the government’s standpoint on current conditions of local farmers as there are agricultural farming and houses in 54,232 acres of three reserved forests in Mawlamyinegyun Township”**, the Union Minister replied.

According to the records of Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, local people have established 80 villages and are doing farming on 41766 acres of squatted farmlands in 54,232 area acres of three reserved forests. Due to deforestation of mangroves, it is found that the adjacent areas to beach are now facing severe landslides. No actions taken on these squatters in accord with Forest Law in consideration of their day-to-day existence and unnecessary conflicts.

These people would face difficulties in the long run if there occur the landslides and natural disasters like “Nargis” storm in that

three reserved forests. Due to that, permissions will be given for establishment of local-owned forests and private mangroves plantations and mangroves trees.

U Khaing Maung Yi (a) U Khin Maung Yi of Ahlon Constituency asked **he wants to know whether there is a plan for enabling State service personnel to regain land plots like staff of Forest Department or to allot the substituted one**. The Union Minister replied that land plots were allotted to departmental personnel in Dagon Myothit



Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Khaing Maung Yi (or) U Khin Maung Yi asking questions.
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Townships. These land plots were included in the project area of the State. In 2008, over 8000 land plots were reclaimed in modern mechanized model special cultivation zone in Dagon Myothit (East) Township. Although these plots have been allotted to the personnel since 1996, they did not build the houses and live in the plots. The minority of residences could be given the substituted land plots, however the majority of residences could not be given the new ones. Thus, the cash paid for the land plots will be refunded.

It can be seen that the land plots where long service personnel of respective

ministries did not build houses were shifted into land plots of other projects. Thus, it will be easy process for transparency performances by informing the personnel about changing of their land plots into the project plots and by refunding cost of land preparations to them.

The Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw said that the subject in the question asked by U Khaing Maung Yi of Ahlon Constituency cannot be solved by single ministry. Therefore, the subject of the question is to be submitted to



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the Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw. He kept a promise that he will urge respective Union government to review the subject and go on the task. As such, the subject of the question can be considered on a wider scale. Therefore, U Khaing Maung Yi must compile the clear and complete subject submitted in the presence of the Hluttaw representatives as quickly as possible.

Union level organization members, Bill Committee and Hluttaw representatives discussed and approved paragraph by paragraph on amended proposal for Export and Import Bill.

They approved Title of the Bill,

Paragraph 1, Paragraph 2 (b, c, d, e, f and g), Paragraph 3 (a, b, c and d), Paragraph 4 (a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i and j), Chapter IV Title, Paragraph 5, Paragraph 6, Paragraph 7, Paragraph 8, Paragraph 9, Paragraph 11, Paragraph 12 and Paragraph 13 of the **Export and Import Bill** as amendment of the Bill Committee, matters related to the title of Chapter III as amendment of U Than Oo of Myawady Constituency, and matters related to paragraph 10 as amendment of U Kyaw Naing Htay of Indaw Constituency. They approved the whole bill with the amended paragraphs and sub-paragraphs.

Altogether 13 Hluttaw representatives nominated themselves to discuss matters related to the proposal that the **Hluttaw urges the government to constitute the independent and acceptable national corruption prevention commission to be able to take action against corruption cases so as to emerge clean government and good governance** submitted on 20 February by U Thein Nyunt of Thingangyun Constituency. The proposal will be changed as amending the Anti-Corruption Law to be able to take deterrent action against corruption cases for emergence of the clean government and good governance and to seek decision from the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw for strictly abiding by the law after promulgation. To contribute towards promulgation of the law, one copy each of 15 volumes on Anti-Corruption Law of nine ASEAN countries, the People’s Republic of China, People’s Republic of Bangladesh and the UN was distributed to the Hluttaw representatives today.

Today’s session came to an end at 1.55 pm, and the 14th day session continues at 10 am tomorrow.—MNA

Myanma Gems Emporium 2012 continues for the fifth day

NAY PYI TAW, 13 March—The 49th Myanma Gems Emporium 2012 continued for the fifth day at Mani Yadana Jade Hall near the Myanmar Gems Museum here this morning.

After observing jade lots put on display, local and international gem merchants put their price proposals into the respective tender boxes.

Sales booths where jades and finished jewellery being put on display and jewellery booths were also packed with international

gem merchants. Secretary of Ho Chi Minh City Communist Party of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Le Thanh Hai and party observed the Mani Yadana Jade Hall.

In the evening, Patron of the Central Committee for Organizing the Emporium Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik and members opened the tender boxes and went through the price proposals.

The emporium has so far sold altogether 6245 jade lots through open tender system.—MNA



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local fishermen by private entrepreneurs who won auctions for fishing plots in Maungtwaw Township". The Union Minister said: Tender fishing plots in Rakhine State were sold by the Rakhine State Peace and Development Council to raise revenue of the State.

In 2011, the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries handed over freshwater fishing management to respective Region and State governments under Section 256 (a) and (b) of the constitution with the letter dated 16-4-2011.

In 2011-2012 fishing season, tender fishing plots auctioning committee formed with State government ministers, national races affairs ministers and officials at state and district levels sold 214 fishing plots in 14 townships in Rakhine State since 9-5-2011.

Seven persons bought 12 plots in Maungtwaw Township with K 49,990,000. The Fisheries Department asked them to pay tender tax and taxes for fishing tools and amount through bank. They manage the fishing plots by themselves or by joint venture. The Fisheries Department resolved complaints about surcharges from fishermen by entrepreneurs. Similar complaints arose from MraukU and Yathedaung Townships in 2010 and 2011.

Rakhine State government will be reported to help groups of fishermen in Rakhine State buy fishing plots in order that they will be free from surcharges of entrepreneurs and run fishing business thoroughly.

Dr Tin Shwe of Yangon Region Constituency No. 6 asked "whether there is plan to recruit graduates for cooperative services". The Union Minister answered: When the country adopted socialist economic system, cooperatives was designated as second pillar of the country's economy and allowed graduates to work in cooperative services in each township.

In market economic system the State adopts today, cooperatives is not second pillar of the economy and the role of private sector is improved. It is prescribed in the constitution to do harmonious business activities through the State, cooperatives and private sector. Though there is no separate directive to employ graduates in cooperative services, they are working in above 11000 cooperative societies. We will make arrangements to employ graduates and diploma holders from Cooperatives Universities and Colleges.

Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko answered queries related to home affairs raised by five Hluttaw representatives.

Daw Khin Waing Kyi of Yangon Region Constituency No. 1 asked "whether there is plan to draft separate law for Myanmar Police Force". The Union Minister answered: Myanmar Police Force was formed over 100 years ago. Its name was changed to People's Police Force in 1964 and to Myanmar Police Force in October, 1995.

In time of State Peace and Development Council, Myanmar Police Force Management System Reform Committee was formed and manuals for police used in successive eras were amended in 2000. It includes duties and powers and entitlements for each rank of police and duties of police stations and township police forces.

Police manual, Police Act, Panel Code,

Criminal Procedure and existing laws are used to prevent police members from committing crimes and take actions. Police members have the responsibility to stick strictly to rules, disciplines and laws enacted by the State. Myanmar Police Force Disciplinary Law was prescribed in 1995 and Code of Conduct for Police Members, in 1999.

