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## True patriotism

\* It is very important for every one of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.

\* Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

## President U Thein Sein visits thriving Palethwe special high-yield hybrid paddy plantations in modern farms in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area

NAY PYI TAW, 18 March—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein visited thriving Palethwe special high-yield hybrid paddy plantations in modern farms of Ahlyinlo village in Pynmana Township and Aungchantha village in Zabuthiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area this morning.

On arrival at modern farm in Ahlyinlo village, the President viewed samples of paddy strains, rices and paddy plants of Philippine Palethwe, Vietnam and Myanmar hybrid paddies. Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing reported the President on characteristics and conditions of each paddy.

The President inspected thriving Palethwe hybrid paddy plantations in 369-acre advanced farm where Union Minister U Myint Hlaing explained transformation of 369-acre farmland of local farmers into an advanced farm, cultivation of Palethwe hybrid paddy and condition of paddy plants starting to set seeds in 84 days.

The President said in his address to Union ministers, visiting Region or State chief ministers, lawmakers and local farmers that the country needs to make five changes for agricultural development. They are changes in attitudes, quality strain, modern scientific cultivation method, modern land reclamation and mechanized farming, he named. Farmers need to change from the attitude of managing farm in conventional ways to that of taking examples of successful stories from countries with advanced techniques, he went into detail. Only when plantation zones of quality paddy well matched with the region's weather should be established in regions and states and quality strains need to be distributed to farmers, according to him, will each region and state enjoy equitable development.

Major rice growers Sagaing, Bago and Ayeyawady Regions should set sight to export their own rice later and all the regions have to strive for not being legged behind, the President said.

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President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein views samples of hybrid paddy in modern farms of Ahlyinlo village in Pynmana Township.

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President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein cordially greets Hluttaw representatives and farmers in modern farm of Aungchantha village in Zabuthiri Township.—MNA

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**CSOs**

Nowadays, civil society organizations or CSOs have become more and more powerful in the development drive of the countries all around the world. These CSOs include NGOs, trade unions, religion-based organizations, native peoples movements, humanitarian bodies, foundations, community-based centres and many others all providing humanitarian services on non-profit basis. They are providing basic services with a wide range of interests and connections taking key roles in many global countries.

In our country too, these civil society organizations are playing an important part in the flourishing and strengthening of Myanmar democracy system. So, we are paving the way for emergence of unions and organizations representing the masses and classes that will protect the rights of farmers and workers. We now have the National Human Rights Commission that is effectively protecting the fundamental rights of citizens in our society. Besides, we are in the process of setting up the National Press Council so that media sector, the fourth estate, can ensure freedom and accountability under the check and balance system in accord with the democratic practices.

A key influence on CSO involvement in service provision is the relationship with government, and this is a critically important concept of partnership. Accordingly, CSOs need to ensure that they are able to maintain their own distinctive contribution to development and not just the agents of the state.

According to Myanmar culture, our national races have the benevolence deeply-rooted in Myanmar society under the influence of religious teachings. We the Myanmar people are naturally generous and always ready to help one another. And we see the consolidation and emergence of more and more Civil Society Organizations as the most important matter in the process of democratic transition and nation building endeavors.

**Belgian guests call on UMFCCI personnel**

YANGON, 18 March— motion of trade activities, Vice-Presidents of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Zaw Min Win, U Aung Lwin, Dr Maung Maung Lay, General Secretary Dr Myo Thet and CEC members received a delegation led by Acting CEO Ms. Claire Tillekaerts of Flanders Investment & Trade from Belgium at the federation headquarters here on 10 March.

They discussed pro-

motion of trade activities, Myanmar's improving economic policies and prospects in investing special economic zones. *MNA*

**Tobacco Kills**

**49<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Gems Emporium concludes**



Local and foreign gems merchants examine the quality of jade lots.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 18 March—The final day of the 49<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Gems Emporium 2012 organized by Central Committee for Organizing Myanmar Gems Emporium took place at Mani Yadana Jade Hall here today.

Patron of the committee Union Mines Minister U Thein Htaik viewed gems merchants bidding for jade lots under the supervision of the personnel concerned in the afternoon and presented certificate of honour to Mr Lin Zefan who purchased jade lots at the highest prices.

The Gems Emporium successfully concluded at 3 pm.—MNA

**Union CPT Minister urges local people of Myaing Tsp to be united to realize rural development tasks**

NAY PYI TAW, 18 March—Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun urged local people and departmental officials in Nyaungdwin (West) and Selbya villages in Myaing Township of Magway Region on 12 March to form a united force for implementing tasks for rural development and poverty alleviation laid down by the government at ceremonies to present certificates of upgrading basic education schools of the villages.

He credited efforts of village elders, members of School

Boards of Trustees, local people and departmental officials who worked closely to make the villages, which had once to be contended with the primary education, accessible to middle school education.

The Union CPT Minister presented certificates of the Ministry of Education of upgrading schools to headmasters of the schools and donated uniforms to teachers. Well-wishers made donations to the education fund of the school. A local expressed thanks.—MNA

**Friendship Car Rally 2012 flagged off**



Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, region ministers, the team leader of Myanmar-India Friendship Rally and members pose for documentary photo.—MNA

YANGON, 18 March— With a view to promoting the bilateral friendship and tourism and economic

cooperation between Myanmar and India, Friendship Car Rally (Yangon road section) was

flagged off at 7.30 am today, organized by Bright View Tourism Co and Northeast Federation of International

Trade (Nefit) of the Republic of India with the assistance of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism.

Present on the occasion were Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, region ministers, Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Dr Villur Sundararajan Seshadri and officials from the embassy.

Starting from Guwahati, India, on 13 March, the car rally will arrive back there on 22 March through Tamu, Kalay, Monywa, Mandalay, Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Pyay, Bagan, Monywa, Kalay and Tamu in Myanmar. The rally comprised one car from Myanmar and 16 from India.

After the ceremony, the chief minister attended the opening of auto showroom of Five Grate Service Co. *MNA*

**Talks on IT held**

YANGON, 18 March—Under the sponsorship of Dell and Intel, Computer Technical Team Co Ltd organized a seminar on my first virtualization at the Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road here on 16 March.

CTT Managing Director U Khun Oo extended greetings, followed by talks on winning in virtual era by Ms. Khun Lertluk Kunlasutti from Dell (Thailand) and Dell virtualization and enterprise update by Mr Khun Nopparat Sangseng.

CTT Co Ltd holds educative talks from two to four times a year with a view to enabling Myanmar IT technicians keep in touch with latest IT and IT products. *MNA*



CTT Managing Director U Khun Oo extends greetings at My First Virtualization Seminar.—MNA



## Thai PM orders curb on high consumer product prices

BANGKOK, 18 March— Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra Saturday ordered authorities to speed up measures to contain high consumer product prices caused by the massive flood last year, *Thai News Agency* reported.

The premier, on her weekly programme “Yingluck Government Meets the People”, said last year’s flood crisis was the major factor that caused high prices of consumer products, reported *Xinhua*.

She said consumer goods prices were lower when compared with the same month last year but the flood had forced many



Thai PM Yingluck Shinawatra

factories to halt their operations, while many distribution centres could not deliver the products, eventually causing prices to increase as demand was

much higher than the supply.

However, she expressed confidence that the high prices of food and consumer products would return to normal by June this year.

The ministry of commerce and relevant offices would implement measures to ensure that prices of consumer goods were reasonable, particularly those of eggs and palm cooking oil, said the premier.

The prime minister said the government believed the rise of world oil prices would be only short term and would not intervene in domestic oil prices, but measures would be taken to ease the impact on the public.—*Internet*

## WikiLeaks founder considers run for office

CANBERRA, 18 March— WikiLeaks says its founder, Julian Assange, will run for the Australian Senate in spite of legal troubles that could keep him out of the country for a while. The announcement came Friday via Twitter, *The Brisbane Times* reported. Assange is currently battling extradition from Britain to Sweden and is under house arrest.

“We have discovered that it is possible for Julian Assange to run for the Australian Senate while detained. Julian has decided to run,” a tweet from WikiLeaks said.

Sweden has not filed formal charges against Assange, although there are allegations he sexually molested women there. Assange has said he fears the extradition could lead to his being sent to the United States to be tried for espionage, following WikiLeaks’ publication of leaked US State Department memos.

A general election is expected in Australia next year. WikiLeaks said it might run a candidate against Prime Minister Julia Gillard, the head of the Labour Party.

WikiLeaks misspelled the name of Gillard’s constituency, Lator, as Laylor, prompting a dig from a Labour official, Sam Dastyari: “Best they learn the seat’s name.”—*Internet*



Wikileaks founder Julian Assange arrives for the final day of his Supreme Court hearing to avoid extradition to Sweden in London on 2 Feb, 2012. INTERNET

## Philippines tightens watch on African arrivals

MANILA, 18 March— Philippine airport immigration officials have tightened monitoring of arrivals from Africa after a spate of arrests of drug mules from the continent, according to a spokeswoman.

The increased vigilance at all airports was imposed after two Ghanaians were caught on 13 March, bringing to eight the number of Africans stopped at Philippine airports in three weeks while trying to smuggle in illegal drugs.

Bureau of Immigration



Security personnel stand guard near India Gate monument.—INTERNET

## Italian tourists taken hostage in India

NEW DELHI, 18 March—Two Italian tourists have been taken hostage by Maoist rebels in the eastern Indian state of Orissa, the NDTV news channel said on Sunday quoting unnamed sources. The channel reported that the incident occurred in the Kandhamal district of Orissa, one of several states where armed Maoist rebels have waged a decades-long battle to overthrow state and national authorities.

Local police in Kandhamal were not immediately able to confirm the report when contacted by *AFP*.

NDTV said on its website that the two Italians were kidnapped when they were taking photographs of local women bathing in a river.

“The Maoists have said that the release of the tourists depends on the government’s response to their demands,” NDTV said without giving further details.

The government describes the Maoist movement, which often targets police and soldiers with deadly roadside mine ambushes, as India’s biggest internal security threat.

The insurgency, which began in 1967, feeds off land disputes, police brutality and corruption, and is strongest in the poorest and most deprived areas of India, many of which are rich in natural resources. The rebels claim they are fighting for the rights of neglected tribal people and landless farmers and say their ultimate goal is to capture India’s cities and overthrow parliament.—*Internet*

## Militants kill American teacher in Yemen

SANAA, 18 March— Motorcycle-riding gunmen linked to al-Qaeda shot and killed an American teacher in Yemen city of Taiz on Sunday, and Yemeni officials said government forces killed up to 14 militants in clashes and artillery attacks on their strongholds.

The attacks underscore the challenges facing President Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi, who took office last month after a year of massive protests against his predecessor Ali Abdullah Saleh. A police source in Taiz said a gunman riding on the motorcycle driven by an accomplice shot a US English language teacher, who was also deputy director of a language school, the Swedish Institute.

Officials from the institute identified the victim as Joel Shrun and said he was born in 1983.

The gunmen, who escaped after the attack, were believed to be linked to al-Qaeda, the police source said. A group affiliated with the militant network claimed responsibility. Islamic militants often accuse Western aid groups of proselytising.—*MNA/Reuters*

## Dozens of bullet-ridden bodies found in Pakistan’s Khyber region

BARA, 18 March— Villagers found 14 bullet-ridden bodies scattered around the Bara area of the northwestern Khyber tribal region near the Afghanistan border on Sunday, as Pakistani security forces step up military offensives against militants.

Sunday’s discovery was made two days after 12 more bodies, also bearing signs of torture and numerous bullet-wounds, were discovered in the same area, 15 km (nine miles) south of Peshawar. “They were taken into custody by the paramilitary Frontier Corps a few days back from Sepah area after unknown people attacked the FC post and killed four soldiers,” a tribesman told Reuters, requesting anonymity because he feared for his safety. Another witness, Torab Ali, said all the bodies had had acid thrown on their faces, making identification difficult.

MNA/Reuters



This file photo, taken in 2011, shows a member of the Manila international airport immigration team checking travellers’ documents.

