

President U Thein Sein starts goodwill visit to five EU member countries

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Feb—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein left here by special aircraft at 9 am today to pay goodwill visits to European Union member countries namely Norway, Finland, Austria, Belgium and Italy.

The goodwill delegation led by President U Thein Sein was seen off at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Vice-Presidents Dr Sai Mauk Kham and U Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Union Ministers Lt-Gen Ko Ko, U Aung Kyi, U Thein Nyunt, U Soe Maung, U Tin Naing Thein, U Nyan Tun Aung, U Than Htay, U Aye Myint and U

Maung Myint, Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Aye, Deputy Minister Chief of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun, departmental heads and Ms Lillen Otto of the Norwegian

Embassy.

The President was accompanied by Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Soe Win,

Union Ministers U Wunna Maung Lwin and U Soe Thane, Deputy Ministers U Thant Kyaw, U Ye Htut, Dr Daw Thet Thet Zin and Dr Daw Thein Thein Htay and departmental heads.—MNA



President U Thein Sein being seen off by Vice-Presidents Dr Sai Mauk Kham and U Nyan Tun, and Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.

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President U Thein Sein congratulates Korean President

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Feb—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein has sent a message of congratulations to Her Excellency Ms. Park Geun-hye, inaugurated on 25 February 2013 as the President of the Republic of Korea.—MNA

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Appointment of Chairman and members of Constitutional Tribunal of the Union

In accordance with Sections 327 and 332 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, the following persons have been appointed as Chairman and members of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union.

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| (1) U Mya Thein
(Retd Director-General,
Supreme Court of the Union) | Chairman |
| (2) U Myint Win | Member |
| (3) U Than Kyaw | Member |
| (4) Daw Hla Myo Nwe | Member |
| (5) U Mya Thein
(Advocate) | Member |
| (6) U Myint Lwin | Member |
| (7) U Tin Myint | Member |
| (8) Daw Kyin San | Member |
| (9) U Myo Chit | Member |

Sd/ Thein Sein
President

Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Senior officers study hosting of ASEAN Summit

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Feb—Jointly-organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) headquartered in Geneva of Switzerland, the opening of the course for senior officers for doing necessary training for hosting ASEAN Summit in 2014 was held at Zabuthiri Hotel, here, this morning, with an address by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Zin Yaw.

The course instructors Deputy Secretary-General U Nyan Lin of ASEAN Secretariat and UNITAR Representative Mrs. Isabel Hubert made speeches.

The ceremony was attended by directors-general, high ranking officials from the ministry, course in-charge and course instructors from UNITAR and 30 trainees of the ministries. The course will last till 1 March as of today.—MNA

USCC inks deal with Myanmar counterpart to boost trade, investment

YANGON, 25 Feb—The United States Chamber of Commerce (USCC) and the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) on Monday signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) in a bid to promote bilateral trade and investment between the two countries.

The MoU was signed between the two organizations at the US-Myanmar trade and investment symposium here for increased understanding between business communities of the two countries.

The symposium brought together senior business executives and government officials from

both countries, including a major business delegation of the USCC led by Jose Fernandez, United States Assistant Secretary of State for Economic and Business Affairs, and consisting of 50 representatives of US companies from a wide range of industries from agribusiness and automotive to electronics, energy, retailing and telecommunications. "We have made tremendous progress in normalizing economic relations between our countries. It is now time to take the relationship to the next level," said Tami Overby, vice president of Asia US Chamber of Commerce.

The conference helped

the participants to identify Myanmar's economic development priorities and objectives, and explore opportunities for expanding US-Myanmar trade and investment across a range of key industry sectors.

It is the first major US business delegation since President Barack Obama's historic visit to the country in November 2012.

On Friday, the Obama administration eased sanctions on four major Myanmar banks — Myanma Economic Bank, Myanma Investment and Commercial Bank, Asia Green Development Bank, and Ayeyarwady Bank - - allowing transactions with them and their access to

American financial system.

According to Myanmar official statistics, US investment in Myanmar amounted to 243.56 million US dollars in 15 projects, accounting for merely 0.6 percent of the total as of July 2012 since Myanmar opened to such investment in late 1988 and ranking the ninth in Myanmar's foreign investment line-up.

Bilateral trade between Myanmar and the United States reached 293.64 million US dollars in the fiscal year 2011-12, of which Myanmar's export to the United States accounted for 29.57 million dollars while its import stood at 264.07 million dollars.

MNA/Xinhua

Significant night temperatures (25-2-2013)

Haka	7°C
Hsipaw	9°C
Lashio	9°C

Htamane-making ceremony of Thiri Mingala vegetable market in Hline Township



YANGON, 25 Feb— Organized by the development committee of Thiri Mingala vegetable market in Hline Township, the second Myanmar Traditional Htamane-making ceremony was held in conjunction with

Myanmar traditional cane-ball contest at the market on 22 February.

Chairman of the committee and members and shopkeepers joyfully took part in Htamane-making and cane-ball contest. Under the leadership of Thiri Mingala market alms-offering association and the market's development committee, shopkeepers collectively made 160 bell-mouthed pans of htamane and presented to monasteries.

Kyemon

Dredging for proper flow of creeks and drains in Nyaunglebin Township

NYAUNGLEBIN, 25 Feb — With the aim of ensuring proper flow of water in creeks and drains, facilitating fish farming in lakes and creeks and preventing them from becoming completely dry and outflow of water from them, dredging works were being carried out by Nyaunglebin Fishery Federation on a self-reliant basis along a distance of 15-mile from Moakamu to Chaungta since

avoiding annual floods in this region. Moreover, fish farming will develop.

“Flow of water was poor in the past. It was difficult for flood waters to recede as fast as they had risen because embankments blocked the flow of water.

It was difficult to do cultivation works in the flooded fields. Dredging works would help farmers resume their agricultural



16 February with the use of heavy machinery.

Upon completion, cultivation works on farmlands of Moakamu village-tract, Tawpathi village-tract, Innchaung village-tract, Wahyonkon village-tract, Chaungkyo village-tract, Hleseik village-tract and nearby farmlands will be resumed on time,

works, making proper flow of water in the creeks”, says a farmer.

The village-tracts in the region faced difficulties in cultivation and fish farming due to floods. Upon completion of dredging works, it will benefit about 12000 acres of farmland in the region.

Kyemon

Young man run over after falling off truck

BAGO, 25 Feb — A young man was run over and killed after falling off a truck on a road section between Phayagyi village and Thabyeyoe village in Bago Township on 9 February.

Zaw Min Tun, 22, of Phayagyi village was run

over by the rear tier after he fell off the truck carrying bags of paddy husk and three workers including the victim driven by Zaw Min Naing, 42, of Phayagyi village.

He was pronounced dead on the way to Bago Hospital.

Kyemon

Free health care for local people in Sedoktara Township

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Feb — Magway Region Chief Minister U Phone Maw Shwe encouraged giving free health care service to local people by a medical specialist team at Sedoktara Township People's Hospital on 22 February.

While performing free medical treatment at the hospital, members of Magway Region Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee donated cash and

kind to the elderly persons in the township and a medial team gave educative talks on maternal and child health and provided refreshment to expectant mothers at the hall of the township General Administration Department.

Next, the chief minister oversaw renovation of a historic pagoda near Kudaw Village and road works on Ngape-Sedoktara-Longshe-Gangaw road.

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Free milk to schools in Shwebo Township

SHWEBO, 25 Feb — Under the arrangement of Pyi Shwebo all-round development public company, teachers and students of Taganan village Basic Education Primary School in Shwebo Township were provided with milk on 20 February.

The free milk program started on 28 January in all basic education schools in urban wards and villages of Shwebo Township. So far, free milk has been provided to 5276 students from 23 schools in the township.

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Summer paddy cultivation in Yedashe Township

YEDASHE, 25 Feb — Farmers in Yedashe Township of Bago Region are working harder to grow summer paddy with the use of irrigated water from Swachaung Dam. During the

rainy reason, the township had a low rainfall, causing low yield of paddy. Now, summer paddy is being put on more than 20000 acres of farmland in the township. A local farmer said they have



Hostel fire caused by electric kettle in Meiktila

MEIKTILA, 25 Feb — A fire broke out at a hostel in Aungsan ward of Meiktila Township in Mandalay Region at about 5 am on 21 February.

The fire started from an overheated wire of electric kettle which was left forgetting to switch off when the electricity was off. When the electricity resumed, a

shower of sparks from the overheated wire had set fire to the bamboo wall nearby.

Fire crews accompanied by four fire engines and one water bowser put out the fire at about 5.20 am.

No (1) police station of the township opened a case about the fire outbreak. — Kyemon

Ten-wheeled truck hits, kills cyclist in Yamethin

YAMETHIN, 25 Feb — A cyclist died on the hospital due to sever injuries got from the crash between her bicycle and a ten-wheeled truck in Yamethin on 19 February.

The ten-wheeled truck driven by Thein Win, 35, knocked down Ma San San Aye, 40, on the bicycle

crossing Yangon-Mandalay road near No (BEHS) in Yamethin Township of Mandalay Region, causing severe injuries the cyclist.

The injured cyclist was sent to Yamethin People's Hospital where she died due to the injuries.

Kyemon

Lashio special anti-narcotic squad finds drugs haul hidden under clothes

LASHIO, 25 Feb — According to a tip-off, Lashio anti-narcotic squad (special) interrogated two suspect women at Kyaldagun bus line to work harder in growing summer paddy to be able to meet a target of 90 baskets per acre.

Kyemon

office in Mansu bus terminal in Lashio on 20 February.

The two women were brought to the police station where they were under a thorough search by police women.

The search led to the seizure of eight packets each containing 195 stimulant tablets worth K 3.12 million from Ma Yan Saik Lan and small plastic bags with 1950 stimulant tablets worth K 3.9 million from Ma Gu Shwin Yin of ward-6 in Kuitkai. The seized stimulant tablets were hidden under their clothes. Now they are under police custody and were charged with possession of stimulant tablets by No (1) Police Station in Lashio.

Kyemon

WORLD

S Korea's first female president takes office

SEOUL, 25 Feb—Park Geun-hye was sworn in as South Korea's first female president on Monday, pledging economic revival, educational system overhaul and restoring trust between the two Koreas.

"The new administration will usher in a new era of hope premised on a revitalizing economy, the happiness of our people, and the blossoming of our culture," Park said in an inauguration speech delivered to some 70,000 people gathered in front of the parliament for the ceremony.

The 61-year-old vowed to root out "unfair practices" that stifled the growth of small and medium-sized businesses, reform the educational system to allow more room for creativity and bring about "flourishing culture."



South Korea's new President Park Geun-hye administers the oath of office during her inauguration at the parliament in Seoul on 25 Feb, 2013.—REUTERS

The 61-year-old daughter of late military strongman Park Chung-hee won the 19 December presidential election, becoming the first-ever president to earn a majority of the popular vote since democratic elections were introduced here in 1987.

She remains widely popular among older people nostalgic for rapid economic growth under the senior Park's 18-year authoritarian rule, while critics point to ruthless suppression of dissidents during his reign.

She replaced Lee Myung-bak, her political nemesis who beat her in the 2007 ruling party primary to win the presidential nomination. Lee was constitutionally barred from running for re-election.

Xinhua

Markets brace for crucial Italy election test

MILAN, 25 Feb— Investors are awaiting the outcome a wide open Italian election that could trigger a sell-off in stocks and bonds and renew concerns about the euro if the polls bring an unstable government.

Polling stations open for a second and final day on Monday and exit polls will be published soon after they close at 3 pm (1400 GMT).

Opinion polls have suggested the centre-left Democratic Party (PD) of Pierluigi Bersani could secure a narrow victory in the recession-hit country, the euro zone's third-largest economy. But the rise of anti-establishment comedian Beppe Grillo's 5-Star Movement and the impressive comeback of centre-right leader Silvio Berlusconi have cast doubt over Bersani's ability to govern even if he forms a coalition with the centrist party of outgoing

technocrat Prime Minister Mario Monti.