Police manual, Police Act, Police Disciplinary Law and Police Code of Conduct have been prescribed under Section 292 of the constitution. In addition, rules and regulations, orders and directives are issued. Based on developments of the country, orders and directives will be issued if they are needed.

U Htay Win (a) U Zayad Rarman of Rakhine State Constituency No. 7 asked about "helping citizens in Buthidaung and Maungtwaw Townships in Rakhine State to neutralize as Myanmar citizens under principle of the constitution as they are facing social, travel, economic and health difficulties" and "spoiling 250 acres of farmland by channeling saltwater to fish and prawn ponds in Ngakhuya village in Maungtwaw Township". The Union Minister said: In retrospect, most of dwellers in Maungtwaw district which shares 152-mile-long border with the other country are Bengali. They have the same religion, customs, culture, look and language with Bengali from the other country. Communications and illegal marriages took place many years ago. Citizens of the other country entered our country with rich natural resources and preferable landscapes. In checking population in Nagarmin Operation in 1978-79, those who could not stand the examination fled to the other country. In Hinthta project, over 180000 persons were reaccepted under agreement of the two countries. Over 230000 persons were reaccepted till July, 2005, as those who fled to the other country for various reasons in 1990-1991 were reaccepted since 22-9-1992 under the agreement of the two countries. These are undeniable truth.

Up to now, Bengali nationals from other country illegally enter Myanmar through various ways. Thus, it really needs to scrutinize and prevent such illegal activities. Therefore, Bengali nationals residing in Maungtwaw District are supervised to take immigration form-4 for traveling to other regions and states with the aim of scrutinizing them whether they are actually residing in the nation or not and preventing the infiltration of extremist terrorists into Myanmar under the law according to the State security and national cause. In fact, it is not to deter the traveling. At present, traveling is being scrutinized to be easier than that of the past.

With regard to issuance of the citizenship scrutiny cards, citizen can be classified into two as inborn citizen and the citizen prescribed by the law. According to the Myanmar Citizenship Law 1982, any person may apply firm evidences showing residence of forefathers as original citizens in Myanmar so as to take identity card among three types of citizens as the citizen, the associate citizen and the naturalized citizen. Any person has responsibility to initially submit application for taking one type of card.

With regard to wedding, as the Bengali nationals residing in Maungtwaw District are similar to language, physical characters and religion of those from other country, it is an act of identifying them not to wrongfully wed those of other countries and scrutinizing them whether they are really residing in the region, holding official household registration and reaching 18 years or not. Thus, departments concerned systematically cooperate with them for carrying out legal

wedding.

In the education sector, those in conformity with prescribed rules have the chance to attend any university/college, and likewise, any person in conformity with education entrance selection system of the respective ministries can enjoy the right of learning education at vocational universities.

Regarding construction of houses, the Settlement and Land Records Department scrutinizes history of the land plots not to build houses on farmlands, horticultural lands, Pasture lands and government-owned lands. With the endorsements of the respective ward/village-tract administrators and procedures of the development affairs committee, the management bodies scrutinize and allow them.

Maungtwaw District is sharing border with the country with dense population. Despite controlling population, the number of population is raising day by day in Maungtwaw District. Therefore, the Border Area Immigration Inspection Control Headquarters formed with members of Tatmadaw, Myanmar Police Force, Immigration and Customs Departments set State defence duty, border security duty and border area population control duty as three main duties. The headquarters is discharging five tasks in line with the Rule 28(1) of the Union of Myanmar Residents Registration Act 1952.

In accord with Section 348 of the Constitution, arrangements have been made for enabling the people of Maungtwaw District to enjoy rights in equal term similar to those of entire country. With regard to the question to accept the administration in the framework

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of the 2008 Constitution, any person residing in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar must abide by the existing laws, rules, procedures, orders and directives before emergence of the Constitution. As Maungtwaw District is a border area, the administration of Maungtwaw District is legally contributing towards security and prevalence of law and order for the sake of the people so as to safeguard the sovereignty of the State.

Regarding fish and prawn matters, the bank along the creek is 14 acres of virgin land in west of Ngakhuya field in Ngakhuya Village-tract in Maungtwaw Township of Maungtwaw District. Before 1988, it was fresh water creek with the embankments. In 1994, a storm crossed Maungtwaw and destroyed the embankments. Then, seawater flew into the creek. As seawater shrimps also flew into the creek, local farmers caught them. At that time, any person did not take fish breeding licence at the creek.

As of 1996, the Township General Administration Department applied to take fish breeding licence on virgin and fallow lands of the creek. Thus, District Fisheries Department had allowed permit to the Township GAD for 16 years from 1996 to 2012 under Section 16 of Fisheries Law. It can be scrutinized that the area was undertaken under the existing law and regulations and it was not done forcibly. Thus, the subject in the question was incorrect,

according to the Rakhine State Government and General Administration Department.

With regard to the above-mentioned matters, a 32-farmer group led by U Islam and U Shu Maw Dor (a) Hsan Win of Ngakhuya Village of Maungtwaw Township sent a complaint to the Rakhine State government. So, the state government assigned the duty to the head of District Fisheries Department and party to inspect the case. On his tour of Ngakhuya Village on 10-1-2012, the State Chief Minister himself met with farmers and explained that as tenants have put investment in 14-acres of prawn ponds, they are to be allowed for engaging in the business till the end of the agreement period. In coming years, enthusiasts including those of complaints will be formed as group to carry out prawn breeding and paddy cultivation. With regard



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to creek prawn pond and 240-acre farmlands, seawater will be stored on about 180 acres of farmlands owned by 32 farmers to breed prawn after it has been harvested. Thus, cash assistance for farmers will increase to K 300,000 from K 250,000 yearly. That is why, cash assistance has been provided to 32 farmers.

Therefore, the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries has scrutinized the question, proving that it was incorrect. Under the supervision of Rakhine State government, the regional administration body and Fisheries Department had made field trips to the grassroots level for solving the problems under the law and regulations for the sake of the local people.

With regard to the question whether there is a plan to promulgate a new law not to be entangled with helpers in the traffic accidents raised by U Nai Tun Ohn of Mon State Constituency No 5, the Union Minister replied that there were 16013 injured and 2461 dead in 9020 traffic accidents across the nation in 2010. There were 17080 injured persons and 2796 dead persons in 10123 traffic accidents in 2011. Thus, the number of injured and dead persons as well as traffic accidents increased in 2011. In scrutinizing the traffic accidents, the cases were 0.432 per cent of current registered vehicles and motorcycles.

The most of traffic accidents were based on careless driving, over speed driving and drink driving. Drivers must abide by manuals of traffic users. The traffic rules enforcement supervisory committee issues announcements on traffic warnings to the people. If crime or traffic accident occurs, people are responsibility to send the injured persons to the nearest hospital.

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Provisions have been prescribed to take action against the careless driver who offends the traffic rules under the criminal laws. Those wrongfully sued as culprit have the right to apply to the region or state High Courts to revoke their cases under Section 561-a of the Penal Code. Moreover, if the case comes true after scrutinizing the helping people in the traffic accident was substituted as culprit in the placement of driver, action can be taken against officials under suitable sections of the Chapter (XI) of the Penal Code.

In the case of a man who was charged for his assistance to a victim in a traffic accident, he had right to demand compensation from the court if his case was revoked by the court as he was wrongly charged for his assistance to the victim, he said.

