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13th Plenary Meeting of SSMNC 10-11 March, Fifth Meeting of SCWCS 13-15 March

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Feb—The coordination meeting for holding the 13th Plenary Meeting of the Sixth 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee will be held from 7 to 9 March 2011 and the 13th Plenary Meeting on 10 and 11 March. Members of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee have been requested to come to Kaba Aye Hill of Yangon on 6 March.

The Fifth Meeting of the Sixth State Central Working Committee of the Sangha will take place from 13 to 15 March. State Ovadaçaṛiya Abbots and members of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha have been requested to come to Kaba Aye Hill on 12 March without fail, according to the Department of Religious Affairs. MNA

Prime Minister sends message of felicitations to Serbian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Feb—U Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Mirko Cvetkovic, Prime Minister of the Republic of Serbia, on the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Serbia, which falls on 15 February, 2011.—MNA

Fifth-day regular session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw held
Approval sought for nine members, Chairperson of Constitutional Tribunal of the Union

Proposal submitted to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to form Union Election Commission

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Feb—The fifth-day regular session of the First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw was held at 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 and Amyotha Hluttaw representatives.

Director-General U Myint Thein of the 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 656 out of 659 representatives of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw who have the right to attend the today’s session were present accounting for 99.54 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 evidences regarding the candidature list of nine members—three persons each nominated by the elected President, the Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw and the Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw and one of them to be appointed as the chairperson of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union—does not meet qualifications prescribed in Article 333 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 nine persons and (See page 7)

Photo shows fifth-day regular session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building.—MNA

Four political objectives
• Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, prevalence of law and order
• National reconciliation
• Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
• Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives
• Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
• Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
• Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
• The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives
• Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
• Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
• Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
• Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation
**PEOPLES’ DESIRE**

* Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
* Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
* Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
* Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

**People’s Desire**

**Take relaxation and knowledge at Safari Park (Nay Pyi Taw)**

Myanmar, blessed with plenty of natural forests, mountain ranges, and water and land resources, has about 50 per cent coverage of forests and a bio-diversity of over 20,000 species.

So far, the country has established 43 wildlife areas including sanctuaries. Hukaung Valley has been established as the largest tiger reserve throughout the world. Due to scenic beauties of waters, lands, forests and mountains, rare wildlife and rare ecosystem, six wildlife sanctuaries and national parks of Myanmar have been recognized as heritages of ASEAN.

Safari Park (Nay Pyi Taw) was opened on 12 February with the aim of enabling people to take relaxation and observe nature of wildlife from both Myanmar and some other countries, to conserve endangered animal species and to understand the ecology system.

Safari Park (Nay Pyi Taw) is located on 291.52 acres of land, consisting of 202 animals of 16 species on three blocks—Asia, Australia and Africa safari. Unlike other zoological gardens, suitable natural environs are created for the animals to freely roam.

Safari Park (Nay Pyi Taw) accessible to the public for their relaxation and observation is built near Yangon-Mandalay Highway.

As wildlife can be seen naturally at Safari Park (Nay Pyi Taw), the people should visit there to take relaxation and to increase knowledge about nature of various kinds of wildlife.

**Thayuchaung Bridge on Pathein-Monywa Road in commission**

Thayuchaung Bridge is one-way Bailey type facility. The bridge is 260 feet long and 10 feet wide and can withstand 18-ton load. It is the 256th above-180-foot bridge built by the bridge and the Magway Region PDC Chairman unveiled the stone plaque of the bridge.

**FM felicitates Serbian counterpart**

**Thayuchaung Bridge on Pathein-Monywa Road in commission**

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Feb—Thayuchaung Bridge on Pathein-Monywa Road, Salin Township, Magway Region constructed by Special Group (3) of Road Construction Project of Public Works under Ministry of Construction was put into service yesterday. The ceremony was attended by Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe, Chairman of Magway Region Peace and Development Council U Phone Maw Shwe, departmental personnel, officials of Public Works, members of social organizations, guests and locals.

Magway Region PDC Chairman U Phone Maw Shwe spoke on the occasion. The deputy minister explained salient facts about the bridge. Next, a local spoke words of thanks.

The deputy minister and officials formally opened the bridge and the Magway Region PDC Chairman unveiled the stone plaque of the bridge.

Thayuchaung Bridge, Magway will become accessible to regions in the east and west banks of Ayeyawady River, Chin State, and Rakhine State.

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NAY PYI TAW, 15 Feb—U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Vuk Jeremic, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia, on the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Serbia, which falls on 15 February, 2011.

**Literary talks held in Dabayin, YeU, KhinU townships**

YANGON, 14 Feb—To raise reading habit in rural areas of Sagaing Region, the literary talks in commemoration of Sarsodaw Day took place in villages of Dabayin Township on 9, 10 and 12 January.

Similar talks were held in villages of YeU Township on 10 and 12 January and in KhinU Township on 13 January.

The literary talks were given by members of Central Executive Committee of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association writer Myinnmu Maung Naing Moe, writer Maung Nyein Thu (Gyobingauk) and writer Maung Hsanda (Lewe) with the assistance of Dabayin and YeU Township Peace and Development Council U Myo Lwin and U Toe Toe Htet, townselder U Myo Tint and wife Daw Win Win Aye and heads of Township Information and Public Relations Departments.—MNA
Danish warship captures pirate ship off Somalia, frees Yemeni hostages

COPENHAGEN, 14 Feb—A Danish warship has captured a suspicious pirate vessel and freed two Yemeni hostages in waters off the coast of Somalia, the Royal Danish Navy’s Operational Command said on Sunday. A surveillance helicopter from the warship HDMS Esbern Snare spotted a suspicious “mother ship” while patrolling waters off Somalia’s east coast on Friday morning. It fired warning shots to force the ship to stop. According to a statement released by the Danish Navy Sunday, an inspection team from the Esbern Snare found “rockets, automatic rifles, ammunition, a large quantity of fuel, and two fast-moving boats (so-called skiffs), which are used as attack vessels by pirates.” The team also found 16 Somali crew members, and two Yemeni nationals who were thought to have been captured from a Yemeni fishing boat a year ago. The Esbern Snare is part of a NATO counter-piracy mission responsible for protecting commercial ships in the Gulf of Aden since 2008.

