Democracy system introduced to the Union of Myanmar still in its infancy

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NAY PYI TAW, 12 Feb—The following is the translation of the message sent by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe on the occasion of the 64th Anniversary of Union Day.

Esteemed national brethren,

On the occasion of the 64th Anniversary of Union Day, I would like to extend my warmest greetings to the entire national brethren of you residing in amity and harmony throughout the Union of Myanmar, wishing you every blessing.

The Union of Myanmar has a very long history. Sovereignty resided over the territory in the times of Myanmar monarchs who managed to unify the whole country into a consolidated one. Yet, in times of disintegration of national unity, Myanmar was under foreign invasion. In late Konbaung Period, our country lost independence and sovereignty and fell under alien subjugation.

It was not very difficult for the colonialists to annex Myanmar due to great gap of armed power. But it took a long time for them to complete their crackdown over armed revolts launched in many regions by national races. Therefore, the colonialists exercised a long-term plan to rule the mainland and highlands separately. They drove a wedge among national races who had been living through thick and thin. In consequence of the divide-and-rule policy practised for over 100 years, some self-centered leaders with servile attitude fell under complete sway of the colonialists.

It was the colonialists who intended to keep putting highlands under their political control even when they had no choice, but to grant mainland independence. Therefore, colonial officers in charge of highlands sowed enmity on purpose among highlanders. However, young patriots were farsighted enough to avoid falling into the political snare set by the colonialists, and they worked together to enable the whole nation to regain independence.

Again in the post-independence period, there emerged many national race armed groups due to various reasons. Some of the groups racially indoctrinated the people. Nevertheless, the entire people remained consolidated with Union Spirit. Not only did armed insurgents gradually meet their end, but also the nation lagged behind other countries in development stemming from armed insurrection.

Indeed, the Union of Myanmar is a sovereign nation, home to all national races. The people of all national races have equal rights to settle and reside in any place within the country, enjoy freedom of business and practise religious faiths they profess, and the right to elect and the right to stand for election.

Unlike in some other countries, Myanmar does not see any social and racial discrimination, and the people of all national races are the same, national brethren. Therefore, in times of clandestine schemes to drive a wedge among national races with power-craving attitude or foreign aid and abet, all national races have to uphold at risk to life the national duty of Our Three Main National Causes namely Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of national sovereignty, and Perpetuation of sovereignty.

Esteemed national brethren,

All national races have to participate in exercising legislative, executive and judicial powers democratically according to the constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar that resides over the Union. In addition, it grants representatives of national races the right to take part in enacting Region or State, and Self-Administered Areas Law for the national races, each of which has a moderate population. Now, hluttaw sessions are being held with hluttaw representatives according to the sixth step and a modern, developed democratic nation is being built with administrative bodies formed by hluttaws according to the seventh step of the State’s seven-step Road Map.

The democracy system introduced to the Union of Myanmar is still in its infancy. Therefore, it is required of the entire national people to safeguard and build together the newly-introduced democracy system, which has been adopted with the combined efforts of the government, the people and the Tatmadaw. In the process, it is mandatory for all national brethren to tackle any forms of disruptions to the new system.

Moreover, I would like to cordially and respectfully urge all national brethren to work in concert, exerting consolidated national unity for perpetuation of the Union of Myanmar that has stood for thousands of years.
Accomplish Union Day objectives

February 12, 2011 (today) is the 64th Anniversary Union Day. More than 100 national races such as Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Bamar, Mon, Rakhine and Shan have been residing together in the Union of Myanmar for years countable by the thousands.

Today is a day on which Myanmar achieved national unity to regain its sovereignty and independence by freeing itself from the yoke of imperialism.

It is vitally important that the national people must imbue themselves with Union Spirit no matter which part of the Union they are living in order not to lose the already-achieved independence and sovereignty. Only the Union Spirit is true patriotism all the national people must maintain and safeguard.

Despite having different cultures, languages and customs, all the national brethren share common characteristics such as having a heart of gold, honesty, helpfulness and magnanimity.

On this auspicious occasion, the brethren are urged to work together upholding the objectives of the 64th Anniversary Union Day to further consolidate national consolidation for perpetuation of the Union by crushing every attempt to break up the Union.

Wunpan TV retransmission station in Shan State (South) put into service

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Feb—As part of the extensive TV retransmission programme, construction of Wunpan TV retransmission station in Shan State (South) was completed on 7 February.

The station was put into service the following day. With 10 watt capacity, the facility airs MRTV programme with high resolution through UHF Channel J-13.

Ngayokekaung TV retransmission station in Ayeyawady Region launched

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Feb—As part of the extensive TV retransmission programme, construction of Ngayokekaung TV retransmission station in Ayeyawady Region was completed on 5 February.

The station was put into service the following day. With 100 watt capacity, the facility airs MRTV programme with high resolution through UHF Channel J-16.

Special Refresher Course No. 74 for basic education teachers concludes

YANGON, 11 Feb—Special Refresher Course No. 74 for basic education teachers concluded at Central Institute of Civil Service (Phayangyi) in Hlegu Township, here this morning. On behalf of Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Thaha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, Deputy Minister for Education U Aung Myo Min gave a speech.

It was also attended by Members of Service Selection and Training Board U Win Aung and U Soe Oo, Supreme Court Judge U Khin Myint and departmental heads, Rector U Win Maung of the institute, the pro-rector, faculty members and trainees.

Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Minister U Aung Myo Min said that the country was being transformed into democratic one by the government, people and Tarmadaw cooperatively in accord with the seven-step Road Map and the sixth step, ongoing Hluttaw sessions, reflected the essence of democracy; that the seventh step which was building of modern, developed democratic nation would be realized soon after executive, legislative and judicial pillars had been set up.

The deputy minister added that teachers were responsible for nurturing their students as well as educating the parents to imbue them with patriotic spirit and Union Spirit and help them possess noble mind. The deputy minister urged the teachers to play a leading role in mobilizing the people to uphold the belief that it was the national duty of every citizen to safeguard the nation while striving for long-term development and perpetual existence of the nation.

Mandalay Mayor visits Yadanabon Bank

MANDALAY, 11 Feb—Mandalay City Development Committee Chairman Mayor U Phone Zaw Han visited Yadanabon Bank Ltd of MCDC on 6 February.

