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Our Three Main National Causes

- * Non-disintegration of the Union
- * Non-disintegration of National Solidarity
- * Perpetuation of Sovereignty

A world-class Tatmadaw needed

“Our country needs a world-class Tatmadaw. The entire people have to build collectively present Tatmadaw into a strong, efficient, modern and patriotic Tatmadaw. Every citizen is responsible for defending the country. So, the people have to do their bit in national defence duties.”

President U Thein Sein

(Excerpt from the address delivered at the regular session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on 30-3-2011)

Vietnamese President Mr Truong Tan Sang extends warm welcome to President U Thein Sein

NAY PYI TAW, 23 March—A ceremony to welcome President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein by President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Truong Tan Sang was held at the square of the Presidential Palace in Hanoi of Vietnam on 20 March afternoon.

On arrival at the Presidential Palace, President U Thein Sein was cordially greeted by the President of SRV.

After taking positions on the dais, both



President U Thein Sein and President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Truong Tan Sang take salute of the Guard of Honour.—MNA

Myanmar has high potentials in tourism sector investment

Myanmar President

Emergence of road transportation apart from air and sea transport will bring about better communication

SRV President



President U Thein Sein meets President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Truong Tan Sang at the Presidential Palace in Hanoi.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 23 March—President U Thein Sein of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar met President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Truong Tan Sang at Presidential Palace in Hanoi of Vietnam on 20 March.

President U Thein Sein was accompanied by Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Lt-Gen Soe Win, Union Ministers Lt-Gen Ko Ko, U Wunna Maung Lwin, U Myint Hlaing, U Khin Maung Myint, U Win Tun, U Win Myint, U Tint Hsan, Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat, Deputy Health Minister Dr Win Myint, the Myanmar Ambassador to Vietnam, and departmental heads and the Vietnamese President was accompanied by Chairman of the President’s Office Mr Dao Viet Trung, Foreign Affairs

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PERSPECTIVES

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Value parental love

In this world, no one can deny the power of love. Love can be defined differently; romantic love and parental love, for example. But, which is eternal?

Love centering upon a man and a woman can change. However, love centering on children born of a couple never changes. Parental love is unconditional and unlimited in the presence of children. Parental love of many thousands years ago and that of the present time is identical. In the changing course of history, parental love never changes.

The moment you were born as a child of loving parents, you would grow up enjoying parental love for ever. Parents always love their children whether they are old or young, whether they are good or bad, whether they return love or not. In loving their children, parents are second to none. Even though their children have got married and lived separately when growing up, parents would not cease their love.

But sadly, in today's democratic society where individualism is dominating, young people murmur against the generation gap. They sometimes underestimate their parents in terms of knowledge taking advantage of their chances of living in an age of rapid technological advance. Placing much emphasis on material development, they have come to belittle parental love.

So, realizing the priceless parental love, let's try to develop a sense of loving and respecting our parents by taking care of them so long as they live.

Automobile representatives of China to meet Myanmar businessmen

YANGON, 23 March—Led by China Association of Automobile Manufacturers of the People's Republic of China, a 14-member delegation group from eight automobile makers will meet Myanmar businessmen to discuss for cooperation in manufacturing vehicles, accessories, and investment in automobile industry at the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry at 2 pm on 29 March.

Those interested may contact the international relations department of UMFCCI office not later than 28 March.

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President U Thein Sein lays wreathes at National Heroes and Martyrs Mausoleum and Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum



NAY PYI TAW, 23 March—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein, together with the Myanmar delegation members and the Myanmar Ambassador to Vietnam, visited National Heroes and Martyrs Mausoleum in Hanoi, Vietnam at 8:40 am on 21 March.

President U Thein Sein and his entourage were warmly welcomed by Mr. Cao Duc Phat, Vietnamese Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Chu Cong Phung and officials of the Mausoleum.

President U Thein Sein laid wreathes at the National Heroes and Martyrs Mausoleum and at Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum in Hanoi.

After the President had paid tribute to Body of Ho Chi Minh, he left Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum.

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President U Thein Sein lays wreath at Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum in Hanoi.

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Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan receives a delegation led by Secretary General Mr Guillaume Boudy of Ministry of Culture and Communication of France at Ministry of Information.—MNA



Union I&C Minister receives French delegation

NAY PYI TAW, 23 March—Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan received a delegation led by Secretary General Mr Guillaume Boudy of the Ministry of Culture and Communication of France at the Ministry of Information, here, at 9 am today.

At the call, they discussed current situation for cooperation in information and culture sectors between Myanmar and France, long-term tasks, cooperation in information and culture sectors between the two countries, arrangements for signing MoU between the ministries and plan of sending Myanmar delegation to France.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win, Deputy Minister for Culture Daw Sanda Khin, directors-general and managing directors of departments and enterprises under the Ministry of Information and the Ministry of Culture, the head of office and officials.

The French delegation was accompanied by Director of International Affairs Department Mrs Brigitte Favarel of Ministry of Culture and Communication of France, Broadcasting Counsellor Mr Philippe Boudoux of the French Embassy in Hanoi of Vietnam, French Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Thierry Mathou and officials.—MNA



Deputy Minister for Transport U Win Shein and wife being welcomed by Pakistani Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Qazi M. Khalilullah and wife at the reception to mark Pakistan Day which falls on 23 March, held at Chatrium Hotel.—MNA

Union Mines Minister meets delegation of Incevel Investment Group

NAY PYI TAW, 23 March—Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik received a delegation led by Managing Director Dr. Shealdon Greenspan Incevel Investment Group based in New York and London at his office here this morning.

Both sides discussed matters relating to plans for bilateral cooperation in doing mineral exploration, rules and regulations and procedures to make investments and do environmental conservation tasks, as well as arrangements for the experts' meeting of the Ministry and the foreign countries for implementation of the plans step by step.—MNA

Untimely rainfall warning

NAY PYI TAW, 23 March—According to the observations at (12:30) hrs MST today, under the influence of moving from Easterly Wave, rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Mandalay, Bago, Yangon, Ayeeyawady and Taninthayi Regions, Shan, Kayah, Kayin and Mon States within from 24th to 28th March, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—MNA

Man vs Shark: Australia's battle for the deep



Australian surfer Glen Folkard displays the bite mark in his damaged surf board at his home in Newcastle on 23 Feb, 2012 after he was attacked by a shark.—INTERNET

SYDNEY, 23 March— Rolling from his surfboard, blood gushing from the wound where a shark had just ripped a big chunk of flesh from his thigh, Australian Glen Folkard had just one thought: "I'm alive." Folkard, 44, was out beyond the breakers at Redhead Beach, north of Sydney, when a three-metre (9.8 feet) bull shark lunged for his board, knocking him to the water and dragging him beneath the surface locked in its powerful jaws. "It was everything you'd think it would be, just sheer terror," he told *AFP*, five weeks after the savage attack. "He's hit me from underneath, he's grabbed me, he's turned me, took me under and then let go cos I think he had fibreglass in his mouth... and that was my chance." Scrambling to shore, the predator's dark shadow trailing his blood slick all the way, all Folkard could do was ride a wave in and collapse on the sand with a "big mass of yuck" where his thigh once was, but with his life intact. "I just remember rolling off the surfboard onto my back, looking at the sky and just loving life instantly," he said, despite having just lost two kilogrammes (4.4 pounds) of his leg to the ocean predator. "I was laying on my back looking just at the blue sky, going 'I'm alive, I made it' because it was all but over. He was metres away from having a second go."—*Internet*

Interpol issues red notices for Iranians in Indian bombing

NEW DELHI, 23 March—Interpol has issued "red notices" for four Iranians suspected of involvement in a bomb attack near the Israeli embassy in New Delhi, the international police agency said on Thursday.

Indian authorities requested the notices, which instruct police across the globe to arrest the suspects, following the 13 February embassy attack that left an Israeli diplomat seriously injured.

Those wanted are: Mohammadreza Abolghashemi, Houshang Afshar Irani, Seyed Ali Mahdiansadr and Masoud Sedaghatzadeh.

They are all wanted for terrorism related offences, including criminal conspiracy and attempted murder.

"India has ensured that law enforcement officials around the globe are alerted to the wanted status of these fugitives, and therefore reduces their options for international travel," Interpol Secretary General Ronald K. Noble said in a statement.

In the attack, a hitman on a motorbike attached a magnetic



Indian and foreign investigators work at the scene of a vehicle that exploded near the Israeli embassy in New Delhi in February 2012. Interpol has issued "red notices" for four Iranians suspected of involvement in a bomb attack near the Israeli embassy in New Delhi, the international police agency said Thursday.—INTERNET

bomb to the back of an Israeli embassy car carrying the 42-year-old diplomat, who was also the wife of the defence attache at the embassy.—*Internet*

Japan mayors, governors want nuclear safety assurances

TOKYO, 23 March— Most Japanese mayors and governors whose communities host nuclear plants want fresh safety assurances beyond government-imposed stress tests before agreeing to the restart of reactors taken off line after the Fukushima crisis, a *Reuters* poll showed, amid concerns about a looming power crunch this summer.

All but two of Japan's 54 reactors have been taken

off line since the March 2011 nuclear disaster, mostly for checks or maintenance, and the remaining pair will be shut by early May.

Nuclear power supplied about 30 percent of Japan's electricity before the crisis and the government is keen to get some up and running again before electricity demand peaks in the summer.

But Prime Minister

Yoshihiko Noda has vowed to get the understanding of local residents, many made wary by the world's worst nuclear accident in 25 years, before getting the go-ahead.

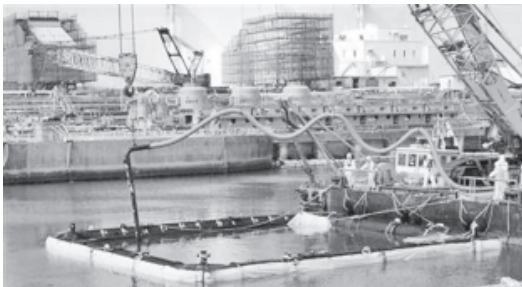
Trade Minister Yukio Edano said on Friday he hoped Japan could get through the peak season without mandatory power restrictions such as those imposed last year in eastern and northeastern Japan. But he also said the

possibility of power shortages should not affect decisions on reactor restarts.

"On safety checks (of nuclear power plants), I have said that this should not be influenced by any timing or other conditions," Edano told a news conference.

The poll of 21 mayors and 13 governors whose localities host Japan's 54 nuclear reactors showed that nine mayors were willing to approve restarts on condition of added safety assurances or steps. Eight mayors were undecided but also want similar steps.