Somali pirates hijack a ship with 23 crew members

NAIROBI, 14 Feb—Somali pirates hijacked a ship with 23 crew, and a Danish warship freed a hijacked Yemeni fishing vessel that had been held for nearly a year, maritime authorities said Sunday. The Maltese-flagged bulk carrier MV Sinin had 13 Iranians and 10 Indians onboard when it came under attack Saturday, the European Union Naval Force said. The ship subsequently lost communications and a maritime patrol aircraft photographed two skiffs on board the vessel. The MV Sinin was taken about 350 miles (560 kilometres) east of Masirah in Oman.

Two suicide bombers attack in downtown Kabul

KABUL, 14 Feb—Two suicide bombers launched an attack in downtown Kabul on Monday, near a hotel that was the site of a major assault a year ago, a Western military official said. There were no immediate details about casualties. One of the militants detonated his explosives at the start of the attack, said the official, who declined to be named. A senior Afghan police investigator rushing to the scene said gunfire was heard shortly after the blast. “We have heard an explosion followed by gunfire but it is still not clear what is going on,” said Mohammad Zahir, head of Kabul’s crime investigation unit. Violence in Afghanistan has reached the highest levels since the 2001 ouster of the Taliban, with civilian and military casualties at record levels. A period of relative calm in the capital seems to have come to a bloody end.

Strong earthquake hits off coast of central Chile

SANTIAGO, 14 Feb—An earthquake measuring 6.6 magnitude on the Richter scale hit off the coast of central-southern Chile Monday, causing no casualties or material damage. According to the information published by the US Geology Survey (USGS) on its website, the quake took place at 0340 GMT and the epicentre was located offshore Maule. So far there have been no reports of casualties or material damage. The National Office of Emergencies of Chile denied the risk of tsunami soon after the earthquake. A few hours ago, an earthquake measuring 6.0 on the Richter scale shook Bio Bio in central-southern Chile Sunday, leaving no injuries or material damage.

Afghan National Army soldiers check local residents in Kandahar city, Afghanistan, on 13 Feb, 2011. Multiple blasts for which Taleban claimed of responsibility and gun battles left 15 Afghan policemen dead and injured 45 others including 23 civilians in Taleban birthplace Kandahar on Saturday, Kandahar provincial governor said.—XINHUA

12 killed in road accident in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 14 Feb—At least 12 persons were burnt to death as a bus full of passengers caught fire in north area of Pakistan’s Punjab Province on late Sunday night, police said. A bus, full of passengers going to attend a wedding, caught fire while reaching Sohawa area of Jehlam, a city in the north of Punjab, local TV channel GEO reported quoting motorway police.

Two more people, including women and children, were burnt alive.

Bomb attack survivor Iran’s new atomic chief

TEHERAN, 14 Feb—Iran has appointed nuclear scientist Fereydoun Abbasi Davani, who survived a bomb attack in November, as the country’s new atomic chief, state television reported on its website on Sunday. Abbasi Davani, a target of UN sanctions, replaces Ali Akbar Salehi who was endorsed as foreign minister last month. The announcement of his appointment was declared in an order issued by President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, the television website said. “You are hereby appointed as a vice president and head of Atomic Energy Organization considering the level of your commitment, piety and fruitful scientific and executive records,” Ahmadinejad said in the appointment order carried by the website.

He survived the attack, but another senior nuclear scientist, Majid Shahriri, was killed in a similar assault on the same day in a separate part of the capital.
Europe set for landmark launch with robot freighter

WASHINGTON, 14 Feb—Designed to supply mankind’s outpost in orbit, the Johannes Kepler will be hosted by an Ariane 5 ES super-rocket from Kourou, French Guiana. Lift-off is pencilled for 2208 GMT.

A successful mission will boost the case for scientists who want the ATV to be the template of a manned spacecraft, placing ESA on an equal footing with the United States, Russia and China. With a mass of more than 20 tonnes, the payload is the biggest ever taken aloft by the European Space Agency (ESA).

It is a monster compared with the 1.6-tonne test satellite launched in 1979 by Ariane 1, the pencil-thin trailblazer in ESA’s exploration of space. The unmanned supply ship is scheduled to navigate by starlight towards the International Space Station (ISS) and dock with it automatically, a feat of precision unmatched by any other space power.

A partnership between SAP subsidiary Sybase and Samsung will set a new security standard within the Android ecosystem. With the widespread adoption of both personally-owned and corporate-owned Samsung devices, our enterprise customers can now enjoy the benefits of Samsung’s compelling Galaxy S devices in the most secure and consistent manner.”—Internet

Sybase security software for Samsung Galaxy S

WASHINGTON, 14 Feb—Sybase will offer its Afaria Advanced Enterprise Security for Android on the Galaxy S and Galaxy S II tablets in conjunction with Samsung.

Working with Android 2.3 or later, Sybase Afaria Advanced Enterprise Security (AES) provides security management, application management, configuration management, Exchange client configuration, and over-the-air deployment automation.

A partnership between SAP subsidiary Sybase and Samsung will see AES available for the Galaxy S and S II by the end of June. Sybase provides a comprehensive solution that helps Samsung Galaxy S and Galaxy S II set a new security standard within the Android ecosystem. With the widespread adoption of both personally-owned and corporate-owned Samsung devices, our enterprise customers can now enjoy the benefits of Samsung’s compelling Galaxy S devices in the most secure and consistent manner.”—Internet

Apple developing smaller, cheaper iPhones

WASHINGTON, 14 Feb—Apple is developing a new lines of smaller and cheaper iPhones and overhauling its software to facilitate users’ access to entertainment, photos and video, The Wall Street Journal reported Sunday.

The new device — code-named “N97” — will be about half the size of the iPhone 4 and cost about half as much as Apple’s main line of iPhones, the Journal said, citing a person who saw a prototype of the new gadget several months ago.

Meanwhile, the computer and electronics giant is also revamping its MobileMe online storage service, which currently requires users to pay between $99 and $49 per year, and possibly making it a free service so users could upload photos and videos there instead of on devices, according to the report.

Users warned of Valentine’s computer viruses

TIANJIN, 14 Feb—Chinese technology experts on Monday warned computer users to be alert against Valentine themed computer viruses.

China National Computer Virus Emergency Response Center issued a circular warning computer users not to open spam with Valentine messages in the title line as it may contain worms like “Worm Blebla.B”, “VBS Loveyou” and “Vbs Valentin.A”.

The centre warned Internet shoppers to be careful when ordering Valentine’s Day items as some pop-ups may be bogus and cause computer problems.