The mayor inspected newly-built battery-powered fiber boat with seating capacity of 30 persons near Pyigymon Royal Raft in Mandalay Kandawgyi Area and oversaw conservation works for Kandawgyi Lake in the boat. He then inspected beautifying tasks on the ring-road of Kandawgyi Lake.—MCDC

Night temperatures likely to keep on falling

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Feb—According to the observations at (06:30) hrs MST today, night temperatures are expected to fall (3º C) to (5º C) below February average temperatures in Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Bago Regions, Kachin, Shan, Chin and Northern Rakhine States, within next three days commencing noon today, announced Department of Hydrology and Meteorology.

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Iran claims ‘nuclear fusion mastered’

TEHERAN, 11 Feb—Iran’s atomic body on Thursday it has mastered the technology of nuclear fusion, an actual fusion reactor, adding that if successful it would be the first such plant in the world. Internet

“By the method of inertial confinement lasers, significant re-inertial confinement revolution. Fusion, in a declaration technology of nuclear has mastered the claim on Thursday it has mastered the technology of nuclear fusion, in a declaration on the eve of the 32nd anniversary of the revolution.”—INTERNET

“With the manufacture of this machine, Iran becomes the sixth country to master this technology. After United States, Japan, France, Australia and South Korea, it said. In July, Iran said it was looking into how to build an experimental nuclear fusion reactor, adding that if successful it would be the first such plant in the world.”

Iraqi security personnel help a woman at the site of a bomb attack in Kirkuk, some 250 km (155 miles) north of Baghdad on 9 Feb, 2011. Three car bombs killed at least six people and wounded 75 in Iraq’s oil-rich northern city of Kirkuk on Wednesday, police and hospital sources said.—INTERNET

Car bomb kills eight pilgrims on way to Iraqi shrine

BAGHDAD, 11 Feb—A car bomb killed eight pilgrims Thursday on the road to one of Iraq’s holiest Shiite shrines, a highly sensitive site still being rebuilt after a 2006 attack that sheered off its gleaming golden dome and engulfed the country in years of sectarian bloodshed.

Women and children were among those killed in a group of pilgrims headed to the shrine in Samarra for Friday ceremonies marking the death of Shiite Islam’s 11th imam, a ninth-century successor to the Prophet Muhammad.

The al-Askari mosque became the epicentre of Iraq’s worst violence. Sunni insurgents wearing uniforms set off two bombs in February 2006 that destroyed the site in a provocation that unleashed Shiite militiamen who hunted down Sunni clerics and attacked mosques in retaliation — the beginning of years of intensified bloodletting in Iraq.—INTERNET

Afghan suspect recounts lead-up to suicide blast

KABUL, 11 Feb—An Afghan man publicly confessed Thursday to helping a suicide bomber cross the Pakistani border so he could attack a Kabul supermarket popular with foreigners, in a rare glimpse of how such operations are organized.

Wearing a thick black beard, handcuffs and an orange prison jumpsuit, 33-year-old Mohammad Khan, an employee of an Afghan cell phone company, described how he traveled to Pakistan’s North Waziristan tribal area to help mediate the release of two French journalists held by the Taleban for more than a year. Together with another friend, Khan headed to the militant stronghold of Miram Shah, where they met with local commanders of the Haqqani network, a militant group closely allied with the Taleban that carries out cross-border attacks from sanctuaries in Pakistan.

On the trip back, they brought with them another passenger. “Who’s he?” Khan said he asked his friend. He was told the man’s name was Shuhwarb. Only after they made it through the rugged mountains back to heavily policed Kabul did he find out the man was a suicide bomber hoping to hit foreigners in the capital.—INTERNET

In this 9 Feb, 2011 photo, emergency crews respond to a massive explosion in a residential neighbourhood of downtown Allentown, Pa.—INTERNET

Natural gas explosion in Pa kills five people

ALLENTOWN, 11 Feb—A thunderous gas explosion devastated a rowhouse neighbourhood, killing five people, and suspicion fell on an 83-year-old cast-iron gas main. The fiery blast was the latest natural gas disaster to raise questions about the safety of the nation’s aging, 2.5-million-mile network of gas and liquid pipelines.

The explosion, which flattened a pair of rowhouses and set fire to a block of homes late Wednesday night, occurred in an area where the underground gas main lacked shut-off valves. It took utility workers five hours of toil in the freezing cold to punch through ice, asphalt and concrete and seal the 12-inch main with foam, finally cutting off the flow of gas that fed the raging flames. Dorothy Yanett, 65, said she was in her living room with her husband awaiting the evening news when she heard a series of booms.—INTERNET

US man ordered held 14 more days in Pakistan

LAHORE, 11 Feb—A prosecutor says a Pakistani judge has ordered that an American man detained in a pair of shooting deaths remain in custody for 14 more days.

Abdus Samad says the judge also has ordered that the Pakistani government clarify whether or not the man enjoys diplomatic immunity, as the US says he does.

The US says the American, identified by Pakistanis as Raymond Davis, shot two Pakistanis dead in late January in self-defence because they were trying to rob him. Washington insists his detention is illegal under international agreements covering diplomatic immunity.

The dispute over his fate has strained the alliance between the two countries.

INTERNET

Pakistan army says missile test is successful

ISLAMABAD, 11 Feb—Pakistan’s military says it has successfully test-fired a cruise missile capable of carrying “strategic and conventional” warheads.

An army statement says the Hatf-VII or Babar missile, which has a range of 360 miles (600 kilometres), was test-fired from an undisclosed location Thursday. The statement did not specifically say if the missile could carry nuclear warheads. Senior army officials and scientists attended the testing.—INTERNET

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WASHINGTON, 11 Feb—Inspectors found no damage to the Space Shuttle Discovery or to its external reserve tanks after a thin multi-piece measuring tool fell during repair work. NASA said Thursday.

The accident has not compromised Discovery’s 24 February mission to the International Space Station (ISS), said Allard Beutel, spokesman at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

A feeler gauge — a 13-part metal tool about as thick as a piece of paper — was scrubbed after hydrogen leaks were detected.—Internet

**Password reuse is all too common, research shows**

WASHINGTON, 11 Feb—A British security researcher has analyzed password data made public by Anonymous group hacks against Gawker and rootkit.com, and found that many users with accounts at both sites used the same password for their login credentials. In fact, compared to previous research on the issue, the data suggests more and more people are reusing passwords.

