First regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw continues for third day

15-member Public Accounts Committee formed

NAY PYI TAW, 3 March — The first regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw continued for the third day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here at 10 am today. It was attended by Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and Pyithu Hluttaw representatives.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann announced the validity and start of the third-day session as 432 or 99.54% of the 434 entitled Pyithu Hluttaw representatives were present.

Regarding formation of the Public Accounts Committee, the Speaker said that the Public Accounts Committee will be formed with not more than 15 Hluttaw representatives in accord with Sub-section (a) of Section 115 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Pyithu Hluttaw Law Section 21 and 22 and Rules 33 and 47, and that suitable numbers of members, a list of nominees, the chairman and secretary shall be submitted and sought for approval.

He said that, according to the Pyithu Hluttaw Rule 49, although the term of the Public Accounts Committee is the same as that of the hluttaw but review will be carried out to make membership replacements as necessary one year after its formation.

After formation of the Public Accounts Committee with Hluttaw representatives, duties, powers and rights of the committee will be designated. The deputy Pyithu Hluttaw speaker will make clarification to follow-up works to be approved by the hluttaw representatives as duties, powers, and rights of the committee shall be designated by the hluttaw in accord with the Pyithu Hluttaw Rule 34.

The deputy Pyithu Hluttaw speaker clarified duties, powers and rights of the Public Accounts Committee. Duties of Public Accounts Committee are as follows:

(1) the committee:
   (a) shall, in scrutinizing the budget of the Union Government and report of the Union Auditor-General, find out whether or not the budget approved by the idaungsu Hluttaw is spent for the case concerned, in line with the rules and regulations and in an efficient way.
   (b) may inquire at the departments and enterprises to find out whether or not the budget is spent efficiently.
   (c) is responsible for submitting reports to Pyithu Hluttaw regarding the following matters:

   (1) spending a budget approved by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in response to the report from the Union Government for a case under another heading.

   (2) spending an approved budget under another heading is not consistent with the rules promulgated by the Ministry of Finance and Revenue. (See page 8)
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**Build capacity of the youth**

In the Age of Knowledge today, the government devotes itself to the drive for all-round development of the Myanmar society, putting the education sector at the forefront with the aim of enabling the nation to keep abreast of the international level with sustainable development.

In such a time of rapid changes in various sectors, State stability, peace and community peace are fundamental requirements for the goal. Now, the 30-year National Education Promotion Plan is well underway to improve the national education standard in both arts and science.

Only then, will it be possible to broaden the horizons of the people in an effective way. And, the people will be able to improve their reasoning power with moral and spiritual development.

When and if the people have high intellectual power, they can distinguish between good and bad with a sense of abiding by the law and stand firm by the Myanmar society. To put it another way, they will equip themselves with a stronger sense of nationalistic spirit and Union Spirit and promoting and preserving national culture.

Now, the future of the nation is being shaped, making good use of the improvement achieved in the education sector. Therefore, faculty members are under a responsibility to inculcate nationalistic sentiment into and help build capacity of the youth, apart from their primary duties.

**MYANMAR GAZETTE**

**PBA N RDA Minister attends gravel road opening ceremony**

**NAY P Y T AW, 3 March**—Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs U Thein Nyunt attended the opening ceremony of Aiwine-Thikekon rural gravel road, hailing 66th Anniversary of Armed Forces Day, implemented by Development Affairs Committee of Maubin Township in Ayeyawady Region, on 28 February.

The 9 miles long and 10 feet wide gravel road was implemented by Maubin Township DAC with the fund of Development Affairs Department in 2010-2011 fiscal year.

The road contributes much to socio-economic status of residents of Aiwine, Letpankon, Thikekon, Anyargyi and Thayagon village-tracts, who earlier relied only on waterway, as they have now access to all season road to Maubin.

The minister also attended the ceremonies to hand over Basic Education Primary Schools of Kyethaung and Seiktha villages in Maubin Township on 27 February. **—MNA**

**MAI starts Yangon-Guangzhou flight schedule**

**YANGON, 3 March**—Myanmar Airways International (MAI) launched its maiden flight to Guangzhou from here at Yangon International Airport this morning.

Present on the occasion were Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Yangon Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Tun Than, the Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar and personnel of the embassy, MAI Patron U Aung Ko Win, personnel from Ministry of Transport and Ministry of Hotels and Tourism.

Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe, the Commander and personnel cut a ribbon to open the ceremony and greeted passengers of the maiden flight to Guangzhou.

The flight is reported to be very convenient for around 5,000 to 6,000 Chinese jade traders who usually visit Myanma jade and jewels sales held by the government about three times a year. MAI has rented 16 charter flights for jade and jewels sales held by the government about three times a year. MAI has rented 16 charter flights for jade and jewels sales held by the government about three times a year. MAI has rented 16 charter flights for jade and jewels sales held by the government about three times a year. MAI has rented 16 charter flights for jade and jewels sales held by the government about three times a year. **—MNA**

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**Maruart floor and wallpapers were on sale at Housing & Building Exhibition at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road in Yangon on 3 March.** **—MNA**
Suicide bomber kills 10, wounds 26 in Iraq

FALLEJA (IRAQ), 3 March—A suicide bomber killed at least 10 people and wounded 26 others at a government bank in the northern Iraqi town of Haditha Thursday, police and hospital sources said.