It also alerted users that computer worms were being spread through Internet forums and online chatting tools such as QQ.
Health

Berries may offer sweet protection against Parkinson’s disease

HONOLULU, 14 Feb—People who eat foods rich in antioxidants called flavonoids, especially berries, may be protecting themselves from developing Parkinson’s disease, a new study suggests.

In addition to berries, flavonoids are found in a variety of foods such as apples, chocolate, and citrus fruits. These compounds have been touted as protective against some diseases because of their antioxidant effects, researchers say.

However, not all flavonoids are created equal. Only those known as anthocyanins, found in berries and other red/purplish fruits and vegetables, protected both men and women, according to the results of this study, which was funded by the US National Institutes of Health.

“Although it’s too early to say that eating berries can reduce Parkinson’s disease risk, benefits of berries have been reported in several previous studies, for example, lowering risk of hypertension,” said lead researcher Dr Xiang Gao, an instructor in medicine at Harvard Medical School. “So it is good, at least doing no harm, if we can have 2-3 cups of berries a week,” he said.

“When we combined all individual flavonoids together, total flavonoid intake was also associated with a significantly lower Parkinson’s disease risk in men — but not in women,” Gao noted. Only anthocyanins seemed protective for both sexes.

The results of the study are scheduled to be presented in April at the American Academy of Neurology’s annual meeting in Honolulu.

Business

GE to buy John Wood extraction unit for $2.8 billion

CONSHOHOCKEN, 14 Feb—General Electric Co agreed to buy the well-support division of John Wood Group Plc for about $2.8 billion, adding equipment that helps extract more oil and gas from mature fields to round out its offerings.

The transaction may close later this year, with the approval of John Wood holders, GE said in a statement today. The business, which also helps extract gas from shale, had sales of $947 million and earnings of $160 million before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization last year.

GE has spent about $5 billion in the past five months on purchases tied to the energy segment, including those like Wellstream Holdings Plc to expand the oil and gas division. The purchase largely completes acquisitions at the unit by giving it submersible pumps, an area where the Fairfield, Connecticut-based company expects growth. Vice Chairman John Krenicki said in an interview, “If you can get a percent or two more out of these giant brownfields, it can mean more from existing resources.”

The key technology is pumps, such as the ones made by the division, which have “changed the game,” he said. “We had an opportunity and we jumped on it.”

GE Oil & Gas more than doubled revenue in five years to $7.6 billion last year as Chief Executive Officer Jeffrey Immelt looks to faster growing and emerging markets to boost revenue and earnings.

Japan eclipsed by China as world’s second economy

TOKYO, 14 Feb—Japan lost its 42-year ranking as the world’s second-biggest economy to China in 2010, with data out Monday showing a contraction in the last quarter due to weak consumer spending and a strong yen.

While Japan was expected to fall behind a surging China in the year, the data underlined the weak state of a Japanese economy burdened by deflation, soft domestic demand and pressured by the industrialised world’s biggest debt.

“It is difficult for the deflation-plagued Japanese economy to achieve self-sustained growth,” said Naoki Murakami, chief economist at Monex Securities.

While China’s leap forward reflects a shift in economic power as the country transforms itself from poverty-hit state to global heavyweight, it highlights the need for shrinking Japan to energise its economy, analysts said.
Daily diet soda raises stroke risk by 61%  

Beijing, 14 Feb—A new study suggested that people drinking soda regularly may raise the risk of stroke by 61 percent. Researchers at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine studied soda habits of 2,564 people for more than 9 years to see if there was an association with stroke. The subjects, who were 69 years of age or older, completed food questionnaires about the type of soda they drank and how often. Results showed that those who drank diet soda daily compared to those who drank no soda were 61 percent more likely to have a vascular event. Hannah Gardener, an epidemiologist and one of the researchers, said: “If our study is replicated it would suggest diet soda is not optimal.”

Venezuela loses $1.5b a year in gasoline subsidy  

Caracas, 14 Feb—Venezuela’s state oil company PDVSA loses around $1.5 billion US dollars a year through domestic subsidies that make the South American OPEC member’s gasoline the cheapest in the world, the energy minister said on Sunday.  

At a cost of 0.03-0.04 US dollar per liter (0.11-0.15 US dollar per gallon), most Venezuelans can fill their tank for under a dollar. And since deadly protests in Caracas in 1989, successive governments have been wary of changing the subsidy policy and hiking prices.  

“Compared to the cost of production, (the subsidy) is more than 1.5 billion US dollars (per year),” Energy Minister Rafael Ramirez, who is also president of PDVSA, told President Hugo Chavez when consulted about the issue on a government TV programme.  

Rather than raise prices, the government is trying to reduce internal fuel consumption. “We have to start to reduce gasoline use. Venezuelan gasoline is the cheapest in the world,” Chavez said. “The government subsidizes 90 percent of that fuel’s real cost.”

Near 1,800 Macao residents get free flu shots over weekend  

Macao, 14 Feb—A total of 1,772 local citizens get their flu shots over the weekend after Health Bureau of Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR) announced free vaccination for all Macao ID holders, the Macao Post Daily reported on Monday.  

The newspaper quoted a statement by the Bureau as saying that about 70,000 locals have been vaccinated as of last Sunday. The Bureau decided to launch free shots to all residents as more and more severe or serious flu cases was reported on youths and others normally not regarded as being among high-risk groups.  

Macao SAR government has stocked up to 90,000 doses of seasonal flu vaccine for the 2010 and 2011 flu season. According to the Bureau, the flu vaccines supplied by a British company, have only minor side effects, but are effective in preventing flu associated serious illnesses.

HSBC launches renminbi deposit accounts in Singapore  

Singapore, 14 Feb—HSBC said it has launched renminbi deposit accounts for its customers in Singapore, making it one of the banks offering such services in Singapore. A service staff at the bank said on Monday that it is promoting the account for a period of about two months from 27 Dec to 28 Feb.  

Winston Teo, head of wealth management at HSBC Singapore, said many retail customers have already invested in China funds. “We are seeing more demand, particularly from affluent customers, for instruments that allow them to gain access to the renminbi, as it provides an avenue to diversify their investment and unlock the full potential of the China growth story,” the Straits Times quoted Teo as saying.

California college student’s body found  

Newport Beach, 14 Feb—The body of a California college student missing for a week was found Sunday floating in Newport Bay, authorities said.  