Reuters



A field test is being carried out in front of the intake channel of Tokyo Electric Power Co. INTERNET

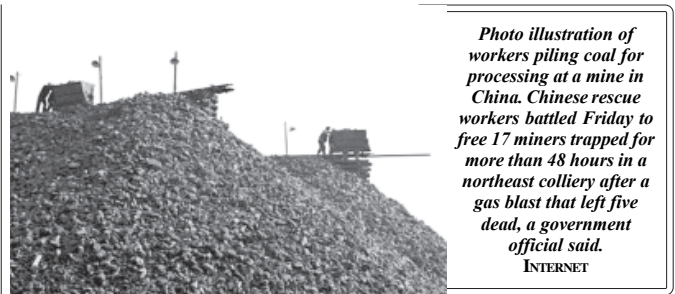


Photo illustration of workers piling coal for processing at a mine in China. Chinese rescue workers battled Friday to free 17 miners trapped for more than 48 hours in a northeast colliery after a gas blast that left five dead, a government official said. INTERNET

Race to rescue 17 trapped in China coal mine

BEIJING, 23 March—Chinese rescue workers battled Friday to free 17 miners trapped for more than 48 hours in a northeast colliery after a gas blast that left five dead, a government official said. The explosion on Thursday, in a coal mine in Liaoning Province, killed five workers and injured a sixth, the official, surnamed Liang, told *AFP*.

State-run broadcaster CCTV reported Friday that rescue workers had managed to locate the 17 missing workers, who were trapped around 50 metres (165 feet) away from the mine's entrance.

China's mines are known for being among the deadliest in the world due to lax regulation, corruption and inefficiency, and accidents

are common as safety is often neglected by bosses seeking a quick profit.

Last week, 13 people died after a capsule plunged into a pit at an iron ore mine in eastern China after a steel rope holding it broke.

And in February, 15 miners were killed and another three injured when a tramcar derailed in a coal mine in central China.

Latest figures show that 2,433 people died in coal mining accidents in the country in 2010 — a rate of more than six workers per day.

Labour rights groups, however, say the actual death toll is likely to be much higher, partly due to under-reporting of accidents as mine bosses seek to limit their economic losses and avoid punishment.—*Internet*

Two injured in Mexico quake have died, mayor says

MEXICO CITY, 23 March— Two people caught in this week's big earthquake died Thursday, the first deaths reported from the 7.4-magnitude temblor that damaged hundreds of homes in southern Mexico and caused panic far off in the national capital.

Salvador Cruz Castro, mayor of the Cuajinicuilapa municipality in Guerrero State, said one of the victims died from injuries caused by a wall falling on him and the other died of complications for a heart attack suffered during the quake.

Tuesday's earthquake was centered near the border between the southern states of Guerrero and Oaxaca. It caused about 60 houses to collapse and damaged about 800 more homes.

The quake was one of the strongest in Mexico since an 8.1-magnitude temblor killed an estimated 10,000 people in Mexico City in 1985.

Aftershocks, including a moderate 5.2-magnitude shake, rattled central Mexico on Thursday. The US Geological Survey said the aftershocks were centered in the same area as Tuesday's strong quake.

Internet



Relatives of the victims of a building collapse accident wait at a hospital in Corrientes of Corrientes Province, Argentina, on 22 March, 2012. XINHUA

Building collapse kills seven in Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, 23 March— At least seven people were killed and three others injured when a building under construction collapsed on Thursday in the northern Argentine City of Corrientes, police said.

All the dead were construction workers, among whom four died at the site and three passed away in hospital, local news agency *Dyn* quoted police and medical services as saying.

Investigation is under way over the tragedy, which occurred when the workers were installing a water tank.

Xinhua

Vietnamese President Mr Truong Tan Sang extends warm welcome...

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Presidents took the salute of the Guard of Honour.

The State Band played the national anthems of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

President U Thein Sein and the Vietnamese President inspected the Guard of Honour.

The Vietnamese President presented his entourage to President U Thein Sein who also introduced his entourage to the Vietnamese President.

Both Presidents took the salute of the Guard of Honour and then, the welcoming ceremony came to an end.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Lt-Gen Soe Win, Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing, Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint, Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun, Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint, Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism and for Sports U Tint Hsan, Chief Minister of Shan State U Sao Aung Myat, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint and Myanmar Ambassador to Vietnam U Thet Oo.

Likewise, Chairman of the President Office of the



Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Dao Viet Trung, Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Pham Binh Minh, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development Mr Cao Duc Phat, Minister of Construction Mr Trinh Dinh Dung, deputy ministers, Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Chu Cong Phung and ambassadors of ASEAN countries to Vietnam.—MNA

President U Thein Sein and President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Truong Tan Sang inspect the Guard of Honour.

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Myanmar has high potentials in tourism...



President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein cordially greets President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Truong Tan Sang.

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Minister Mr Pham Binh Minh, Agriculture and Rural Development Minister Mr Cao Duc Phat, Construction Minister Mr Trinh Dinh Dung, deputy ministers, Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar and departmental heads.

The Vietnamese President first extended a warm welcome to Myanmar President and party, expressing his belief that the Myanmar President's visit to Vietnam would foster the amity of the two nations.

The Myanmar President in his speech said: Myanmar and Vietnam are friendly neighbours with a lot in common in the historical backgrounds. His goodwill trip would further strengthen the existing friendship between the two countries. He visited Vietnam for four times in his capacity as prime minister to attend meetings. He is

much pleased to see Vietnam witnessing development under the leadership of the Vietnamese President. Not only between the governments and peoples of the two countries, but also between the two armed forces, there have existed friendly relations. His trip is aimed to deepen the bonds built by successive leaders of the two countries spending a number of decades.

The Vietnamese President said: he believes the Myanmar President's trip would deepen the amity, contributing to comprehensive cooperation. Vietnam attaches great importance to comprehensive partnership with Myanmar. He is pleased to see the developments of Myanmar and believes that the Myanmar government would succeed in bringing prosperity to the people. He believes Myanmar-Vietnam friendship would be strengthened through political

cooperation. He hopes that apart from the leaders personnel of other ranks of the two nations also could increasingly communicate with each other. He would like to promote cooperation with Myanmar in all sectors. He would like to further promote trade and economic cooperation as Myanmar is experiencing significant improvement in trade sector. He is grateful to the Myanmar President for his assistance to Vietnamese investments in Myanmar in his capacity as prime minister. He would like to request Myanmar President to continue assisting Vietnamese Investors. He would like to cooperate mainly in agriculture, forestry and fish and meat sectors, besides banking, transport, oil and gas, pharmaceutical and production industries. Currently, as air and water have been the only mode of transportation between Vietnam and Myanmar, the emergence of road transportation would bring about easier future communication. He is satisfied with bilateral cooperation in international arena and would like to cooperate further. Vietnam would keep on assisting Myanmar in taking over the ASEAN Chair in 2014.

The Myanmar President then said: There has been cooperation between Myanmar and Vietnam relating to such regional organizations as the ASEAN, GMS, ACMECS and CLMV. The two nations are reciprocally supporting and assisting in regional and international arenas. He is

grateful to Vietnam for its support to Myanmar's bid for ASEAN Chairmanship in 2014 and its full support in demanding US, EU and western countries to lift sanctions against Myanmar during the foreign ministers meeting held in Cambodia. It is required to increase trade volume between the two countries. The two nations had initiated cooperation in air transport. It is projected to build a bridge to link Vietnam and Myanmar through Laos. It would be the closest route for bilateral trade and it is planned to add railroad in the future. Construction of Mekong River-spanning Bridge between Laos and Myanmar would start soon. He would like Vietnam assisting in the bridge construction. There are good prospects to make investments in Myanmar tourism. He would like to invite Vietnamese President to pay a visit to Myanmar at his convenience. He wishes mental and physical wellbeing of Vietnamese President and people.

The Vietnamese President said: Vietnam fully supports Myanmar. He hopes Myanmar President's visit would bear desired results. He appreciates Myanmar President's invitation to him and would visit Myanmar at his earliest convenience. Apart from high-ranking governmental officials, the exchange of visit between low-ranking personnel would facilitate deepened amity of the two nations.

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UEC Chairman U Tin Aye meets sub-commissions of Shan State

NAY PYI TAW, 23 March—A meeting between Chairman of the Union Election Commission U Tin Aye and members of Shan State, Taunggyi District and Kalaw Township sub-commissions was held at the hall of the General Administration Department in Shan State in Taunggyi on 21 March.

On the occasion, Chairman U Tin Aye delivered an address. He heard reports on the preparation tasks for the coming by-elections, presented by Chairman U Hmon

of Kalaw Township sub-commission and Taunggyi District sub-commission Chairman U Tin Oo, including supplementary report by Shan State sub-commission Chairman U Pwint, and answered the queries raised by the parties' candidates.

It was attended by representatives, members of sub-commissions in Shan State, Taunggyi District and Kalaw Township and the parties' candidates.

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President U Thein Sein meets General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam

NAY PYI TAW, 23 March—President U Thein Sein of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar met General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Phu Trong at the headquarters of the party central committee in Hanoi of Vietnam on 20 March evening.

Also present at the call were members of Myanmar delegation and the Myanmar Ambassador to Vietnam and Vietnamese ministers and deputy ministers.

During the meeting, they have cordial discussion about prospects for further cooperation and amity, friendly relations due to the common historical background, constructive reforms of the new Myanmar government including efforts for national reconsolidation and economic development, Vietnam's march to prosperity under the leadership of the communist party of Vietnam, potentials for comprehensive partnership and promotion of existing bilateral relationship. The Myanmar President invited the party general secretary to pay a visit to Myanmar.

The party general secretary promised that he would visit Myanmar at a time favorable for both sides.—MNA



President U Thein Sein meets General Secretary of Central Committee of Communist Party of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Phu Trong at Vietnamese Communist Party Central Committee Headquarters.—MNA

President U Thein Sein and party pose for documentary photo together with General Secretary of Central Committee of Communist Party of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Phu Trong and party.

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President U Thein Sein and party arrive in Hanoi of SRV

NAY PYI TAW, 23 March—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein together with goodwill delegation members left here by air on 20 March morning by special aircraft to pay State visits to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, Cambodia and Lao People's Democratic Republic at the invitations of President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Truong Tan Sang, His Majesty King of Cambodia Preah Bat Samdach Preah Boromneath Norodom Sihamoni and President of Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr Choummaly Sayasone, and arrived in Hanoi of Vietnam at 10.40 am local time.

The special aircraft in which Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Lt-Gen Soe Win, Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing, Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint, Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun, Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint, Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism and for Sports U Tint Hsan, Chief Minister of Shan State U Sao Aung Myat, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint and departmental heads accompanied the President landed at Noi Bai International Airport, Myanmar Ambassador to Vietnam U Thet Oo, Deputy Head of Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Vietnam Mr Phung The Long boarded the aircraft to welcome the President and party.