The police source said people were collecting their salaries at a branch of the state-owned Rafidain bank in Haditha, 190 km (120 miles) northwest of Baghdad, when the bomber struck. “There was a group of Iraqi army soldiers standing in front of the bank to collect their salaries when a suicide bomber wearing a vest came in between them and blew himself up,” police Lieutenant Ali al-Ubaidi, who was at the scene, told Reuters. “The death toll is 10 killed, including eight soldiers, and 26 wounded, including 20 soldiers.”

Eight years after the 2003 US-led invasion, insurgents are still carrying out lethal attacks in Iraq, although overall violence has dropped from the height of sectarian warfare in 2006-7.

A hospital source said he expected the death toll to rise. “We received eight bodies and 13 wounded, including soldiers and civilians and we think the number of dead will increase because we have many critical cases among the wounded,” Waled al-Hadithi, manager of General Hospital in Haditha, said.

Haditha gained notoriety when US Marines were accused of killing 24 Iraqi civilians in 2005. Witnesses said angry Marines shot the men, women and children in November 2005 out of revenge after a popular comrade was killed in a roadside bombing.

News reports of the killings brought international condemnation of US forces in Iraq.—MNA/Reuters

Afghan president condemns NATO air raids that killed nine children

KABUL, 3 March—Afghan President Hamid Karzai condemned the killing of nine children allegedly caused by NATO-led forces’ air raids in the eastern Kunar Province a couple of days ago, in a statement released by his office here in Afghan Capital Kabul on Wednesday.

“The air strike by the NATO that killed nine innocent children and injured another in Kunar happened in less than ten days from a similar attack that left many civilians dead in the same Province. The children were collecting firewood when attacked,” the statement added.

In the statement, the Afghan president who is currently visiting Britain, underlined that “fighting terrorism in Afghan Villages can’t achieve any success, but poor and innocent civilians have to suffer in the unjustifiable operations and bombings carried out by the NATO and ISAF.”

“I therefore once again remind with emphasis that NATO needs to focus on the safe havens of terrorists, or else killing innocent civilians would create them huge problems,” Afghan president noted in the statement.—Xinhua

Gunman kills two in Frankfurt Airport shooting

BEIJING, 3 March—Two people have been killed, after a gunman, fired at US Air Force personnel, on a bus, outside Frankfurt Airport. Two others were also wounded, in the attack outside the airport’s terminal 2 on Wednesday, before the gunman was apprehended. The bus driver, and a passenger were killed and there were unconfirmed reports that the two victims were members of the US military. German police have identified the 21-year-old suspect as Arif Uka, from Kosovo. There were no details of his motives for the attack. President Barack Obama said that he was “saddened and outraged” by the incident.—Xinhua

Nine killed, 30 injured in suicide blast in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 3 March—A suicide bomb blast, targeting a police centre, killed at least nine people including four policemen, and injured more than 30 others in northwest Pakistan, police and local media reports said.

The bomb exploded near a police mobile van, which also affected other passing by passenger vehicles in Hangu, a main city in Khyber Pakhtoonkha Province.

Local sources said that an explosives-laden vehicle ran into the police checkpoint. According to Bomb Disposal Squad, about 300 kg explosives were used in the attack.

All the injured persons including 12 women and four policemen were shifted to the city hospital where four policemen succumbed to injuries.

The police personnel were riding in the police vehicle which came under attack. With the impact of the blast 12 nearby houses also got damaged severely, local residents said.

Security officials reached the site and cordoned off the area and started a search operation.

No group claimed responsibility for the attack. Taleban militants have in the past targeted police.

Xinhua

Municipality workers clean up while Iraqi security forces stand guard at the scene of a bomb attack in Baghdad, Iraq, on 2 March, 2011. A roadside bomb planted in al-Mustansiriyah Square targeting a police patrol, wounding a few civilians, police said.—INTERNET
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**New ‘Jaguar’ catfish found in Amazon**

NEW YORK, 3 March — In a previously unexplored area of the Amazon rain forest, scientists have discovered a new species of catfish swimming in a tributary to the great Amazon River.

The fish was found during a series of expeditions to explore the biodiversity of the rain forests of the northern margin of the Amazon River in the Brazilian State of Pará, in the world’s largest block of protected rain forest, which covers 10 million acres (4 million hectares).

The fish is a cream-coloured catfish with a pattern of dark patches on its body, reminiscent of jaguar fur. For this reason, the fish was named Stenollichnus ix, “Ix” being a Mayan word used to describe jaguars. The newfound species differs from other species of the same genus by the length of the nasal barbells, the whiskerlike tactile organs extending from the mouth.

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**Health**

### Painkillers linked to some birth defects

**ATLANTA, 3 March**—The babies of women who took prescription opioid painkillers before or during early pregnancy have an increased risk of birth defects, US researchers say.

A study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta found 2 percent to 3 percent of mothers interviewed were treated with prescription opioid painkillers or analgesics — codeine, oxycodone or hydrocodone — just before or during early pregnancy. The study did not examine the illicit use of these medications, the researchers say. The study, published in the American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology, found opioid analogues were linked to several types of congenital heart defects as well as spina bifida, hydrocephaly, congenital glaucoma and gastrochisis compared with women who were not treated with these opioid medications. “Women who are pregnant, or thinking about becoming pregnant, should know there are risks associated with using prescription painkillers,” Dr Thomas R Frieden, director of the CDC, said in a statement. “They should only take medications that are essential, in consultation with their healthcare provider.”