A passerby spotted the body of Alan Song-Long Lin, a 22-year-old mechanical engineering student at the University of California, Riverside, who was last seen alive on 5 Feb, KTLA-TV, Los Angeles, reported.  

There was no sign of foul play and the initial indications were he died of natural causes though an investigation was ongoing. Newport Beach police said.

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Bangkok, 14 Feb—Two F16 jet fighters of the Royal Thai Air Force crashed on Monday while they were joining US-Thai military exercise, and two pilots on board were rescued. According to Air Vice Marshal Monton Sanchukorn, two F16 jet fighters reportedly disappeared from the radar screen at around 10:20 am local time after four of them took off from an air force base in northeastern Nakornratchasima Province to join joint military exercise with the US Air Force as part of Cobra Gold 2011 war game.

The two F16s were reportedly described as being in the crash area. Two pilots of both jet fighters were safely rescued afterwards. The Royal Thai Air Force is now coordinating with relevant agencies to examine the cause of the accident. The two F16s were initially reported to clash.

An elderly man takes a break in front of luxury apartment buildings in Beijing. US finance firm Fortress Investment plans to raise $1 billion for a China fund that would invest in housing for the elderly, as authorities contend with a looming ageing problem, a report said Monday.—INTERNET

The lights of the Marina Bay Sands resort lighting up the waterfront in Singapore on 9 February. Just one year after opening its first casino, Singapore has emerged as Asia’s hottest new gambling capital with a revamped cityscape and billions of dollars pouring into the economy.—INTERNET

People clear snow in Beijing, capital of China, on 13 Feb, 2011. Beijing embraced the second snowfall this winter since Saturday night.—XINHUA

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U Thein Soe as Chairperson of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union.

Next, the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw submitted a proposal on the number of the Union Election Commission made by the elected President.

The Speaker announced that the elected President, in accord with Sub-section (a) of Article 398 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Rules-24, submitted designation of the member of the Union Election Commission as seven. The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives may participate in the discussions at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session tomorrow. The representatives who will take part in the discussions are to submit their names to the Director-General of the Hluttaw Office this evening.

Afterwards, the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw announced that the fifth-day regular session of the First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw ended and the sixth-day regular session will continue at 10 am tomorrow.

The meeting came to an end at 10:15 am.

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Village fire in Magway Tsp leaves 800 homeless

NAT PYI TAW, 14 Feb—A fire broke out in Supitsan Village of Magway Township in Magway District around 2:15 pm on 12 February. Ember was the cause of the fire that burnt down 100 houses leaving 800 persons homeless.

In January 2011, the nation saw 72 fire outbreaks, according to statistics of Fire Services Department, of which 26 fire outbreaks occurred in villages. And it was found that negligence is the major factor in most of fire outbreaks. The department urged the public to take fire preventive measures as the open season is coming now.—MNA

Best Battery sets reduced prices in return for customers’ choice

YANGON, 14 Feb — Best Battery Trading Co Ltd has reduced sale prices of ATLAS, E-NEX, DUPEX and ABX-AGM batteries, imported by the company as the sole agent, as a gesture of trading thanks for customers’ choice starting on 1 February.

The brands are directly imported from ATLASBX Company’s two factories in the Republic of Korea.

The maintenance free first-class batteries have widely become the likes of users in more than 100 global nations as they score satisfaction of sellers and users and promise the sanitation.

The batteries are available at many battery shops in downtown Yangon and the company’s showroom at No (316), Maha Thukhita Street, East GyoKon Ward, Insein Township, Yangon Region (Ph: 646363, 642721).—MNA
Sanctions

Chairman of Myanmar Garment Entrepreneurs Association U Myint Soe told The Myanmar Times that the US sanctions starting from July, 2003 left 85000 garment factory workers jobless, among them 95% to 98% were young women aged between 18 and 35.

U Myint Soe noted that there should be a review on the sanctions on humanitarian grounds because sanctions can do harm to the general population.

Before sanctions, there were 300 garment factories in Myanmar. Due to impact of sanctions, only 120 factories with 85000 workers were left in 2009.

The article stated that Vice-President of Myanmar Fisheries Federation said that the US sanctions had impact not only on the garment sector but also on the fishery sector. Myanmar stood fourth in exportation of marine products to the US in Asia. He said that Myanmar would have become the second leading exporter of marine products if there had been no sanction against her.

Although there are comments made by scholars, at home and abroad and entrepreneurs that sanctions affected the general population, I will stop here to highlight the impact of sanctions as the said reports of those who are from various backgrounds and various countries are already enough for my presentation. I would like to make analyses of the NLD’s paper by laying blame on argument about the impact of sanctions in the NLD’s statement.

The statement proved a point that IMF did not accept economic sanction is a major cause of country’s economic hardships. Indeed, IMF did not have such a stance. I found that it stated that economic sanctions have a limited impact on Myanmar economy. IMF has not always said such a politically sensitive issue. Particularly, it is not possible to say in the time of opposing the sanctions by international community. According to Articles of Agreement of IMF’s organizational structure, economic sanction and ban on remittance services were opposed. (Paragraph 2 of Article VI and Paragraph 21 of Article VII of Agreement Article of IMF)

The statement made an argument as to whether the reduction in international development aids caused by sanctions hinders economic growth or not. Their argument is that Myanmar was reduced to a least developed country in December, 1987 although it received US$ 3712 million of Development Aids during the period from 1978 to 1988. It means that withdrawal of development aids after 1988 was not related to Myanmar’s weak economy.

Superficially, this point may be correct but it is meaningless in deed. The development aid Myanmar received during the period from 1978 to 1988 was only US$ 371 million. When it is divided by the population at that time, a citizen can get only about ten dollars. The peoples of neighbouring countries got 20 to 40 dollars each a year. How could Myanmar’s development tasks be carried out in an effective way only through the very small amount of aid?

It is true that Myanmar suffered economic crisis at the end of 1987. In consequence, it caused political instability stirring up the 1988 uprising. Likewise, economic crisis occurred in other world nations and neighbouring nations. For instance, Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia suffered the crisis in 1997. Monetary organizations such as IMF had to provide loans.

However, IMF and World Bank stopped disbursing loans to Myanmar in 1987 as it could not repay their loans. When Myanmar was hit by severe cyclone Nargis, they did not even loan a penny. (Haiti was given loans of hundreds of millions of dollars although it still had loans to repay.)