According to the constitution, it was the duty of all citizens for the prevalence of peace and stability in the country, and providing assistance to the victim in a traffic accident to send him to the hospital in time was not considered as involvement in a crime, and if those who helped the victims during the accident told the inspectors what they witnessed during questioning, it would help them uncover the case. Therefore, any action was not taken against volunteers who helped the victims during traffic accidents and it was not necessary to draw a new law to protect the volunteers.

U Paul Htan Thai of Chin State constituency No 3 asked **whether the ministry had a plan to easily and quickly issue passports.** Regarding the advice to extend the validity of Myanmar passports from three years to five years, he replied that the ministry had issued passports valid for five years to seafarers, valid for four years to those who want to work in foreign countries and valid for three years to those who want to visit foreign countries.

Regarding the advice that a passport should be issued within two days, he replied that the number of documents used for applying a passport was reduced from 17 pages to nine on 1 July, 2011. It took around weeks to issue a passport because Myanmar passport was printed in accordance with the standard of the International Civil Aviation Organization, ICAO and Machine Readable Passport (MRP) system and it took from two to three weeks for the authority to scrutinize the personal backgrounds for security of the country.

Passports were printed in Yangon currently as security papers were used to print them with ICAO standard and MRP system. However, for the aged and unhealthy persons, the door-to-door system was running by the ministry, he said. Besides, those wishing to do office work at their homes may apply the home service at Home Service Department of Myanmar Passport Issuing Board. Passports for those who want to go pilgrimage in groups were issued in townships.

Dr Tin Shwe of Yangon Region constituency No 6 asked **how did the ministry scrutinize and assist non governmental organizations from foreign countries in their works for political, economic, health and education sectors.** He replied that NGOs, INGOs and private organizations had signed MoUs with the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development and with ministries concerned to work in the country, he said.

Today, 278 NGOs had been permitted and of them, 112 were township-level organizations and they were also rendering assistance to the members of the organizations and 74 had been taking measures for education, health and environmental conservations sectors while 92 organizations were providing assistance to orphans, welfare of pensioners and funeral services. Out of 53 INGOs from foreign countries, six organizations had been permitted by the Ministry of Home Affairs, and of the remaining 47 organizations, 38 had applied at the ministry to be registered. Fifty-three INGOs were working together with ministries concerned and Myanmar Red Cross Society. INGOs were working for 67 programmes including providing assistance to education, health, nutrition, supplying drinking water, agriculture, livestock breeding, food sufficiency, natural disaster preparedness, social and environmental conservation across the country.

The coordination and cooperation of the departments concerned and INGOs were aimed at serving in the interests of the country and protecting the country's interests, preventing cases that would harm the sovereignty of the Stat, assisting in development of the country and giving helping hands to the INGOs.

An INGO had to submit the project proposal, basic agreement and MoU drafts to Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development and to ministries concerned. It could sign MoUs with ministries concerned after getting remarks from the ministries concerned including Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development and Attorney-General's Office, and agreement from the Foreign Affairs Policy Committee and Union Government.

NGOs and INGOs were allowed to open their offices after their registration, and they needed to seek agreements from the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development and ministries concerned to appoint foreigners in the organizations in Myanmar and to seek agreements from ministries concerned to appoint local employees in the organizations.

For travelling in the country, a ministry which was concerned for the local travel project had to do arrangements for security of the trip and an official had to accompany the foreigners along the trip.

Regarding the management and project implementation issues, ministries concerned had to coordinate with INGOs to import machinery and materials for projects and for entry visa in accordance with the rules and regulations.

Besides, to run works of projects

smoothfully, a committee for coordination with central-level organizations headed by Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development and Union Ministers for Home Affairs and Foreign Affairs held a meeting with INGOs every three month.

Ministries concerned had to inform the departments concerned, region/state/district/township coordination committees to coordinate with INGOs as part of efforts for assisting in implementing the projects. INGOs had to send their reports to the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development every three month. Regarding funding the projects, ministries concerned had to coordinate with INGOs to open bank accounts at Myanmar Foreign Exchange Bank and to draw FECs from the bank. Making survey and distribution of findings were not allowed if the work had not included in the project. To extend the duration of projects, they were informed to seek permissions from the ministries concerned.

It is found that NGOs and INGOs have achieved successes in doing the nation building activities. But some failed to achieve due to wrong procedures, weakness in cooperation and insufficient funds. So, these organizations are doing their jobs under the guidance of the government and under the supervision of respective departments in order to carry out their activities systematically. Member of Bill Committee U Than Myint submitted the report of Bill Committee on amended Foreign Currency Bill to be discussed by Amyotha Hluttaw, which is sent by Pyithu Hluttaw and proposal. The Hluttaw announced to submit the representative names who want to discuss it.

With respect to the proposal of U Nyan Lin of Ayeyawady Region Constituency No.3 on **"measures for turning out of qualified lawyers,"** U Maung Aye Tun of Rakhine State Constituency No.9 discussed: lawyers can steer judicial pillar. They need to be well-versed in all prescribed laws. Giving training to law students needs enough time. These students need to study statement and judgments of sections. Lawyers' ethics have been prescribed for good morality of lawyers. So, they are to do in accord with the ethics not for collapse of judicial pillar.

U Than Swe of Taninthayi Constituency No.2 said: I has been serving as a lawyer for more than 25 years. I meet good lawyers as well as bad lawyers. Judge was named "Khonemin" in the time of King Sagaing. They were called "Judge" in Yadanbon dynasty. "Barrister-at-law" was also called lawyers. There emerged Myanmar lawyers in the Colonial era. In the time of Myanma Socialist Programme party, judicial system changed in form. There were a few numbers of corrupt judges. To steer the judicial system, not only lawyers but also judges need to take responsibilities. Among the facts in proposal, discussion between lawyers and Region/State Chief Ministers could damage independent judicial system. So, I disapprove it, except the rest facts.

U Sai Paung Nut of Shan State Constituency No.12 discussed: I assumes that no need to urge the government regarding the lawyers. Every society has good and bad

people, not only in layers strata. Judges, layers and prosecutors need to be well-versed in laws. The Hluttaw changed the proposal to **"measures for emergence of qualified lawyers who can steer judicial system"** and decided to postpone the proposal.

U Myint Tun of Bago Region Constituency No.10, U Sai Paung Nut of Shan State Constituency No.12 and U Phone Myint Aung of Yangon Region Constituency No.3 discussed **"the proposal on urging the Union government to arrange emergency rescue units on Yangon-Mandalay Highways due to the fatal car accidents"** submitted by Dr Myat Nyana Soe of Yangon Region Constituency No.4. They discussed: ambulances in Fire Services Department are placed only at Yangon. Rescue training is being given at Central Fire Fighting Training School. Rescue teams include fire brigades and Red Cross and are responsible not only for outbreak of fire but also for disasters. Formation of modern rescue teams would need to draft budget as a project. There is a growing number of traffic on the Highways. Rescue operations could not be done due to the remote area. There are lights only on bridges. So, the drivers have to rely on traffic light in other places. We approved the proposal for rescue operations. The Highways is of concrete road. The road has yet to do repaving on it, which can damage cars and tyres. Overtaking of cars is very dangerous due to two lanes road. There would occur car accidents due to road conditions and other circumstances. So, we approved the proposal.