INTERNET

## Smog and fog ground hundreds of Beijing flight

BEIJING, 18 March— More than 400 flights to and from Beijing airport, including around 35 international services, were cancelled or delayed on Saturday due to thick fog and strong air pollution covering the city.

Almost 250 flights were cancelled, including some 15 international services, according to the website of the international airport in the Chinese capital. More than 180 flights were delayed, including about 20 international services, the site said. Visibility at the airport early Saturday was at less than 200 metres (650 feet), official state news agency

*Xinhua* said, blaming “widespread fog” for the disruption. But the US embassy, which has its own measuring system, said pollution in Beijing had reached the “hazardous” level early Saturday, before dropping one notch to “very unhealthy” later. China said this month that two-thirds of its cities currently fail to meet new air-quality standards introduced this week that are based on the pollutants most harmful to health.

The new targets were introduced to placate growing anger among the Chinese public, which is increasingly concerned about health issues.—*Internet*



This general view shows the new China Central Television headquarters building covered in haze in Beijing.—INTERNET



**Latin American Web access could double in a decade.**  
INTERNET



### Latin American Web access could double in a decade

LOS ANGELES, 18 March—Latin America is the world's fastest-growing market for Internet access, and could double within a decade, the group that oversees Internet-related tasks said Friday.

"I think this is the decade of our region in many ways," said Rodrigo de la Parra, regional vice president for the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers.

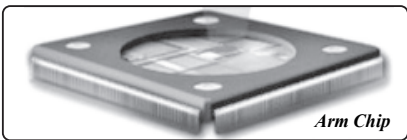
"It is a region that without any doubt has more growth on a worldwide level," the Mexico native told AFP.

Internet market penetration is found in about 30 percent of Latin American households, compared with nearly 100 percent in developed countries.

De la Parra spoke during a five-day ICANN conference in Costa Rica that ended Friday. About 1,700 participants from 150 countries attended the conference. The participants came from government and private organizations to discuss Internet use, access, new codes and security. ICANN is a nongovernmental organization that polices Internet registrations and coordinates the Web's international resources, such as usernames and Internet addresses.

International awareness is helping to fuel the trend toward greater Internet access, said De la Parra, predicting economic growth would accompany rising Internet use in Latin America.—*Internet*

### New chip design to extend Internet's reach



Arm Chip

LONDON, 18 March—A British computer chip maker says its latest microprocessor architecture will help connect a wider range of household appliances to the Internet.

Arm Holdings said new chip designs based on its "Flycatcher" architecture will yield the "world's most energy-efficient microprocessors" and will pave the way for an "Internet of things" linking a wider range of devices.

Refrigerators and other home appliances, medical equipment, energy metres, and home and office lighting will all benefit from the innovation, the company said.

Two computer chip companies, NXP Semiconductors and Freescale, have already licensed the technology.

"It opens up all devices to the potential of being connected all the time," Freescale's Geoff Lees told the BBC.

"It's allowing us to provide connectivity everywhere ... from consumer appliances, MP3-music audio docks, kitchen equipment with displays right through to remote sensors in rain monitoring equipment or personal medical devices, an area where ultra-long battery life allied to high performance and safety is becoming more and more important."

Arm said its new architecture is designed to provide chipmakers with the means to build microcontrollers that require "ultra low power" but are capable of 32-bit processing.—*Internet*



### World floral trade threatens rare palm

BANGOR, Wales, 18 March—The global flower trade threatens a rare palm because its leaves' ability to stay green long after being cut is attractive to florists, British botanists say.

Leaves of the xate palm (pronounced shah-tay) are mostly harvested from wild trees found in Central and South America, and increased use is threatening the species' long term survival, a study warns.

Training locals to cultivate the trees, to lessen the pressure on the wild population, has met with limited success, the study said.

The qualities of the tree's leaves mean they are in great demand, particularly on Mother's Day and Palm Sunday, experts said.

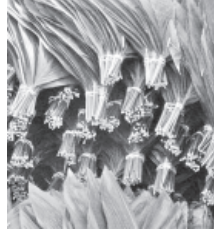
"One of the reasons why florists like this leaf so

much is because once you have cut it, it stays green for 30-40 days," researcher Sophie Williams from Bangor University in Wales told the BBC.

"There can be about two weeks from the forest to the florist, yet they can still store it for another two or three weeks," Williams said.

The plant, which generally has five leaves, can be damaged if more than two leaves are removed at any one time, studies have shown.

*Internet*



Cut xate leaves.

### Asteroid to make close Earth visit



**In this plot, the asteroid is the yellow dot, and Earth is green; the two orbits intersect twice per year. The asteroid has a very Earth-like orbit with a period of 366.24 days, just one more day than our terrestrial year, and it "jumps" inside and outside of the path of Earth two times per year.**

INTERNET

PARIS, 18 March—An asteroid approaching Earth in 2013 will get closer than the orbits of many satellites, highlighting a need to monitor such hazards, European scientists say.

An amateur team discovered the unusual asteroid, dubbed 2012 DA 14, 22 Feb as it flew by Earth at

about seven times the distance of the moon, the European Space Agency reported Thursday.

However, on its next flyby, 15 Feb, 2013, it is predicted to pass Earth at less than 15,000 miles, closer than many commercial satellites, the ESA said.

"This is a safe distance, but it is still close enough to make the asteroid visible in normal binoculars," Detlef Koschny of the ESA's Space Situational Awareness offices said. While an impact with Earth has been ruled out as a possibility on the asteroid's next fly-by, astronomers will use its near approach for additional study and to calculate the gravitational effects on it of Earth and the moon. "We will also be keen to see the asteroid's resulting orbit after the next close approach in order to compute any future risk of impact," Koschny said.—*Internet*

### Plants 'remember' droughts to prepare

LINCOLN, 18 March—Plants can "remember" drought and change responses to the stress to survive, a finding that could lead to more drought-resistant crops, US researchers say.

The study confirms the scientific basis for what home gardeners and nursery professionals have long known, that transplants do better when water is withheld for a few days to "drought harden" them before the move, they said.

"This phenomenon of drought hardening is in the common literature but not really in the academic literature," Michael Fromm, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln plant scientist, said. "The mechanisms involved in this process seem to be what we found."

The researchers compared the reaction of

plants that had been previously stressed by withholding water to those not previously stressed and found the pre-stressed plants bounced back more quickly the next time they were dehydrated, a university release reported.

The pre-stressed plants responded to dehydration by increasing transcription of a certain subset of genes, the scientists said, and in subsequent drought periods the plants remember their transcriptional response to stress and induce these genes to higher levels.

"The plants 'remember' dehydration stress. It will condition them to survive future drought stress and transplanting," Fromm said.—*Internet*



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### Squids' giant eyes seen as defence aid

DURHAM, 18 March—Giant squid have giant eyes — among the biggest in nature — for defending themselves from sperm whales, their biggest enemy, a US researcher says.

"They're most likely using their huge eyes to spot and escape their predators, sperm whales," Duke University biologist Sonke Johnsen says of the animals' basketball-sized eyes.

Johnsen was part of a team that modeled, both physically and biologically, how and why a squid uses such a big eye, and found the design and size of the eye give squid the ability to see approaching sperm whales as they disturb bioluminescent organisms in deep ocean waters, a Duke release reported Thursday. The team found the large eyes collect more light compared to animals of similar size but with smaller eyes. That's critical for detecting low light differences such as the bioluminescence stimulated by large animals such as approaching sperm whales, Johnsen said. Bigger eyes mean seeing more of the faint light and predicting the predator's approach, she said.—*Internet*



Two men inspect a nearly intact 30-foot giant squid found in Norway.—INTERNET



Snow cover map for 5 March, 2012.

### Satellite maps shows less snow coverage

PASADENA, 18 March—NASA has released maps compiled from satellite data that may answer the question prompted by a mild 2012 winter—"Where's the snow?"

The maps, compiled from data collected by the Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer instrument aboard NASA's Terra satellite, show a very spotty snow cover compared with 2011. In 2012, areas that are usually snow covered are bare, including parts of Montana, Wyoming and South Dakota, the agency said, and the Great Lakes area, southern Ontario and the east coast of the United States have much less snow cover than they did at this time last year.

The relatively light snowfall in 2012 is the result of two atmospheric processes, climatologist Bill Patzert of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif, said. One is the La Nina conditions in the Pacific, which result in less moist air crossing the continental United States, he said, while the other is a strong Arctic Oscillation that keeps cold arctic air around the North Pole and away from more southern latitudes.

*Internet*



## Exposure to antibiotics increases risk of allergic asthma among children

VANCOUVER, 18 March—Widely used antibiotics may increase incidence and severity of allergic asthma among children, according to a study conducted by researchers from University of British Columbia (UBC) in Canada.



suspected that kids exposed to more antibiotics - like those in developed countries - are more prone to allergic asthma," says the study's author, UBC microbiologist Brett Finlay. "Our study is the first experimental proof that shows how."

The study, published on Friday in the European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO) Journal, shows that certain antibiotics that affect intestinal bacteria also had a profound impact on allergic asthma.

The human gut is colonized by approximately 100 trillion bacteria, and contains upwards of 1,000

bacterial species. While not fully understood, these micro-organisms, known as "gut flora," perform a host of useful functions, said Finlay.

To assess the influence of antibiotics on gut microbiota, the researchers treated neonatal mice with two widely used antibiotics - streptomycin and vancomycin - and evaluated resulting shifts in resident flora and subsequent susceptibility to allergic asthma.

The study found that streptomycin treatment had little effect on both the microbiota and the disease,

whereas vancomycin reduced microbial diversity, shifted the composition of the bacterial population and enhanced disease severity.

However, neither antibiotic had a significant effect when administered to adult mice, indicating that early life is a critical period of establishing a healthy immune system.

"Modern societal practices, such as improved sanitation methods and widespread antibiotic use, are causing the disappearance of ancestral species of bacteria in our gut that may be critical to a healthy immune system," the author said.—Xinhua

## Koh-Kae recalls peanut snacks over undeclared milk

OTTAWA, 18 March—Koh-Kae is recalling its shrimp and chicken flavoured peanut snacks because they may contain milk that is not declared on the label.

The product could pose a serious health threat to people with milk allergies, however no illnesses have so far been linked to the snacks.

The products were sold in 230 and 240 gram packages and distributed in Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and possibly other provinces.

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency says it is monitoring the effectiveness of the recall.—Internet



The Canadian Food Inspection Agency is warning people with allergies to milk not to consume the Koh-Kae brand peanut snack products.

INTERNET

## US adults exercising more



Runners and bikers take advantage of the warm weather to exercise in Forest Park in St. Louis 2 Feb, a day when the temperature reached a record 65.—INTERNET

WASHINGTON, 18 March—US adults who said they exercise frequently rose last December January and February, compared to the same months a year ago, a survey indicated.

Gallup and Healthways asked at least 1,000 Americans daily — more than 350,000 surveys per year — about how much they exercise and for how long.

Last December, 47.4 percent of US adults exercised for at least 30 minutes three or more days per week, more than in the

same month in 2010, 2009 or 2008. In addition, those who exercised zero days per week last year, dropped from 30.2 percent in 2010 to 29.7 percent a year later.

This continued into 2012, with 49.1 percent of US adults exercising frequently in January and 51 percent in February — more than in the same months in past years, the survey said.

Men were more likely than women to report a high level of physical activity.

In addition, young adults ages 18-29, those making \$90,000 or more per year and those living in the West were the most likely to exercise frequently, while those making \$36,000 or less annually, those age 65 and older and the obese were the least likely to exercise frequently. The margin of error was 0.2 percentage points.—Internet



## Doctors' life-support skills fade after training

NEW YORK, 18 March—Doctors and nurses are trained in how to save a cardiac arrest victim's life, but those skills can fade quickly if they're not used, a new study shows.

In a review of 11 international studies, researchers found that health providers' skills in advanced life support typically deteriorated six months to a year after training, based on test performance. That's concerning, since the standard guideline calls for re-training every two years, note the researchers, led by Dr. Matthew Huei-Ming Ma of National Taiwan University Hospital.