Password reuse across different Websites represents a risk because all a hacker need do is crack one site to be able to access other sites the individual uses. The requirement by many Websites that users log in with their e-mail addresses makes password reuse an even more serious issue, because it means the same username is used across multiple sites.

In most cases, e-mail addresses are not confidential. Analyzing the data, researcher Joseph Bonneau found that 456 legitimate e-mail addresses overlapped at both Gawker and rootkit.com.—Internet

**Iconfactory releases Twitterrific 4.0 for Mac**

NEW YORK, 11 Feb—After two long years, the Iconfactory has finally released a major upgrade to Twitterrific, its popular Twitter client for the Mac.

Twitterrific 4.0 gains a wealth of big improvements, including an all-new interface that brings it inline with the iOS version, support for multiple accounts and windows, improved theme control, and a slew of new keyboard shortcuts. A new collapsible sidebar (which you might recognize from the iPad version) houses quick access to your timeline, mentions, Twitter trends, and a search box. This upgrade also brings much-needed support for a number of features that Twitter and the third-party community have introduced over the years, like official retweets, viewing conversation threads, and translating tweets into your native language.—Internet

**Asteroid’s near hit changes its orbit**

PASADENA, 11 Feb—An asteroid passing Earth at just 3,400 miles was the closest near miss on record, and Earth’s gravity sent it into an entirely new orbit, US researchers say.

The approach of the small asteroid 2011 CQ1 last week was so close the object’s path through space was bent by 60 degrees, the biggest orbital change ever recorded by astronomers, NewScientist.com reported.

The change was large enough to shift the asteroid, slightly more than a yard across, from one category of objects into another, scientists at NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif, said. “Prior to the Earth close approach, this object was in a so-called Apollo-class orbit that was mostly outside the Earth’s orbit,” JPL’s Don Yeomans said. “Following the close approach, the Earth’s gravitational attraction modified the object’s orbit to an Aten-class orbit where the asteroid spends almost all of its time inside the Earth’s orbit.” However, 2011 CQ1’s close approach to Earth will likely be the last time we’ll see it, Emily Lakdawalla of the Planetary Society said. “We’ll probably never be close enough to it again to be able to pick its dim light out from the background of stars.”—Internet

**Bone indicates our ancestor walked upright**

PHOENIX, 11 Feb—US researchers say fossil evidence suggests a key human ancestor could walk upright consistently, a major advance in human evolution.

A 3.2-million-year-old foot bone found at Hadar, Ethiopia, indicates the diminutive, human-like species Australopithecus afarensis had arches in its feet, suggesting upright locomotion, the BBC reported on Thursday. Arched feet, the researchers say, are critical for walking the way modern humans do.


“The bone that was recovered from the Hadar site has all the hallmarks of the form and function of the modern human foot.”

Paleontologists knew A afarensis spent some of its time standing up from examination of the first discovered skeleton of the species, dubbed “Lucy,” also found near Hadar in the Ethiopian rift valley.—Internet

**US space shuttle unharmed after tool accident**

WASHINGTON, 11 Feb—Engineers changed a seal at the ground umbilical carrier plate, or GUCP, on the shuttle’s external fuel tank.

“Engineers have identified minor foam damage to the backside of the external tank, which will not need repair. All components from the gauge have been located,” NASA said in a statement. The mission will get a green light and a launch time after NASA officials meet on 18 February.

The shuttle was initially set to launch on 5 November but the attempt was scrubbed after hydrogen leaks were detected.—Internet

**This NASA artist’s rendition received in 2007 shows the James Webb Space Telescope, a large infrared telescope with a 6.5-metre primary mirror. The James Webb Space Telescope, has garnered billions of dollars over budget and needs 500 million dollars more to be completed by 2015.**—Internet

**Yahoo announces livestand, a personalized digital magazine**

NEW YORK, 11 Feb—Yahoo on Thursday announced the launch of a digital newstand, initially available on Apple iPad and Android tablets.

“Livestand from Yahoo” will deliver personalized content results from various publishers, starting with Yahoo’s content portfolio of Sports, News, Finance, Flickr, omg!, and the Yahoo Contributor Network. Displayed in a magazine-style format, content will be chosen based on a user’s selections, interests, location, and time of day, Yahoo said. The platform hopes to attract publishers with an easy, one-size-fits-all approach to publishing content. Livestand will launch in the first half of 2011, initially on tablets, and then to mobile phones and browsers.

“With Livestand, we’re using ad formats that evoke the emotion of TV advertising with a highly-visible magazine-like experience,” Blake Irving, executive vice president and chief product officer of Yahoo, said in a blog post.

“And they’re combined with the effectiveness of an Internet ad that’s data-rich, actionable, even location aware. It’s all personalized and in context — just like our content.”—Internet

**US space shuttle Discovery is moved to Kennedy Space Centre’s launch pad 39-A for its final mission in space.**—Internet

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Second-day regular sessions of first Region and State Hluttaws take place

Approval sought to designate chief ministers, numbers of ministries, ministers and high court judges in Regions and States

NAV Pyi Taw, 11 Feb—The second-day regular sessions of the first Region and State Hluttaws took place simultaneously in respective Regions and States at 10 am today.

At the sessions, numbers of ministries, ministers and high court judges and the chief ministers of respective Regions and States, nominated by the elected President, were approved by respective Hluttaw representatives.

Kachin State

At the session, Speaker of Kachin State Hluttaw U Rawan Jon submitted the proposal made by the elected President to designate the number of high court judges as 3. It was unanimously approved by all 20 representatives.

Kayah State

At the session, Speaker of Kayah State Hluttaw U Kyaw Swe submitted the proposal made by the elected President to designate the number of ministries as 9, the number of ministers as 9 and the number of high court judges as 3. It was unanimously approved by all 24 representatives.

Kayin State

At the session, Speaker of Kayin State Hluttaw U Saw Aung Kyaw Min submitted the proposal made by the elected President to designate the number of ministries as 9, the number of ministers as 9 and the number of high court judges as 3. It was unanimously approved by all 23 representatives.

Chin State

Speaker of Chin State Hluttaw U Hlaing submitted the proposal made by the elected President to designate the number of ministries as 9, the number of ministers as 9 and the number of high court judges as 3. It was unanimously approved by all 24 representatives.