Exit polls soon after 1400 GMT could spark an initial market reaction although a clear political picture may emerge well after market close. Official results are expected by early Tuesday.

"If we don't have an indication of clear winner, there will be pressure on Italian bond yields," said Ishaq Siddiqi, market strategist with trading house ETX Capital who said markets were expecting a Bersani win.

"If this is confirmed, there should be a short-lived positive reaction and the euro should go up," he said.

"But next immediate question for the market will be how viable the winning coalition will be and whether it is able to continue with much-needed reforms."

Reuters

Complete list of 85th Oscar winners

LOS ANGELES, 25 Feb— The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences unveiled the 85th Oscar winners at Hollywood's Dolby Theater on Sunday night for the best movies, performances, writing, directing and other achievements on film in 2012. The following is a

complete list of this year's Oscar award winners in the leading categories:

- Best picture: "Argo"
- Best actor: Daniel Day-Lewis in "Lincoln"
- Best actress: Jennifer Lawrence in "Silver Linings Playbook"
- Best director: Ang Lee, "Life of Pi"
- Best supporting actor:



British actor Daniel Day Lewis poses with his Oscar for best actor for his role in "Lincoln" at the 85th Academy Awards in Hollywood, California on 24 Feb, 2013.

REUTERS

Christoph Waltz in "Django Unchained"

Best supporting actress: Anne Hathaway in "Les Miserables"

Best foreign language film: "Amour" (Love)

Best animated feature: "Brave"

Best production design: "Lincoln"

Best cinematography:

"Life of Pi"

Best original song: Adele's 007 movie theme tune "Skyfall"

Best costume design: "Anna Karenina"

Best documentary feature: "Searching for Sugar Man"

Best documentary short: "Inocente"

Best film editing: "Argo"

Best makeup: "Les Miserables"

Best short animated film: "Paperman"

Best short live action film: "Curfew"

Best sound editing: "Zero Dark Thirty", "Skyfall"

Best sound mixing: "Les Miserables"

Best visual effects: "Life of Pi"

Original Screenplay: Quentin Tarantino, "Django Unchained"

Original Score: Mychael Danna, "Life of Pi"

Adapted Screenplay: Chris Terrio, "Argo."

Xinhua



Jennifer Lawrence reacts as she poses backstage with her Oscar after winning the best actress award for her role in "Silver Linings Playbook" at the 85th Academy Awards in Hollywood, California, on 24 Feb, 2013.

Lawrence reacted to some photographers telling her to watch her step as she went onto the platform.

REUTERS



The ceremony was held at the Dolby Theatre in the Hollywood district of Los Angeles, California on Sunday.—XINHUA



A woman casts her vote in a polling station in Rome on 24 Feb, 2013.—REUTERS

Denmark finds horsemeat in pizzas

COPENHAGEN, 25 Feb — Denmark's food authorities confirmed on Sunday that they found a slaughterhouse on Peninsula Jutland illegally mix both horsemeat and pork in pizzas labelled as pure beef. The slaughterhouse, by the name of Haarby, was located in the city of Skanderborg in west Denmark, said the food authorities.

"We have reported the slaughterhouse to the police, because they have misled their customers," Michael RosenMark with the Ministry for Food, Agriculture and Fisheries told reporters.

The slaughterhouse has previously claimed that the restaurants who are customers of the slaughterhouse was informed the pizza mix contains both meat from horses and cattle. However

it turns out to be a lie.

The inspection report from the samples taken in Haarby Slaughterhouse on 13 February stated that "private and business customers have ordered beef and received products consisting of mixed species, including ground beef mixed with horsemeat and pork."

The Danish Food Standard Administration has kept a particular focus on mixed meat following the revealed scandal of horsemeat in beef lasagna and several other foods, which have involved some popular European and Danish supermarkets.

"We have had an eye on Danish slaughterhouses to see whether there could be a mix of beef and horse meat."

Xinhua

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

White House directs open access for government research

WASHINGTON, 25 Feb — The White House has moved to make the results of federally funded research available to the public for free within a year, bowing to public pressure for unfettered access to scholarly articles and other materials produced at taxpayers' expense. "Americans should have easy access to the results of research they help support," John Holdren, the director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, wrote on the White House website. An online petition on the White House website demanding free access over the Internet to scientific journal articles arising from taxpayer-funded research drew 65,704 signatures.

The directive comes amid a changing landscape for publishing and the availability of information due to the Internet. Scientists have long published the results of

their work in scholarly journals, and many such publications have warned that open access would destroy them and the function they provide the scientific community. The White House move also came some six weeks after the suicide of Internet openness activist Aaron Swartz, who was renowned for making a trove of information freely available to the public. Swartz ran into trouble in 2011 when he was indicted by a federal grand jury on charges related to allegedly stealing millions of academic articles and journals from a digital archive at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The activist, who pleaded not guilty to all counts, faced a lengthy prison sentence and a hefty fine if convicted in a trial that was set for later this year. Swartz's family and supporters blamed prosecutors for overreaching in his case,



President Barack Obama (L) gets direction from White House science adviser John Holdren during an event to look at the stars with local middle school students and astronomers from across the country on the South Lawn at the White House in Washington, on 7 Oct, 2009. — REUTERS

and his suicide drew attention to questions about the 1984 US computer fraud law, much of which was written before the Internet. Holdren said the decision to provide greater access took the concerns of scientific journals into account. "We wanted to strike the balance

between the extraordinary public benefit of increasing public access to the results of federally-funded scientific research and the need to ensure that the valuable contributions that the scientific publishing industry provides are not lost," he said.—Reuters

Microsoft says small number of its computers hacked

SEATTLE, 25 Feb — Microsoft Corp said on Friday a small number of its computers, including some in its Mac software business unit,

said the security intrusion was "similar" to recent ones reported by Apple Inc and Facebook Inc.

The incident, reported

The interior of a Microsoft retail store is seen in San Diego on 18 Jan, 2012.
REUTERS



were infected with malware, but there was no evidence of customer data being affected and it is continuing its investigation. The world's largest software company

on one of the company's public blogs happened "recently", but Microsoft said it chose not to make any statement publicly while it gathered information about

the attack. "This type of cyberattack is no surprise to Microsoft and other companies that must grapple with determined and persistent adversaries," said Matt Thomlinson, general manager of Trustworthy Computing Security at Microsoft, in the company's blog post.

Over the past week or so, both Apple and Facebook said computers used by employees were attacked after visiting a software developer website infected with malicious software. The attacks come at a time of broader concern about computer security.—Reuters

UN launches facility to transfer climate technology

NAIROBI, 25 Feb — The United Nations (UN) on Friday launched a new centre aimed at accelerating the transfer of climate-related technology to developing countries. The UN Environmental Programme (UNEP) Executive Director Achim Steiner told journalists in Nairobi that the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN) was one of the key agenda of the first universal UNEP governing council meeting. "Under UNEP's leadership, the CTCN will use new technologies to improve the lives of millions of people in developing countries who are currently dealing with the impacts of climate change," Steiner said. The



centre comes after 2012 UN climate Change Conference in Doha tasked the UNEP governing council meeting in Nairobi to confirm a UNEP-led consortium as hosts of the Climate Technology Centre.

"Other partners include the UN Industrial Development organization (UNIDO) as well as 11 other international research and development bodies," he said. The

executive director said the centre will help to reduce the risks and barriers that hinder acquisition of mitigation technologies by developing countries. Steiner, who is also the UN Under Secretary General, said that innovations are one way to replace current technologies with cleaner low carbon alternatives in order to tackle causes of global climate change.—Xinhua

China deploys uranium enrichment centrifuge

BEIJING, 25 Feb — China's largest atomic energy developer on Friday announced the successful installation of a domestically produced uranium enrichment centrifuge for industrial use. The centrifuge was built in a uranium enrichment plant in northwest China's city of Lanzhou, according to a statement from the China National Nuclear Corporation (CNNC).

Uranium centrifuges are necessary to obtain concentrated U235, which is used as fuel for nuclear power plants. Many countries are developing such devices, although few have had success with industrialized production.

The installation of the centrifuge marks a strategic accomplishment in terms of safeguarding the sustainable development of China's nuclear power industry, the statement said. The CNNC previously said that it invested a total of 1.75 billion yuan (280 million US dollars) in independent research and development projects in 2011.—Xinhua

The logo of HTC is seen in Taipei on 24 Sept, 2008. The new G1 phone made by Taipei's HTC Corp running Google's Android software was launched in New York on Tuesday. — REUTERS

Boeing says talks with SPEEA union will resume on Wednesday

SEATTLE, 25 Feb — Boeing Co (BA.N) and its engineering union have agreed to resume talks on Wednesday to replace an expired contract for 7,500 technical workers, another step toward settling negotiations that have continued for nearly a year.

Boeing said it had agreed to resume the talks with the Society of Professional Engineering Employees in Aerospace (SPEEA) under the auspices of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, which has been involved in the talks since December. The union also said it had sought talks next week.

The resumption of

talks comes after technical workers, one of two SPEEA bargaining units at Boeing, voted narrowly on Tuesday to reject Boeing's latest offer. The other unit, representing 15,500 professional engineers, voted narrowly to accept the offer.

Both units had authorized the union to call a strike in the vote, but the engineers' authorization is moot, since it agreed to the contract and that agreement prohibits workers from striking while a contract is in effect. The union on Friday launched a survey of its technical workers, asking which issues they think are priorities for the next stage of negotiations. — Reuters



The Boeing logo is seen on a Boeing 787 Dreamliner airplane in Long Beach, California on 14 March, 2012.
REUTERS

HTC smartphone maker settles US software security case

WASHINGTON, 25 Feb — HTC America, which makes smartphones and tablets that use Android and Windows software, will settle a US regulator's charges it failed to take adequate steps to eliminate security flaws that put millions of users' data at risk.

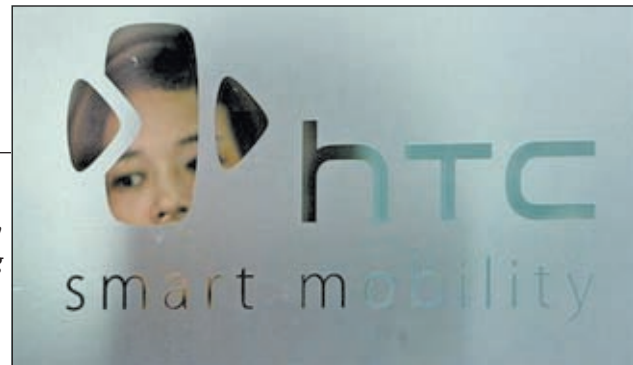
The Federal Trade Commission said on Friday that HTC America, a subsidiary of HTC Corp in Taiwan, made millions of phones with programming flaws that allowed third-party applications to evade Android's permission-based security model.

This means that the Android operating system, which normally requires users be provided notice if sensitive data is given to

third parties like data brokers, was prevented from giving notice to users, according to the FTC. Sensitive data includes location or the contents of text messages. The settlement requires the company to establish a comprehensive security programme and patch the software holes.

HTC spokeswoman Sally Julien said the company, working with carrier partners, has addressed the identified security issues on majority of devices released in the United States after December 2010.

"We're working to roll out the remaining software updates now and recommend customers download them once available," Julien said.—Reuters



BUSINESS & HEALTH



Moody's cuts Britain's top AAA credit rating to Aa1

LONDON, 25 Feb — Ratings agency Moody's cut Britain's domestic and foreign currency government bond ratings by one notch to Aa1 from the top notch triple A on late Friday. The outlook on the ratings is now stable, the rating agency said on its website.