With respect to that proposal, Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko said: Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon Highways section was opened on 26 March, 2009 and Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay Section on 23 December, 2011. There were 240 car accidents, 505 got injured and 108 were dead on Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon section, during the three years since its open. Likewise, there were 50 car accidents, 113 got injured and 39 were dead on Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay Section. Although the road has yet to meet the standards, it was opened for convenience of people.

To reduce the car accidents, avoid traffic jam and to enforce the traffic rules, six police stations stationed on Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw section and five police stations, on Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay section. These stations are handling the car accidents. Members of Myanmar Police Force and rescue teams from nearest fire stations are carrying out the emergency rescues if there occur car accidents along the Yangon-Mandalay Highways. Since 12 October 2011, Red Cross Association of Phyu Township opens an emergency camp near 115th Miles Bus stop. Formation of emergency rescue units should be stationed at four appropriate places along Yangon-Mandalay Highways.

The Hluttaw approved the proposal. The meeting came to an end at 3:40 pm and will go on at 10 am tomorrow.

At the meeting, nine questions were raised and answered, one bill submitted, two proposals discussed, one proposal postponed and one proposal approved.

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Myanmar, Vietnamese entrepreneurs to cooperate in investment, trade, tourism sectors

YANGON, 13 March — Myanmar and Vietnamese entrepreneurs held a meeting on boosting investment, trading and tourism between Yangon and Ho Chi Minh City was held at Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry here yesterday.

During the meeting, Myanmar and Vietnamese entrepreneurs signed 11

agreements, and trade boosting and trade fair committee of the UMFCFI signed an agreement with the investment and trade boosting department of Ho Chi Minh City.

The meeting was also attended by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, Secretary of Ho Chi Minh City Communist Party Mr Le Thanh Hai.

After the meeting, Region Chief

Deputy Education Minister inspects exam centres

NAY PYI TAW, 13 March—Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu this morning visited Basic Education High

Minister U Myint Swe and Mr Le Thanh Hai formally opened the photo exhibition on tourism and trade of Myanmar.

Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe hosted a dinner in honour of the Vietnamese business delegation.—MNA

School No 1 and No 2 in Tatkon of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, Nay Pyi Taw BEHS No 1, Lewe BEHS No 1 and Dekkhinathiri BEHS No 18 and viewed systematic sitting of students for the examinations.

The deputy minister met supervisors and deputy supervisors, health staff and discipline enforcement committee members.

MNA

Books donated to library in Toungoo

TOUNGOO, 13 March—A ceremony to raise reading skills and donate books was held at Basic Education Post-Primary School in Lebu Model Village of Toungoo Township on 4 March.

Bago Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Kyaw Oo and Deputy Commissioner U Hla Min Htut of Toungoo District formally opened the ceremony.

The Region Minister for Social Affairs made a speech.

The Region Minister for Social Affairs presented prizes to winners in the middle school level essay contest. Deputy Commissioner U Hla Min Htut gave prizes to the winners in the extempore talks contest. Township Education Officer U San Kyaw

awarded winners in the poem recitation contest.

Dr Aung Than Win (Saya Min Ya Wai) of Oriental Studies Department of Toungoo University gave talks on literary affairs and Chairman of Township Writers and Journalists Association U Pwint Thu Aung, advantage of reading.

The head of District Information and Public Relations Department presented over 3000 books and publications donated by the head of District Myanmar Libraries Foundation and over 100 books by Information and Public Relations Department Chairman of Township WJA U Pwint Thu Aung, 50 books by Township Writers and Journalists Association.—*Township IPRD*



Talks on crime reduction given in Dalla

DALLA, 13 March—As part of efforts to implement the crime free week from 1 to 7 March in Dalla Township of Yangon South District, a talk on crime reduction was given in conjunction with distribution of pamphlets at the Dhammayon of Thamada Beach Ward in Dalla Township on 6 March evening.

Commander of Dalla Township Police Force Police Captain Kyaw Win explained crime reduction and prevention against trafficking in person.

Ward administrator U Aung Shwe, officials of Township Police Force, Auxiliary Fire Brigade and Red Cross Society presented pamphlets on crime reduction to the attendees.

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Rural health branch opened in Madaya Township

MADAYA, 13 March—A ceremony to open the rural health branch was held in Kyaukseklay Village of Madaya Township in PyinOoLwin District on 26 February morning.

Township Administrator U Aung Swe Myint, Head of Township Health Department Dr Hla Hla Htay and member of construction committee U Tun Maung formally opened the facility. The Township Administrator made a speech. The

construction committee chairman handed over documents related to the building to the head of Township Health Department.

Daw Hla Hla Htay presented medicines provided by Health Department, Township Education Officer Daw Htay Yi, medicines and Staff Officer U Shwe of Settlement and Land Records Department K 100,000 to the branch through midwife Daw



Fire breaks out in Pyinmana

NAY PYI TAW, 13 March—A fire broke out at Aung Yadana Store on Pankhin 2nd Street in Ywaukauk Ward of Pyinmana at 9.30 am on 11 March.

The fire started from rice cooker due to overheat.

Pyinmana Township Administrator U Kyaw Tint, Head of Pyinmana Township Fire Services Department Ye Kyawswa U Ko Ko Soe and fire brigade members and auxiliary fire brigade members together with the local people

Cash and medicines donated to People's Hospital in Pantanaw Township

PANTANAW, 13 March—A ceremony to donate medical equipment worth K 5 million to Pantanaw Township People's Hospital and two station hospitals was held at the hall of the township hospital on 7 March.

Under the patronage of (Shwe Dinga)-Daw Kyin Ti of 27th Street in Yangon, Aung Thabye Co Ltd (Carpet Trading) donated medical equipment to Township Administrator U Mya Oo and

Township Medical Officer Dr Daw Hnin Nilar who gave certificates of honour to the wellwisher.

Yearly, wellwishers donate cash and medical equipment worth K 31.8 million to the township hospital.

The wellwisher donated K 1 million to the fund of Myataung Monastery and K 10 million to Shwe Myintin Pagoda.

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Nwe Nwe Win.

The building is 30 feet square one-storey facility and it cost K 6 million.

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Fire Platoon Cadet Course No. 12/2011 concludes



YANGON, 13 March—The graduation parade of Fire Platoon Cadet Course No. 12/2011 of Fire Services Department under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement was held at the parade ground of FSD (Head Office) in Mayangon Township on 9 February.

After taking the salute, Director-General of Fire Services Department U Tin

Moe inspected the graduation company.

He delivered an address after awarding five outstanding trainees including Best Platoon Cadet winner Thura Aung.

The course No. 12/2011

was conducted at Central Fire Fighting Training School in PyinOoLwin Township 24 weeks and FSD (Head Office) in Yangon 12 weeks, totalling 36. It was attended by trainees from regions and states.—*Myanmar Alin*

Citizenship scrutiny cards issued in Minbu Township

MINBU, 13 March—According to the

implementation of Moe Pwint-2 Plan, a ceremony to issue citizenship scrutiny cards was held in the precinct of the monastery in Yengon/Petpel Village-tract in Minbu (Sagu) Township on 23 February morning.

Head of Magway Region Immigration and National Registration Department U Hla Daung explained relaxation of rules for issuance of citizenship scrutiny cards.

