First regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw continues for ninth day

Proposal ‘upgrading of free compulsory primary education system into duty to educate children’ submitted

NAV Pyi TAW, 14 March—The first regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw continued for the ninth day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here at 10 am today.

Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann declared that the attendance of 432 made up 99.77 percent of 433 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives and that the ninth-day session was therefore valid.

Out of the questions raised by Pyithu Hluttaw representatives, permitted ones were raised, and members of Union level organizations Minister for Electric Power No.2 U Khin Maung Myint, Election Commission Chairman U Thein Soe and Minister for Transport U Thein Swe replied to them. The questions were about whether or not there is any plan to distribute some of power supply from Myogyi Dam to Danu region and about whether or not there is any plan to extend power supply from Kinda Dam being distributed to Ywangan by U Aung Thein of Ywangan Constituency; about the electricity bills the people of Rakhine State have to pay by U Ye Tun of Thandwe Constituency; about how plans are made to hold by-elections by U Nelson (a) Sai Hsang Hsi of Kyaukme Constituency; about prevention of Minbya of Rakhine State from being eroded by Laymyo River by U Aung Sein Tha of Minbya Constituency; and about the blockage of the waterway of Kaladan River 29 miles north from Paletwa of Chin State by U Paik Lin of Paletwa Constituency.

Regarding the matters related to the proposals ‘granting permission to foreign guests and tourists to visit Chin State’ and ‘upgrading Haka, the capital of Chin State, into a city with the characteristics of the capital cities of other states’ proposed by U Ngun Moung of Haka Constituency, Pyithu Hluttaw representatives made discussions, members of Union level organizations Minister for Electric Power No.2 U Khin Maung Myint, Election Commission Chairman U Thein Soe and Minister for Transport U Thein Swe replied to them. The questions were about whether or not there is any plan to distribute some of power supply from Myogyi Dam to Danu region and about whether or not there is any plan to extend power supply from Kinda Dam being distributed to Ywangan by U Aung Thein of Ywangan Constituency; about the electricity bills the people of Rakhine State have to pay by U Ye Tun of Thandwe Constituency; about how plans are made to hold by-elections by U Nelson (a) Sai Hsang Hsi of Kyaukme Constituency; about prevention of Minbya of Rakhine State from being eroded by Laymyo River by U Aung Sein Tha of Minbya Constituency; and about the blockage of the waterway of Kaladan River 29 miles north from Paletwa of Chin State by U Paik Lin of Paletwa Constituency.

Pyithu Hluttaw representatives participate in first regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw for the ninth day. — MNA

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Easy access to clean water in rural areas

The government is constructing dams and river water pumping stations, sinking tube-wells and bore wells and carrying out tasks for supply of potable water in the regions where water is scarce.

It has been pursuing the 10-year plan since 2000-2001 to materialize two of the five rural development programmes: smooth transport and supply of clean water.

As a result of the water supply projects, all the villages in 82 townships of the three arid regions: 34 in Sagaing Region, 25 in Magway Region, and 23 in Mandalay Region have easy access to safe water. And all the villages in 19 districts have got a tube-well each.

The plan also covers other Regions and States whether water is hard to come by along with the Delta and coastal areas. According to the ongoing programmes, each of the villages in those regions will get one to three tube-wells.

So far, 23,225 villages have enjoyed supply of sufficient clean water. At a time when government is making all-round efforts to improve the living conditions for rural folk, the people are urged to contribute towards rural development tasks.

Eight armed group members exchange arms for peace

Nay Pyi Taw, 14 March—The State Peace and Development Council upholding Our Three Main National Causes is striving for equitable development of all parts of the Union after effectively carrying out national reconsolidation. Realizing the correct acts and benevolent goodwill of the State, the armed groups exchange arms for peace for returning to the embraces of the State, the people and the Tatmadaw individuals and in groups of respective military camps.

Eight armed group members wishing to exchange arms for peace, and there are more than 51 persons from KNU (Saw La Bwe) have exchanged arms for peace, and provided them with necessary assistance. From December 2010 to date, a total of 51 persons from KNU (Saw La Bwe) have exchanged arms for peace, and there are more persons wishing to exchange arms for peace.

State Central Working Committee of Sangha holds second day session

Sixth State Central Working Committee of the Sangha of All Orders holding fifth meeting.—MNA

YANGON, 14 March—The second-day session of the fifth Meeting of the 6th State Central Working Committee of the Sangha of All Orders took place at Maha Pasana Cave on Kaba Aye Hill, here, this morning.

Vice-Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka, Nimala responded to the suggestions of members of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha of All Orders.

Adjutant-General hosts dinner to PLA delegation

Nay Pyi Taw, 14 March—Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Maung Maung Aye, Maj-Gen Than Soe and senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence hosted a dinner to a visiting Chinese delegation led by Deputy Director Lieutenant-General Jia Tingan of General Political Department of the People's Liberation Army of the People's Republic of China at Lake View Hall of Golden Palace Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone, here, yesterday evening.

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Drone strike kills six in NW Pakistan’s tribal area

ISLAMABAD, 14 March—Six people were killed in the latest US drone strike in northwest Pakistan’s North Waziristan tribal area on Monday morning, local media reported.