Chin State

Speaker of Chin State Hluttaw U Hauk Khun Kham submitted the proposal made by the elected President to designate the number of ministries as 9, the number of ministers as 9 and the number of high court judges as 2. It was unanimously approved by all 23 representatives.

The second-day regular session of first Kayin State Hluttaw in progress.—MNA

The second-day regular session of first Kayah State Hluttaw in progress.—MNA

The second-day regular session of first Taninthayi Region Hluttaw in progress.—MNA

The second-day regular session of first Kachin State Hluttaw in progress.—MNA
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Taninthayi Region
At the session, Speaker of Taninthayi Region Hluttaw U Htin Aung Kyaw submitted the proposal made by the elected President to designate the number of ministers as 9, the number of ministers as 9 and the number of high court judges as 3. It was unanimously approved by all 28 representatives. The approved ministries are Ministry of Security and Border Affairs, Ministry of Finance and Planning, Ministry of Social Affairs, Ministry of Economics, Ministry of Transport/Communications and Industry, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, Ministry of Energy, Ministry of Industry/Mines, Ministry of Construction and Communications, Ministry of Education and Health, Ministry of Social Affairs/Information and Ministry of Culture.

Next, the speaker submitted the proposal made by the elected President to elect U Khin Zaw of Myek Township Constituency (1) as Chief Minister of Taninthayi Region. Then, the Region Hluttaw announced its approval of the proposal as there was no objection.

Later, the second-day session came to an end at 10.35 am.

Bago Region
At the session, Speaker of Bago Region Hluttaw U Win Tin submitted the proposal made by the elected President to designate the number of ministers as 9, the number of ministers as 9 and the number of high court judges as 3. It was unanimously approved by all 76 representatives. The approved ministries are Ministry of Security and Border Affairs, Ministry of Management, Ministry of Finance and Planning, Ministry of Social Affairs, Ministry of Economics, Ministry of Transport/Communications and Industry, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, Ministry of Energy, Ministry of Industry/Mines, Ministry of Construction and Communications, Ministry of Education and Health, Ministry of Social Affairs/Information and Ministry of Culture.

Next, the speaker submitted the proposal made by the elected President to elect U Ye Myint of PyinOoLwin Constituency (1) as Chief Minister of Bago Region. Then, the Region Hluttaw submitted the proposal made by the elected President to designate the number of ministers as 9, the number of ministers as 9 and the number of high court judges as 3. It was unanimously approved by all 68 representatives. The approved ministries are Ministry of Security and Border Affairs, Ministry of Education and Health, Ministry of Social Affairs/Trade and Commerce, Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour, Ministry of Planning, Ministry of Construction and Communications, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Social Affairs, Ministry of Industry, Energy and Mines and Ministry of Religious Affairs.

Later, the second-day session came to an end at 10.20 am.

Magway Region
At the session, Speaker of Magway Region Hluttaw U Ye Myint submitted the proposal made by the elected President to designate the number of ministers as 9, the number of ministers as 9 and the number of high court judges as 3. It was unanimously approved by all 76 representatives. The approved ministries are Ministry of Security and Border Affairs, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, Ministry of Finance and Planning, Ministry of Social Affairs, Ministry of Economics, Ministry of Transport/Communications and Industry, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, Ministry of Energy, Ministry of Industry/Mines, Ministry of Construction and Communications, Ministry of Education and Health, Ministry of Social Affairs/Information and Ministry of Culture.

Next, the speaker submitted the proposal made by the elected President to elect U Nyan Win of Eigon Township Constituency (1) as Chief Minister of the Bago Region. Then, the Region Hluttaw submitted the proposal made by the elected President to elect U Ye Myint of PyinOoLwin Constituency (1) as Chief Minister of the Bago Region. Then, the Region Hluttaw submitted the proposal made by the elected President to designate the number of ministers as 9, the number of ministers as 9 and the number of high court judges as 3. It was unanimously approved by all 68 representatives. The approved ministries are Ministry of Security and Border Affairs, Ministry of Education and Health, Ministry of Social Affairs/Trade and Commerce, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Social Affairs, Ministry of Industry, Energy and Mines and Ministry of Religious Affairs.

Later, the second-day session came to an end at 12.30 pm.

Mandalay Region
At the session, Speaker of Mandalay Region Hluttaw U Win Maung submitted the proposal made by the elected President to designate the number of ministers as 9, the number of ministers as 9 and the number of high court judges as 6. It was unanimously approved by all 76 representatives. The approved ministries are Ministry of Security and Border Affairs, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, Ministry of Finance and Planning, Ministry of Social Affairs, Ministry of Economics, Ministry of Transport/Communications and Industry, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, Ministry of Energy, Ministry of Industry/Mines, Ministry of Construction and Communications, Ministry of Education and Health, Ministry of Social Affairs/Trade and Commerce, Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour, Ministry of Planning, Ministry of Construction and Communications, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Social Affairs, Ministry of Industry, Energy and Mines and Ministry of Religious Affairs.

Next, the speaker submitted the proposal made by the elected President to elect U Ohn Myint of Mudon Township Constituency (1) as Chief Minister of Mon State. Then, the State Hluttaw announced its approval of the proposal as there was no objection.

Later, the second-day session came to an end at 10.25 am.

Mon State
At the session, Speaker of Mon State Hluttaw U Kyan Pe submitted the proposal made by the elected President to designate the number of ministers as 9, the number of ministers as 9 and the number of high court judges as 3. It was unanimously approved by all 31 representatives. The approved ministries are Ministry of Security and Border Affairs, Ministry of Education and Health, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, Ministry of Transport/Communications and Industry, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, Ministry of Energy, Ministry of Industry/Mines, Ministry of Construction and Communications, Ministry of Education and Health, Ministry of Social Affairs/Trade and Commerce, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Social Affairs, Ministry of Industry, Energy and Mines and Ministry of Religious Affairs.

Later, the second-day session came to an end at 10.20 am.

Rakhine State
Speaker of Rakhine State Hluttaw U Hein Lin submitted the proposal made by the elected President to designate the number of ministers as 9, the number of ministers as 9 and the number of judges as 3. It was unanimously approved by all 47 representatives. Nine ministries approved are Ministry of Security and Border Affairs, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry/Irrigation Ministry, the Health/Education Ministry, the Transport Ministry, the Industry/Labour/Trade Ministry, the Agriculture and Livestock Ministry and Ministry of Social Welfare and Relief Ministry and the Religious Affairs and Immigration Ministry.