The researchers used data from the CDC-sponsored National Birth Defects Prevention Study — an ongoing population-based study to detect causes of birth defects.— Internet

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### Red eyes in photo OK, but not white eyes

**DALLAS, 3 March**—White spots in eyes that show up in a photograph mean it’s time to see a physician, a Dallas ophthalmologist advises.

Dr Nick Hogan, an ophthalmologist at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Centre in Dallas, says flash photography is similar to an ophthalmoscope — a lighted instrument used to examine the interior of the eye.

“A red reflex that appears in people’s eyes is caused by a reflection off the retina,” Hogan says in a statement. “It appears red because of the blood and that is normal.”

However, if a white or iridescent pupil is noticeable in a photograph, a visit to an ophthalmologist or a pediatrician for evaluation may be of value, Hogan says.

“Leukocoria, or white pupil, is caused by something blocking the red reflex,” Hogan says. “Absence of blood in the retina would have to be extreme to reduce the red reflex and that would be enough to kill the retina, hence no reflection.”

### Business

**Tommy Bahama candle sets recalled**

**WASHINGTON, 3 March**—Retailer Tommy Bahama is recalling 1,800 mini-tin travel set candles due to a risk of burns, a US watchdog agency said. The US Consumer Product Safety Commission said flames from the Mini-Candle Travel Sets burn higher than expected, posing a risk to consumers.

The candle sets were imported from China and made in the United States. They were sold nationwide at Tommy Bahama stores from November 2010 through January 2011 for about $40. The candle sets were sold in packs of six each, including various scents, such as pineapple paradise, maui mango and hibiscus blossom.—Internet

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On display at the 48th Myanmar Gems Emporium are raw jade lots, cut jade lots, raw gems, cut gems, pearls, jewellery items made of jade, gems, and pearl, sculptures of precious stones, gems crystals, mosaic paintings and silverwares. The organizations that will stage their pavilions at the emporium are the Myanmar Pearl Enterprise, companies that produce pearls in line with the Myanmar Pearl Law; the Myanmar Gems Enterprise; private companies and associations that produce gems in line with the Myanmar Gems Law, those who are licensed to run jewellery shops in line with the Myanmar Gems Law, and the private companies and associations that hold GTC licence. At the emporium, jade lots, gems lots and pearl lots will be sold through the tender system and the competitive bidding system. Under the arrangements of the Myanmar Gems Enterprise, licensed jewellery shops will have the right to sell jewellery, jade, gems, lotus, lotus jade, and lotus pearl lots. So, the area for the emporium was expanded near the Myanmar Gems Museum (Nay Pyi Taw).

At the emporium, 156 gems lots will be sold through the tender system and 50 gems lots, through the competitive bidding system, totaling 206 lots. Sales of gems lots through the tender system will start in the morning, and sales of gems lots through the competitive system, in the afternoon on 13 March. And 16,000 jade lots will be sold through the tender system, and 500 jade lots, through the competitive bidding system, totaling 16,500 lots. Sales of jade lots through the tender system will run from 14 to 18 March, and 255 lots or 29,479 pearls. Unlike previous times, large pearls will be on display this time, which are all State-owned ones. At the emporium, gifts and certificates of honour will be presented to the merchant who will spend most to purchase jade lots, the merchant who will spend most to purchase gems lots, and the merchant who will spend most to purchase pearl lots.

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Construction Minister on inspection tour of Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-
Myothit-Kanbya (Magway) Road

NAY PYI TAW, 3 March—Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint yesterday morning inspected Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-
Myothit-Kanbya (Magway) Road, the 6th among seven Yoma crossing roads, and progress of box culvert of Ngailekhaung Bridge between mile post Nos. 9 / 4 and 9/5, which has been constructed by Khitthit Company, construction of box culvert of Htatain-chuaung Bridge being built by Bridge Construction Special Group 9 and called for completion of works meeting set standards.

It was learnt that five District Groups of Public Works, one Airport Group, one Building Group, four Road Groups, two Bridge Groups and 14 companies, totaling 27 Groups are making strenuous efforts implementing 157-four bridges along the 6th Yoma crossing road and 153 box culverts—so as to be put into service soon.—MNA

48th Myanma Gems Emporium to take place...

The Myanmar Gems Entrepreneurs Association and the Myanam Gems Enterprise is now working closely for successful completion of the 48th Myanma Gems Emporium. Secretary-1 of the Myanmar Gems Entrepreneurs Association U San Myo said that the association had formed respective committees and tasks were being carried out subcommittee-wise; that the association would organize Jewellery Show on the opening day and the following day; that they had formed a supervisory team to examine and accept jade lots and they were working in cooperation with the Myanmar Gems Enterprise in arranging and weighing jade lots; that he noticed that more gems and jade lots were sold at the emporiums held in Nay Pyi Taw; that the association had over 3300 members; and that at the emporium Central Executive Committee members and executives would supervise the tasks comfortably.

Respective sub-committees are taking all possible measures for convenience of foreign merchants at the second emporium. Over 500 gem companies will take part in the emporium. The emporium is expected to be drawn attention from about 4000 foreign merchants from 20 foreign countries and over 3000 local gems merchants.

For smooth transport for foreign merchants, Bandoola Transportation will run 150 Parami taxies of Saloons and Vans during the period. In addition, 16 chartered airplanes are ready to transport the gems merchants to the emporium through Guanzhou of the People’s Republic of China. For accommodation security, about 1600 rooms of 24 hotels in Nay Pyi Taw have been booked. Hotels and motels are making arrangements to provide fresh and hygienic meals for foreign merchants.