Staff members issued CSCs to 206 eligible citizens.—*Township IPRD*

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put out the fire with the use of 15 fire engines and five water tankers at 9.55 am. The fire destroyed four-apartment shop and one house.—*Myanmar Alin*



Fourth leg of KENBO Junior Golf Championship 22-23 March

YANGON, 13 March—Organized by Myanmar Golf Federation, fourth leg of KENBO Junior Golf Championship of HAN Golf Masters Junior Golf Series, sponsored by Aung Kan Bo Trading Co Ltd, will be held at Myanmar Golf Club in Yangon on 22 and 23 March.

The championship will be categorized as U-10, U-11, U-12, U-13-14, U-15-20

events for the age-wise players.

The competition will be held in line with R&A Rules Limited (St Andrew) and regional golf rules.

Those wishing to take part in the championship may enlist at Myanmar Golf Training Range at the corner of Okkalapa Road and Airport Road in Mayangon Township, here, not later than 1 pm

on 20 March, bringing along with citizenship scrutiny cards or household registrations.

For further information, any person may contact Tel: 09-2037671, 09-73130474 and 01-651374.

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Germany to cut solar power subsidies

BERLIN, 13 March—Germany says it is cutting subsidies for solar power panels because consumer demand is so high government support for the technology has become too costly.

Germany has had a generous subsidy policy to promote renewables, especially photovoltaic cells, but Environment Minister Norbert Roettgen and Economy Minister Phillip Roesler proposed a plan last month to cut subsidies for solar power by almost 30 percent, Inter Press reported.

Analysts suggest the success of solar power is driving costs too high for the German government, which in December paid out a subsidy of more than \$10.5 billion with the addition of 7,500 megawatts of solar panels.

Some environmentalists say the decision is more political than economic.

"It is true there is a problem, the amount of money being put into the solar industry is high," Cornelia Ziehm at the Deutsche Umwelthilfe (German Environmental Aid) in Berlin said. "But more than this, in this time of crisis the German minister of economy Roesler was in need of a new theme to tackle. He discovered the subsidies for solar energy were quite high so he proposed to cut them as a means to reduce costs for the German citizens."

Complaints about the decision also came from the solar power industry.

"This decision will kill the market for solar energy," Stefan Hief, chief executive officer of Cosmoenergy, manufacturer of photovoltaic cells, said. "If there have to be cuts, they should not be as drastic as the government is proposing. This way, we are going to lose thousands of jobs in the sector, at a time when we are the world leaders in solar power production and the German public is in favour of renewables.—Internet

Tot's tantrum gets family kicked off plane

A family returning from a trip to Turks and Caicos said it cost them \$2,000 when they were kicked off their flight to Boston due to their daughter's tantrum.

Colette Vieau said she and her husband were on a JetBlue plane preparing for takeoff in February with daughters Natalie, 2, and Cecilia, 3, when the younger girl threw a tantrum and refused to sit down, the *New York Daily News* reported Friday.

"We were holding them down with all of our might, seat belt on. And I said, 'We have them seated. Can we go now?'" (The flight attendant) said the pilot's made a decision to turn the

plane around," Vieau said. She said the plane returned to the gate and her family was forced to spend the night in a hotel and book a new flight, costing them \$2,000.

"We did what we were asked to do. We weren't belligerent, drunk, angry or screaming. We were just having a hard time struggling with our children," Vieau said.

JetBlue released a statement saying the flight "had customers that did not comply with crew member instructions for a prolonged time period. The captain elected to remove the customers involved for the safety of all customers and crew members on board."



Ksenia Bubenko is a 20-year-old girl who wanted to lose weight, but after dropping some pounds, she became obsessed with being as thin as possible.

Calif woman gives birth to 13-pound boy

By the time Cynthia Sigler of Vista, Calif., gave birth to 13-pound Jayden, he had already outgrown all the baby clothes waiting for him at home, she says.

Jayden, who was previously expected to be 9 pounds at birth, clocked in at almost twice the weight of his 2-year-old sister, who was 7 pounds at birth.

After Sigler's successful delivery via Caesarean section Thursday, doctors told her she had given birth to a 13-pound baby boy. "How'd he fit?" she responded.

Toward the end of her pregnancy, Sigler said she had been in a great deal of pain. After Jayden joined the world, she suddenly understood why.

"When I saw how big he is, I understood why I was in so much pain," she told *North County Times* (Escondido, Calif.). Dr. Jerald White said Jayden is the largest baby he's delivered.

Guinness World Records says Jayden falls short of the title, as the largest surviving birth clocked in at a whopping 22 pounds in 1955.

Gorilla settles in with rabbit roommate

Zookeepers in Erie, Pa., say their lonely lowland gorilla has taken to her new pet bunny quickly.

"Right off the bat, they hit it off," Erie Zoo Director Cindy Kreider said about Samantha, a 47-year-old gorilla who now has a long-eared pal named Panda to keep her company.

Panda was gradually introduced to Samantha's world as a companion after her old buddy Rudy died in 2005. Keepers figured Samantha was too old and fragile to deal with another gorilla, but a rabbit wouldn't

cause any harm and would break the ape's solitude.

"To have something sharing their space that they can observe and interact with is always going to be beneficial," Kreider said.

The *Erie (Pa.) Times-News* said on Sunday that Panda and Samantha have become fast friends. Samantha has been gentle and friendly toward Panda and even shares food and occasionally scratches its chin.

Zoo visitors have been delighted with the two roommates, especially due to the fact that Samantha has a buddy to hang out with.

News Album



Actor Michael Shannon

Michael Shannon feels grown up

LONDON, 13 March—Actor Michael Shannon believes appearing in a forthcoming Superman movie proves he has grown up.

The actor is playing the role of evil General Zod in "Man of Steel" and admits although he is nervous about taking on such a responsibility, he thinks it proves he can deal with the pressure and act like an adult about it, reported femalefirst.co.uk

"It's good to do something like this. It's good to take on that kind of responsibility - be a grown up, be able to feel that pressure and be ok with it.

"And let's face it, it's not neuroscience," said the actor.

Shannon confesses he is not a fan of comic books, the medium by which Superman was originally portrayed.

"I can't read comic books. They don't make any sense to me. I find they're very hard to follow. I'm never sure which panel to look at, and then I get confused," added the actor.

Internet

Gene Simmons goes into restaurant biz

LOS ANGELES, 13 March—US rock icon Gene Simmons says he has become a partner in a new chain of music-themed Rock & Brews eateries.

The collaboration with restaurant impresario Michael Zislis and concert promoter Dave Furano is intended to "capture the excitement of live concerts in an authentically themed backstage environment," a news release announcing the venture said.

The first Rock & Brews is scheduled to open south of Los Angeles International Airport in the beach



Musician Gene Simmons arrives at the 39th American Music Awards at Nokia Theatre in Los Angeles on 20 Nov, 2011.—INTERNET

community of El Segundo, Calif, 3 April.

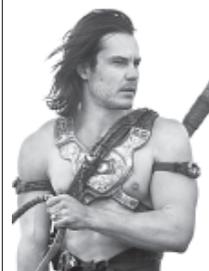
Locations also are planned in Los Angeles International Airport, Maui, Denver and Atlanta, as well as Tokyo, Japan and Los Cabos, Mexico.

The chain's menu will boast "quality comfort foods that feed the soul as much as the appetite" and "hundreds of craft beers to choose from," its proprietors said.

Rock & Brews will feature large-screen televisions that continuously screen concert videos and live recordings of rock concerts with state-of-the-art sound, the release said.

