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- Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, prevalence of law and order
- National reconsolidation
- Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

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Pyithu Hluttaw continues first regular session for sixth day

NAY PYI TAW, 9 March—The first regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw went on for the sixth day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here this morning.

The attendance of 431 made up 99.54 per cent of the 433 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives, and the sixth-day session was therefore valid, declared Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann.

Of the questions submitted under Pyithu Hluttaw Rule 116 by Pyithu Hluttaw representatives, permitted ones were raised, and members of respective Union level organizations responded to the questions. U Aung Tun Tha of MraukU Constituency asked if the government had a plan for MraukU archaeological region in Rakhine State to be on the list of UNESCO-recognized world archaeological sites.

Minister for Culture U Khin Aung Myint replied that the Ministry of Culture has submitted such Pyu city states as Srikestra, Vissano and Hanlin in accordance with the procedures of the world heritage committee to UNESCO to put archaeological sites in Myanmar on the list of world cultural heritage sites in 2010.

He said that the ministry submitted the Pyu city states first that emerged between 1st century BC and 4th century AD which were earliest in the course of Myanmar history; that according to the conditions and evidences, the earliest three Pyu city states were submitted as related city states on the same list.

(See page 7)
Shwesandaw, Myasigon pagodas in Toungoo renovated

NAY PYI TAW, 9 March — Chairman of Bago Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Brig-Gen Soe Htut inspected renovation of Shwesandaw Pagoda and Shwesigon Pagoda in Toungoo on 6 March.

Before the inspection, the commander attended work coordination meetings on all-round renovation of the two pagodas and assisted in renovation works.

Afterwards, he inspected the toll gate on the road leading to Toungoo and visited the forest research camp at Latpangon Village and the saw mill in Bodigon Village.

MNA

Energy Minister attends drilling ceremony for Ayeyawady River Crossing Pipeline

NAY PYI TAW, 9 March — Minister for Energy U Lun Tho started drilling riverbed with the use of Horizontal Directional Drilling Machine for Ayeyawady River Crossing Pipeline.

Zhao Yujian of China Petroleum Pipeline Bureau which is implementing the river crossing project gave an account of works to be done. Next, the minister pressed the button of Horizontal Directional Drilling Machine.

MNA

MBE Chairman inspects exam centres in Nay Pyi Taw District

NAY PYI TAW, 9 March — Chairman of Myanmar Board of Examinations Director-General of the Myanmar Education Research Bureau U Ohn Myint visited exam centres in Taikton Township and Zeyathiri Township.

During the visit to the examination centres in Nay Pyi Taw District, he met with supervisors and examinees and inspected the tasks of supervising the exam and viewed students sitting for the matriculation examination for 2011.

U Ohn Myint inspected the exam centre-1 and 2 at Taikton Township No.1 Basic Education High School, the exam centre at Taikton township No.2 BEHS and the exam centre at Zeyathiri Township BEHS.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Goods flow picks up pace in northern Shan State

New Hsipaw Bridge was commissioned into service in Hsipaw Township, Shan State (North), on 6 March. Asia World Company built the bridge with the technological assistance of the Ministry of Construction.

The facility creates better transport of vehicles not only for Shan State (North) but also for other regions and states. The new bridge contributes much to export and import functions of border trade along Mandalay-Lashio-Muse Highway.

The old bridge of Hsipaw was gradually losing durability. Daily runs of trucks also caused damage to the bridge. In consequence, trucks had to wait for the whole night to cross the bridge, causing obstacles to smooth flow of commodities.

The already-inaugurated new Hsipaw Bridge is of reinforced concrete type steel frame type. The facility has a two-way motor road. The bridge is over 500 feet long. The bridge that can withstand 60-ton loads will be used as better facility for cargo trucks.

New Hsipaw Bridge is the 259th over 180 feet long facility in the entire nation and the 13th in Shan State (North). As small and large bridges and roads are being built as links among regions and states, the local people are enjoying fruits of smoother transport in their respective areas. Regional development helps uplift social-economy of the national people.

While building new roads across the nation, the government continues construction of river crossing bridges. As a result, growth in trade and business gain greater momentum. In fact, one after another emergence of roads and bridges is symbol of the nation and the people with strong strengths of economy, spirit and technology.

People's Desire

* Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
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* Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
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MPPA delegates seen at Yangon International Airport before departure to Thailand.

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Five killed in 2nd US drone attack in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 9 March—At least five people were killed and three others injured in the second US drone strike in northwestern tribal area of Pakistan on Tuesday afternoon, local media reported. According to Urdu TV ARY News, US drones fired two missiles at a house in Datta Khel area of North Waziristan, a place bordering Afghanistan and is believed to be a stronghold of militants.

