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**Our Three Main National Causes**

\* Non-disintegration of the Union

\* Non-disintegration of National Solidarity

\* Perpetuation of Sovereignty

## Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session continues for 24<sup>th</sup> day One bill submitted, another approved, two bills put on record and one bill discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 21 March—24<sup>th</sup> day session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw continued at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hill in Hluttaw Complex here at 10.10 am today, attended by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint, Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and 499 Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives.

At today's session one bill was submitted, another approved, two bills put on record and one bill discussed.

Acting Union Minister for Home Affairs Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi submitted the bill amending Ward or Village-tract Administration Law prescribed by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law No. 1 as there is in urgent need to add restrictions against forced labour and proposal to discuss the bill in the interest of the country as a special case.

Vice-Chairman of Joint Bill Committee U TKhun Myat explained findings and remarks of the committee and Hluttaw representatives willing to discuss the bill were to submit their name list after today's session.

Member of Joint Bill Committee U Thein Tun Oo submitted the facts to be added in Pyithu Hluttaw Bill which had been approved by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on 5 March in order to add necessary facts ahead of enactment. The approval of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw was sought para-wise.

The Hluttaw approved the amendments.

Union Election Commission Bill and Labour Dispute Settlement Bill which had been approved by both Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw were approved by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and put on record.

Six Hluttaw representatives discussed 2012 Union Budget Bill.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann said: I would like to seek Mr Speaker's permission because the things I am going to present could contribute to the



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legislation although they are principle alike.

I am glad to report that Budget for 2012-2013 fiscal year and amended 2012 Union Budget Bill (draft) put forward by the Union government are more appropriate than the original ones.

As original National Plan of the cabinet was adapted and approved constructively, civil servants could enjoy the monthly cash assistance of K 30,000 as from the start of coming fiscal year. The deficit has been reduced from K 2,517,888 million to K 1,953,712 million. Deficit and GDP ratio has also been dropped from 4.90 per cent to 3.80 per cent. Assistance to Chin State could be increased by K 2000 million.

The abovementioned things are outcomes of goodwill of Hluttaw representatives, making adjustments to what the government submitted and otherwise

cooperation in duty-bound undertakings under the law. It is hard to achieve cent per cent agreeable modifications due to limited time and poor documents and figures.

I would like to sincerely report Mr Speaker on the provisions that should be amended and that should be added for allowing enough time and working smoothly in consultation in the years to come in the light of study of the laws and rules.

In scrutinizing National Plans, Hluttaw representatives could inform the reality to the cabinet although they did not direct to suspend any projects for avoiding delays in implementing the National Plan. So, the head of government was informed of projects which are doubted to be profitable or to have prospect and these are being reviewed now. To go into detail, the Union government agreed to spend funds for doubted projects

only after reviewing them although the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw had allowed budget. The government is initiating privatization of factories and workshops to establish PPP (Public Private Partnership) after studying the real situation. The Hluttaw should acknowledge effort of Hluttaw representatives for informing the Union government after considering per unit costs and per acre costs.

Taxation is important to the nation and should be paid serious attention. Nowadays, we earn money from natural resources but these earnings will gradually decrease in the future. Some State-owned enterprises are operating at a loss, and some barely making profits. So, we are taking measures to transform them into private-owned and public private partnership in anticipation of increased taxation  
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**PERSPECTIVES**

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**Right place**

Are you really satisfied with your life? Do you know what you actually want to be? Do you know exactly what your dreams are? Have you ever think of chasing your dreams in real world? Some realize their dreams whereas some take them into coffin. Why?

Everybody has at least a dream big or small. But, not everyone is brave enough to follow his dream. So many reasons we often give to ourselves such as if I were younger, if I were fit or if I had some contacts, mostly to hide our fear of failure, and sometimes due to lack of confidence.

Humans in nature are afraid of changes. When the life seems boring and the job repetitive, we want to search for new things. But, when the opportunities really come, we dare not grasp them, worrying for uncertainties of the future. Sometimes, we fail to recognize opportunities as they appear in disguise as challenges.

Every ambitious man has two jobs, one he earns for his livelihood and the other he runs for his future. In life, what we really want is self-actualization. We want to make ourselves real. Everyone knows the unique pleasure of doing what he likes. But often we try to cover our weak points and fail to polish up our strong points.

Sometimes, we are compelled to choose a career we do not like just for survival. As the time goes by, we gradually forget what we really want and usually become loath to make changes. I have no doubt about parents' love towards their children. But, they should not meddle in their children's choice to learn what they want. Medical college has topped the list of educational institutions in Myanmar for decades and has ever been the top choice of parents. But, not every student wants to join medical college. When a person is pressured to do what he is not willing to, he can never do the best.

Parents should not neglect this point. To modernize our nation, human resources are a must. But, it is a wishful thinking to anticipate wrong men in wrong places would work well. Most graduates are working in posts nothing related to their degrees, forced by their empty stomachs. Some family-owned companies only hire relatives. This explains the slow or no growth of some government institutions and profit-making organization. The youth must be allowed to learn what they want and provided with the equal opportunity to choose the right career. Human resources cannot be nurtured through lips but actions.

**UMFCCI Vice-Presidents meet Norwegian Ambassador**

YANGON, 21 March—Mrs. Katja Christina Nordgaard, Ambassador of Norwegian Embassy based- Thailand, called on Vice-Presidents of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Zaw Min Win, U Aung Lwin and U Hla Maung Shwe at UMFCCI's Office here on 19 March morning.

The meeting focused on economic development in Myanmar and sharing information and technology for human resources development in collaboration with each other.

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**Amyotha Hluttaw Dy Speaker receives JICA Myanmar Office's senior legal advisor**



Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw, Chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee U Mya Nyein receives Senior Legal Advisor to JICA Myanmar Office Mr Naoshi SATO.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 March—Senior Legal Advisor to JICA Myanmar Office Mr Naoshi SATO paid a call on Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw, Chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee U Mya Nyein, at No. 20 meeting hall of Amyotha Hluttaw Committee in Hluttaw Building here at 8

am this morning. They exchanged the views on promoting cooperation between Myanmar and Japan and legal affairs. Also present at the call were Secretary of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee U San Tun and members and officials from Hluttaw Office.—MNA

**Union Education Minister receives officials of Johns Hopkins University, New York-based HESP**

NAY PYI TAW, 21 March—Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye received a team led by Director Professor Dr Karl Jackson of Johns Hopkins University of the United States at the ministry, here, at 10 am this morning. They discussed cooperation in post-graduate course for education research between Johns Hopkins University and Yangon University, enhancement of proficiency between basic and higher education teachers, and coordination between officials of Johns Hopkins University and Yangon University.

The Union Minister also received Director Mr Jacques Fremont and party of New York-based Open Society Foundations educations initiatives, Higher Education Support Program (HESP) and party at the ministr, here, at



1:45 pm today. They discussed enhancement of proficiency of faculty members to be conducted by Yangon University and HESP, improvement of social science and related subjects, raising the education management qualification,

sending of experts to Yangon University to improve e-library and provide assistance for subject-wise academic and research works twice a year and holding of education seminar in cooperation with Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister U Aye Kyu, Director-General U Bo Win of Education Planning and Training Department, Director-General Dr Soe Win of Higher Education Department (Upper Myanmar) and officials.

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**Director-General signs condolence book for demise of Pope Shenouda III**



YANGON, 21 March—Director-General Daw Yin Yin Myint of Training, Research and Foreign Languages Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs signed the condolence book opened at the Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt here today, for the demise of His Holiness Pope Shenouda III, Pope of Alexandria and the Patriarch of all Africa on the Holy Apostolic See of Saint Mark the Evangelist, Egypt, on 17 March.—MNA

**Hole-in One in Yangon Golf Club (Danyingone)**

YANGON, 21 March—Chen Ruoquan Wan Played with U Tin Mg Aye (Myanmar O 1 & Gas Enterprise Dy. Director (Finance, Mr. Lei Zhenyu (Chairman, CHINNERY ASSEN), Mr. MAR Guiming (Vice-Chairman, CHINNERY ASSED), U Kan Aye (Myanmar, CHINNERY ASSED) in the morning, at hole No.(8). 180 Yards from tee, got hole in one played ULTRA ball with Wilson Wood (3) club at 10:00 AM on 17-3-2012.—NLM



**China's Vice Foreign Minister Xie Hangsheng (R) shakes hands with British Ambassador to China Sebastian Wood as they present gifts to each other during a reception celebrating the 40th anniversary of the establishment of China-UK ambassadorial diplomatic relations in Beijing, capital of China on 20 March, 2012.—XINHUA**

### Vladimir Putin, Barack Obama to meet after presidential inauguration

Moscow, 21 March—Russian President-elect Vladimir Putin and US President Barack Obama have agreed to meet soon after Putin is sworn in 7 May, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said.

“Obama called Putin and they had a substantial discussion on key aspects of Russian-American relations and agreed to hold a direct meeting soon after the Russian president’s inauguration,” Lavrov told the Kommersant FM radio.

The telephone conversation between Obama and Putin took place 10 March. Putin won the 4 March presidential election by a substantial majority.—Internet

### Bomb explodes near Indonesia’s Paris embassy: Indonesian minister

JAKARTA, 21 March—A bomb exploded outside the Indonesian embassy in Paris on Wednesday, breaking windows but causing no casualties among Indonesians, Chief Political and Security Minister Djoko Suyanto said.

“Indonesia’s embassy in Paris has reported an explosion in one intersection near the embassy at 5.20 local (Paris) time.

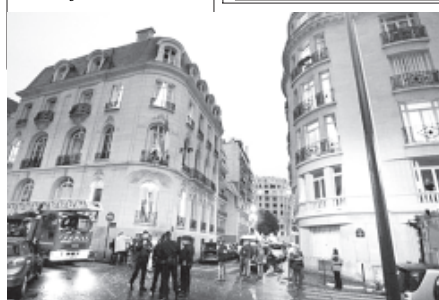
It is not certain what the target of the bomb was,” Suyanto said.

“The Indonesian ambassador is in the location but couldn’t go near. Windows at the embassy are broken.

There are no Indonesian

casualties among citizens or staff working at the embassy,” he told reporters.—Reuters

**A homemade bomb has exploded outside the Indonesian embassy in Paris, causing damage but no injuries.—INTERNET**



### Magnitude-7.8 quake rocks Mexico, no fatalities reported

MEXICO CITY, 21 March—A powerful earth-quake measuring 7.8 on the Richter scale rocked Mexico on Tuesday, injuring at least seven people and sending thousands of panicked citizens into the streets in the capital city.

The quake, which struck at 12:02 local time (1802 GMT) close to the town of Ometepe on the border between the southern states of Guerrero and Oaxaca and its epicenter was located some 193 km east of the famous Mexican tourist resort of Acapulco on the Pacific coast, also destroyed some 500 houses in the two states.

Mexico’s National Seismological Service said at least seven after-shocks were registered, including four that were between magnitude 5.1 and 5.3, but there were no reports of fatalities.



**Police officers inspect the rest of a minibus of public transportation on which a section of a bridge fell down after a 7.8 magnitude earthquake Richter scale at Mexico City, capital of Mexico on 20 March, 2012. The US Geological Survey report that a 7.8 of magnitude earthquake hit on Oaxaca, Mexico.—XINHUA**

“This was very scary but so far we have fortunately not had to regret the loss of human life or reports of any major damage,” Mexican President Felipe Calderon said in a message posted on his social network account Twitter.

In Mexico City, buildings in the popular central neighborhood of Condesa shook for several minutes and pictures and artifacts hanging on walls crashed down while windows broke.

“This was terrifying, it was without doubt the strongest earthquake I have ever experienced here,” a terrified resident told Xinhua on the street after running out from a building.—Xinhua

### Suspect in French shootings surrounded by police

TOULOUSE, 21 March—French police has surrounded the hideout of the main suspect in the series of deadly shootings in Toulouse and nearby Montauban, officials said Wednesday morning.

The 24-year-old male suspect fired at police from a house where he was hiding alone and one officer was hurt during the exchange of gunshots, media reports said.

Interior Minister Claude Glean told reporters at the

scene that the suspect’s brother has been arrested. Xinhua



**Police officers gather at the site of a shooting in Jewish school in the southwestern French City of Toulouse on Monday morning. INTERNET**

### Iran-Israel conflict could fuel wider war

WASHINGTON, 21 March—Should Israel attack Iran, a larger regional war in the Middle East could erupt, drawing in the United States, US officials warn.