Likewise, Chairman of the President Office Mr Dao Viet Trung of the SRV, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Pham Quang Vinh, Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Chu Cong Phung, departmental heads of External Affairs and the Southeast Asia, South Asia and South Pacific Departments of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and officials,

Daw Phyu Phyu Tun, wife of the Myanmar Ambassador, Military Attaché Col Win Hlaing and wife Daw Mya Mya Win, staff of embassy and military attaché office also welcomed the President and delegation.

Later, the President and party arrived at Melia Hanoi Hotel by car.

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President U Thein Sein and party arrive at Noi Bai International Airport in Hanoi of vietnam.—MNA

Vietnamese President hosts dinner to Myanmar President

NAY PYI TAW, 23 March—President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Truong Tan Sang hosted a dinner to President U Thein Sein of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar at International Conference Centre in Hanoi of Vietnam on 20 March evening.

Also present at the dinner together with President U Thein Sein were Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Lt-Gen Soe Win, Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko, Union Foreign Affairs Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Agriculture and Irrigation Minister U Myint Hlaing, Union Construction Minister U Khin Maung Myint, Union Minister for Environmental Conservation



President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein delivers an address at dinner hosted by President Mr Truong Tan Sang of Socialist Republic of Vietnam.—MNA

President Mr Truong Tan Sang of Socialist Republic of Vietnam delivers an address at dinner.

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and Forestry U Win Tun, Union Commerce Minister U Win Myint, Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism and for Sports U Tint Hsan, Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint, Myanmar Ambassador to Vietnam U Thet Oo and departmental heads. Present from Vietnam side were Chairman of President's Office Mr Dao Viet Trung, Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Pham Binh Minh, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development Mr Cao Duc Phat, deputy ministers, Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Chu Cong Phung and ambassadors from ASEAN countries to Vietnam.

The Vietnamese President extended greetings and made a toast. The Myanmar President expressed his heartfelt thanks to Vietnamese leaders, government and people for their warm welcome and kind hospitality to Myanmar delegation since its arrival in historic Hanoi. He said: he visited Vietnam

first time in November, 2007 and again in 2008 and April, June, 2010. He is glad to be in beautiful Hanoi again. This trip has tightened the bonds of the two countries, bringing him a chance to observe the rapid development of Vietnam in a few years.

He held talks with Vietnamese President and other Vietnamese leaders. The results of those discussions and genuine friendship between the peoples of the two nations have come into existence since independence struggles. He is very glad and proud that the relationship between the two countries is going from strength to strength.

The incumbent Myanmar government, being the one elected by the people, has vowed to fulfill the wishes and aspirations of people as much as it possibly can. In so doing, it has been constantly focusing its efforts on two major wishes of the people today—stability of the State and economic development. It is trying to industrialize the nation for national

development while making strides in agro-economic development. While making efforts for industrialization of the nation, it is implementing long- and short-term plans comprehensively covering infrastructures, human resources, skilled workforce, technological advancement, and environmental conservation, formation of lawful organizations, competitive business environment, and promotion of public participation. It is simultaneously discharging three major obligations, namely, transformation of the nation, building of new nation and bolstering up the entire Myanmar society. The President then proposed a toast for wellbeing of Vietnam, the Vietnamese President and people.

The two presidents then had the dinner together. During the dinner, Vietnamese cultural troupe entertained with dances and songs. The two presidents then posed for documentary photo together with the Vietnamese cultural troupe.—MNA

President U Thein Sein meets staff, families of Myanmar embassy and the military attaché office



President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein meets staff of Myanmar Embassy and Military Attaché Office and families at Melia Hanoi Hotel in Hanoi.

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NAY PYI TAW, 23 March—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein met Myanmar Ambassador to Vietnam U Thet Oo and wife, Military Attaché Col Win Hlaing and wife, staff of the embassy and the military attaché office, families and Myanmar trainees in Vietnam at Melia Hanoi Hotel in Hanoi of Socialist Republic of Vietnam on 21 March.

In his instructions, President U Thein Sein said that

Vietnam has been strengthening friendly relations with Myanmar in the history and it is a friend of Myanmar. He stressed the need to promote friendly ties with Vietnam in diplomatic relations between the two countries. Likewise, he said that unity and amity are to be forged among families of the embassy and the military attaché office in harmoniously taking out the diplomatic tasks assigned by the State.

Next, staff of the embassy and the military attaché

office, family members and Myanmar trainees led by the Ambassador and the Military Attaché paid respects to the President.

After that, the President presented cash assistance and gifts to staff of the embassy and the military attaché office, family members and Myanmar trainees and 10 sets of Sky Net receivers to the Embassy and the Military Attaché Office.—MNA

President U Thein Sein...

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during his visit to Myanmar into operation as soon as possible for promotion of economic, trade and investment cooperation between the two countries. He asked the Myanmar President to urge for earliest initiation of prioritized projects in 12 major sectors. He continued that Vietnamese companies were keen to implement proposed joint-projects in agriculture, forestry and fish and meat sectors as soon as possible and it is required to implement those projects. He then asked the Myanmar President to allow opening of Vietnamese economic and investment banks in Myanmar for which Central Bank of Myanmar and Vietnamese banks were holding discussions.

Apart from those sectors, Myanmar and Vietnam could cooperate in air transport, pharmaceutical production, oil and gas drilling, building materials and

consumer goods manufacturing fields. At the same time, Vietnam would cooperate further with Myanmar in international organizations and international relations. Vietnam would fully support Myanmar for its alternative ASEAN Chairmanship in 2014. Vietnam would closely cooperate with Myanmar in such regional cooperation programmes as CLMV and ACMECS.

The Myanmar President said that Vietnam and Myanmar mutually have helped each other whenever one faced hardships. He expressed his heartfelt thanks to Vietnam for its full support for Myanmar's bid to ASEAN Chair and demand for lifting sanctions imposed on Myanmar by the US and western countries. Possible projects out of the agreed sectors for economic and investment between Vietnam and Myanmar had already been initiated. Vietnamese businessmen were making investment in hospitality industry in Yangon and hybrid stains production.

There were prospects for investment in hospitality industry not only in Yangon but in Bagan, Mandalay and other major cities as inbound tourists had been on increase day after day and offshore drilling as well. The President added that he would like to invite Vietnamese investors who have experiences in agricultural production to establish small- and medium-scale industries in Myanmar exporting value-added agricultural produce and meat and fish and rubber products into international market.

Investors from Japan, South Korea, China, Indonesia and Malaysia and some western countries were interested to invest in special economic zones near Yangon. Improvement in political environment would bring about better environment for investment, facilitating to smooth implementation of joint-projects in 12 sectors signed during the Vietnamese Prime Minister's visit to Myanmar.—MNA



President U Thein Sein cordially greets Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung.

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President U Thein Sein meets Chairman of National Assembly of SRV



President U Thein Sein meets Chairman of National Assembly Mr Nguyen Sinh Hung of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam at the National Assembly in Hanoi.

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NAY PYI TAW, 23 March—President U Thein Sein of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar met Chairman of the National Assembly Mr Nguyen Sinh Hung of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam at the National Assembly Office in Hanoi of SRV on 21 March morning.

President U Thein Sein was accompanied by members of the Myanmar delegation and the Myanmar Ambassador to Vietnam.

The Chairman of the National Assembly of Vietnam was accompanied by officials of the National Assembly.

At the meeting, they exchanged views on further strengthening bilateral ties, unity and understanding and promoting cooperation, bilateral assistance in regional and international affairs, sharing experiences of democracy reforms of Myanmar and economic reforms of Vietnam, cooperation in all sectors for serving interests of both countries, promotion of economic cooperation and investments of Vietnam in Myanmar, bringing about further strengthening of friendly relations between parliaments of Myanmar and Vietnam, and more cooperation between the two countries in the future after forming a friendly ties promotion team between the parliaments of two countries.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 23 March — A work coordination meeting on planning and project implementation took place at Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development here this afternoon, attended by Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein.

Director-General Daw Le Le Thein and Deputy Director-General Daw Win Myint of Planning Department explained the projected works and Union Minister gave a supplementary report. After that, the Union Minister replied the queries raised by those present.—MNA

Coordination meeting on planning and project implementation held



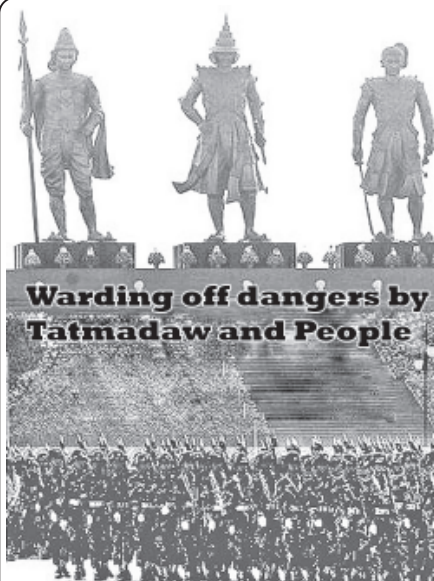
Union Minister U Tin Naing Thein speaks at coordination meeting on planning and project implementation.—MNA

Myanma Women's Affairs Federation's annual meeting experience explained

NAY PYI TAW, 23 March—A ceremony to share the annual meeting experience for 2011 of Myanma Women's Affairs Federation conducted by Kayah State Women's Affairs Organization was held at the state administrative guest hall at 9 am on 14 March, attended by Patron of State WAO Daw Baw Hmyar, Chairperson Daw Khin Win Myint, Daw Saw Hmyar, wife of State Minister for Social Affairs, the chairpersons of state/district/township and the executives.

The Patron of State WAO addressed the meeting and the state chairperson gave micro loans to two districts and the membership applications were sent to the state chairpersons from two districts. Next, the state chairperson gave the brochures.

Member of State WAO Daw Nyo Nyo Lwin explained about nine future tasks, meeting decision and five objectives of 2011 annual meeting of Myanma Women's Affairs Federation.—MNA



**Warding off dangers by
Tatmadaw and People**

Having crossed a brand new river spanning bridge, a passenger bus is steadily moving on a smooth and stretching motor road. Soon, a train chugs through the same bridge. It parallels the motor road for some distances and turns the corner gradually. The bus and the train then take their respective ways.

In the past, cars had to wait for Z-craft to cross the river. Z-craft could carry only limited number of vehicles. It took about 30 or 40 minutes to cross the river. The considerable amount of time was also allowed to offload the cars one after another. It is enough time for the car to go 40 miles and for the train to travel 30 miles. Once half an hour trip by the motor boat is now shorted to five-minute trip by motorcycle. Even with bicycle, it doesn't take more than 20 minutes to reach the other bank of the river. In everyday words among the public, "The land has been narrowed."

The number of bridge or road emerging is not only one or two. The facilities are also mushrooming.

A series of dams with huge volume and high storage capacity are rising above the ground. They contribute to both food security and living standards, by increasing irrigation areas and generating hydropower. The structures also bring about greening of the environs as they could keep and manage water resources.