The downgrade was based on the expectation that Britain's sluggish economic growth would extend into the second half of this decade. Moody's also doubted the capability of the British government to reduce debts before the targeted 2016, with its high and rising debt burden.

Britain's net sovereign

debt was the equivalent of 68 percent of the country's annual economic output, or GDP, at the end of 2012. Moody's, along with the other two ratings agencies Standard & Poor's and Fitch, last year put Britain's triple-A rating on "negative outlook," meaning they could downgrade the rating if Britain's situation deteriorates.

The British pound has depreciated sharply this week as rumors came that Britain could soon have a downgrade in its sovereign debt rating. It fell to 1.514 against the US dollar following Moody's decision to cut Britain's credit rating.—Xinhua

FDA recalls J&J's orthopedic device because of fracture potential

NEW YORK, 25 Feb — The US Food and Drug Administration on Friday said it has notified healthcare professionals of a Class I recall, the most serious type, of an orthopedic device made by Johnson & Johnson.

The device, called LPS Diaphyseal Sleeve, is used in reconstructive knee surgery. It was recalled because of the potential for fractures, the FDA said. The agency said it has received 10 reports of incidents in which the device has malfunctioned. The affected devices were manufactured by Depuy, J&J's orthopedic unit, from 2008 to 20 July, 2012.

A fracture in the sleeve at the joint of it could



A first aid kit made by Johnson & Johnson for sale on a store shelf in Westminster, Colorado on 14 April, 2009.

REUTERS

lead to loss of function or loss of limb, infection, compromised soft tissue or death, the FDA said. The FDA said the company is not recommending revision or additional follow up in

the absence of symptoms of patients with this implanted device. J&J's Depuy is currently defending itself against a slew of lawsuits over its hip implants.

Reuters

Comparison on severity between novel CoV, SARS-CoV premature

GENEVA, 25 Feb — Any comparison between the novel coronavirus, which caused seven deaths globally, and SARS virus in terms of spread speed or disease severity is premature, a Swiss immunobiologist said on Friday. Volker Thiel of the Institute of Immunobiology at Cantonal Hospital in

St Gallen, Switzerland, with other researchers, published the new findings on the novel coronavirus on Tuesday in the American online journal *mBio*, which showed the new virus replicates very well in human airway epithelial cells.

However, "from these data one can't conclude

that the novel CoV is more dangerous than SARS-CoV," Thiel told *Xinhua*. "For example, we don't know how the novel CoV interacts with the immune system, therefore, any comparison between the novel CoV and SARS-CoV with regard to spread, disease severity, ect. is premature," he said.

Xinhua

FDA approves Roche drug for late-stage breast cancer

WASHINGTON, 25 Feb — US health regulators approved a new drug made by Swiss drugmaker Roche Holding AG for some patients with late-stage metastatic breast cancer who fail to respond to other therapies.

The US Food and Drug Administration said on Friday it had approved Kadcyra, also known as ado-trastuzumab emtansine, for patients whose cancer cells contain increased amounts of a protein known as HER2.

The drug's label will carry a boxed warning, the most serious possible, of the Kadcyra's potential to cause liver and heart damage or even death. The drug can also cause life-threatening birth defects.

Still, fewer patients in a clinical trial experienced severe side effects than those who received standard therapy. The approval was based on a study of about 1,000 women who had already been treated with Roche's drug Herceptin and a taxane chemotherapy. Patients who were given

Kadcyra survived an average of 30.9 months, compared with 25.1 months for those in the control arm who took Xeloda and GlaxoSmithKline Plc's Tykerb.

The drug will be priced at \$9,800 a month, higher than Wall Street analysts had expected but likely acceptable to insurers.

"We don't expect to see significant payer pushback on pricing at launch,

given the drug's efficacy and safety," said Simos Simeonidis, an analyst at Cowen and Company, in a research note on Friday. Kadcyra works by attaching Herceptin, also known as trastuzumab, to a drug called DM1, developed by ImmunoGen Inc, which interferes with cancer cell growth

"Kadcyra delivers the drug to the cancer site to shrink the tumor, slow

disease progression and prolong survival," said Dr. Richard Pazdur, director of the FDA's office of hematology and oncology products.

Other drugs approved for HER2-positive breast cancer include Herceptin, Tykerb, and Perjeta, or pertuzumab, which is also made by Roche and was approved in 2012. Kadcyra is a member of a class of drugs known as antibody-drug conjugates, or "armed antibodies."

They combine an antibody, Herceptin in the case of Kadcyra, with a killer toxin, in this case DM1, and a link that binds them together to deliver a highly potent bomb within the diseased cells.

The drugs seek out specific cells that express proteins associated with the cancer, while leaving other cells alone.—Reuters



The logo of Swiss pharmaceutical company Roche is seen at the company's headquarters in Basel on 5 April, 2012. — REUTERS

Oxygen treatment may not help foot ulcers

NEW YORK, 25 Feb — Despite past clinical trials demonstrating that exposure to pure oxygen can help stubborn wounds heal, a large new study of diabetes patients with severe foot ulcers finds no benefit from oxygen treatments and possibly some harm. Researchers following more than 6,000 diabetes patients receiving treatment for deep foot wounds found that patients who got oxygen-chamber treatments along with standard wound care were no more likely to heal and more than twice as likely

to undergo amputations as those getting standard care alone.

The results, published in the journal *Diabetes Care*, surprised the study team from the University of Pennsylvania, not least because they defy so much previous research. "We really thought we would see a replication of what occurred in the randomized trials. The data demonstrates that didn't come to pass," said Dr Stephen Thom, a professor at the Perelman School of Medicine in Philadelphia

who worked on the study. For more than 20 years, people with serious open wounds or burns have been put into pressurized chambers or rooms that expose them to pure oxygen, in the belief that it helps to promote tissue growth and speed healing.

Because of nerve and blood vessel damage, people with diabetes are at risk of persistent ulcers forming on their toes and heels — wounds that can become infected and even lead to gangrene and amputation.—Reuters

Boeing proposes full 787 battery fix to FAA

WASHINGTON, 25 Feb — Boeing Co on Friday gave US aviation regulators its plan to fix the volatile battery aboard its new 787 *Dreamliner*, even though investigators have not yet determined what caused the batteries to overheat on two planes last month.

Boeing did not propose abandoning the lithium-ion batteries and is not working on a backup or longer-term fix for the problem that has grounded its entire fleet of 50 *Dreamliners* for nearly five weeks, three sources familiar with the plan said.

The company and the US Federal Aviation Administration said no firm result emerged from the meeting between Deputy Transportation Secretary John Porcari, FAA Administrator

Michael Huerta and other FAA officials and Boeing Commercial Airplanes CEO Ray Conner and other senior Boeing executives in Washington.

With Boeing's costs mounting by millions of dollars a day while the planes are on the ground, the FAA said it is "reviewing a

Boeing proposal and will analyze it closely. The safety of the flying public is our top priority and we won't allow the 787 to return to commercial service until we're confident that any proposed solution has addressed the battery failure risks."

Reuters



Logos of some Boeing 787 commercial airline clients are seen on a fuselage of the aircraft at the Singapore Airshow in Singapore on 14 Feb, 2012. — REUTERS

WORLD

Bomber killed near Afghan capital's diplomatic zone

KABUL, 25 Feb — Afghan security forces shot dead at least one would-be suicide bomber on Sunday in a high-security area of Kabul, home to government departments and diplomatic missions, police said.

Violence across the country has increased over the last 12 months, sparking concern about how the 350,000-strong Afghan security forces will manage once most foreign troops withdraw by the end of

2014.

The attack, one of four in Afghanistan early on Sunday, happened near a construction site that was stormed by Taliban gunmen in April last year. That assault triggered a nine-hour attack in which the insurgents fired rockets at western embassies and nearby hotels frequented by foreigners.

The man shot dead on Sunday was in a stationary four-wheel-drive vehicle in

the suburb of Sherpur when officers from the country's intelligence agency, National Directorate of Security (NDS) fired at the car, killing him.

The would-be bomber was carrying a gun and wearing an explosive-laden vest when he was shot dead, Kabul police chief General Ayoub Salangi told *Reuters*.

The car was also packed with explosives. Security forces were still attempting to defuse it an hour later.

The attack came on the same morning as bombings in the eastern provinces of Nangarhar and Logar.

In the capital of Nangarhar, Jalalabad, two NDS guards were killed and three others wounded when a car carrying explosives was detonated at a compound used by the intelligence agency.

Reuters



Afghan Security forces block the road near the side of an incident in Kabul on 24 Feb, 2013. —REUTERS

African leaders sign deal aimed at peace in eastern Congo

ADDIS ABABA, 25 Feb — African leaders signed a UN-mediated deal on Sunday aimed at ending two decades of conflict in the east of the Democratic Republic of Congo and paving the way for the deployment of a new military brigade to take on rebel groups.

Congo's army is fighting the M23 rebels, who have hived off a fiefdom in North Kivu Province in a conflict that has dragged Congo's eastern region back into war and displaced more than half a million people.

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, who witnessed the signing in the Ethiopian capital Addis Ababa, said he hoped the accord would bring "an era of peace and stability" for Congo and Africa's Great Lakes, and added that he would soon name a special envoy for the region.

The Great Lakes area, where colonial era borders cut through ethnic groups,

has in the last 20 years been a crucible of conflict that has launched multiple uprisings and invasions.

"It is only the beginning of a comprehensive approach that will require sustained engagement," Ban said of the accord, which did not include any representatives of rebel groups.

The agreement was signed by leaders and envoys of 11 African countries, including Rwanda and Uganda, which have been accused by UN experts of stoking the rebellion. They deny the accusation.

Speaking after the signing, Ugandan Vice President Edward Ssekandi said the deal could speed up the deployment of a new, UN-flagged intervention force to take on the rebels.

"We should be able to fast-track the ongoing consultation so that the force, with a robust mandate and capability, is put in place,"

he said.

African leaders failed to sign the deal last month after a disagreement over who would command the force.

The UN Security Council welcomed the signing of the deal on Sunday and called on Ban to keep the 15-member body informed of its implementa-

tion and any breaches of the commitments.

"The members of the Security Council remain deeply concerned by the worsening security and humanitarian situation in the eastern part of the Democratic Republic of Congo," the council said in a statement.

Reuters



Democratic Republic of Congo's President Joseph Kabila attends the signing ceremony of the Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework for the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Great Lakes, at the African Union Headquarters in Ethiopia's capital Addis Ababa, on 24 Feb, 2013. —REUTERS

Greek prisoners' attempt to escape by helicopter fails

ATHENS, 25 Feb — The attempt of a group of prisoners to escape a prison in central Greece by helicopter on Sunday evening failed, causing the injury of one of the convicts, Greek authorities reported.

Prison guards fired at the copter which approached the prison complex at Trikala, as Panayotis Vlastos, a

notorious convict serving life time term for criminal activities was climbing up a rope ladder, according to local media reports.

Vlastos was injured during a gun battle and has been transferred to hospital. The convict has escaped prisons twice in recent years.

In 2011 he played a leading role in another

failed attempt at Korydallos prison at Piraeus port, when a group of inmates had held two dozens guards and visitors as hostages.

In 2006 and in 2009 two other notorious convicts managed to escape from Korydallos prison, the country's maximum security prison, twice by helicopter.—*Xinhua*

Cuban leader Raul Castro announces he will retire in 2018

HAVANA, 25 Feb — Cuban President Raul Castro announced on Sunday he will step down from power after his second term ends in 2018, and the new parliament named a 52-year-old rising star to become his first vice president and most visible successor. "This will be my last term," Castro, 81, said shortly after the National Assembly elected him to a second five-year term.

In a surprise move, the new parliament also named Miguel Diaz-Canel as first vice president, meaning he would take over if Castro cannot serve his full term.

Diaz-Canel is a member of the political bureau who rose through the Communist Party ranks in the provinces to become the most visible possible successor to Castro.