A classified war simulation was held this month to assess the ramifications of an attack on Iran by Israel, The New York Times reported

Tuesday. Officials in charge of the simulations said the so-called war game was designed to predict possible outcomes of an Israel-Iran conflict.

A war was not the only possible outcome, officials stressed, adding that the two-week war game was not designed as a rehearsal for

American military action.

Nonetheless, the results of the exercise has raised fear among some American officials, including Gen James N Mattis, who commands all American forces in the Middle East, Persian Gulf and Southwest Asia, the newspaper said.

After the war game ended, officials said Mattis told colleagues an Israeli first strike would likely have dire consequences across the region and for US forces there.

Ultimately, the war game showed military officials the unpredictable and uncontrollable nature of a strike by Israel, and a counterstrike by Iran, the officials said.

Iran is the focus of a great deal of attention from Israel, the United States and other nations because of its alleged efforts to secure nuclear military capability. Iran denies it has nuclear ambitions.

Internet



**Iraqi workers clean the site of a car bomb in Ramadi, where two people were killed and 11 wounded. This comes amid the anniversary of the US-led invasion of the country and days before Baghdad hosts a landmark Arab summit.—INTERNET**

### US Marines set to arrive in Australia next month

SYDNEY, 21 March—US Marines are set to arrive in Australia’s tropical north next month as Washington increases its military presence as part of a renewed emphasis on the Asia-Pacific, reports said on Tuesday.

State radio said about 250 Marines were set to deploy to Darwin from early April as part of a process that will see about 2,500 in Australia by about 2016, according to a plan announced by President Barack Obama last year.

“This first year, of course, we start pretty small,” the commander of Australia’s First Brigade, Brigadier General Gus McLachlan told the Australian Broadcasting Corporation.

“We have got about 250 arriving in early April. This first year is almost just a foot in the door, proof of concept, and obviously it will build up in a pretty measured pace in the next few years.”

Obama announced plans to increase the number of troops, aircraft and ships that will come to the Northern Territory during his first visit as president to Australia in November.

Internet



**Pakistani policemen inspect the blast site in Peshawar, northwest Pakistan, on 20 March, 2012. At least two policemen were killed and four others injured when a bomb hit a police vehicle in Pakistan’s northwest city of Peshawar on Tuesday night, local media reported. XINHUA**

TECHNOLOGY

**HP to combine printer, PC groups**



A HP Invent logo is pictured in front of Hewlett-Packard international offices in Meyrin near Geneva on 4 August, 2009.—INTERNET

SAN FRANCISCO, 21 March—US media reported on Tuesday that Hewlett-Packard (HP) will announce a sweeping reorganization to bring its printer unit under the PC-making group.

Sources told technology news site AllThingsD that the reorganization is part of cost-cutting and simplification measures of chief executive officer (CEO) Meg Whitman, who has been exploring ways to streamline HP's operations.

According to AllThingsD, Vyomesh Joshi, the company's executive vice president in charge of the Imaging and Printing Group (IPG), will leave the company and the combined business unit will be led by executive vice president Todd Bradley, head of the Personal System Group (PSG). Under former CEO Leo Apotheker, HP's PC division had been considered for a spin-off as an independent company. The plan was later pulled back after HP fired Apotheker and hired Whitman.

HP is the world's largest printer seller with 41 percent of the total market share, according to statistics from research firm IDC. But the IPG business has been undergoing a decline in recent years as it faced competition from Japan's Canon and supply chain problems caused by last year's earthquake and tsunami in Japan as well as the flooding in Thailand.

After the reorganization, the combined group will become the biggest group inside HP. The printer and PC units accounted for 65 billion US dollars in sales in 2011, more than 51 percent of HP's overall revenue.—Xinhua

**Dell launches Ultrabook at Rs 79,900 plus**

MUMBAL, 21 March—Dell India today launched its XPS 13 Ultrabook, with a starting price of Rs 79,900.

"The XPS 13 is now available at Dell exclusive stores, large format retail stores and partners nationwide at a starting price of Rs 79,900 plus, excluding taxes. It offers enterprise ready features for professionals enabling them power to connect, collaborate and innovate," Dell India executive director and general manager for consumer & SMB, Mahesh Bhalla said.

He said Dell wants its customers to experience the level of service that is demanded by executives, equipping the XPS 13 with its premium protection package.

The XPS 13 runs on second generation Intel Core i5 or Intel Core i7 processors, Intel HD 3000 graphics and a bright high definition WLED

300-nit display. The XPS 13 comes with a 128GB or 256GB solid state hard drive for users who like to carry their movies, music and photographs.

"We are delighted with the launch of the XPS 13 and congratulate Dell on bringing an exciting Ultrabook into this market. The Dell XPS 13 boots in seconds and the Intel smart connect technology provides users with a no-compromise mobility in thin, light and sleek form factors," Intel South Asi managing director for sales and marketing Debjani Ghosh said.—Internet



Dell launches Ultrabook at Rs 79,900 plus. INTERNET

**Saturn squeezes a moon, creates water jets**

GREENBELT, 21 March—NASA scientists say they've confirmed jets of water from Saturn's moon Enceladus are linked to stretching and stressing of its surface by the ringed planet.

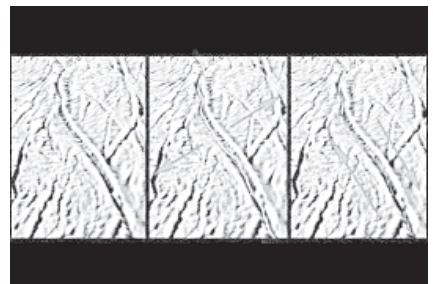
Analyzing images from NASA's Cassini spacecraft, they've determined the pull of Saturn's gravity deforms the surface of Enceladus in its south polar region, which is crisscrossed by fissures dubbed "tiger stripes" that spew out water vapor and organic particles.

Terry Hurford at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Centre in Greenbelt, Md, said astronomers have long thought tidal pulls from Saturn's gravity could explain the existence of the jets but had not been able to correlate specific jets with calculated stresses until now.

The Cassini data shows the greatest stresses pulling apart the tiger stripes occurred right after Enceladus made its closest approach to Saturn in its orbit.

"This new work gives scientists insight into the mechanics of these picturesque jets at Enceladus and shows that Saturn really stresses Enceladus," Hurford said.

The researchers say the study suggests a large reservoir

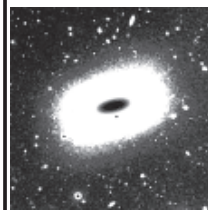


The arrows show the different kinds of stress that can occur at the tiger stripes, allowing jets of water vapour and organic particles to spray out.—INTERNET

of liquid water, either a global or local ocean, would allow Enceladus to flex enough to deform the surface, and that the process would control the timing of the jet eruptions.

Internet

**Distant 'diamond' galaxy discovered**



False-colour image of LEDA 074886 taken with the Subaru Telescope. The central contrast has been adjusted to reveal the inner disk/bar-like component.—INTERNET

MELBOURNE, 21 March—Australian astronomers working with international colleagues say they've discovered a rare square galaxy with a striking

resemblance to an emerald cut diamond. Working with astronomers from Australia, Germany, Switzerland and Finland, researchers at Swinburne University of Technology in Melbourne used the Japanese Subaru Telescope in Hawaii to image the galaxy LEDA 074886 and record its unusual shape.

"In the universe around us, most galaxies exist in one of three forms: spheroidal, disc-like, or lumpy and irregular in appearance," Alister Graham said in a Swinburne release Monday.

The rectangular shape of the LEDA galaxy makes it a very unusual object, he said.

"It's one of those things that just makes you smile because it shouldn't exist, or

rather you don't expect it to exist."

Astronomers aren't sure how the galaxy got its distinctive shape.

"One possibility is that the galaxy may have formed out of the collision of two spiral galaxies," Swinburne researcher Duncan Forbess said.

The galaxy's small size and distant location made its discovery difficult, astronomers said.

"One of the reasons this emerald cut galaxy was hard to find is due to its dwarf-like status: it has 50 times less stars than our own Milky Way galaxy, plus its distance from us is equivalent to that spanned by 700 Milky Way galaxies placed end-to-end," Graham said.—Internet

**Fiber optic cables to span Arctic Ocean**

LONDON, 21 March—The construction of the first submarine fiber-optic cables to cross the Arctic Ocean will improve Internet performance between Europe and Asia, researchers say.

With the retreat of arctic sea ice with global warming, two cables are planned through the Northwest Passage above North America, while a third is planned along the Russian arctic coast, NewScientist.com reported on Tuesday.

Cables laid in the Arctic will have some advantages over cables in warmer water, industry experts say, where fishing nets and ship anchor cables can snag and break cables, disrupting Internet traffic.

Fishing trawlers and ships anchors are not often found in the arctic, they say.

However, ice will likely still be a problem for cable-laying ships.

While crucial parts of the Northwest Passage are normally ice-free from 20 Aug to 5 Oct, cable-laying companies cannot rely on the fact that the ice will be open, said Chris Carobene of TE SubCom of New Jersey, which is not involved in the proposed projects.

"Your cable ship needs a polar-ice rating even when you are working with an ice breaker," he says.

"Ice is just another risk our industry has to manage."

Internet

**Olive Ridley turtles start laying eggs in Gahirmar**

KENDRAPARA, 21 March—Olive Ridley turtles have finally arrived at Gahirmatha beach in Odisha to lay eggs much to the delight of wildlife lovers and forest officials.

An estimated 46,000 female turtles were spotted digging pits on the sandy nesting ground for laying eggs, forest department officials said.

The number of visiting turtles is on a lower scale given the fact that over 5 lakh turtles had converged at the nesting ground here last year. Gahirmatha beach off the Bay of Bengal coast is acclaimed as World's largest-known nesting ground of the turtles.

Forest officials are, however, hopeful that the number of visiting turtles would go up in the coming days with the climatic condition conducive and beach topography ideal.

About 500 turtles were sighted on Saturday. Over 24,000 turtles dug pits to lay



An Olive Ridley Turtle.—INTERNET

eggs last night. The figure stood at 16,000 on the preceding day.

Last year 5.1 lakh turtles laid eggs at the Gahirmatha beach, the sources said.

The mass nesting is expected to continue for more than a week. As the territory where turtles have congregated to lay eggs is very close to the prohibited defence project, there are none to witness this unique natural phenomenon.

Under DRDO directions, visitors and outsiders are stopped from making their way to the place. Only forest personnel on turtle protection duty have access to the

nesting ground, said forest officials. About 50 forest personnel have been deployed on the beach to keep vigil and to ensure the safe and undisturbed mass nesting of the turtles.

An Olive Ridley usually lays about 120 to 150 eggs from which hatchlings emerge after about 45 to 50 days. But not all eggs remain intact as predators devour it.

Besides, eggs are also washed away by sea waves during high tide, the source said.—Internet



## 'Anti-alcoholism' drug clears key test hurdle



**A bar in New York City. A drug designed to treat nervous spasms has cleared an important early test in a project to see whether it can also cure alcoholism, French doctors say.—INTERNET**

NEW YORK, 21 March—A drug designed to treat nervous spasms has cleared an important early test in a project to see whether it can also cure alcoholism, French doctors said on Tuesday.

Baclofen — the lab name for a medication branded as Kemstro, Lioresal and Gablofen — was successful in a preliminary test among a small group of alcoholics, a result that opens the way to formal clinical trials, they said.

The history of the drug goes back 50 years. It was originally designed for epilepsy before becoming licensed to treat spasticity, but researchers are now interested in using it to ease alcoholic craving.

Interest was sparked in 2008 by a book, *Le Dernier Verre* (The Last Glass), by cardiologist Olivier Ameisen, who self-treated his alcoholism with high doses of baclofen. The newest entailed enrolling 132 heavy drinkers who were given baclofen at high doses over a year.

Eighty percent either became abstinent or became moderate drinkers. By

comparison, two drugs that are commonly used to treat alcoholics, naltrexon and acamprostate, yield a success rate of 20-25 percent.

Side effects included fatigue, drowsiness, insomnia, dizziness and digestive troubles.

