First regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw continues for fifth day

15-member Government’s Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee formed

Government’s guarantees, pledges and undertakings shall be implemented within fixed period and on schedule

NAY PYI TAW, 7 March—The first regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw continued for the fifth day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here at 10 am today.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann declared the session valid as 432 or 99.77% of the 433 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives were present and announced the start of the session.

The Pyithu Hluttaw speaker said that according to Pyithu Hluttaw Rules (33) and (67), Government’s Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee shall be formed with not more than 15 hluttaw representatives; and that a list of nominations for members, the chairman and the secretary shall be submitted to the hluttaw for approval.

He said that Pyithu Hluttaw Rule 71 says that the committee shall check whether or not guarantees, pledges and undertakings assigned occasionally at the hluttaw by the Union Government are implemented, and shall present a report to the hluttaw; that according (See page 8)
PERSPECTIVES

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Improve community health care

Nothing can be compared with health. We can do what we want only if we are in good health. The government is putting into effect a national health plan it has laid down for better public health care.

In pursuit of the two objectives: to improve longevity of the people, and to keep them fit, the Ministry of Health is stepping up prevention of diseases, treatment, rehabilitation, sanitation and health education the whole country, including rural and border areas.

Lewe Township People’s Hospital (100-bed) in Nay Pyi Taw District was opened on 6 March. It is composed of two 50-bed wards, outpatient unit, surgical ward and labour room.

In addition, the government is improving health infrastructure region-wise by building medical facilities and turning out doctors, nurses and other medical staff. Local people can receive health care in their home regions, as a result.

Medical staff are required to stay in touch with studies to improve their skills. In hospitals and health centres, they have to show kindness and warm treatment in order to win public satisfaction and trust.

Now, the government is building more and more infrastructural buildings in the health sector for greater development of human resources and giving the public health education. Therefore, the average lifespan of the people is on the increase and the nation hardly sees epidemics.

ICT capacity building workshop in Myanmar 2011 opened

NAY PYI TAW, 7 March—ICT capacity building workshop in Myanmar 2011, organized by the Civil Service Selection and Training Board (CSSTB) in collaboration with the United Nations Asian and Pacific Training Centre for Information and Communication Technology for Development (UN-APCICT/ESCAP) was opened at Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) this morning. CSSTB Chairman U Kyaw Thu delivered an inaugural address and UN-APCICT/ESCAP Director Dr Hyeun-Suk Rhee presented the welcoming remarks.

At prize presentation, responsible persons awarded the winners. Director U Myo Min Aung of Kenbo Trading Co Ltd presented a Kenbo motorbike to first prize winner Ye Tun Naing. Chairman U Aung Aung of the company presented gift and cash assistance to Shwethamin golf club through Rahtaik Company Chairman U Li Khai Chin.

Pre-Thingyan Kenbo Golf Tournament (2011) held

YANGON, 7 March—Organized by Myanmar Golf Federation and sponsored by Kenbo, first round of Pre-Thingyan Festival Kenbo Golf Tournament (2011) commenced at Shwethamin golf club in Muse on 5 March.

People’s 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

Education Minister Dr Chan Nyein inspects exam centres

NAY PYI TAW, 7 March—Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein, accompanied by Chairman of Myanmar Examination Board Director-General of Myanmar Education Research Department U Ohn Myint and officials, inspected exam centres at Nos 6 and 9 Basic Education High Schools in Zabuthiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw District this morning. The director-general and Deputy Director-General U Myint Shwe of No (2) Basic Education Department also inspected exam centres at Nos 1 and 2 BEHS in Pyinmana Township of Nay Pyi Taw District.

Starting from today, candidates for matriculation are taking exam at 1260 exam centres — 1243 local exam centres and 17 foreign exam centres.—MNA

CSSTB Chairman U Kyaw Thu addressing ICT Capacity Building Workshop.

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Chairman of Muse Shwethamin golf club Police Col Moe Maung Than presents cup to first prize winner Ye Tun Naing in pre-Thingyan Festival Kenbo golf tournament.—MNA

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A total of 50 participants from various ministries and government organizations are currently attending the six-day workshop where three modules focusing on ICT trends for government leaders, network and information security and privacy, ICT project management in theory and practice will be reviewed and discussed.—MNA

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Karzai says US apology for Afghan deaths “not enough”

KABUL, 7 March—Afghan President Hamid Karzai told General David Petraeus, the commander of US and NATO forces in Afghanistan, on Sunday his apology for a foreign air strike that killed nine children last week was “not enough”.

At a meeting with his security advisers at which Petraeus was present, Karzai said civilian casualties by foreign troops were “no longer acceptable” to the Afghan Government or to the Afghan people, Karzai’s palace said in a statement.

Civilian casualties caused by NATO-led and Afghan forces hunting insurgents have again become a major source of friction between Karzai and his Western backers, in the meeting, Petraeus apologized for the deaths of the nine children in eastern Kunar Province last Tuesday, saying the killings were a “great mistake” and there would be no repeat.

In return, the President said the apology was not enough and stressed that civilian casualties caused during operations by coalition forces were the main cause of strained relations between the United States and Afghanistan,” the palace said.

One in five Californians faces hunger last year

LOS ANGELES, 7 March—One in five Californians faced hunger last year, ranking the state No 16 for food hardship in the nation, a newly-released report said.

In a survey by the Washington-based Food Research and Action Centre (FRAC), 20 percent of Californians said there were times last year when they couldn’t afford enough food for themselves and their families.

Fresno and Inland Empire areas in California were particularly hard-hit by food shortage, according to the survey published by the Los Angeles Times on Sunday.

The rate in California was slightly higher than the national average of 18 percent, the survey showed.