Raul Castro starts his second term immediately, leaving him free to retire in 2018, aged 86. Former



Cuba's President Raul Castro (R) gestures while talking to the media at the Soviet Soldier monument in Havana on 22 Feb, 2013. —REUTERS

President Fidel Castro joined the National Assembly meeting on Sunday, in a rare public appearance. Since falling ill in 2006 and ceding the presidency to his brother, the elder Castro, 86, has given up official positions except as a deputy in the National Assembly.

The new government will almost certainly be the last headed up by the Cas-

tro brothers and their generation of leaders who have ruled Cuba since they swept down from the mountains in the 1959 revolution.

Cubans and foreign governments were keenly watching whether any new, younger faces appeared among the Council of State members, in particular its first vice president and five vice presidents.—*Reuters*

Fighting in Sudan's Darfur region kills 51

KHARTOUM, 25 Feb — Recent fighting between Arab tribes in Sudan's strife-torn Darfur has killed 51 people and wounded 62, state news agency *SUNA* said on Sunday, in the first official comment on fresh violence in the western region.

Conflict has raged in the vast arid region since mainly non-Arab tribes revolted against the Arab government in Khartoum in 2003, accusing it of political and economic neglect.

Violence ebbed from 2004 but has picked up again in recent months. Arab tribes, armed by the government to help quell the Darfur insurgency, have turned their guns on each other in battles for control of a gold mine and other resources.

Fighting broke out in January between the Bani Hussein and Rizeigat tribes over the mine in Jebel Amer

in North Darfur, displacing 100,000 people, according to the United Nations.

A total of 51 people were killed during new fighting in the area of El Sireaf between the two tribes on Thursday and Saturday, North Darfur governor Osman Mohammed Kibir told *SUNA*.

He said the army had now restored order, adding that "criminals" on both sides were to blame for the new violence which tribesmen reported first this weekend.

In January, separate clashes between the army and a rebel group in central Darfur forced 30,000 to flee. In 2003, Khartoum armed and unleashed Arab tribes to help put down the insurgency of African tribes. Human rights groups and the United Nations estimate hundreds of thousands of people died in the Darfur conflict.—*Reuters*

One killed in Lebanese border town by shells from Syria

BEIRUT, 25 Feb — Tension is running high in Lebanon's northern border after a man was killed on Saturday in Wadi Khaled area by gunshots from the Syrian side, Lebanon's official *National News Agency* said on Sunday.

According to the re-

port, Hussein Ismael, was shot dead when Syrian shells landed in Akkar district of al-Dbabiyeh and al-Noura towns of Lebanon.

His body has been reportedly transferred to nearby hospital.

A state of rage and an-

ger overwhelmed the town after Hussein Ismael's death and army unit was deployed in the region.

Since the eruption of the Syrian crisis in 2011, Lebanon's northern cities have been witnessing clashes and other security incidents.—*Xinhua*

LOCAL NEWS

Express buses plying between Kalay & Yangon



KALAY, 25 Feb—Kalay located on the western bank of Chindwin River is sharing border with Tamu, Mawlaik, Gangaw and Monywa Districts.

The town is bustling with local travellers and globetrotters.

With a view to creating smooth transportation of over 700 miles long Kalay-Yangon route, the bus lines namely Tatlan express buses, Yazar Min express buses, Tint Taing Aung express buses and High Class express buses

leave Kalay for Yangon daily passing along Kalay, Kalewa, Monywa-Yagyi-Monywa, Mandalay and Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon expressway. The bus-lines charge K25000 per passenger for the along the route.

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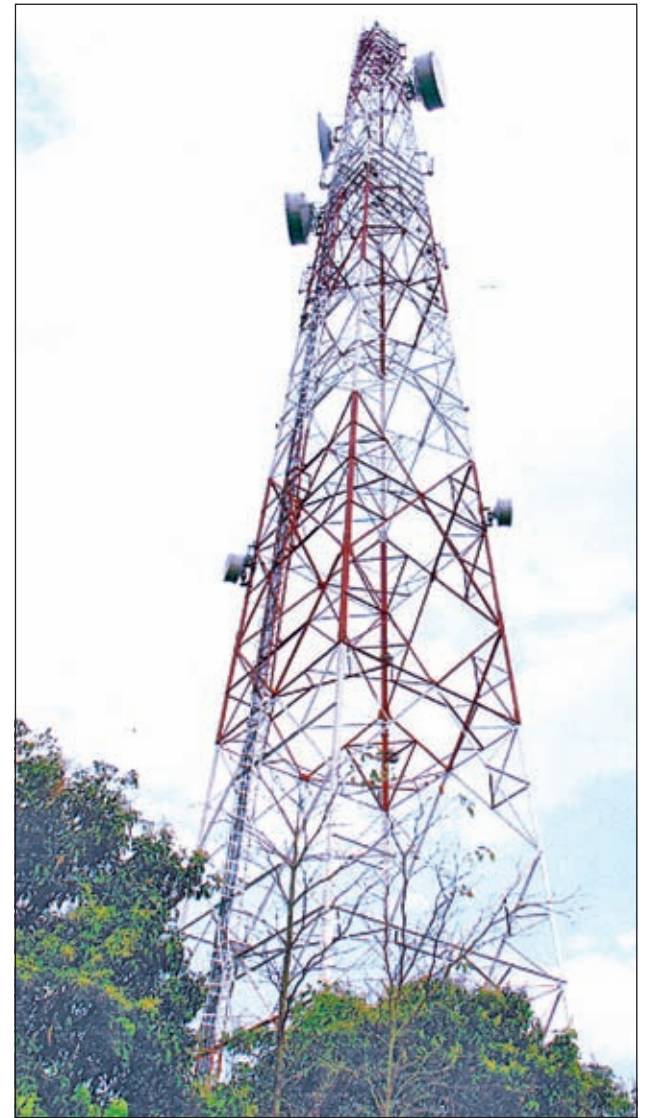
TATKON, 25 Feb—Myanma Posts and Telecommunications has installed 3G networks at the tower in Tatkon Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council, so local people can use it as of 15 February.

In the past, the tower was installed with 2.75 G networks.

Thanks to installation of 3G network at present, the users have better access to applying download. MPTC has established GSM towers in Taungpoh Village, Aungmyay Yeiktha Village, Nyaunglunt Village and MRTV for enabling the telephone users from rural areas to have better access to tele-communications.

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3G GSM tower gives better access to telephone users



Union Cup Games
Dates and Venues for Sports Events

Nos	sport categories	Event Period		Venue	Remark
		From	to		
	Opening ceremony	28-2-2013	-	Wunna Theikdi Stadium (Zabuthiri Township)	
1.	Track and field	3-3-2013	7.3.2013	Wunna Theikdi Stadium (Zabuthiri Township)	
2.	Badminton	23-2-2013	27-2-2013	TC-1 Badminton Training Hall (Zabuthiri Township)	
3.	Basketball	1-3-2013	6-3-2013	TC-1, Basketball Training Ground (Zabuthiri Township)	
4.	Billiards and snooker	23-2-2013	2-3-2013	TC-2 Billiards Hall, Lewe Township	
5.	Physical fitness	12-2-2013	-	MCC (Yangon, Thingangyun Township)	
6.	Boxing	24-2-2013	1-3-2013	TC-1 boxing training gym (Zabuthiri Township)	
7.	Chess	26-2-2013	2-3-2013	Gold Camp (mess hall) (Zabuthiri Township)	
8.	Cycling (Cross Country)	1-3-2013	6-3-2013	Mount Pleasant cycling ground (Ottarathiri Township)	
	Cycling (Down Hill)	1-3-2013	6-3-2013	Mount Pleasant cycling ground (Ottarathiri Township)	
	Cycling (BMX)	1-3-2013	6-3-2013	Mount Pleasant cycling ground (Ottarathiri Township)	
	Cycling (Road Race)	1-3-2013	6-3-2013	TC-1 Cycling training gym (Zabuthiri Township) Pinlaung road/ Taungkya Village and Leinli bridge	
9.	Football (Men/women)	20-2-2013	7-3-2013	Wunna Theikdi Stadium (Zabuthiri Township)/ Paunglaung ground (Pinyinmana Township) Training grounds (1) and (2) (Zabuthiri Township)	
10.	Fustal (Men/women)	23-2-2013	6-3-2013	TC-1 Fustal training gym (Zabuthiri Township)	
11.	Judo	25-2-2013	27-2-2013	TC-2 Judo training gym (Lewe Township)	
12.	Karatedo	4.3.2013	6-3-2013	TC-2 Karatedo training gym (Lewe Township)	
13.	Sepak Takraw	25-2-2013	5-3-2013	TC-1 Sepak Takraw training gym (Zabuthiri Township)	
14.	Table Tennis	23-2-2013	27-2-2013	TC-1 Table Tennis training gym (Zabuthiri Township)	
15.	Taekwondo	1-3-2013	3-3-2013	TC-1 Taekwondo training gym (Zabuthiri Township)	
16.	Tennis	23-2-2013	28-2-2013	TC-1 Tennis training gym (Zabuthiri Township)	
17.	Pancek Silat	2-3-2013	6-2-2013	TC-2 Martial Arts training gym (Lewe Township)	
18.	Traditional Boxing (Muay)	3-3-2013	5-3-2013	TC-1 Boxing training gym (Zabuthiri Township)	
19.	Volleyball	27-2-2013	7-3-2013	TC-1 Volleyball training gym (Zabuthiri Township)	
20.	Weightlifting	1-3-2013	3-3-2013	Paunglaung Gymnasium (Pinyinmana)	
21.	Wushu	1-3-2013	3-3-2013	TC-2 Wushu training gym (Lewe Township)	
22.	Wrestling	4-3-2013	7-3-2013	Paunglaung gym (Pinyinmana Township)	
	Closing Ceremony	7-3-2013	-	Wunna Theikdi Stadium (Zabuthiri Township)	

25-player Myanmar team for AFC Challenge Cup qualifier

YANGON, 25 Feb— Myanmar National Team that will take part in the 2013 AFC Challenge Cup qualifier to be hosted in Myanmar at Youth Training Centre in Thuwunna of Thingangyun Township in Yangon Region from 2 to 6 March 2013 was constituted with 25 players.

The players are gathered at 12 February noon and they started training as of 4 pm.

The team left Nyana Lwin, Nanda Kyaw, Nanda Lin Kyaw Chit, Aung Moe, Sithu Aung, Maung Maung Soe and Htoo Htoo Aung who participated in the tune-up match with the Philippines.

They were substituted with Naing Lin Oo, Kyi Lin, David Dune and Khin Maung Lwin who have recovered from the injuries in addition to Paing Soe and Myo Zaw Oo.

The 25-member squad is formed with Goalkeepers: Thiha Sithu (Yadanabon), Kyaw Zin Phyo (Magway), Pyae Phyo Aung (Southern), Defenders: Yan Aung Win, Ye Zaw Htet Aung,

Zaw Min Tun, Thet Naing (Yadanabon), Aung Hein Kyaw (Zeyar Shwemyay), Zaw Zaw Oo (Ayeyawady), Pyae Phyo Aung (Yangon United), Thein Than Win (KBZ), Midfielders: Phyo Ko Ko Thein, Nyi Nyi Min, Naing Lin Oo (Ayeyawady), Yan Aung Kyaw, Yazar Win Thein, Kyi Lin, David Dune, Khin Maung Lwin (Yangon United), Paing Soe (Yadanabon), Myo Zaw Oo (Magway), Forwards: Kyaw Ko Ko (Yangon), Kaung Sithu (Yadanabon), Kyaw Zeyar Win and Soe Min Oo (KBZ).

U Tin Myint Aung will discharge duty as manager, Chief Coach Pak Sawng-hua, Assistant Coach U Zaw Win Tun, Physical Coach Ha Hae Jun and Goalie Coach U Myo Chit and interpreter U Aung Thura.