Overseas Development Aid (ODA) the rich nations provided for least developed countries almost halted after 1988.

The problem is that in the paper it is stated as though ‘it was not a demerit to dip a drowning man with a bamboo’. In other words, the paper carries a one-sided attitude by feeding a dying sick man nothing to die automatically.

In reality, the ODA Myanmar receives is far less than the neighbouring nations. For example, I have learned from a news report that Vietnam lodged a complaint as it had to sign a loan contract of over four billion dollars only although it first obtained a promise to get more than eight billion in 2010.

According to the data of 2008 in receiving ODA for a person, Laos received 48 dollars; (See page 9)

Myanmar government has worked hard on a self-reliant basis for national development amid various sanctions including aid sanctions. From the income from own resources, it had to build and upgrade infrastructures, roads and bridges necessary for the nation. A cluster of hydropower projects with large investment had to be implemented for energy consumption. Industrial zones were built for industrial progress. For improving agriculture essential to the nation’s food and economy, projects of dams, reservoirs and river-water pumping were implemented. Moreover, efforts had to be exerted to build a modern Tatmadaw for national defence. Schools and universities were built for education and hospitals, dispensaries and medical institutions for health.

Thanks to the continued endeavours, Myanmar achieved significant progress in all aspects.
Solutions, on show at Exhibition 2011 at Strand Hotel on 18 and 19 February.

Anyway, the Myanmar government has worked hard on a self-reliant basis for national development amid various sanctions including aid sanctions. From the income from own resources, it had to build and upgrade infrastructures, roads and bridges necessary for the nation. A cluster of hydropower projects with large investment had to be implemented for energy consumption. Industrial zones were built for industrial progress. For improving agriculture essential to the nation’s food and economy, projects of dams, reservoirs and river-water pumping were implemented. Moreover, efforts had to be exerted to build a modern Tatmadaw for national defence. Schools and universities were built for education and hospitals, dispensaries and medical institutions for health. Thanks to the continued endeavours, Myanmar achieved significant progress in all aspects. When it comes to the agriculture sector, Myanmar has not only enjoyed self-sufficiency in rice but also become a major rice exporter. It has also become a world leading exporter of beans and pulses. With agricultural development, the livelihoods of farmers, the major of the nation’s population have improved more remarkably than before.

However, the NLD paper pointed out that the living standard of Myanmar people has yet to improve as no priority has been given to improving the health and education of the people. The paper indeed refers to the 2011 human development report of UNDP. In that report also, it is stated that Myanmar’s HDI has significantly progressed since 2005. As the paper says Myanmar has less human development than Laos and Cambodia, I would like to make a comparison by drawing the above-mentioned table how significant Myanmar’s human development is although the index is still in low.

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YANGON, 14 Feb — True Value Solution, a software wing of Lucky Bird Group, will put its tools for internet browsing and computer application management, Spector Soft Solutions, on show at Software & Solution Exhibition 2011 at Strand Hotel on 18 and 19 February.

The Spector Soft will witness exploring internet and applying computer through monitoring and recording on real-time basis. The spyware will help cut back the side effects of technology from management level in time and track down the information leakages thanks to its auto recording systems. The software allows managerial role to set rules and schedule of computers at office. The enquiry for detailed information is available at Lucky Bird Group of Companies’ True Value Show Room at No (351), Theinbyu Road, Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Yangon (Ph: 399011, 248167); Mandalay Office at No (5), 28th Street, between 78th and 79th Streets (Ph: 02-21572); and Nay Pyi Taw Office at Thabyegon Market, North-West Wing, Nay Pyi Taw (Ph: 067-414113).

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Representatives attending third-day regular session of First Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw.—MNA

Third-day regular session of First Region...

(from page 16) The elected Chief Minister of Kayin State nominated national race representatives—Bamar national race representative U Naing Min Soe Thein to be assigned as Minister for National Race Affairs, obtained from Kayin State Election Subcommission, and the Kayin State Hluttaw approved the nomination.

The third-day regular session of the First Kayin State Hluttaw came to an end at 10.12 am.

Kayin State

The speaker of Kayin State Hluttaw submitted nomination to the post of state ministers made by the elected Chief Minister of Kayin State. It was unanimously approved by all 28 State Hluttaw representatives.

Mr. Kyaw Lwin, U Chit Hlaing of Myawaddy Township Constituency No. 1, U Saw Khin Maung Myint of Hpa-an Township Constituency No. 2, U Min Soe Thein of Kawakreik Township Constituency No. 2, U Saw Christopher of Thantaunggyi Township Constituency No. 1, U Saw Hsa Law La of Kayin-n-seikkyi Township Constituency No. 2, U Tha Daing of Myawaddy Township Constituency No. 2, U Saw Win Hein of Papun Township Constituency No 1 and U Saw Kyi Lin of Hpa-an Township Constituency No 1.

The elected Chief Minister of Kayin State submitted nomination to the post of state ministers made by the elected Chief Minister of Kayin State. It was unanimously approved by all 24 State Hluttaw representatives.

The State Hluttaw Speaker announced the approval of the proposal, as there was no objection.

Nine approved ministers of Kayin State are Defence Services Personnel Representative Col Tin Soe, U Tau Ye of Dimawo Township Constituency No. 1, U Chit Hla of Bawlawke Township Constituency No. 2, U Ye Win of Shadaw Township Constituency No. 1, U Saw Hu Hu of Prai township Constituency No 1, U Koe Ye of Loikaw Township Constituency No. 2, U Than Kyaw Soe of Pasawng Township Constituency No 1, U Poe Ye (a) Poe Ye An Aung of Dimawo Township Constituency No 2 and U Aung Naing Oo of Mèsé Township Constituency No 2.

The elected Chief Minister of Kayin State announced that the Kayin State Hluttaw approved the nomination.

The third-day regular session of the First Kayin State Hluttaw ended at 10.15 am.

Kayin State

The speaker of Kayin State Hluttaw submitted nomination to the post of state ministers made by the elected Chief Minister of Kayin State. It was unanimously approved by all 23 State Hluttaw representatives.

The State Hluttaw Speaker announced the approval of the proposal, as there was no objection.