Advanced life support refers to the measures doctors and nurses can take when someone is in cardiac arrest, where the heart stops pumping blood to the rest of the body. Cardiac arrest is quickly fatal unless it's treated right away — though treatment often fails too. Advanced life support includes the CPR chest compressions that laypeople are familiar with. But professionals can also give medication, clear the airways or use a defibrillator to "shock" the heart back into a normal rhythm.

Many experts have long believed that re-training at two-year intervals is "not optimal," said Dr. Lance Becker, director of the Centre for Resuscitation Science at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

"For those of us in the field, this isn't a new finding," Becker said of the study, which appears in the journal Resuscitation. But he added that he was glad to see the research on the question pulled together in a systematic review.—Reuters



A doctor checks the blood pressure of a patient at the J.W.C.H. safety-net clinic in the center of skid row in downtown Los Angeles 30 July, 2007.—INTERNET

## Business



## Eurocopter to expand production in Germany

FRANKFURT, 18 March—Eurocopter, the world's largest maker of helicopters for civilian use, plans to expand its production in Germany, German weekly magazine Wirtschafts Woche reported, citing Chief Executive Lutz Bertling.

"We are doing research for the next generation of especially environmentally friendly helicopters in Germany. And we are also talking to the governments of Bavaria and Germany about support for a new civil program," the magazine cited Bertling as saying in an interview, without providing further details.

Bertling, who is also on the management board of Eurocopter parent EADS, said the company was investing 100 million euros (\$132 million) in a new development centre at its German base in Donauwoerth.

Eurocopter makes the Tiger attack helicopter, as well as the NH90 family of military helicopters. Its civilian-use range includes the Ecureuil, Dauphin and Super Puma families.—Internet

## Kurds say Exxon still working in North Iraq



An Exxon gas station is pictured in Arlington, Virginia 31 Jan, 2012.—INTERNET

ARBIL, 18 March—Exxon Mobil has not suspended its work in Iraq's autonomous Kurdish region, an aide to the region's president said on Saturday, after Baghdad said Exxon had frozen its Kurdish deal.

Iraq's oil minister said on Friday that Exxon had written to Baghdad informing it that it had suspended work in the Kurdish region, under a deal which Baghdad considers illegal.

"We've never heard anything like this from Exxon Mobil. We have continuous meetings with Exxon Mobil's senior executives and I think the company is continuing its work," said Fuad Hussein, senior aide to Kurdish President Masoud Barzani.

Exxon is one of the oil majors that is participating in massive projects intended to make Iraq the world's biggest source of new oil over the next few years, but the U.S. firm's decision to sign a deal with the Kurds has infuriated Baghdad.

Iraq has threatened to block Exxon from bidding in future oil projects and even to reconsider its role in a supergiant field, West Qurna-2, where Exxon was part of a consortium that won a contract in 2009.

Baghdad has offered international oil firms fee-for-service contracts, while the Kurdish region offers production-sharing deals which give the foreign firms a share of oil output - considered far more lucrative.—Reuters

## Georgia catches suspect of Robbery of Century

TBILISI, 18 March—The Georgian interior ministry said Saturday the South Caucasus country had detained a key suspect of the Robbery of Century theft in Ordu of neighbouring Turkey.

“The officers of the constitutional security department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia have solved the case of robbery that took place in Ordu, Turkey, as a result of which gold and jewelry in large quantities were stolen,” the ministry said in a statement.

“As a result of operative

activities the head of organized criminal group, Vakhtang Purtseladze, was detained and part of stolen jewelry was seized by Georgian law enforcers in Tbilisi and Qutaisi. Currently operative measures are being taken in order to detain others involved in the criminal case mentioned above and to find and seize the rest of stolen jewelry,” the statement added.

Cigarette butts left in the 8-metre-long underground tunnel dug by the thieves led police in both Turkey and

Georgia suspect about the nationality of the perpetrators of the theft which Turkish media had described as “Robbery of Century”, in which the thieves beat the alarming system of the jewelry shop to empty its 6-kilogram hoard of gold jewelry and coins.

The thieves dug the tunnel from an adjacent building right into their target shop and when the alarming system finally worked they had already left with their trophies.

Internet



Journalists raise hands to ask questions during a panel discussion of deputies to the Fifth Session of the 11th National People's Congress (NPC) from southwest China's Yunnan Province in Beijing, capital of China, on 10 March, 2012. The Yunnan delegation's panel discussion was open to media on Saturday.—XINHUA

## Landslide threatens Japanese city

JOETSU, 18 March—A landslide threatening the Japanese City of Joetsu has already destroyed 11 houses and workshops, the government said.

So far no casualties have been reported but the landslide is continuing to move. The Yomiuri Shimbun reported on Wednesday.

Government workers used sandbags to construct a 9-foot-high, 787-foot-long wall to protect houses threatened by the growing landslide.

They are also using pipes to drain water away from the area. A total of 52 residents from 15 households have taken shelter at a local community centre.

Officials said the landslide was triggered by water from melted snow that collected above bedrock. Joetsu is located at the foot of Mount Hotaka and faces the Sea of Japan.—Internet



German Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle (2nd L) meets with Yemeni President Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi (3rd R) during a brief visit to discuss bilateral cooperation in Sanaa, on 10 March, 2012.—XINHUA

## Building Macao into world's leisure centre

BEIJING, 18 March—Following are some quotes on building Macao into a tourism and leisure centre in the world from Ho Teng Iat, a political advisor and president of the Women's General Association of Macao, at the annual session of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference National

Committee on Sunday: — The central government should support the government of Macao Special Administrative Region in laying out industry and talents policies, and completing urban planning.

—The central government should push forward all-around cooperation

between Macao and the inland areas, especially take advantage of the opportunities of developing the Hengqin Island. < — The central government should help facilitate the flow of human, logistics, finance and information between Macao and the inland areas.

Xinhua

## Iran plans to sell more arms to “friendly” states: military official

TEHERAN, 18 March—Iran's Deputy Defence Minister Majid Bokaei said Saturday that Iran plans to sell more arms to “friendly” and neighbouring countries in the new Iranian calendar year starting on 20 March, the local Mehr news agency reported.

Bokaei did not mention the name of the friendly states that Iran plans to sell arms to, but in February, he said to Lebanese Defence Minister Fayez Ghusn that Iran is seeking to strengthen defence ties with friendly countries.

On 26 Feb, Iran's Defence Minister Brigadier General Ahmad Vahidi and his Lebanese counterpart held talks on defence cooperation in Teheran.

During the meeting, Vahidi said that one of Iran's strategic policies was to strengthen the Lebanese army. Lebanon should have a strong army to defend its interests in the region and Lebanon should be protected against the threats, Vahidi said.

Ghusn's visit to Iran provided a good opportunity for the expansion of cooperation between the two countries in the area of defence, Vahidi said.

In October 2011, Iran's ambassador to Lebanon Ghazanfar Roknabadi said Teheran was ready to equip the Lebanese army and expand bilateral defence cooperation without setting any preconditions.

Speaking at a meeting with Ghusn in Lebanon's capital Beirut, Roknabadi said that developing stronger defence cooperation between the two sides was necessary given the daily violations of Lebanese airspace by the Israeli fighter jets.

Iranian defence minister has reiterated that the Islamic republic is fully prepared to provide Lebanese army with cutting-edge military equipment if it receives any request from Lebanon for equipping its army.

Xinhua

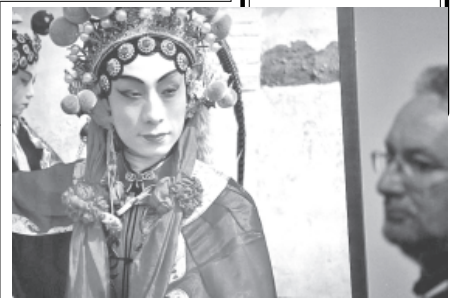
## US concerned about attacks in southern Israel

WASHINGTON, 18 March—The United States on Saturday expressed its deep concern over the renewal of violence in southern Israel, as militant groups in the Gaza Strip kept launching rockets at Israel and Israeli jets struck back.

“We are deeply concerned by the renewal of violence in southern Israel,” State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland said in a statement.

“We condemn in the strongest terms the rocket fire from Gaza by terrorists into southern Israel in recent days, which has dramatically and dangerously escalated in the past day,” she said. The ongoing conflicts have left 14 militants killed and more than 20 Palestinians injured. The majority of the dead are members of the military wing of the Islamic Jihad movement.

The violence is the worst since August 2011, when 25 Palestinians were killed in a wave of violence after Israel killed Kamal al-Nairab, top commander of the pro-Hamas Popular Resistance Committees. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Saturday that Israel would continue to strike any group trying to attack Israeli citizens and would acquire



further Iron Dome systems to shoot down incoming rockets. Over 100 rockets from Gaza have fallen in southern Israel since Friday. The Iron Dome missile defence system intercepted 27 of the 29 rockets it targeted.

“We call on those responsible to take immediate action to stop these cowardly acts,” Nuland said.

“We regret the loss of life and injuries, and we call on both sides to make every effort to restore calm,” she added.

She insisted on Friday that the United States is continuing its efforts to try to bring the Israelis and the Palestinians back for direct talks. She rejected the saying by Palestinian officials that the Obama administration has told them not to expect anything big this year, or to be patient as President Barack Obama's reelection is a prime concern and the peace process is not an issue of importance.—Xinhua



An injured man is taken to hospital in Nairobi, on 10 March, 2012. Kenyan authorities have launched investigations to establish the motive behind Saturday night's grenade attacks near a busy bus station in the capital of Nairobi which left at least three people dead and over 40 injured.—XINHUA



# Higher educational infrastructures in Yangon Region nurturing promising young workforce for the Union



*University of East Yangon (Tarwa) and University of West Yangon in Yangon Region provide higher education to local learners.*



*Dagon University with the aim of nurturing intellectuals and intelligentsia in Yangon Region.*

*Yangon University of Computer Studies turns out well-qualified computer technicians.*



*University of Maritime in Thilawa Industrial Region in East District of Yangon Region.*

\* Plenty of educational opportunities for young learners are emerging in both plains or hills as the government is focusing on improvement of education standards.

\* In basic education sector, all school-age children are accessible to free compulsory primary education and have equal chance to continue middle and high school education.

\* For higher education, Yangon University, Yangon Institute of Economics, Yangon Institute of Education, Yangon University of Distance Education, Dagon University, Yangon University of Foreign Languages, University of East Yangon, University of West Yangon and National Management College have been opened in Yangon Region.

Translation: HKA



## China starts building base for researching underwater relics

QINGDAO, 18 March.—Construction on a state-level underwater cultural heritage research base will soon begin in Qingdao, a large city on China's east coast. The State Administration of Cultural Heritage on Saturday signed the agreement with the Qingdao municipal government.

The city government plans to invest 150 million yuan (24 million US dollars) on the infrastructure building of the research

base slated for completion by 2014.

With a total floor space of 16,810 square meters, the center will be used for underwater relic exploration and sea research off China's coast.

It will have large labs, relic and reference storage rooms as well as facilities such as pressure oxygen chambers to carry out underwater relic research and protection, according to the agreement.—Xinhua

## EPA fines Eielson Air Force Base \$45K

FAIRBANKS, 18 March—The Environmental Protection Agency fined a US Air Force base in Alaska \$45,700 for failure to train personnel in handling hazardous waste.

Investigators found Eielson Air Force Base had a number of violations during its 2010 inspection relating to how personnel handled carcinogenic waste, toxic and flammable paint solvents and fluorescent light

tubes containing mercury, the *Fairbanks (Alaska) Newsmineer* reported Thursday. EPA spokesman Mark MacIntyre said there is no evidence any chemicals harmed employees or the community and that the fines were aimed more at a lack of training.

“What they're trying to do is prevent people from getting hurt and prevent the community from getting exposed,” he said.