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PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 26 February, 2013

Wonderful summer holidays

Most of the school boys and school girls have finished their final examinations that actually are a part of their future lives. We all know that most of the boys and girls did well and will surely pass their examinations.

So, what are you going to do during your long summer holidays? Boys and girls may have many options. As they are young and cannot make right decisions in all matters, mostly their parents will be the decision makers.

Some parents draw travels plans for their children to know about other places in the country and for pleasure. But that is just a short-term plan. Mostly, they will let their children attend one of the many summer courses that will be the most beneficial and cost-effective as money always matters.

So, boys and girls can attend English proficiency courses to improve their four-skill in the globally used language as there may be more English courses than any other courses during the summer time. Here one of the best ways in this IT age is to enroll in computer courses. Whether you use the computer for work or simply for fun and leisure, the training will help you with the basics and make your transition to professional level easier.

As fit and healthy youths are important for the country, parents should also send their children to sports courses for giving them the habit of doing regular exercise or even become good in at least one sporting event since childhood. Swimming or martial arts will be the most effective as it can even save lives and protect you. Boys and girls can also go outing with friends and visit museums, zoological gardens, libraries or any other valuable places.

Hence, parents will find the best means for their children to spend their summer holidays most effectively through the most cost-effective way. We wish you all wonderful summer holidays!

ARTICLE
Peace and stability, key ingredient for development

Peace and stability and socio-economic development of a country are interdependent. Only when the peace prevails, will the country develop.

Peace yearned by the people

Agreements have been reached with 10 armed groups except KIO and political dialogue is poised to start since earlier this year, it is learnt.

The government and KIO agreed on four points and negotiations have reached further. The entire country is hoping for the historic peace of the whole nation for the first time since the independence in 60 years. Then, the world will recognize home grown model of Myanmar's peace and reform.

Socio-economic development of displaced persons and ceasefire groups and creation of economic opportunities built on mutual friendship in the regions are crucial for a lasting peace.

Generation of job opportunity

After fill-in migration, Myanmar citizens end up in dangerous, difficult and dirty jobs in foreign countries. They also face social challenges. While working to ensure that Myanmar workers abroad enjoy their rights, we need to generate more job opportunities, key to poverty alleviation and development of the country.

More job opportunities will contribute to development of the country and increase of per capita

income. So, the creation of job opportunities is crucial for the country. The government is giving high priorities to inflow of foreign investments, foreign aids and official development aids and clearing debts. Close ties with the international community have been restored after a series of political, economic and administrative reforms.

The President said in a coordination meeting for effectiveness of development works on 11 May that sector-wise and region-wise projects would be implemented with foreign loans and foreign and domestic investments, apart from the state budget. First Development Cooperation

Khin Chin Dwin

Forum was successfully held on 19-20 December, with Nay Pyi Taw Accord declared and development aids pledged. An institution and a mechanism were established for effective management of foreign aids.

Thanks to political and economic reforms of the new government, donor countries and international NGOs have increased aids than ever before. But, Rome is not build in a day. Feasibility test, cost-profit assessment and a certain amount of time for negotiation are needed.

The foreign investment law widely granting rights to foreign investors and bylaws and rules and regulations which would ensure the national interest with administrative power have been issued.

Necessary economic laws, bylaws, rules and regulations are being drafter for market competitiveness of exports. Export tax is reduced and regulations relaxed to ensure flexible situation. Loans are being granted to small and medium enterprises as production subsidies to boost the export volume.

It is necessary to conduct research for acquisition of information about world market and to have better connectivity in economic network. It is not only for facilitating

import of machinery and raw materials and more production for export but also ensuring more market shares at home and abroad. In pursuance of ASEAN Economic Community, it needs to have access to world market for goods manufactured at home, to ensure in macro-economy stability, to seek ways and means to be able to boost production technology and quality of products and cost efficiency and to ensure infrastructural development and public-private cooperation for development of national economy. More efforts are to be put into SMEs sector in order to gain competitiveness in the regional market in 2015 when AEC was realized.

News report about meetings between leaders of the country including the President and foreign delegations at home and their goodwill visits and working visits to foreign countries have appeared on the television and dailies.

While the President is working harder for the people of 60 million, saying that now was the time to do marketing for Myanmar, all stakeholders and the entire people are to actively take part in the process.

There has been ray of hope for jobs as a result of the government's move to have access to world market while making friends with world nations without having discrimination on the grounds of East and West. Social and economic reform processes of the government earned trust of foreign countries, with the result that economic sanctions against the country eased off.

Ongoing protests in the country which are born together with reform process have flooded journals and online. It can be said that peaceful protest is a democratic right. But world nations have kept a watchful eye on the country because it is something strange about a country with immature democratic practice.

Apply to unprecedented particular circumstance and situation

Now is the time when the country has witnessed unprecedented circumstance and situation. If we

make great strides in pursuit of development with the use of unity and strength of the current generation in the unprecedented circumstance and situation, upholding it as a national duty, the country will be excluded from the list of least-developed countries and will be able to shape the better future. Only unity, intelligence and understanding of the entire people could help the country stand tall among the world nation with full of glory.

Only when peace prevails, will more visitors come and visit Myanmar

Only with peace and stability, will more visitors come and visit Myanmar. If not so, it is impossible for job creation and generating more incomes.

For example, only tourism and investments could bring job creation. Local and foreign visitors want to visit places of peace and security. It will be okay if they are allowed to visit there at any time. If not so, there will be delays in the drive for socioeconomic development. Only with peace and stability, will each and every citizen be prosperous. So the Rule of Law calls for coordination in accord with the law.

Technocrats and wise men are needed

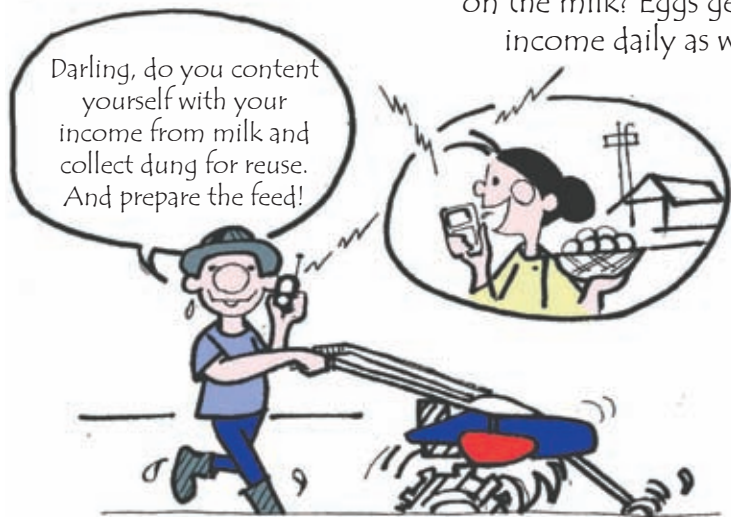
The nation is in need of technocrats and wise men. I mean the country not only requires capacity building of those in private and public sectors to be able to run the business operations and administrative mechanism accord with the country's reform process and challenges of 21st century but also needs those who understand the real situations and are willing to contribute their commitment in the situation constructively.

Only if all stakeholders are equipped with the sense of ethical and civic responsibility for the emergence of fair society, they will exercise democratic principles. Only strict adherence to ethics could assist for ensuring a lasting peace. Peace and stability is key ingredients for socio-economic development of the country.

Trs: HKA+YM

Do you think I'm relying on the milk? Eggs generate income daily as well!

Darling, do you content yourself with your income from milk and collect dung for reuse. And prepare the feed!



Combination of cropping and breeding doubles farmers' income.

Cartoon Thabya

NATIONAL

Now is time to face bravely and wisely with genuine goodwill

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Feb—Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann discussed matters related to the National Planning Bill for 2013-2014 fiscal year at the 13th-day sixth regular session of the First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw today.

The unofficial translation of the full discussion of the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker is as follows:-



Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann discusses matters related to the National Planning Bill.—MNA

Esteemed Speaker and Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives,

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw speaker traced the Hluttaw's motto and included some matters occurred in the country that are needed to be taken into consideration in his speech given on the first day of the sixth regular session. Parliamentarians held constructive and in-depth discussions on bills for 2013-14 fiscal year submitted by the Union government, it is found that these discussions reflected people's voices, people's wishes and people's requirements for the sake of the Union.

As a people's representative, I would like to stress the need for implementation of people's hopes, placing emphasis on these goodwill discussions by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

Esteemed Speaker and Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Representatives,
The onus is on the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to pass the laws that can fulfill the requirements of the people, ensuring public interest and national interest after making an analysis of projects and budgets bills presented by the Union government.

So it is required to reassess the points included in the bill, ensuring them to be appropriate, equivalent, beneficial and fair.

This year's budgets presented by the Union government should be allowed as the nation sees reform process and rehabilitation tasks. But budgets should be spent, really and truly, on sectors and projects necessary to be implemented at the present time. It means that no cuts in budget are needed and the Hluttaw should decide to allow the budgets for the sectors which are really

needed to be implemented.

Esteemed Speaker and Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Representatives,

It is required not only to draw plans in respective sectors for unemployed people, especially the youths, service personnel with great hardship in grass root levels, debt-burdened farmers and breeders, poor workers and peace-yearned people but also to enact them as a law for the use of finance. Implementation of these matters is an essential prerequisite for the present time.

It is necessary to provide necessary assistance and allowance to teachers of affiliated schools, post-primary schools, self-reliant schools and monastic education schools who were appointed by local people starting from coming fiscal year while our country is moving towards a compulsory primary education system, to appoint medial graduates and those who had completed their duty of house surgeon at the necessary posts after scrutinizing them by Medical Council or a suitable team although they had failed to pass the exam of Union Civil Services Board and to narrow the gap of health care between rural and urban areas to a certain extent. If necessary, they are to be sent to Central Institute of Civil Service to take the course later in accord with the decision of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

Esteemed Speaker and Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives,

Discussions held in Hluttaw have revealed that Hluttaw representatives are striving to fulfill the requirements of the people, upholding interest of the State and its people and

desisting from partisanship, dogmatism, regionalism, racism and religion.

If we actually want an internal peace for national unity and national reconsolidation, we all have to respect the existing laws for ensuring peace and stability.

We have to consider whether a law is needed for making peace. It is required to set up funds to be spent on peace-making process, even if enactment of law is not needed.

Even we don't know clearly whether we will be given international aid, how much of international aid we will be given and when international aid will be given, it is required for Hluttaw to decide to use public money in peace making process. Peace could not be achieved by enactment of a law and spending of money. It calls for participation of the entire people in good faith.

Esteemed Speaker and Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Representatives,

Existing laws, bylaws, rules and regulations, procedures, notifications and directives are to be pragmatic ones to be followed and departments and service personnel that are implementing them are to have an appropriate social status with own dignity. Necessary arrangements and adequate training are to be made for them to reach such kind of status. By doing so, it will facilitate reform process, earning public interest in administrative mechanism.

Likewise, it will assist for ensuring the Rule of Law. A phrase "good servants make the nation better" will be realized soon.

Service personnel were provided with allowance

of K 30000 as a result of discussions in last year when discussions on budget were held. If the allowance is included in the pay scale and new allowance is granted after scrutinizing ordinary expenditure, it is manifested that the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw pay attention to the wishes of service personnel and keep the promise it has pledged. Hluttaw also spotlighted and made constructive discussions on malpractices of some departments.

Esteemed Speaker and Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives,

Reports of parliamentarians may be right. We have to think about how many people who left for foreign countries due to difficulties that cannot be resolved by government salary and how many service personnel who are in service resolving difficulties in their own ways there are.

Esteemed Speaker and Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives,

We have found that there is possibility of increase in allowance and salary after making coordination with departments concerned.