Lead researcher Philippe Jaury of the University of Paris-Descartes said the outcome opened the door to one-year clinical trials, expected to start in May, in



which 320 alcoholics would be divided into two groups. One batch will receive baclofen, progressively building in dosage until the craving symptoms subside, while the others will receive an inactive look-alike pill, or placebo.—*Internet*

## Researchers unveil global plan in TB vaccine hunt

BEIJING, 21 March—Researchers on Tuesday unveiled a blueprint to guide the next steps in the hunt for a more effective vaccine against tuberculosis as the world's most advanced clinical trial nears its end. The plan is part of a global push aimed at giving TB research the same high profile — and funding — that goes to diseases like AIDS.

"A blueprint has been developed, essentially a document on research plans for the next five to 10 years," said Hassan Mahomed, who heads clinical trials for the South African Tuberculosis Vaccine Initiative.

The fresh impetus to the research comes as scientists await the release in early 2013 of results from the world's most advanced TB vaccine trial — one of 12 currently underway.

"That's quite an exciting development, because for the first time we will know if any of these new vaccines will have

## Health Tip: Am I at risk for gum disease?

Periodontal disease, sometimes called gum disease, attacks and damages tissue called the sulcus that sits just below the gum line.

The American Dental Association mentions these factors that increase your risk for periodontal disease:

- \* Smoking or chewing tobacco products.
- \* Having a systemic disease, such as diabetes.
- \* Taking certain medications, including anti-epilepsy drugs, steroids and anti-cancer drugs.
- \* Having crooked teeth or a bridge that doesn't fit correctly.
- \* Being pregnant or taking birth control pills.
- \* Having fillings that have become defective.—*Internet*



**Researchers on Tuesday unveiled a blueprint to guide the next steps in the hunt for a more effective vaccine against tuberculosis as the world's most advanced clinical trial nears its end.—INTERNET**

positive developments for preventing TB," Mahomed said.

Even if that vaccine proves unsuccessful, scientists are eagerly watching the results for critical insights into how to develop other vaccines.—*Internet*

## Oracle software sales rise offsets weak hardware

BOSTON, 21 March—Oracle Corp beat Wall Street's earnings estimates as new software sales came in at the high end of the company's forecast, offsetting a sharp drop in hardware revenue. The software maker's stock rose 1.5 percent after the news, in sharp contrast to the sell-off three months ago when its second-quarter profit missed analysts' forecasts for the first time in a decade.

"The software business bounced back," Citigroup analyst Walter Pritchard said. "If you look at where the value is at Oracle, it would be the software business." Oracle estimated that new software sales this quarter will range from a 2 percent drop to growth of as much as 8 percent, translating into \$3.6 billion to almost \$4 billion. The midpoint of that forecast, of 3 percent growth, is a sharp drop from the 19 percent increase in the fourth quarter of last year.—*Reuters*



**A sign is shown at the headquarters of Oracle Corporation in Redwood City, California on 2 Feb, 2010.—REUTERS**

## Home building permits near 3.5-year high

WASHINGTON, 21 March—Permits for homebuilding neared a 3.5-year high in February, suggesting a budding recovery in the housing market was still on track even though ground-breaking activity slipped.

New building permits surged 5.1 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 717,000 units last month, the highest since October 2008, the Commerce Department said on Tuesday.

The jump in permits, which exceeded economists' expectations for an advance to a 690,000-unit pace, reinforced views the housing market was improving and that homebuilding would add to economic growth this year

health, but getting out of rehab takes time," said Eric Green, chief economist at TD Securities in New York.

Financial markets largely ignored the data. *Reuters*

## Dollar rises amid US housing decrease

NEW YORK, 21 March—The US dollar rose against most major currencies in late New York trading on Tuesday as the country's housing fell in February.

The euro dipped as investors turned cautious after Greece has successfully avoided debt default by receiving second bailout funds from international organizations.

The US Commerce Department reported that housing slipped 1.1 percent to a rate of 698,000 units in February. However, new building permits surged 5.1 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 717,000 units, touching a three-and-half year high. The dollar index gained 0.22 percent to 79.64 on Tuesday.

As Britain's consumer price inflation slowed to an annual rate of 3.4 percent in February, a 15-month low, from 3.6 percent in January, the British pound dipped against the dollar on Tuesday. In late Tuesday trading, the dollar bought 83.69 Japanese yen, compared with 83.41 from late Monday. The euro fell to 1.3232 dollars from 1.3238.—*Xinhua*



**Workers build a new house in Alexandria, Virginia on 16 Feb, 2012.—REUTERS**

## JPMorgan wins dismissal of Ponzi scheme accusations

WASHINGTON, 21 March—A federal appeals court dismissed a lawsuit seeking to hold JPMorgan Chase & Co responsible for services allegedly provided by the former Washington Mutual Inc to advance a Ponzi scheme at Caribbean-based Millennium Bank.

The 9th US Circuit Court of Appeals said on Tuesday that investors who bought fraudulent certificates of deposit from Millennium did not pursue all remedies with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) as required by federal law or show that JPMorgan did anything to advance the alleged fraud. The decision by a three-judge panel upheld an October 2010 lower court ruling. Niall McCarthy, a lawyer for the investors, was not immediately available for comment.

Washington Mutual was seized on 25 September, 2008 by the FDIC, which immediately sold the largest US savings and loan's banking operations to JPMorgan for \$1.88 billion.

Last month, a San Francisco federal grand jury returned a 23-count indictment charging William Wise and Jacqueline Hoegel with fraud and conspiracy over the sale of \$129.5 million of CDs by their companies Millennium, United Trust of Switzerland and Sterling Bank and Trust, resulting in \$75 million of losses. *Reuters*



**Workers erect a sign for JPMorgan investment bank at Canary Wharf in London on 21 Dec, 2011.—REUTERS**



## NYC plans to build first solar, wind farm

NEW YORK, 21 March—New York City officials announced Tuesday that they were seeking proposals to build solar and wind power installations at the site of a closed landfill.

Covering 75 acres of land at the former Fresh Kills landfill on Staten Island, the solar and wind farm could accommodate large-scale installations to power about 6,000 homes and double the city's current renewable

energy capacity, according to the plan.

"Given that open space is at a premium in New York City, capped landfills offer unique potential for utility-scale solar and wind power," said NYC Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Carter Strickland. "During the hottest summer days, we can help reduce local air pollutants by cutting our reliance on more traditional

power by driving the development of renewable energy sources."

The ultimate goal, he said, is to protect places that are important to New York's existing ocean industries while harnessing offshore renewable energy resources.

The city is currently seeking bids from private entity to design, construct, install and operate the solar and wind power facilities.

Xinhua

## American fighter jet crashes, no casualties

SEOUL, 21 March—An American F-16 fighter jet crashed in a South Korean county of Seochon, 235 kilometres southwest of Seoul, Air Force officials here said on Wednesday.

An American pilot aboard the jet survived the crash, the officials said.

South Korean Air Force has sent two helicopters to the scene.—Xinhua



Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, left, walks with UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, right, before a meeting at Presidential Palace in Bogor, West Java, Indonesia.—INTERNET



Liu Qi (C), member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) and secretary of the CPC Beijing Municipal Committee, is present at a photo exhibition about China's capital of Beijing, in Luanda, capital of Angola, on 20 March, 2012. Liu Qi arrived in Luanda Monday night for a three-day good-will visit to Angola.

XINHUA

## First metro railway project kicks off in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, 21 March—A private company said Wednesday that it has kicked off Sri Lanka's first metro railway project estimated to cost 600 million US dollars to tap into the country's post-war development.

Airport Express Air and Rail Company hopes to connect the country's only international airport with the centre of the capital through a metro railway that will reduce the present travel time of around two hours to only 25 minutes.

Company Chairman Parimalan Rajo Isa Michael told media that funds will be

raised by selling stakes of the company's equity to overseas companies.

"Right now the economic situation is such that foreigners are confident to put money into the country. We are confident that we will be able to raise the required capital," he said.

The 30km track will hold a train that has the capacity to carry 400 passengers and will complete nine journeys in a single day. The venture is expected to give a boost to the booming tourism industry in Sri Lanka, which grew by 30.1 percent in 2011.—Xinhua

## Israel to replace civilian nuclear reactor for particle accelerator

JERUSALEM, 21 March—Israel announced Tuesday that it will replace Soreq's civilian nuclear reactor for a particle accelerator that will be used for medical research.

Soreq civilian atomic reactor, located near the central city of Yavne, operates under the Israel Atomic Energy Commission and is part of Israel's counter-

atomic proliferation efforts with the international community.

The reason behind the decommissioning of the nuclear reactor, which began its activity in 1960, is mainly because its highly enriched uranium fuel is running out, the Ha'aretz daily reported.

"We could use more fuel, but if the decision is to

make do with the alternative, then that is the way it will be," said Soreq director Hanoch Hirschfeld.

The new particle accelerator facility will continue the same research projects done at Soreq's atomic reactor, officials said.

Since Israel is not part of the Nonproliferation Treaty, it cannot import enriched

uranium, though Hirschfeld said that the change had to be made due to the nuclear reactor's longevity.

The reactor's deactivation will take place somewhere between 2017 and 2018.

Israel possesses another nuclear facility in Dimona, south of the country, though it neither confirms nor denies the existence of a military nuclear arsenal, as a part of its long-standing policy of ambiguity.—Xinhua

## Ranger killed by Narathiwat bomb

BANGKOK, 21 March—One ranger was killed and two others and a civilian injured by a bomb explosion in restive southern province of Narathiwat on Wednesday morning, Bangkok Post online reported.

A witness told police that he was walking across the railway bridge in Narathiwat's Cho Irong District to the nearby railway teashop when he spotted a suspicious box tied on a pole of the bridge. He reported his finding to Matohae Sae, leader of a 20-ranger unit patrolling on foot in the village.

As the rangers walked toward the box the homemade bomb was detonated. Ranger Somchai Kamchun died at the scene while two other rangers were injured and taken to Cho Irong Hospital.

A civilian drinking tea at the teashop was also hurt by

shrapnel and taken to the hospital. Police blamed separatist militants.

Since the resurgence of insurgency in 2004, around 11,000 violent incidents instigated by secessionists

in the Muslim-dominant southernmost provinces of Yala, Pattani and Narathiwat happened, with almost 5,000 people killed and nearly 8,000 injured.

Xinhua



An Afghan refugee boy who fled his country with parents stands in a garbage dump near his house at a slum on the outskirts of Islamabad, capital of Pakistan, on 19 March, 2012. There are currently 1.7 million registered Afghan refugees in Pakistan. Since 2002, more than five million Afghan refugees have already left for home, the majority with assistance from United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

XINHUA

Russian artist Nikita Nomerz made old buildings come to life by adding eyes and facial features.

INTERNET



## Israel minister sells luxury apartment after public outcry

JERUSALEM, 21 March—Israeli Defence Minister and former Prime Minister Ehud Barak has sold his luxury apartment in an effort to deflect public criticism of what was perceived as an extravagant lifestyle for a civil servant.

A foreign company will pay Barak 26.5 million shekels (over USD 7 million) for the five-room apartment on the 31st floor in Tel Aviv, Xinhua reported citing the Globes business daily.

The amount is almost threefold over what Barak

paid for the property in 2003, but lower than the price of USD 10 million he originally sought when it was put on the market in 2008.

Barak, who spent a modest childhood at a farm in Israel, spoke about the considerations that drove him to sell the flat in a message posted on his Facebook page.

"Upon my return to public life, it was hard not to notice the criticism regarding my residence, which I did not think was right to ignore.

My wife and I decided that selling the apartment was

the proper thing to do in light of the recognition that it creates a feeling of alienation and detachment among wide segments of the public," Barak wrote.

Barak said he and his wife, Nili Priel, would relocate to "a smaller, less expensive" apartment.

According to Globes, their new home is a 200-square-metre apartment on the 23rd floor of another high-end residential complex in Tel Aviv, which they bought two years ago for USD 2.1 million.

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Kayin State People's Hospital in Hpa-an provides healthcare to national people in Kayin State.

## Health infrastructures built in Kayin State to cover public healthcare services to national races in the state



Hlaingbwe People's Hospital in Kayin State is providing healthcare services to local national people.

Hpa-an Traditional Medicine Hospital offers traditional healthcare to local people.

Upgraded Myainggale People's Hospital in Hpa-an Township of Kayin State.



- \* The government is giving priority to keeping the people healthy and increasing life expectancy of the entire people.
- \* Public healthcare services cover over the whole Kayin State.
- \* The government is working to improve health sector of Kayin State.
- \* As new hospitals are opened in Kayin State, a 200-bed hospital emerges in Hpa-an, one of 24 special development regions.