This is the second attack in the last four hours. Earlier, a drone strike killed five people in Azam Warsak area of South Waziristan.

US attack in Datta Khel is the 16th of its kind in the northwestern tribal belt of the country since the beginning of this year.—Xinhua

Blast kills NATO soldier in Afghanistan

KABUL, 9 March—A soldier with NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) was killed in an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) blast in Afghanistan on Wednesday, a press release of the alliance said.

“An International Security Assistance Force service member died following an improvised explosive device attack in southern Afghanistan today,” the press release added, without revealing the victim’s nationality.

Troops from the United States, Britain, Canada and Australia are mostly stationed in the southern region. More than 70 NATO soldiers with majority of them Americans have been killed in the militant-hit Afghanistan since beginning this year.

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Science

Lack of oxygen likely fish kill cause

REDONDO, 9 March—Nature, not environmental foul play, likely was responsible for a fish kill of more than a million sardines in southern California, officials said Tuesday.

Redondo Beach Police Sgt. Phil Keenan said authorities were confident about test results indicating oxygen deprivation caused the fish kill because another part of the same sardine school was doing well at the mouth of King Harbor, CNN reported.

“All evidence points to oxygen deprivation as cause of death,” California Department of Fish and Game spokesman Andrew Hughan said.

“Keenan said clean-up boats would spend the next few days removing the dead fish by net.

“Part of the sardine school is out in the channel of the harbor and they’re doing fine,” Keenan told CNN.

“For some reason, this large school of sardines got chased into the harbor — and they died off.”

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The Social TV trend explored by the study could change the landscape for broadcasters and advertisers chasing youthful eye for on-screen attention, Digital Clarity said in a statement.

Eight out of 10 respondents to the poll said they used Twitter, Facebook or other mobile applications to actively comment on shows and chat with their friends as they watch.

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Health Tip: Stress may cause physical symptoms

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Do you always realize when you’re under stress? The academy notes these possible warning signs:

- Anxiety.
- Back pain or headache.
- Stomach upset, diarrhea or constipation.
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NAY PYI TAW, 9 March—A ceremony to open No.2 Pobbathiri Township Hospital in Nay Pyi Taw District took place in front of the hospital in Pobbathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw District this morning. Secretary-1 of the State

It was also attended by Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Maung Maung Aye, ministers, deputy ministers, departmental heads, departmental officials, the medical superintendent, doctors, nurses and staff, members of social organization, townsenders, local residents and guests.

At the ceremony, Secretary of Supervisory Committee for Special Development Project U Kan Chun handed over documents related to the hospital to Director-General Dr Win Myint of Health Department under the Ministry of Health. After that, Project Director U Win Zaw of MoeKyelsin construction Development Project U Kan Chun handed over documents related to the hospital to Director-General Dr Win Myint of Health Department. The ceremony came to an end after the Secretary-1, the commander and the ministers sprinkled scented water on bronze plaque. The Secretary-1 and party viewed round the hospital. The hospital is built on 15.54 acres of land and includes 50-bed medical ward, outpatient ward, surgical ward and labour room.

Later on, commander Brig-Gen Maung Maung Aye, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Secretary-1 unveiled the hospital signboard. The ceremony came to an end after the Secretary-1, the commander and the ministers sprinkled scented water on bronze plaque. The Secretary-1 and party viewed round the hospital. The hospital is built on 15.54 acres of land and includes 50-bed medical ward, outpatient ward, surgical ward and labour room.

Secretary-1 Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo attended the ceremony and unveiled the signboard of the hospital. At the ceremony, Secretary of Supervisory Committee for Special Development Project U Kan Chun donated K 6,818,700 worth of furniture and K 5 million for medical fund through medical superintendent Dr Aye Muyar Kyaw.

Development Affairs U Thein Nyunt, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint cut the ribbon to open the hospital. Afterwards, the Secretary-1 unveiled the hospital signboard. The ceremony came to an end after the Secretary-1, the commander and the ministers sprinkled scented water on bronze plaque. The Secretary-1 and party viewed round the hospital. The hospital is built on 15.54 acres of land and includes 50-bed medical ward, outpatient ward, surgical ward and labour room.