According to the private TV channel Express, US drones fired six missiles on suspected militants hideouts, leading to four killed and several others injured. The identities of the killed have not been known yet.

Suicide attack on Afghan army centre kills at least 37

KUNDUZ, (Afghanistan) 14 March—A suicide attack on an army recruitment centre in northern Afghanistan killed at least 37 people on Monday, the third major assault in the area in less than a month, the deputy governor said.

Hamdullah Danishi, deputy governor of Kunduz province, said the casualties were all caused by a single suicide bomber.

“The death toll includes new recruits, army soldiers and civilians,” Danishi said. Several children who earned a living as shoe polishers were also among the dead, he said.

Violence is spreading fast in the once relatively peaceful north, with Kunduz a focus for insurgents.

Last year, violence across Afghanistan hit its worst levels in more than a decade, but has eased since the last US President Barack Obama announced plans to start withdrawing American troops.

5 militants killed in E Afghanistan

KABUL, 14 March—NATO air raids against militants left five militants dead in Afghanistan’s Kunar Province, some 185 km east of capital city of Kabul, a press release issued by NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) said on Monday.

“Coalition forces killed five militants after they observed an imminent threat from armed individuals at a historic militancy fighting position in Ghazi Abad District, Kunar Province,” the press release said.

Without giving the exact time for the attack, the press release added that coalition forces on the ground monitored the five militants for several hours to ensure positive identification and intent of the individuals prior to requesting the close air support to engage.

“The militants killed were in possession of automatic weapons and were digging to emplace a mortar tube,”
TOKYO, 14 March—At least 11 people were injured and seven others were missing in a second hydrogen explosion at the Fukushima nuclear power plant in Japan, Xinhua reported on Monday.

The first explosion occurred at the plant Saturday. Plumes of white smoke were seen coming from the Fukushima plant Monday after a loud explosion at its No 3 reactor, the Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency (NISA) said. Tokyo Electric Power Co said 11 people were injured and seven others were missing after the blast. One of the walls of the reactor building collapsed.

The likelihood of high levels of radiation in the area is low, the agency noted, but warned the 600 people who were still in the 20-km evacuation zone to leave immediately. The agency said large amounts of hydrogen have amassed in the upper parts of the reactor building, where the pressure remained unusually high, similar to that of the No1 reactor building that exploded Saturday.—Internet

US pulls ships, aircraft from Japan nuke plant

TOKYO, 14 March—The US Seventh Fleet said Monday it had moved its ships and aircraft away from a quake-stricken Japanese nuclear power plant after discovering low-level radioactive contamination.

The fleet said that the radiation was from a plume of smoke and steam released from the crippled Fukushima Dai-Ichi Nuclear Power Plant, where there have been two hydrogen explosions since Friday’s devastating earthquake and tsunami.

The aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan was about 100 miles (160 kilometres) offshore when its instruments detected the radiation. The fleet said the dose of radiation was about the same as one month’s normal exposure to natural background radiation in the environment.—Internet

Airforce base in Miyagi damaged

BEIJING, 14 March—The deadly tsunami cause by Friday’s quake has devastated an air force base in Miyagi. The tsunami, covered buildings and equipment in thick layers of mud, and smashed up more than 20 fighter jets.

Experts believe, the jets are unsalvageable, despite costing a 100 million US dollars each.

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About 2,000 bodies found in Japan’s quake-hit Miyagi Prefecture

TOKYO, 14 March—About 2,000 bodies were found Monday on two shores in Japan’s Miyagi Prefecture following last Friday’s devastating Magnitude 9.0 earthquake and massive tsunami, Kyodo News reported.

About 1,000 bodies were found coming ashore on hardest-hit Miyagi’s Ojika Peninsula and another 1,000 have been spotted in the town of Minamisanriku, where the prefectural government has been unable to contact about 10,000, people, or over half the local population, the report said.

The findings will significantly increase the death toll from the powerful quake and ensuing tsunami. Japan’s police authorities have so far confirmed 1,597 deaths and 1,481 people missing across the affected areas in northeastern and eastern Japan.

The Miyagi prefectural government has decided to ask for help from other prefectures as work to cremate bodies is falling behind, according to the report.—Xinhua
Hluttaw candidates, election agents declared as persons of distorted qualification

**The Union of Myanmar**

**Union Election Commission**

Nay Pyi Taw Notification No.6/2011

10th Waxing of Tabaung, 1372 ME (14 March, 2011)

Hluttaw candidates and their election agents failed to submit election expenses in the prescribed period declared as persons of distorted qualification

1. According to Section 55 of respective Hluttaw Election Laws, and Rules para 77, Hluttaw candidates and their election agents who run for Multi-party Democracy General Election held on 7 November, 2010 are to submit election expenses to the respective sub-commissions in line with the laws during 60-day as of the date the name of representatives-elect are announced.

2. To be able to decide whether those who fail to submit election expenses in accord with the law should be designated as persons of distorted qualification or not, the Union Election Commission formed election tribunals and ordered them to check with them.

3. The Election Tribunal found that the following Hluttaw candidates and their election agents failed to submit the election expenses during the prescribed period, and in accord with the respective Hluttaw Election Rules Paragraph 83 (a), designated them as persons of distorted qualification.