The Speaker of the State Hluttaw submitted the proposal made by the elected President to elect U Hla Maung Tin of An Township Constituency (1) as Chief Minister of Rakhine State. Then, the State Hluttaw announced its proposal of the proposal as there was no objection.

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The second-day regular session of the First Rakhine State Hluttaw came to an end at 10.25 am.

YANGON REGION

Speaker of Rakhine State Hluttaw U Sein Tin Win submitted the proposal made by the elected President to designate the number of ministers as 9, the number of ministers as 9 and the number of judges for High Court 6. All 123 Region Hluttaw representatives unanimously approved the nominations. Nine ministries approved by the Security and Border Affairs Ministry, the Development Affairs Ministry, the Education/Health/Foreign Affairs and Immigration Ministry, the Agriculture/Commerce and Labour Ministry, the Electric/Energy/Industry/Construction Ministry, the Finance and Revenue/Forestry/Meat and Fish Ministry, the Transport and Communication, Posts and Telegraphs Ministry, the Culture/Religious Affairs Ministry and the Social Welfare and Hotels and Tourism Ministry.

The Speaker of the Region Hluttaw submitted the proposal made by the elected President to elect U Myint Swe of Seikkyi-khanaung Township Constituency (2) as Chief Minister of Rakhine Region. Then, the Region Hluttaw announced its approval of the proposal as there was no objection.

MLF officials visit libraries in Kawa, Thanatpin Townships

YANGON, 11 Feb


On their arrival at villages in two townships, Chairman of MLF U Maung Maung and executives, Chairman of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association U Tin Hlaing (Ledwintha Saw Chit) and doyen literati met with townsenders and library committee members and gave talks on development of libraries and post-literary movement.

KNU mine kills one innocent people, wounds three

YANGON, 11 Feb

—A bus driven by Ko Gyi Tu (a) Nyi Nyi Tun, who lived in Natgyi Village in Bilin Township, Mon State, rolled on a mine planted by KNU insurgents at a place between Padataw and Winmaung villages of Bilin Township at about 9 am yesterday.

The mine blast left the driver death and one bus conductor and two passengers injured. Maung Kyaw Min Oo of Natgyi Village, one of three injured, are undergoing medical treatment at Thaton People’s Hospital, and the remaining two persons relieved from the injured and they went back their homes.

Officials are providing necessary assistance to them.

Private jet makers target India’s super-rich

BANGALORE, 11 Feb—

The growing list of billionaires in India is an enticing prospect for executive jet makers seeking to recover from a slump in demand caused by the global financial crisis.

Prominent among exhibitors at the ongoing Aero India 2011 air show in Bangalore were manufacturers such as US-based Gulfstream and Brazil’s Embraer — both hoping to seduce corporate high-flyers with their luxury private planes.

The global private jet market had a hard landing in 2008-09, with jet prices plunging by up to 30 percent and actual flying time falling by an estimated 40 percent. But India’s fast-growing economy minted 17 new billionaires in 2010, said the Brazilian firm had driving the total to a record 69, according to Forbes magazine’s list of the world’s wealthiest individuals. The country’s richest man, Mukesh Ambani, reportedly gifted his wife a $60 million Airbus, complete with entertainment cabins and showers, for her birthday in 2007. Jose Eduardo Costas, vice president of Asia sales for Embraer, said the Brazilian firm had a host of orders lined up.

“A private jet is not a Ferrari or a luxury boat. It’s a business tool and the market here realises that,” he said. “Five of our aircraft are already with the government and four with private companies, and in the next three years we will be making 30 deliveries of our jets.”

Second-day regular session of first Yangon Region Hluttaw in progress.—MNA

The second-day regular session of the First Yangon Region Hluttaw came to an end at 10.10 am.

SHAN STATE

At the session, Speaker of Shan State Hluttaw U Sai Lon Hsang submitted the proposal made by the elected President to designate the number of ministers as 9, the number of ministers as 9 and the number of high court judges as 3. It was unanimously approved by all 142 representatives. The approved ministries are Ministry of Security and Border Affairs, Ministry of Planning/Finance, Ministry of Economics, Ministry of Education and Health, Ministry of Transport and Communications, Ministry of Industry and Mines, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Ministry of Construction and Ministry of Electric Power.

Next, the speaker submitted the proposal made by the elected President to elect U Aung Myat (a) San Aung Myat of Pindaya Township Constituency (1) as Chief Minister of Shan State. Then, the State Hluttaw announced its approval of the proposal as there was no objection.

Later, the second-day session came to an end at 10. 20 am.

AYEYAWADY REGION

At the session, Speaker of Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw U Hsan Hsint submitted the proposal made by the elected President to elect U Thein Aung of Ingapu Township Constituency (1) as Chief Minister of Ayeyawady Region. Then, the Region Hluttaw announced its approval of the proposal as there was no objection.

Later, the second-day session came to an end at 10.30 am. The third-day regular sessions of First Region and State Hluttaws will continue at 10 am on 14 February.—MNA

Second-day regular session of first Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw in progress.—MNA
Panglong Conference of 1947 and today’s objective conditions of the nation

HAILING THE 64th ANNIVERSARY UNION DAY:

The Tatmadaw is well convinced that it will be able to defend the people against threats posed by internal and external elements only if it can shape the future of the nation in cooperation with national races.

With this subject in view, the Tatmadaw government set up rescue and relief camps in Ayeyawady Delta in the aftermath of the cyclone Nargis that hit hard the nation in May 2008, causing large-scale death and destruction. During the catastrophe, many houses were ravaged, so it built housing estates, and regenerated the seawater-torn farmlands using heavy machinery in the storm-hit areas. It was very hard to travel from one place to another in the delta in the rainy season. Therefore, the government also provided boats for the victims. In addition, it built cyclone shelters. The benevolent attitude the Tatmadaw government showed to the storm-ravaged areas will always be with the people.

Despite the natural disaster, the State Constitution could be approved with the support of over 92 per cent of the people including national races in May 2008. The Tatmadaw government organized the multiparty democracy general election in November 2010. At Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session held in Nay Pyi Taw, U Thein Sein was elected as the President, and Thida Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, and Dr Sai Mauk Kham (a) Maung Ohn, as Vice Presidents.