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U Aung Zin of Pazundaung Constituency said that land ownership forms were various in previous periods, but a policy was laid down that the State was the ultimate owner of the lands; that the existing laws, procedures and directives; that Article 38 (1) of The Land Nationalization Act (1953) says, “If the President may deem beneficible to the State or to the agriculturalists, by growing some specific crops in some areas and by using specific means to agricultural lands, the President may deem to apply or ask to apply specific crops or specific means to use on agricultural land respectively”, that Article 39 of the law says, “However, under the plan, a site will be submitted a year, so the Ministry of Culture U Khin Aung Myint answering queries.—

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Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann making clarification.—MNA

U Aung Tun Tha of MraukU Constituency raising question.—MNA

government promulgated Tenancy Law and The Law Safeguarding Peasant Rights in 1963; that the peasantry were pleased with the law enacted in their interests; that however, now lands of peasants are nationalized in terms of compensation, construction of factories, related procedures, directives and orders.

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Hlay Oo said that the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation is safeguarding the rights and serving the interests of peasants who constitute the majority of the nation’s population in accordance with other provisions of this Act mentioned, the President or authority appointed by the President for this particular matter, may deem necessary, any agricultural land can be summoned to use specific mean or method”, that The 1963 Tenancy Law was enacted under Law No (8) of the Revolutionary Council of the Union of Myanmar in 1963; that under the law, peasants enjoy the rights: (a) No one except farmers can do agricultural farming. (b) Land can be inherited if it is farmed as a family business. (c) No need to pay rent. (d) Land can be farmed as long as land rules are not violated.

In order to address farm issues, the government promulgated The 1963 Tenancy Law; that Article 3 (1) of The Law Safeguarding Peasant Rights promulgated under Law (9) of the Revolutionary Council of the Union of Myanmar says, “Notwithstanding anything elsewhere contained in any existing law, a Civil Court shall not make a decree or order for:—

(a) A warrant of attachment for or confiscation of agricultural land; neither for employed livestock and implements, harrows and implements, other animate and inanimate implements, nor the produce of agricultural land.

(b) Prohibition of work upon or entry into agricultural land.

(c) Prohibition of movement or sale in whole or part or use of employed livestock and implements, harrows and implements, other animate and inanimate implements, nor the produce of agricultural land.

(d) Arrest and detention of a peasant in connection with any matter included in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c).

Today, the laws are still in force; that in general, active lands of peasants are not nationalized, that however, there is a project in national interest; the maximum area of land was used, and there were events in which lands were nationalized under the arrangements of local authorities in line with the 1988 terms replacing act according to the power vested under Article 39 of The 1953 Land Nationalization Act; that in the process, coordinated arrangements are made under the supervision of local administrative bodies for reasonable compensations to peasants with grievances; that some lands nationalized in terms of compensations for urbanization projects cannot be launched on schedule; that before launch of such projects, green light is given to farm lands temporarily in the national interest; that sometimes, permission is granted to entrepreneurs for boosting agricultural production; that in that regard, administrative bodies supervise processes to keep balance of interests between the entrepreneurs and farmers who are farming the lands temporarily; and that the ministry works in cooperation with related bodies in line with small amount of compensations, and peasants are angry with them; that Myanmar is an agro-based country, so he believes that only if farmland issues are addressed properly will it be possible to serve the interest of peasants; that in addition, peasants have to borrow money at high interest rates due to the fact that farmers have the right to farm lands but not every farmer has the right to own lands; and that in that regard, he asked if the forthcoming government has a plan to deal with such cases, promulgating necessary laws.

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Minister U Htay Oo responded that Article 38 (1) of The Land Nationalization Act (1953) says, “If the President may deem beneficial to the State or to the agriculturists, by growing some specific crops in some areas and by using specific means to agricultural lands, the President may deem to apply or ask to apply specific crops or specific means to use on agricultural land respectively”; that Article 39 of the law says, “However, other provisions of this Act mentioned, the President or authority appointed by the President for this particular matter, may deem necessary, any agricultural land can be summoned to use specific mean or method”; that if necessary, lands are nationalized, but in general active farmlands are not nationalized except unavoidable conditions; that regarding alternative means according to Article 39 of the Land Nationalization Act (1953), if and when there are projects for national development, related administrative bodies make sure that the minimum area of lands is to be nationalized and reasonable amounts of compensations are to be paid; that so if there is an unusual case, it is needed to deal with relating administrative bodies in the Region or State concerned; and that the ministry will help coordinate the tasks.