Esteemed Speaker and Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Representatives,

Our Hluttaw is responsible for passing laws for the sake of the nation and its people. Legislation includes passing new laws, amending, revoking and substituting existing laws.

It is required to pass fair laws that the people can adhere. If laws are unfair and people violate them due to unfairness of law, it will be very sad to see to which people will be charged with violation of unjust laws, thereby deteriorating the national unity and capability.

Every piece of legislation should be reasonable and fair and fits for any citizen.

Esteemed Speaker and Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Representatives,

Some Hluttaw Representatives have discussed matters related to taxation to ensure reasonable and fair legislation. People's representatives of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw need to be briefed on sector-wise and industry-wise tax rates and taxation system. Only then, will the MPs be able to discuss and pass the legislation. So, respective departments responsible for collecting taxes need to submit orders, notifications and directives on taxation in coming fiscal year as soon as possible.

Only when the MPs and responsible departments discuss the bills, will the good taxation laws be approved

and profit the country. Public participation in the process will help get rid of tax evasion and bribery and any other misappropriation.

The cooperation of taxpayers, the people and the lawmakers is crucial for better solutions of taxation.

Esteemed Speaker and Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Representatives,

Assistance of international community and World Bank and Asian banks, and foreign investments are needed for economic reforms. Foreign investments, by its nature, are profit-oriented.

The poverty rate will drop soon if we legislate for the alleviation of poverty of farmers. We, the Hluttaw, must carry out the task in cooperation with others. It is needed to draft and pass laws to protect the farmers as per the constitution and put them into force as soon as possible. If we legislate for agricultural loans, interest rate, due date, minimum amount of agricultural produce, it will be helpful to farmers in debt crisis, improving the yield and quality. It will also improve trade and service industry, increasing job opportunities and raising salaries benefiting both farm workers and other labour. We cannot also turn a blind eye to breeders. The project will be pragmatic and will develop rural areas and bring down poverty.

Esteemed Speaker and Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Representatives,

The comprehensive monetary policy and fiscal policy are important as well as the good banking system for economic development of the country and the interest of the people. Reasonable exchange rate and decent price for the products are required. Measures to raise the currency unnecessarily must not be accepted. Why can't we continue to fluctuate the currency even though there are some countries proving that it could develop the economy. We have heard complaints that the exchange rate is being kept at K 850 even when an increase to around K 950-1000 would serve the interest of the people and that local farmers, manufacturers and CMP workers face difficulties. If these are true and those responsible fail to fulfill the desires and needs of the people, the Hluttaw will have to take the responsibility and negotiations need to be made soon.

I would like to explain appointment of central bank governor and the auditor-general in Russia. The lower house nominated the central bank governor and the upper house the

deputy governor. The upper house nominated the auditor-general and the lower house the deputy auditor-general. The central bank manages the government's fund and the auditor-general monitors the management. In any system, the roles of the central bank that wisely manage the public budget and the auditor-general who monitors the management are very important. The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw should facilitate their works.

Esteemed Speaker and Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Representatives,

I've learnt that: Do not be frightened whenever intimidated, but be frightened sometimes; Do not be bolstered whenever flattered, but be bolstered sometimes; Do not be softened whenever appeased, but be softened sometimes.

Now is time to face bravely and wisely with genuine goodwill.

Esteemed Speaker and Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Representatives,

All in all, I would like to urge the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to:-

- (1) To provide decent salary and allowance to civil servants by adjusting ordinary expenditure without requesting no extra budget,
- (2) To enact laws protecting farmers, breeders and workers as a projection against way of alleviating poverty and enforce effective laws and to address unemployment,
- (3) To legislate for internal peace and fund the effort,
- (4) To ask respective departments which will levy taxes in 2013-2014 FY to submit laws, orders and directives to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw along with the budget and seek the approval of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw,
- (5) To scrutinize teachers at affiliated schools, post-primary schools, self-reliant schools, monastic schools whose salaries are paid by the people of the community and appoint them officially with decent salaries and allowance since the start of the coming fiscal year,
- (6) To make any possible coordination for appointment of newly graduated doctors, reducing the healthcare gap between urban and rural areas, upgrading dispensaries and hospitals and appointment of doctors and nurses,
- (7) To dare facing any criticisms in approving the national plan, budget and taxation laws for 2013-2014 fiscal year.

Suspect named in Las Vegas shooting that killed aspiring rapper



A crime scene analyst photographs a car in front of Caesars Palace hotel-casino after a shooting and multi-car accident that left three people dead and at least three injured on the Las Vegas Strip in Las Vegas, Nevada on 21 Feb, 2013. —REUTERS

LAS VEGAS, 25 Feb—Police have identified a suspect in the fatal shooting of an aspiring rapper as he drove on the Las Vegas Strip in a Maserati before dawn on Thursday, sparking a fiery crash that also killed a cab driver and his passenger.

Ammar Asim Faruq

Harris, described as armed and dangerous, was still at large on Saturday, but the black Range Rover from which he is suspected of opening fire had been impounded, Las Vegas police said.

Authorities said a gunman in a Range Rover opened fire early on Thurs-

day on the silver Maserati being driven by 27-year-old Kenneth Wayne Cherry Jr, who performed under the name “Kenny Clutch.”

Cherry was slain and his car veered out of control and smashed into a taxi, which exploded into flames in an intersection on the Las Vegas Strip in front of several casino resorts, killing the driver and a passenger and triggering another multi-car crash.

Authorities believe the confrontation started in the valet parking lot of a nearby hotel, the Aria Resort and Casino. But police did not identify a motive for the shooting or the altercation.

Police identified Harris, 26, as the driver of the apparently brand-new luxury sport utility vehicle, and said he had also opened fire. Police said in a statement that he had an “extensive and violent criminal his-

tory.”

Killed in the cab were driver Michael Bolden, 62, and a passenger who has not been identified by authorities. Las Vegas television station KTNV identified the passenger killed as Sandi Sutton, a Washington state woman who worked for a Seattle-area chamber of commerce. A passenger in Cherry’s vehicle suffered a minor injury and cooperated with police, authorities said. Three other people were also injured in the melee, which took place near the Bellagio and Caesars Palace hotels.

The incident occurred less than a mile from where rapper Tupac Shakur was shot in September 1996 while riding in a BMW with Death Row Records co-founder Marion “Suge” Knight after the two men had attended a Mike Tyson boxing match.—Reuters

Teenage fan confesses to stadium flare tragedy

RIO DE JANEIRO, 25 Feb — A 17-year-old Corinthians fan has made an impassioned plea for forgiveness after admitting to throwing the flare that killed Bolivian boy Kevin Beltran Espada during a Copa Libertadores match last Wednesday.

The Brazilian teenager, who revealed only his initials HAM, said on Sunday he had decided to make the confession after being haunted by guilt. “First of all I want to say sorry not only to the family of Kevin, but to all the guys who were arrested,” HAM said. “I feel like the worst person in the world. I bitterly regret what I did.”

“I am not protecting anybody. I only want to assume responsibility for what I did because it’s not right that others pay the

price for something they didn’t do.”

Twelve Corinthians fans remain in police custody in the Bolivian city of Oruro, two of whom who have been charged with homicide. The incident occurred while Corinthians supporters celebrated a first-half goal during their team’s 1-1 draw against San Jose at the Jesss Bermudez stadium. HAM said he only learned of the boy’s death while leaving the stadium after the match.

He did not immediately confess to the crime due to his “fear” of the consequences. The teenager will present himself to a children’s court in the city of Guarulhos on Monday, according to his lawyer Ricardo Cabral.

Xinhua

Panama-registered freighter catches fire off east China coast, 15 rescued

QINGDAO, 25 Feb—Fifteen of the 16 crewmen on a Panama-registered freighter that caught fire off east China coast have been rescued, according to local marine authorities late Sunday. One person was still stranded on the freighter “HUA SHAN,” said officials with the maritime safety administration of Shandong Province.

The crewmen are all from the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea. None of the 15 rescued was injured. At 7:57 pm on Sunday, the Shandong maritime rescue centre received a report that the engine room of the freighter was on fire in waters about 18 sea miles off Chaolian Island, which is about 31 kilometres from Qingdao city.

The centre made contact with the owner of the freighter carrying 4,000 tonnes of coal after receiving the report. Fifteen sailors boarded the lifeboat and were rescued by a passing ship, Qingdao maritime rescue centre reported at 9:43 pm.

Xinhua

Arms smuggling threatens unity, transition in Yemen

SANAA, 25 Feb—A UN team started on Sunday an investigation into the allegedly Iranian arms cargo seized in Yemen’s territorial waters in January, coinciding with rampant riots in some southern cities ahead of a national reconciliation dialogue, Yemeni official Saba news agency reported.

Experts said smuggling weapons into Yemen at the moment adds to the challenges threatening the national unity and the West-backed political transition as well as the country’s stability and security which largely serve the regional and international security.

Mohsen Khostrouf, a retired military Brigadier General and a sociology researcher, said arms smuggling in Yemen at the moment has very dangerous

consequences on Yemen’s stability that can be reflected on the regional and international security.

“However, Yemen should not focus only on the weapons that come from Iran, there should be concrete steps to put a ban to all countries including those responsible for the other arms cargos seized recently,” he said.

The UN team inspected the weapons, which were seized on *Jeehan 1* ship and included anti-aircraft missiles, C-4 Explosives, 122 mm mortar launchers, rocket-propelled grenades (RPG), land mines and anti-vehicle magnetic bombs.

“Our visit comes to help Yemen find out why and to whom Iran had sent the weapons and to investi-

gate the crew of the ship in an effort to collect as much information as possible about the arms cargo and report that to the UN Security Council,” Saba quoted chief of the expert team Lauren as saying.

The Iranian weapons were part of several arms seizures carried out by the Yemeni authorities in recent months including a few Turkish-made arms cargos, mostly of which carried pistols.

The authorities did not comment on other cargos, focusing solely on the Iranian ship, an attitude some observers argue has a connection to the disputes among sponsors of the power-transfer deal, namely the United States, Saudi Arabia, and Iran.

Xinhua

Seven killed in fresh gunmen attack in northern Nigeria

GUSAU, 25 Feb—At least seven people have been killed in northwest Nigeria’s Zamfara State on Sunday when unknown gunmen numbering about 30, attacked a village and injuring several others.

The incident occurred in the early hours of Sunday when people from the Beni village in Dansadau emirate of Maru Local government area of Zam-

fara were observing their prayers.

A security source told Xinhua that the hoodlums stormed the village with AK47 rifles and other offensive weapons as they move from house to house attacking the innocent villagers.

Those who were not lucky to escape the gunmen trap were either killed or severally wounded, the

source added.

According to the source, seven people were reported to have died as a result of gunshots, while several others were injured and have been taken to the general hospital Tsafe for medical attention. State police spokesperson Lawal Abdullahi was not available to comment on the incident.

Xinhua



Tourists do ice climbing on a frozen waterfall in the Anjiazhuang Valley of Mentougou District, a suburb of Beijing, capital of China, on 23 Feb, 2013.

XINHUA



Photo taken on 23 Feb, 2013 shows Cecil Hotel where a girl was found dead on Tuesday, in Los Angeles, the United States. Cecil Hotel closed on Saturday for repairing of water pipes and will reopen next Tuesday. The body of Elisa Lam from Vancouver was found on Tuesday in a water cistern atop the downtown Cecil Hotel.—XINHUA

REGIONAL

Japan PM Abe keeps ratings high as he pushes reflation steps

TOKYO, 25 Feb—Voter support for Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe rose to 70 percent or more in two weekend opinion polls, signalling that his drastic economic policies are winning backing and giving him a shot at becoming a rare long-term leader.

Abe, who took office in December after his conservative Liberal Democratic Party's massive election win, has promised to beat deflation and revive the long-stagnant economy with a mix of hyper-easy monetary policy and big fiscal spending.