The highest rate was recorded in Mississippi, where nearly 28 percent said they did not always have enough money to buy food. The lowest rate, just over 10 percent, was in North Dakota.

Jim Weill, president of FRAC, said the figures underscore the need for a strong nutrition safety net — including food stamps and school meals — for families that continue to struggle as the economy begins to recover. “While the nation’s Great Recession may have technically ended in mid-2009, it has not yet ended for many of the nation’s households,” Weill said.

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Afghan police men inspect the damaged police vehicle after an explosion in Jalalabad, Afghanistan, on 7 March, 2011.—Xinhua

Explosion wounds five in eastern Afghan town

JALALABAD, 7 March—Explosion wounded five people on Monday in Jalalabad city, the capital of eastern Nangarhar Province, an official said.

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Iran says US presence in Afghanistan cause of more violence

TEHERAN, 7 March—The Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman said Sunday that presence of the US forces in Afghanistan has led to more violence, the official IRNA news agency reported.

Ramin Mehmanparast rejected recent statements by the Commander of the NATO forces in Afghanistan General Stanley McChrystal who accused Iran of helping Afghan Taliban to boost the US forces in Afghanistan.

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Iranian officials have said that the United States and its allies have failed to fight terrorism and bring peace and stability to Afghanistan.

Xinhua

Four police officers killed in S Philippines ambush

MANILA, 7 March—Four police officers were killed while three others were wounded in an ambush in the southern Philippine province of Bukidnon on Sunday morning, local media reported.

The victims, including forensic officers, were on their way to Village Mapayag in Bukidnon to respond to a shooting incident when they were attacked by around 20 heavily armed men around 11:30 am, ABS-CBN TV station reported citing official sources.

Three of the victims died on the spot while another died at a hospital, the report said, adding investigators believe that the gunman belong to the New People’s Army (NPA).

Police denounced the attack and have launched pursuit operations against the ambushers.

The NPA, the armed wing of the Communist Party of the Philippines, has been waging a guerrilla campaign in the country side for more than four decades. The Philippine military estimates that there are some 4,700 NPA guerrilla fighters scattered in more than 60 provinces throughout the Southeast Asian country.—MNA/Xinhua

An Iraqi policeman stands guard near a destroyed bus at the site of a bombing in Basra, 550 kilometers southeast of Baghdad, Iraq, on 6 March, 2011. Local Iraqi officials say a roadside bomb has killed six people in the southern city of Basra. A police officer said the bomb targeted a bus Sunday around 9 am. Several people were wounded. —INTERNET

Afghan security personnel collect items at the site of a suicide bomb attack in Kabul recently.—INTERNET

People gathered at the blast site in eastern Pakistan’s Lahore on 6 March, 2011. At least four people were injured including one woman and a child in a roadside explosion here on Sunday morning.—Xinhua
NASA scientist claim of ‘alien life’ draws scrutiny

WASHINGTON, 7 March—A NASA scientist’s claim that he found tiny fossils of alien life in the remnants of a meteorite has stirred both excitement and skepticism, and is being closely reviewed by 100 experts.

Richard Hoover’s paper, along with pictures of the microscopic earthworm-like creatures, were published late Friday in the peer-reviewed Journal of Cosmology, which is available free online.

Hoover sliced open fragments of several types of carbonaceous chondrite meteorites, which can contain relatively high levels of water and organic materials, and looked inside with a powerful microscope.

He found bacteria-like creatures that he calls “indigenous fossils,” which he believes originated beyond Earth and were not introduced here after the meteorites landed.

“He concludes these fossilized bacteria are not Earthly contaminants but are the fossilized remains of living organisms which lived in the parent bodies of these meteors, e.g. comets, moons, and other astral bodies,” said the study.

“Studies that suggest alien microbes can be contained in meteorites are not new, and have drawn hefty debate over how such life could survive in space and how and where life may have originated in the universe.

A NASA-funded study in December suggested that a previously unknown form of bacterium had been found deep in a California lake that could thrive on arsenic, adding a new element to what scientists have long considered the six building blocks of life.”

BMW aims for cars to take e-mail dictation

WASHINGTON, 7 March—BMW has developed a prototype system that allows drivers to compose full-text e-mails and text messages using voice commands. Unlike voice-activation options in existing BMWs, the technology relies on speech-recognition algorithms that offer drivers, as well as passengers, freedom to dictate original messages from over a million recognized words in the database.

The main novelty is that you can compose e-mails with the same ease of use that you would have with a PC in an office setting—without taking your eyes off the road or using your hands. You respond to e-mail by dictating out loud what you want to say while using voice commands for editing functions, such as deleting, moving, or replacing text. For millions of workers who otherwise waste a large percentage of their time driving every day, being able to send and receive e-mails safely while commuting would represent an obvious boost in productivity.

BMW’s voice-to-text e-mail technology complements options that BMW already offers. With BMW’s Connected Drive, for example, you can connect your BlackBerry to the dashboard console with a Bluetooth connection and the audio system reads e-mail or text messages out loud as you drive. When the car is not in motion, it is possible read the full texts of the e-mails from a BlackBerry inbox on the car’s dashboard screen. For the iPhone, BMW will offer an app with which drivers can open and lock their car remotely.

MacGuffin’s Curse brings a werewolf to the mac, iOS

NEW YORK, 7 March—While pop culture’s obsession with vampires seems to be finally pumping the brakes, mystical creatures continue to be a prevalent gaming trend.

Brawsome, the Australian indie game developers behind Jolly Rover, was at the Game Developers Conference to promote its latest werewolf-inclusive title, MacGuffin’s Curse. Due in October, the puzzle adventure game for iOS and Mac seems to be on track to supply gamers with both a captivating story as well as challenging gameplay.