Internet



## President U Thein Sein visits thriving Paethwe special high-yield hybrid...

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Farmers are to improve their own lives by applying modern techniques in their farms, he went on, calling them to try to up yield, increase incomes, feed prospective 100 million population and increase export, combining assistances of the State and their industry, diligence and hunger of success.

The President then headed for 288-acre Paethwe hybrid paddy farm in advanced farmland of Aungchantha village in Zabuthiri Township and instructed officials to disseminate knowledge and distribute agricultural equipment and fertilizers to farmers widely.

The President cordially greeted local farmers of Aungchantha village, MPs visiting modern farms in Nay Pyi Taw and farmers.—MNA



President U Thein Sein views thriving Paethwe hybrid paddy plantations in 369-acre of modern farm in Ahlyinlo village in Pyinmana Township.—MNA

**Thriving Paethwe hybrid paddy plantations in modern farms in Ahlyinlo village in Pyinmana Township.—MNA**



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## Kunchaung Hydropower Project nearing completion

NAY PYI TAW, 18 March— Union Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min visited Kunchaung Hydropower Project being implemented by the Hydropower Implementation Department at Kun Creek, about nine miles to the south-west of Pyu, Bago Region yesterday evening.

The Union Minister inspected the trial run of turbine Nos. 1, 2 and 3 and progress in construction of the power plant, stressing the worksite safety calling for completion on schedule.

Kunchaung Hydropower Project has been completed by 98.5 per cent and distributed electricity to the national grid since 28, February 2012. The plant has total installed capacity of 60 megawatts, equipped with three 20-megawatt turbines.—MNA

## Mandalay Region Chambers of Commerce and Industry meets

NAY PYI TAW, 18 March—The plenary meeting of Mandalay Region Chambers of Commerce and Industry was held at the Sedona Hotel in Mandalay yesterday, with speeches by Deputy Commerce Minister Dr Pwint Hsan and Region Electric Power and Industry Minister Dr Myint Kyu.

Joint Secretary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Moe Kyaw and Chairman of the Mandalay Region CCI U Aung Win Khaing extended greetings and introduced the products of member businessmen.—MNA

## Two special postal stamps on sales

NAY PYI TAW, 18 March—In commemoration of the 11th ASEAN TELMIN and the 12th ASEAN TELSOM hosted by the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs of Myanmar in Nay Pyi Taw, the special postal stamps worth K 100 and K 200 will be sold at region/state, district and township post offices beginning 9.30 am on 19 March.

As a special programme, the stamps bought at Nay Pyi Taw General Post Office, Yangon General Post Office and Mandalay General Post Office on 19 March will be put on seal of date.—MNA

## New oil well in Nyaungdon Oilfield under trial extraction

YANGON, 18 March – Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay visited Nyaungdon Oilfield this morning. At the briefing hall, the oilfield manager reported on oil drilling and Director of Producing Division U Nay Win on successful extraction of oil from new Oil Well No.48 through tubing

pipe and casing pipe.

Next, Managing Director of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise U Aung Tun presented a report on arrangements to drill new oil wells. Then, the Union Minister praised the personnel for their efforts and presented cash awards to those who drilled the new oil well and could successfully extract oil. The Union Minister and party inspected the new oil well. Now, MOGE is producing 75 barrels of oil and 9.1 million cubic feet of gas per day. Later, the Union Minister visited the oil liquefied petroleum gas refinery (Nyaungdon) of Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise and left necessary instructions.

MNA

**General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thuang Htaik, President of Myanmar Tennis Federation U Aung Maw Thein and Consultant of Myanmar CP Livestock Co Ltd U Soe Lwin formally opened 2012 Myanmar CP Open Tennis Tournament at Theinbyu Tennis Court in Mingala Taungnyunt Township in Yangon on 17 March.**

MNA





## Defence Services Commander-in-Chief attends...

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The Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and wife and party viewed royal items used by ancient Myanmar kings, the Mon hero Thameinbaran statue and Kyansittha statue, ancient Myanmar military equipment, paintings portraying Wathikan and Panwah battles, furniture used by thirty comrades while taking an oath of allegiance by drinking blood, the items used by patriotic leaders in their independence struggles, golden jubilee Armed Forces Day commemorative glazed earthen pot, mementoes from foreign countries, the booth on Tatmadaw's international relations with foreign countries and facts about the Tatmadaw from its birth to the present time displayed at the Defence Services Museum and Military Archive. They were conducted round by officials.

Next, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun conducted them round the Navy Hall where is

the exhibition of documentary photos of Myanmar Navy in ancient times, under Japanese rule, and during the World War II, documentary photos on receiving warship "Mayyu", frigate Aung Zeya, flags of the Navy in successive periods, documentary photos on Watkaw battle, military operation conducted by the Navy, documentary photos on receiving warships from abroad, warships of the Navy, and other documents of the Navy in successive periods.

Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein conducted them round the Air Force Hall where is the exhibition of documentary photos on successive Commanders-in-Chiefs (Air), activities of the Air Force, its participation in campaigns against drugs, training process of pilots, documentary picture on Mane Palaw battle, Wampansan air attack documentary picture, pilot accessories, documentary pilots on pilots of the first supersonic fighter, and Sisiwan-Tarpan battle and other documents of the Air Force in successive periods.

The General and party viewed round ancient bronze cannons, artillery and armoured vehicles used during and after the World War II, traditional vessels of the Myanmar

monarchical navy, samples of warships "Yanmyo Aung", "Anawrahta", and "Aung Zeya", and samples of aircrafts used by Air Force in successive periods and aircrafts in use in the museum.

The General and party left the Defence Services Museum (Nay Pyi Taw) in the noon.

Defence Services Museum (Nay Pyi Taw) lies near mile post No. 240 on old Yangon-Mandalay Expressway in Zeyathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw, covering an area of 603.68 acres. It is made up with six booths of the Tatmadaw (Army), three booths of the Tatmadaw (Navy) and three booths of the Tatmadaw (Air), and one Guest Lounge each of the Army, Navy and Air Force as well as corridors and rest halls with restaurants and souvenir shops.

The Defence Services Museum (Nay Pyi Taw) is a showcase of the histories and operation records of the Army, Navy and Air Force with encouraging exhibition. It is opened with a view to enabling the youth and people learn independence struggles, historic battles and actions of the Armed Forces since its birth till now, and imbuing them with the spirit to safeguard the independence.

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## Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan,...

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Awards in honour of the Myanmar news media. In the country, two literary awards presented by the State namely National Literary Award and Sarpay Beikman Award are being presented annually. Moreover, private organizations are also presenting literary awards such as Pakokku U Ohn Pe Literary Award, Tun Foundation Literary Award, Thuta Swesone Literary Award, Sayawun Tin Shwe Literary Award and Shwe Amyutay Literary Award. Now, the presenting of National Press Award is a great pleasure and auspiciousness for our country.

Looking back to the history of the fourth estate of our country or the history of our news world, Myanmar's history has clearly shown that the literati have worked in the interests of their own nation, people, language and religion with the strength of pen. As the saying that goes by 'The pen is mightier than the sword', national interests and national cultural heritages could have been handed down throughout 2500 years of history thanks to the efforts of the literati based on patriotic spirit.

On 30 March 2011, the military rule was gently changed into a democratic system in which the representatives elected by the people rule the country on behalf of the people. Likewise, encouragement is being given to make sure that the nation's fourth estate has freedom and accountability and freedom and rationality in line with the media ethics. In the speech delivered by President U Thein Sein on 31 March 2011, he disclosed the government's objectives and stances on the news media.

According to Section 354 Sub-section (a) of the constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, every citizen shall have the right to express and publish freely their convictions and opinions if it is not contrary to the laws, enacted for Union security, prevalence of law and order, community peace and tranquility or public order and morality. In other words, journalists will have the right to freedom of expression. In this regard, they also need to exactly follow journalistic code of ethics. Freedom must be promoted by following and maintaining the ethics.

Studying the journalistic code of ethics, we need to follow a point 'Respect for the truth and for the right of public to the

truth.' A piece of wrong information can sometimes cause a big problem. Incorrect information can harm the emotional feelings and image of others. It can also affect the right of the people to the truth. So, it is important for every journalist to constantly try to produce correct information. It is especially important for the journalists not to spread their information if they are unsure about its authenticity. Correct information must be produced based on reliable sources and careful all-round consideration.

The second point about journalists' ethics is an individual or an organization's right to reply. If the facts in the media report of the press media is found to defame the reputation of an individual or an organization, the person or organization have every right to deny and call a press conference. Like the accused has right to defend in legal proceedings, the defamed person has such rights to explain against the accusation and deny. So, journalists need to take this point into serious consideration.

The next point is journalists are obliged to make correction. They are obliged to correct wrong information, statistics, concept or picture they presented. According to the provision of the international media laws, the newspapers and journals have to write corrigendum with the same font on the same page in the nearest issue for the mistakes and actions will be taken against for failure to do so. So, the correctness of information, respect to the people's right of reply and presentation of corrigendum for mistakes are ethics journalists must abide by without question.

I here would like to repeat the five points I have always urged to the press, the Fourth Estate of our country. The first point is the press must be free from bias, the second, every media report must be presented from various angles instead of from single point of view enabling the people judge objectively, the third, every media report must be balanced presentation of freedom and accountability and freedom and reasoning power, the fourth is there must be unity democracy despite individual democratic right to freedom of concept, the fifth is to bring about unity in democracy on the ground of national interests. The press which is of importance to the nation, should follow these five points in marching towards



Award winners seen at the National Press Award Presentation.—MNA

the democratic nation.

The Ministry of Information is fulfilling its quota for development of press as well. Regarding press, a fresh legislation must be pushed through to replace laws which do not comply with the age. In a period before this new legislation comes into force, we have planned to shape a landscape which is in harmony with the constitution and in accord with the press law which will be introduced soon. We have designed schemes for relaxation of censorship policies in various installments.

Under the scheme, arts, technology, child literature and sports genres in June 2011, business and crime genres in December 2011 and education genre in March 2012 were allowed to publish before going to censor board. Only news and religion journals have yet to submit publications to the censor board before printing. Among 212 local journals, 136 are under publish/submit system and 73 under submit/publish system. Among 189 magazines, 124 are under publish/submit system and 65 under submit/publish system.

Similarly, general manuscripts related to remaining eight genres are under publish/submit system. We are drawing up a legislation related to the press. We studied laws from various world countries and ASEAN members for drafting the press law.

In these days, the Ministry of Information and UNESCO will organize media development workshops in Yangon. We will use appropriate suggestions and reviews from these seminars for the good of Myanmar's media world. I would like to inform

you that the press law lives up to standards of ASEAN members.

Civil societies are being established in new democratic political scenario. Incumbent Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association will be reorganized to be commensurate with the age. It is learnt that informal conference of MWJA will take place to do so in last week of this month. All those who desire the good of the world of letters including writers and journalists here intellectual and intelligentsia are urged to cooperate in shaping respective organizations related to media in reality of situation.

I wish that news media and individuals who will hold National Press Awards can serve the country and the public more and more. Taking this opportunity, I would like to recognize stride of media men who are doing their best for development of Myanmar's democratic society. I would like to conclude my speech, urging all to create ethical, quality and real Fourth Estate for perpetuation of Myanmar democratic society.

Next, Chairman of the National Press Award Committee U Soe Thein (Maung Wuntha) gave a speech, followed by presentation of national press award.

Patron of the NPAC writer Phoe Thuakkyar presented best news award to Nan Lwin, Aye Thiri Win, Hnin Yadana Zaw and Wint Yadi from the Kumadra Journal by "Initiating for the future of the nation", Chairman U Soe Thein (Maung Wuntha) best article award to Nyein Nyein Naing from 7 days News Journal by "Are armed conflicts (See page 10)

# Towards media freedom in company with accountability and reasoning power

*Hline Bwa (Parami)*

While waiting for the train at the station, I became so absorbed in the advertisements on the TV screen in the lounge that I forgot to feed my stomach before the train departed. Advertisements highly recommend the marketed products they represent and do have great influence over the audience in spite of some arguable points they carry. This thought sparked my curiosity about the new trend of the media. Globally, the media has become more and more influential and important. Further driven by the technological advancement, it has extended its coverage to all the corners of the world. It makes whatever event in whatever part of the world spread to the other parts within seconds and minutes, expanding its influence on the global phenomena. In the blink of an eye, a piece of news can spread like wildfire far and wide.