The number of such dam and hydropower project is not only one or two. They are also mushrooming.

Besides, there are many factories manufacturing agricultural machinery, vehicles and construction materials as it is understood that the country will create wealth only when it can transform itself into industrialized country.

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Who laid foundations roads and bridges, dams and factories? Needless to say, Tatmadaw which never betrays

The government itself is an outcome of goodwill of Tatmadaw. Tatmadaw which always have goodwill towards the State and people set seven-step roadmap and implemented it step by step. We can clearly see that countries which could not undergo smooth transition are in crisis. Tatmadaw did not allow such situations. It smoothed democratic transition desired by the people. It laid sound foundations for the people and the country. The government in office has received these sound foundations from former Tatmadaw government. When peace making tasks being carried out today are accomplished and peace prevails in the country, these infrastructures are causes for development of the country. The whole people will enjoy the fruits then.

Hailing the 67th Anniversary Armed Forces Day

Let me salute!

Kyaw Myo Naung

the country, ever stands up for the people and ever safeguards the interests of the State and the people, founded these things.

Since its birth, Tatmadaw focused on regaining sovereignty, serving the interest of the people and protecting the people. It restored independence to the country. It safeguarded the independence. It always stood up for the people in every dilemma.

Apart from the colonialist rule by the British, Myanmar was never in occupation of any country for many years. Some neighbours tested immunity of the country. Some invaded inner part of the country. They could never rule Myanmar as the country responded immediate defence. Only Britain with superior weapons, wealth and knowledge could win the wars with Myanmar and rule the country. It was only once but left a large scar. The country was deeply wounded by civil war for many years. It has not finished yet. Due to instability, the country was undeveloped. Myanmar has legged behind other countries, following instability and insecurity.

Tatmadaw used all ways and means to remedy all the wounds inherited from the colonialism. Successive governments and leaders of Tatmadaw initiated peace talks, made offers and allowed exemptions. Though these are somewhat successful, it is still away from absolute peace.

Tatmadaw which had sacrificed many lives in independence struggles did the same things to safeguard the independence. We could take battles with Kuomintang that stationed in the north-east region of the country and threatened Myanmar seriously. They set up bases in Myanmar and cultivated poppy with foreign assistance. Sacrificing many lives of Tatmadawmen, Tatmadaw fought against the invaders. Eventually, Myanmar complained to the United Nations about it and drove them from the country's soil. Due to systematic instigation of the British colonialists, national brethren lived in disputes for about 60 years.

Today, the signs of ending disputes can be seen. Those who have most bitter experiences of war are soldiers. Those who want most the end of domestic conflicts and the sole duty to safeguard the country against alien enemy are soldiers. In whatsoever domestic conflicts and Kuomintang invasion, soldiers sacrificed parts of their bodies and even their lives. And the ones who have to perform duties away from homes are soldiers. As husbands and fathers laid down their lives for the sake of the country, many a family were broken down. These are evil legacy of colonialism.

Like Tatmadawmen, those who suffered a great deal from war are people of the regions where armed conflicts and wars broke out. They could not make a living and pursue education. Despite many infrastructural necessities in the regions, successive governments could not fulfill the needs. The incumbent government is implementing tasks

for improving quality of life in the regions where peace prevails. These are evil legacy of colonialism.

Development of the country depends on various factors. The most important one is security. There will be no security if there are armed conflicts and instability. Insecurity is a hindrance in construction of infrastructures. If with no infrastructures, transportation, logistics, production and socio-economic development of the people will not improve. The government and Tatmadaw are jointly speeding up peace making tasks at state/region level and Union level step by step.

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Hailing the 67th Anniversary Armed Forces Day

POEM

Glory of historic Tatmadaw

- * **Are they all skilled in military tactics
Warfare and military strategy
Yes they all are**
- * **Are they all patriotic sons
Having experience and skill in military
campaigns
Yes they all are**
- * **Has the Myanmar Tatmadaw
Goodwill and strength
Yes it does have**
- * **They are our close kinship
And also our trusted comrades**
- * **The glory of the Tatmadaw
Ever shines in history**
- * **In the fore "Our Three Main National
Causes"
Always protecting the guiding principle**
- * **Country they safeguard
Brave sons of motherland**
- * **Fearless sons of country
Honest and straightforward they are**
- * **Discipline and loyalty they do have
Their courage unmatched**
- * **With endurance and devotion
Serving interest of the nation**
- * **Ever active and united
In the line of national duty**
- * **Striving they all are
For national peace and prosperity**
- * **Our territorial integrity
It will last forever**
- * **For perpetuity
For prosperity
And for unity**

Yenatha Maung Kyaw Nyunt (Trs)

Let me...

(from page 8)

the State and people set seven-step roadmap and implemented it step by step. We can clearly see that countries which could not undergo smooth transition are in crisis. Tatmadaw did not allow such situations. It smoothed democratic transition desired by the people. It laid sound foundations for the people and the country. The government in office has received these sound foundations from former Tatmadaw government. When peace making tasks being carried out today are accomplished and peace prevails in the country, these infrastructures are causes for development of the country. The whole country will enjoy the fruits then.

Tatmadaw is the firmest organization which always upholds Non-Disintegration of the Union, Non-Disintegration of the National Unity and Perpetuation of Sovereignty. Tatmadaw is taking and will have to continue to take a leading role in national politics with Union Spirit, True Patriotism. Tatmadaw is mainly responsible for safeguarding the constitution in building a developed democratic nation. It also has to build modern and strong army in order to perpetuate independence and sovereignty. However the economy is strong, the country will lost reputation if it does not have the modern, talented and strong armed forces. The country needs to build capacity of

67th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Objectives

- * To firmly uphold the objectives, namely, non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty
- * To play a leading role in national politics of the State with Union Spirit, the true patriotic spirit
- * To safeguard the constitution, the main responsibility of the Tatmadaw in building modern, developed democratic nation
- * To build a strong, competent, modern patriotic Tatmadaw to safeguard the independence and sovereignty of the State

Tatmadaw in order to accomplish national duties as there are possibilities ranging from insults to invasions.

Gratitude of Tatmadaw is remembered every time smooth roads, stretching railroads, river-crossing bridges, dams, factories and democratic reforms are seen. Having fought the fascists and restored the independence, Tatmadaw sacrificed many lives in safeguarding and perpetuating

independence and sovereignty. It established infrastructures for the development of the future nation. On 67th Anniversary Armed Forces Day, I would like to congratulate Tatmadaw in gratitude for its long service from 27 March, 1945, to date.

Translation: HKA

Third regular session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw continues for 26th day

NAY PYI TAW, 23 March—Third regular session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw continued for 26th day in Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Complex, here, at 10 am today, attended by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 510 Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives.

With respect to the question of U Zaw Myint Pe of Mandalay Region Constituency No. 5 on “**urging the Union government to amend the designation of Social Security Board of Ministry of Labour as the government’s economic organization**”, Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun replied: Social Security Law was prescribed in 1954. According to it, social security works have been carried out after forming Social Security Board Since 1955-1956. The board has to run works only with its own funds till 1963. Since 1-10-1963, the State’s all organizations, board corporations and development affairs organizations have to do their business with public funds after Budget Allocation Law has been enacted in 1963. It had no separate funds, but only public fund. These organizations cannot open any separate fund account unless they got separate green light from the government.

Since 1976-1977, Social Security Board under the Ministry of Labour was designated as a state-owned business. State-owned businesses including Social Security Board had to run their business only with their own funds before 1988. After 1988, they run their business with State’s funds. In so doing, their receipts went to State’s funds, and they had to spend money in line with existing financial regulations, rules and

procedures.

New Social Security Bill states that social security fund is to be set up with the contributions of employer and employees and cash assistances of Union Fund, and being employees’ contributions, it cannot be carried toward Union fund as receipts.

Formation of Social Security Board is to protect employees’ rights, to have the rights related to injuries and to help workers and the rest family enjoy retired pensions. Ministry of Labour that closely supervises Social Security Board can submit it to Union government if it needs amendment. So, I would like to urge you to postpone the proposal as it is in the hand of Ministry of Labour.

The Hluttaw decided not to discuss the proposal with majority “No” vote.

Amyotha Hluttaw Bill and Supply Bill for disabled Tatmadawmen and the families of dead or fallen Tatmadawmen are put on record by Union Hluttaw, which were approved by Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw.

After that, member of Joint Bill Committee Dr Myat Nyana Soe presented the committee’s report on amendment to paragraph No. 2 of Ward or Village-tract administration Bill. The Hluttaw approved the amended bill with majority “yes” vote.

Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint submitted the **proposal on approving overall amendment to Ward or Village-tract Administration Bill**.

U Thein Tun Oo of Amarapura Constituency discussed and seconded it, and the Hluttaw approved it. Afterwards, the



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives sign attendance book.—MNA

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker read out the message on Union government’s undertakings which is sent by the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker.

The message said: even though Union government serving the country’s executive duties carried out the following matters with goodwill and it needs to scrutinize whether or not it complies with the laws. These matters are that cash awards and salaries of Union-level persons are not in accord with the law enacted for Union-level persons to enjoy cash awards. They are now enjoying the reduced rates as per the ones in the time of State Peace and Development Council, raising retired pensions, designation of National Human Rights Commission as Central level organization and description of spending money for the Commission in

budget bill. The aforesaid undertakings are to be scrutinized in line with the Constitution and other existing laws. Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is urged to help these undertakings be in accord with the laws. It must be clear that Hluttaws’ undertakings are paying more emphasis on the rule of law. Continual cooperation of executive body and Hluttaws must be a good example to the State and the people. So, that message was sent to review the said matters.

After that, Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Chairman of Joint Bill Committee U Mya Nyein presented the Committee’s findings and remarks on the message. It was approved by the Hluttaw.

The meeting concluded at 11.55 am and third regular session of first Pyidaungsu Hluttaw was ended.—MNA

Workshop on Developing Myanmar Bond Market commences

YANGON, 23 March—The Workshop on Developing Myanmar Bond Market hosted by Central Bank of Myanmar under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue, kicked off at Traders Hotel, here, yesterday

morning, with an address by Vice-Governor of CBM U Maung Maung Win.

Director of CBM U Maung Maung discussed matters related to sales of government treasury bonds, Chief JGB

Strategist Ms Keiko Onogi of Daiwa Capital Market of Japan sales of government treasury bonds in Japan, Consultant Mr Akifumi Nakaniki of Daiwa dissemination about the bonds to the people and Executive Director Mr Ryota Sugishita of Daiwa drawing of Roadmap for development of bonds in Myanmar.

Members of Myanmar Investment Development Subcommittee, responsible

persons of public/private companies and officials of Central Bank of Myanmar participated in publishing of treasury bonds and drawing of Roadmap for development of bond market in Myanmar.