Nine approved ministers of Kayin State are Defence Services Personnel Representative Col Zaw Min Oo, U Nan Za Mon of Tiddim Township Constituency No. 1, U Ram Manh of Hka Township Constituency No. 1, retired Chin State Manager of Myanna Cotton and Sericulture Enterprise U Van Hlaung, U Kyaw Nyein of Palewta Township Constituency No. 1, Dr. Myint Thein of Chauk U Township Constituency No. 2, U Tin Ngwe of Wetlet Township Constituency No. 1, Dr. Myint Thein of Chauk U Township Constituency No. 2, retired, Dr. Myint Thein of Chauk U Township Constituency No. 1, U Win of Katha Township Constituency No 1 and U Kyaw Win of Homalin Township Constituency No 1.

The elected Chief Minister of Sagaing Region nominated national race representatives—Chin national race representative U Noh Thang Bell (a) Noh Thang Kat and Shan national race representative U San Shwe—to be assigned as Minister for National Race Affairs, obtained from Sagaing Region Election Subcommission, and the Sagaing Region Hluttaw approved the nomination.

The third-day regular session of the First Sagaing Region Hluttaw came to an end at 10.15 am.

Sagaing Region

The speaker of Sagaing Region Hluttaw submitted nomination to the post of region ministers made by the elected Chief Minister of Sagaing Region. It was unanimously approved by all 28 Region Hluttaw Representatives.

The Region Hluttaw Speaker announced the approval of the proposal, as there was no objection.

Nine approved ministers of Sagaing Region are Defence Services Personnel Representative Col Kyi Naing, U Sein Win of Sagaing Region Election Subcommission, and the Sagaing Region Hluttaw approved the nomination.

The third-day regular session of the First Sagaing Region Hluttaw came to an end at 10.20 am.

Taninthayi Region

The Speaker of Taninthayi Region Hluttaw submitted nomination to the post of region ministers made by the elected Chief Minister of Taninthayi Region. As all 28 Region Hluttaw Representatives approved the nomination, the speaker announced that the Region Hluttaw agreed to the nomination of Region Ministers.

(See page 11)
Third-day regular session of First Region...

(from page 10)

Nine approved ministers of Taninthayi Region are Defence Services Personnel Hluttaw Representative Col Zaw Lwin, U Myat Ko of Dawei Township Constituency (2), Dr Win Aung of Launglon Township Constituency (1), Dr Win Aung of Kawthoung Township Constituency (2), U Than Aung of Dawei Township Constituency (1), Dr Kyaw Hsan of Myeik Township Constituency (2), U Win Swe of Palaung Township Constituency (1) and U Aung Kyaw Oo of Bokpyin Township Constituency (2).

The elected Chief Minister of Taninthayi Region nominated Kayin National Representative U Saw Harvey as Region Minister for National Race Affairs obtained from Taninthayi Region Election Subcommission. The Region Hluttaw approved the nomination.

The third-day regular session of First Taninthayi Region Hluttaw concluded at 10.17 am.

Bago Region

The Speaker of the Region Hluttaw submitted nomination to the post of Region Ministers made by the elected Chief Minister of the Region. As all 76 Region Hluttaw Representatives approved the nomination, the speaker announced that the Region Hluttaw agreed to the nomination of Region Ministers.

Nine approved ministers of Bago Region are Defence Services Personnel Hluttaw Representative Col Thet Tun, U Ye Myint Tun of Bago Township Constituency (2), U Myint Lwin Oo of Thatawaddy Township Constituency (1), Dr Kyaw Oo of Toungoo Township Constituency (2), U Kyaw Myint of Padang Township Constituency (1), U Tun Wai of Minyo Township Constituency (1), U Tin Soe of Toungoo Township Constituency (1), U Kyaw Htay of Htantabin Township Constituency (2) and U Baby Ohn of Kyaukkyi Township Constituency (2).

The elected Chief Minister of the Region nominated Kayin National Representative U Saw Jubilee San Hla as Region Minister for National Races Affairs obtained from Bago Region Election Subcommission. The Region Hluttaw approved the nomination.

The third-day regular session of First Bago Region Hluttaw concluded at 10.20 am.

Magway Region

At regular session of Magway Region Hluttaw, Speaker of the Region Hluttaw submitted nomination to the post of Region Ministers made by the elected Chief Minister of the Region. As all 68 Region Hluttaw Representatives approved the nomination, the speaker announced that the Region Hluttaw agreed to the nomination of Region Ministers.

Nine approved ministers of Magway Region Hluttaw concluded at 10.15 am.

Mandalay Region

At regular session of Mandalay Region Hluttaw, Speaker of the Region Hluttaw submitted nomination to the post of Region Ministers made by the elected Chief Minister of the Region to the Region Hluttaw. As all 76 Region Hluttaw Representatives approved the nomination, the speaker announced that the Region Hluttaw agreed to the nomination of Region Ministers.

Nine approved ministers of Mandalay Region are Defence Services Personnel Hluttaw Representative Col Aung Kyaw Moe, U Aung Zan of Myingyan Township Constituency (2), U Myint Aung, Dr Khin Maung Thwin of Bilin Township Constituency (1), Dr Toe Toe Aung of Mawlamyine Township Constituency (2), Dr Hla Oo of Mawlamyine Township Constituency (1), U Myo Nyunt of Thanbyuzayet Township Constituency (1), U Win Maw Oo of Bagon Township Constituency (2), U Tun Hlaing of Than Tun Township Constituency (1), U Naing Lawei Aung of Ye Township Constituency (1) and Dr Min Nwe Soe of Mudon Township Constituency (2).

The elected Chief Minister of the State nominated Kayin National Representative U Aung Kyaw Thein, Pa-O National Representative U Pe Mya (a) Kun Pe Mya and Bamar National Representative U Thet Win for Region Minister for National Races Affairs obtained from Mandalay Region Election Subcommission. The Region Hluttaw approved the nomination.

The third-day regular session of First Mon State Hluttaw was concluded at 10.10 am.

Mon State

At regular session of Mon State Hluttaw, Speaker of the State Hluttaw submitted nomination to the post of State Ministers made by the elected Chief Minister of the State. As all 31 State Hluttaw Representatives approved the nomination, the speaker announced that the State Hluttaw agreed to the nomination of State Ministers.

Nine approved State ministers are Defence Services Personnel Hluttaw Representative Col Htay Min Naing, U Chin Naing of Natmauk Township Constituency (2), U Tun Hlaing of Thaton Township Constituency (1), U Aung Naing of Pyay Township Constituency (1), U Kyaw Htay of Hmantabin Township Constituency (2) and U Baby Ohn of Kyaukkyi Township Constituency (2).