Nonetheless, not every piece of news spread out is good one to every person. Some have right effect on the people of respective global nations or some do not. And, the right or wrong depends on those who created the news. Some of the news carry the truth whereas some are poisoned by creators or messengers. So, the effect of the media, its pros and cons is in the hands of those who employ the media.

The media, accepted as the Fourth Estate by the most people, is a stuff of pivotal importance with immense influence and thus must be whiter than white without bias. A piece of news, once manipulated and violates from the truth, is dominated by wishes and make-up stories of the biased person, producing negative effects on its target audience, the people.

Furthermore, a media report must be made from various angles rather than from a single point of view. For example, like two sides of the same coin. The presentation should not represent the one-sided picture of the issue but must be the big one.

The media, according to the democratic practice, is supposed to be independent in nature. However, when the media exploits this freedom, freedom alone can't make it genuine without a right blend of accountability and reasoning power. Some ask for freedom of the media but never mention its accountability. Likewise, some only care about demanding freedom but do not think seriously of reasoning power which is of ethical value. It is quite difficult to enact a comprehensive law against any matter, and therefore, matters difficult to be controlled by the law must be controlled by reasoning power.

Therefore, the media needs to find a balance between freedom and accountability and freedom and reasoning power in practice. Its real mission and role is to inform the entire public. Here, the public represents the government, MPs, political parties, politicians, NGOs and national people. I have nothing to deny the media persons' democratic rights to freedom of concept but unity should not be neglected at all. There may be ideological differences among the people, MPs, and politicians but the concept of unity is a must. Media persons act as informers to the entire people, politicians and political leaders and thus

they should and must have the conception of unity in democracy. To embrace such conception, they need to find common ground and it no doubt should be national cause.

It can be seen that the ministry concerned has taken steps for the media freedom in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar since the ratification of the 2008 Constitution. The three-step media reform was initiated in anticipation of the media to be changed in accordance with the constitution after the ratification of the constitution.

The step 1 is to relax the press scrutiny principles allowing the present journals and magazines in the market to be published in line with the principles. The step 2 is to write a media law that is in compatible with the constitution while undertaking the step 1. The step 3 is to act in accordance with the media law after it is ratified. In the process, the 22 basic press scrutiny principles and the large part of the about 70 detailed principles have been revoked and journals and magazines are allowed to be published within more transparent framework of freedom, which is followed by government efforts to promote the practice of freedom and accountability and freedom and reasoning power in the media.

Meanwhile, six genres of literature has been allowed to be published freely although all the manuscripts of the journals, magazine and publications previously were scrutinized by the Press Scrutiny and Registration Division before going publishing. Those six genres are allowed for unrestricted presentation within the relaxed press scrutiny principles and the framework of freedom and accountability and freedom and reasoning power. Now, the educational literature genre has been allowed to go free, becoming the seventh genre without scrutiny restrictions. This move to release the grip is intended to enable the media persons quickly adapt to the new situation when the media law is enacted.

At the same time, the media law, the second-phase reform has come into view in draft form. Personnel concerned were dispatched to learn media laws from ASEAN and other countries and attend seminars and workshops on international media and news media to gather experiences to write the law. It was drafted in conformity with the constitution and the objective condition of the nation based on those observations and has been sent to the Attorney-General's Office for further action. A seminar on media development in Myanmar is reported to be held jointly by scholars from the UNESCO and at home in the near future for introduction of the most appropriate media law. Thanks to those systematic measures, the forthcoming media law of Myanmar is believed to be on a par with those of ASEAN fellows.

As for the step 3, when the media law comes into effect, Myanmar's media will see the freedom in line with the laws. Media persons have been made to undergo reforms before the final promulgation of the media law, enabling them well adapted to the new law. It is a forward-looking measure aimed to avert the loads of barriers to be encountered,

were changes initiated only after the law has come out.

In the previous eras, both communists and socialists failed to practice the essence of genuine democracy instead manipulated it with party attachment, dogmatism, sectarianism and personality cult. Thus, the press in those eras represented the essence of the fourth pillar of the nation in vein. The nation in those periods saw a total of over 20 media organizations, all of which acted in the personal interests, ideological interests and party interests rather than national interests. It is evident that the people as a result were misled by the media into the wrong track, barley enjoying the benefits of democracy.

Therefore, onus is on the government, the parliaments and MPs, political parties, politicians, NGOs to make sure democracy is practiced right embodying its very essence with the participation of the printed media. The press must monitor the legislation, executive and judicial pillars to ensure the essence of democracy in practice. The other three pillars must reciprocally check and balance on the ground of national interests practicing democracy correctly.

At this point, people cannot be left out from this process. People do play an important role as they have chosen the legislative bodies, administrative bodies and judicial bodies. So, it can be assumed that there are five pillars, and the fifth should be the people. Here, it needs to enable people to correctly practice the essence of democracy on their own. It can be seen that the global people including of Myanmar are weak in judging objectively by wisdom but are easily swayed and tend to make judgment out of emotion. So, the Fourth Estate must monitor the people, administrative, legislative and judicial institutions, parties and politicians as much as it possibly can to ensure the real essence of democracy without bias. Thus, the fourth pillar needs to build itself to prove its genuineness and characteristic.

Thus, it is required to enhance the capacity of all the media persons engaged in the mass media. The assistance of the international institutions is surely needed in so doing. However, the media should not be dominated by different colours from various parts of the world but must have its own objective view.

Democracy has just celebrated its first anniversary in Myanmar and is still in its infancy. In the west world, it has turned over 100 and people, parties and politicians from those countries are democratically well mature. In our country, not only the people but the politicians and the media persons are still on an odyssey for democracy. So, it is difficult to be on a par with those old democracies overnight. But, we, Myanmar are not so dumb to learn and cue from the old democracies. Thus, I believe, in no time, Myanmar will be on the express train to the final station of mature democracy under the care of the media train conductor, who attaches great importance to freedom and accountability and freedom and reasoning power.

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Translation: TKK

## Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan,...

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put on the table?", Chairman of Myanma Motion Picture Association U Myint Thein Pe best news photo award to Aung Naing Soe from the Popular News Journal by "retired-age pension and political pension move or clouds glowing with reflected light at sunset", Member of the National Press Award Selection Board U Shwe Min Tha best cartoon award to Thiha (Sakhanthit) from the True News Journal by "Like the story", and MWJA Chairman U Tin Hlaing (Ledwintha Saw Chit) the most special national news photo award to

senior reporter(photo) Maung Maung Than (Kawhmu) of Myanma News Agency (Internal), News and Periodicals Enterprise, Information Ministry by "President U Thein Sein's call on Daw Aung San Suu Kyi" and the award winners spoke words of thanks.

U Ko Ko (Ko Ko-Sethmu Tetkatho) presented awards to winner of National Press Award logo contest Cho Zaw Aung and U Soe Thein (Maung Wuntha) awarded winner of National Press Award design contest U Sunny Nyein.

Shwe than Lwin Co donated K 10 million; U Thein Tun (Tun Foundation Bank), K 5 million; Kanbawza Bank Ltd, Eden Co Ltd and Messenger Journals, K 2.5 million

each; Asian Fame Media Group and Myanmar Album Media Services Co Ltd, K 2 million each; Hot News Journal and 7 Day News Journal, K 1.5 million each; Yangon Media Group and MWJA, K 1 million each; The Voice Journal, K 0.3 million; and Artman Media Group, things worth of K 0.3 million through U Ko Ko (Ko Ko-Sethmu Tetkatho) and treasurer National Press Award Committee Daw Nan Kalya Win.

Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan cordially greeted those present at the ceremony.

Artists entertained those present with songs, operas and dances.—MNA



**DISTRICT NEWS**

**Ward administrator office opened in Taikkyi**



TAIKKYI, 18 March—A ceremony to open the administrative office was held in Market Ward in Taikkyi Township of Yangon Region on 11 March morning.

On the occasion, Township Administrator U Tin Swe Myint, Ward

Administrator U Khin Maung Oo and townselder U Hla Tin formally opened the new building.

Also present at the ceremony were Executive Officer U Soe Win of Township Development Affairs Committee, staff members of Township

General Administration Department, administrators of eight urban wards in the urban area, members of Women's Affairs Organization and Maternal and Child Welfare Association and members of Auxiliary Fire Brigade.

Township IPRD

**Citizenship scrutiny cards issued in Seikkyi-khanaungto**

YANGON, 18 March—As part of efforts to implement Moe Pwint-2 Plan, Head of Yangon South District Immigration and National Registration Department U

Kyi Win and Head of Township INRD U Ngwe Thauang supervised issuance of citizenship scrutiny cards in the administrative office in Khanaungto East Ward in

Seikkyi-khanaungto Township on 9 March.

Staff of the department issued citizenship scrutiny cards to eligible people.

Township IPRD

**Development of livestock breeding, meat and fish sector provided**

MONGPHYAT, 18 March—Shan State is striving for development of livestock breeding and meat and fish sector.

Head of Shan State Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department Dr Win Myint and Staff Officer of Mongphyat Township LBVD Dr Ba Si made a field

trip to the grassroots level in the township on 5 March.

They inspected poultry and pig breeding farms and explained raising bio-security to be able to prevent avian influenza and blue-ear pig disease to the breeders.

They went to Wayaung-1 Village where they inspected the breeding farm

of U Zaw Naing Oo. They discussed systematic implementation of integrated farm.

Together with Deputy Commissioner U Soe Lin of District General Administration Department, Township Administrator U Hein Thu Win and officials of LBVD and Cooperative Department, they held a discussion on distribution of pedigree animals to the breeders for development of livestock breeding sector.

District IPRD

**SANITATION CARRIED OUT:** Under supervision of Township Administrator U Win Aung, ward administrators, members of Fire Brigade and Red Cross Society collectively participated in carrying out of sanitation in the compound of Basic Education High School No. 1 in Yankin Township of Yangon Region on 10 March.—MYANMA ALIN



**Loans disbursed to vendors in Ottwin**

OTTWIN, 18 March—To be able to develop rural areas and alleviate poverty, Sibin Thar Yar Yay Bank Ltd of Ottwin Township Development Affairs Committee of Bago Region disbursed K 1.5 million to vendors at the office of the Township DAC on 3 March.

Executive Officer U Khaing Tun presented loans to the vendors.—Township IPRD



**CSC ISSUED:** According to Moe Pwint-2 Plan, issuance of citizenship scrutiny cards was undertaken for eligible citizens in Kyakhatchaung Village of Kyain-seikkyi Township on 6 March. Head of Township Immigration and National Registration Department U Win Hsint presented a CSC to a student.—TOWNSHIP INRD

**MWEA to hold 17<sup>th</sup> AGM**

YANGON, 18 March—Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs' Association will hold its 17<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting at Sedona Hotel on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, here, at 9 am on 30 March.

Moreover, members of the MWEA will display a special sales of their products at the meeting.—MWEA

**Hmawby Township opens new rural health branch for health care services**



*The opening of Hninsinyaing Ywathitgon rural health branch under rural health centre in progress in Myaungdaga Village-tract of Hmawby Township.*

YANGON, 18 March—A ceremony to hand over the building of Hninsinyaing Ywathitgon rural health branch under the rural health centre of Myaungdaga Village-tract was held in front of the branch in Hmawby Township of Yangon Region on 11 March morning.

Head of Yangon Region

Health Department Dr U Aye Ko Ko, Hmawby Township Administrator U Kyaw Soe Lwin, Head of Township Health Department Dr Kyaw Nyein and rural health branch construction committee U Lu Aye formally opened the building.

After that, the Head of Yangon Region Health

Department and the Hmawby Township Administrator made speeches at the ceremony.

The ceremony was attended by wellwishers, departmental personnel, health staff, members of social organizations and village people.