Translation: HKA



- \* The government is building new hospitals and upgrading existing hospitals to develop public health sector in Kayin State.
- \* Kayin State has one traditional medicine hospital and eight of traditional medicine clinics.

**Archive: Maung Nyein Aye**

### Man wishes he'd chipped in on lottery pool

ELIZABETH, 21 March—A New Jersey man said he wishes he had chipped in \$2 for a lottery ticket pool now that those who pitched in will receive millions of dollars in winnings.

Perfeito Esteves had been filling in on a road-paving crew in New Jersey when co-worker Americo Lopes collected money from five others in the betting pool in 2009, *The New York Times* reported.

Lopes asked Esteves if he wanted to pay \$2 to be in the lottery pool but Esteves declined.

This week, a jury in Union County, NJ, found Lopes had cheated the five colleagues who pitched in and must share the jackpot.

The five plaintiffs will equally share the \$20 million judgment against Lopes.

Esteves had testified against Lopes, who had said he bought the winning ticket from his own money, not the money pooled by him and his five co-workers, and therefore deserved the entire jackpot. Lopes quit his job after winning and didn't tell his colleagues he had won. They found out six months later when they checked a list of Mega Millions winners and saw Lopes' name.

Esteves said he was filling in on the road crew in Elizabeth, NJ, in 2009 when Lopes asked him if he wanted to chip in for the lottery pool.—*Internet*

### Bodies of British soldiers killed in Afghanistan flown back home

LONDON, 21 March—The bodies of six British soldiers killed in Afghanistan earlier this month arrived back in Britain on Tuesday afternoon.

A large military transport aircraft carrying the bodies touched down at RAF Brize Norton, a military airbase in England close to London where the bodies of soldiers killed in Afghanistan are always returned.

Fellow soldiers formed a party of pall bearers to carry the bodies from the plane in their coffins draped with the British national flag, as members of the dead soldiers families

watched. A private religious service was held at the airbase to mark the repatriation of the bodies.

The six soldiers were on a patrol in the Lashkar Gah Durai region, on the border of Helmand and Kandahar provinces, when their Warrior armoured fighting vehicle was struck by an improvised explosive device on 6 March. The deaths took the total number of British deaths since operations began in Afghanistan to 404, the second largest national death toll behind the United States.

*Xinhua*



*Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann makes discussion.*  
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## Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session ...

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depending on changing situations. With the increased taxation, we can increase expenditure in salary and allowance for governmental staff, education, health, culture, spending more in economic and investment sectors.

However, we can't find out the exact ratio between GDP and taxation in the submitted bill. So, it is calculated that taxation of K 1,644,274 million only accounts for 3.2 per cent of the GDP of K 51,382,985 million. What should be done is to clearly inform the estimated GDP for 2012-2013 fiscal year and the amount of taxation to be collected to the parliament, describing the exact ratio between GDP and taxation, in consideration of responsibility and accountability transparently.

Although tax laws and notifications have been enacted and announced, we could not make detailed discussion as MPs have not received them yet. It is said tax laws, rules and regulations and notifications are transparent and appropriate. So, personnel concerned must take the full responsibility within legal framework to make sure there are no wastage, tax avoidance and tax evasion. Likewise, the monitoring organizations especially the MPs have to participate systematically in this process with right attitude. Maybe, it will need to form independent institutions. There will be increased taxation. Likewise, the monetary policy is of great importance. It is supposed to contribute to the economy and tax collection. So, I would like to request Mr.



*Dr Banyan Aung Moe of Mon State Constituency No. 7 makes discussion.*—MNA

Speaker to consider how to make monetary services and the bank, the main actor of monetary policy swift and speedy and internationally standardizing of banks and making the bank as separate Union level organization under the governor's management.

The frank discussions of national races representatives born in this Union during this parliamentary session



*Dr Myat Nyana Soe of Yangon Region Constituency No. 4 holds discussion.*—MNA

contribute to national unity, consolidation of Union spirit and eternal peace. So, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and MPs are specially grateful to them.

The national policy of the State is non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty. The government has took and taking actions adopting strategies and tactics. But as the national races representatives have pointed out, there have and must have been some cases of unrealistic policies and undesirable outcomes. The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker, the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker, I, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker and all the MPs together with the government have to pledge our efforts for more justice for religion, place of living and origin of race in civil servant affairs, social affairs, development because of the suggestions of the national races representatives. Moreover, we have to have full faith in the Union government and we have to cooperate to make sure saying is one thing and doing is the same thing.

We as people's representatives have to work hard in the interests of the people and the nation with courage and goodwill based on the past lessons and experiences, maintaining our awareness and benevolence. Only the, can Myanmar walk with her head held high on the global stage. U Win Than of Thabaung Constituency, U Win Oo of Yebyu Constituency, Dr Myat Nyana Soe of Yangon Region Constituency No. 4, U Nay Win Tun of Shan State Constituency No. 9 and Dr Banyan Aung Moe of Mon State Constituency No. 7 submitted the amendment proposals.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker decided that suggestions of Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann are critical political, economic and social perspectives for the country and those should be recorded and put at the fore for long so that they will be sent to the President as a message.

Respective Union level institutions make clarifications on each amendment proposal and the Hluttaw approves amendments on 22 March.

Today's session concluded at 12.55 pm and 25<sup>th</sup> day session is held at 10 am on 22 March.

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## MoU on Non-Project Grant Aid signed



*Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein and Japanese Ambassador Mr Takashi Saito sign MoU on Non-Project Grant Aid.*—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 March—A ceremony to sign a MoU on Non-Project Grant Aid given by Japanese Government to the Union Government for present rehabilitation and natural disaster control tasks took place at the meeting hall of the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development here this morning.

On the occasion, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein and Mr. Takashi Saito, Japanese Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar signed the MoU

and exchanged the related documents.

According to the MoU, Japanese Government would supply the Union Government with Yen 1 billion and 600 millions to be spent on building embankments preventing seawater and bridges that can resist natural disasters, rehabilitation tasks for flood victims and natural

disaster control activities.

The signing ceremony was also attended by the Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development and the Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation, deputy attorney general, officials concerned and officials from the Japanese Embassy.

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## Workers participate in skill contests

NAY PYI TAW, 21 March—The wickerwork Skill Contest to mark the Workers' Day which falls on 1<sup>st</sup> May was held at the Wood-based Training School (North Dagon) of Myanmar Timber Entrepreneurs Association in Yangon this morning.

Eight skilled worker teams participated in the contest.

## Vice-Chairman of Jiangsu Province People's Congress Standing Committee and party conclude visit

YANGON, 21 March—A five-member delegation led by Vice-Chairman of Jiangsu Province People's Congress Standing Committee Mr Zhu Longsheng of the People's Republic of China arrived here by air on 19 March at the invitation of the Speaker of Yangon Region Hluttaw.

They were welcomed at Yangon International Airport by

Deputy Speaker of Yangon Region Hluttaw U Tin Aung and party. At the office of the region government, the delegation met Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, the speaker of the region Hluttaw and Hluttaw representatives of political parties yesterday morning.

They also met with Speaker of Yangon Region Hluttaw U Sein Tin Win, the deputy speaker of the Hluttaw,

chairmen of three Hluttaw committees and secretaries and discussed Hluttaw affairs between the region and the province. In the evening, the Speaker of the Hluttaw hosted a dinner to the guests.

Mr Zhu Longsheng and party left here by air this morning. They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by the deputy speaker and party of Yangon Region Hluttaw.—MNA

## Citizenship Scrutiny Cards issued in Dagon Myothit (South and North)

NAY PYI TAW, 21 March—Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population U Kyaw Kyaw Win enjoyed the issuance of census and Citizenship Scrutiny Card to local people with Moe Pwint Project (2) by Immigration and National Registration

Department, in Dhammayon of 54 ward in Dagon Myothit (South), Yangon, on 19 March.

There, the deputy minister explained the issuance under Moe Pwint projects and presented the cards to each local.

After that, he also visited the issuance of census and Citizenship Scrutiny Card with Moe Pwint Project (2) in Ngarmanaung Phayagyi Dhammayon in 33 ward in Dagon Myothit (North).

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In the afternoon, the shoe making contest was held at the Myanmar Industry Association Office of UMFCCI.

The contests were attended by Director-General U Win Shein of Factories and General Labour Law Inspection Department and officials.

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## UEC Chairman meets State/district/township sub-commission members



**UEC Chairman U Tin Aye meets members of Kachin State Election Sub-commission, Mohnyin and Bhamo District Sub-commissions and Mogaung, Phakant and Bhamo Township Sub-commissions.**—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 March—Chairman of the Union Election Commission U Tin Aye met with members of Kachin State Election Sub-commission, Mohnyin and Bhamo District Sub-commissions and Mogaung, Phakant and Bhamo Township Sub-

commissions at the city hall in Myitkyina yesterday afternoon.

Chairman of the Union Election Commission U Tin Aye instructed them to compile the correct and complete voters list for the by-election to be held on 1 April, allow the eligible voters to cast votes in advance in line with the law, allow the remaining voters to cast secret votes, count ballots in the presence of the Hluttaw candidate, representatives of ballot booth and witnesses and take proper security measures for the election.

Officials of the State/District and Township Sub-commissions reported on preparations for holding the by-election.

Next, the Chairman of the UEC gave instructions on holding free and fair election.

Chairman of the commission U Tin Aye in the afternoon met Kachin State government at the state government office and heard reports on cooperation of the government for holding the by-election presented by State Chief Minister U La John Ngan Hsai and state ministers.—MNA

## Laotian Public Works and Transport Minister visits Nay Pyi Taw, Bagan, Pakokku, Yangon

NAY PYI TAW, 21 March—Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint received Minister of Public Works and Transport Mr Sommad Pholsena and party of Lao People's Democratic Republic at the ministry, here, on 16 March morning.

They discussed cooperation in construction of Mekong River Crossing Myanmar-Laos Friendship Bridge. The Union Minister hosted a dinner to the Laotian Minister at Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Amara.

On 17 March, the Laotian Minister and party viewed Leinli Suspension Bridge

and Gems Museum.

They also paid homage to Shwezigon and Bu Pagodas in Bagan.

On 18 March, they also paid obeisance to Ananda Pagoda in Bagan, Thihoshin and Shwekutake Pagodas in Pakokku. Next, they viewed construction of Shwechaung Bridge No. 1 and AyeYawady Bridge (Pakokku).

After that, they visited Bagan Cultural Museum, Gubyaukgyi Temple, Manuha Pagoda and U Ba Nyein Lacquerware Industry.

On 19 March, they paid homage to Shwedagon Pagoda in Yangon.—MNA

## Union Mines Minister meets Board Director of Tasaki Shinju Co

NAY PYI TAW, 21 March—Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik received a delegation led by Board Director and Chief Financial Officer Mr Takaya Iida of Tasaki Shinju Co Ltd, at his office here this morning.

At the call, they discussed the matters

relating to joint venture between Myanmar Pearl Production and Myanmar Tasaki Co Ltd, extension of contract for pearl oyster breeding and pearl production, boosting pearl oyster breeding and pearl production yearly and boosting production of gold- and silver-coloured pearls.—MNA

## Contract for purchase of materials for national grid and main sub-power stations projects signed

THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR  
MINISTRY OF ELECTRIC POWER ၂၀(၂)  
THE SIGNING CEREMONY OF CONTRACT BETWEEN  
MYANMA ELECTRIC POWER ENTERPRISE  
AND  
POWER GRID CORPORATION OF INDIA LTD  
FOR



**Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe at the signing of contract between Myanmar Electric Power Enterprise and Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd.**—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 March—A ceremony to sign contract for purchase of materials for national grid and main sub-power stations projects between Myanmar Electric Power Enterprise and Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd, took place at the Minister's Office here yesterday evening, with an opening address by Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe.

It was also attended

by Union Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein, Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay, deputy ministers, Deputy Attorney-General, departmental heads and officials from Power Grid Corporation.

That contract is for purchase of materials to be used in related national grid of Thahtay Creek

hydropower project and sub-power stations in Rakhine State, which will be implemented with India's loan of USD 64.07 million.

After that, Director (Pets) Mr I S JHA of Power Grid Corporation spoke words of thanks. Managing Director U Khin Maung Zaw of Myanmar Electric Power Enterprise and the director signed and exchanged documents.