According to the cooperation in monetary and economic sectors among ASEAN countries, the workshop was organized by Daiwa Institute of Research Ltd (DIR) of Japan.—MNA

18th day session of Pyithu Hluttaw held

One proposal discussed, one bill approved and Hluttaw affairs clarified

NAV PYI TAW, 23 March—The 18th day session of Pyithu Hluttaw was held at the Pyithu Hluttaw meeting hall of Pyithu Hluttaw Complex here at 11.50 am today, attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 325 MPs.

At the session, one proposal was discussed, one bill approved and Hluttaw affairs clarified.

In response to the proposal to end the procedures by Directorate of Road Administration and auto-imported organizations on charging temporary car registration fees like charging fines for illegal unlicensed cars and to review the matter in accord with the law, Chairman of Economic and Trade Development Committee U Maung Maung Thein said they had already made a proposal saying that permit should be granted to import all vehicles whether they are left-hand or right-hand driving, to cooperate with Myanmar national entrepreneurs in the effort for industrial development, to give priority to Suzuki Co waiting for new investment and to stop the procedures on charging temporary registration fees like charging fines for unlicensed cars. Regarding the proposal, discussions were made with related ministries on 1 March 2012. The Ministry of Rail Transportation would review and discuss the matter of importing all kinds of vehicles and inform back. As for the matter of prioritization of Suzuki Co on investment, contacts would be made with Myanmar Investment Commission of the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development. For charging temporary registration fees, the Ministry of Rail Transportation would discuss it and inform back. And it must be stopped immediately as it is not in conformity with the law. It will also cause confusion in estimated budget. As some neighbouring and other nations also practise that system, the F&R Ministry should conduct a quick study and enact law.

Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation U Thant Shin said that in charging car registration fees, Directorate of Road Transport has collected only appropriate percentages in accord with the existing 1964 vehicle law and 1989 vehicle rules in the real interests of the nation and the people. Other nations are also collecting taxes on car imports. All the taxes the department has collected are being paid systematically to the State funds. With a view to serving the long-term interest of the State and the people, the department in coordination with the Finance and Revenue Ministry has managed to reduce car prices threefold or fourfold. Taxes are collected only for vehicles and paid to the State funds. If temporary registration fee amounts to charging fines for a three-month period, charging of 'temporary registration fee' will be ceased. Instead, in accord with the 1964 vehicle law section 4 or 1989 vehicle rule 4, registration fees will be charged according to engine power cc by calculating FOB over CIF calculated by the Customs Department in accord with international norms.

Although Myanmar is not a signatory to Vienna Convention (1986) regarding left-hand or right-hand steering, as a UN member, the nation adopted the right-hand driving system in reference to the convention rules and regulations beginning 7 November 1970. It was also prescribed in the

1989 vehicle rule. Despite the practice of right-hand driving, UN data say that the list of countries which have a lot of right-hand steering cars includes Afghanistan, Myanmar and East Russia. So, to ensure swift commodity flow, permit will be granted to import trucks regardless of right-hand or left-hand steering. But in purchasing new buses, importation of left-hand steering ones will only be allowed. Buses with right-hand steering can cause danger to passengers and according to international norms and standards, importation of only left-hand steering buses will be allowed.

In his discussion, Deputy Minister for Commerce Dr Pwint Hsan said that aside from the Vehicle Import Supervisory Committee, under the arrangement of the ministry, important licences are being issued for trucks and buses. It is now in a position to permit left-hand steering cars as directed by related ministries. If the ministry receives any letter of permit for any kind, it is ready to do so.

Internal Revenue Department Director-General U Myat Maw discussed that the department will continue to levy tax of five percent for public-used trucks and buses and 25 percent for salons. Joint Secretary of Myanmar Investment Commission Thura U Thaug Lwin said for continued manufacturing of Suzuki cars, it will put forward to the MIC meeting and be decided in line with the procedures.

In his discussion, U Maung Maung Thein who submitted the proposal, said he accepted the accepted the clarifications and requested for the proposal to be recorded in Pyithu Hluttaw. The matter needs no separate vote and the Hluttaw decided to record the proposal and wait for related ministries to deal with the matter.

Regarding the bill amending the 1955 Government Housing (Expelling) approved and sent by Amyotha Hluttaw, Bill Committee Chairman U T Khun Myat submitted the committee report. The Joint Bill Committee and Hluttaw representatives submitted no amendment proposal on the 10 amendments by Amyotha Hluttaw. As the committee submitted a separate amendment proposal regarding Para 2 (A), approval was sought for the amendment and the whole bill. Regarding this, committee member U Khin Maung Shwe submitted an amendment proposal and Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin seconded it. The Hluttaw approved the para in accord with the amendments of the bill committee and decided to approve it as there was no one in Hluttaw who did not agree.

With regard to Hluttaw affairs, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann said the third regular session was held to mainly submit and discuss approve national planning and budget bills at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. From 26 January to date, 18 meetings have been held. 513 questions were put and 24 proposals submitted. Out of assessed 513 questions, there are 116 starred questions answered verbally, 136 starred questions answered by letter, 235 questions with no stars answered by letter and eight revoked questions. Out of 24 proposals, there are 15 approved ones, six recorded ones, one sent to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and two revoked ones.

He added that three bills were enacted as laws. Of 15 bills

submitted to Pyithu Hluttaw, there are two to be enacted as laws, four under arrangement, two revoked, one recorded and six to be implemented. Out of five bills submitted to Amyotha Hluttaw, there are one bill already enacted as law after it had been discussed in Pyithu Hluttaw, two left to be enacted and two under implementation. In total, out of 23, there are four enacted, four left to be enacted, six under implementation, two revoked, one recorded and six to be implemented. Four under implementation and six to be implementation will be done in the coming session.

The Speaker said he recognized the efforts and contributions of all representatives including the Bill Committee. As Speaker, he dealt with the questions and proposals of the representatives as well as their separate submissions regarding the people of constituencies concerned in coordination with the Union government and Union level organizations. In addition, changing and appointments of members for some Hluttaw committees and special issues assessment and reviewing commission were carried out. More duties and functions, rights and privileges of those committees and commissions were also added. As a result, they will be stronger in performing their legislative tasks with check and balance.

The representatives are urged to submit more proposals and bills that are beneficial to the State and the people by relaying people's voices, desires and expectations so that the laws protecting the public interests can be enacted. It is necessary to analyze the rules, bylaws, orders, instructions, notifications and procedures that have come into force together with the laws ratified by the Hluttaw where they are in conformity with the laws promulgated by the Hluttaw. The matter of respecting the laws by organizations in the nation and citizens that needs to have check and balance has also been submitted. As a result, success has been achieved more than expected due to the united efforts of the representatives without party attachment, ism, localism, racism and religionism. The Speaker said he was grateful to all MPs for their relentless efforts for the emergence of national planning and budget bill.

Another important thing is legislation that is the main duty of the Hluttaw. Hluttaw committees and commissions are to cooperate with the Union government and Union level organizations in make amendments, cancellations and new laws by reviewing the existing laws in various sectors. In doing so, they need to consider whether a certain law is to serve the interests of the nation and people and conforms to international laws, conventions and treaties.

In conclusion, Hluttaw representatives, representing the people, are to work together in unity in the interest of public voters and of the nation respecting the existing laws as well as the constitution. They are urged to try to become loyal and dutiful representatives.

Today's session concluded at 1.35pm. The third regular session of the first Pyithu Hluttaw was resumed and it is due to be resumed on 23 April.

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UEC Chairman attends launching of Transformer Factory



Union Election Commission Chairman U Tin Aye attends opening of transformer factory of Capital Power Co Ltd.—MNA

YANGON, 23 March—A ceremony to launch the Transformer Factory of Capital Power Co Ltd was held in Ngwe Pinle Industrial Zone in Hlinethaya Township this morning.

Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe and Chairman of Capital Power Co Ltd U Sein Wan formally opened the factory.

Chairman of Union Election Commission U Tin Aye visited the factory after unveiling its signboard. Chairman of Capital Power Co Ltd U Sein Wan reported on matters related to transformer factory, Chairman Mr Sun Si Min of Fortune Electric Co on cooperation in works, and CEO of Seoul Industrial Electric Co Ltd Mr Seog-Hwan Kwoo on matters related to electronic equipment manufactured by Seoul Industrial Electric Co Ltd.

The factory takes technology from foreign countries to produce Triangular Wound Core transformer as low losses distribution transformers.

By taking technology and expertise from Fortune Electric, the factory is trying to produce 33/11 KV, 66/33 KV and 66/11 KV power transformers. Likewise, the Capital Power will cooperate with Young In Co which is undertaking electrical designs and maintenance of Korean Electric Power Corporation to create electrical designs in Myanmar.

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Amyotha Hluttaw session continues for 18th day

NAY PYI TAW, 23 March—The Amyotha Hluttaw session continued for the 18th day at the Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Complex, here, today.

It was attended by Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and 181 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives of 217, accounting for 83.41 per cent.

At the session, the Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw informed the Hluttaw about newly formations of the ASEAN Political and Security Community Committee, the ASEAN Social and Cultural Community Committee, and Mineral and Natural Resources Affairs Committee, and reconstitutions of the Hluttaw Rights Committee, the Fundamental Rights of Citizens, Rights of Democracy and Human Rights Committee, the National Planning Committee, the Monetary and Taxation Committee, the Economic and Commercial Committee, the Education, Health and Cultural Committee, the Women and Child Affairs Committee, the International Relations Committee, the Peasant and Internal and External Labour Committee and the Non-Governmental Internal and External

Organizations Committee.

As approval was sought from the Hluttaw for approving **Important Commodity and Service Bill** with amendments of the Amyotha Hluttaw such as the correction of the title form, Chapter I, para 2 (c), Chapter II, para 3 (a), (b), (c), Chapter III, para 4 (a), (b), Chapter IV, para 5, Chapter V, para 9 sent by Pyithu Hluttaw with amendments, the Hluttaw approved it.

Next, the Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw made clarifications on tasks of the Hluttaw concerning questions, proposals and bills submitted to the third regular session of the First Amyotha Hluttaw. He said that Amyotha Hluttaw representatives raised 116 questions with stars at the third regular session of the first Amyotha Hluttaw and Union level organizations concerned replied to them.

With regard to the proposals, the Amyotha Hluttaw approved 12 proposals of 28 proposals and two proposals changed from the questions, totalling 30 submitted by Amyotha Hluttaw representatives, he said.

He said that regarding the bill, there were eight bills—five from Union level organizations and three from Amyotha Hluttaw representatives—sent by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw for holding discussions at Amyotha Hluttaw. They were the Union Election Commission Bill, the Foreign Investment Bill, the Social Security Bill, the Bill Amending the 1955 Government Housing (Expelling) Act, the National Races Affairs Bill, the Salary, Allowance and Regalia at Region or State level persons bill, the Amyotha Hluttaw Bill and the Bill Revoking the 1964 Myanmar Five Star Line.