Inspired by the iconic adventure game, The Legend of Zelda, you play as magician-turned-robber Lucas MacGuffin as he attempts to steal a valuable ancient amulet. MacGuffin quickly discovers that the charm has the ability to turn him into a werewolf. You can switch between human and beast throughout the game; each one has different strengths and abilities needed for different parts of the game. You must try to escape a museum by solving a series of puzzles using the Lucas and the wolf.

MacGuffin’s Curse features comics hidden throughout the game, as well as post-game challenges. Brawsome hopes the additional achievements will keep fans coming back for more after they’ve completed the story. The game also provides ten locations to explore, hand-drawn art, and a large cast of characters.
Non-invasive test may identify Down syndrome early on

NICOSIA, 7 March—A simple blood test may one day offer a safe way to detect Down syndrome during pregnancy, researchers say.

In a small study, an experimental blood test identified a gene mutation associated with Down syndrome with 100 percent accuracy, according to the Cyprus scientists.

“Down syndrome is a common birth defect, with one Down syndrome birth in every 600 births in all populations,” said lead researcher Philippos Patsalis, chief executive medical director of the Cyprus Institute of Neurology and Genetics in Nicosia. “This is due to an extra chromosome 21, and that leads to physical and mental impairment.”

Currently, Down syndrome is diagnosed using one of two invasive procedures, amniocentesis or chorionic villus sampling. Because these tests, while 80 percent accurate, carry a 1 percent to 2 percent risk of miscarriage, only about one in 10 pregnant women opt for them, he said. The new test eliminates the risk of miscarriage. Patsalis said. It also can identify Down syndrome in the 11th week of pregnancy, early enough for a woman to end her pregnancy if she chooses, Patsalis said.

People with Down syndrome, also known as Trisomy 21, carry three copies of chromosome 21, instead of two.

The test quickly pinpointed the chromosomal variation, identifying 14 Down syndrome cases and 26 normal fetuses, the study authors said.

Sun is shining on Asian tourism trade

HONG KONG, 7 March—The sun is shining on the tourism trade in Asia-Pacific with double-digit growth notched up in 2010, spurred largely by Chinese and Indian middle classes packing their bags for a break abroad.

Strong economies, the proliferation of low-cost airlines and a burgeoning constituency of online shoppers are adding to the region’s rosy outlook.

There was an 11 percent rise in arrivals in the region overall last year, according to preliminary data from the Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA). And 2011 is also expected to be a strong year.

“Asia will receive international arrivals at close to double that of the world average growth rates,” PATA’s deputy CEO John Koldowski told AFP. “It’s Asians travelling to Asia, that’s the key to all these numbers and the big shift we are seeing globally in the tourism market. It’s all happening in Asia now.”

South Asia reported the strongest arrivals growth with a gain of 14 percent, highlighting a record year for India which posted 5.6 million foreign inbound visits for the year, a nine percent increase. Over 70 million people went to Southeast Asia, 12 percent up on 2009, with Vietnam, Singapore and the Philippines all ratcheting up record growth.

Japan’s foreign exchange reserves drop to 1.09 trln USD in Feb

TOKYO, 7 March—Japan’s foreign exchange reserves dropped to 1.091 trillion US dollars at the end of February from 1.093 US dollars a month earlier, the Ministry of Finance (MOF) said on Monday.

According to the Ministry, the latest figure for Japan’s foreign exchange reserves marked the fourth consecutive month-on-month decline. Japan’s foreign exchange reserves consist of securities and deposits denominated in foreign currencies, International Monetary Fund reserves, IMF special drawing rights (SDRs) and gold, and are the second largest in the world after China’s.

At the end of February, Japan’s foreign currency reserves stood at 1.031 trillion, IMF reserves at 4.71 billion US dollars, SDRs at 21.08 billion US dollars, gold at 34.71 billion US dollars and other reserve assets stood at 440 million US dollars, the MOF said.—Xinhua

Researchers find genes linked to heart disease

BUENOS AIRES, 7 March—Thirteen new gene variants have been found to have connections with a high risk of developing heart disease in a large-scale international study, according to foreign media report Sunday. The study, published Sunday in Nature Genetics, was one of the most far-reaching in the past years. Led by researchers at the University of Leicester in the United Kingdom and University of Lubec in Germany, it also involved 150 scientists from across Europe, Canada and the United States. For this study, the international research group examined the complete genetic profiles of more than 22,000 people of European descent with coronary heart disease or a heart attack history. Then they compared the data to that of around 60,000 healthy people to validate the findings.

The results show that of the total of 23 variants now known, seven are linked with levels of “bad” and one is linked with high blood pressure, both of which are known risk factors for heart disease. But the others are not relevant to known cardiovascular risk factors. Researchers said that the findings would provide clues to the new opportunities for future discovery and lead to more effective treatment plans.

“With such information we should be able to better identify people whose risk early on in life and quickly take the steps to neutralize that excess risk,” said Themistocles Assimes, a research scientist with Stanford University School of Medicine in the United States.

World Health Organization statistics show that cardiovascular diseases claim 17.1 million lives a year, being the world’s biggest killers. The cost on medical devices and drugs for heart disease treatment amounts to billions of US dollars every year.—AFP

LVMH to take controlling stake in Italy’s Bulgari

LONDON, 7 March—French luxury group LVMH (LVMH.PA) is to take a controlling stake in Italy’s luxury jeweler Bulgari (BULG.MI) in an all-share deal, the Financial Times reported.

The agreement is due to be announced later on Monday and will see the Bulgari family tender its 51 percent share in a share swap that will make it the second-biggest family shareholder in LVMH, the newspaper said. A tender offer for the remaining listed shares will also be launched on Monday, it said.