He said that all the lands belong to the State, but The Tenancy Law (1963) was enacted to protect the rights of farmers; that it says that no one except farmers can do agricultural farming; land can be inherited if it is farmed as a family business; no need to pay rent; and land can be farmed as long as land rules are not violated; that Article 3 (1) of The Law Safeguarding Peasant Rights (1963) says, “Notwithstanding anything elsewhere contained in any existing law, a Civil Court shall not make a decree or order for:—

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flowed to the in the hands of a handful of capitalists due to the rights to hand over, mortgage and sell farmlands; that under the existing laws and rules, the government has bestowed the right to farm lands to peasants who really farm lands; and that therefore, the existing farmland laws are the most appropriate to safeguard peasants’ rights.

U Aung Thein of Ywangan Constituency asked if the government notices that local farmers are burdened with the land reclamation project that are not beneficial to them; if it notices some projects harm environmental conservation; and if it does not do so, he wants to know whether an investigation committee will be formed to review the project.

Minister U Htay Oo said with the aim to boost production of crops suitable for the regions, cash crops, and crops that can contribute to the State and neighbouring countries, the ministry is granting permission to persons and companies that can reclaim vacant lands for agricultural purposes; that vacant, fallow and virgin lands belong to the State; that these vacant lands for agricultural purposes; that vacant, mission to persons and companies that can reclaim crops, and crops that can contribute to the State and production of crops suitable for the regions, cash

lands are reclaimed to grow marketable crops in the interest of the nation and the people; and that in response to their application, permission is granted to only individuals and organizations capable of farming lands with capitals, so that does not burden local peasants; that the ministry does not grant permission to reclaim such lands that are not arable; that permitted crops are perennial crops such as rubber, oil palm, mango, cashew and coffee; that Ywangan Township grows commonly coffee and mango; that perennial trees give many benefits such environmental conservation, jobs to local people, improvement of the socio-economic status of the regions, prevention of soil deterioration, and conservation of underground water sources; and that the ministry will render assistance if farmers contact Region/State governments and staff of the ministry for unusual cases.

Then, the session was adjourned.

When the session resumed, proposals were submitted for approval for discussion.

U Pe Than of Myebon Constituency tabled a motion that when a Region or State is hit hard by a strong natural disaster, the Union government has to declare the Region or State as a disaster-hit region and provide direct assistance for rescue and rehabilitation.

The motion was seconded by U Thein Swe of An Constituency. Pyithu Hluttaw approved the motion for discussion.

The motion tabled by U Pe Than of Myebon Constituency will be under discussion at the seventh-day session of Pyithu Hluttaw tomorrow.

The speaker announced that according to Pyithu Hluttaw Rule 138 (c), hluttaw representatives wishing to hold discussions may register in the deputy director-general of Pyithu Hluttaw this afternoon.

Dr Sai Kyaw Ohn of Nankham Constituency tabled a motion to set up a national health programme to grant health care to low-income people.

The motion was seconded by U Khun Lein of Falam Constituency. Pyithu Hluttaw approved the motion for discussion.

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U Tun Huar (a) U Sai Tun Win of Tanyang Constituency tabled a motion to set up a clear and easy system to form social, economic, religious, literary and education organizations for discipline-flourishing democracy.

U Ye Tun (a) U Min Tun of Hsipaw Constituency seconded the motion, and Pyithu Hluttaw approved the motion, which will be discussed the eighth-day session.

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U Ngan Maung of Haka Constituency tabled a motion on the rights of national races to take part in administrative and management sectors.

U Sai Win Khair of Hsenwi Constituency seconded the motion, and Pyithu Hluttaw approved the motion, which will be discussed the eighth-day session.

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The Pyithu Hluttaw speaker said that hluttaw representatives may put questions, proposals and bills in line with Pyithu Hluttaw Laws and Rules; and that some MPs could not differentiate between questions and proposals.

The speaker announced the conclusion of the sixth-day session, and the first regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw takes place at 10 am tomorrow.

The session ended at 12.20 pm.—MNA

Sony 3D Full HD Home projector introduced

Yangon, 9 March—A launch of Sony 3D Full HD Home Projector, organized by Sony Business & Professional Products Asia Pacific Company

Deputy General Manager U Zaw Moe Oo of Sales and Marketing Department of TMW Enterprise Ltd explains launch of Sony 3D Full HD Home Projector.—MNA

YANGON, 9 March—A launch of Sony 3D Full HD Home Projector, organized by Sony Business & Professional Products Asia Pacific Company and TMW Enterprise Ltd, was held at Parkroyal Hotel on Alanya Pagoda Road this morning.

Officials from Sony Business & Professional Products Asia Pacific and TMW Enterprise Ltd explained projectors. TMW Enterprise Ltd always introduces new technologies of Sony. The 3D Full HD Home Projector can give viewers 3D (Cinema) experience. It is available at Sony Showroom at international prices.