The elected Chief Minister of the State nominated Kayin National Representative U Aung Kyaw Thein, Pa-O National Representative U Pe Mya (a) Kun Pe Mya and Bamar National Representative U Thet Win for Region Minister for National Races Affairs obtained from Mandalay Region Election Subcommission. The State Hluttaw approved the nomination.

The third-day regular session of First Mon State Hluttaw was concluded at 10.10 am.

(See page 12)
Third-day regular session of First Shan State Hluttaw in progress.—MNA

The third-day regular session of First Shan State Hluttaw was concluded at 10.53 am.

Shan State

At regular session of Shan State Hluttaw, Speaker of the State Hluttaw submitted nomination to the post of State Ministers made by the elected Chief Minister of the State. As all 142 State Hluttaw Representatives approved the nomination, the speaker announced that the State Hluttaw agreed to the nomination of Region Ministers.

Nine approved Region Ministers are Defence Services Personnel Hluttaw Representative U Thant Tun of Maubin Township Constituency (1), U Soe Aung Min of Ponnagyun Township Constituency (2), U Myint Thein of Thongwa Township Constituency (2), U Kyaw Hla Han of Township Constituency (1) and U Win Soe Hlaing of Laymyathnar Township Constituency (1). The elected Chief Minister of the Region nominated nine approved Region Ministers.

At regular session of Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw, Speaker of the Region Hluttaw submitted nomination to the post of Region Ministers made by the elected Chief Minister of the Region. As all 72 Region Hluttaw Representatives approved the nomination, the speaker announced that the Region Hluttaw agreed to the nomination of Region Ministers.
**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**

**MV BUNGA MAS 12 VOY NO (13SN)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV BUNGA MAS 12 VOY NO (13SN) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 15.2.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.E.P where it will lie at the consignee’s risk, 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**

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**Reg. No. 17041954**

in respect of “Pharmaceutical products, namely anti-histaminic and antifluergic”. Fraudulent imitation or unauthorised use of the said Trade Mark will be dealt with according to law.

Win Mu Tin M.A., H.G.P., D.B.L.

for Sanofi-Aventis Deutschland GmbH

P. O. Box 60, Yangon

Dated: 15 February 2011

The researchers found large pots used to turn whale blubber into oil and other items.

**INTERNET**

**‘Toughy’ the cat survives arrow wound**

Crowton Point, 14 Feb — An Indian woman said a cat she found outside her door earned the nickname “Toughy” by surviving an arrow wound in freezing temperatures.

Buckett Pendley of Crowton Point said she found the cat screaming outside her door on Thursday with an arrow piercing its shoulder and front paw. The (Munster) Times reported on Friday.

Pendley said her husband cut the shaft of the arrow and they called neighbour Jeff Jamrosz, who rushed the approximately 2-year-old cat to the St John Animal Clinic, where his wife, Melissa Bugge, works as a veterinarian.

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**NEWBURY, 14 Feb — An investigation has been launched after two horses died in the paddock at Newbury amid fears they were electrocuted by underground cabling. Fenix Two and Marching Song were due to feature in the day’s opening race but collapsed. Another horse, Kid Cassidy, was withdrawn after stumbling. The Merry Giant was affected but took part in the race, finishing last and said to be “badly traumatised”. Seven horses made it to the start but the last six races were abandoned.**

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**Organizers called off the final six races at Newbury.**

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**Charity wants homes for England rugby squad puppies**

London, 14 Feb — An animal charity in Hertfordshire is looking for homes for ten orphaned pups named after England rugby union stars. The 10 six-week-old Boxer-cross dogs were taken to a Blue Cross centre in Kippton after their mother died when she was knocked down by a car.

They have been named Johnno, Tindall, Ashton, Flood, Wilko, Foden, Easter, Sheridan, Hartley and Haskell. “It seemed perfect to name the little bruisers after rugby players,” said Emma Pannell, deputy manager. “Like many rugby players, these puppies were electrocuted.” Trainer Nicky Henderson was quick to pull out his runner Kid Cassidy, but the novice hurdle race went ahead, more than 20 minutes late, and with three of the original 10 runners missing. It was won by Paul Nicholls’ Al Ferox.

Raceroles saw no further racing, and organizers announced later in the day that they would be fully reimbursed. The British Horseracing Authority is investigating as is the Southern Electric Power Distribution and the police. A racecourse spokes­woman confirmed a cable, thought to be dormant, had been found under the paddock.

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**THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR**

Tuesday, 15 February, 2011
Strugglers Gladbach sack coach Frontzeck

BUNDESLIGA bottom side Borussia Moenchengladbach sacked their coach Michael Frontzeck on Sunday, 24 hours after their 3-1 German league defeat at St Pauli.

‘Gladbach are seven points from safety at the foot of the table and 46-year-old Frontzeck, who has been in charge for 18 months, was shown the door after his side have won just 14 of their 56 league matches under him.”

While the defeat to St Pauli was the nail in his coffin, ‘Gladbach allowed a 2-0 lead at home to Stuttgart slip to a 3-2 defeat the week before.

“The two losses against our main rivals, Stuttgart and St Pauli, we have to have under consideration. This was a difficult decision,” said ‘Gladbach’s director of sport Max Eberl.

Kurt Busch wins Shootout after Hamlin disqualified

DAYTONA BEACH, 14 Feb — It was a two-car tango at Daytona International Speedway, where the wild, pack racing was replaced Saturday night by sizzling fast speeds and a strange ending that gave Kurt Busch the win in the Budweiser Shootout.

The exhibition race was the first test on Daytona’s smooth new pavement, and speeds at times hit 206 mph in a race that had a record 28 lead changes among nine drivers.

The final pass, though, was ruled illegal as Denny Hamlin was disqualified for going below the out-of-bounds line. It made Busch, who actually crossed the finish line in second place, the first Dodge driver to win the non-points race that has opened Speedweeks for the last 33 years.

“What an unbelievable experience, this two-car draft. I had no idea what to expect going in,” Busch said. “I was just going to take it one lap at a time and see how it played out.”

Podolski double lifts Cologne out of drop zone

BERLIN, 14 Feb — German striker Lukas Podolski struck twice on Sunday to lift Cologne out of the bottom three following their 4-2 win over Mainz, as his team picked up their second consecutive league victory.