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## Two Hluttaw representatives to attend KPI Congress

YANGON, 21 March—Chairman of National Planning Committee Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Zaw Myint Pe and Secretary of Pyithu Hluttaw Bill Committee Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Saw Hla Tun left here by air this morning to

attend the 13<sup>th</sup> KPI Congress to be held in Bangkok of Thailand from 22 to 24 March.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Deputy Speaker of Yangon Region Hluttaw U Tin Aung and party.—MNA

## Patheintu Vessel capsizes, leaving 10 passengers dead

NAY PYI TAW, 21 March—Patheintu (11) Vessel running the route between Pathein Township and Thayettaw Village of Ngaputaw Township of Ayeyawady Region accidentally capsized in Ngawun River at 3 pm yesterday.

The vessel left Pathein at 1 pm yesterday. On arrival at Kaseik Village of Okpon Yekyaw Village-tract in Ngaputaw Township, the vessel capsized at the jetty trying to dock for the passengers at 3 pm.

In the incident, ten passengers died, and 72 passengers and three crew members were rescued alive. Of them, six passengers were rushed to the hospital to provide medical treatments to them.

The respective region government rendered assistance to the families of dead persons and those of patients from the watercraft accident. At present, tasks are being carried out for salvage of the watercraft.—MNA

## Taing Ayeya free clinic opened

NAY PYI TAW, 21 March—Taing Ayeya Free Clinic in No. 2 Ward, Pathein jointly run by Ayeyawady Region government and social organizations was commissioned into service today, with an address by Region Social Affairs Minister U San Maung.

The contribution to the

clinic amounted to K 12.1 million including K 5 million by Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung and wife Daw Khin Htay Myint, K 2.5 million by Sympathy social organization, K 0.5 million by the region Union Solidarity and Development Party and K 0.1 million by the region Maternal and Child Welfare

Supervisory Committee. The Truck Owners Association donated 32-inch colour TV to the clinic.

The region chief minister viewed the clinic and met the rector, pro-rectors, faculty heads and instructors of Pathein University in the noon.

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### Rakhine State Sasana Nuggaha Association puts up signboard



SITTAWAY, 21 March—A ceremony to put up the signboard of Buddha Sasana Nuggaha Association, organized by Myanmar Border and Hilly Theravada Buddhist Sasana Nuggaha Association, was held in the eastern wing of U Ottama Park in Sittway of Rakhine State on 26 February.

It was attended by Ovadaçariya of Rakhine State Sasana Nuggaha Association Theravada Buddhist Missionary (Central) Centre Khemamandaing Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Visuddhi.

Chairman of the State Association U Shwe Ba Thein and executives, staff of the State Religious Affairs Department and guests participated in the putting up of the signboard.—*Myanma Alin*

### Loans disbursed to vendors in Shwegin

SHWEGYIN, 21 March—In realizing the rural development and poverty alleviation programme, Shwegin Township Development Affairs Committee of Bago Region disbursed loans to vendors of the Development Market on 28 February morning.

### CSCs issued to eligible citizens in Mingaladon Township

YANGON, 21 March—According to Moe Pwint-2 Plan, Head of Mingaladon Township Immigration and National Registration Department U Khin Maung Swe and staff on 16 March made a field trip of issuance for citizenship scrutiny cards.

They issued citizenship scrutiny cards to eligible citizens at Mingaladon Market Ward of Mingaladon Township, Yangon North District, under the

supervision and assistance of Yangon Region INRD U Ye Tun Oo, Head of District INRD U Maung Maung Than, Region Hluttaw representative Dr Thet Tin and Ward Administrator U Ye Win Aung.

The staff members of the department issued the cards to the eligible persons, and STAR soft drinks sponsored the cost of the applicants in the work process.

*Township IPRD*



The committee presented K 1 million disbursements by sharing K 50,000 loans each to the vendors at its office.

Later, Executive Officer U Win Hlaing of Township DAC gave the loans to the vendors individually.

*Myanma Alin*

## DISTRICT NEWS

### 44 women athletes actively taking part in 8-ball championship

YANGON, 21 March—With the aim of securing gold medals in the 8-ball women's event in the XXVII SEA Games to be hosted by Myanmar, the First ABC National Women's Poll 8-Ball Championship, organized by Myanmar Billiards and Snooker Federation under the Ministry of Sports, is in progress with the sponsorship of Myanmar Brewery Ltd at Kokkine Swimming Club in Bahan Township of Yangon Region beginning 10 March.

Officials of the Ministry of Sports, the president and executives of Myanmar Billiards and Snooker Federation and experts of women's sports satisfied the active and excellent performances of new

generation 8-ball women players in the championship.

The outstanding players with wonderful skills and talent will be camped for the XXVII SEA Games.

Co-sponsors Phobos, 100 Plus Energy, MDG, Gold Roast, Citygn Enterprise, Canon, Haien, Ambur Electronic Co Ltd and Kokkine Swimming Club generously provide necessary assistance for the championship with a view to holding the Women's Poll 8-ball Championship for the first time in Myanmar and enabling the women athletes to conveniently participate in the competitions.

The final match of the championship will be held at the swimming club on 25 March afternoon.

*Kyemon*

## Helping out the cursed waters

by Nathan

*Inlay Lake has a unique style.*

XINHUA

Count the things that represent Myanmar to the rest of world. Inlay Lake and its leg-rowers will surely top the list. For years, it has been one of the most significant sites of ecotourism of the country.

Against the panoramic background of mountain ranges, the stretching area of pure blue water was so inviting for both foreign tourists and even local visitors. Doubtlessly, Inlay has still many things to explore. Leg-rowing denizens of the lake, locally known as Inthars, themselves are unique. We can throw ourselves into very local atmosphere at its floating market. Man-made islands with vegetable patches are at the leading edge of civilization. PhaungdawU Buddha Images have many endless stories. We can also enjoy hard-fought boat race annually held during the Pagoda Feast.

Four years ago, we thought the Inlay

Lake would ever be the same as usual. Human settlement, agricultural wastes, increased tourism, climate change, and deforestation are the things that darken and even somewhat poison the water of the lake, which is a landmark of the country. The area of the lake is becoming narrower and narrower. Lower rainfall around the country last year also reduced its water level. Lesser water generated greater population.

The pH level of the water of Inlay Lake is around 9, says a February report of the Fisheries Department, narrowing the chances for survivability of biodiversity in the lake.

Many scare Inlay will become only a chronicle. President U Thein Sein may be one among them. He stressed the need to establish a fund for conservation of the natural lake on his trip to the lake on 9 March. The President introduced a plan to



manage growing human settlement in the lake under village plan. Deforestation in water-shed area of the lake must be remedied with reforestation, he said.

Not so far from the Inlay Lake, there is another water under the curse of tourism and human encroachment. Taungthaman Lake in Mandalay Region is especially known for U Pein Bridge, the world's longest and oldest teak bridge crossing over, boasting how Myanmar was rich in timber resources. The lake was dug in Mandalay Era to irrigate surrounding farmlands. In most stories set in Mandalay, Taungthaman always has its scene. Fried snack shops beside the lake usually occupy the talks about the lake. But, the lake is now occupied by wastes from tourism and lakeside restaurants. A Mandalarian argues, Taungthaman is full with plastic bags. Climate change narrows the water coverage area of the lake. Imagine a lake with less water and much waste. It is

Taungthaman Lake.

Myanmar is blessed with freshwater. But, it will not be going on like this. These are signals indicating water resources of the country are not invulnerable. To be optimistic, the awareness of environmental conservation has been increased inside the country.

The world celebrates World Water Day 2012 on 22 March with the message of Water and Food Security. United Nations this year interconnects the freshwater and food production. Two third the global population could live under water stressed conditions in 2025, according to campaign video clip of UN Water. The estimate is shocking.

It is in dire need to conserve the freshwater resources in our hands. Reforestation, responsible tourism and environmentally sustainable society may best save our beloved waters.



*U Pein Bridge spans over Taungthaman Lake.—XINHUA*

## Cultivation of Paethwe hybrid paddy strain explained

YANGON, 21 March—An educative farming work on cultivation of Paethwe hybrid paddy strain through good agricultural pattern was explained to the officials and local farmers on 10-acre farmlands of farmer U Soe Min in Sitpin Village-tract in Hlegu Township of Yangon Region on 16 March morning.

Yangon Region Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Tin Win, Region Minister for Agriculture and Livestock Breeding U Soe Min and Head of Yangon Region Myanmar Agriculture Department explained cultivation of 10-acre Paethwe hybrid paddy through good agricultural pattern, prospects to produce



200 baskets of paddy per acre on fertile farmlands and thriving of paddy plants.

Head of Township Myanmar Agriculture Department U Zaw Lin reported on soil preparations and nurturing of paddy

saplings on the soil dykes.

The officials replied to questions raised by local farmers. Later, they all observed thriving Paethwe paddy plantation on 10-acre farmlands.

Myanma Alin

## Auction funds over K 32 million to Shwemawdaw Pagoda

BAGO, 21 March—The Buddha Pujaniya of Shwemawdaw Pagoda is held in Bago annually. Likewise, this year's Pujaniya will be organized on a grand scale with festivities, charity fairs and shopping stalls that will last 10 days beginning 8<sup>th</sup> Waxing of Tagu.

Last year, the Pagoda Board of Trustees allotted the plots for theatrical drama troupes through competitive bidding system. The price of hiring the land plots hit over tens of thousands in kyats. Therefore, the theatrical drama troupes embraced only losses.

This year, the Pagoda

Board of Trustees and theatrical drama groups held coordination to hire the plots at K4.5 million each to be funded to the pagoda so that the audiences will not cost much expense for enjoying the performance of the drama troupes.

As such, Swan Theatrical Dram Troupe will perform entertainments at the theatre No. 1 and Po Chit Theatrical Drama Troupe at the theatre No. 2 on the northern ward of the Pagoda Road while Moe Min and Hanza Moe Win Theatrical Drama Troupes will present performances at No. 3 theatre and Thunder Birds at No. 4

theatre on the southern ward.

The Thunder Bird troupe must donate K 1.3 million to the fund of the pagoda.

Myint Thamada roller-coaster No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3 and Kyaw Yadana San roller-coaster No. 1 and No. 2 met in the competitive bidding system to hire the land plot from the Pagoda Board of Trustees. As a result, the price of land plot rose to K 6.5 million for Myint Thamada and K 11 million for Kyaw Yadana San.

At the auction, they donated K 32.3 million to the fund of the pagoda.

Kyemon

## Fire drills exercised at Wundwin Market



WUNDWIN, 21 March—Fire preventive measures are being taken in various townships across the nation.

On 8 March, talks on carrying out of sanitation, systematic keeping of fire extinguishers and incidents of fire outbreaks were given to the families at the market of Wundwin Township Development Affairs Committee.

Personnel of Fire Services Department and members of Market Auxiliary Fire Brigade participated in the fire drill with the use of modern fire extinguishers and fire engines.

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## DISTRICT NEWS

### International Women's Day observed in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 21 March—The ceremony to mark the International Women's Day was observed at No. 1 Pre-Primary School on 27<sup>th</sup> Street between 68<sup>th</sup> and 69<sup>th</sup> Streets in Mandalay Region on 17 March.

Deputy Director Daw Aye Thein of Mandalay Region Department of Social Welfare delivered an opening address.

Afterwards, Director Daw Kathy of CDEC explained facts about the history on emergence of International Women's Day.

Two National Literary

## Measles vaccination to be provided to children 22-31 March

NAY PYI TAW, 21 March—The clarification on age-wise measles vaccination was made at the hall of Township General Administration Department in Tatkon of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 15 March morning.

At the meeting, Township Administrator U Aye Lu made a speech.

Then, head of Township Health Department Dr Tun Tun explained age-wise measles vaccination programme for 2012.

According to his clarifications, the children, who have already received vaccination of measles or not, must take more vaccination for prevention

against measles in the programme.

Measles vaccination will be provided to 20757 children from nine months to five years of wards and villages in Tatkon Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area from 8 am to 4 pm from 22 to 31 March.

Myanma Alin

## Computer entrepreneurs leave for India

YANGON, 21 March—A team comprising responsible persons of companies led by Executive U Thein Tun Pe of Myanmar Computer Entrepreneurs Association left here by air on 19 March to attend the INDIASOFAT 2012 to be organized by the Electronics and Computer Software Export Promotion Council (ESC) of India at Hyderabad Interantional Convention Centre in Hyderabad India from 21 to 23 March.