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4. The Union Election Commission announced that the above-mentioned Hluttaw candidates and their election agents are persons of distorted qualification according to para 84 of respective Hluttaw Election Rules after judging the decision of Election Tribunal.

5. It is hereby announced that Hluttaw candidates and the election agents who are declared as person of distorted qualifications, in accord with the Section 88 of the respective Hluttaw Election Law, shall not contest in the election as a Hluttaw candidate from the date of this declaration in the existing Hluttaw term and the next Hluttaw term.

Sd/ Thein Soe
Chairman
Union Election Commission
Supply of some electric power generated from Myogyi Dam to Danu Region asked at Pyithu Hluttaw session

Nay Pyi Taw, 14 March—Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Aung Thein of Ywangan Constituency asked whether there is any plan for supply of some electric power generated from Myogyi Dam to Danu Region after completion of the dam under construction by the government in Ywangan Township of Myogyi Village.

Regarding the question, Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Myint said that the dam with installed capacity of two 15 megawatts turbines with 33KV would generate 30 megawatts of electricity; that generator would distribute electric power to Taungtawgwin and Ingon main power stations and connect ten transformers supply electricity to the national grid after completion of the dam under construction by the government in Ywangan Township of Myogyi Village.

EP-2 Minister U Khin Maung Myint responding to queries.—MNA

EP-2 Minister replies to question of Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Ye Tun from Thandwe Constituency

Nay Pyi Taw, 14 March—At the session held today, Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Ye Tun from Thandwe Constituency expressed a concern that the township electric power supply committee was formed in 2003; that then users are charged from 450 to 1000 kyats for a unit, which means locals also have to share charges for the electricity used at the departmental rate by governmental departments; and that he wondered whether there is a plan to equalized electricity charges between Rakhine State and other Regions and States.

Minister for Electric Power No.2 U Khin Maung Myint responded that Rakhine State has not got electricity from the national grid yet; that, but a state office, four district offices, 18 township offices, three sub-township offices, and two town offices totaling 28 electrical engineers’ offices with 10 officers and 307 other ranks have been established to supply electricity.

Twenty-eight towns in Rakhine State including state capital Sittway, and three district level townships have 100 generators for which the government uses 29,590 gallons of fuel a month or 355,080 gallons a year; that the government also spends 1776.72 million kyats in 2010-2011 fiscal year for salaries of staff and generators, pylons, power stations, maintenance and other structures; that the government fund shows a loss of 453.6 million kyats a year to supply electricity to the townships in Rakhine State including 13 towns that get electricity two hours a day; that charge rates on a unit of electricity are various according to own programs such as K 400 in Sittway, Kyaukpyu, MraukU, Manaung and Taunggup, K 500 in Kyauktaw, Minbya and Yanbye, K 550 in Gwa, and K 600 in Thandwe; that there is no township in Rakhine State where electricity users are charged K 100 a unit; that overall, K 400 a unit is a reasonable rate, but if fuel price goes up, the charge rate will also goes up; that when ongoing hydropower projects in Rakhine State are completed, the rates will go down to K 25 a unit for households and K 50 for enterprises; that the profit the ministry makes from electric power supply is very low; and that the government is carrying out non-profit projects in the national interests in that regard.

The Pyithu Hluttaw speaker said that U Ye Tun’s question carried a fact that Rakhine State has to share charges for the electricity used at the departmental rate by governmental departments; and that responsible persons should review that point.—MNA

EP-2 Minister replies to plan to be implemented to supply more electricity from Kinda Dam to Ywangan

Nay Pyi Taw, 14 March—In his question, Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Aung Thein of Ywangan Constituency said that the main watershed area of Kinda Dam is located in Ywangan Township of Danu Self-Administered zone. At today’s session of Pyithu Hluttaw, he asked whether the plan would be implemented to supply more electricity from Kinda Dam to Ywangan for conservation of the watershed area and effective management.

In his response, Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Myint said that Ywangan is being supplied electricity from the 12-mile 11 KV power line from Kinda Dam. Depending on demand of irrigation water for agricultural purpose, Kinda Power Station generates eight hours a day. The generator is not operated in the remaining hours. At that time, the national power grid supplies electricity to Ywangan through Kinda Power Station. At a time when Kinda Station is stopped, Ywangan will get electricity. With regard to extended supply of electricity, he replied that arrangements are being made for supply of electricity from the national power grid to Pindaya and Ywangan via Aungban instead of installation of power line over the watershed area of Ywangan Township.—MNA

MBE Chairman, DGs inspect exam centers in Nay Pyi Taw

Nay Pyi Taw, 14 March—Chairman of Myanmar Board of Examinations under the Ministry of Education Director General of Myanmar Education Research Bureau U Ohn Myint, together with Director General U Bo Win of Education Planning and Examinations under the Ministry of Education Planning and Examinations, this morning inspected Taung Nyo Basic Education High School in Ottarathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw District, meeting with supervisors and assistant supervisors of the training Department and Deputy Director General U Myint Shwe of No.2 Basic Education Department, this morning inspected Taung Nyo Basic Education High School in Ottarathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw District, meeting with supervisors and assistant supervisors of the training Department and Deputy Director General U Myint Shwe of No.2 Basic Education Department.