The Myanma Airways International and private airlines will set up air ticketing centres for flights between Yangon and foreign countries.

In order to provide health care to gems merchants, a temporary clinic will be opened led by a specialist and two nurses (including an ambulance). To ensure smooth communication, two interpreters (Chinese language) will be appointed to the emporium. And there will be an information counter to inform the merchants. In compliance with the guidance of the Head of State “the Myanmar’s gems market must be in Myanmar”, gems emporiums are being held with innovations, and more and more success is being achieved gradually. The Mid-Year Myanma Gems Emporium (2010) held in Nay Pyi Taw for the first time was more successful than expected and greater number of jade lots was sold there.

Uncut jades for 48th Myanma Gems Emporium on display.

Talks on fire prevention given

NAY PYI TAW, 3 March—An educative talks on fire prevention was held at Myawady fuel filling station No.010 in Zabuthiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw District yesterday. Deputy Director U Than Win of Nay Pyi Taw Fire Services Department and Assistant Director Yethura Thawdar gave talks on fire prevention. After that, a fire drill was carried out.—MNA

Dy construction minister inspects Myaungmya-Labutta road

NAY PYI TAW, 3 March—Deputy Minister for Construction U Myint Thein inspected Myaungmya-Labutta road this morning. He urged the district superintendent engineers to extend earth embankment section of Labutta District to 40 feet and to complete dredging of drains before the rainy season.

Later on, the deputy minister looked into the axis diverted from mile post No.18/6 that will link Labutta-Thonegwa-Hteiksoon road and Myaungmya-Labutta road, and maintenance of Labutta bridge (Pinlelay river crossing bridge).

At Labutta district superintendent engineer office, the deputy minister heard the report by district superintendent engineer and deputy chief engineer. After that, he left necessary instructions.

After that, he inspected maintenance of Sakyinchaung Bridge on Labutta-Thingangyi Pyinsalu road.—MNA

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(4) budgets asked by the Ministry of Finance and Revenue to submit to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw,

(d) shall scrutinize accounts to be carried out in compliance with the order of the Union President regarding economic enterprises of the Union Government as well as the Union Auditor-General's report on the accounts.

(e) shall scrutinize the Union Auditor-General’s reports on accounts examined under the order of the Union President, stocks of stored goods, and the Union Auditor-General’s report on examination of the goods.

(2) Regarding matters the committee shall examine, the committee:

(a) shall scrutinize as necessary matters assigned by the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker according to the information from Union Hluttaw, and submit its findings and remarks to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw through Pyithu Hluttaw,

(b) shall scrutinize as necessary matters assigned by the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker according to the resolution passed by Pyithu Hluttaw, and submit its findings and remarks to Pyithu Hluttaw session,

(c) shall scrutinize as necessary matters assigned by Pyithu Hluttaw having decided to do so according to the report by a Pyithu Hluttaw member, and submit its findings and remarks to Pyithu Hluttaw session,

(d) may invite experienced officials in coordination with the departments and organizations concerned for advice.

(3) In general, in scrutinizing matters under the responsibilities mentioned in para (a) and para (b), the committee:

(a) does not need to ascertain support regarding tabling motions and submitting suggestions,

(b) Committee members have the right to hold discussions more than one time in a matter.

(4) Committee members, when assigned duties by the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker, shall serve as members of the combined Public Accounts Committee formed with the approval of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker.

Pyithu Hluttaw representatives signing in attendance book.

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When the session was resumed, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker submitted nomination of suitable numbers of members of committee, committee members, chairman and secretary for formation of Public Accounts Committee to Pyithu Hluttaw in accord with Section 21 of Pyithu Hluttaw Law and Rules 33 and 47 of Pyithu Hluttaw Rule.

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(2) spending an approved budget under another heading which is not consistent with the rules promulgated by the Ministry of Finance and Revenue,
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(5) What a committee member says or does and discussions at a committee meeting shall not be leaked out. All the discussions held in committee meetings shall be recorded and approved by the committee. Meeting minutes shall not be handed out. A copy of the report to Amyotha Hluttaw shall be dispatched to Hluttaw Office in order that the case can be kept in the case file together with meeting minutes.

Powers of the committee are:
(1) Committee meetings shall be held in line with the provisions of Rule (30) of Amyotha Hluttaw Rules.
(2) Regarding the committee’s submission of a report:
(a) The committee chairman or the secretary (when the chairman is away), or a member (when the chairman and the secretary are away) shall submit the committee’s report to Amyotha Hluttaw.
(b) In the process, committee members shall put their signatures on the report to show their approval. However, if there is an exception or difference, they may attach exceptions and differences to the report with their signatures.
(c) After submission of the report, on the day that is not four days earlier and not 10 days later than the day designated by the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker, the committee chairman or the secretary (when the chairman is away), or a member (when the chairman and the secretary are away) shall submit the report for discussion.
(d) Amyotha Hluttaw representatives have no power to amend the report. (See page 10)
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(e) After discussing the report, the committee chairman or the secretary (when the chairman is away), or a member (when the chairman and the secretary are away) shall submit the report to Amyotha Hluttaw for approval.

(3) If the matters to be undertaken by the committee and Pyithu Hluttaw Public Accounts Committee are similar to each other, the committee shall submit the matters to Amyotha Hluttaw for hlttaw speakers to hold discussions.