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in 1933, and some points should be amended in the Electronic Communications Law (Law No. 5/2004). As such, the amendments are to be sub-departmental concerns will make arrangements for better telecommunication for the township.

With regard to three questions, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telecommunications, Law No. (11), he said the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telecommunications Department on 22 June 2006 for development of Information and Technology in Myanmar and it is moving into high gear.

Regarding the Internet access, the number of the Internet users has increased from only four in 1998 to 78010 in March 2008, 93585 in March 2009 and 351390 in March 2010. The numbers of Netizens will hit 380000 in March 2011.

Arrangements have been made to transfer and receive data through Enhanced Data Rates for GSM Evolution-EDGE in GSM system and Evolution Data Optimized—(EDGE) system in urban and rural areas.

Workers are being carried out to provide services with the use of ADSL (Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line) and Triple Play system, FTTH, Fiber to the Home system in Yangon, Mandalay and major towns by Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications and Yatanarpon Teleport Co Ltd.

Intranet service is being provided by 3337591/3337592/3337593 of MPT Satellite Terminal is being provided for trunk calls from Thantlang Exchange to other townships. The eight lines for trunk call can be busy as the number of lines has increased from 80 to 190.

For better trunk call service, the ministry has made arrangements for extension of microwave trunk call connection and CDMA-450 MHz system in Thantlang Township.

Next, the session was adjourned.

Then submitting proposals and making decision on whether or not proposals should be discussed were carried out at the meeting.

U Steven Thabeik of Yangon Region Constituency No. (5) submitted a proposal “to form a board comprising experts and experienced persons in order to review the present education system.”

U Phone Myint Aung of Yangon Region Constituency No. (3) seconded the motion.

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The Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw announced the first regular session of Amyotha Hluttaw for sixth day ending and the seventh-day regular session will be held at 10 am tomorrow. The session came to an end at 12.05 pm.

Talks on rural libraries development and post-literary movement given

NAY PYI TAW, 9 March — Organized by Lashio District Information and Public Relations Department, talks on development of rural libraries and post-literary movement and reading contest took place at Pyinnya Alin Library in Sonkwe village in Shan State (North) yesterday.

Chairperson of township Women’s Affairs Organization Daw Yin Mu and Head of district IPRD Daw Khin Saw Lin gave talks. Then the reading contest followed, and the three outstanding readers were presented prizes.

MDS launches McWill communication system

YANGON, 9 March— McWill system is being applied in fixed and mobile telephones. Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Pathein, Toungoo, Taunggyi, Magway (Bedoka), Nandaw, Khamti, Homalin, Pinlebu, Kalewa, Bannauk, Mingin, Kami, Mvyikyina, Myonwya, Phaunggyin and Ngaphe Townships.

Users are to pay K 500,000 for initial installation charge and K 60,000 for premium. The system can be applied at 128 Kbps per 2 kyaits, 256 Kbps per 3 kyaits, 512 Kbps per 6 kyaits and 1 Megabit per 8 kyaits.

McWill is available at one-stop service centres of MDS Co Ltd, local service provider. For information, contact Room-012, Building-C, 2nd lane, Highway Complex, Narnattaw Street, Kamayut Township, Tel: 01-523523, 010-3000524; Building-5, 26th Street between 78th and 79th streets, Chanayethazan Township, Tel: 02-21517, No. 55 on Bogyoke Aung San Street in Aungmyingala Ward of Myonwya, Tel: 071-217722.

Kenbo Trophy Golf Tournament on 13 March

NAY PYI TAW, 9 March— A second-leg of the Kenbo Trophy Golf Tournament will be held at Ayeyawady Gold Club in Pathein on 13 March. The top ten amateur golfers will be selected in the tournament organized by Myanmar Golf Federation and they will compete in the final tournament organized by Myanmar Golf Federation, Hline Township, Tel: 507048 and 507151.

Vice-Chairman of Mandalay Region CCI leaves for Thailand

YANGON, 9 March— At the invitation of Department of Export Promotion under the Ministry of Commerce of Thailand, a 35-member Myanmar entrepreneur delegation led by Vice-Chairman of Mandalay Region Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Sai Kyaw Htin left here by air yesterday morning to attend the Made in Thailand Exhibition 2011 to be held in Bangkok of Thailand from 8 to 14 March.

Vice-Chairman of Mandalay Region CCI U Sai Kyaw Htin and party seen at Yangon International Airport before departure for Bangkok.—NLM

STI provides service on management course

YANGON, 9 March— STI Education is conducting full-time and part-time courses on English language and management.