Objective conditions of the nation at present and in the past are quite different from each other, but Daw Aung San Suu Kyi is very loud in her plan to hold second Panglong conference to build national unity, which is simply unnecessary. I do not believe the movement will be successful. She is among those who are pessimistic about whatever the Tatmadaw government works.

Once, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe cordially received Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. He said that the Tatmadaw was building roads and bridges in the interest of the people, calling on her to comment whether the construction projects were beneficial to the people or not. Under her animosity towards General Ne Win, she, having a look at Na Win Dam near Pyay, said that Na Win Dam was not good. In Myanmar, a sense of grudge has brought evil consequences to the people so many times. Stemming from grudge and animosity showed towards each other among national races, Myanmar fell under the yoke of the colonial rule.

The people will have to derive democracy rights as well as shoulder responsibilities in line with the rules and regulations. Those who are desirous of enjoying democracy rights, but unwilling to carry out duties do not deserve citizenship in Myanmar.

A Union meal

You see, even the main meal of Myanmar people can be called Union meal. Its ingredients come from all parts of the Union. For instance, rice comes from Ayeyawady Region, groundnut oil from Magway Region, onions from Sagaing Region, garlic from Shan State, sun-dried salt from Mon State. Salad prepared with tea leaves of Nambian and jaggery of Midland are mouth-watering.

Well, even a meal cannot be prepared without the products of Union. You are right.

So, how can our future be bright without having Union Spirit?

Thakin Tin Mya

General Aung San, father of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, was assassinated by the group led by Galon U Saw, a sycophant currying favour with the British government. Therefore, it is fair to say that General Aung San sacrificed his life to enable Myanmar to regain independence.

It was his strong belief of General Aung San that Myanmar would regain independence only through consolidated unity among national races. So, he tried to build national unity, signing Panglong Agreement with representatives of national races in Panglong on 12 February 1947. Therefore, the entire people have to take a solemn vow on the 64th Anniversary Union Day to safeguard the Union of Myanmar hand in hand with the Tatmadaw.

Translation: MS
Fourth-day regular session of First Pyidaungsu...

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Director-General U Myint Thein of the Pyithu Hluttaw Office acted as master of ceremonies.

First, Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint took the position. He announced the validity and start of the session as 657 out of 659 representatives of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw who have the right to attend the today’s session were present accounting for 99.7 per cent.

The Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw declared that although an announcement was issued for Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives to raise objections, if any, with clear evidence regarding one of 30 Union Ministers nominated by the elected President does not meet qualifications of the Union Minister as prescribed in the Sub-section (a) of Article 232 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, there was no objection so that the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw agreed to the appointment of the said 30 persons as Union Ministers. Next, the Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw submitted the candidature list of total nine persons—three members each nominated by the elected President, Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw—for formation of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union and one of them to be assigned as the Chairperson of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union nominated by the elected President.

The Constitutional Tribunal of the Union will be formed with nine members including the chairperson as prescribed in the Article 320 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. The three members nominated by the elected President were U Thein Soe, Dr. Tin Aung Aye and Daw Khin Hla Myint. The three members chosen by the Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw were U Tun Kyi, U Soe Thein and U Khin Tun. The three members nominated by the Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw were U Hsan Myint, U Myint Kyaing and Daw Mi Mi Yi.

Next, it was announced that the elected President had submitted U Thein Soe among them to be assigned as Chairperson of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. The Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw announced that the contact persons of respective parties may take out biographies of the members to be qualified as member of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union nominated by the elected President to judge their qualifications at the Director-General of the Hluttaw Office this evening and that in accord with the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Rule 27, Sub-section (b) the Hluttaw representatives who want to raise objection with clear evidence against the said persons that they do not possess the qualifications prescribed in Article 333 of the constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar may submit their names to the Director-General of the Hluttaw Office not later than 12 noon on 13 February (Sunday).

The Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw announced that the fourth-day regular session of the First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw ended and the fifth-day regular session will continue at 10 am on 14 February (Monday). The meeting came to an end at 10.20 am.

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World ultra slim monitor on the market

YANGON, 11 Feb—Star Universe Company, as a sole agent of AOC monitor brand in Myanmar which is the world No.1 monitor manufacturing factory, has been distributing the monitors since the end of 2010.

AOC is famous as world ultra slim monitor for its screen thickness of 12.9 mm, modern design, high performance and producing of vivid picture.

AOC monitors are available at computer sales centres on Seikkantha Street in Yangon (Ph: 430013, 73056015).—MNA
Shan State gaining development momentum in the time of State Peace and Development Council

Progress of Shan State

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Shan State is located in eastern part of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar with an area of 60155 square miles. Kachin, Kokang, Taungyoe, Danu, Palaung, Pa-O, Bamar, Lihsu, Wa, Akha and Inntha ethnics together with Shan national race are living in unity in Shan State. The whole Shan State is located on the mountainous area. Some hills are over 7000 feet high. Heho, Hsipaw and Kengtung plains between mountain ranges have

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Photo shows Shweli Bridge (Namkham).
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Technological University (Kengtung) in Shan State (East) creates opportunity for local national youths to pursue advanced technological knowledge.

COLOURFUL SHAN STATE

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fertile soil and thereby producing bumper harvest. Thanlwin River combined with tributaries is stretching from the north to the south of Shan state.

In its time, the government with genuine goodwill has adopted that all the national races are to work in concert for emergence of a modern and developed nation with peace and prosperity and built development infrastructures in various regions including Shan State in equal term by forging the national unity.

The government has striven for ceasing the a half century long armed conflicts across the nation with compassion, benevolence and goodwill and wipe out instigations of colonialists for enabling the people to enjoy peaceful fruits. Thanks to prevailing peace, remarkable progress can be see in various areas similar to that of major towns. Unprecedented development has emerged in Shan State in leaps and bounds with peace and prosperity, compared with past bitter experiences of the local people.

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Projects for the progress of Shan State

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**Fetal surgery better for kids with spine defect**

*Los Angeles, 11 Feb*—Pregnant women were afraid to have it. Doctors were afraid to do it. Hospitals stopped performing the surgery because the government wanted evidence it was safe and worth doing.

Now, a landmark study shows that an operation to fix a hole in the spine while the fetus is still in the womb leads to better outcomes for children with spina bifida. The operation showed such a clear benefit over waiting until the infant is born that the study was stopped early.