He said that there were four bills sent to Amyotha Hluttaw with approvals of the Pyithu Hluttaw. These were Labour Dispute Settlement Bill, the Foreign Exchange Bill, the Assistance to Families of Disabled Tatmadawmen and Died or Fallen Tatmadawmen Bill and the Important Commodity and Service Bill, he said.

Today's session concluded in the afternoon and the third regular session of the Amyotha Hluttaw came to an end.

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Republic of the Union of Myanmar Union Election Commission

Nay Pyi Taw
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(23rd March, 2012)

Announcement on list of constituencies postponed for by-election

1. An announcement was issued in accord with Section 10 (f) of the Union Election Commission Law, and Section 50 (c) and Section 54 of the Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law that as the following constituencies in Kachin State have not the situations to hold the free and fair election on the security ground, the elections will not be held and postponed at these constituencies for the by-election to be held on 1 April 2012.

Constituency

- (a) Phakant Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency
- (b) Bhamo Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency
- (c) Mogaung Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency

2. The by-election will be held in these constituencies at opportune time depending on the security.

Chairman
Union Election Commission

Global Education Show 2012 including; Health & Beauty 2012 kicks off



YANGON, 23 March—Global Education Show 2012 including; Health & Beauty 2012 was launched at Tatmadaw Convention Centre on U Wisara Road in Dagon Township here at 10 am today, in the presence of Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe.

The opening was put into action by regional minister for social affairs Dr

Myint Thein, Managing Director U Thet Lwin Shwe of International Exhibition Management Services Co, and Managing Director U Tin Maung Win of International Language Business Center (ILBC).

With daily-educative talks, the show displays a total of 120 booths of 60 companies. It will last till 25 March.

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ROAD COMMISSIONED: As a gesture of hailing 67th Anniversary Armed Forces Day, a ceremony to inaugurate Letpanhla-Marle rural gravel road and bridges was held in Singu Township on 10 March morning. Mandalay Region Hluttaw representative U Tauk, Township Administrator U Sai Maung Lu and Executive Officer of Township Development Affairs Committee U Khin Maung Hwe formally open the rural gravel road.—TOWNSHIP GAD

DISTRICT NEWS

IT Seminar on DELL virtualization held



YANGON, 23 March—With the sponsorship of DELL and ITEL, CTT Co Ltd organized the My First Virtualization Seminar at the Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road, here, at 9 am on 16 March.

Managing Director U Khun Oo of Computer Technical Team Co Ltd (CTT) extended greetings.

Ms Khun Lertluk Kunlasutti of DELL (Thailand) gave talks on

Wining in Virtualization and Ms Khun Nopparat Sangseng on DELL Virtualization and Enterprise update.

With the aim of disseminating latest knowledge about IT and its products to IT professionals of Myanmar, CTT Co Ltd organizes the subject-wise seminars. The company plans to hold the seminars from twice to four times a year.

Ko Aung

Process for citizenship scrutiny cards undertaken

YANGON, 23 March—In implementing the Moe Pwint-2 Plan, Head of Township Immigration and National Registration Department U Zaw Thein Oo and staff members cooperated with Ward Administrator U Kan Myint and party in carrying

out tasks of issuance for citizenship scrutiny cards in Ward 6 of Shwepyitha Township from 9 am to 5 pm on 17 March.

They made work process on CSC for eligible citizens.

Myanma Alin



Donate Blood

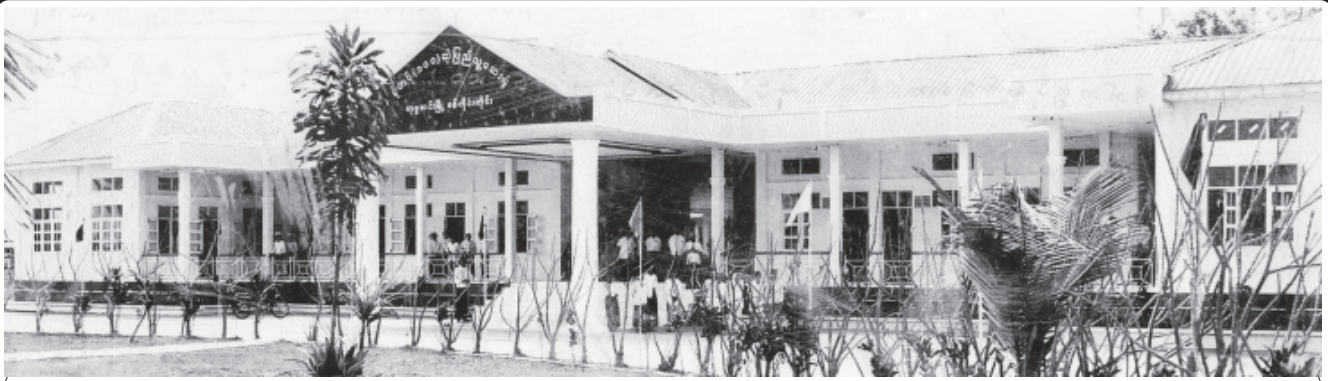


Photo shows 100-bedded People's Hospital in Homalin, Sagaing Region.

Health infrastructures in Sagaing Region providing public healthcare services to local people

* As the Union Government has been uplifting social standards especially in the health and education sectors, the top priority is given to health care in Sagaing Region the way it does in other states and regions.

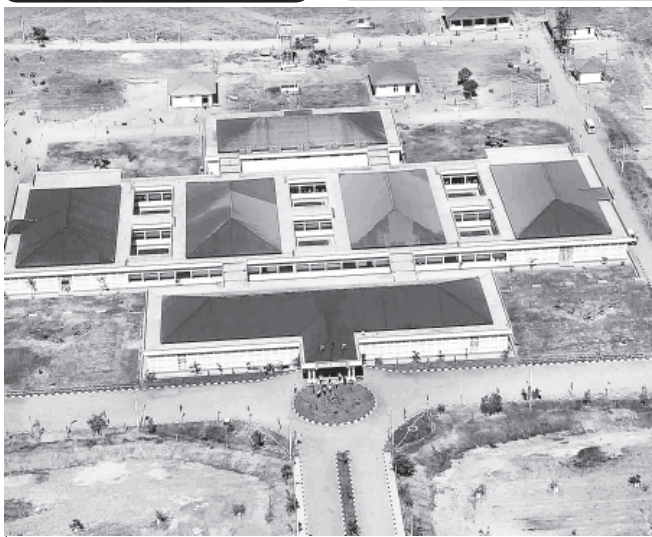
* Thanks to a total of 13 hospitals put into service by the Union Government in Sagaing Region, locals are now receiving excellent medical care services.

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People's Hospital in Monywa, Sagaing Region.



An aerial view of 100-bedded People's Hospital in Kanbalu, Sagaing Region.



People's Hospital in Kalay in Sagaing Region.

Bodies of murder victims dissolved in acid

MAASTRICHT, 23 March—Prosecutors in the Netherlands said a family cut up the bodies of two men they killed and dissolved their remains in acid before flushing them down the toilet.

The house where the bodies were dismembered was in Germany but the case is being tried in the Netherlands because the accused family is from Holland, *The Local* reported.

Authorities arrested the mother and two adult sons of the family but the father and an adult daughter fled and are believed to be in South America. Prosecutors

told a Dutch court the first victim, Alan Gergeri of Iraq, was stabbed to death with an ice pick in 2009.

Authorities searched the family's house across the border in Tuddern, Germany, while investigating the disappearance in 2011 of another Iraqi, Mohammedal Jader. "When his body was discovered, it had been almost totally dissolved in acid; there was hardly anything left of him," a prosecution spokeswoman said. "We also found remains of the other man." The trial of the family is not expected to begin until May 2013.—*Internet*

Old bombs found on Scottish beach

NAIRN, (Scotland), 23 March—Unexploded bombs that may date from World War II were discovered Wednesday morning on a beach in eastern Scotland, authorities said.

Part of Nairn Beach was blocked off, the *Highland News* reported. Bomb disposal experts from Edinburgh were brought in to defuse the devices.

Northern Constabulary

described the devices as 2-inch mortar bombs. In a statement, police said East Beach in Nairn had been reopened.

Nairn is an ancient fishing port east of Inverness that has been a popular beach and golfing resort for 150 years. The beach was used to train British troops for the D-Day landings during World War II.

Internet

LANN PYI MARINE CO., LTD.
(Container Feeder Service)
ARRIVAL AND CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

Consignees of cargoes carried by M.V. GW BEYCHEVELLE are hereby notified that the estimated arrival time of the vessels from Port Kelang are as follows:-

Voy - 047	PKG 21-03-2012	YGN	24-03-2012
Voy - 049	PKG 31-03-2012	YGN	04-04-2012
Voy - 051	PKG 11-04-2012	YGN	15-04-2012

Cargoes will be discharged into the premises of B.S.W where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the bye-law and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargoes will be surveyed daily from 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:00 Noon to 4:00 PM and Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No Claims against these vessels will be admitted after the Claims Day.

AGENCY DEPARTMENT

No.55/61, Strand Road, Yangon, Myanmar.
Phone No. : 01-201787, 201790 (Ext: 108, 109)

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV STAR RELIANCE VOY NO ()

Consignees of cargo carried on MV STAR RELIANCE VOY NO () are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 25.3.2012 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.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: CITIC-SHIP MANAGEMENT LTD

Phone No: 256924/256914

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV OS YANGON VOY NO (001)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV OS YANGON VOY NO (001) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 24.3.2012 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.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: SONG WON ENTERPRISE LTD

Phone No: 256924/256914

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV MOL ACCLAIN VOY NO ()

Consignees of cargo carried on MV MOL ACCLAIN VOY NO () are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 24.3.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S MOL (S'PORE) PTE LTD

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV SAO KIM VOY NO ()

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SAO KIM VOY NO () are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 25.3.2012 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.

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

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S SEANET SHIPPING CO LTD

Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV BANG PAKAEW VOY NO (193)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV BANG PAKAEW VOY NO (193) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 25.3.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W (4) where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S WONGSAMUT OCEAN SHIPPING CO LTD

Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

Bank Holiday

All Banks will be closed on 27th March (Tuesday) 2012, Armed Forces Day, being Public holiday Under the Negotiable Instruments Act.

Central Bank of Myanmar

Australian rescued after three-day croc ordeal

SYDNEY, 23 March—An Australian man has been rescued after a three-day ordeal trapped at a remote flooded fishing hut where he was stalked by four-metre crocodiles, a report said on Friday.

Terry Donovan, 65, was at the Staaten River Fishing and Wilderness Lodge in crocodile-infested northern Queensland when he became isolated this week, the *Cairns Post* said.

He told the newspaper he saw huge saltwater crocs lurking in the waters, with one lunging at a wallaby sheltering on the hut's back deck.