(4) Committee members:

(a) have the freedom of speech and the right to vote subject to the provisions of the State Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Amyotha Hluttaw Laws.

(b) have the rights to be members of in maximum two committees of Amyotha Hluttaw.

(c) have the right to submit resignation letters to the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker with sound reasons.

Privileges and rights of a committee member

(1) Committee members, being Amyotha Hluttaw representatives, have the right to enjoy relevant privileges described in law on allowance and expense as well as privileges granted by the Union Government while they are at the committee head office or on a duty trip to carry out functions of the committee or to attend committee meetings.

(2) Committee members—

(a) shall not be taken action against other laws except under Amyotha Hluttaw Law regarding discussion held at committee meetings,

(b) shall not be arrested while the committee is in session without the prior approval of the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker through the head of the organization concerned,

(c) shall, if he is arrested under a crime, have the right to attend committee meetings with the approval of the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker, until a verdict is delivered against him.

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The committee will be formed with 15 members who are—

(1) U Bran Shaung Chin State Constituency (5)

(2) U Sa Ye Kayah State Constituency (6)

(3) U Saw Tun Mya Aung Kajin State Constituency (5)

(4) U Zon Hle Htan Chin State Constituency (2)

(5) U Steven Thu Reik Chin State Constituency (4)

(6) Daw Yi Yi Myint Mon State Constituency (1)

(7) U Khan Maung Aye Sagaing Region Constituency (7)

(8) U Thein Win Sagaing Region Constituency (11)

First regular session of Region and State Hluttaw held

Approval sought for number of committee members, nomination of chairpersons, secretaries and members, and duties, powers and rights of the bill committees and national races affairs committees

NAY P YI T AW, 3 March—The first regular sessions of the Region and State Hluttaw were simultaneously held in respective regions and states at 10 am today.

At the sessions, speakers of respective Region and State Hluttaws sought approval for the number of committee members, nomination of chairpersons, secretaries and members, and duties, powers and rights of the bill committee and national races affairs committee submitted to respective Hluttaw. As there was no objection, speakers of respective Hluttaws announced the approval.

It is learnt that formation of bill committees and national races affairs committees in the first regular sessions of Region and State Hluttaws were carried out in accord with Article 67 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar or prescriptions in Region or State Hluttaw Rule 62.—MNA

Lifestyles Motors & Bike Show 2011 in Mandalay

YANGON, 3 March—Entrepreneurs who are organizing Lifestyles Motors & Bike Show 2011 to be held from 24 to 27 March in Mandalay met at Chatrium Hotel on Natmauk Road here this morning.

Over 100 booths will display cosmetics, computer, mobile phone, accessories, building materials, cable & wire, construction materials, education, services, electronics, fashion wears, foodstuffs, furniture, gas cooker accessories, generators & transformers, hospitals, medical equipment & medicines as well as motors industry, car wheels, tyres, tubes, car spare parts at the exhibition whose logo was sponsored by Mobile Mother Phone & Accessories.

Those willing to sponsor logo to the exhibition may contact U Than Htwe Chairman, MGB Business Group, No 78 in Kyekkasan Street, Tamwe Township, Yangon, (Ph: 09-49 256608, 09-5123345) or U Min Aung (Super Power) (Ph: 01-704814, 09-5004523.—MNA

Meeting on Prevention of mother-to-child HIV transmission held

NAY P YI T AW, 3 March—Organized by Ministry of Health and Population Department, the work coordination meeting on prevention of mother-to-child HIV transmission was held at the Health Department in Kyaukme District of Shan State (North) this morning.

After township Chairman U Kyaw Zin had spoken on the occasion, village, around 8 am yesterday. He lost his calf in the incident and was rushed to Toungoo People’s Hospital by authorities concerned for treatment.—MNA

KNU’s mine wounds one civilian

NAY P YI T AW, 3 March—Maung Soe Haik (a) Lalu residing at Thahtayon Village in Zayatgyi Village-tract, Htanbin Township,

Bago Region, on his way to cut woods with five companions, stepped a mine planted by KNU insurgents in the wood, about two miles from the

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Japan to launch newest bullet train

BEIJING, 3 March—Japan is to launch its next generation of bullet train for the first time in 14 years. The new aero-dynamic train will be the fastest in the nation at an operating speed of 300 kilometres per hour.

This still falls short of China’s Harmony Express, a cross-country rapid transit which travels at a maximum 350 kilometre-per-hour.

The new high speed train will service the newly opened Tohoku line to the city of Aomori, some 713 kilometres north of Tokyo.

Its first class service offers customers free and unlimited alcoholic drinks and light meals. The service also boasts genuine leather seats with personal reading lights and leg-rests.

Pirated Danish yacht, family anchor near Somalia

NAIROBI, 3 March—A Danish family kidnapped by pirates has reached the shore of Somalia, officials and a pirate said Wednesday, likely meaning a long hostage ordeal for the couple and their three teenage children who were abducted while yachting around the world.

A Somali pirate had warned that if any attempt was made to rescue them, they would meet the same fate as the four American yachtsmen slain by their pirate captors last week. Any chance of a quick rescue seemed to disappear Wednesday.

The sailboat being piloted by Jan Quist Johansen, his wife and their three children, ages 12 to 16, anchored near the coastal village of Hafun late Tuesday, said Yusuf Abdullahi Sanyare, the commissioner of Hafun, which lies on Somalia’s northern tip.