They were seen off at the Yangon International Airport by Vice-Chairmen Daw Than Than Tint and U

Htin Aung Khaing of Myanmar Computer Entrepreneurs Association.

Aung Aung

## Strict plan to prevent throwing of garbage into Hline River

YANGON, 21 March—A strict programme is being realized not to throw garbage into Hline River, said a responsible person of Bagaya Brokerage.

The discipline enforcement team of the brokerage strictly inspects the throwing of garbage. The team

took action against the offender that if one was found in throwing garbage into the river for the first time, a person was punished K 10,000 fine, and the second time, fine will be K 20,000.

At present, action is taken against the offender K 20,000 fine for the first time.

and sugarcane shops. They have to systematically throw garbage into three large motorboats with capacity of 1000 baskets of paddy each. The motorboats gather the garbage twice a day. The discipline enforcement team does not allow the shopkeepers not only to pile the garbage on the pavements but also to throw garbage into the river.

The vinyl boards are put up to prevent undisciplined throwing of garbage and the environmental conservation teams strictly supervise systematic throwing of litters, he said.

Bagaya Brokerage is located along Hline River Bank in Kyimyindine Township and constituted with over 120 shops of selling coconuts, bananas, sugarcane and other foods.

Htet Khaing (Sangyoung)

For the second time, the permit of hiring the shop will be withdrawn from the offender.

Now, the brokerage comprises coconut, banana

## Talk on age-wise vaccination of measles given

YANGON, 21 March—A township level talk on age-wise vaccination of measles 2012 was held at the hall of Township General Administration Department in Htantabin Township of Yangon Region on 15 March.

At first, Township Administrator U Ngwe Doe made a speech before the talks.

Head of Township Health Department Dr Khin Manung Tin explained matters related to vaccination of measles.—Myanma Alin

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### CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV ASIAN LEADER VOY NO (13)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV ASIAN LEADER VOY NO (13) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 22.3.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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### India's left-wing Naxals to release one Italian hostage

NEW DELHI, 21 March — India's left-wing Naxal rebels Wednesday offered to release one of the two Italian tourists they have taken hostage in the eastern Indian State of Orissa, if the government meets one of their 13 demands, said local TV channel CNN-IBI.

The rebels made the offer in an audio tape sent to the news channel after extending by one day the deadline for government to meet their demands for the safe release of the hostages.

The demands included halting of operations by security forces, scrapping of accords with foreign companies like Korean steel giant Posco and international mining corporate Vednata for land transfer and projects, compensation for the families of Naxal sympathizers killed in police custody and release of about 600 prisoners.

Xinhua

### Dr Conrad Murray says jail food making him ill

WASHINGTON, 21 March — Dr Conrad Murray has alleged that his diet at the Los Angeles County Jail is making him very ill, and he has lost 30lbs through chronic diarrhoea.

The medic is serving four years for the involuntary manslaughter of his former patient, singer Michael Jackson, who died in June 2009 of acute Propofol intoxication.

Dr Murray claims the water in Los Angeles County Jail smells and tastes bad, and that he is living on a diet of "cat food."

According to TMZ.com,

Researchers from the Department of the Navy check a dead blue whale, which is more than 3 metres long, on the beach of Mazatlan, Mexico, on 20 March, 2012.  
XINHUA



### Suspected case of dengue fever reported in S China

ZHUHAI, 21 March— A suspected case of dengue fever has been reported in

Zhuhai, a booming city in south China's Guangdong Province, quarantine authorities said Wednesday.

The patient, a college student in Zhuhai, was hospitalized on 8 March with a high fever, headache and muscle pains.

The patient tested positive for dengue at a medical institution under the Zhuhai Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureau on 12 March, Zheng Zhigang, a bureau spokesman, said at a Press conference.

Zheng said the patient could also be suffering from a relapse of malaria, as he also tested positive for plasmodium falciparum. "However, no malaria parasite was found in his blood sample."

The spokesman said the patient visited Ghana from 14 Jan to 27 Feb. "There, he was diagnosed with malaria on Jan. 25 and received five days of treatment."

The patient experienced flu-like symptoms a week after returning to China.

Zheng said two of the student's friends also contracted malaria during their trip to Ghana. "We have warned them of a potential relapse of the disease in case malaria parasites remain in their bodies."

Dengue is a mosquito-borne, potentially fatal disease that affects between 50 and 100 million people in the tropics and subtropics each year, resulting in fever and muscle and joint aches.—Xinhua

he is buying canned tuna for 4.25 dollars, salmon flakes for 3.50 dollars and canned mackerel for 2.50 dollars to survive on, telling friends only he and the cats are forced to eat canned mackerel.

The doctor is said to be filing multiple appeals in his attempts to get out of jail, mainly because his health is compromised.

However, a spokesperson, Steve Whitmore, for the jail claims conditions are better than other jails in the county.

"All inmates receive the proper nutrition and medical care that is required by law,

but the Sheriff's Dept goes above and beyond what is required," Contact music quoted him as telling TMZ.

In February Dr Murray was denied bail by Superior Court Judge Michael Pastor as he poses a flight risk.

"The bottom line is the defence does not have significant property or employment or family ties in the Los Angeles or California area," the judge said.

"If he were to go to another country, that country might very well allow him to practice medicine," the Judge added.

Internet



Aircraft were sent to bomb ice-jammed flood area in north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, on 20 March, 2012.—XINHUA



A shark swims at an aquarium in 2009. A surfer was recovering Wednesday after being bitten by a shark on Australia's Gold Coast when he fell off his board and landed on the predator.—INTERNET

### Australian surfer attacked by shark

SYDNEY, 21 March—A surfer was recovering Wednesday after being bitten by a shark on Australia's Gold Coast when he fell off his board and landed on the predator.

The animal, believed to be a bull shark, bit Billy O'Leary twice, slicing his flesh down to the bone and severely damaging his Achilles tendon, the Gold Coast Bulletin reported.

O'Leary, 20, managed to get himself ashore at Nobbys Beach where friends bound the wound to stem the bleeding and alerted authorities.

"There were two bites. One is sort of half in his calf, that's taken a big chunk out of that," fellow surfer Tim Windsch told the newspaper.

"The other one is down to his heel. It's just right down to the bone. You could see the

bone."

Chief lifeguard Warren Young said it appeared O'Leary landed on the bull shark, an aggressive species known for its tendency to attack humans.

"He feels like he perhaps landed on it he's come off his board and landed on it doing an aerial," Young said.

"That's what he's said to us, so maybe he's landed on it

and it's reacted.

"Being a small shark and the water's a bit discoloured, you're not going to see it...we think it was perhaps a bull shark." Sharks are common in Australian waters but fatal attacks are rare, with just 27 people killed in the past 22 years.

The Gold Coast is a popular tourist destination and attracts hordes of local and international visitors every year.—Internet



Locals gather around a school bus that crashed into a canal in Khammam District of southern Indian State of Andhra Pradesh, India, on 20 March, 2012. At least 14 schoolchildren were killed and 18 others were injured in the accident on Tuesday, said police.—XINHUA

### Australian zoo probes mystery rhino deaths

SYDNEY, 21 March—An Australian outback zoo was Wednesday investigating the sudden and mystifying deaths of four white rhinos who showed "neurologic abnormalities" like stumbling.

The Taronga Western Plains Zoo, a safari-style animal park about 400 kilometres (248 miles) west of Sydney, said toxins, bacterial infection, snake venom and organ failure had so far been ruled out in the deaths.

"Currently tests are underway to investigate possible viral causes, although several types including Hendra virus and West Nile virus have also been ruled out," the zoo said in a statement.

As a precaution, it said its

remaining three white rhinos "have been removed from display and placed in a quarantine area at the zoo. They are being closely monitored by keeping staff and the veterinary team".

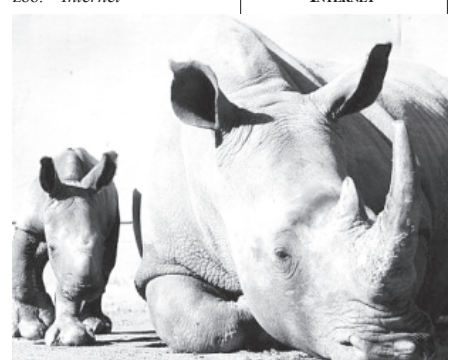
The animals all died "over the past couple of weeks".

The zoo said a team of vets was working "around the clock" with specialists from Africa and North America, virologists and pathologists to try to determine what had killed the rare African creatures.

It said that no other species at the zoo had been affected and the rest of its animals were in good health.

"Obviously the rhino keepers and veterinary staff

know and care for every individual in the herd, so this has been a huge shock and we're all very sad," said Matt Fuller, general manager of the zoo.—Internet



This file photo, released by Australia Zoo, shows a day old baby rhino, with her mother, an endangered Southern White Rhinoceros, at an Australian Zoo, in 2011.  
INTERNET

### Woman finds feather in McNuggets

An Indiana woman said she found what she believes to be a feather in one of the chicken McNuggets she purchased from McDonald's. Raquel House said she bought the four-piece McNuggets Tuesday from the McDonald's on Cassopolis Street in Elkhart and she discovered the feather-like object when she took a bite from the second nugget, WBND-TV, South Bend, reported on Thursday.

"I started to feel like there was hair in my mouth, and that's when I saw that there was white hair on my tongue; and I looked at my food, and there was feathers coming off the nugget," House said. She said the incident has left her feeling nauseous. "I was really upset, I mean, now I've kind of calmed down but to me this is just being a responsible citizen in our community and that's just letting people know what's going on," House said.



An Indiana woman said she found what she believes to be a feather in one of the chicken McNuggets she purchased from McDonald's.

## News Album

### Girl, 14, gets into Florida real estate

A 14-year-old Canadian girl has become half-owner of a Florida rental home by scavenging items, repairing and selling them online. Willow Tufano told the Toronto Star she got the idea from her mother, Shannon Moore, a Toronto real estate broker who began buying Florida properties during the mortgage foreclosure crunch in 2008.

She said at first she didn't know what she was saving money for, but when her mother mentioned interest in a \$12,000 bungalow in Port Charlotte, Fla, she decided to get involved. Mother and daughter each put up half,

spent \$15,000 on repairs and renovations on the home once valued at \$100,000 and have rented it out to a married couple for \$700 per month, the Star said.

Tufano is still scavenging, refurbishing and selling items online with a goal to eventually buy her mother out, although Florida law requires a landowner to be at least 18 years old. Meanwhile, she's learning landlord skills and has put her online buying and selling to work — when the tenants' dryer broke down, Tufano found one for sale nearby the same day, the report said.

### 'Big Data' the most confusing tech term

The Texas-based Global Language Monitor has named "big data" and "the cloud" as the most confusing tech words of the decade thus far. The Austin-based organization said "big data," an unclear term for large amounts of data, and "the cloud," which the Global Language Monitor called a "nebulous" term related to cloud computing, are the top two most confusing tech buzzwords since 2010.

"High tech terms have long spilled into popular culture and this is nowhere more evident than at SXSW [the South by Southwest technology and pop culture festival] where the digital world intersects with those of music and the movies," said Paul JJ Payack, president of Global Language Monitor. "To a large and growing extent, high tech buzzwords are fueling the growth of English, which now serves as the Earth's means of global communication." The group said its list of unclear tech terms from this decade also include "the next big thing," "social discovery," "Web 2.0," "solid state" and "CERN," the acronym for the European Organization for Nuclear Research.



Actress Jennie Garth, right, and her husband actor Peter Facinelli.—INTERNET

### Divorce is the right thing: Jennie Garth

LONDON, 21 March—Actress Jennie Garth is convinced she and her estranged husband Peter Facinelli are doing the right thing by splitting after 11 years of marriage.

Fans were stunned 13 March when the couple announced about their divorce. The actress admits she is dreading life as a single mother, but she's adamant the couple has made the best decision for its three young children, reports dailystar.co.uk

"Being out here on my own with the girls is not going to be easy, but I know it's the right thing for us right now. I feel it in my heart. I'm excited about what's next," said the actress in a clip from a reality TV show.

Garth and Facinelli issued a follow-up statement after confirming the divorce news to deny rumours the Twilight star's alleged infidelity was the reason for the split.—Internet

### After release, George Clooney calls for action

LONDON, 21 March—Actor George Clooney has called on the US government officials to take action to prevent the starvation crisis in South Sudan following his arrest in Washington Friday morning.