Abe, just back from

a summit in Washington with US President Barack Obama, is set to nominate Asian Development Bank President Haruhiko Kuroda, a supporter of his aggressive monetary easing stance, as the next Bank of Japan (BOJ) governor, sources said on Monday.

Seventy percent of voters backed Abe in a survey by the *Nikkei* business daily, up two percentage points, while *Kyodo* news agency put his rating at 72.8 percent, up 6.1 points. Fifty-eight percent in the *Nikkei* survey agreed the next BOJ governor should be a proponent of drastic



Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe pauses during remarks at a reception with Japan-US Cultural Exchange Representatives in Washington, on 22 Feb, 2013.—REUTERS

monetary easing. The consistent high levels of support are rare for a Japanese leader, whose ratings often

start high but then sink. That fate befell Abe during his troubled 2006-2007 first term.—Reuters

One dead, one missing after boats collision in W Japan

OSAKA, 25 Feb—Two fishing boats capsized after collision with a cargo ship from China's Taiwan in waters in Osaka Bay in western Japan on Monday morning, leaving one crew member on the fishing boats dead and another missing, local Press reported.

The collisions occurred at around 6:00 am local time when the two fishing boats, which belong to a local fisheries cooperative, collided with the 13,000-ton cargo ship, and there were four crew members on the two fishing boats according to the country's public broadcaster Nippon Hoso Kyokai (NHK).

Xinhua

Philippines waits for Malaysia's response on deadline extension

MANILA, 25 Feb—The Philippine government is waiting for Malaysia's response to its request to extend the deadline for the peaceful withdrawal of the armed Filipinos from Sabah, Deputy Presidential Spokesperson Abigail Valte said on Sunday.

"I was told that there's

no response yet," Valte said in an interview over a radio interview on Sunday.

She said it has been "relatively quiet" for a time now since the standoff started after more than 100 armed men claiming to be part of the "Royal Security Forces of the Sul-

tanate of Sulu and Northern Borneo" occupied part of Tanduao in Lahu Datu Town in Sabah two weeks ago.

She said the Philippines' priority at present is for the peaceful resolution of the standoff and safe return of the Filipinos.

Xinhua

Malaysians perform dragon dance to celebrate the traditional Chinese Lantern Festival in Malacca, Malaysia, on 24 Feb, 2013. XINHUA



Indian PM visits twin blast sites in southern city

NEW DELHI, 25 Feb—Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on Sunday visited the sites of the twin bomb blasts which hit capital Hyderabad of the country's southern state of Andhra Pradesh on Thursday evening in a span of less than 10 minutes, killing at least 16 people and injuring over 117 others.

The prime minister arrived at Hyderabad's Begumpet airport this morning by a special Indian Air Force plane, where he was received by state governor ESL Narasimham, Chief Minister N Kiran Kumar Reddy and other dignitaries. He later flew by a chopper to a place near the twin blast sites.

Local TV channels showed footage of Singh spending some 10 minutes each at the twin blast sites at Dilshuknagar, a busy commercial hub in the city, where he was briefed by the chief minister and the state police chief. He covered the second blast site from the

first by foot.

The prime minister also paid a visit to two private hospitals where the injured are being treated. He also spoke to some of the injured as well as doctors treating them. Singh, however, did not apparently speak to the media as Indian parliament is currently in session, but he is expected to make a statement at the Lower House of Parliament (Lok Sabha) on Monday.

The prime minister had earlier described the terror attacks as "dastardly" act and said that those who responsible for the blasts would not go unpunished. He had also appealed to the public to remain calm and maintain peace.

Singh had already sanctioned from the Prime Minister's Relief Fund two lakh Indian rupees (4,000 US dollars) each to the families of those killed and Rs 50,000 (1,000 US dollars) each to those seriously injured in the blasts.

Xinhua



Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh (1st L) visits a victim at Omni hospital in Hyderabad, India, on 24 Feb, 2013. Singh on Sunday visited the sites of the twin bomb blasts which hit capital Hyderabad of the country's southern state of Andhra Pradesh on Thursday evening in a span of less than 10 minutes, killing at least 16 people and injuring over 117 others.—XINHUA

Senior Taliban leader captured in eastern Afghanistan

KABUL, 25 Feb—A senior Taliban leader was arrested on Sunday morning in eastern Afghan Province of Nangarhar, the coalition forces said.

"Afghan and coalition forces arrested a senior Taliban leader and three other insurgents during an operation in Khugyani district, Nangarhar Province, today," the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) said in a Press release. The detained Taliban commander was believed responsible for coordinating and directing insurgent fighters in the province 120 km east of Afghan capital

of Kabul, the release said without revealing the name of the captured man.

"He is also suspected of having maintained direct operational control of a significant number of suicide bombers prepared to carry out attacks against Afghan and coalition forces," it noted.

Earlier Sunday, the Afghan Interior Ministry in a statement said that the Afghan police supporting by army and coalition forces detained a total of 22 armed Taliban insurgents in different provinces within the last 24 hours.

The Afghan security

forces in partnership with the NATO-led coalition troops have intensified operations against Taliban and other militant groups recently. But the insurgent groups responded by armed attacks and bombings.

Earlier Sunday, three Afghan security members were killed and four were wounded in two separate suicide car bombings in eastern Nangarhar and neighbouring Loar Province while the country's security forces killed two suicide bombers and defused their car bomb before targeting a security compound in Kabul.—Xinhua



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Vacancy Announcement

Announcement No. 3 / 2013

9th Waxing of Tabodwe 1374 ME

(19 February 2013)

1. The Department of Social Welfare under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement has issued an announcement of vacancies for the following position-

Position	Vacancy	Educational Qualification
Staff Officer	3	M.A(English)
	2	B.Med Tech (Physiotherapy)

2. The applicants -

- (a) must be citizens of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.
- (b) must not be over 35 years of age (40 years if service personnel) on 20 March 2013.
- (c) must be in good health, must be physically fit and possess well intact limbs.

3. Application forms are available at Office No. (17) of the Union Civil Service Board in Nay Pyi Taw or the respective offices of the Region and States Government and it must be submitted to the above mentioned offices in person or through the mail service not later than 20 March 2013. **The applicant must specifically describe the desired exam centre to sit for written examination either at Nay Pyi Taw or the Region and States and if so who can get the admission for the proposed exam centre. Late submission of application will not be accepted.**

4. With regards to filling in the application form, documents to be attached, mode of payment of Ks.500/ for examination fee, subjects to be studied for written examinations and personal interview, candidates applying for the vacant positions will have to follow the instructions manifested in the Guide Booklet published under Letter No. 950 / Selection (Main)/ 2012, dated 1 October 2012.

5. **For service personnel**, his or her original application altogether with the recommendation of the ministry concerned and a passport photo of the applicant must be sent to Office No. (17) of the Union Civil Service Board in Nay Pyi Taw through the Head of Department .Another application form together with an extra passport photo must be sent to the Union Civil Service Board or the respective offices of the Region and States Government by 20 March 2013.

6. Written examinations will be held in **Nay Pyi Taw, Region and States Government**. Candidates will be examined in Myanmar and General Knowledge examination papers on 26 October 2013 (Saturday) and English examination paper on 27 October 2013 (Sunday).

7. Identity cards for candidates sitting for the examination will be issued at Nay Pyi Taw and the respective offices of the Region and States Government on 24 October 2013.

8. For more information, applicants may contact Office No. (17) of the Union Civil Service Board, Nay Pyi Taw (067 - 409052, 067 - 409430) or the respective offices of the Region and States Government in person or by phone.

9. This announcement and the guide booklet for applicants may be browsed on Websites: ucsb.imis.com.mm and www.ucsb.gov.mm.



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Vacancy Announcement

Announcement No. 2 / 2013

9th Waxing of Tabodwe 1374 ME

(19 February 2013)

1. The Myanma Port Authority under the Ministry of Transport has issued an announcement of vacancies for male for the following position-

Sr.No	Position	Vacancy	Educational Qualification
(a)	Assistant Mechanical Engineer	2	B.E(Mechanical)/B.E(Marine Engineering)/B.E(Naval Architecture)
(b)	Assistant Port Officer	2	CPA/ B.Com/ B.Act

2. The applicants -

- (a) must be citizens of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.
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- (c) must be in good health, must be physically fit and possess well intact limbs.

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV EVER ABLE VOY NO (335N)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV EVER ABLE VOY NO (335N) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 25-2.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of H.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY

AGENT FOR: M/S EVER GREEN SHIPPING

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV ORA BHUM VOY NO (329)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV ORA BHUM VOY NO (329) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 26-2.2013 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 REGIONAL CONTAINER LINES

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV BLPL BLESSING VOY NO (1209)

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SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
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AGENT FOR: M/S ORIENT EXPRESS LINE PTE LTD

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Actress Melissa McCarthy arrives at the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences 21st annual Hall of Fame Gala in Beverly Hills on 1 March, 2012.



REUTERS

Comedy "Identity Thief" back on top of North American box office

LOS ANGELES, 25 Feb —Comedy "Identity Thief" snatched the weekend box office title in the United States and Canada during its third weekend in theatres,

narrowly beating new action movie "Snitch" as Hollywood focused on Sunday evening's Academy Awards ceremony. "Identity Thief" starring Melissa McCarthy

grabbed \$14 million in ticket sales from Friday through Sunday, according to studio estimates compiled by Reuters. "Snitch" featuring Dwayne Johnson finished

close behind with \$13 million. The animated offering "Escape From Planet Earth" took in \$11 million to finish third in its second week in theaters.— Reuters

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The Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Union Civil Service Board
Vacancy Announcement
Announcement No. 1 / 2013
9th Waxing of Tabodwe 1374 ME
(19 February 2013)

1. The Office of the Auditor General of the Union has issued an announcement of vacancies for the following position-

Position	Vacancy	Educational Qualification
Audit Officer	15	Certified Public Accountant (CPA)

2. The applicants -
 (a) must be citizens of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.
 (b) must not be over 35 years of age (40 years if service personnel) on 20 March 2013.
 (c) must be physically fit and possess well intact limbs, must be in good health and capable of serving the duty at assigned frontier places .

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7. Identity cards for candidates sitting for the examination will be issued at Nay Pyi Taw and the respective offices of the Region and States Government on 24 October 2013.

8. The Office of the Auditor General of the Union has prescribed specific rules and regulations for successful candidates in discharge of their duties. In this context candidates wishing to obtain further information may contact in person or by phone to Office No.(12) of the Office of the Auditor General of the Union in Nay Pyi Taw (Tel : 067 - 407326).

9. For more information, applicants may contact Office No. (17) of the Union Civil Service Board , Nay Pyi Taw (067 - 409052, 067 - 409430) or the respective offices of the Region and States Government in person or by phone.

10. This announcement and the guide booklet for applicants may be browsed on Websites: ucsb.imis.com.mm and www.ucsb.gov.mm.

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV BILLION VOY NO (137)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV BILLION VOY NO (137) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 25-2-2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV BANGKHONTHI VOY NO (166)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV BANGKHONTHI VOY NO (166) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 26-2-2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W(5) where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV BANGSAPHAN VOY NO (105)

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Yokozuna Harumafuji points to his name on a new sumo rankings list in Osaka on 25 Feb , 2013.

KYODO NEWS

Sumo:
Harumafuji
dethrones
Hakuho
to sit on
prestigious east
side

TOKYO, 25 Feb — With the Japan Sumo Association's release of the new rankings on Monday, grand champion Harumafuji finally finds himself at sumo's true summit after his promotion to the prestigious east position in the elite makuuchi division.

The 28-year-old Harumafuji, who won his fifth career title at the New Year basho in January with his third 15-0 record, will sit at the top of the throne for the first time for the Spring Grand Sumo Tournament getting under way on 10 March at Bodymaker Colosseum.