Abdiaziz Mohammad Yusuf, the spokesman for a community group called the Puntland Peacemakers, told The Associated Press that the family has been taken on land.

However, a Somali pirate who gave his name as Muse Abdi said the family was transferred to another, larger pirate ship.

“They are safe. They were just transferred from the boat to the big ship,” said Abdi, who has provided reliable information in the past. “They have been added to other nationals in another ship to avoid any possible attack.”—Internet

Magnitude-6.2 earthquake shakes Panama, Colombia border

PANAMA CITY, 3 March—An earthquake measuring 6.2 degrees at Richter scale on Wednesday shook the border between Panama and Colombia, the Geosciences Institute of Panama’s University said.

The earthquake had its epicentre in the Colombian northern coast and it was registered at 1:50 pm local time (1850 GMT), with a depth of 35 kilometres.

According to the institute, the earthquake did not cause any casualties or material damages.

Director of the Civil Protection National System Arturo Alvarado said that the earthquake was felt from Darien Province in Panama to Chorrera District in the west zone of Panama City.

On Monday, an earthquake of magnitude-4.5 struck Bocas del Toro Province in the northwest of Panama, without report of any casualties or damages. The Panamanian authorities have suggested that people take necessary precaution for more earthquakes.

11 Filipinos buried in building in NZ presumed dead

MANILA, 3 March — The 11 Filipinos who were trapped under the rubble of the CTV building in Christchurch, New Zealand have been “presumed” dead, Philippines’ Acting Foreign Affairs Secretary Alberto del Rosario said Thursday.

Del Rosario said New Zealand Foreign Minister Murray McCully on Wednesday talked to him over the phone “to convey his government’s condolences to the families of the deceased.”

Among those missing were Jesse Lloyd Redoble, John Christopher Chua, Ezra Mae Medalle, Emmabel Anova, Jewel Francisco, Ivy Jane Cabunillas, Mary Louise Anne Amantillo, Valquin Bensurto, Rhea Mae Sumalpong, Erica Nora and Lalaine Agatep. The Department of Foreign Affairs is currently helping the families of the victims to go to New Zealand by facilitating their passports and visas.—Xinhua

Somali pirates release 20 Filipino seafarers

MANILA, 3 March — The 20 Filipino seafarers who were abducted by Somali pirates five months ago were released last weekend, local media Philippine Daily Inquirer reported.

The Inquirer reported that the Philippine Embassy in Kenya is already making arrangements for the repatriation of seafarers.

The seamen were crew members of the Panamanian-flagged cargo vessel MV Isami, which was hijacked by Somali pirates off the coast of Kenya last 10 October.

French Air Force Mirage 2000 jet fighter apparently crashes

PARIS, 3 March—A French Air Force Mirage 2000 jet fighter apparently crashed in central France during a training flight, the government said Wednesday, according to a statement from the Defence Ministry, the Mirage 2000 disappeared from radar screens around 9:20 pm on Tuesday over central France, with a pilot and a navigator conducting a low-altitude night flying mission.

Military officials said that a water-filled crater with some metal debris in it was found Wednesday morning near where the jet disappeared but there was no news about the two men aboard the fighter.

A spokesman for the French army’s public information service said the worst was expected.

Local authorities dispatched rescuers to conduct a search that was also joined by army helicopters. However, harsh weather conditions and thick fog in the night, forced a suspension of the search, the statement added.—Xinhua

In this 8 April, 2009 file photo, people take photos of a bronze statue of Japanese Akita dog ‘Hachi’ during the 74th memorial service for the dog, intimately called Hachiko, in front of Shibuya railway station in Tokyo. It was rumoured to have swallowed a chicken skewer that ruptured his stomach. But veterinarians examining his innards said Wednesday, that Hachiko had terminal cancer.—INTERNET
China trains army of messenger pigeons

BEIJING, 3 March — China is training 10,000 messenger pigeons to deliver vital military communications in the event of the country’s communications systems breaking down. According to the Chinese state media, the pigeons are being trained by a special unit of the People’s Liberation Army in the central city of Chengdu. “They will be primarily called upon to conduct special military missions between troops stationed at our borders,” said Chen Hong, an air force expert, to China Central Television (CCTV), the state broadcaster.

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Nanoscope breaks small item record

LONDON, 3 March — Scientists may soon be able to watch viruses in action for the first time using the world’s most powerful optical microscope. British researchers from the University of Manchester helped develop the instrument, which has broken all records for magnifying small objects using ordinary white light. The “microsphere nanoscope” is capable of examining objects as small as 50 nanometres across — 20 times smaller than the present limit for optical microscopes of around one micrometre, or 0.001 millimetres.

Theoretically the microscope should allow scientists to look at tiny details inside cells and even “live” viruses. Electron microscopes, which use a focused beam of electrons instead of light, can image extremely small objects but have limitations. Either they are designed only to view surface details, or they require extremely thin specimen sections, making it difficult to image fine biological structures.

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Calif woman survives 35-mile ride on minivan hood

The woman desperately gripped a windshield wiper blade, her body splayed across the hood of the minivan as it raced down a Northern California freeway in the middle of the night, reaching 100 mph, witnesses said.

With the temperature hovering in the low 30s, Christopher Michael Carroll drove 35 miles from Manteca to nearby Pleasanton on Saturday with his wife clinging to the hood, prompting 911 calls from at least two alarmed witnesses, police said.

