Queries raised and replied, proposals submitted and discussed, approval sought at Pyithu Hluttaw session

First regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw for eleventh day

NAVPYITAW, 16 March — The first regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw continued for the eleventh day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here this morning, with the attendance of Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and Pyithu Hluttaw representatives.

After taking position, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker announced the validity and start of the eleventh-day first regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw as 430 representatives out of 433 attended the session, accounting for 99.41 per cent.

Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint and Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo responded to questions regarding “plan to upgrade Aungpan-Hanmyintmo road” made by U Aung Thein of Ywangan Constituency; “maintaining and upgrading Mandalay-Shwebo-Myitkyina Union Highway” by U Kyaw Soe Lay of Mohnyin Constituency; “maintaining and upgrading Mandalay-Bhamo motor road” by U Tun Tun of Mansi Constituency; “how has motor road between Sumprabum and Putao been managed to become all-weather road” by U Yaw Di Dwe of Putao Constituency; and “right to freely cultivate and sell seasonal crops” by Sai Win Khine of Hsenwi Constituency.

Pyithu Hluttaw representatives discussed approved-to-discuss proposals by Pyithu Hluttaw “to review the pension scheme as there is a wide gap between the pension and current commodity prices and to make pension salary grades depending on two to three age-wise groups” submitted by U Soe Win of Sangyoung Constituency and “(See page 6)”
Health is wealth

While the government is raising health care services being provided to the national people, a ceremony to open Yankin Children’s Hospital (550-bed) renovated by Max Myanmar Company family was held in front of the hospital on Kanbe Road in Yankin Township on 13 March.

New generation children are being nurtured in their childhood to become physically and mentally healthy and fit good sons and daughters on whom the State can rely in the new nation. In so doing, full health care infrastructures are needed for the children. Due to opening of Yankin Children’s Hospital which is one more advanced children’s hospital for the children of the whole nation, Yangon has two hospitals for the children. Moreover, the health facility was designated as a teaching hospital for the students of Yangon University of Medicine (2). In this way, the post-graduate students of pediatric specialist course and medical graduates will have the greater opportunity to pursue medical education.

Furthermore, health care services can be raised with modern medical technology to new generation children from townships of Bago Region (East), Mon State and Dagon Myothit (South), (North) and (East) townships, Thanlwin and Kyauktan townships of eastern part of Yangon Region thanks to opening the new children’s hospital. As people’s hospitals have emerged one after another across the nation, the health staff members are to make energetic efforts to participate in providing health care services to the people.

Talk on post-literacy campaign, reading contest held in Lashio

NAY PYI TAW, 16 March—Lashio District Information and Public Relations Department of Shan State (North) held talk on post-literacy campaign and reading contest for development of rural libraries, at Naungmon village yesterday.

Chairperson of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association and members donated books and publications. After that, the chairperson and village chairman awarded winners at reading contest. Similarly, round-table reading session and village chairman awarded winners at reading contest. Similarly, round-table reading session and village chairman awarded winners at reading contest. Similarly, round-table reading session and village chairman awarded winners at reading contest.

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Press conference on Myanmar Mobile system held

San Myanmar company holds press conference on use of Myanmar mobile system. MNA

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NAY PYI TAW, 16 March—Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of the Ministry of Defence hosted a dinner to delegation led by Deputy Director Lieutenant General Jia Tingan of General Political Department of People’s Liberation Army of People’s Republic of China at Mya Yeik Nyo Royal Hotel in Yangon yesterday.

Also present at the dinner together with Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of the Ministry of Defence were Chairman of Yangon Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Tun Than and senior military officers; and together with the visiting side were Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Junhua and Military Attaché Colonel Xiong Shaowei.

Deputy Director of General Political Department Lieutenant General Jia Tingan and party of PLA of PRC being seen off at Yangon International Airport.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 16 March—Delegation led by Deputy Director of General Political Department Lieutenant General Jia Tingan of the People’s Liberation Army of the People’s Republic of China left Yangon for China by air this morning.