Rival yokozuna Hakuho, who lost to Harumafuji on the final day in January and ended with a pedestrian 12-3 mark, has been relegated to the west wing for the first time since the 2010 January meet — ending his streak as sumo's top gun at 18 consecutive meets. —Kyodo News

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV SPRING WIND VOY NO (7)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SPRING WIND VOY NO (7) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 26-2-2013 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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Nathan Dyer of Swansea City shows his Man of the Match trophy and the League Cup trophy after their 5-0 victory in Capital One Cup (the League Cup) Final football match between Swansea City and Bradford City at Wembley Stadium in London, Britain on 24 Feb , 2013.

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Bradford thrashed in League Cup final but still creates history

LONDON, 25 Feb — Giant killer Bradford failed to have a fairytale ending at League Cup final on Sunday as Premier League side Swansea conquered the fourth-tier team with an overwhelming 5-0

victory to lift their first trophy in more than 100 years. Bradford, who beat three Premier League teams including Wigan, Arsenal and Aston Villa in the previous rounds, became first team from England football's bottom league since 1962 to enter this final at Wembley. However, with 69 teams between the opponents in the English league pyramid, Michael Laudrup's

side was clearly too strong for the nicknamed Bantams, who failed to make a shot in the first half. Nathan Dyer's brace, Michu's cool finish, Jonathan de Guzman's penalty for being fouled by Goalkeeper Matt Duke, made the game with few doubts after 60 minutes when Duke was also shown a red card to leave a battling ten-man Bradford side.

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Earthen road under construction for rural development



MYANAUNG, 25 Feb— Ayeyawady Region Minister for Development Affairs U Kyaw Win Naing, Deputy Superintending Engineer U Soe Than and Region Hluttaw representative U Aung Myo Nyunt in-

spected progress of Salokkyi-Gyobin earthen road on 20 February.

Officials of Myanaung Township Development Affairs Committee reported on construction of the road by spending fund of Township DAC in 2012-2013 fiscal year.

On completion of two miles and two furlongs long earthen road, rural people from Myanaung Township will travel to Ingapu Township in a short time.—*Myanma Alinn*

Guo Chuan expects to finish solo world sailing in one month

QINGDAO, 25 Feb— Chinese sailor Guo Chuan expected to finish his non-stop solo sailing around the world in one month, according to his supporting team on Monday. Many parts of Guo's yacht were broken last week, like jib, generator and radar.

"I got the boat only one year ago, and tests of the boat are few. Therefore, many



Chinese sailor Guo Chuan

problems were not found before the sailing," Guo said.

"I also missed the great

opportunity of testing the boat when it was transported from Europe to Hong Kong from July to September of last year," Guo said.

Sailing on the south of the Indian Ocean, Guo said unpredictable winds, fishing nets and many merchant ships were difficulties for him in the last one month.

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Bryant silences Cuban with 38 points in Lakers' win

LOS ANGELES, 25 Feb — Kobe Bryant fired back at Dallas owner Mark Cuban with 38 points as he lifted the Los Angeles Lakers past the Mavericks 103-99 on Sunday. After Cuban recently suggested the Lakers should consider waiving Bryant and his league-high salary next season, the five-time NBA champion showed his worth with an artistic display of clutch shooting and all-around effort that included 12 rebounds and seven assists.

"It was a big win for us," Bryant told reporters after finishing with 14 fourth-quarter points to seal the triumph. "(I tried to) be patient, attack but still read the defense. We made some tough shots." Dallas

(25-30) led 90-87 midway through the fourth quarter but visiting Los Angeles nosed ahead with a seven-nil run led by Bryant and Steve Nash who finished with 20 points. The victory was the third straight for Los Angeles (28-29) who moved within 2-1/2 games of a Western Conference playoff spot that Bryant has guaranteed the team will secure.

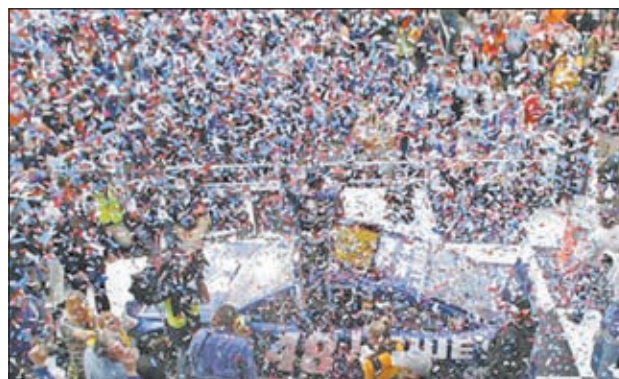
The Mavericks, 10th in the West, are also battling for a spot and Dirk Nowitzki put up 30 points and 13 rebounds. Cuban's comments centered around the NBA's "amnesty clause," which allows a team to release a player and avoid paying taxes on their salary.

Reuters



DAYTONA BEACH, 25 Feb— Jimmie Johnson cemented his place in NASCAR's list of greats by winning his second Daytona 500 on Sunday, while pole-sitter Danica Patrick placed eighth, the best finish for a woman in the 'Great American Race'. Five-times Sprint Cup champion Johnson led for the final 10 laps to finish ahead of Dale Earnhardt Jr and 54-year-old Mark Martin.

Patrick, who was the first woman to start on pole in the 500, went into the final lap in third but fell back five places during the final push to the finish line. Driving the number 48 Chevrolet for Hendrick Motorsports, Johnson first won the race in 2006 but had



Jimmie Johnson celebrates atop his number 48 Chevrolet after he won the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Daytona 500 race at the Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Florida on 24 Feb, 2013.—REUTERS

not finished above 27th in the last six editions of stock car racing's premier event. "I had a lot of confidence in those final two laps leading the train because I knew just how fast this car was," said Johnson.

The race came a day after a crash in the second tier Nationwide race at the Daytona International Speedway left around 30 fans needing treatment after debris flew into the crowd. As usual there were some

wrecks in the always incident filled race with an early collision on lap 33 involving nine cars but there were no injuries. Several vehicles span off the track, including favourites Tony Stewart and Kasey Kahne, and previous Daytona winners Kevin Harvick and Jamie McMurray.

It was more disappointment for Stewart, who having won virtually every honour in the sport has yet to taste success in the famous Daytona Victory Lane. Stewart took little comfort from the fact there is a long season ahead. "To hell with the season. I wanted to win the Daytona 500," he said. "We had a car that we could pass with today."

Reuters

Granderson fractures forearm, to miss Opening Day

LOS ANGELES, 25 Feb — New York Yankees outfielder Curtis Granderson fractured his right forearm in his first at-bat in spring training and will miss the start of the regular season, the American League team said on Sunday.

Granderson was hit by a pitch from Toronto's JA Happ in the first inning at Tampa, Florida and is

expected to miss about 10 weeks, the Yankees said on their website. X-rays revealed the extent of the injury. The 31-year-old Granderson has spent the last three years in centre field for New York but he started Sunday's game in left as the team experimented with a move that put Brett Gardner to centre.

Reuters



New York Yankees outfielder Curtis Granderson poses for a photograph during media photo day at the team's MLB spring training complex at George M. Steinbrenner Field in Tampa, Florida, on 20 Feb, 2013.—REUTERS

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw highlights national development



Photo shows Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session in progress.
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NAY PYI TAW, 25 Feb—Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint read out the message sent by the President on the nomination of chairman and members of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union and approved it, at the 13th day session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. Hluttaw approved the appointment of Retd Director-General of Supreme Court of the Union U Mya Thein as Chairman of the Constitutional Tribunal and members.

“I am pleased with the appointment of

Chairman and members of Constitutional Tribunal of the Union. We need it according to the Constitution. I believed that it would be beneficial for the State and people as experienced scholars were selected by the President, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker and the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker,” said Hluttaw representative U Aung Kyaing of Bagan-Nyaung U Constituency.

Regarding National Planning Bill (2013-2014), Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann highlighted the

facts—providing staff with fairly-high salary and more expenses; promulgation of laws that protect farmers, livestock breeders and workers and drawing a plan to reduce unemployment rates; legislation and use of funds for local peace-making processes if necessary; enactment of taxation laws for 2013-2014 financial year; providing necessary assistances and emoluments to teachers appointed with people’s funds; appointment of house surgeons and giving necessary training if

necessary and extended building of hospitals and clinics and appointment of more doctors and nurses so as to narrow health care gaps between urban and rural areas.

He also pointed out that budgets should be used only for the projects beneficial to the country and people.

Hluttaw Representatives held discussions on National Plan (2013-2014) and the projects described in appendix 2 (a).—NLM

Objectives of the 68th Anniversary

Armed Forces Day 2013

1. To uphold the national policy namely non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity, and perpetuation of sovereignty
2. To play the leading role in the national politics by the Tatmadaw joining hands with all national races with Union Spirit and the true patriotism in line with the Constitution
3. To crush all destructive elements at home and abroad through the strength of State, People and Tatmadaw
4. To build up a strong, competent, modern, patriotic Tatmadaw to safeguard the security and sovereignty of the nation

U Min Thein concurrently accredited as Myanmar Ambassador to New Zealand

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Feb—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Min Thein, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Commonwealth of Australia, concurrently as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to New Zealand.—MNA

Union Minister oversees regional development tasks in Kanpetlet of Chin State



Union Minister at the President Office U Hla Tun views elephant yam in Kanpetlet Township.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Feb—Union Minister at the President Office U Hla Tun visited Natmataung National Park in Kanpetlet of Mindat District in Chin State on 23 February. The Union Minister heard reports on environmental conservation of Natmataung and arrival of tourists presented by the deputy

commissioner of Mindat District and fulfilled the requirements.

Yesterday, the Union Minister viewed the orchid garden in the compound of Natmataung National Park Administrator’s Office and called for attracting the tourists to earn the income. Then, the Union minister met elephant yam farmers

in Kanpetlet Township and urged them to commercially grow elephant yam as it is compatible with regional weather and marketable crop. The Union Minister also attended the alms-offering ceremony of 4th Buddha Pujaniya of Myo U Aung Pagoda in Kyaukpadaung Township today.—MNA

Mongolians to cooperate with Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Feb— Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Mya Nyein received a Mongolian delegation led by Mr. Lundeg Purevsuren, National Security and Foreign Policy Advisor to the Mongolian President, at the Committee Hall No. (20) of Amyotha Hluttaw

Building, here, at 3 pm today.

The meeting focused on further promoting cooperation between the two parliaments.

Also present at the call were Chairman of the Government Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee U Aung

Tun, Chairman of the International Relations Committee Col Maung Maung Htoo, Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee U Thein Win and Chairman of the ASEAN Political and Security Community Committee U Nyunt Tin.

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Pyithu Hluttaw IRC Chairman receives Advisor to President of Mongolia

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Feb—Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee U Hla Myint Oo received a delegation led by Mr Lundeg Purevsuren, National Security and Foreign Policy Advisor

to Mongolian President at Hall-1 of Hluttaw Complex, here, this evening. They had a cordial discussion on exchange of goodwill visits between the two countries, close cooperation in parliaments, exchange

of experience, holding 3M meeting of Myanmar, Mongolia and Mozambique, and Myanmar’s participation in the 7th Meeting of the Community of Democracies to be held in Mongolia.

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Encroachers brought to justice

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Feb—Sittaung Pulp Mill and Theinzayat village-tract administrator’s office filed lawsuits against a group of nine encroachers led by U Myint Soe on 29 January for damage to state-owned property and encroachment

in Eucalyptus plantation in Kyaikto Township in Mon State.

The group led by U Myint Soe and U Aung Win reclaimed 302 plots in the area of plantation and sold at the price of K 33000 per plot. They also erected the

signboard that reads, “U Myint Soe (Labour) self-reliant ghetto,” prompting the authorities to sue against.

The Mon State government is convincing homeless occupants and settling them.

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