Squally weather warning

Nay Pyi Taw, 14 March—Meteorology and Hydrology Department announced today that under the influence of day temperatures were rising before Southwest monsoon season, Cumulonimbus cloud would form during afternoon or evening at everywhere in whole Myanmar. Strong winds with thunder, lightning, hail and isolated rain showers might occur due to underneath along the Cumulonimbus moving. Surface wind speed in strong winds might reach (35) mph.

People should be aware of those weather conditions before monsoon season.—MNA
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organizations Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Soe Naing and Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs U Thein Nyunt made reviews and discussions and the approval of Pyithu Hluttaw was sought.

Then, U Tun Myint Oo of Mongpan Constituency submitted the proposal ‘nationwide taking of censuses in Myanmar and U Khin Maung Yi (a) Khang Maung Yi of Ahlon Constituency the motion ‘upgrading of the free compulsory primary education system into a free compulsory middle school education system (duty to educate children) with a view to achieving the goal of cent-per-cent literacy rate in Myanmar and making suitable policies in order that both the government and private sector can engage in adopting school curriculums and the education system in which the examinations that can have links with international universities are included.’ Then, the approval of Pyithu Hluttaw was sought to decide whether or not the said motions should be discussed.

Later, the speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw announced that the ninth-day session ended and the tenth-day session would be held at 10 am tomorrow. The session was adjourned at 1.45 pm.

Transport Minister responds to queries on maintenance for blockage of water course in Kaladan River

NA Y P Y T A W, 14 March—In his question, Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Paik Lin of Paletwa Constituency said that the water course of Kaladan River was blocked at 29 miles north of Paletwa of Chin State due to landslide in 1997. He asked whether the department concerned would restore the water course as soon as possible, and he wanted to know when the plan would be implemented.

In his response, Minister for Transport U Thein Swe said that an official report on blockage of water course in Kaladan River due to landslide caused by earthquake in 1997 had not been submitted to the ministry. Kaladan River is shallow in summer and the current of river is speedier in the rainy season. So, any ship cannot run along it, but local motorboats run in it. An expert team will be sent to conduct feasibility study at the place where water course is blocked. If necessary, the State level authorities will carry out maintenance work depending on the report of the expert team. It is concerned with local authorities, they will carry out the task.

The Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw said that if Kaladan River has water course limits, other ways and means are to be sought and submitted for better transport of local people. As blockage of water course in Kaladan River due to landslide triggered by earthquake in 1997 was not reported, the Union level authorities did not know it. In the future, the important information and incidents are to be submitted to officials concerned at different levels.

Physicians provide free treatments for patients of Popa Jivitadana Sangha Hospital

Y A N G O N, 14 March—An Upper Myanmar physicians’ team from Mandalay Region provided free treatments for patients at Jivitadana Sangha Hospital on Popa Mountain in Kyauktadaung Township in Myingyan District on 12 March and yesterday.—MNA

MMDC, LUDU organize health educative talks

Y A N G O N, 14 March—Myanmar Molecular & Diagnostic Centre (MMDC) and Molecular & Diagnostic Centre (LUDU) jointly held educative talks on health at Traders Hotel here yesterday afternoon.

Professor Dr Rai Mra gave talks on “Genomics-Haematology, HIV” and Professor Dr Win Naing “Changing Concepts in HCV Management with New Therapies”. Those who want to contact MMDC may dial 01-374676 and LUDU, 01-220140.  

Industry-1 Minister replies to question “whether or not there is a plan to build a pulp factory in Buthidaung Township where a large number of bamboo plants are naturally grown”

NA Y P Y T A W, 14 March—At the session of Amyotha Hluttaw held today, U Maung Aye Tun of Rakhine State Constituency No-9 said that a large number of bamboo plants that can make pulp are naturally grown in mountainous region of Buthidaung Township. If a pulp factory was built, local people would enjoy job opportunities, contributing towards better living standards. Besides, if Kaladan River has been blocked at 29 miles north of Paletwa of Chin State due to landslide, the nation can see greater industrial production. So he asked “whether or not there is a plan to build a pulp factory in Buthidaung Township where a large number of bamboo plants are naturally grown”.

Regarding the question, Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung replied that it was found that Saidin bamboo forest in Buthidaung and Ponnagyun regions can be used to produce raw materials for a factory with the production capacity from 200 to 500 tons of pulp a day.

The establishment of a pulp factory requires chemical plant, chlorine dioxide plant, generator and boiler plant, cooking and digesting plant, pulp sheet making plant and recovery plant.

Inputs to the plants are from about 0.3 to 0.75 million tons of bamboo per year, from 20 to 50 megawatts of electricity, from 30,000 to 75,000 tons of limestone, from 90,000 to 300,000 tons of salt and from 10 to 25 million gallons of water a day.