The delegates who arrived in Yangon on 12 March visited Yangon, Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay and PyinOoLwin.

system. Myanmar Mobile system can be used in SCM 2012 model produced by Standard Mobile Co of Hong Kong. The system makes the phone more than a phone with its added functions. It will be soon available at reasonable prices at phone accessories shops across the country.—MNA
**Car bomb kills two, wounds 35 in Iraq’s Kirkuk**

**Kirkuk, 16 March—** A car bomb struck a convoy of a senior government official in Kirkuk City, some 250 km north of Baghdad, on Wednesday, killing up to two people and wounding 35, a local police source said. The incident took place in al-Jamhouriyah street in central City when a booby-trapped car detonated near the convoy of Muhammed Qader, the city’s director general of water and sewage, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity. Qader escaped the attack unhurt, but some of his bodyguards were among the wounded, the source said. The ethnically mixed Province of Kirkuk and its capital Kirkuk City are part of the disputed areas between the Kurds and both Arabs and Turkmans. The area has long been the hotbed of insurgency since the US-led invasion in 2003. Xinhua

![The wreckage of a NATO oil tanker is seen after attack near southwest Pakistan’s Mastung on 16 March, 2011. Xinhua](image)

**Drone strike kills four in NW Pakistan**

**Islamabad, 16 March—** At least four people were killed on Wednesday morning when a US pilotless plane stroke northwestern tribal region of Pakistan, local media reported.

According to private TV channel Express, a US drone fired three missiles at a vehicle running on a road in the Datta Khel area of the North Waziristan, Pakistan’s tribal area bordering Afghanistan. With the attack the vehicle was totally destroyed and three unknown persons, either militants or common citizens, were killed on the spot.

Pakistan’s State television PTV described the killed as militants.

The US drones regularly hit hideouts of the militants in the Pakistani tribal region, which Washington considers as the center of Taleban and al-Qaeda remnants. More than 80 people have been killed in such strikes since the beginning of this year Pakistan opposes the US strikes inside the country’s tribal regions and seeks the drone technology. But the US does not accept Islamabad’s request.

![Security personnel inspect the site of a bomb attack in Kirkuk, some 250 km (155 miles) north of Baghdad, on 16 March, 2011. A car bomb killed two people and wounded 35 in central Kirkuk, police Major-General Torhan Abdul-Rahman said.—INTERNET](image)

**Two killed, eight wounded in Iraq’s violence**

**Baghdad, 16 March—** Two people were killed and eight others wounded in separate gunfire and bomb attacks in Baghdad and Iraq’s eastern Province of Diyala, the police said.

In Diyala, unidentified gunmen stormed the house of an anti-Qaed paramilitant group member, known as Awakening Council group, in a village near the town of Bafruz, south of the provincial capital city of Baquba, a provincial police source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The gunmen shot dead the group member and wounded his wife, the source said.

Irqi security forces in the area chased the fleeing attackers and traded fire with them, killing one while the others escaped in the surrounding orchards, the source added.

In Baghdad, a roadside bomb went off near a bank in Karrada District in central the capital, wounded three civilians, an Interior Ministry source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

In a separate incident, a policeman and a civilian were wounded when a roadside bomb exploded near a police patrol on a highway that passes through New Baghdad District, the source said.

Also in the day, a roadside bomb went off in al-Rabie street, a busy thoroughfare in Baghdad’s eastern district of Zayounah, wounding two civilians, the source added.

![The New Light of Myanmar Thursday, 17 March, 2011](image)

**US and allies kill, injure Iraqi people**

**Baghdad, 16 March—** There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

![Soldiers gather at the site of a bomb attack that occurred in the town of Kanan, 70 km (43 miles) northeast of Baghdad on 14 March, 2011. A car bomb attack on an Iraqi army unit killed at least eight soldiers and wounded 12 others in Kanaan, officials and security sources said. INTERNET](image)

The total number of casualties as from the day they invaded the country to 16 March reached 705256 and the total number of seriously injured people 1277005, according to the news on the Internet.

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**Casualties of Afghan people in invasion of NATO troops led by US**

**Kabul, 16 March—** The NATO troops led by the US have invaded Afghanistan and they are there for a long time.

A number of Afghan people are killed and injured due to invasion of the NATO troops led by the US.

![Afghan officials investigate the scene of a suicide attack in Kunduz, north of Kabul, Afghanistan on on 14 March, 2011. A suicide bomber posing as an army volunteer struck an Afghan army recruitment center in the northern Kunduz Province on Monday afternoon, killing at least 33 people, Afghan officials said. INTERNET](image)

According to the Internet news, a total of 33715 Afghan people were killed and 41072 injured seriously as from the day when the NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan to 16 March.

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Status of quake-stricken reactors at Fukushima nuclear plants

TOKYO, 16 March— A magnitude-9.0 earthquake and the ensuing tsunami have stricken Fukushima No 1 and No 2 nuclear plants, triggering a regional nuclear crisis. The following is the latest known status of all affected reactors, provided by Kyodo news agency on Wednesday.