The trainee, on whom B.A. (Hons) was conferred by Universities of Sunderland, Wales and Bradford of England, has direct access to MBA course. STI will hold the press conference on various courses at Traders Hotel, here, on 20 March.

Interested persons may contact STI Education at No. 377 on Shwebontha Street (Upper Block) in Pabedan Township and room-7 of hall-4, Myanmar Info-Tech, Hline Township, Tel: 507048 and 507151.”
Drug dealer, wife killed in N Ireland

Craigavon, 9 March—A man police identified as an Irish gangster and his wife were shot dead in their fortified home in Armagh in Northern Ireland, investigators said. The bodies of Hugh McGeough and his wife, Jacqueline, were found Monday afternoon by their son, The Irish Times reported. McGeough, 56, was described as a major drug dealer. Police said the husband in Craigavon had bullet-proof glass in its windows, armored doors and security lights and cameras, and was only a short distance from a Police Service of Northern Ireland station. Investigators suggested the reinforced doors and windows may have delayed the discovery of the killings by muffling the sound of shots being fired.—Internet

Oil’s pullback bolsters Wall Street

New York, 9 March—An upbeat profit forecast from Bank of America and a pullback in oil prices lifted Wall Street out of the technical danger zone on Tuesday in another sign of the market’s near-term resilience. The S&P 500 jumped back above a six-month trend line after closing just below it on Monday. Holding this level is a sign of strength, but traders will grow wary the more it is tested. Similarly, the Nasdaq composite index rallied from its 50-day moving average in another indication of an uptrend, although trading volume was slack.—Internet

German, Italian police carry out mafia arrests

Rome, 9 March—Police in Germany and Italy arrested 35 alleged mafia members on Tuesday and five warrants have been issued in Australia and Canada in what is seen as a major blow to the ‘Ndrangheta syndicate. We have hit at the central structure of the ‘Ndrangheta,” Carlo Pieroni, a spokesman for Carabinieri paramilitary police in the southern Italian region of Calabria who led the operation, told AFP. “The ‘Ndrangheta is on the brink or at least it will be forced to re-organize,” he said, adding that the arrests were on multiple charges of extortion, drug trafficking and money laundering.—Internet

Missing US student found dead in Madrid river

Madrid, 9 March—The body of a US exchange student from California was pulled out of a Madrid river on Tuesday. 10 days after he disappeared following a night on the town, a police official said. The cause of death was not known but there were no immediate signs of foul play in the death of 22-year-old San Diego State University business student Austin Bice, the National Police said.—Internet

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San Diego State University students hold candles during a vigil for missing student Austin Bice on 7 March, 2011, in San Diego. —Internet
Phil Collins announces retirement

LONDON, 9 March—British singer and drummer Phil Collins has taken to his personal website to announce his retirement in a bid to clarify recent speculation over his career.

In a post titled “Breaking News,” the multiple Grammy award winner writes that he wants to explain his reasons “for calling it a day” in response to articles claiming why he was quitting the music business. “Many of the articles printed over the last few months have ended up painting a picture of me that is more than a little distorted,” Collins explains.

Emma Watson breaks studies to focus on acting

LONDON, 9 March—She played a girl who studied hard. But “Harry Potter” actress Emma Watson says she is going to take a break from her working on her degree to focus on her film career.

The actress—who plays the character of bookworm Hermione Granger—said Tuesday that she had found it hard to juggle her blossoming film career with her studies.

Watson enrolled to study literature at Brown University in Rhode Island in 2009. She says she still plans to finish her studies but will take some extra semesters to complete her degree.

Watson has just finished filming “Harry Potter and The Deathly Hallows: Part 2” which will premiere in London in July. She has also just finished filming “My Week With Marilyn”, opposite US actress Michelle Williams as Marilyn Monroe.—Internet

Oldest wild bird in US is new mother

The oldest known wild bird in the US is a new mother. A US Fish and Wildlife Service biologist spotted the Laysan albatross that’s at least 60 years old a few weeks ago. It was with a chick at Midway Atoll, a remote wildlife refuge 1,300 miles northwest of Honolulu.

A US Geological Survey scientist first banded the seabird as she incubated an egg in 1956.

She was estimated to be at least 5 years old at the time. The albatross has since worn out five bird bands.

Bruce Peterjohn, the chief of the North American Bird Banding Programme, said the albatross is the oldest wild bird documented by the 90-year-old bird banding programme, which is run by the US Geological Survey, the Fish and Wildlife Service, and Canada. “She looks great,” Peterjohn said in a news release Tuesday. “To know that she can still successfully raise young at age 60-plus, that is beyond words.” The bird, named Wisdom, has likely raised at least 30 to 35 chicks during her life, Peterjohn said.