The Hollywood star and his journalist father Nick were placed in handcuffs and driven away by secret service agents after they ignored three

requests from cops to leave the area of a humanitarian protest.

The actor, who gave a speech on the steps of the Sudanese embassy, was arrested with his father and 13 fellow protesters after they refused to clear the area and were charged with disorderly crossing a police line.

As he was led away, Clooney admitted his arrest

was a deeply humiliating thing, reports femalefirst.co.uk

He was released after two hours in custody and held an impromptu press conference with his dad urging the US politicians to act now to put a stop to Sudan's President Omar al-Bashir's ruthless quest for oil and the atrocities he's accused of committing against his own people.

Clooney warned that the



Actor George Clooney

people of the newly-independent South Sudan faced starvation as they hide out in caves to avoid al-Bashir's attacks and bombing raid on their homes.—Internet



Australian star Dannii Minogue

### Dannii Minogue wants to design for Kate

LONDON, 21 March—Australian star Dannii Minogue says she would love to create a dress for the Duchess of Cambridge.

The former "X Factor" judge created clothing line Project D with her close friend Tabitha Somerset Webb and while Catherine's sister Pippa Middleton has been spotted in two of their dresses previously, they would love the duchess to follow in her footsteps.

"There's probably not a brand in town that wouldn't want to dress the Duchess of Cambridge. She's an iconic, gorgeous girl and if she ever chose to wear Project D, we would be incredibly flattered," contactmusic.com quoted Minogue as saying.

Internet

### Kate Perry toughens up

LONDON, 21 March—American singer and actress Kate Perry is showing off her fighting spirit following her split from Russell Brand by posing as a crack commando in her new military-themed promo.

The actress is currently in the midst of a divorce after their 14-month marriage.

She has maintained a dignified silence about the failed relationship since the split but has clearly decided to toughen up her public image.

The pop star is seen wielding a machine gun, marching in formation, and engaging in hand-to-hand combat with other recruits, reports dailystar.co.uk.

Internet



American singer and actress Kate Perry

### Jessie J 'secretly dating' rapper Tinie Tempah

LONDON, 21 March—Jessie J has been meeting up Tinie Tempah for secret dates, according to some of her friends.

The 23-year-old singer who is a mentor on BBC's new show 'The Voice' - recently stayed at Tempah's East London flat before she went on tour to Australia.

"They had a few big nights out and realised they were attracted to each other," the Sun quoted a pal as saying.

"Jessie started going over to see Tinie at his place when they had a day off and one thing led to another. They both like each other a lot," the



Jessie J

friend added. The couple first met on

the showbiz circuit two years ago but their friendship blossomed after they performed together on stage at the Royal Albert Hall last year for the Teenage Cancer Trust.

The singer has been getting rapper's advice during filming of the BBC's new singing contest - which also features Tom Jones, Will.i.am and Danny O'Donoghue.

"Jessie has admitted to a few friends she has a secret boyfriend at the moment, but she has been keeping it close to her chest," a source said.

Internet

### Kimberly Wyatt says she 'meditates for two hours everyday'

WASHINGTON, 21 March—Kimberly Wyatt has revealed that she meditates for two hours every day in her bedroom. The former "Pussycat Dolls" singer has a daily ritual, which she goes through at home in order to feel more calm and relaxed.

"I meditate for around two



Kimberly Wyatt

hours every day. I put a lovely prayer shawl I got from Bali around my shoulders and sit on the bed with my essential oils - especially white angelica and angel cards, which I look at for inspiration," Contactmusic.com quoted her as telling Now magazine.

Wyatt - who has previously claimed she was abused as a child - says she feels more liberated since visiting a spiritual healer who taught her how to channel her emotions positively.

"I had a crazy past - growing up wasn't easy and a few years ago I reached a point where I wanted to learn more about forgiveness," she added.—Internet

## Now a Bronco, Manning says hello to his new team

DENVER, 21 March—John Elway flashed that mile-wide grin and turned the microphone over to his new quarterback, Peyton Manning.

Talk about a powerful pair.

Introducing Manning as the newest Denver Bronco on Tuesday, the two Super Bowl winners each talked about hoisting another Lombardi Trophy, this time together. And soon.

"I realize I don't have 14 years left, by any means," Manning said. "This isn't something where I'm just building a foundation to do something in two years or three years. This is a 'now' situation. We're going to do whatever we can to win right now. That's all I'm thinking about right now."

Just so long as Manning's surgically repaired neck goes along with the plan. Neither he nor Elway has a doubt it will, and the Hall of Famer-turned-executive knew the NFL's only four-time MVP was just what his club needed.

The franchise has won just two playoff games since



From left, Denver Broncos owner Pat Bowlen, newly-signed quarterback Peyton Manning and executive vice president of football operations John Elway pose for photos during an NFL football news conference at the team's headquarters in Englewood, Colo on 20 March, 2012.—INTERNET

Elway's career came to an end with a second straight Super Bowl triumph in 1999.—Internet

*Juventus' players celebrate their qualification for the final at the end of the return match of the semi-finals of the Cup of Italy match between Juventus and AC Milan in Juventus stadium in Turin.—INTERNET*



## Vucinic sends Juve into Italian Cup final

TURIN, 21 March—Mirko Vucinic's extra-time strike sent Juventus into their first Italian Cup final since 2004 following a 2-2 draw with AC Milan on Tuesday, giving them a 4-3 aggregate victory. Milan had forced

extra-time by leading 2-1 after 90 minutes but ultimately paid for their semi-final, first leg defeat at home last month.

Veteran Alessandro Del Piero had given Juve a first-half lead but second period goals from Djamel Mesbah, his first for Milan, and Maxi Lopez forced the extra period.

Vucinic's goal ensured Juve still have not been beaten this season in 32 games, although they would have

lost had the match ended after 90 minutes. It meant first blood to Juve against the team against whom they're also fighting for the Serie A title.

"Going through means a lot to us, we're really proud," said goalscorer Del Piero.

"I'm delighted for tonight, as much for my goal as for qualification.

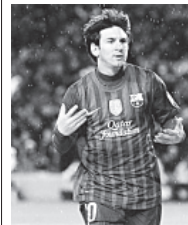
"We're here fighting on both fronts and we'll fight to the end."—Internet

## With hat trick, Messi sets Barcelona goals record

BARCELONA, 21 March—Step aside John Cruyff. Move over Laszlo Kubala, Romario and Ronald Koeman. And, please, don't even mention Ronaldinho.

If anyone doubted who is the best scorer to don Barcelona's burgundy and blue, Lionel Messi ended the debate in emphatic fashion on Tuesday night with a hat trick to become the club's career goals leader.

Messi broke Cesar Rodriguez's 57-year-old Barcelona record, getting his eighth hat trick of the season in Tuesday night's 5-3 Spanish league win over Granada to increase his goals total to 234.



FC Barcelona's Lionel Messi

While Cesar set the mark in 13 seasons from 1942-1955, the 24-year-old Messi needed just under eight campaigns to pass his milestone.

"He is defining an era. He is the best," Barcelona goalkeeper Victor Valdez said of his teammate.

Messi, who made his Barcelona debut in 2004, tied Cesar's record on a left-footed shot in the 17th minute for his 232nd goal, then chipped the goalkeeper for a 3-2 lead in the 67th. He added a goal from a tight angle in the 86th, increasing his season total to a career-best 54.

A three-time FIFA player of the year, Messi has 17 goals during a seven-game scoring streak and leads La Liga with 34 goals, two ahead of Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo.

The hat trick was Messi's 18th for Barcelona and gave him 154 goals in his last 153 games over three seasons. His six hat tricks in La Liga this season tie the record set by Ronaldo last year.

Internet

## US PGA season to start in October from 2013

NEW YORK, 21 March—The US PGA Tour will start its season in October beginning in 2013 and tweak qualifying methods for players as a result, US PGA commissioner Tim Finchem announced on Tuesday.

The 2013-2014 campaign will open in October of next year and conclude with the 2014 Tour Championship, the final event of the tour's playoff

series, after approval of a restructuring plan by the tour's policy board.

Currently, there are several events played over the few weeks after the Tour Championship designed at players trying to crack the season's top 125 on the money list to earn playing rights for the following year.

It was one of those events at Disney World last October where current World No 1

Luke Donald of England won to become the first player to capture the US and European tour money titles in the same season.

Those events now will mark the start of the new season although, coming so soon after the playoff finish, they are unlikely to attract large numbers of top players, who will likely take a break before resuming tour competition.—Internet

*The US PGA Tour will start its season in October beginning in 2013 and tweak qualifying methods for players as a result, US PGA commissioner Tim Finchem, pictured in February 2012, announced on Tuesday.*



INTERNET

## Marseille eliminated by French Cup part-timers

CAEN, 21 March—Crisis-hit French giants Marseille fell to new lows Tuesday with elimination from the French Cup quarter-finals by third-tier part-timers Quevilly.

Quevilly, from the northern French region of Normandy, produced an epic performance in a game played at the home of Ligue 1 club Caen to emerge 3-2 winners after two periods of extra time and thus qualify for the semi-finals.

It is the second time in three seasons that Quevilly have reached the last four of the competition while for Marseille this was a seventh straight defeat in all competitions.

Marseille qualified for the quarter-finals of the Champions League with victory over Inter Milan last week, but at home it's a different story for Didier Deschamps' side.

Relegation-threatened Dijon dented their hopes of securing European football next season with a shock 2-1 win on Saturday, their fifth consecutive league defeat.

It has left them ninth in the table and in danger even of missing out on qualifying for Europe's second-tier club competition, the Europa League.—Internet



*Quevilly's players celebrate at the end of the French Cup football match Quevilly vs. Marseille at the Michel D'Ornano Stadium in Caen. Quevilly won 3 to 2 after extra-time.—INTERNET*



*China's Zhang Shuai plays a forehand against Elena Baltacha of Great Britain during Day 2 of the Sony Ericsson Open at Crandon Park Tennis Center in Key Biscayne, Florida.*

INTERNET

## China's Zhang puts herself in Serena's path

MIAMI, 21 March—Serena Williams, a 13-time Grand Slam champion who has not played a WTA event since a fourth-round Australian Open loss, will face China's Zhang Shuai in her first match at the WTA Miami hardcourt event.

Five-time Miami winner Williams, the 10th seed on the women's side of the \$9.6 million event played in conjunction with an ATP

tournament, learned her opponent on Tuesday after the start of play in the two-week event.

Zhang rallied to eliminate Britain's Elena Baltacha 6-7 (5/7), 6-3, 6-2 in an opening-round match to book a date with former World No 1 Williams, who has been sidelined with a sprained ankle.

Williams, 30, has played in only two tournaments this

year. She withdrew before her Brisbane quarter-final match because of the left ankle injury.

After losing to Russia's Ekaterina Makarova in the round of 16 at Melbourne, Williams saw her only action in winning two singles ties for the United States in a 5-0 Fed Cup World Group II victory over Belarus last month.

Internet

## Manaudou qualifies for Olympics backstroke

DUNKIRK, 21 March—Former Olympic champion Laure Manaudou secured her ticket for the 2012 London Games Tuesday after claiming the French title in the 100 metres backstroke.

Manaudou, the 400m freestyle champion in Athens in 2004, clocked a winning time of 1min 00.16sec. The maximum qualifying time was 1:00.82.



*French swimmer Laure Manaudou celebrates after winning the final of the 100m backstroke in Dunkirk, northern France.*

INTERNET

It was Manaudou's best time in the event since returning to competition in June 2011, just over a year after the birth of her child in April 2010 with fellow French swimming star Frederic Bousquet.

It also means she will compete at her third Olympics, three years after retiring from the sport. Manaudou had a miserable experience

at her last Olympics, in 2008 at Beijing, where she finished eighth and last in the 400m, seventh in the 100m freestyle and failed to qualify for the 200m backstroke final.