Bulgari shares were up 0.65 percent on Friday, valuing the company at 2.3 billion euros ($3.2 billion). Citing an unnamed source close to the deal, the FT said the LVMH offer would put a significant premium on that figure. Bulgari Chief Executive Francesco Trupani would take a senior role in the LVMH group, famous for its silk scarves, while the Bulgari family would get board representation, the FT said.

LVMH and Bulgari were not immediately reachable for comment. —Reuters

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**Health**

John Twizeyimana, 31, (L) says he loves his two children but doesn’t want more of them. He is anxious to participate in an ambitious programme by the Rwandan Ministry of Health to offer ‘No Scalpel Vasectomy’ to thousands of Rwandese men in an effort to promote better family planning and curb population growth.

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**Business**

Visitors walk through Fort Santiago in the Philippine capital, Manila. The total travel market in Asia Pacific is expected to reach $212 billion this year, reflecting a near five percent increase over 2010, according to an industry analyst.—INTERNET

The logo of Vietnam’s state-owned shipbuilder Vinashin group is seen at its headquarters in Hanoi, Malaysiaen conglomerate The Lion Group has blamed problems at the Vietnamese firm for the failure of a multi-billion-dollar joint venture.—INTERNET
Australia records second wettest summer in 111 years

Canberra, 7 March— Due to one of the strongest La Nina events, 2010-11 has seen Australia's second wettest summer on record, and above average rainfall is expected to continue, a weather meteorologist said on Monday.

“Nationally we averaged 354.7mm—70 percent above normal and second only behind the infamous summer of 1973-74 when 419.8mm was recorded,” Weather Channel meteorologist Tom Saunders said in a statement released on Monday. All states and territories recorded above average rainfalls, due to one of the strongest La Nina events on record, Saunders said.

Victoria has never seen a wetter summer since records began 111 years ago, and it was Western Australia's second wettest. South Australia had its third wettest summer, New South Wales its 5th, Queensland its 6th and the Northern Territory it’s 8th. “Looking ahead into autumn, the La Nina is now past its peak and has been weakening since early January. “However, until the Pacific Ocean returns to neutral in winter we can expect above average rain to continue over most of the country,” he said.—Xinhua

Fishing boat with eleven on board missing in east China sea

Hangzhou, 7 March—Maritime authorities in east China's Zhejiang Province are searching for 11 fishermen on a boat reported missing early Sunday morning.

The boat, registered in the port city of Wenling, lost contact with its company, Wenling Shitang Fishing Co, Ltd, at about 2 am Sunday, a managing director with the company who only gave his surname as Xie said Monday.

The 34-metre-long boat set sail at 10:09 pm Saturday from Shitang Port, Xie said.

The boat was last located at 122 degrees east longitude and 28 degrees north latitude, according to a local boat monitoring system. There has been no report of casualties.—Xinhua

US researchers discover way of using microbes to produce biofuels

Los Angeles, 7 March— US researchers have successfully used certain microbes to produce biofuels, opening a door to developing cheaper “green” energy. The discovery was made by researchers at the University of California, Los Angeles. The findings were published on Sunday’s issue of the journal “Nature Biotechnology.”

The work concentrated on tricking microbes into eating protein and using the resulting energy to generate specific proteins that can be refined into fuel, the researchers explained. This is different from the current biofuel production which is based on plants or microbes that generate fats, oils or carbohydrates that can be refined into biofuel, said Dr James C. Liao, who took part in the study.

“This research is the first attempt to utilize protein as a carbon source for energy production and biorefining,” Liao said. “Complex cellular regulation in nitrogen metabolism had to be rewired.” The researchers said they are now working to take ammonia out of individual cells, allowing the cells to keep their nitrogen.—Xinhua

China vows to deepen strategic partnership with EU

Beijing, 7 March— Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi said Monday that China will work with the European Union to deepen their comprehensive strategic partnership. “Both sides should work together to pursue the political partnership based on mutual respect and mutual trust and deepen their win-win economic and trade partnership,” he said.

Yang made the remarks at a press conference on the sidelines of the annual session of the National People’s Congress, China’s top legislature.

China and the European Union are two major economies of the world and both are at a critical stage in their respective development, he said. “We can help each other and create a win-win situation, isn’t it a good thing?” he said.

He said 2011 is the year of youth exchange between China and the European Union. “We hope such exchange activities can help the two sides strengthen the friendship and mutual trust between the peoples of two sides, and lay a more solid social foundation for the continued growth of China-EU comprehensive strategic partnership.”
NAY PYI TAW, 7 March — Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, accompanied by Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Brig-Gen Aung Kyaw Zaw, Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs U Phone Swe, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, Deputy Minister for Education U Aung Myo Min and departmental officials, visited Basic Education High School No. 2 in Hsipaw on 6 March.

The Secretary-1 and party were welcomed by the state education officer, the headmistress and teachers and members of the board of trustees of the school.

After inspecting the school buildings, the Secretary-1 gave instructions on upgrading of school buildings to brick buildings and met with teachers and members of the board of trustees of the school.

At the meeting, the Secretary-1 heard reports on academic and administrative matters and school pass rate presented by the headmistress.

The Secretary-1 asked on academic matters and called on school heads to supervise matters for sustainable improvement in teaching skills of teachers, to pay close attention to students whether they have sound understanding of their subjects and to make necessary arrangements for improving the subjects they are weak in, to check whether teachers do their teaching according to the school curriculums and timetables during the school year. He called for a harmonious collaboration of education family—teachers, parents and pupils—for promotion of national education and presented cash donation.