Internet

'John Carter' loved by Russians



Actor Taylor Kitsch

LONDON, 13 March—Actor Taylor Kitsch's new action film "John Carter" has reportedly smashed opening day box office records in

Russia.

The movie was less than impressive at the box office in the US when it opened at midnight on Thursday, but it grossed an estimated USD 6.5 million in Russia, making the film the biggest opener in the country's history, reports femalefirst.co.uk

According to *The Hollywood Reporter*, "John Carter" is also enjoying swift business in Hong Kong and Thailand.

The film is expected to challenge "The Lorax" for the top spot at the box office.

Internet



Martinez confirms engagement to Berry

MIAMI, 13 March—French actor Olivier Martinez says rumors he is engaged to Oscar-winning film star Halle Berry are true. The *Miami Herald* said Martinez discussed his plans to wed while he was in the Florida City to promote his new restaurant, Villa Azur, which opened Saturday.

Asked about the engagement buzz, the *Herald* said Martinez replied, "Yes, of course, it's true." He shot down another rumor, however.

"There is a jeweler taking credit for doing the ring and it's a lie! They have nothing to do with this," he said, adding Berry's emerald and gold sparkler was actually designed by Robert Mazlo, a jeweler in Paris.

There was no word on whether the couple have set a wedding date after getting engaged over the Christmas holiday. They began dating in the fall of 2010. Berry, an Oscar winner for her work in the film "Monster's Ball," has a 3-year-old daughter with her ex-boyfriend Gabriel Aubry. Martinez's film credits include "Before Night Falls," "Unfaithful," "SWAT" and "Taking Lives."—Internet

Lucci cast in Marc Cherry's new show

NEW YORK, 13 March—Former daytime soap star Susan Lucci has landed a key role in "Devious Maids," a new American prime-time drama from "Desperate Housewives" creator Marc Cherry.

The casting news was first reported by *Deadline Hollywood*.

Lucci starred on "All My Children" from its premiere in 1970 to its demise last summer.

The *New York Post* said

the show is based on the Mexican telenovela format. It will follow four Beverly Hills maids and their wealthy employers, with one boss played by Lucci.

Actresses Ana Ortiz and Dania Ramirez also have joined the cast of the show, which is due to premiere in the fall, the *Post* said.

"Desperate Housewives" is wrapping up its eighth and final season this spring.

Internet



Former daytime soap star Susan Lucci

Stewart's topless act for 'On The Road'

LONDON, 13 March—Twilight actress Kristen Stewart has shed clothes for her role in "On The Road."

The film is an adaptation of Jack Kerouac's seminal novel of the same name and the 21-year-old actress's modesty is maintained by clever camera angles.

The actress has come out of her shell in the adventure drama, which also stars Kirsten Dunst, Amy Adams, Viggo Mortensen and Steve Buscemi and is set to premiere at the Cannes Film Festival later this year, reports femalefirst.co.uk

Internet



Twilight actress Kristen Stewart

Djokovic fends off Anderson, Fish goes out

INDIAN WELLS, 13 March—Novak Djokovic blunted the power serving of South African Kevin Anderson to reach the fourth round of the Indian Wells ATP tournament on Monday, while Mardy Fish was upset by Australian qualifier Matthew Ebden.

World number one Djokovic, who beat Spaniard Rafa Nadal in last year's final at Indian Wells, broke the

towering Anderson twice in a marathon opening set and once in the second to triumph 6-2-6-3 in one hour, 37 minutes.

"It was a very close match," the Serb said in a court-side interview after breaking Anderson in the sixth and eighth games to win the first set in just under an hour.

"The scoreline does not reflect how close it was, especially the style of the match. In most of our matches

... the first set goes on for half an hour or more. I was fortunate to hold that break and I returned well today." Djokovic lost to Anderson when they first met at the 2008 Masters Series event in Miami and, despite winning their next three encounters without losing a set, he had expected a tough challenge on Monday. "He's very aggressive on the return games and he has a great serve, as you can imagine for his height," said the Serb. "So I had to return well. I had to be patient, and wait for my chances.

"I didn't serve well in the opening set... but then I served well and put a lot of pressure on him. So I'm really happy with this win today. It wasn't easy to expect to win."

Djokovic, who won his fifth grand slam crown at the Australian Open in January, fired down five aces while the six-foot eight-inch (2.03 metres) Anderson delivered seven, but the South African won only 41 percent of his second serves.—Reuters



Novak Djokovic of Serbia returns a shot to Kevin Anderson of South Africa during their men's singles match at the Indian Wells WTA tennis tournament in Indian Wells, California on 12 March, 2012.—REUTERS

New coach gives Petrova fresh top-10 incentive

INDIAN WELLS, 13 March—Revitalised since recruiting a new coach last month, Russian Nadia Petrova has targeted a return to the top 10 in the rankings after three years of relative struggle.

A former top-three player who has piled up 10 career wins on the WTA circuit, the Moscow native ended her 2011 campaign ranked 29th, outside the top 20 for the first time in nine years.

"I really want to get back into top 10, that would be great," Petrova told reporters after upsetting US Open champion Sam Stosur of Australia 6-1 6-7 7-6 in the third round of the Indian Wells WTA tournament on Monday.

"I have been out of that category of players for a couple of years now, and it would be a nice thing for me to challenge the new players, like (Petra) Kvitovka and (Victoria) Azarenka.

"They're all young and full of energy. They're hungry



Nadia Petrova of Russia returns a shot against Samantha Stosur of Australia during their match at the Indian Wells WTA tennis tournament in Indian Wells, California, on 12 March, 2012.—REUTERS

for the titles and for number one spot."

The 29-year-old Petrova, who claimed five WTA titles in 2006 on her way to a career-high ranking of third, said she still has unfinished business on the women's circuit.

"I do feel like I'm pushing towards the end of my career but I still know that I have a couple good years left so I want to maximize that," added the big-serving Russian, who

prefers playing on hardcourt and clay surfaces.

"I want to give it all, so then I can say I have done it all, with no regrets."

Petrova, who won her first WTA title in almost three years in Washington DC last year, has had an extra bounce in her step since she started working with coach Ricardo Sanchez in Memphis last month.

Reuters

Arsenal strike late to turn up heat on Spurs

LONDON, 13 March—Arsenal narrowed the gap on third-placed Tottenham Hotspur to one point when Thomas Vermaelen struck deep in stoppage time to seal a 2-1 win over Newcastle United in a dramatic Premier League match on Monday.

It was the fourth successive league game that Arsene Wenger's side have come from behind to win as Arsenal have made the most of a slump in form by bitter north London rivals to challenge their grip on third spot.

"Tottenham have got to be watching over their shoulders now," man of the match Theo Walcott told Sky Sports.

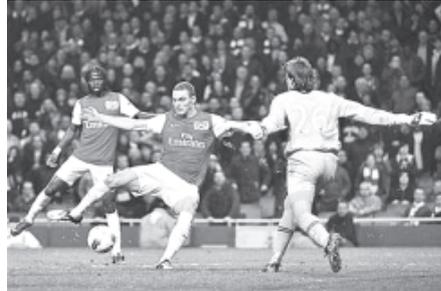
"We are getting our jobs right, defensively we have

been fantastic. We know we can always score goals... It's been an up-and-down season but it's the way you finish."