Podolski’s brace, either side of half-time, lifted Cologne up to 13th and out of the relegation zone as they backed up last week’s shock 3-2 win over current champions Bayern Munich with their third victory in four league games.

Handing fired home a third-minute free-kick, ‘Poldi’ scored Cologne’s

Inter’s Italian title hopes hit by inspired Juve

ROME, 14 Feb — Alessandro Matri was the hero as Juventus stunned an out-of-sorts Inter Milan 1-0 in Turin on Sunday to dent the champions’ title hopes.

Inter now trail AC Milan by eight points, with a game in hand, after falling to only their second defeat under Leonardo.

The champions produced a limp display against a dogged Juve, who breathed new life into their own Champions League hopes, moving up to sixth.

Juve coach Luigi Delneri said he hoped this win would give his team a boost.

“It was an important

Lille hold course with victory over Toulouse

PARIS, 14 Feb — Lille re-established their five-point lead at the summit of the French top flight after overcoming Toulouse 2-0 on a boggy home pitch at Stadium Lille-Metropole on Sunday.

The northern side had watched their title rivals close in on them over the course of the weekend but with 15 matches to play, they remain on course for a first Ligue 1 title since 1954.

Lille dominated proceedings in the first half, with Gervinho twice denied, by superb reflex saves from Toulouse goalkeeper Matthieu Valverde and league top scorer Moussa Sow firing over the bar from the edge of the penalty area.

The breakthrough arrived in the 38th minute, Gervinho scrambling home a deflection off Toulouse defender

Casillas relieved as 10-man Real defeat Espanyol

MADRID, 14 Feb — Real Madrid showed real character to close the gap on leaders Barcelona to five points winning 1-0 at Espanyol on Sunday, despite playing virtually the whole match with 10 men after goalkeeper and captain Iker Casillas was sent off after just 90 seconds.

Brazilian international left back Marcelo scored the decisive goal on 23 minutes as Real took advantage of Barcelona’s 1-1 draw against Sporting Gijon on Sunday to edge closer in the title race — but it took a battling display from Madrid’s ‘Galacticos’.

‘Espanyol are a strong opponent and they always have fantastic support. Losing your goalkeeper in the second minute and giving a debut to another

Celtic extend lead at the top

David Goodwillie had given the hosts hope after Celtic took a two-goal lead but the visitors were able to earn their fifth successive league win with

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**WEATHER**

Monday, 14th February, 2011

*Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T.*

During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Taninthayi Region, Kachin, Rakhine and Mon States. Generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Night temperatures were (3°C) above February average temperatures in Kachin and Rakhine States and (3°C) to (4°C) below February average temperatures in Upper Sagaing and Bago Regions, (5°C) below February average temperature in Mandalay Region, (7°C) below February average temperature in Chin State and about February average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant night temperatures were: Haka (-1°C), Heho and Loilin (4°C) each, Lashio, Namhsan and Pylaung (5°C) each.

**Nay Pyi Taw**

*Maximum temperature on 13-2-2011 was 95°F.*

Minimum temperature on 14-2-2011 was 59°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 14-2-2011 was (73%).

Rainfall on 14-2-2011 was (Nil).

**Yangon (Kaba-Aye)**

*Maximum temperature on 13-2-2011 was 93°F.*

Minimum temperature on 14-2-2011 was 65°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 14-2-2011 was (62%).

Total sunshine hours on 13-2-2011 was (10.2) hours (Approx).

Rainfall on 14-2-2011 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (1.97) inches at Kaba-Aye and (3.54) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from West at (15:30) hours MST on 13-2-2011.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 15th February 2011: Light rain is possible to be isolated in Taninthayi Region, Kayin and Mon States, weather will be partly cloudy in Upper Sagaing, Yangon, Bago and Ayeyawady Regions, Kachin and Shan 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.*

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

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 15-2-2011:** Generally fair weather.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 15-2-2011:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 15-2-2011:** Generally fair weather.

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**Ronaldo set to announce his retirement**

SÃO PAULO, 14 Feb—Three-time FIFA player of the year Ronaldo has scheduled a news conference where he is expected to announce his retirement from football.

The 34-year-old striker is set to speak at 12:40 p.m. local time (1440 GMT) on Monday, ending an 18-year career in which he thrived with Brazil and some of Europe’s top clubs.

He told the Estado de S Paulo newspaper on Monday that “it’s time” to stop because he can’t stay fit anymore.

If confirmed, the announcement would come just days after Ronaldo was heavily blamed by Corinthians fans for the team’s elimination from the Copa Libertadores.

Ronaldo won two World Cups—breaking the record for most goals scored in the tournament—and starred for Barcelona, Real Madrid and Inter Milan.

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**MONDAY'S TV PROGRAMME**

**Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas**

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- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

**Third-day regular session of First Region or State Hluttaws commence simultaneously**

Approval sought for ministers of Regions or States

Nomination of national race representatives approved for National Race Affairs Ministers

**Kachin State**

The speaker of Kachin State Hluttaw submitted nomination to the post of state ministers made by the elected Chief Minister of Kachin State. It was unanimously approved by all 51 State Hluttaw representatives. The State Hluttaw Speaker announced the approval of the proposal as there was no objection.

Nine approved ministers of Kachin State are Defence Services Personnel Representative Col Than Aung, U Nyunt Aung of Mohnyin Township Constituency No. 1, U B Htaw Zaung of Chipwe Township Constituency No. 1, U Alay Par of M’Janyang Township Constituency No. 1, U Kaman Du Naw of Myitkyina Township Constituency No. 1, U Aung Naing of Shwegu Township Constituency No. 1, U Sai Maung Shwe of Mansi Township Constituency No. 2, and Daw Bauk Ja of Sumprabum Township Constituency No. 1.

Despite the sanctions, Myanmar has been able to raise her head again thanks to the unity between the government and the people, effective exploitation of natural resources and cooperation and understanding of the regional countries.

**Moderate earthquake jolts**

NAY PI TAW, 14 Feb—A slight earthquake of magnitude (4.4) Richter Scale with its epicenter inside Myanmar (about 55 miles north-west of Monywa), about 100 miles north-west of Mandalay, seismological observatory was recorded at (23) hrs (12) min (43) sec M.S.T on 13th February 2011, announced Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.—MNA