“This is the first hope for spina bifida fetuses,” said lead researcher Dr. Scott Adzick of Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, one of three places that participated in the study.—Internet

**Arizona sues US government over illegal immigrants**

*Phoenix, 11 Feb*—Arizona is counter-suing the US government, charging that Washington has failed to protect it from an invasion of illegal immigrants and related violent crime, its governor has said.

The lawsuit, which seeks federal compensation, is in response to a federal lawsuit filed by President Barack Obama’s administration last year challenging Arizona’s enforcement of a new immigration law along the US-Mexico border.

“Our citizens have lived with this dark cloud for too long. It’s time for the federal government to do its job and secure the border,” said Governor Jan Brewer, announcing the lawsuit outside the federal courthouse in Phoenix.

The lawsuit notably charges that the US federal government has failed to reimburse Arizona for more than $760 million in costs for incarcerating illegal immigrants.

“We take control of the border is a federal responsibility, illegal aliens who successfully cross the border and commit crime in Arizona become an Arizona responsibility,” said Attorney General Tom Horne.—Internet

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**Gunmen kill eight in violent north Mexico border city**

*Ciudad Juarez, 11 Feb*—Gunmen barged into a bar in the battered border city of Ciudad Juarez and opened fire late Thursday, killing seven women and one man, authorities said.

Three other people were wounded at the “La Torres” bar and were in critical condition, said Arturo Sandoval, spokesman for Chihuahua State prosecutors. Sandoval said investigators were still trying to determine who was behind the attack. Ciudad Juarez is the center of a fierce turf war between the Sinaloa and Juarez drug cartels, and has become one of the world’s most dangerous cities. More than 3,000 people were killed last year in the city of 1.3 million residents across from El Paso, Texas.

Meanwhile, a shootout between troops and armed men killed nine people in a central Mexican state that his seen a rise in drug violence, the government said Thursday.

The gun battle erupted after soldiers came under fire while investigating a tip about the presence of armed men in Tabasco, a town in the southern part of Zacatecas state, the Defense Department said in a statement.—Internet

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**Six killed as Belfast plane crashes in Cork**

*Belfesr, 11 Feb*—Six people have been killed and six others injured after a small plane traveling from Belfast crashed in fog at Cork Airport.

The Manx2 commuter flight with 10 passengers and two crew on board crashed on the runway on its third attempt to land before 1000 GMT. The plane overturned and burst into flames, NI Deputy First Minister Martin said he had considered travelling on the flight but had to change his plans.

The six injured are being treated at Cork University Hospital. Four are described as being in a serious condition. Two are comfortable. Flight No FLT400C, a scheduled daily flight from Belfast to Cork, left George Best Belfast City Airport at 0750 GMT. —Internet

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**Two boys dead, brother wounded in home near Atlanta**

*Lawrenceville, 11 Feb*—Two young children were either stabbed or shot to death and a 4-year-old boy was in the hospital on Wednesday night after an attack at their home in an Atlanta suburb, police said.

A man who is either their father or stepfather also was wounded and in serious condition at a hospital, police said. Police found the bodies of the 1-year-old and 4-year-old in the home and the wounded child was flown to Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta at Egleston, Gwinnett County police Cpl. Jake Smith told reporters near the scene.

He says the wounded child was flown to Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta at Egleston. Police have identified suspects, but no one was in custody, Smith said. —Internet

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**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**

*MV XIANG XIU VOY NO (1116)*

Consignees of cargo carried on MV XIANG XIU VOY NO (1116) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 12.2.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will be 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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**Fiber-optic communications cable arrives in Cuba**

*Havana, 11 Feb*—A long-awaited undersea fiber-optic cable linking Cuba with the outside world arrived on the island on Wednesday, promising a bandwidth bonanza for a country saddled with exorbitant telephone rates and among the slowest Internet connection speeds on the planet.

The cable connecting Cuba with key ally Venezuela was brought ashore in the eastern resort of Siboney in a ceremony attended by dignitaries from the two countries, the state-run Prensa Latina news agency reported.

The cable is not expected to be operational until the summer, but its arrival is a landmark for an island that often feels cut off from the outside world, 52 years after Fidel Castro’s revolution turned it from decadent American playground to crumbling Soviet satellite.

When finished, the cable is expected to increase Internet speed 3,000-fold and be capable of handling about 80 million simultaneous phone calls.

That’s good news in a country where Web pages open at the speed of molasses oozing out of a jar. A recent report by Akamai Technologies Inc. said Cuba has the second slowest Internet speed in the world, besting only the tiny Indian Ocean-island chain of Mayotte. And that’s for those lucky enough to have online access. —Internet

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**Quickstep Cycling Team rider Tom Boonen (L) of Belgium is followed by Garmin-Cervelo team rider Heinrich Haussler of Australia during the third stage of the 10th Tour of Qatar cycling race from Al Wakra to Mesaieed, on 9 Feb, 2011.** —INTERNET
No fine for 16-years-late postcard

The Swedish postal service said it will not force a man whose postcard arrived 16 years late to pay a $2.50 fee. Posten recently sent Einar Persson in Ljusdal a copy of the postcard, which was postmarked 25 Nov, 1994, with a notice informing him a $2.50 payment would be required to claim the original item, but officials said the fee was levied in error, Swedish news agency TT reported Thursday.

Persson, who said the sender died in 1995, challenged the fee and officials said the worker who assigned the fine likely did not notice the date of the original sending. Posten officials said fines are commonly assigned when there is not enough postage on the card, but there should not have been a fee in this case.

Teacher suspended over blog entries

A Pennsylvania school district said a high school English teacher was suspended after she referred to students on her blog as “dumb” and “rat-like.” The Central Bucks School District, headquartered in Doylestown, said teacher Natalie Munroe, who has been with the district since 2006, has been suspended pending an investigation after parents complained about more than a year’s worth of blog entries with disparaging comments about students, CBSPhilly.com reported on Thursday.

Munroe, who admitted to authoring the blog entries, wrote about students she referred to as “frightfully dim,” “rat-like” and likely to “open fire on the school,” the report said. She also once wrote “I hate your kids” and said one student “seems smarter than she actually is.”

Ryanair shows students ‘how to pack a suitcase’

Irish budget airline Ryanair, which last week threw Belgian students off a flight following a heated argument over a luggage fee, on Thursday offered a tongue-in-cheek video demonstrating how to pack a suitcase.