Township IPRD

**Loans disbursed to cooperative societies**

PATHEIN, 18 March—For ensuring rural development and poverty alleviation, loans were disbursed to members of

cooperative societies in Pathein Township.

On 9 March, Staff Officer of Township

Cooperative Department Daw Sanda Myint and party disbursed K 10 million to chairmen of cooperative societies for breeding pigs and coconut farming in Magyi Village and Thabawgan Village in Pathein Township and Shwethaungyan Sub-Township.

Up to now, the department has disbursed K 97.05 million to 1899 members of 21 cooperative societies.—Township CD

**HEALTH KNOWLEDGE TALKED:** Dawbon Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association organized the talks on reproductive health and cancers at women at Basic Education Primary School No. 7 in Dawbon on 29 February. Chairperson of Yangon East District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Moe Thu Tint gives talks on health knowledge.—MYANMA ALIN



**Tea collecting season commences**

HSPAW, 18 March—Tea cullers across the nation including Shwebo, Myinmu, Kyaukse, Myingyan and Natogyi arrive in Hsipaw and Kyaukme townships of Shan State (North) beginning the early March.

At present, tea is being plucked in Namhsam, Kunhawk, Kunhe, Hukwet, Humon, Pangkwam, Pangkhan, Tawhsan and Mongngau.—Myanma Alin

**Midnight fire breaks out in Meiktila**

MEIKTILA, 18 March—The correspondent of Meiktila sent news that a fire broke out in Meiktila at 1.45 am on 17 March.

The fire started at the north part of Yadana Inn on Myathida Road in Region 3 of Yadana Manaung Ward in Meiktila at 1.30 am on 17 March.

Five fire engines and local people arrived at the scene and put out the fire. At 1.55 am, they died out the fire. Seven houses were destroyed in the fire.

Myanma Alin

**MLF invites cash, books**

Myanmar Libraries Foundation is giving encouragement to broadening the horizon of the people and developing self-reliant libraries across the nation.

Those wishing to donate cash and books to the libraries may contact Myanmar Libraries Foundation at No. 228 on Theinbyu Street in Botahtaung Township, Yangon, Tel: 01-371342, 01-201936 and 01-398756.

**YANGON GOLF CLUB  
(DANYINGONE)**

NOTICE is here by given that the Annual General Meeting of the Yangon Golf Club will be held on **Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2012** at Club House Premises at 10:00 hours.

Managing Member  
Yangon Golf Club

**Americans have five dietary patterns**

SAN DIEGO, 18 March—Five dietary patterns exist among US adults — traditional, healthy, sweets, Southern and alcohol — researchers suggest.

Study author Suzanne Judd of the University of Alabama-Birmingham and colleagues said the dietary patterns are based on results from a 110-food-item frequency questionnaire filled out by 21,636 black and white adults ages 45 and older.

The study found the five dietary patterns were:

- Southern: Fried, processed meats and sugar-sweetened beverages.
- Traditional: Chinese and Mexican food, pasta dishes, pizza, soup and other mixed dishes, including frozen or take-out meals.
- Healthy: Mostly fruits, vegetables and grains.
- Sweets: Large amounts of sweet snacks and desserts.
- Alcohol: Proteins,

alcohol and salads. “We believe focusing research on dietary patterns better represents how people eat, compared to single foods or nutrients,” Judd said in a statement.

Blacks were more likely than whites to eat a Southern dietary pattern. Men, people making less than \$35,000 a year and those who weren’t college graduates were more likely than women, those who made more money, or those who were more educated, to follow the Southern pattern of eating.

Blacks tended not to eat the alcohol dietary pattern, Judd said.

“People ages 45-54 tended to eat a traditional dietary pattern, while those age 75 and older were likely to not eat the traditional dietary pattern,” Judd said. “College educated adults tended to not eat the Southern dietary pattern.”

*Internet*

**France’s Total to raise Ichthys stake later in 2012: chief**



The logo of French oil company Total is seen during the company’s 2011 annual result presentation in Paris on 10 February, 2012. —REUTERS

BEIJING, 18 March—French oil giant Total’s deal to buy a bigger stake in its \$34 billion Ichthys liquefied natural gas project in Australia from partner Inpex Corp <1605.T> may be delayed and will only close before the year-end, its chief executive said.

Christophe de Margerie said Total is awaiting approvals for the deal to be cleared, adding it is hard to predict if the green light would come in the first or second half of 2012.

The energy firm had said as recently as 10 Feb that its deal with Inpex was just weeks from completion.

“I was too optimistic,” Margerie said, referring to

Total’s prediction last month that it was about to close the deal. “It should be before the end of the year.”

“The agreement between the two is done. Now we are waiting for certain approvals,” said Margerie, who is in Beijing for a meeting between senior Chinese government officials and global corporate executives.

Total first expressed interest in December to raise its stake in Ichthys to 30 percent from 24 percent to profit from rising demand for liquefied natural gas from fast-growing China and India and Japan in the wake of its nuclear crisis.

When asked if Total is keen to buy a stake in a



Polar ship Maud in 1918.—INTERNET

**Norway wants historic polar ship returned**

OTTAWA, 18 March—Norway says it will appeal to a Canadian review board in an effort to return a sunken ship used by explorer Roald Amundsen from Canada to Norway. Amundsen was using the ship, the Maud, to sail through the Northeast Passage between 1918 and 1920 but was unable to launch an expedition to the North Pole from there.

The ship was sold to the Hudson’s Bay Co, renamed the Baymaud, and was used as a warehouse and radio station before partially sinking in Cambridge Bay in Nunavut, northern Canada, in 1930. Norway bought the ship back for \$1 in 1990 and received a permit to take it back to Norway but the permit has since expired, the BBC reported Thursday.

An application for another permit was denied in

December by the Canadian Border Services Agency, which said the ship is important to the nation’s heritage.

A Norwegian project called Maud Return Home wants the wreck towed back to Norway for display as part of a museum near Oslo. Project backers said they appealed to the Canadian Cultural Property Export Review Board in Ottawa to overturn the agency’s decision.—*Internet*

**Smartphone owners want bigger screens**

BOSTON, 18 March—A survey of US and British smartphone users shows they want their next phone to have a bigger screen but be thinner, a research organization says.

Strategy Analytics showed American and British survey participants several prototype phones with small and large screen sizes and different thicknesses and found a 90 percent preferred phones with bigger screen sizes than their current smartphones, venture-beat.com reported Thursday.

The Samsung Galaxy Note and the LG Optimus 4X HD and Optimus Vue are among the phones pushing this trend, with screen sizes around five inches.

While a screen size of between 4 inches and 4-1/2

**Brain may be hard-wired to care for babies**

BETHESDA, 18 March—A brain scan study found adults who are not parents have similar biological responses to those of parents when shown an infant’s face, a US researcher said.

Researchers at the National Institutes of Health, and in Germany, Italy and Japan, showed seven men and nine women a series of images while recording their brain activity with a functional magnetic resonance imaging scanner.

The participants looked at images of puppy and kitten faces, full-grown dogs and cats, human infants and adults.

The researchers recorded participants’ brain activity — the participants did not speak or move, yet their brain activity was typical of patterns preceding such actions as picking up or talking to an infant. The activity pattern could represent a biological impulse that governs adults’ interactions

with small children. The pattern did not appear when the participants looked at photos of adults or animals—even baby animals. The researchers concluded the pattern is specific to seeing human infants.

The findings raise the possibility that studying this activity will yield insights not only into the caregiver response, but also when the response fails, such as in instances of child neglect or abuse.

“These adults have no children of their own,” senior author Marc H Bornstein, head of the Child and Family Research Section of the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, said in a statement.

“Yet images of a baby’s face triggered what we think might be a deeply embedded response to reach out and care for that child.”

*Internet*



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inches was the most popular choice in the survey, size isn’t all that matters, the survey found; people also want large phones that are thin.

Motorola hit that target when it released the Droid RAZR last fall, a smartphone

measuring just 0.28 inches thick with a 4.3-inch screen.

The desire for larger screen sizes is driven mostly by cellphone users who want to easily browse the Internet and watch video, Strategy Analytics said.—*Internet*

**Germany’s Schlecker aims to find investor by end-May**

FRANKFURT, 18 March—Insolvent German drugstore chain Schlecker aims to find an investor by the end of May, its administrator told a German magazine. “If everything goes according to plan, we can be done with the investor process by the Pentecost holiday,” Arndt Geiwitz told weekly Wirtschafts Woche, according to an excerpt of an article to be published on Monday.

Unlisted Schlecker, which competes with privately held peers Rossmann and dm, filed for insolvency in January after struggling to secure funds against a gloomy economic



A woman enters a branch of drugstore chain Schlecker, which is offering a discount of 30 percent, in Berlin on 14 March, 2012. —REUTERS

backdrop. The company, which owes suppliers including Unilever and

Procter & Gamble several hundred million euros, plans to cut about 12,000 jobs and

shut more than 2,000 of its 5,400 stores.

Geiwitz said about two dozen potential investors had expressed interest in Schlecker, and that negotiations will begin once he makes a shortlist in the coming days.

“The most appropriate investor would surely be someone who has experience in retail and knows his way around the management structure of medium-sized companies,” Geiwitz said.

A spokesman for Geiwitz said on Saturday that the interested parties include both financial and strategic investors.—*Reuters*



## Man jumped into drive-through window

Police said they arrested a Florida man accused of jumping through a Burger King drive-through window and taking money from a register.

Fort Lauderdale police said Edwin Walker, 31, jumped through the window around 6:30 am, Monday morning and took money from a register before trying to jump back out, the *South Florida Sun Sentinel* reported Friday.

However, employee Tanya Calvin grabbed Walker by the shirt before he could make good his escape and he was held by store employees until police arrived.

"He wanted to take the money, and I wouldn't let him," Calvin said Tuesday. "It was either me or him, and it was him."

Walker was arrested on a count of strong arm robbery. His bail was set at \$10,000 and he was ordered to stay clear of the Burger King.

## News Album



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## Babysitter accused of lying to deputies

Authorities in Florida said they arrested a babysitter accused of lying to deputies when he failed to pick up two boys from school.

The Marion County Sheriff's Office said the aunt of the boys, ages 6 and 8, called authorities Tuesday and said the boys had not been brought home by their babysitter, Philip Kenneth Landino, 48, of Dunnellon, the *Ocala Star Banner* reported Friday.

A neighbour of Landino told deputies he had gone to the man's home earlier in the day and found him asleep on the couch. He said he woke Landino up and told him it was time to pick up the boys from Riverland Christian Academy.

Landino, who deputies said appeared intoxicated and confused, told deputies he had picked the boys up from school earlier in the day and he did not know what happened to them after he fell asleep.

However, deputies found a note on Landino's door from Riverland Christian Academy Principal Denise Aiello saying she had stopped by the home and decided to take the boys to her home after being unable to reach Landino.

Landino, who later told deputies he consumed two four-packs of beer and slept all afternoon, was arrested and charged with providing false information to a law enforcement officer and resisting arrest without violence.

## Florida woman bit on buttocks by bear

Wildlife officials in Florida said a woman walking her dog was bitten on the rear end by a black bear.

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission spokeswoman Joy Hill said the woman was walking her dog at an apartment complex on Sable Drive in Longwood around 7 am Friday when the bear attacked, the *Orlando Sentinel* reported Friday.

The woman sustained four puncture wounds to her rear end and was taken to Florida Hospital Altamonte for treatment, Hill said.

Hill said wildlife officers are setting traps for the bear, which they plan to euthanize.

## Maher defends Palin insults

NEW YORK, 18 March—US comedian Bill Maher says it's OK for him to call Sarah Palin a "c—" because the former Alaska governor is a public figure, not a private citizen. The liberal TV personality made the comment in an interview with ABC News' Jake Tapper Thursday, the *New York Daily News* reported. The two were talking about the media firestorm that occurred when conservative talk-show host Rush Limbaugh called

Georgetown University student Sandra Fluke a "slut" and a "prostitute" after she spoke to Congress about the need to expand birth-control coverage.