Donovan said he was afraid that if the water rose much higher, one of the beasts could swim in and attack him.

"The first one I saw was sitting out the back on the

veranda in about a foot of water, maybe a bit more," he said.

"I thought to myself, 'Well, there's a warning, there's a crocodile there. Where there's one, there's probably two or three or more'." Donovan said a second crocodile placed itself underneath the house, after he spotted it through a window.

The report said he positioned himself in the highest place he could find, taking refuge on a billiard table which he packed with supplies.

Internet



Photo illustration of a saltwater crocodile.—INTERNET



A man operates computer to do remote control of an unmanned vehicle at the campus of Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI), on 22 March, 2012. IAI exhibited its unmanned vehicle production to visitors Thursday. XINHUA

Parents of kids with cancer distrust Web

BUFFALO, 23 March—Parents and adult caregivers of pediatric cancer patients tend to avoid online information, which often focuses on a "worst case scenario," a study found.

Study co-author Elizabeth Gage, professor of community health and health behavior in the University at Buffalo School of Public Health and Health Professions, said despite the accessibility of online medical information, parents not only distrusted information found through the Internet, they often feared what types of information they might encounter.

"They didn't want to run into stories about 'the worst case scenario,'" Gage said in a statement. "One of the reasons we were interested in exploring this issue is that so much research and media coverage had examined how the Internet was breaking down barriers between patients and caregivers and their physicians. But that wasn't that case in our study."

Perhaps because of the severity of the diagnosis, parents and caregivers preferred to receive their information from sources other than the Internet, Gage said.

Internet

New Zealand police seize marijuana vending machine

AUCKLAND, 23 March—New Zealand police said on Friday that they seized a marijuana vending machine during a raid on a "cannabis club" in Auckland which campaigns for the drug's legalisation. The vending machine at The Daktory in suburban New Lynn had been set up to dispense one gram (0.035 ounce) bags of marijuana for NZ\$20 (\$16.2) each, one of the campaigners behind the scheme told AFP.

Police said they arrested four people and seized the vending machine, NZ\$27,000 in cash and around 700 grams of cannabis, as well as bong, pipes and other utensils when they raided the property on Thursday evening.

The innovative marijuana distribution method has received light-hearted media coverage in New Zealand in recent days but detective inspector Bruce Scott said The Daktory was breaking drug laws.

"Wherever there is drug offending of any kind, police will act swiftly," he said. "We certainly do not take a softly-



A bud grows on a marijuana plant.—INTERNET

softly approach." Cannabis is illegal in New Zealand although studies show it is the third most popular drug in the country, after alcohol and tobacco.—*Internet*

Serena, Clijsters, Sharapova advance at Miami

MIAMI, 23 March—Serena Williams, saying she felt nervous and rusty, made a triumphant WTA return from a left ankle injury, defeating China's Zhang Shuai 6-2, 6-3 at the WTA and ATP Miami hardcourt event. Fellow former World No.1 players Kim Clijsters, Maria Sharapova and Caroline Wozniacki also on Thursday advanced to the

third round at the \$9.6 million tournament, which awarded byes in the first round to seeded players.

In her first tournament match since losing in the fourth round at the Australian Open, Williams fired six aces and connected on 64 percent of her first serves while dropping only one service break to advance in 80 minutes. "I was a little bit rusty

and a little bit nervous too," Williams said. "I haven't played here for so long and I wanted to do well. So I was really nervous out there, but I think now I've gotten one under I'll be better."

The 13-time Grand Slam singles champion advanced to a third-round match against Italy's Roberta Vinci, who ousted Bulgarian Tsvetana Pironkova 7-5, 6-1. Tenth seed Williams, a five-time winner at Miami, missed the event the past two years because of illness and injury. "I'm always a little nervous in the first round. I kind of chill out after that," Williams said. "Last time I played I played horrible and I was thinking as long as I don't hit a ball into the stands I'll be good.

"I didn't do that today, so it worked out well for me."

Former World No. 1 Williams played for the US Fed Cup team last month, winning two singles matches in a 5-0 World Group II victory over Belarus.

Internet



Maria Sharapova of Russia in action against Shahar Peer of Israel during Day 4 of the Sony Ericsson Open at Crandon Park Tennis Centre in Key Biscayne, Florida. Sharapova advanced to the third round of the \$9.6 million WTA and ATP Miami hardcourt tournament on Thursday by rallying to defeat Peer 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.

INTERNET



World number one Novak Djokovic, pictured on 17 March, and seven-time consecutive title holder Rafael Nadal will head the field for the 15 to 22 April Masters 1000 in Monte Carlo, but Roger Federer will be missing.—INTERNET

Djokovic and Nadal but no Federer for Monte Carlo

PARIS, 23 March—World number one Novak Djokovic and seven-time consecutive title holder Rafael Nadal will head the field for the 15 to 22 April Masters 1000 in Monte Carlo, but Roger Federer will be missing.

"We're keeping a wild card to one side for Roger," tournament organizer Zeljko

Franulovic said of the Swiss world number three.

"You never know, even if he has played a lot since the start of the season. He's decided in the past to come at the last minute."

Should Federer be absent, the six other players in the top seven are expected to be there.—Internet

Bernard to miss 100m freestyle Olympic defence



French swimmer Alain Bernard takes part in a training session during the French Swimming Championships, in Dunkirk, northern France.

INTERNET

DUNKIRK, 23 March—Olympic 100 metres freestyle champion Alain Bernard will not defend his title at the London Games after failing to secure a qualifying spot at the French national championships Thursday.

Five French sprinters were battling for the women's places in the event at the London Olympics: Bernard, Amaury Leveaux, Yannick Agnel, Fabien Gilot and Gregory Mallet.

All five had dipped below the 49-second barrier in the semi-finals on Wednesday but a day later it was Agnel who led Gilot home in a personal best of 48.02sec, the best time of the year for a French swimmer.

Gilot was second in 48.38 as Bernard underperformed with a time of 48.97 that was only good enough for fifth place.—Internet

Juve fined again for racist chants

MILAN, 23 March—Juventus have been hit with their third fine of the season for racist chanting by their fans during Tuesday's Italian Cup semi-final against AC Milan.

Italian sporting authorities handed out a 20,000-euro fine, double the penalty Juve were given in January after racist chanting directed at Udinese's Pablo Armero, of Colombia, and Cape Verde-born Swiss international Gelson Fernandes. They were also docked 10,000-euros in October after racist chanting against Inter Milan.

Milan players Sulley Muntari of Ghana and Dutchman Urby Emanuelson were the targets of the chants on Tuesday. This latest fine confirms the Juventus fans' sorry record when it comes to racist chanting. They regularly abused Manchester

City striker Mario Balotelli — an Italian of Ghanaian origin — during his Inter days. In 2008/09 Juve had to play a match behind closed doors after their fans racially abused Balotelli following a controversial incident during the team's clash with Inter.

That seemed to anger and galvanise certain sections of the Juve support who proceeded to regularly target Balotelli, even when not playing against his team.

The next season the club was punished four times, including a partial stand closure once, for fans' anti-Balotelli chants. That season they were hit with 25,000-euro and 20,000-euro fines as well as the closure of the stand holding their 'Ultra' fans for one match, whereas this season the sanctions have been tame in comparison.

Internet



Juventus' supporters cheer their team in 2011. Juventus have been hit with their third fine of the season for racist chanting by their fans during Tuesday's Italian Cup semi-final against AC Milan.—INTERNET

International Sports

Tiger shares fourth with 69 in PGA return



Tiger Woods plays a shot on the 13th hole during the first round of the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by MasterCard at the Bay Hill Club and Lodge in Orlando, Florida.

INTERNET

ORLANDO, 23 March—Tiger Woods grabbed a share of fourth place after the first round of the Arnold Palmer Invitational on Thursday with a three-under par 69 in his first PGA tournament round since an injury scare. The 14-time major winner, chasing the all-time record of 18 major wins by Jack Nicklaus, pulled out of the World Golf Championships event at Doral two weeks ago in the

final round with a tightness in his left Achilles tendon. After a week of treatment with what was diagnosed as a strain, Woods played the two-day Tavistock Cup exhibition, a practice round on Wednesday and his opening 18 holes at Bay Hill with no health problems. That's a good sign for Woods in his final tune-up event before the Masters, the year's first major championship, tees off in two weeks.

"I'm feeling good," Woods said. "Everything is good. No swelling. If I can just keep it that way, everything will be great." South Korean Charlie Wi and American Jason Dufner were the first-day leaders after each shot a 66, two strokes ahead of American Nick Watney with Woods among a host of players three adrift at the \$6 million event.

Internet

Rooney says sorry after breaking young fan's wrist

LONDON, 23 March—Wayne Rooney has apologized to a nine-year-old Manchester United supporter after the striker accidentally broke the boy's wrist with a stray shot before his side's 5-0 win at Wolves on Sunday.

Rooney was taking shots at goal during the pre-match warm-up and one wild effort from the United star flew into the crowd and struck Jamie Thomas on the wrist as he tried to block the ball.



Wayne Rooney, pictured on 8 March, has apologized to a nine-year-old Manchester United supporter after the striker accidentally broke the boy's wrist with a stray shot before his side's 5-0 win at Wolves on Sunday.

INTERNET

Roll over Beethoven — Maradona blasts Pele

BUENOS AIRES, 23 March—Diego Maradona kept up his attack on fellow World Cup winner Pele on Thursday by mocking the Brazilian legend's suggestion that he was the Beethoven of football.

"Beethoven! Never have I heard Beethoven on the pitch. The truth is they must have changed his medication," Maradona was quoted on the Al-Wasl website, the Emirati club which he coaches.

Pele had told the official FIFA website: "I was born for football, like Beethoven was born for music or Michelangelo was for painting." But Maradona hit back. "In that case, I am Ron Wood, Keith Richards and Bono rolled into one because I am the embodiment of passion in football."



Diego Maradona, pictured in January 2012, kept up his attack on fellow World Cup winner Pele on Thursday by mocking the Brazilian legend's suggestion that he was the Beethoven of football.