A woman kisses a piece of a sculpture consisting of 24 handmade paper sheep titled “Counting Sheep” by Brooklyn Artist Kyu Seok Oh in Times Square, New York, the United States, on 1 March, 2011.

Thief pillages Caribbean flight via toilet

An ingenious thief swooped almost a quarter million dollars on a flight in the Caribbean after sneaking into the cash-laden cargo hold via the toilet, police said Thursday.

A Brink’s security employee placed three sacks of cash containing a total 1.2 million euros in the hold of the Air Antilles plane before it headed from the French island of Guadeloupe to the Franco-Dutch island of Saint Martin.

The security guard took his seat on the ATR-42 turboprop plane but when the flight landed 40 minutes later it was discovered that 172,000 euros (238,000 dollars) were missing from the sacks.

Police are seeking a man who complained he felt suddently better and walked out of the airport before it headed from the normal security check and disappeared, police said.

Cleaners who found bundles of notes in the toilet raised the alarm.

The woman travelling with him was questioned in the baggage arrival hall but did not have any of the missing money.

A model presents a creation by British designer Sarah Burton for fashion house Alexander McQueen as part of her Fall-Winter 2011/2012 women’s ready-to-wear fashion collection show during Paris Fashion Week on 8 March, 2011.—Xinhua

S Korean stars Hyun Bin, Song Hye-kyo announce their break-up

SEOUL, 9 March—South Korean actor Hyun Bin and actress Song Hye-kyo officially announced that they had broken up in January, their agencies said Tuesday.

According to the agencies of both stars, the pair split up early this year, after first meeting on the set of the drama “The World We Live In” in 2008.

The break-up came naturally as they drifted apart due to their busy drama, movie, and overseas schedules, their agencies said, adding the excessive amount of attention they had received from the public caused them so much stress.

The agencies also said the two postponed the announcement until now because they “did not want the public’s attention to be focused on their break-up rather than their respective works.” Hyun Bin also did not want his remaining time with fans before his enlistment to be overshadowed by his personal life, the agencies added.

Hyun Bin, who recently starred in a hit TV drama “Secret Garden,” joined the Marine Corps on Monday for his mandatory military service, greeted by some 2,000 fans from South Korea as well as Japan, Hong Kong SAR and China.—Xinhua

A young man poses for photos in front of a Spider Man wax figure at Madame Tussauds Bangkok on the sixth floor of Siam Discovery shopping mall in central Bangkok, Thailand, on 8 March, 2011.—Xinhua

Actor Sung Hye-kyo(L) and Song Hye-kyo(R) pose for a photo in front of a Spider Man wax figure at Madame Tussauds Bangkok.

The anchorage Daily News reports the moose had been in Town Square Park most of the day feeding on trees. The woman in her 20s was attacked when she tried to pet it. Police spokeswoman Anita Shell says the moose is not a threat unless provoked, so people need to give it space.

Don’t mess with the moose.

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Hamburg football coach Veh to quit at season end

ROME, 9 March — Brazilian striker Adriano has parted company with AS Roma by mutual consent after a disastrous seven months when he played just five games in the Italian Serie A.

“We found an agreement for an amicable early end to his contract, which was to have finished on 30 June, 2013,” the club said in a statement. The 29-year-old, who has battled drink problems and poor physical condition, arrived at Roma in the summer but has failed to hit the net once.

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“Brazilian striker Adriano, seen here in January 2011, has parted company with AS Roma by mutual consent,” — Internet

Vargas works 3 innings in Seattle victory

PEORIA, 9 March — Mariners left-hander Jason Vargas found a way to quiet the Giants in his spring debut. Vargas pitched three shutout innings in his first spring training start, and Ryan Langerhans tripled in the game’s only run, leading the Mariners to a 1-0 win over the Giants on Tuesday.

“That’s what good pitching will do . . . Just one of those days,” Giants manager Bruce Bochy said. “We didn’t hit. But don’t show up.”

Vargas, who was 9-12 with a 3.78 ERA last season, didn’t appear earlier in spring training because of his heavy workload in 2010. Vargas allowed two hits and struck out one, pitched a career-high 192 2/3 innings last season. — Internet

Messi puts Barca in Champions League quarterfinals

BARCELONA, 9 March — A Lionel Messi brace helped Barcelona to a 3-1 victory over 10-man Arsenal on Tuesday to put them into the quarter-finals of Champions League on a 4-3 aggregate.