At People’s Hospital (100-bed) in Hsipaw, the Secretary-1 and party inspected surgical ward and Operation Theatre where they were welcomed by Medical Superintendent Dr Aung Htwe, doctors and nurses and members of supervisory committee of the hospital.

Next, the medical superintendent reported to the Secretary-1 on staff quarter and organizational set-up, patients who are being treated at the hospital and health care services.

Then the deputy health minister made a supplementary report.

For his part, the Secretary-1 said as a new surgical ward and an operation theatre have been opened at Hsipaw People’s Hospital, all the health staff members on their part are to work for their hospital that can win the trust and reliance of the local people, to give the public effective medical treatment and to deal with patients in a kind and warm manner. He next made cash donations for the hospital.

Then, the Secretary-1 and party visited No.1 Basic Education High School where they were welcomed by the assistant headmistress and members of the board of trustees of the school.

At the meeting, the Secretary-1 praised on academic and administrative matters and called on school heads to supervise matters for sustainable improvement in teaching skills of teachers, to pay close attention to students whether they have sound understanding of their subjects and to make necessary arrangements for improving the subjects they are weak in, to check whether teachers do their teaching according to the school curriculums and timetables during the school year. He called for a harmonious collaboration of education family—teachers, parents and pupils—for promotion of national education and presented cash donation.

The Secretary-1 asked the assistant headmistress reported on academic and management matters and pass rate of matriculation exams. The Secretary-1 called for making efforts for national education promotion through parent-teacher cooperation. Then, he made cash donations for the school.

Afterwards, the Secretary-1 and party visited historic Bawkyo Mudaw Pagoda in Bawkyo Village in Hsipaw Township. They were welcomed there by the chairman and members of the pagoda board of trustees. The Secretary-1 offered flowers and water to the Buddha image and paid homage to it. The Secretary-1 made cash donations for the pagoda and the members of the pagoda board of trustees presented a replica of the pagoda to the Secretary-1 as a Dhamma gift.

Then the Secretary-1 and party inspected renovation of religious buildings in the compound of historic Bawkyo Mudaw Pagoda in Bawkyo Village in Hsipaw Township. They were welcomed there by the chairman and members of the pagoda board of trustees. The Secretary-1 asked for a harmonious collaboration of education family—teachers, parents and pupils—for promotion of national education and presented cash donation.

The Secretary-1 and party inspected renovation of religious buildings in the compound of historic Bawkyo Mudaw Pagoda in Bawkyo Village and signed in the visitors’ book.

The Secretary-1 and party then visited Kyaukme BEHS (Branch) where they were welcomed by the school principal and officials. After inspecting the classrooms, the Secretary-1 met the teachers and members of the school board of trustees, enquired about numbers of classrooms, students and teachers. He then made cash donations for the school.

Later, the Secretary-1 and party left Kyaukme by helicopter and arrived back in Nay Pyi Taw in the evening.
to the provision, the committee shall record words, pledges and guarantees by Union level organizations in response to questions asked by representatives at Pyithu Hluttaw and examine work progress; that they also cover guarantees, pledges and undertakings presented according to bills, resolutions, statements or reports presented by the Union Government; and that in order to scrutinize those tasks, the Government’s Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee are formed.

He said that according to Pyithu 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 committee for government’s guarantees, pledges and undertakings is scheduled to be formed with 15 members; that one year after 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 and rights to be designated by the hluttaw.

The deputy Pyithu Hluttaw speaker clarified duties, powers and rights of the committee for government’s guarantees, pledges and undertakings.

**Duties of the Government’s Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee** are as follows:

1. The committee shall vet guarantees, pledges and undertakings in connection with bills, resolutions, statements or reports presented by the Union Government, and answer for queries presented at Pyithu Hluttaw.

2. The committee shall check whether or not guarantees, pledges and undertakings presented occasionally at Pyithu Hluttaw are implemented, and shall present the following matters to Pyithu Hluttaw.

   a. to what extent the Union Government has implemented its guarantees, pledges and undertakings,
   b. if the Union Government has implemented its guarantees, pledges and undertakings, the committee shall check whether or not they are implemented within the fixed period and on schedule,
   c. Regarding the abovementioned matters, the committee has the right to make an inspection tour of a region to check whether or not the tasks are carried out correctly and effectively.
   d. In general, in scrutinizing the government’s guarantees, pledges and undertakings, 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,
   (c) the committee may invite experienced officials in coordination with the departments and organizations concerned for advice.

3. What a committee member says or does and discussions at a committee meeting shall not be leaked out. All the discussions held at committee meetings shall be recorded and approved by the committee. Meeting minutes shall not be handed out. A copy of the report to Pyithu 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 accordance with the provisions of Pyithu Hluttaw Rule (70).
2. The committee:
   a. shall present an interim report if Pyithu Hluttaw fails to present a final report on the scheduled day.
   b. The secretary, if the chairman is away, or a member, if the chairman and the secretary are away, shall present the report to Pyithu Hluttaw.
   c. In the process, committee members shall put their signatures on the report to show their approval. If there is an exception or difference, they may attach exceptions and differences to the report under their signatures.
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   d. After 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 Government’s Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee to Pyithu Hluttaw in accordance with Article 21 of Pyithu Hluttaw Law and Rules 33 and 67. **(See page 9)**
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5. U Win Sein Kawa Constituency
6. U Than Myint Salayngyi Constituency
7. Daw Su Su Hlaing Dagon Myothit Constituency
8. Dr Maung Maung Wint Bahan Constituency
9. U Ko Ko Lwin Mawlamyinegyi Constituency
10. U Myint Tun Kawthoung Constituency
11. U Than Tun Dabyin Constituency
12. U Aung Sein Manaung Constituency
13. U Htay Win Lewe Constituency
14. U Win Than Thabaung Constituency
15. U Aye Maung Mahlaung Constituency

U Win Sein of Kawa Constituency will be assigned as the committee chairman and U Than Myint of Salayngyi Constituency as the secretary.