Only if these inputs are fulfilled can the pulp factory be built. Lack of sufficient electricity supply at the present time, capital and technical problems hindered to build the factory. Although five field trips were made with the participation of foreign companies, progress could not be made due to electricity supply, energy and other problems. With future prospects of energy sector in Rakhine State, there are good prospects for the establishment of a pulp factory by local organizations and foreign investors.
Representative of Yangon Region Constituency-4
Dr Myat Nyana Soe raises questions

NAY PYI TAW, 14 March — At the session of Amyotha Hluttaw, Representative Dr Myat Nyana Soe of Yangon Region Constituency-4 said according to surveys, Yangon has a population of more than 7 million. Among them are over 3 million commuters. There are over 200 bus lines, 8,000 vehicles, 240,000 private cars and 130,000 circular train users. It is learned that in the circular train system, there are 21 railway coaches, 200 daily railway schedules, 18 diesel locomotives and three RBEs. Train fares are low enough for the convenience of grassroots. However, it can still be found that trains are running on untimely schedule with weaknesses in sanitary and maintenance services. So it is necessary to upgrade the circular railway system, the most common public transportation, in order to solve the problem of traffic congestion.

Then, Dr Myat Nyana Soe questioned whether or not new circular railroads can be built in the commercial capital Yangon for the convenience of service personnel, students and public commuters; whether or not new railway schedules can be extended; whether or not locomotives and railway coaches can be provided; whether or not high standards can be provided to improve the standards of railway coaches in accord with the characteristics of a commercial capital; and whether or not departure and arrival time of trains can be exact to meet the international standard.

In response to the questions, Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min replied to query.—MNA

Rail Transportation Minister responds to question on arrangements for the convenience of passengers on Mandalay-Shwebo-Myitkyina railroad in all seasons

NAY PYI TAW, 14 March — At the session of Amyotha Hluttaw held today, U Khet Hein Nan of Kachin State Constituency No-1 said that running of one-day trains on Mandalay-Shwebo-Myitkyina railway is convenient for public transportation. He was delighted to see and thanked the government for construction of Katha-Bhamo and Myitkyina-Bhamo-Momeik-Namhsan railroads. But the accidents in which trains derailed and turned over happen along Meza-Bonchaung railroad section on Mandalay-Shwebo-Myitkyina railroad in Inlaw Township in Sagaing Region. So he asked about arrangements for the convenience of passengers on Mandalay-Shwebo-Myitkyina railroad in all seasons.

Regarding the question, Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min said that about 200,000 passengers are provided with 400 rail services of Myanmar Railways of the coaches locally, plans are under way to build a locomotive shed in Nay Pyi Taw and a coach factory in Myanmar with the parts from the People’s Republic of China. Construction of factories has to take about two years. Upon completion, locomotives and coaches of high standards can be provided.

Moreover, diesel motorized units will be imported for improving the standards of locomotives and coaches, the minister added.—MNA

Transport Minister answers question of Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Aung Sein Tha from Minbya Constituency

NAY PYI TAW, 14 March — At today’s regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw, U Aung Sein Tha from Minbya Constituency in his question said that Minbya in Rakhine State is facing the erosion of its coastal areas yearly due to the Laymyo River; that strong current of the river causes damage to houses and buildings in riverside wards in the township; and asked if there is a plan to take preventive measures against bank erosions in the township. Minister for Transport U Thein Swe relied that preventive measures against bank erosions have been taken in Minbya from 1999-2000 to 2010-2011 as follows:—

(a) 1999-2000 sandbed 1320 feet embankment 60 pounds rail tracks 150 feet
(b) 2000-2001 Geotube 2300 feet rock-filled 350 feet embankment 70 feet
(c) 2004-2005 rock-filled 350 feet embankment 180 feet
(d) 2005-2006 rock-filled 120 feet embankment 150 feet
(e) 2007-2008 rock-filled 120 feet embankment 90 feet
(f) 2008-2009 rock-filled 150 feet embankment 90 feet
(g) 2009-2010 rock-filled 150 feet embankment 90 feet

Rock-filled embankments are being built for 320 cubic feet of paving stones were filled.

Watercourse of Nange creek was changed in order not to occur erosion of the banks of Nange creek between Namhkam and Bonchaung. Retaining walls totaling 245 feet long were built in three places and widening of the area on both sides of railroads and heavy maintenance works are being carried out.

He said that upgrading of Mandalay-Myitkyina railroad is gearing up for the convenience of passengers in all seasons. —MNA

Rock-filled embankments are being built for 320 feet in 2010-2011 fiscal year as follows:—

(a) No. 1 retaining wall (mouth of Sambalwe Creek) 70 feet
(b) No. 2 retaining wall (downstream mouth of the creek) 120 feet
(c) No. 3 retaining wall (downstream mouth of the creek) 130 feet

He said that the tasks will continue for prevention of bank erosions in Laymyo. The Pyithu Hluttaw speaker in his discussion said that if erosion of coastal areas persists in Laymyo despite preventive measures, it should seek to know whether there are other technical requirements or not, and other approaches for durability of embankments.—MNA
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Yangon Region constituency No.4 raised a question on a plan for extending Mandalay-Shwebo-Myitkyina Railroad to an all-weather road. Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung, Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Soe Naing and Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min answered the respective questions.

Afterwards, Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint discussed proposals of U Paw Hlaing Lwin of Chin State constituency No.9 about upgrading the road between Gangaw and Razawa to an all-weather road and about upgrading of the suspension bridge between East Gangaw and West Gangaw to a bridge with a motor road. He also discussed proposals of U Kyun Khun of Chin State constituency No.1 about building low-cost housing and letting government employees to buy them in installments.