The Argentine World Player of the Year was the difference as Barcelona produced another outstanding display of attacking football which left the Arsenal defence stretched from beginning to end.

The Catalan side needed just one goal after losing 2-1 at the Emirates and Messi put them ahead in first-half stoppage time.

An own goal by Sergio Busquets put Arsenal back on level terms but the game turned Barca’s way by the sending off of Robin van Persie two minutes later.

Xavi Hernandez leveled the tie at 2-1 and then Leo Messi scored the decider with a penalty. — Internet

Menyeama wins Nigerian player of the year award

LAGOS, 9 March — Israeli-based goalkeeper Vincent Enyeama was on Tuesday named Nigerian footballer of the year.

The 28-year-old - one of the few Nigerians to emerge with credit from their first round exit at the World Cup finals last year - edged out West Brom striker Peter Odemwingie and Spain-based Kalu Uche in a poll organized by television station African Independent Television.

Enyeama, who has won 48 caps for the Brazil national team and took part in the 2006 World Cup in Germany, — Internet

Wood's, Mickelson paired together again at Doral

DORAL, 9 March — Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson will be in the same group at Doral for the first time this year.

The Cadillac Championship decided to basel the groups for the first two rounds on the rankings. It’s similar to what the European Tour did in Dubai last month and the US Open did at Torrey Pines in 2008.

That puts Martin Kaymer, the new No 1, in the same group with Lee Westwood and Match Play winner Luke Donald.

However, the greater focus will be on the next batch of players - Graeme McDowell at No 4, Woods and Mickelson. Woods and Mickelson have combined for 122 worldwide wins and 18 majors.

It will be the 27th time they have been in the same group. Mickelson has gotten the better of Woods recently. Woods has shot the lower score only once in the last eight times. — Internet

Shakhtar move seamlessly into Champions League last eight

DONETSK, 9 March — Ukrainian side Shakhtar Donetsk made no mistake in ensuring they reached the Champions League quarter-finals for the first time with an impressive 3-0 victory over 10-man AS Roma to win 6-2 on aggregate here on Tuesday.

Goals by Tomas Hubschmann, outstanding Brazilian Willian and Eduardo extended the 2009 UEFA Cup winners’ unbeaten home record in European competition to October 2008 when they went down to Sporting Lisbon.

Shakhtar coach Mircea Lucescu said that he was delighted with the victory but added his side was a

Dortmund have right chemistry with main sponsor

BERLIN, 9 March — Runaway leaders Borussia Dortmund will receive 7.5million euros per season from Evonik - presently lead the title race by 12 points from Bayer Leverkusen with nine matches remaining.

“We do well out of our supporting the team,” said Engel, whose company specialises in chemicals. — Internet

Blues beat Blue Jackets 5-4 in shootout

ST LOUIS, 9 March — Andy McDonald scored two goals and added another in a shootout in the St. Louis Blues’ 5-4 victory over the Columbus Blue Jackets on Monday night.

Bren Bishop allowed one goal on 20 shots after relieving Ty Conklin midway through the first period with St. Louis trailing 3-1. The Blues scored three times on four shots against Steve Mason in the shootout with Alex Steen getting the deciding tally.

The Blues honored four players who starred for the franchise winning No. 7 in a pre-game ceremony for the 34th straight home sell-out, also one of the more enthusiastic crowds for a matchup of teams on the outside of the playoff hunt. St Louis won for only the second time in nine games and avoiding dropping below .500 for the first time all season, and sent the Blue Jackets to their fifth straight loss. Jakub Voracek had a goal and assist for Columbus, and Rick Nash had two assists. — Internet

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First regular session of Amyotha Hluttaw continues for sixth day

Means approved at Amyotha Hluttaw for raising and replying to queries, submitting proposals, holding discussions

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After taking position, Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint announced the validity and start of the sixth-day session as 222 or 99.55 per cent of 223 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives were present.

Of the questions submitted under Amyotha Hluttaw Rule 116 by Amyotha Hluttaw representatives, permitted ones were raised, and members of respective Union level organizations responded to the questions.

Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Zaw replied to three questions.

Dr Myat Nyana Soe of Yangon Region Constituency-4 said that as modern communication networks and communication technology are developing in the Union of Myanmar, the international standard communication services are being given to the people across the nation. Although technologies of GSM, CDMA 800 MHz, CDMA 450 MHz and Mc Will are different in wireless telecommunication system, all the telecommunication systems use SIM Cards only. In the international communication service, it is unnecessary to pay initial installation charge, but to buy pre-paid system SIM Cards. The Myanmar Wireless Telegraph Act was promulgated (See page 10)