Next, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker sought approval for numbers and names of the committee members, and the chairman and secretary, duties, powers and rights of the committee from Pyithu Hluttaw and then announced the approval.

Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Shwe Mann explained that the four committees namely, the Bill Committee, the Public Accounts Committee, the Hluttaw Rights Committee and the Government’s Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee had been successfully formed today in accord with the constitution and Pyithu Hluttaw Laws; that the designation of duties, powers, rights and privileges of the committees had also been approved by the Pyithu Hluttaw.

The minister called to say that in addition to those committees, Pyithu Hluttaw had the rights, if necessary, to form commissions and groups to perform its functions; that those committees, commissions and groups were Union-level organizations and committees were responsible for the hluttaw when the hluttaw was in session and the hluttaw Speaker when there was no hluttaw session; that the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw was legislative authority of the nation formed with representatives of Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw; that the president had been elected to govern the nation and he had also set up the Union Government, the Union Speaker Court and judiciary, the Constitutional Tribunal, the Union Election Commission and other Union-level organizations.

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Energy Minister inspects seaport construction on Mase Island

Nay Pyi Taw, 7 March—Minister for Energy U Lun Thi inspected the construction on Mase Island, Kyaukpyu Township on 8 March. The minister and party heard reports presented by CNPCC President Mr Zhang Jialin on construction of work boat wharf, progress in seaport construction, dam construction to supply fresh water, and tanks for storage of crude oil.

The minister called for timely completion of the project, fire prevention system, environmental conservation, needs for foreign experts and workers to abide by rules and regulations, and improvement in socio-economic status of local people.

On completion of the seaport, 300,000 ton crude oil carriers will be able to stay there to pipe crude oil to China through Myanmar-China crude petroleum pipeline. The seaport can handle unloading capacity of 22 million oil a year and is scheduled to be completed by May, 2013.—MNA

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Amigos International Co Ltd introduces geological instruments to local market


Those interested may contact Amigos International Co Ltd at No 5H-102, Thitsar Garden Complex, Thitsar Street, 8th Ward, South Okkalapa Township, Yangon. (Ph: 01-564517, 564520; Fax: 01-564520; Website: www.amigomyanmar.com). MNA

Summer basic sports courses open

Yangon, 7 March—Opening of summer basic sports courses for 2011 was held at Aung San Stadium here this morning.

It was attended by General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaung Hlaik, responsible persons from the Ministry of Sports, Director-General U Aye Kyu of No. 3 Basic Education Department and officials, responsible persons from Myanmar Women Sports Federation and Myanmar Sports Federations and trainees.

Next, athletes of sports federations demonstrated their skills.

Altogether 32 sports courses with 15000 trainees will be opened up to 8 April.—MNA
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scheduled to be formed with 15 members; that one year after 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 and rights to be designated by the hluttaw.

The deputy Amyotha Hluttaw speaker clarified duties, powers and rights of the committee for government’s guarantees, pledges and undertakings.

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Constituency (11)

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Kayin State
Constituency (1)

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT**

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**AGENT FOR: MS ADANCE CONTAINER LINES**

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**Northeastern Pa bus crash kills one, injures others**

SCRANTON, 7 March—A tour bus struck a disabled car on an interstate highway during an ice storm in northeastern Pennsylvania-nia, killing a man who was apparently standing next to the vehicle and injuring an unknown number of other people, officials said Monday.

The crash involving a Martz bus occurred after 11 pm Sunday along Interstate 380 in Clifton Township, near Scranton, Lackawanna County 911 Supervisor Michael Kellechoke said. Kellechoke said there were multiple injuries, but the exact number and severity weren’t known.

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The girl was playing with two other girls on Saturday when she slipped and fell into about 6 feet of icy water in Gentleman’s Creek, a tributary of the Thames River. The other two girls were not harmed. The CBC said the missing girl’s name has not been released by authorities but that a Facebook site was set up for Kayla Maybe, a third-grade student at Echo Public School in nearby Glencoe, Ontario.
One-legged man an easy arrest

Police in New York said a one-legged man was easy to find and arrest after he allegedly stole a smartphone from a woman trying to do him a good turn.

Jamal Enoe, 33, was apprehended Thursday near the scene of the alleged crime, a Brooklyn Laundromat, the New York Daily News reported.

An alleged accomplice was also charged.

Marlene Ramos, who works as an attendant at Dribusters, told police her Blackberry Curve disappeared while she was getting change for Enoe. When she returned with the coins, he thanked her and hopped out of the Laundromat.

She said she saw Enoe handing something to the other man while she was getting the change — and everything clicked when she noticed the Blackberry was missing. She then called police.

Graduates wear gowns of recycled plastic

Officials at Florida International University say this year’s graduating seniors will be the first to get caps and gowns made entirely of recycled plastic.

In May, the 4,500 students are expected to attend commencement wearing apparel made completely from an earth-friendly fabric spun from pellets melted down from recycled plastic bottles. The Miami Herald reported Sunday.

“This is an innovative way to show our commitment to sustainability and make an impact given the size of our graduating classes,” said Provost Douglas Wartzok.

“These gowns truly make us worlds ahead on our continued commitment to be an environmentally conscious university.”

The fabric used to make the caps and gown is called GreenWeaver which feels like traditional fabric. It is spun from molten plastic pellets derived from an average of 23 plastic bottles per gown and made in the United States, the newspaper said.