Maher explained why he thinks Limbaugh's remarks about Fluke are different from offensive language he himself has used to describe Palin, the 2008 Republican vice presidential nominee. For one, he pointed out, he is a comedian, while Limbaugh is a political commentator.



Comedian and television host Bill Maher and girlfriend Cara Santa Maria.

Maher also said Limbaugh "went after a civilian about very specific behavior, that was a lie, speaking for a party that has systematically gone after women's rights all year, on the public airwaves," the *Daily News* said.—Internet

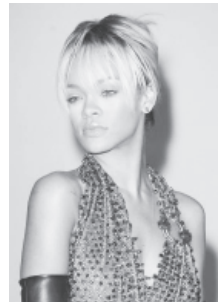
## Rihanna explains Brown collaborations

LOS ANGELES, 18 March—Pop star Rihanna says she initiated her recent collaborations with Chris Brown, the former beau who assaulted her in Los Angeles three years ago.

Brown was placed on probation and ordered to complete community service after he pleaded guilty to beating Rihanna during a heated argument in a car.

Despite their stormy past, rumors have been swirling in recent months that

the recording stars have secretly rekindled their romance. Rihanna and Brown fueled the speculation last month when they released collaborative remixes of their respective songs "Birthday Cake" and "Turn Up the Music." "I reached out to him about doing 'Birthday Cake' because that's the only person it made sense to do it with," *E!* News reported. Rihanna told Ryan Seacrest Thursday on his KIIS-FM radio show.—Internet



Barbadian singer Rihanna

## Burrell, Charles to star in 'Peabody' film



Ty Burrell

GLENDALE, 18 March—Ty Burrell and Max Charles have signed up for the lead roles in the movie "Mr Peabody & Sherman," California's DreamWorks Animation said Friday.

Based on Jay Ward's classic cartoon, the film is about Mr Peabody, the world's smartest person, who happens to be a dog.

When his "pet" boy Sherman uses their time-traveling WABAC machine without permission, events in history spiral out of control to disastrous, yet comical results, a synopsis said.

"The brilliantly comedic

and paternal sensibilities of Ty Burrell make him ideal for the role of the beloved Mr Peabody and we are thrilled that he will join Max Charles as the leads of 'Mr Peabody & Sherman,'" DreamWorks Animation Chief Creative Officer Bill Damaschke said in a statement.

Internet

## Neve Campbell pregnant with first baby



Neve Campbell's publicist says the US actress is pregnant with her first child.

LOS ANGELES, 18 March—Neve Campbell's publicist says the US actress is pregnant with her first child.

Campbell, 38, is best known for her work in the "Scream" film franchise and TV's "Party of Five."

Her boyfriend is 33-year-old actor JJ Feild, who starred in the blockbuster "Captain America: The First Avenger." "They are thrilled," Campbell's representative told People.com Friday. The baby's gender and due date were not revealed.—Internet

## Jury in 'Housewives' case remains deadlocked



Nicollette Sheridan

LOS ANGELES, 18 March—A judge has ordered the jury considering whether Nicollette Sheridan was wrongfully fired from TV's

"Desperate Housewives" to keep deliberating even though jurors say they are hopelessly deadlocked.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Elizabeth Allen Whitesent jurors home Friday after they reported the impasse. The group is considering whether Sheridan was wrongfully terminated after complaining that she was struck on the set by series creator Marc Cherry. The group says it is split eight to four but didn't indicate which side the majority favored. Nine jurors have to agree on a verdict.—Internet



This image, taken in 1960, released by Julien's Auctions, shows a black and white photograph of Allan "Whitey" Snyder applying Marilyn Monroe's makeup on the set of "Let's Make Love." INTERNET

## Rare Marilyn Monroe photos hit auction block

LOS ANGELES, 18 March—A collection of never-before-seen photos of Marilyn Monroe—and their accompanying copyrights—are going up for auction.

Celebrity auctioneer Darren Julien says more than 100 images of Monroe will be sold the highest bidders later this month.

The photos come from the estate of Allan "Whitey" Snyder, Monroe's personal makeup artist for 15 years.

One image shows Snyder applying makeup to a lingerie-wearing Monroe on the set of "Let's Make Love" in 1960. Letters, telegrams and a money clip from Monroe to Snyder are also among the lots set to be sold during Julien's Auctions' Hollywood Legends sale on 31 March and 1 April.

The auction also includes memorabilia from Frank Sinatra, James Dean, Charlie Chaplin and Sammy Davis, Jr.—Internet

## Couric's new show to debut in September

NEW YORK, 18 March—Broadcast journalist Katie Couric says her new weekday talk show "Katie" will start taping in New York this September.

"We now have our studio, a great-looking logo that exudes all of the qualities we want the show to convey, and a terrific team with a diverse background of



Broadcast journalist Katie Couric

experience," the *New York Daily News* quoted show producer Jeff Zucker as saying Thursday in a Webcast with Couric by his side. "We couldn't be more excited about 10 Sept. It's going to be a lot of fun." Internet



John Isner of the US

### Isner stuns Djokovic, to meet Federer in final

INDIAN WELLS, 18 March—John Isner pulled off the biggest win of his career at the BNP Paribas Open on Saturday before Roger Federer outplayed long-time rival Rafa Nadal in the other semi-final.

Big-serving American Isner overpowered world number one Novak Djokovic 7-6 3-6 7-6 and will face Federer in Sunday's final, the Swiss having eased past Spaniard Nadal 6-3 6-4.

The second semi-final

was delayed by three-and-a-half hours because of steady rain before Federer and Nadal came out for their heavily anticipated showdown, the Swiss dominating before sealing victory in one hour, 31 minutes.

Serving for the match at 5-4 and 40-30, Federer was briefly held up by a light sprinkling of rain before he powered down a 125 mph ace, his sixth in all, to book his place in the final.

Reuters



Roger Federer, of Switzerland

### International Sports

### Peterson faces Khan in rematch of contested fight

LONDON, 18 March—After a contested fight, American Lamont Peterson believes he will only receive full credit for beating Amir Khan if he repeats the effort in their upcoming rematch.

Khan lost his WBA and IBF belts in a split-decision loss to Peterson on 10 Dec, but was granted a rematch at Mandalay Bay Events Center in Las Vegas on May 19 after complaining about the referee's decision to deduct him two points for pushing. He also was upset by the presence of an unauthorized man at ringside who was seen distracting an official.

Khan (26-2, with 18 knockouts) is not the only one feeling a sense of injustice.

Claims that Peterson isn't a legitimate champion because of the perceived shadowy events in Washington, DC, has also left

the 28-year-old feeling aggrieved.

Asked if the aggressive complaints of Khan and his promoters took the gloss off his win, the light-welterweight champion Peterson said: "Of course it did. But I'm a big boy, I'm a man. I'll get over it.

That's the way I look at life." Peterson (30-1-1, with 15 KOs) was in London with Khan on Tuesday for the official announcement of their rematch, which has been billed as "No Doubt" in reference to the controversial first meeting.—Internet



Light Welterweight World Champion US boxer Lamont Peterson, left, and British Boxer Amir Khan.

INTERNET

### Goosen, Furyk tied for lead in Tampa

PALMHARBOR, 18 March—Retief Goosen was about ready to give up. His lower back was in so much pain that he decided to withdraw next week from Bay Hill so he could get treatment. A double bogey late in his round knocked him nine spots down the leaderboard, which he figured was the end of his hopes to get into the Masters.

One day later, everything changed.

Goosen ran off three straight birdies on the back nine and closed with a tough par from the fairway bunker on the 18th hole Saturday for a 6-under 65 that put him atop

the leaderboard with Jim Furyk in the Transitions Championship.



Retief Goosen, of South Africa

Goosen is No 52 in the world ranking, and he has to be in the top 50 after next week to avoid missing Augusta National — along with St. Andrews, his favorite course — for the first time since 1999. Or he can avoid the math and just win the tournament, which comes with an automatic invitation.

Those prospects looked dim when he decided Friday to pull out of Bay Hill, and arranged for a protein injection in Virginia on Wednesday. Suddenly, the final round is packed with significance.

Furyk, determined to

overcome an atrocious season in 2011, surged into the lead with a 6-iron that covered the flag on the par-3 15th hole and settled 3 feet away for a birdie. He fell back into a tie on the 18th hole with a three-putt bogey up a steep ridge. That gave him a 66.

Furyk and Goosen, former US Open champions who have won before at Innisbrook, were at 11-under 202.

Furyk was tied for the lead with Sang-moon Bae, the South Korean rookie who lost in the quarterfinals of the Match Play Championship to Rory McIlroy.—Internet

### Kuyt bullish about Liverpool's future

LONDON, 18 March—Dirk Kuyt insists Liverpool still have plenty of unfulfilled potential as they prepare to step up their quest for a cup double with an FA Cup quarter-final against Stoke.

Kenny Dalglish's side ended a six-year wait for a trophy when they beat Championship side Cardiff in the League Cup final on penalties last month.

Despite their cup success, the Reds are 10 points adrift of fourth-placed Arsenal and are facing the prospect of a third consecutive year outside the Champions League.

Dalglish's men were held to a goalless draw by Stoke at Anfield in January and it is that kind of frustrating result that explains why the Reds are off the pace in the Premier League in spite of heavy investment in new players.

Dutch forward Kuyt, 31, believes Liverpool have shown what they are capable of in flashes but must produce consistently.

"We've made a great spell of progress," he said. "It's never easy when a lot of new players are coming into the club. You have to fit them into the team.

"But we have a quality group of players - not only 11 players but a great squad. We beat United, we beat Arsenal, we have beaten Everton twice, but it's true that we dropped too many points in other games and that's what we're trying to change.



Dutch striker Dirk Kuyt

"I'm sure we will be okay in the future; we have just got to keep going like this.

"Sometimes we've been a little bit unlucky. People are talking lots about us hitting the post but that's behind us now - you have to look forward.

"The FA Cup is something special and it would be great to win it."—Internet



Bayern Munich's Toni Kroos celebrates scoring a goal during their German first division Bundesliga match against Hertha BSC Berlin, in Berlin, on 17 March.

INTERNET

### Bayern Munich score 20 goals in last three games

MUNICH, 18 March—Bayern Munich captain Philipp Lahm believes the Bavarian giants can 'take apart almost anyone' after their 6-0 hammering of Hertha Berlin meant they had scored 20 goals in their last three games.

Having drawn Marseille in the quarter-finals of the Champions League later this month, Bayern are bidding to claim the treble and are at Borussia Moenchengladbach on Tuesday in the German Cup semi-finals. Dutch winger Arjen Robben hit a hat-trick in Saturday's rout at Berlin's Olympic Stadium as victory

kept Bayern second in the league, five points behind leaders Borussia Dortmund.

Bayern seem to be scoring at will: Robben has hit seven goals in three games, while the Bundesliga's top-scorer Mario Gomez, having netted eight times in three matches, now has 22 goals in 25 league matches. Having hammered Hoffenheim 7-1 last Saturday in the Bundesliga, then demolished Basel 7-0 in the Champions League on Tuesday to reach the last eight, Bayern are making a habit of tearing the opposition apart.

Internet

### Milan maintain four-point lead over Juve

MILAN, 18 March—AC Milan cruised to a comfortable 2-0 win at Parma on Saturday to maintain their four-point lead over Juventus, who coasted to a 5-0 win at Fiorentina. A penalty from Zlatan Ibrahimovic and Urby Emanuelson's stunning solo effort secured a win for the rossoneri that never looked in doubt and heaped the pressure on Juve in the late game. But helped by Alessio Cerci's first half dismissal, they cantered to victory with goals from Mirko Vucinic, Arturo Vidal, Claudio Marchisio, Andrea Pirlo and Simone Padoin.