After seeking the decision of the Hluttaw, the Speaker announced the conclusion of the session and holding of the tenth-day session at 10 am tomorrow.—MNA

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Poor prospects for building cement factories in Naypyitaw and Gutaung-Kantaung due to low quality limestone

Nay Pyi Taw, 14 March — U Maung Aye Tun, a representative of Amyotha Hluttaw from Rakhine State constituency No.9 asked question whether the State has a plan to implement cement projects at limestone hills at Naypyitaw and Gutaung-Kantaung areas in Taungup Township during today’s regular session of Amyotha Hluttaw. In his question, he said that Taungup Township has prospects for mass production of cement from 500 tons to 2000 tons a day as there are many limestone hills in the township. He suggested the State build a cement factory in the township, paving the way for creating job opportunities for locals and boosting production of the country.

Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung said the amount of limestone in the township is not enough to be supplied to a cement factory and the material in the area does not meet the standard for making cement. Besides, it has been calculated that there are only about 18 million tons of the stone at Gutaung-Kantaung limestone hill about 8 miles north-east of Kama Village, 20 miles south of Maedi Taungup, and the amount is just enough to produce cement at a cement factory for a few years. The quality of limestone in the township is same to the one of Naypyitaw, meeting the standard for producing ornaments.

As the quality of limestone in Naypyitaw does not meet the required standard for making cement, Ministry of Industry-1 used the limestone in the area to make ornaments. But, the production was not a commercial success and stopped in 2006. Rakhine State Union Solidarity and Development Association made proposal to build cement factories in Naypyitaw and Gutaung-Kantaung areas to create job opportunities for locals, Ministry of Industry-1 assessed prospects for producing cement in the areas in 2005-2006. It was found that there are no poor prospects for building cement factories in the areas, the minister said.—MNA

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NAY PYI TAW, 14 March—Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Kyint, responding to the proposal approved to be discussed by previous sessions “to construct motor road linking Paletwa and Matupi as soon as possible, tabled by Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Paul Hlyan Lwin of Chin State Constituency-9 at Amyotha Hluttaw session today.

The minister said that 135 miles and three furlongs long Matupi-Paletwa Road comprises three furlongs long asphalt section, two miles and one furlong long gravel section and 132 miles and seven furlongs long earthen section. At present, Matupi-Paletwa Road cannot be carried out due to heavy work and regional situation. The people from Paletwa may go to Matupi along 33 miles and five furlongs long Paletwa-Kyauktaw section, 133 miles long Kyauktaw-An section, 66 miles long An-Padan section, 121 miles long Padan-Paung junction section, 50 miles and two furlongs long Paung junction-Mindat, and 102 miles long Mindat-Matupi section by car spending one and a half days. Normally, it will be a two-night trip. As the route between Paletwa and Matupi has been arranged, he requested to withdraw the motion to construct motor road linking Paletwa and Matupi as soon as possible.

U Paul Hlyan of Chin State Constituency-9 submitted to change his proposal to the question.

The session followed according to the agenda.

Proposed to construct low-cost housing and sell them to staff in monthly installments replied

There is no plan at present to build low-cost housings in Chin State and sell them in installment. Regarding the matter related to construct low-cost housings and sell them to staff in monthly installments proposed by the MP, the representative was requested to withdraw the proposal as the State has arranged rental staff quarters, the minister explained.

U Zhun Kan of Chin State Constituency-1 submitted the withdrawal of the proposal. The Hluttaw approved the withdrawal of the proposal of U Zhun Kan of Chin State Constituency-1.

PBANRDA Minister replies to question of Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Ngun Moung from Haka Constituency

NAY PYI TAW, 14 March—At the session held today, Pyithu Hluttaw representative Daw Zartalan from Thantlang Constituency seconded the proposal “to upgrade Haka, the capital of Chin State to the level of other state capitals” submitted by U Ngun Moung from Haka Constituency in his question.

Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs U Thein Nyunt said that the State Law and Order Restoration Council issued Ordinance No 59 dated 1 April 1993 to keep townships clean and beautiful and ensure development of rural areas; that taxes and revenues collected in Chin State are deposited in the state fund; that the government is urbanizing Haka to become a modern capital, so there is no need to present a separate proposal.

The speaker said that a representative has seconded the motion of U Ngun Moung and the minister has made clarification to the question, so all are believed to realize the process; that what the minister has presented is such a thorough reply that the minister suggested that the motion should not be under further discussion; and that so he wanted to know the stance of U Ngun Moung. U Ngun Moung of Haka Constituency expressed thanks for the clarification, and said that he no longer wanted to continue his proposal.

The Hluttaw approved U Ngun Moung’s submission and announced that there is no need to continue discussing his proposal.

Minister for Hotels and Tourism replies to discussion of U Khin Maung Yi (a) Khaiung Maung Yi of Ahlon Constituency

NAY PYI TAW, 14 March—U Khin Maung Yi (a) Khaiung Maung Yi of Ahlon Constituency discussed the proposal of U Ngun Moung of Haka Constituency “to allow foreign guests and tourists to visit Chin State” at today’s regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw that Chin State is scenic and could attract the attention of tourists; tourism industry is one of important foreign currency earners of the nation; it is heartening to learn the State is undertaking development tasks in Chin State; to help Chin State develop in parallel with the Union the blockage of tourist entry should be cleared; the similar cases of that, (See page 11)
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Afterwards, the Speaker sought approval of the representatives over the discussion of the minister. U Ngun Moung thanked the minister for his clear clarification, saying it was not necessary to continue to discuss the proposal. After the approval of Hluttaw, the Speaker announced that it is not necessary to discuss the proposal separately.