Lindsay Lohan surveillance video to be posted online

BEIJING, 7 March— The surveillance video that allegedly showed American actress Lindsay Lohan stealing a 2,500 US dollars necklace in a jewelry store will be posted online, according to a foreign media report on Monday.

The video showed that Lohan, with her male companion, spent 45 minutes - including a few spent in chatting with the owners - in the Venice, CA store after trying on the necklace in full view. She then walked out of the store without removing the necklace, according to sources accessible to that footage.

The District Attorney, who has also viewed the tape, believed that Lohan’s friend purposefully distracted the store clerk, giving Lohan the chance to make off with that necklace.

The Spencer Co of Beverly Hills, which reportedly bought the video from the jewelry store, said on its website that parts of the video would hit the web at NecklaceVideo.com. But it is still unknown when and how much of the video will be released. Lohan, who faced with a grand theft charge for her wrongdoing, has pleaded not guilty. —Xinhua

A model present Japanese kimono during a musical fashion show called Asia Girls Explosion in Tokyo, Japan, on 6 March, 2011.

A model presents a creation by French designer Jean Paul Gaultier as part of his Fall-Winter 2011/2012 women’s ready-to-wear fashion collection during Paris Fashion Week, in Paris, France, on 5 March, 2011. —Xinhua

Friendship, birthday card span 50 years

Two lifelong friends from Wisconsin with the same name have been keeping one birthday card going for half a century.

The card told them to, the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reports.

The verse on it reads: “This birthday card brings wishes as bonne as can be, and my name is signed in pencil (tis the thrifty way, you see). When my day comes, erase the name and sign your name instead, and we’ll send the greeting back and forth for many years ahead.” On the front of the card is a rabbit in a Scottish tam, holding a pencil that once had an actual eraser attached.

Bonnie Jean Klamar and Bonnie Marie Magistrelli, grew up in Hales Corners, Wis., near Milwaukee, and became friends at age 4.

Bonnie Marie bought the card and mailed it to Bonnie Jean on her 10th birthday, 3 March, 1962. For Bonnie Marie’s 19th birthday, which fell that 1 Sept, Bonnie Jean sent it back. “We didn’t erase the sender’s name. We just kept adding to it,” Bonnie Jean said. Bonnie Marie now lives in Massachusetts.

“Neither one of us was going to be the one to break the chain,” said Bonnie Jean, who lives in Milwaukee.
Real close gap as in-form Benfica downs Racing

Madrid, 7 March — French international Karim Benzema made it four goals in his last two league matches with a brace as Real Madrid moved back to within seven points of league leaders Barcelona with a 3-1 win at Racing Santander on Sunday.

Even without the injured Cristiano Ronaldo, Real were far too strong for Racing and Madrid responded with their eighth league away win of the campaign to close in on Barcelona, who had defeated Real Zaragoza 1-0 on Saturday.

Real manager Jose Mourinho said he didn’t expect rivals Barcelona to drop points and said the champions had benefited from fortunate refereeing decisions in the recent wins over Valencia and Zaragoza.

“I don’t expect Barcelona to slip up,” said Mourinho. “We know that we win if we do what we have to and when we are superior to our rivals.—Internet

Lille stay top after Marseille win

Paris, 7 March — Lille gained a potentially priceless 2-1 win over Marseille at the Velodrome on Sunday evening to stay top of the league on goal difference.

In a high octane encounter young Belgian star Eden Hazard celebrated a new contract extension on Friday by firing the ball from 30m out past Marseille keeper Steve Mandanda to give Lille a 10th minute lead.

Senegelese striker Moussa Sow almost doubled up for Lille shortly after but his close range angled shot from the left went high.

And it was only fine work from Mandanda that denied Lille’s Gervinho from six metres on the stroke of half time, with the Marseille players heading for the dressing room thankful of only being one goal behind.

Didier Deschamps’ men emerged after the break intent on unlocking Lille’s defence and in the 60th minute Loic Remy found the key, the France international shooting low and hard past Lille keeper Mickael Landreau.—Internet

Blanket the hooligans to make Barca clash

London, 7 March — Arsenal midfielder Jack Wilshere has declared himself fit to play in Tuesday’s Champions League last 16 second leg against Barcelona.

Wilshere looked likely to miss the Nou Camp clash after Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger admitted the England international wouldn’t take part in training on Sunday after suffering an ankle injury in Saturday’s 0-0 draw against Sunderland.

But Wilshere has since revealed the problem is not serious and that he will be available for the trip to Spain, which will see Arsenal try to protect a 2-1 lead from the first leg.—Internet

Inter crush Genoa in Italian league

Rome, 7 March — A blazing second-half performance saw Inter Milan come back from a goal down to crush Genoa 5-2 at the San Siro and stay five points behind Serie A leaders AC Milan on a Sunday when Lazio beat Palermo to move within two points of goalless Napoli.

A brace from the brilliant Samuel Eto’o and one goal each from Giampaolo Pazzini, Goran Pandev and Yuto Nagatomo — all in the second half, cancelled out Rodrigo Palacio’s 40th-minute opener for Genoa.

Safarova defeats Dokic

KUALA LUMPUR, 7 March — Australia’s Jelena Dokic of Australia and Hungary’sTimea Babos reached the second round of the Malaysian tennis final.

Babos, the world number 79, registered her first win on tour when she disposed of world number 129 Rebecca Marino of Belgium 6-3, 6-3 in the opening round.

In the other match, Dokic defeated the Czech Republic’s Lucie Safarova 2-6, 7-6 (7/4), 6-4 to take her to the second round of the Malaysian Open.

Dokic defeated Safarova 10 times in 11 meetings, losing only their meeting in the quarter-finals of the 2010 Australian Open.