Carroll, 36, was being held without bail Wednesday at the San Joaquin County Jail on charges of attempted murder, kidnapping and domestic assault, according to sheriff's department records. Carroll got into the family's minivan around 12:30 am Saturday after he and his wife had an argument at their Manteca home, said police spokesman Rex Osborn.

California woman sues after slipping on banana peel

A banana peel, the torment of many a cartoon character, has allegedly become the real-life downfall of a woman in California. Ida Valentine, 58, is suing the 99 Cents Only store where she slipped on one last April. She said that she suffered a herniated disk and tissue damage, spent $9,000 on medical bills and is seeking an unspecified amount in damages. “She fell and landed on her backside,” said Courtney Mikolaj of the Quirk Law Firm in Ventura, California, which is representing her.

Mikolaj said the 99 Cents Only store in Fontana, California, refused a proposed settlement of $44,000. Executives from the company, a deep-discount retailer with hundreds of stores in western states, were not immediately available for comment. The image in popular culture of an inkyway pedestrian tripping head over heels on a banana peel stems from the late 19th century, when bananas were a popular street food in American cities and the press portrayed them as a public nuisance.

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The letter is addressed to Miss RT Fletcher, American Red Cross Station Hospital, Camp Roberts, Calif. That building was torn down years ago. Women who worked at the hospital were typically nurses or administrative clerks.

Camp Roberts was closed in 1970, so the letter was delivered to the Camp Roberts Historical Museum. Curator Gary McMaster says he hasn’t opened the letter for privacy reasons. The envelope is torn where the return address would be located, so it’s not clear who sent it. But the tear reveals a handwritten letter inside.

Justine Bieber, Selena Gomez confirm romance

Singers Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez seemingly confirmed their relationship by showing up together at the Vanity Fair Oscars after-party on Saturday, according to media reports.

The teen pop sensation and the teen pop sensation have been rumoured to be dating since November last year and been spotted together several times.

But the low-profile couple denied the romance rumours ever since and it is the first time that they made a public appearance together.

The pair even matched their outfits for the party, with 18-year-old Selena wearing a floor-length red dress and 17-year-old Justin dressed in a black suit with a red pocket handkerchief.

Previously when Justin was asked about his feelings for the “Wizard of Waverly Place” actress, he said, “I think anyone would be lucky to date her. She’s a great person. I like girls with nice, pretty eyes and a nice smile. I like girls that are funny because I like to laugh and joke around.”—Xinhua

Richards daughter arraigned in drug, graffiti case

Keith Richards was arraigned Wednesday on drug and graffiti charges after patrol officers said they saw her painting graffiti on the side of a New York City building.

Theo Richards, 25, was released without bail after her arraignment. She didn’t enter a plea or speak to reporters as she left the courtroom.

According to the criminal complaint, officers noticed the model drawing a small “I (heart) A” in red ink on the side of a building that houses a convent in the swank Soho section of Manhattan on Tuesday night.—Internet

In this file photo of 11 May, 2010, Theodora Richards, attends a screening of the documentary ‘Stones In Exhile’ at The Museum of Modern Art in New York. —Internet

Lady Gaga makes catwalk debut

BEIJING, 3 March—Lady Gaga hits the headlines again by making her catwalk debut Wednesday at designer Thierry Mugler’s show during Paris Fashion Week, according to AP reports. The singer announced on Twitter, “I’m making my debut as a runway model, walking in the MUGLER PARIS FASHIONSHOW 3/2.”

Lady Gaga rocked the show not for her eccentric meat dress or futuristic egg but for her confidence and sex appeal. She hit the runway wearing a beret, two pigtails, a dazzling diamond necklace, and towering boots. It seems that Mugler is perhaps the perfect fit for Lady Gaga as its Gothic aesthetic fits her style. Although Lady Gaga didn’t sing herself during the show, some of her new songs, such as “Born This Way” and “Government Hooker”, were played out in the background.—Xinhua

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Sweet revenge for Magath as Bayern exit Cup

BERLIN, 3 March — Another piece of silverware slipped from Bayern Munich’s grasp on Wednesday as the holders were dumped out of the German Cup after a 0-1 semi-final home defeat to Schalke 04, coached by former Bayern boss Felix Magath.

A first-half goal from Schalke’s veteran Spaniard Raul means the Royal Blues will face second division MSV Duisburg in the final at Berlin’s Olympic Stadium on 21 May.

This is Bayern’s second straight home defeat and pressure is mounting on coach Louis van Gaal with signs demanding ‘Van Gaal out!’ seen around the stadium.

The picture is now much bleaker exactly a week after the joy of Munich’s 1-0 win at Inter Milan in the first leg of the Champions League Round of 16 clash as Bayern are virtually out of the league race and now out of the cup.—INTERNET

Man City ease past second-string Villa in FA Cup

MANCHESTER, 3 March — Roberto Mancini believes Manchester City are still to see the best from Mario Balotelli, despite seeing his striker go some way to answering his calls with an eye-catching performance in the 3-0 victory over Aston Villa on Wednesday in their FA Cup fifth round clash.

The Manchester City manager questioned the Italian striker’s work-rate and demanded he do more ahead of the match.