Visitors Newcastle went ahead in the 14th minute through Hatem Ben Arfa's low drive but their celebrations were extremely short-lived as Arsenal's man

of the moment Robin van Persie struck to level the scores less than a minute later.

Arsenal were in danger of failing to turn their dominance into more goals before Vermaelen prodded home in the fifth minute of stoppage time after Newcastle failed to clear.



Despite a series of misses by the likes of Gervinho, Van Persie and Tomas Rosicky, Wenger said he had never doubted that yet another comeback was on the cards. "I said to my assistant (Pat Rice), one more attack and we will score," he said. "We caught them on a counter-attack on the final movement of the game. We got five minutes of extra time and that allowed us to win the game."—Reuters

Arsenal's Thomas Vermaelen (C) scores past Newcastle United's goalkeeper Tim Krul (R) during their English Premier League soccer match at Emirates Stadium in London on 12 March, 2012.—REUTERS

International Sports

Adu, Shea among US Olympic football selections

NEW YORK, 13 March—Philadelphia Union midfielder Freddy Adu and FC Dallas forward Brek Shea were among 19 players named to the United States roster for the North American Olympic football qualifying tournament. Ghana-born Adu joined Major League Soccer at age 14 in 2004 as a highly touted prodigy, becoming the youngest US pro athlete in 115 years.

But Adu struggled the past four years with European clubs in France, Portugal, Greece and Turkey before making a US comeback at 22.



Philadelphia Union midfielder Freddy Adu (pictured) and FC Dallas forward Brek Shea were among 19 players named to the United States roster for the North American Olympic football qualifying tournament.

INTERNET

Shea and New York's Juan Agudelo are joined among American frontliners by Terrence Boyd of Borussia Dortmund and Joe Gyau of Hoffenheim and Kansas City's Teal Bunbury. The only non-MLS defender picked for the lineup, which is limited to players 23 and under, was Josh Gatt of Norwegian side Molde. The right back missed an exhibition game and training camp last month due to an ankle injury.

"This roster is a culmination of a long process to select what we feel is the best team this country has to offer in the U-23 age group," coach Caleb Porter said. "I feel very confident in this collection of players and their ability to execute the playing style we believe will best represent their talents and get us to London."—Internet

Woods says he hopes to play next week at Bay Hill



Tiger Woods hits off the 12th tee during the final round of the Cadillac Championship golf tournament on 11 March, 2012.—INTERNET

JUPITER, 13 March—Tiger Woods said Monday night his left Achilles tendon is mildly strained and he is hopeful he can still play next week at Bay Hill.

Woods withdrew from the Cadillac Championship at Doral on Sunday after hitting his tee

shot on the 12th hole.

"Got good news from doc tonight," he posted on his Twitter account. "Only mild strain of left Achilles. Can resume hitting balls late in week and hopeful for next week." Woods is scheduled to play the Arnold Palmer Invitational at Bay Hill, which starts March 22, his final tournament before the Masters. He has played Augusta National every year since 1995. He said his left Achilles tendon, which caused him to miss two majors last year, felt tight as he warmed up on the practice range before the final round of the Cadillac Championship, and it got worse from there.—Internet

Rampant Bulls overpower fading Knicks

CHICAGO, 13 March—The heady days of "Linsanity" are fading further from New York fans' memories after the Knicks slumped to their sixth straight defeat with a 104-99 loss to the NBA-best Chicago Bulls on Monday.

Jeremy Lin, whose meteoric rise from unknown benchwarmer to NBA sensation set the Knicks alight last month, scored 15 points and had eight assists but his impact on the team continues to dwindle as New York fell into a tie with Milwaukee for eighth in the Eastern Conference.

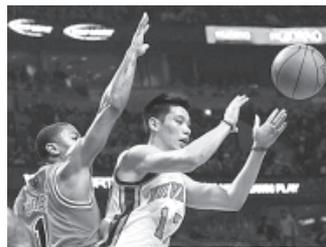
Derrick Rose attacked Lin and the Knicks relentlessly for 32 points and seven assists while the Bulls (35-9) abused New York in the rebounding battle to keep control.

"The whole game they had us on the offensive glass," Knicks coach Mike D'Antoni told reporters. "We played well for long stretches but the second-chance points got us."

New York stayed in touch for three quarters and trailed by one point heading into

the fourth, but they were overmatched in the crucial closing stages.

The Knicks (18-24), who enjoyed a seven-game winning streak last month, have struggled since Carmelo Anthony returned to the lineup from injury and their schedule has intensified. Reuters



New York Knicks' Jeremy Lin (R) is defended by Chicago Bulls' Derrick Rose during their NBA basketball game in Chicago, on 12 March, 2012.—REUTERS

Focus Myanmar TV Programme

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL

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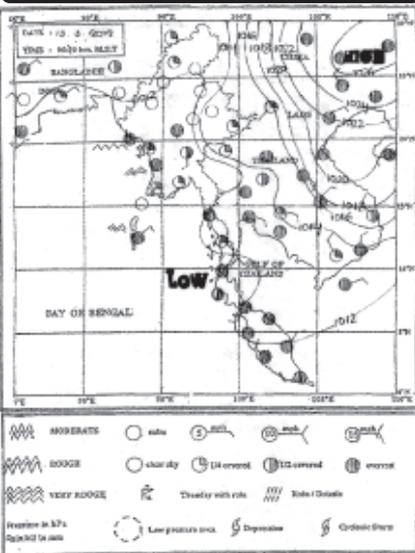
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MYANMAR TV

(14-3-2012) (Wednesday)

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- 1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw
- 7:40 am
- 2. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:00 am
- 3. Health Programme
- 8:00 am
- 4. Cultural Dances
- 8:20 am
- 5. Teleplay (Health)
- 4:00 pm
- 6. Martial Song
- 4:05 pm
- 7. Song Of National Races
- 4:40 pm
- 8. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 5:05 pm
- 9. International Science News
- 5:50 pm
- 10. "ASEAN" Programmes
- 6:20 pm
- 11. Traditional Boxing
- 8:00 pm
- 12. News
- 13. Talk Of The Political Parties
- 14. TV Drama Series
- 15. Myanmar Video

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 14th March, 2012

Sr No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	14/91	15/59	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60%
2	Kayah	13/91	20/88	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60%
3	Kayah	17/99	23/73	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60%
4	Chin	25/77	09/48	Partly cloudy	
5	Upper Sgawng	35/95	15/59	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60%
6	Lower Sgawng	40/104	20/88	Partly cloudy	
7	Tanintharyi	17/99	24/75	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60%
8	Bago	28/100	25/77	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60%
9	Magway	28/102	25/77	Partly cloudy	
10	Mandalay	28/102	25/75	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60%
11	Mon	28/100	26/70	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60%
12	Yangon	29/102	25/77	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60%
13	Rakhine	34/93	23/71	Partly cloudy	
14	Southern Shan	29/84	19/66	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60%
15	Northern Shan	13/91	09/48	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60%
16	Eastern Shan	13/99	15/64	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60%
17	Ayeyarwady	29/102	25/77	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60%
18	Neighbouring My (Th) low	29/102	23/72	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60%
19	Neighbouring Yangon	29/102	25/77	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60%
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	29/102	23/73	Partly cloudy	