Dokic, a former Wimbledon semi-finalist, defeated number 35 Safarova 2-6, 7-6 (7/4), 6-4 to take her first WTA tour in eight years, pocketing $37,000. Despite being ranked a lowly 91 in the world, the 27-year-old Australian was in tremendous form, hitting a series of winners from deep baseline shots to overcome the left-handed Czech player in two hours and 40 minutes.—Internet

Rory Sabbatini wins Honda Classic by 1 shot

Palm Beach Gardens, 7 March — Walking off the second tee on Sunday, Rory Sabbatini veered left and stopped, peering towards a patch of 3-foot grass and the lake behind it.

Trouble for the Honda Classic leader? Maybe. Something was rustling in the rough.

“That is a gator?” Sabbatini said.

The South African was wise to brace himself for any menace on the PGA National course. While no reptile sightings were confirmed, Sabbatini’s five-stroke lead shrank to one in the space of seven holes, and a halt in play because of lightning delayed his march toward victory.

He weathered the weather, turned back a late challenge from YE Yang and shot an even-par 70 for a one-stroke win.

English defender Kyle Bartley

Glasgow, 7 March — Rangers got back on track after their midweek meltdown against Celtic as Kyle Bartley’s winner means Rangers still control the destiny of the title as victory in their two games in hand on leaders Celtic would take them back into first place.—Internet

W Klitschko, Haye agree to fight this summer

London, 3 March — IBF and WBO champion Wladimir Klitschko and WBA holder David Haye have finally agreed to fight, setting up an eagerly anticipated heavyweight title bout for this summer.

After months of failed negotiations, both boxers confirmed Sunday the fight should take place on 23 June or 2 July at a stadium in Santander.—Internet

Redknapp says tax case distracts him from Spurs job

LONDON, 7 March — Tottenham manager Harry Redknapp admits he sometimes finds it hard to focus on his job as he prepares to fight tax evasion charges which will come to court in July.

Redknapp denies any wrongdoing, but he knows his reputation is in danger of being tarnished by all the allegations and he is desperate to win the case and clear his name.

The burden of dealing with the court proceedings has proved distracting, but with a Champions League second leg clash against AC Milan looming on Wednesday, Redknapp took time to answer his critics. “If it wasn’t me this wouldn’t be happening,” Redknapp told the News of the World. “I’m not a madman, I’m not a bank robber. “I’ve done nothing wrong. I’m hurt by it, and it hurts my wife and family.—Internet

Rangers sink Saints to close gap on Celtic

Walter Smith’s side had three players sent off in a stormy Scottish Cup replay defeat at Parkhead, but the champions were able to move within five points of their Glasgow rivals thanks to Bartley’s first half goal.

The on-loan Arsenal defender’s winner means Rangers still control the destiny of the title as victory in their two games in hand on leaders Celtic would take them back into first place.—Internet

Safarova and Dokic

World heavyweight boxing champion Wladimir Klitschko, with his belts, and British challenger David Haye are pictured at a press conference at the Velthuijs-Arena in Gelsenkirchen, Germany.—Internet

Jelena Dokic of Australia returns a shot to Lucie Safarova of Czech Republic.—Internet
WEATHER

Monday, 7th March, 2011

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

East: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Yangon and Taninthayi Regions, Kachin, Rakhine and Mon States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above March average temperatures in Lower Sagaing and Taninthayi Regions, Kachin, Rakhine and Kayah States. (5°C) to (6°C) above March average temperatures in Upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions, Southern Shan and Chin States and about March average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperatures were Chauk (42°C), Minhla and Aunglan (41°C) each, Magway and Pakokku (40°C) each.

Minimum temperature on 6-3-2011 was (100°F). Minimum temperature on 7-3-2011 was (70°F). Relative humidity at (09:30) hours M.S.T. on 7-3-2011 was (57%).

Rainfall on 7-3-2011 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Yaye and Central Yangon each. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (1.97) inches at Mingaladon, (1.89) inches at Kaba-Yaye and (3.82) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Yaye) was (5) mph from South west at (12:30) hours M.S.T. on 6-3-2011.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 8th March 2011:
Light rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Taninthay Region and Kachin State, weather will be partly cloudy in Upper Sagaing, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions. Rakhine, Mon and Kayin states and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States.

Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 8-3-2011: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 8-3-2011: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 8-3-2011: Generally fair weather.

The Musical Oldies
9-3-11 09:30 am)

Internet

Jagielka gets Everton back on track

NEWCASTLE, 7 March —Everton bounced back from their shock FA Cup exit against Reading as Phil Jagielka’s goal clinched a 2-1 win against Newcastle on Saturday.

David Moyes’ side crashed out of the FA Cup fifth round after a lacklustre effort at home to Championship opposition, but the Toffees were able to make amends with a more convincing performance at St James’ Park.

Leon Best had given Newcastle the lead in the first half but Leon Osman equalised before England defender Jagielka bagged the winner close to the interval.

Best thought he had snatched a draw when he headed past Tim Howard for a second time, but referee Howard Webb had spotted a push on Jagielka as the ball came across and disallowed the late effort.
Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
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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- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

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

First regular session of Amyotha Hluttaw continues for fifth day
15-member Government’s Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee formed
Committee shall present an interim report if Amyotha Hluttaw fails to present a final report on the scheduled day

NAY PYI TAW, 7 March—The first regular session of Amyotha Hluttaw continued as the fifth day at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here at 10 am today.

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint declared the session valid as all or 100 % of the 223 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives were present and announced the start of the session.

The Amyotha Hluttaw speaker said that according to Amyotha Hluttaw Rule (23) and (67), Government’s Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee shall be formed with not more than 15 hluttaw representatives; and that a list of nominations for members, 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 Government’s Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee is (See page 10)

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