INTERNET

Maradona also shrugged off comparisons with Argentine compatriot Lionel Messi who this week scored a record-setting 234th goal for Barcelona. "It's not for me to say who is the best or the worst. I have always said a thousand times to leave Messi in peace," said Maradona. "Above everything else, the good thing when we talk about Messi and me is that there is a coloured man at FIFA who isn't happy that we are being discussed," he added in another barb at Pele.—Internet

Focus Myanmar TV Programme

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL

(24-3-12 09:30 am ~ 25-3-12 09:30 am) MST

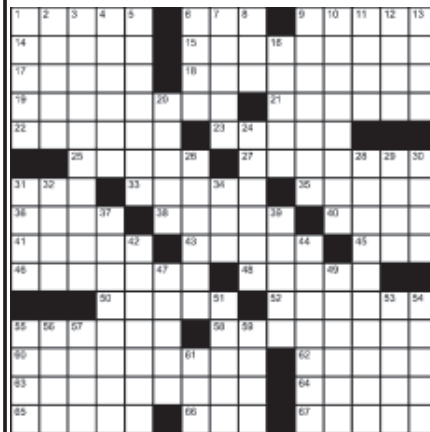
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- Songs for you
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- Kid's Talent
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- The Grand Opening of Junction Square
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- Culture Stage
- Simplicitism
- News
- Seven Special Stops around Inlay Lake
- News
- Easily Cooked & Tasty Dishes "Fried Pork Stick"
- Lei Gaing Monastery with wooden Statuettes
- News
- How to cast vote?
- Myanmar Movie "Longing For Mother"

MYANMAR TV

(24-3-2012) (Saturday)

- 7:00 am
- 1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw
- 7:50 am
- 2. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:15 am
- 3. Documentary
- 8:40 am
- 4. International News
- 11:00 am
- 5. Martial Song
- 11:20 am
- 6. Game For Children
- 1:55 pm
- 7. Delicious Dishes
- 2:00 pm
- 8. TV Drama Series
- 4:45 pm
- 9. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 4:55 pm
- 10. Teleplay (Health)
- 5:30 pm
- 11. Beautiful "ASEAN"
- 6:20 pm
- 12. Celebrity and Dinner
- 6:50 pm
- 13. TV Drama Series
- 7:40 pm
- 14. A zealous desire
- 8:00 pm
- 15. News
- 16. Talk Of the Political Parties
- 17. TV Drama Series

Crossword Puzzle



- Across**
1. Breakfast sizzler
 6. Marienbad, for one
 9. Peninsula, where Kuala Lumpur is located
 14. "Remember the ___!"
 15. Plants of the genus Equisetum
 17. Femme fatale
 18. Place stiffened material inside a collar
 19. Sixth canonical hour
 21. Legislative body with all members present
 22. State again
 23. Betelgeuse's constellation
 25. "Farewell, mon ami"
 27. Abject
 31. "Don't ___!"
 33. Flower commemorating Remembrance Sunday
 35. Stanley Kowalski's famous yell
 36. Domestic
- Down**
1. More mean
 2. Breathing
 3. Assuming responsibility for needs of another
 4. Portended
 5. Surface prevents falls
 6. Climb
 7. Orangutan
 8. "A jealous mistress": Emerson
 9. Solid portion between two crenels in a battlement (pl.)
 10. Eventually (2 wd)
 11. Been in bed
 12. Hokkaido native
 13. Original matter prior to Big Bang
 16. Brown shade
 20. Bread spreads
 24. Beat
 26. Understanding
 28. Human skull symbol (2 wd)
 29. Assortment
 30. Battering wind
 31. Asian nurse
 32. Kind of palm
 34. The "p" in m.p.g.
 37. Excluded
 39. Approval (2 wd)
 42. Soup cracker
 44. One hallucinating on drugs
 47. del Sol
 49. Resume original shape
 51. Loose rock debris on a slope
 53. Bakery offering
 54. Church recesses
 55. Attempt
 56. Be a snitch
 57. "Michiamano Mimi," e.g.
 59. Jekyll's alter ego
 61. His "4" was retired (baseball)

Fire drill practised as fire preventive activities in Hsipaw

HSHIPAW, 23 March—According to the fire preventive measures, the fire drill was exercised with the participation of staff of Township Fire Services Department, Township Development Affairs Committee and market committee at Myoma Market in Hsipaw on 12 March afternoon.

It was attended by Chairman of Township Fire Prevention Supervisory Committee Township Administrator U Kyaw Kyaw Maung, Executive Officer of the Township Development Affairs Committee U Thein Htaik Oo, officials and townsellers. Head of Township Fire Services Department U Ko Ko and members of fire brigade, together with members of Myoma Market fire brigade, participated in demonstration of fire drill with the use of fine engine and hoses. More fire drills will be performed with the use of foams in wards and villages.—Myanma Alin



REFRESHMENT FED: The chairperson of Yangon West District Women's Affairs Organization, the chairperson of Township Women's Affairs Organization and party fed refreshment to trainee children of summer cultural course in Ward 4 of Kamayut Township on 10 March. Photo shows WAO members feeding refreshment to children.

MYANMA ALIN

UEFA is not a 'gang', says Platini



UEFA President Michel Platini speaks during the annual UEFA Congress meeting, the official gathering of UEFA's 53 member associations, in Istanbul. Platini hit back at criticism by English Premier League chief Dave Richards, saying European football's governing body was "not a gang".—INTERNET

ISTANBUL, 23 March—UEFA head Michel Platini on Thursday hit back at criticism by English Premier League chief Dave Richards, saying European football's governing body was "not a gang".

Richards last week launched a blistering attack on both UEFA and FIFA, accusing them of "stealing" football from the English. He later apologised for his remarks, which he said had intended to be "light-hearted", but the damage had been done.

"I read in an English

media outlet he was going to send an email - maybe the email got lost in the corridors of UEFA but I never saw it," Platini said in reference to Richards' vow to send a letter of apology for his outburst.

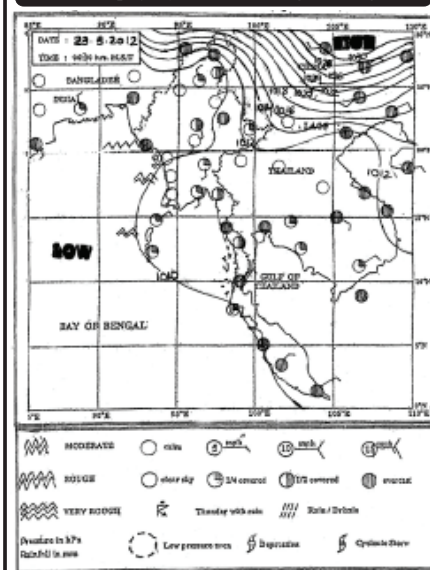
"What he said was slightly surprising," added the Frenchman. "He said football was stolen from England and that a gang has done this. We are not a gang at UEFA and the English are so generous they have given football to the entire planet."

"Football now belongs to

the whole world and I want to thank England for their gift to the world."

England are still angry over the doomed multi-million-dollar bid to stage the 2018 World Cup, which was awarded to Russia, and Richards had suggested that his own country's contribution to the game has been neglected. "England gave the world football," Richards said while attending the International Sport Security Conference in Doha on 14 March.—Internet

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 24th March, 2012

Sl. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	30/86	21/70	Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers	60%
2	Kayah	33/91	16/61	Partly cloudy	
3	Kayin	36/97	23/73	Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers	60%
4	Chin	24/75	14/57	Partly cloudy	
5	Upper Sagaing	37/99	21/70	Partly cloudy	
6	Lower Sagaing	37/99	26/79	Partly cloudy	
7	Tanintharyi	35/91	22/72	Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers	60%
8	Bago	35/95	24/75	Partly cloudy	
9	Magway	40/104	26/79	Partly cloudy	
10	Mandalay	40/104	29/84	Partly cloudy	
11	Mon	35/95	24/75	Partly cloudy	
12	Yangon	36/97	24/75	Partly cloudy	
13	Rakhine	32/90	23/73	Partly cloudy	
14	Southern Shan	30/86	16/61	Partly cloudy	
15	Northern Shan	32/90	12/54	Partly cloudy	
16	Eastern Shan	33/91	18/64	Partly cloudy	
17	Ayeyawady	35/95	23/73	Partly cloudy	
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	38/100	23/73	Partly cloudy	
19	Neighbouring Yangon	36/97	24/75	Partly cloudy	
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	40/104	29/84	Partly cloudy	

During the past (24) hours, light rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Kachin State, weather has been partly cloudy in Upper Sagaing, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Tanintharyi Regions, Rakhine State and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Day temperatures were (5°C) above March average temperatures in Upper Region and Chin State, (3°C) above to (4°C) above March average temperatures in Lower Sagaing and Magway Region, Northern Shan State and about March average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperature were Chank (43°C), Mawba (42°C), Mawya and Nyang On (41°C) each. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Machanbar (0.16) inch.

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

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

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

**President U Thein Sein leads mission to further increase Myanmar-Vietnam trade volume
Vietnamese companies keen to implement proposed projects in agriculture, forestry, fish and meat sectors soonest**



President U Thein Sein meets Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung at Main Conference Hall of Prime Minister's Office in Hanoi.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 23 March— President U Thein Sein met Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Tan Dung at Prime Minister's Office in Hanoi of Vietnam on 20 March.

President U Thein Sein and his entourage were accompanied by the Myanmar Ambassador to Vietnam, and Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung was accompanied by ministers and departmental heads.

The Vietnamese Prime Minister first extended a warm welcome to the Myanmar President and delegation members on behalf of the Vietnamese people and government. He said he was proud that Myanmar is successful in building internal peace and economic reforms under the leadership of her President.

The Myanmar Presidentsaid that Myanmar and Vietnam were historically close friends and his visit was aimed at strengthening the friendship. Political and

economic cooperation between Vietnam and Myanmar had been on the increase. He added that he took ministers concerned during his visit to Vietnam to discuss construction of motor road from Da Nang of Vietnam to Myanmar through Laos previously suggested by the Vietnamese Prime Minister, cooperate in manufacturing of finished timber products and to further increase trade volume between the two countries. He then introduced his entourage to the Vietnamese Prime Minister.

The Vietnamese Prime Minister, after introducing Vietnamese officials to the Myanmar President, made suggestions for promotion of existing friendly relations between Vietnam and Myanmar. He suggested continuing deputy minister level contacts in political, diplomatic and public security affairs on a regular basis; to put proposed projects in 12 major sectors agreed for implementation

(See page 7)

President U Thein Sein and party arrive back Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 23 March— President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and party who had visited the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, Cambodia and Lao People's Democratic Republic at the invitations of President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Truong Tan Sang, His Majesty King of Cambodia Preah Bat Samdech Preah Boromneath Norodom Sihamoni and President of Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr Choummaly Sayasone arrived back here by special flight of the Myanmar Airways International at 2.50 pm today.

President U Thein Sein and party were welcomed back at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Vice-Presidents Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and Dr Sai Mauk Kham, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing, Union ministers, the Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, the Chief

of Myanmar Police Force, heads of department, and officials from embassies of Socialist Republic of Vietnam, Cambodia, Lao People's Democratic Republic.

Members of the delegation Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Lt-Gen Soe Win, Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing, Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint, Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun, Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint, Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism and for Sports U Tint Hsan, Chief Minister of Shan State U Sao Aung Myat, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint and heads of departments also arrived back on the same flight.—MNA



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President U Thein Sein being welcomed back by Vice-Presidents Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and Dr Sai Mauk Kham and Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.

MNA