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Proposal to upgrade Gangaw-Yezwa road approved

NAY PYI TAW, 14 March

In response to the proposal of U Paw Lian Lwin of Chin State constituency 9 to upgrade Gangaw-Yezwa road to become an all-weather facility and to upgrade a suspension bridge between east and west Gangaw to be usable by cars, Minister Amintha Hluttaw Representative U Paul Hlyan Lwin of Chin State Constituency-9 participates in discussion.—MNA

YANGON, 14 March—The prize presentation of the 33rd Region and State Golf Tournament 2011 held at Myanmar Golf Club at 9th Mile, here, on 12 March. On behalf of the Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports General Secretary of MOC Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaung Htik presented the trophy to first prize winner Sagaing Region. Next, the Myanmar Golf Federation presented K 1 million to Myanmar PGA.—MNA

Golf Tournament 2011 held

Local and foreign gem merchants view jade lots displayed at Myanmar Gems Emporium.—MNA

Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Soe Naing discusses proposal.—MNA

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International Airports in 2010 was 310688 including 201971 tourists. The State had issued Myanmar Hotels and Tourism Law to enable private entrepreneurs to run hotels, rest houses, tour, transportation and tour guide services with licenses to make tourism industry systematically developed.

The number of hotels and rest houses was 691; that of tourism companies, 639; that of tour vehicles, 215; and that of tour guides, 4077. The Ministry of Home Affairs has issued rules, orders and directives for tourists and foreign guests who visit Myanmar. To travel with their tour plan and to travel with the permission of respective ministries through the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism. Tourists and foreign guests are traveling in Myanmar in accord with this directive. Although the directive for tourists and foreign guests to travel in Myanmar issued in 1996 by the Ministry of Home Affairs had some limitations to travel in Chin State, Natmataung National Park was opened in 1997 and tourists were allowed to travel to this region and Chin State since 2002 with prior request. With improved number of tourists and increased interest in ecotourism industry, the Home Affairs Ministry issued necessary directives for foreign citizens for business purpose, tourists and other foreigners for various purposes. Package tours and foreign independent travelers were allowed to travel Kampetlet, Natmataung, Mindat, Ayeywa station, Ramhsh station, 8th mile station, Kennedy hill, Falum and Haka in Chin State with the arrangement of tour companies. Therefore, the number of tourists who visited Chin State reached 80 in 2008, 150 in 2009 and 280 in 2010. The number of tourists who visited the state in January, 2011 alone, reached 112. To allow tourists to visit Chin State, Ministry of Hotels and Tourism and other ministries concerned have to make arrangements for them as the trip to the hilly state is tough and not easily accessible by vehicles and there is a limited number of guest houses. Besides, arrangements have to be made to ensure safety and prevent accidents. The number of foreign visitors to Chin State would increase in proportion to the number of visitors to the country. Like other regions and states, Chin State should attract not only foreign tourists but also local visitors. Therefore, the tourists have been allowed to visit Chin State since 2002, and the number of visitors to the state has increased year after year. Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Soe Naing promised to provide necessary assistance to the state and the ministry has already taken measures related to the proposal submitted by U Ngun Moung of Haka constituency in Chin State. Afterwards, the Speaker sought approval of the representatives over the discussion of the minister. U Ngun Moung thanked the minister for his clear clarification, saying it was not necessary to continue to discuss the proposal. After the approval of Hluttaw, the Speaker announced that it is not necessary to discuss the proposal separately.

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Proposals Submitted, Approvals Sought at Pyithu Hluttaw Session

Kenbo Trophy Golf Tournament at Hanthawady Golf Course on April 7-8
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**Indian Navy intercepts pirate vessel**

NEW DELHI, 14 March — The Indian Navy intercepted a pirate mother vessel Monday, 600 nautical miles west of the Indian coast in the Arabian Sea, official sources revealed.

In the process, the navy succeeded in rescuing 13 hostages aboard the vessel. Besides, as many as 61 pirates were also caught in the operation. The rescued sailors and pirates are being brought to Mumbai and Kochi port in southern India.

Meanwhile, the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS), chaired by Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, has decided to formulate suitable Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for the Navy and for its coordination with other navies engaged in the anti-piracy operations in the Indian Ocean.
Sevilla hold Barca to tighten La Liga title race

Barcelona dropped two vital points in the La Liga title race as they could only draw 1-1 with Sevilla in Sunday’s late match.

Second-placed Real Madrid, who beat Hercules 2-0 on Saturday, are now just five points behind with the two sides going head-to-head next month at the Bernabeu. Barcelona completely dominated the first half and took the lead on the half hour mark through Bojan Krkic who came on for the injured Pedro Rodriguez. Andres Iniesta floated a pass to Diego happiness forward Lionel Messi re-acts during their Spanish league football match.—Internet

Alves who found Bojan and he was able to walk the ball into the net. After the break it was a different looking Sevilla who pressed forward and got their reward with Jesus Navas heading in an Alvaro Negredo cross.