Balotelli, who cost £23 million, has been struggling with a knee problem and had threatened to earn more yellow cards than goals since his arrival from Inter Milan. But after his fine finish took him into double figures for the season, Mancini said: “Mario played well and scored a fantastic goal against Villa.”—INTERNET

Wenger focuses on title after FA Cup romp

LONDON, 3 March — Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger turned his attention back to the English Premier League title race immediately after defeating Leyton Orient to seal a place in the quarter-finals of the FA Cup on Wednesday. The Gunners were the beneficiaries of Chelsea’s win over Manchester United on Tuesday, as their gain in hand and meeting with Sir Alex Ferguson’s team mean their destiny is in their own hands.

“For us, it keeps us even better in the race,” Wenger said.

“I felt anyway, no matter what happened (in United’s clash), whether it was a draw, would have been good as well. It just depends on us.”—INTERNET

Tennis ace Serena Williams has blood clot removed from lung

LOS ANGELES, 3 March — Serena Williams, a former world number one and 13-time Grand Slam singles champion, is well and was recovering at home Wednesday after emergency surgery on Monday to remove a blood clot from her lungs.

Williams suffered a pulmonary embolism last week and a second health scare that required her to undergo an emergency operation at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles on Monday, said Williams representative Nicole Chabot.

The 29-year-old American tennis star issued a statement on Wednesday that she was at home recovering but under strict doctor’s supervision and with no idea when she might return to the sport she once dominated.

“This has been extremely hard, scary, and disappointing,” Williams said.

“I am doing better. I am at home now and working with my doctors to keep everything under control. I know I will be OK but am praying and hoping this will all be behind me soon.”—INTERNET
West Ham stadium takeover gets formal approval

LONDON, 3 March—West Ham’s bid to take over the 2012 Olympics stadium was given formal approval by the British Government and Mayor of London Boris Johnson on Thursday. The green light allows the Olympic Park Legacy Company (OPLC) to enter into negotiations with West Ham and their consortium partners to agree a lease for the facility.

“We are delighted with the progress that has been made and very pleased we have reached this very significant milestone,” local government minister Bob Neill said in a statement.

The OPLC had given its backing to West Ham to retain the stadium’s running track.

The green light on Thursday, 3rd March, 2011 —INTERNET

Forecast valid until evening of the 4th March 2011:
Light rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Taninthayi Region, weather will be partly cloudy in Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Kachin, Mon and Kayah States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

**WEATHER**

**Thursday, 3rd March, 2011**

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. during the past 24 hours. Rain have been isolated in Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Regions and weather has been partly cloudy in Sagaing and Ayeyawady Regions. Kachin, Shan, Chin and Rakhine States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Day temperatures were (5°C) to (6°C) above March average temperature in Kachin and Northern Shan States. (3°C) to (4°C) above March average temperatures in Sagaing, Magway and Ayeyawady Regions, Kayah State and about March average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant night temperatures were Aunglan (41°C) and Chaik (40°C). The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Dawel (0.94) inch and Yangon (Central) (0.26) inch.

**Nay Pyi Taw**

Maximum temperature on 3-3-2011 was 100°F. Minimum temperature on 3-3-2011 was 66°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 3-3-2011 was (62%). Rainfall on 3-3-2011 was (Nil).

**Yangon (Kaba-Aye)**

Maximum temperature on 3-3-2011 was 100°F. Minimum temperature on 3-3-2011 was 74°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 3-3-2011 was (70%). Total sunshine hours on 2-3-2011 was (6.8) hours (Approx).

Rainfall on 3-3-2011 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and (0.28) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (1.97) inches at Mingaladon, (1.39) inches at Kaba-Aye and (3.82) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Northwest at (21:30) hours MST on 2-3-2011.

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

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Forecast for subsequent two days: Likelihood of increase of day temperatures in the whole country.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 3-3-2011: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 3-3-2011: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 3-3-2011: Generally fair weather.
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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
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- 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

First regular session of Amyotha Hluttaw goes on for third day
15-member Public Accounts Committee formed

NAY PYI TAW, 3 March—The first regular session of the Amyotha Hluttaw continued for the third day at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here at 10 am today. Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint announced the validity and start of the session as 223 or 99.55% of the 224 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives were present.

Regarding the formation of the Public Accounts Committee, the Amyotha Hluttaw speaker said that according to Amyotha Hluttaw Rules (33) and (47), a public accounts committee shall be formed with not more than 15 hluttaw representatives; that suitable number of members, and a list of suitable nominees, the chairman and the secretary shall be submitted to the hluttaw for approval. He said that according to Amyotha Hluttaw Law (27) and Rule (34), the number of committee members, and their duties, powers, rights and terms shall be designated by the hluttaw; that so the Amyotha Hluttaw Public Accounts Committee is scheduled to be formed with 15 members; that after one year the members’ assumption of duties, reviews will be carried out, old members will be replaced with new ones as necessary; and that the deputy speaker will make clarification to the committee’s duties, powers, privileges and rights to be designated by the hluttaw.

The deputy Amyotha Hluttaw speaker clarified duties, powers, rights of the Public Accounts Committee. Duties of Public Accounts Committee are as follows:

1. shall, in scrutinizing the budget of the Union Government and report of the Union Auditor-General, find out whether or not the budget approved by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is spent for the case concerned, in line with the rules and regulations and in an efficient way.
2. may inquire at the departments and enterprises to find out whether or not the budget is spent efficiently.
3. is responsible for submitting reports to Amyotha Hluttaw regarding the following matters:
   a. spending a budget approved by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in response to the report from the Union Government for a case under another heading.
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