It was a crucial success for Juve and only their second win in eight games but with 10 games left, Milan appear to have hit their stride at just the right time. Their result was earned despite a host of important first team players such as Kevin-Prince Boateng, Mark van



Parma's Argentinian defender Gabriel Alejandro Paletta (R) fights for the ball with AC Milan's Swedish forward Zlatan Ibrahimovic during the Italian Serie A football match at Ennio Tardini Stadium in Parma.—INTERNET

Bommel, Robinho, Pato, Philippe Mexes and Alessandro Nesta being ruled out.—Internet



**Focus Myanmar TV Programme**

**MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL**

(19-3-12 09:30 am ~ 20-3-12 09:30 am)

**MST**

- News
- Let's Join Our Hands to Eliminate Measles from Myanmar
- News
- Kid's Talent
- News
- Traditional Meritorious Deeds Ceremony (Pindaya Region)
- News
- The Wachuset Jivitadana Sanga Hospital
- News
- Music Gallery
- Why Cyber Threat are becoming Global Issue & to acquire Valued ICT Security Skill
- News
- Culture Stage
- News
- True Wish out of Enthusiasm
- News
- Buddha Mudras from Bagan Archaeological Museum
- Myanmar Movie "Who Really Won"

**MYANMAR TV**

(19-3-2012) (Monday)

- 7:00 am**
- 1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw
- 7:50 am**
- 2. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:10 am**
- 3. Dance Of National Races
- 8:30 am**
- 4. Songs in honour of (67th) Anniversary Armed Forces Day
- 8:40 am**
- 5. International News
- 4:00 pm**
- 6. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm**
- 7. Dance Variety
- 4:45 pm**
- 8. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 5:10 pm**
- 9. Myanmar League
- 5:35 pm**
- 10. Documentary
- 7:00 pm**
- 11. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm**
- 12. News
- 13. Talk Of the Political Parties
- 14. Demo Birthday (Myanmar Motion Picture Aseayone)
- 15. World's Stars
- 16. India Drama Series

**Man Utd put five past 10-man Wolves**

MANCHESTER, 18 March—Manchester United extended their lead over Manchester City at the top of the Premier League to four points after demolishing a hapless Wolves.



Jonny Evans recorded his first United goal, from a corner, before Ronald Zubar saw red for two yellow cards.

That handed the impetus to the visitors with Antonio Valencia scoring on

the break and Danny Welbeck tucking in. Javier Hernandez then headed in and finished Valencia's cross with Steven Fletcher going closest for Wolves.

The Scotland striker's headers either side of half-time were all the hosts could muster in a game that might have proved a daunting enough challenge even before Zubar's dismissal left them a man short with more than half the match remaining. Wolves have now won once in 14 league games and, having put Terry Connor in charge four games ago to try to lift them out of trouble, they now sit bottom of the



Manchester United's Mexican striker Javier Hernandez (R) vies with Wolverhampton Wanderers' Welsh goalkeeper Wayne Hennessey (L) during their English Premier League football match at Molineux Stadium in Wolverhampton.—INTERNET

table.

This was Connor's third defeat in four since taking charge and they have conceded 12 goals in their last three games without scoring. For Sir Alex

Ferguson's side, the emphatic scoreline had the additional benefit of reducing the goal difference between City and themselves to just three goals.—Internet

**Fernando Torres scores twice as Chelsea beat Leicester 5-2 in their FA Cup quarter-final tie at Stamford Bridge**



Chelsea's players celebrate during their FA cup football match between Chelsea and Leicester City in London.

LONDON, 18 March—Fernando Torres ended a 24-game goal drought with two strikes as Chelsea booked a place in the FA Cup semi-finals with victory over Leicester.

Gary Cahill headed Chelsea in front and Salomon Kalou finished a breakaway for a second before Torres prodded in.

After Jermaine Beckford tapped in a rebound, Torres, who had not scored in 152 days, headed a fourth. Leicester's Ben Marshall drove in from 25 yards but Raul Meireles finished a counter-attack to score the fifth.—Internet

**Jerry Lewis celebrates 86<sup>th</sup> birthday in NYC**

NEW YORK, 18 March—Jerry Lewis did not turn 86 quietly.

The comedian and filmmaker flew into New York from Las Vegas for an hours-long celebration Friday night.

It started with an onstage interview at Manhattan's 92<sup>nd</sup> Street Y, then continued in midtown at the Friars Club, where hundreds gathered to sing happy birthday to Lewis, who added his trademark goofy voice. Wearing a dark blazer and bright red shirt, Lewis sat at a corner table in the club's Frank Sinatra room, with Richard Belzer and Robert Klein among those at his table. His meal included a slice of birthday



The comedian and filmmaker Jerry Lewis

cake, a three-tiered production decorated with movie stills, a microphone and miniatures of the performer. Lewis is known for such movies as "The Nutty Professor," and for hosting the Muscular Dystrophy Association's telethon.—Internet

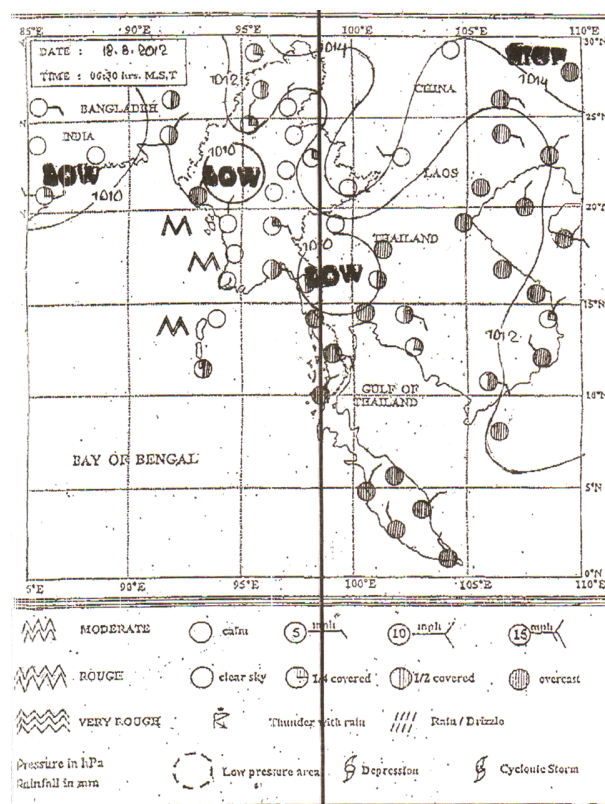


**CITIZENSHIP CARDS ISSUED:** In line with Moe Pwint-2 Plan, Head of Hopin Sub-Township Immigration and National Registration Department U Thant Zin and staff issued citizenship scrutiny cards to eligible citizens in Inlay Village of Hopin Sub-Township of Kachin State on 8 March. TOWNSHIP IPRD



**PRIZE AWARDED:** Pyay Pre-Primary School of Social Welfare Department held the painting, dancing, story telling, poem and singing contest on 24 February. The Principal of the school presents first prize to Ma Shin Kyawt Min in dancing contest.—TOWNSHIP IPRD

**Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas**



**Weather forecast for 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2012**

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	32/90	14/57	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60%
2	Kayah	33/91	12/53	Generally Fair Weather	
3	Kayin	39/102	22/71	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60%
4	Chin	25/77	07/42	Generally Fair Weather	
5	Upper Sagaing	31/88	13/55	Partly cloudy	60%
6	Lower Sagaing	36/97	17/63	Generally Fair Weather	
7	Taninthayi	36/97	23/73	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60%
8	Bago	36/97	20/68	Generally Fair Weather	
9	Magway	36/97	19/66	Generally Fair Weather	
10	Mandalay	36/97	19/66	Generally Fair Weather	60%
11	Mon	38/100	23/73	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60%
12	Yangon	37/99	21/70	Partly cloudy	
13	Rakhine	35/95	21/70	Partly cloudy	
14	Southern Shan	28/82	10/50	Generally Fair Weather	
15	Northern Shan	31/88	06/43	Generally Fair Weather	
16	Eastern Shan	33/91	12/54	Generally Fair Weather	
17	Ayeyawady	36/97	23/73	Partly cloudy	
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	37/99	18/64	Generally Fair Weather	
19	Neighbouring Yangon	37/99	21/70	Partly cloudy	
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	36/97	19/66	Generally Fair Weather	

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today: During the past (24) hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Yangon and Taninthayi Regions, Kachin, Rakhine and Mon States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Day temperatures were (3°C) above March average temperatures in Rakhine and Kayin States and about March average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperature was Minbu (42°C).

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

State of the Sea: Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers in the extreme Southern Myanmar areas.



## Defence Services Commander-in-Chief attends opening of Defence Services Museum (Nay Pyi Taw)



*Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing unveils commemorative statue of Defence Services Museum (Nay Pyi Taw).*

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NAY PYI TAW, 18 March—To hail the 67<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Armed Forces Day, Defence Services Museum (Nay Pyi Taw) was opened at the square of the museum in Zeyathiri Township here this morning.

Present on the occasion were Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Lt-Gen Soe Win and wife Daw Than Than Nwe, Lt-Gen Hla Htay Win of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and wife Daw Mar Mar Wai, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun and wife Daw Khin Aye Myint,

Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein and wife Daw Htway Htway Nyunt, senior military officers of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief and their wives, the Nay Pyi Taw Command Commander and wife, the parade commander and column commanders of the 67<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Armed Forces Day, officers and other ranks, central military band and guests.

Maj-Gen Nyan Tun of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief explained facts about the museum. Next, Lt-Gen Soe Win, Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun and Lt-Gen Myat Hein formally opened the commemorative statue of the museum by cutting a ribbon.

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing formally unveiled the statue, the central military band played military songs and the first session of the ceremony concluded.

At the second session, General Min Aung Hlaing pressed the button to unveil the stone inscription of the Defence Services Museum and sprinkled scented water on it.

Lt-Gen Soe Win, Lt-Gen Hla Htay Win, Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun and Lt-Gen Myat Hein also sprinkled scented water on the stone inscription.

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## Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe attend national press award presentation

YANGON, 18 March—The first national press award presentation, jointly organized by Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association and National Press Award Committee was held at National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Street in Dagon Township here this afternoon, attended by Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan and Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe.

Also present on the occasion were Yangon Region Minister for Finance and Revenue Daw San San Nwe, departmental heads of the Information Ministry and Culture Ministry, chairpersons and executives of the MWJA, Myanmar Motion Picture Association, Myanmar Music Association, and Myanmar Artistes Association, the patron, chairperson and CEC members of the National Press Award Committee, members of the national press awards selection board, senior journalists, the literati, writers, award winners and their



*Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan addresses National Press Award presentation ceremony.—MNA*

families, donors, personnel from private journals and guests.

Next, Violinist U Tin Yi and his band of musicians sang a song entitled “May

every flower in bloom” to open the ceremony, followed by dance to the accompaniment of Alinka Wutyi band.

In his opening speech, Union Minister

for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan said: Today’s occasion is the first ever kind of ceremony to present National Press

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## Liverpool earned a spot in the FA Cup semi-finals after a 2-1 win over Stoke City



LONDON, 18 March—Liverpool so nearly took the lead after just two minutes when Steven Gerrard found Maxi Rodriguez, but his header just missed the right side of the goal.

Stoke’s first chance of the match fell to former Liverpool striker Peter Crouch after 12 minutes, but his effort was pushed away by Pepe Reina in the Liverpool goal.

Stoke continued to enjoy spells of possession in the opening period, and Ryan Shotton came close with an effort after 21 minutes before Maxi again came close for the home side.

Liverpool took the lead after 23 minutes, however, courtesy of



*Liverpool’s Stewart Downing scores his side’s second goal against Stoke*

Luis Suarez who found the top corner after good work from the lively Maxi.

Stoke were back in the match moments later, however, as Crouch headed a Matthew

Etherington corner into the back of the net to level the scores at 1-1.

Jonathan Walters came close for Stoke late in the half, before Andy Carroll struck high and wide with the half remaining level at 1-1. Liverpool started the second period much the better side, and they moved 2-1 ahead after 57 minutes when Stewart Downing found the back of the net after good work from Gerrard.

The win gives Liverpool the chance to secure a second cup success this season, following their Carling Cup win against Cardiff City last month.—Internet