Summary of observations at 09:30 in MYST on today: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Mandalay, Magway, Yangon, Ayeyarwady and Bago Regions, Shan, Kayah and Kayah States, scattered in Tanintharyi Region and Mon State and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States. Day temperatures were 17°C to 41°C above March average temperatures in Upper Sgawng Region, Kachin, Southern Shan and Chin States and above March average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperature were Chauk (41°C), Meiktila, Aungmye and Hinthada were (40°C) each. The noticeable amount of rainfall recorded were Nyaung-U (1.9) inches, Thabeik (0.5) inch and Shwebo (0.47) inch. Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea and Southeast Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

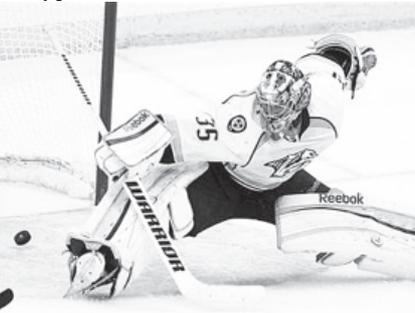
Bay Reference: State of the Sea: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters. Outlook for rain: Likelihood of continuation of isolated rain or thundershowers in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Dozens dead after ferry sinks in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 13 March—A ferry carrying more than 250 passengers sank in Bangladesh on Tuesday after colliding with a barge and at least 35 people were dead, police and witnesses said. Scores were missing. The accident occurred on the Meghna River in Munshiganj district, some 50 km south of the capital. At least 50 people managed to swim ashore, an official said. "We have recovered 35 bodies so far but death toll could go up as more bodies are feared trapped inside," police chief Mohammad Shahabuddin Khan said. Ferry accidents kill hundreds of people in Bangladesh every year, usually caused by overcrowding and poor supervision and law enforcement.—MNA/Reuters

Predators fend off tenacious Coyotes in West thriller

OTTAWA, 13 March—The Nashville Predators squandered a two-goal lead before edging out the Phoenix Coyotes 5-4 in a shootout as two of the Western Conference's playoff contenders turned up the intensity on Monday. Nashville led 4-2 in the third period but were pegged back by goals from Oliver Ekman-Larsson and Raffi Torres



Nashville Predators' goalie Pekka Rinne fails to stop a shot on net by Ottawa Senators' Chris Phillips (not shown) during the third period of their NHL hockey game.—REUTERS

but the visitors battled through a scoreless overtime and prevailed in the sudden death decider. Goaltender Pekka Rinne stopped all three Phoenix shootout attempts and finished with 31 saves to help the Predators (41-21-7) maintain a tight grip on fifth place in the conference. Martin Erat put Nashville 1-0 ahead late in the first and Daymond Langkow tied the score early in the second before Mike Fisher put the road team back in front midway through the period. Keith Yandle responded again for the Coyotes (34-25-11), who have lost six of seven games and are seventh in the West, but the Predators surged clear with goals from Francis Bouillon and Craig Smith. Mike Smith made 31 saves in the loss. Reuters

Village-tract football tourney wraps up

PYAPON, 13 March—The final match of the Kyonkyaik Village-tract Administrator's Cup Invitational Football Tournament was held at the football ground in the village of Pyapon Township in Ayeyawady Region on 6 March afternoon. Kyonkyaik Village blanked out Hngettaw Village 4-1 in the final match. Village administrator U Win Tun presented first prize shield to Kyonkyaik Village team. Village officials awarded winners and winning teams. Township IPRD



Third regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw continues for 13th Day Five questions answered, one bill approved

NAY PYI TAW, 13 March—Third regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw continued for 13th Day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Building here at 10.25 am today, attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 341 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives.

At the meeting, five questions were raised and replied and one bill approved.

At the question-raising session, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Khin Zaw replied to the two questions raised by two representatives.

With respect to the question of Dr Khin Maung Swe of Kyaukdaga Constituency on **“there is any plan to handle flood of farmlands and houses in Tawkywein Village-tract in Kyaukdaga Township in Bago Region”**, the deputy minister replied:

To prevent the flood needs digging silt along Thabeik Creek and construction of small dam on it. The estimated miles for dredging silts along the creek are 6.5. Detailed survey is to be conducted if it is implemented. It is found that according to its nature, it has to be done yearly.

Construction of small dam on the creek needs feasibility study and hydrological, geological and earth survey. It will be implemented based on data collected from the feasibility study. So, it would be implemented with more effective ways only after feasibility study has been carried out first.

With regard to the question of U Zaw Win Aung of Myinmu Constituency on **“there is any plan to carry out the maintenances of damaged main cannels and feeder cannels of river water pumping projects in Myinmu Township, Sagaing Region.”** the deputy minister replied: It needs estimated 14250 suds of earth for maintenances of main cannels, bunds, tributary cannels and drains, and re-



Pyithu Hluttaw representatives sign attendance book.—MNA

construction of damaged water supply structure. In 2011-2012 financial year, a fund of K 12.34 million for 7000 suds of earth has been allotted for maintenances of cannels. Arrangements have been made for carrying out the rest earth works and repair of damaged water supply structure with the funds of 2012-2013. So, water can be supplied to more sown acreages.

Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun replied to three questions.

Regarding the question of U Aung Myint of Gangaw Constituency on **“there is any plan to extract estimated 510,000 tons of branches from 1.7 million tons of timbers, which is the country’s total timber extraction for the country’s more earnings”**, the Union Minister replied: In the timber extraction, emphasis is placed not only on designated logs production but also on no waste of branches and the country’s more earnings.

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Third regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw continues for 14th day Nine questions answered, one bill submitted, two proposals discussed, one proposal postponed, one proposal approved



Amyotha Hluttaw representatives sign attendance book.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 13 March—Third regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw continued for 14th day at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Building here at 10 am today. It was attended by Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint and 190 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives.

Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Tet Khin answered queries related to health sector raised by two Hluttaw representatives.

U Khin Swin Moan of Chin State Constituency No. 5 asked **“whether there is plan to upgrade rural health centres and branches in Tiddim Township”**. The Union minister answered: One 100-bed hospital, three 16-bed hospital, 10 rural health centres and 37 rural health branches have been opened in Tiddim Township.

Hsaizan rural health branch is under Hmwartin rural health centre. Basic principles for upgrading health branches

to health centres are security, accessibility to 10 to 15 village-tracts, health coverage to 10000 to 15000 population, accessibility from nearby villages, smooth road transport to station hospitals or township hospitals, being the village with already-established rural health branch and the fact the local people can construct the designated building within a year and prepare the temporary building while the permanent one is under construction.

If the township health department applies for the permission for opening of new rural health centres in villages in Tiddim Township which meet above-mentioned requirements with recommendation of the Head of Chin State Health Department, the upgrading tasks will be carried out under rules and regulations.

Dr Tin Shwe of Yangon Region Constituency No. 6 asked **“whether there is directive issued for private hospitals to do post-mortem on deceased persons”**. Health Department has directed private hospitals to reserve separate air-conditioned room and mortuary refrigerator to keep bodies temporarily.

Post-mortem is carried out in all people’s hospital only on crime victims. If the patient passed away, the post-mortem is not allowed and the body must be transferred to people’s hospital within 24 hours under the law to do post-mortem.

Union Minister for Livestock and Fisheries and for Cooperatives U Ohn Myint answered questions related to fisheries and cooperative raised by two Hluttaw representatives.

U Htay Win (a) U Zayad Rarman of Rakhine State Constituency No. 7 asked about **“collecting surcharges on**

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