Although sure to face stiff competition in the British capital this August, Manaudou was relieved to have qualified.—Internet



**Focus Myanmar TV Programme**

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- The Divine Beverage For You!
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- Music Gallery
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- How to Extract Timber Using Elephant
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- Culture Stage
- News
- 10th International Conference on Computer Application
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- "Myanmar's Beauty and Nature" Beach
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- Myanmar Movie "The Spouse And The Lover"

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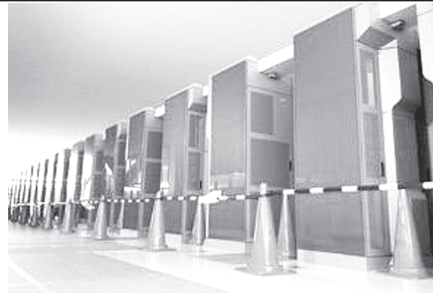
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- 7:40 am
- 2. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:05 am
- 3. Song of National Races
- 8:30 am
- 4. International News
- 8:45 am
- 5. Metta Bhavana By Mingun Sayadaw
- 4:00 pm
- 6. Martial Song
- 5:05 pm
- 7. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 5:30 pm
- 8. Science and Environment
- 6:20 pm
- 9. Documentary
- 6:45 pm
- 10. Myanmar Series
- 7:00 pm
- 11. Approaching Science Discovery World
- 8:00 pm
- 12. News
- 13. Talk Of The Political Parties
- 14. A zealous desire
- 15. TV Drama Series
- 16. TV Drama Series

**Over 300 use China's fastest supercomputer**

BEIJING, 21 March The number of registered users of China's fastest supercomputer has crossed 300, the authorities said.

Companies from the US, Canada, Singapore and Sweden are among the users, according to a press release issued Tuesday by the National Supercomputing Centre in the northern city of Tianjin.

It provides outsourcing services for complex work like mine surveying, bio-



China's fastest supercomputers

informatics, large-data animation design, nuclear fusion energy research and also marine environmental engineering, Xinhua reported. With a processing speed of 2.57 quadrillion operations per second, Tianhe-1A was

ranked fastest in the world in November 2010, but was surpassed by the Japan-developed K Computer last June, according to the Top500 list of the world's most powerful computers.

Internet

**Colombia troops kill 33 rebels as part of new strategy**

BOGOTA, 21 March—Colombian troops killed 33 FARC rebels on Wednesday in an oil-producing region close to the border with Venezuela, the government said, in one of the harshest blows against the drug-funded group in more than a year.

The attack by ground troops with supporting air strikes was carried out as fighters from the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia rested in the plains region of northern Arauca, the government said.

The operation, by Task Force Quiron, forms part of a new strategy by the defense ministry to battle the Marxist guerrillas by destroying key rebel military and financial units as well as tracking down and killing their leaders.

"We are looking for the (FARC units) that have done the most damage to the country," Defence Minister Juan Carlos Pinzon said during a press conference. "These are substantial and permanent hits."

He pledged to keep up the fight against the FARC, as well as the smaller ELN guerrilla group, drug traffickers and crime gangs that evolved from demobilized paramilitary groups.—MNA/Reuters

**Bolton back in action at the weekend**

LONDON, 21 March—Bolton Wanderers will host Blackburn Rovers as scheduled on Saturday in their first Premier League game since midfielder Fabrice Muamba suffered a cardiac arrest in last weekend's FA Cup quarter-final at Tottenham Hotspur.

Muamba remains in intensive care at the London Chest Hospital but Bolton said his family wanted the club to fulfil their fixtures.

"We spoke together with the players as a group this morning and I talked with Fabrice's family last night," manager Owen Coyle told the club website (www.bwfc.co.uk).

"Fabrice's father Marcel and his fiancée Shauna were keen that we fulfil our fixtures. Once the players knew this, there was no doubt in our minds that we

would play the matches."

The club said the abandoned FA Cup tie with Spurs will take place at a date and time to be confirmed by the FA.

Coyle said on Tuesday, after Bolton's league match

at Aston Villa had been postponed, that Muamba's heart was beating without the help of medication. "We remain very much at the beginning of a long-term journey for Fabrice and his family," he added.—Reuters



Tottenham Hotspur's Luka Modric (L) runs with the ball next to Bolton Wanderers' Fabrice Muamba during their English FA Cup quarter-final soccer match at White Hart Lane, in London on 17 March, 2012.—REUTERS

**Generator donated to Kyunsu**

KYUNSU, 21 March—A ceremony to hand over Caterpillar 500 KVA generator, donated by Union Minister for Electric Power No 2 U Khin Maung Soe, was held at Kyunsu Port on 12 March morning.

The generation was donated to supply electricity to Kyunsu of Myeik District in Taninthayi Region.

The ceremony was attended by Township Administrator U Aung Moe, townsenders, departmental officials and members of social organizations.

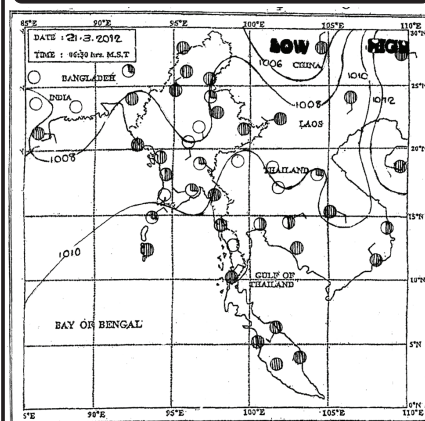
District IPRD



**CSC ISSUED: Mohnyin Township Immigration and National Registration Department made a field trip to grassroots level in implementing Moe Pwint-2 Plan in Nammon Village of Indawgyi Region of Mohnyin Township on 8 March. Head of Township INRD U Thet Oo presents 313 citizenship scrutiny cards to townselder U Win Shwe.**

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**Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas**



Legend for weather symbols:

- MODERATE: ☁️
- ROUGH: ☁️
- VERY ROUGH: ☁️
- Pressure in hPa: 1010, 1005, 1000, 995, 990, 985, 980, 975, 970, 965, 960, 955, 950, 945, 940, 935, 930, 925, 920, 915, 910, 905, 900, 895, 890, 885, 880, 875, 870, 865, 860, 855, 850, 845, 840, 835, 830, 825, 820, 815, 810, 805, 800, 795, 790, 785, 780, 775, 770, 765, 760, 755, 750, 745, 740, 735, 730, 725, 720, 715, 710, 705, 700, 695, 690, 685, 680, 675, 670, 665, 660, 655, 650, 645, 640, 635, 630, 625, 620, 615, 610, 605, 600, 595, 590, 585, 580, 575, 570, 565, 560, 555, 550, 545, 540, 535, 530, 525, 520, 515, 510, 505, 500, 495, 490, 485, 480, 475, 470, 465, 460, 455, 450, 445, 440, 435, 430, 425, 420, 415, 410, 405, 400, 395, 390, 385, 380, 375, 370, 365, 360, 355, 350, 345, 340, 335, 330, 325, 320, 315, 310, 305, 300, 295, 290, 285, 280, 275, 270, 265, 260, 255, 250, 245, 240, 235, 230, 225, 220, 215, 210, 205, 200, 195, 190, 185, 180, 175, 170, 165, 160, 155, 150, 145, 140, 135, 130, 125, 120, 115, 110, 105, 100, 95, 90, 85, 80, 75, 70, 65, 60, 55, 50, 45, 40, 35, 30, 25, 20, 15, 10, 5, 0, -5, -10, -15, -20, -25, -30, -35, -40, -45, -50, -55, -60, -65, -70, -75, -80, -85, -90, -95, -100
- Thunder with rain: ⚡️
- Rain / Drizzle: ☔️
- Even pressure area: ☁️
- Depression: 🌀
- Cyclonic Storm: 🌀

**Weather forecast for 22nd March, 2012**

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F)		Forecast	Percent
		Maximum	Minimum		
1	Kachin	32/90	18/64	Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers	60%
2	Kayah	33/91	15/59	Generally Fair Weather	
3	Kayah	37/99	22/72	Partly cloudy	
4	Chan	23/73	08/46	Generally Fair Weather	
5	Upper Sagaing	34/93	19/66	Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers	60%
6	Lower Sagaing	38/100	21/70	Generally Fair Weather	
7	Tamthayi	36/97	19/66	Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers	60%
8	Bago	35/95	22/72	Partly cloudy	
9	Magway	40/104	23/73	Generally Fair Weather	
10	Mandalay	37/99	24/75	Partly cloudy	
11	Mon	35/95	23/73	Partly cloudy	
12	Yangon	35/95	22/72	Partly cloudy	
13	Rakhine	32/90	24/75	Generally Fair Weather	
14	Southern Shan	28/82	13/55	Generally Fair Weather	
15	Northern Shan	31/88	11/52	Generally Fair Weather	
16	Eastern Shan	31/88	15/59	Generally Fair Weather	
17	Ayeyawady	35/95	23/73	Generally Fair Weather	
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	37/99	21/70	Partly cloudy	
19	Neighbouring Yangon	35/95	22/72	Partly cloudy	
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	37/99	24/75	Partly cloudy	

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today

During the past (24) hours, light rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Upper Sagaing and Bago Regions, weather have been partly cloudy in Yangon and Tamthayi Regions, Kachin, Shan, Rakhine and Mon States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Day temperatures were (°F) to (°C) above March average temperatures in Magway Region, Kachin and Chin States and about March average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperature were Mon (45°C), Chan (41°C) and Magway (40°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: Generally fair in the whole country.

## Pyithu Hluttaw session continues for 17<sup>th</sup> day



Pyithu Hluttaw Representatives sign attendance book.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 March—Pyithu Hluttaw session continued for 17<sup>th</sup> day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Complex here at 2.45 pm today, attended by Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and 315 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives.

One bill was approved at today's session and acceptance of another one informed.

As the amendment on Assistance to Disabled Tatmadawmen and Families of Died or Fallen Tatmadawmen Bill was only for spelling sent by Amyotha Hluttaw on 20 March, the amendment was approved.

It was informed that Pyithu Hluttaw received Bill amending 1955 Government Housing (Expelling) Act sent with amendments by Amyotha Hluttaw on 20 March. The Bill Committee would scrutinize the bill and submit to Hluttaw with its report. Those willing to discuss the bill were to submit their name list not later than 22 March noon, clearly stating "para, subpara, description and fact".

Today's session concluded at 3.05 pm and date for 18<sup>th</sup> day session will be announced later.

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## Amyotha Hluttaw session continues for 17<sup>th</sup> day

NAY PYI TAW, 21 March—Amyotha Hluttaw session continued for 17<sup>th</sup> day at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Complex here at 2.30 pm today, attended by Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and 181 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives.

The Hluttaw was informed that Amyotha Hluttaw Law had been sent by the Pyithu Hluttaw with no amendment as it agreed the law.

Member of Bill Committee Daw Nan Ni Ni Aye submitted the report of the committee on **Important Commodity and Service Bill**.

Those willing to discuss the bill were to submit their name list after today's session which was adjourned at 2.45 pm, clearly stating "para, subpara, description and fact".—MNA



Amyotha Hluttaw representatives seen at 17<sup>th</sup> day session.

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### Post-primary schools upgraded to middle schools (branch) in Myaing Township

NAY PYI TAW, 21 March—"For economic development and regional development, educated human resource is much more important than times and capital. It can contribute much to rural development and poverty alleviation. So, the government is upgrading the schools throughout the country in order that the youth can pursue their middle school level education in their own regions", said Union Minister for Communications, Posts and

Telegraphs U Thein Tun, on March 19, at a ceremony to present the permit of Minister of Education for upgrading post-primary schools to middle schools (branch) in Yarpin village and Myosoe village in Myaing Township, Magway Region.

At the ceremony, the Minister presented the permits to the school heads. Afterwards, the minister's wife donated uniforms for teachers and wellwishers, cash for education fund.—MNA

### Vaccination campaigns against measles launched in Magway

NAY PYI TAW, 21 March—Members of region/district/township Maternal and Child Welfare Organizations led by Magway Region WAO Chairperson Daw Thin Thin Htwe urged the parents in Magway Myoma Market and urban wards of Magway to get their babies aged between nine months and five

years vaccinated against measles yesterday and distributed educative pamphlets to them.

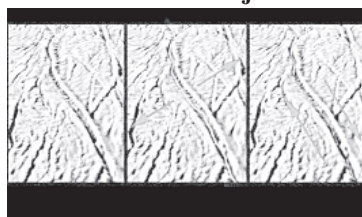
The vaccination campaigns against measles for children between nine months and five years will be conducted simultaneously in Magway Region between 22 and 31 March.—MNA



Amyotha Hluttaw Dy Speaker receives JICA Myanmar Office's senior legal advisor

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### Saturn squeezes a moon, creates water jets



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With hat trick, Messi sets Barcelona goals record

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### Manaudou qualifies for Olympics backstroke



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