The News of the World

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Bayer beat Mainz to trim Dortmund’s lead

The second half, the team showed passion, great morale and team spirit, so that we took our chances when they came.—Internet

With the game heading towards a goalless draw, Augusto robbed Mame’s Danish defender Bo Svensson of possession on the edge of the penalty area and drilled his shot on 82 minutes to poach three points for his team. “We found things diffi- cult in the first half, par- ticularly in midfield,” said Leverkusen coach Jupp Heynckes.

Leverkusen’s Chilean midfielder Arturo Vidal (R) and Brazilian midfielder Renato Augusto celebrate scoring during the German first division Bundesliga football match FSV Mainz 05 vs Bayer Leverkusen in the southern German city of Mainz.—Internet

Richards sends City through to face United in FA Cup

Manchester City, 14 March — Micah Richards scored the only goal to earn Manches- ter City a 1-0 win over Reading in the FA Cup quarter-finals on Sunday and set up a semi-final clash with Manchester United.

City, who have not won a major trophy since 1976, discovered before the match at Eastlands that a win would take them through to face Sir Alex Ferguson’s side at Wembley on the week-end of 16/17 April.

But for long periods it looked like they might be taken to a replay by the stubborn Championship side.

Having already taken two games to past Notts County and Leicester—

Rangers close on Celtic after Killie comeback

Glasgow, 14 March — Rangers left it late to se- cure a 2-1 win over Kilmarnock at Ibrox on Sunday to move two points behind Celtic at the top of the Scottish Premier League.

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Angry Birds” developers: big funding for brand growth

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With the newly raised funding, “Angry Birds” developers have made a strategic plan to achieve the brand growth of “Angry Birds.” According to developer Peter “Mighty Eagle” Vesterbacka, Rovio is going to expand the franchise of “Angry Birds” in a lot of directions such as movie, broadcast and TV.

**WEATHER**

**Monday, 14th March, 2011**

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

During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been fairly widespread in Taninthayi Region, scattered in Bago Region, isolated in Ayeyawady Region, Kachin, Kayin and Mon States and weather has been partly cloudy over the remaining Regions and States. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above March average temperatures in Mandalay Region, Chin and Mon States; (5°C) above March average temperature in Taninthayi Region; (3°C) to (4°C) below March average temperatures in Yangon Region and Rakhine State; (5°C) below March average temperature in Bago Region and Kayah State and about March average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperatures was Chauk (41°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Yangon (Kaba-Aye) (1.42) inches. Launglon (0.87) inch, Yangon (Mingaladon) and Thayon (0.63) inch each and Dawei (0.47) inch.

**Nay Pyi Taw**

Maximum temperature on 13-3-2011 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 14-3-2011 was 69°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 14-3-2011 was (63%). Rainfall on 14-3-2011 was (Nil).

**Yangon (Kaba-Aye)**

Maximum temperature on 13-3-2011 was 93°F. Minimum temperature on 14-3-2011 was 73°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 14-3-2011 was (84%). Total sunshine hours on 13-3-2011 was (4.7) hours. (Approx). Rainfall on 12-3-2011 was (0.63) inch at Mingaladon, (1.42) inches at Kaba-Aye and (0.12) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (3.07) inches at Mingaladon, (3.94) inches at Kaba-Aye and (4.88) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (10) mph from East at (13:50) hours MST on 13-3-2011.

**Bay Inference:** Weather is generally fair in the North Bay and partly cloudy/austy over the Andaman Sea and elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 15th March 2011: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered in Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions, Kayin and Mon States, isolated in Mandalay Region, Kachin, Shan, Rakhine and Kayah States and weather will be partly cloudy over the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**State of the sea:** Strong Easterly winds with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Dehua, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coast. Surface wind speed in strong wind may reach (35) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere Myanmar waters.

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of continuation of isolated rain or thundershowers in the Lower Myanmar area.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 15-3-2011:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 15-3-2011:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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"A woman holds the hood of her overcoat in Yangon. Many days due to cold wave. Xinhua"

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- **Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers.** Degree of certainty is (60%).
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Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

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People’s Desire
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First regular session of Amyotha Hluttaw continues for ninth day

Raising and replying to queries, submitting proposals, holding discussions and approval sought at Amyotha Hluttaw

NAV PYI TAW, 14 March — The first regular session of the Amyotha Hluttaw continued for the ninth day at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here at 10 am today, attended by Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and Amyotha Hluttaw representatives.

The speaker announced that the ninth-day session was valid as the attendance of 222 made up 99.55 per cent of 223 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives.

During the session, questions asked by Amyotha Hluttaw representatives were answered by the respective Union level organizations members.

U Maung Aye Tun of Rakhine State Constituency No.9 asked whether there is any plan to construct a pulp factory in Buthidaung Township as bamboo are abundant in the township and whether the State has a plan to implement cement production projects at limestone hills at Nayputaung and Gutaung-Kantaung areas in Taunggup Township. U Paul Thang Thaung of Chin State Constituency No.3 asked whether there is a plan for allowing tourists to visit Chin State. Dr. Myat Nyana Soe of (See page 9)

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