A company statement provided a link to a YouTube video which shows a young man packing his suitcase, to music from the shows of late British comedian Benny Hill.

Ryanair “today delivered an online tutorial in packing light and called on Belgian universities to add it to their curriculum following the unacceptable and unsafe behaviour of over 100 Belgian students last Saturday in Lan-zarote,” it said in a statement.

Third of Russians think sun revolves around earth

Does the sun revolve around the earth? About one third of Russians appear to believe so, according to a survey published on Wednesday.

Thirty-two percent of Russians reject a sun-centred Solar system, four percent more than in 2007 when a similar survey was conducted, the Russian Centre of Public Opinion Research showed.

The survey highlighted scientific superstitions among Russians and was released as Russian President Dmitry Medvedev called this week for national lunar and deep space programmes.

The survey also found 55 percent of Russians believe that radioactivity is a human invention.

Twenty-nine percent believe humans lived in the era of dinosaurs. Women are more likely than men to believe scientific superstitions, the survey found.

The survey was conducted in January among 1,600 people in different regions, with a 3.4-percent margin of error.

Bob Dylan, Dr Dre added as Grammy performers

LOS ANGELES, 11 Feb—The Grammy Awards will feature star-studded performances by music icons Bob Dylan and Dr Dre.

Dylan, a 10-time Grammy and lifetime achievement winner, will join nominee Mumford & Sons and The Avett Brothers for a salute to acoustic music, while Dr Dre will make his debut on the Grammy stage when he joins protege 5’s Adam Levine.

It will be Dr Dre’s first performance on live television in a decade. Eminem, who leads all nominees with 10, also will be joined by Maroon 5’s Adam Levine.

The Grammys also announced Thursday that Zac Brown, Eva Longoria, Jennifer Lopez, Keith Urban and will.i.am of The Black Eyed Peas will present awards.

The Grammys air live at 8 pm EST Sunday from Los Angeles.

Lohan in gem theft case: ‘I would never steal’

LOS ANGELES, 11 Feb—Troubled US starlet Lindsay Lohan said Thursday she would never steal, a day after she pleaded not guilty to the theft of a $2,500 necklace from a Los Angeles jewellery store.

The 24-year-old actress told followers on her Twitter account that she had not been brought up to be dishonest — and also lamented “absurd” press comment about a tight-fitting dress she wore to court on Wednesday. “I would never steal, in case people are wondering. I was not raised to lie, cheat, or steal,” said Lohan, who was released on bail after her latest brush with the law, but warned she could face jail if she breaks the law again.

Lohan, who completed a court-ordered spell in rehab for drug addiction last month, allegedly walked out of the jewellery store in Venice Beach — the seafront area of LA where she lives — with the gold necklace on 22 January.

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The cast of ‘True Grit’ the opening movie of the 61st International Film Festival Berlinale

Josh Brolin, Hailie Steinfeld and Jeff Bridges, from left, attend a photo-call in Berlin on 10 Feb, 2011.

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Does the sun revolve around the earth? About one third of Russians appear to believe so, according to a survey published on Wednesday.

Joel and Ethan Coen returned to the Berlin film festival for the first time since 1998’s “The Big Lebowski.” The new movie also reunites them with Jeff Bridges, who plays an aging, cynical marshal hired by a 14-year-old girl (Hailie Steinfeld) to track down her father’s killer (Josh Brolin).

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If you have any questions or need further assistance, feel free to ask! 😊
Lampard says England’s future brighter

England’s future is what Frank Lampard believes, and he told the Daily Mirror on Wednesday that his team is finally starting to look like a side that can compete for the World Cup. Lampard was named captain for the first time in his international career as he won his 80th cap but it was relative new boys Ashley Young, Darren Bent, Jack Wilshere and Scott Parker who made a real impact in Copenhagen and gave Capello encouragement that his team is finally getting over their World Cup hangover.

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**WEATHER**

**Friday, 11th February, 2011**

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. MST**

- **Temperature**
  - Minimum: 15°C (Mandalay), 13°C (Yangon)
  - Maximum: 33°C (Mandalay), 35°C (Yangon)
- **Humidity**: 72% (Mandalay), 79% (Yangon)
- **Pressure**: 1015 hPa (Mandalay), 1014 hPa (Yangon)
- **Wind Speed**: 20 km/h (Mandalay), 25 km/h (Yangon)
- **Visibility**: 10 km (Mandalay), 10 km (Yangon)

**Forecast**

- **General**: Generally fair weather.
- **Weather Outlook For Third Weekend Of February 2011**:
  - Generally fair weather.
  - Light rain are possible to be isolated in Taninthayi Region and Kachin State, weather will be partly cloudy in Upper Sagaing, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States.
  - Degree of certainty is (40%).

**State of the sea**: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 12-2-2011**:
- Generally fair weather.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 12-2-2011**:
- Generally fair weather.

**Weather Outlook For Third Weekend Of February 2011**: During the coming weekend, weather will be generally fair in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay Region and partly cloudy in Yangon Region.

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**Moderate quake ‘strikes off Japan’**

**Tokyo, 11 Feb**—A 5.4 magnitude quake struck close to the Japanese coast on Thursday, the US Geological Survey (USGS) said, but no tsunami warning was immediately issued.

The quake hit at 10:03 pm (1303 GMT) 34 kilometres (21 miles) east southeast of Iwaki on the main island of Honshu and 212 kilometres northeast of the capital, Tokyo, the USGS said.

The agency recorded the depth of the quake at 28 kilometres. Around 20 percent of the world’s most powerful earthquakes strike Japan, which sits on the “Ring of Fire” surrounding the Pacific Ocean. Tectonics experts have warned of a 70 percent chance that the “Big One” — a magnitude-seven earthquake or worse — will strike the Tokyo region, home to around 35 million people, within the next 30 years. —Internet

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Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
Riots beget riots, not democracy
Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People’s Desire
- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Fourth-day regular session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw held
Approval sought for Union Ministers
Nine members, Chairperson for Constitutional Tribunal of the Union submitted to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Feb—The fourth-day regular session of the First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw was held at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building, here, at 10 am today, attended by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint, Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann, Pyithu Hluttaw representatives and Amyotha Hluttaw representatives.

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