Fukushima No 1 plant
— Reactor No 1 — Cooling failure, partial melting of core, vapor vented, building damaged Saturday by hydrogen explosion, seawater being pumped in.
— Reactor No 2 — Cooling failure, seawater being pumped in, fuel rods fully exposed temporarily, vapor vented, building damaged Monday by blast at Reactor No 3, damage to containment vessel on Tuesday, potential meltdown feared.
— Reactor No 3 — Cooling failure, partial melting of core feared, vapor vented, seawater being pumped in, building damaged Monday by hydrogen explosion, high-level radiation measured nearby on Tuesday, plume of smoke observed Wednesday, damage to containment vessel likely.
— Reactor No 4 — Under maintenance when quake struck, fire Tuesday possibly caused by hydrogen explosion at pool holding spent fuel rods, pool water level not observed, fire observed Wednesday at building housing reactor, no water poured in to cool pool.
— Reactor No 5, No 6 — Under maintenance when quake struck, temperature slightly rising in spent fuel pool.

Fukushima No 2 plant
— Reactor No 1, No 2, No 4 — Cooling failure, then cold shutdown.
— Reactor No 3 — Cold shutdown.

Fukushima No 3 reactor’s container feared damaged: gov’t spokesman

TOKYO, 16 March— Chief Cabinet Secretary Yukio Edano said Wednesday that the container of the No3 reactor of the troubled Fukushima No1 nuclear power plant might have been damaged and leaked radioactive steam. According to the Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency, hourly radiation near the plant was measured at 6.4 millisievert at 10:45 am local time (0145 GMT).

Earlier in the day Tokyo Electric Power Co (TEPCO) said that a fire had broken out at the No.4 reactor building at the scene of a blaze when quake struck, temperature slightly rising in spent fuel pooling. Fire fighters are trying to put out the flames. The cause of the fire remains unclear at this point a spokesperson for TEPCO said Wednesday, adding that the fire apparently went out of its own accord.

The No 4 Reactor was undergoing checks at the time of Friday’s quake and was not operating, TEPCO said, adding that but they have been having problems cooling down a storage pool for spent nuclear fuel rods inside the building.

70% of nuclear fuel rods estimated to be damaged at reactor 1

TOKYO, 16 March— An estimated 70 percent of the nuclear fuel rods have been damaged at No 1 reactor of the Fukushima nuclear power plant and 33 percent at the No 2 reactor, Kyodo quoted Tokyo Electric Power Co as saying Wednesday.

Fire breaks out again at Fukushima’s No 4 reactor

TOKYO, 16 March— A fire broke out again early Wednesday at the troubled No 4 reactor of the quake-hit Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant, Tokyo Electric Power Co said. Around 5:45 am, new fire was discovered in northeastern corner of reactor 4 building, where an apparent hydrogen explosion caused a fire Tuesday morning following Friday’s 9.0-magnitude quake.

Tokyo Electric Power Co spokesman Hajimi Motujuku said the blaze erupted in the outer housing of the reactor’s containment vessel. Fire fighters are trying to put out the flames.

At the Fukushima Dai-ichi plant, there have been explosions at two reactor buildings since Friday’s disasters.

Radiation levels around the Fukushima plant had “risen considerably”, Prime Minister Naoto Kan said Tuesday, and his chief spokesman announced it had reached the point where it endangered human health.

In Tokyo, 170 miles (270 kilometres) to the southwest, authorities reported radiation levels nine times normal.

6.0-magnitude aftershock strikes Chiba

TOKYO, 16 March— A strong 6.0-magnitude aftershock struck in the Pacific just off Chiba prefecture, the Japan Meteorological Agency said, with the force strong enough to sway buildings in Tokyo.

The quake struck in the Pacific off Chiba prefecture — 96 kilometres (60 miles) east of the capital — and was felt across large areas of eastern Japan, the USGS said.

There were no reports of injuries or damage following the tremor, which struck at a shallow depth of 25 km at 12:52 pm (0352 GMT), police and local government officials said.

3,676 dead, 7,558 missing following Friday’s great quake

TOKYO, 16 March— The National Police Agency said that last Friday’s catastrophic quake and ensuing tsunami have left 3,676 people dead and 7,558 others unaccounted for in Japan by 08:00 am Wednesday (2300 GMT Tuesday).

According local media reports, around 530,000 evacuees were staying in more than 2,600 shelters in quake-hit areas.

As temperatures dropped sharply to midwinter levels in northeastern Japan, rescue and relief operations continued with 81,000 Self-Defence Forces personnel and police officers mobilized in the devastated areas, said the reports.
Hluttaw candidates, election agents declared as persons of distorted qualification

The Union of Myanmar
Union Election Commission
Nay Pyi Taw
Notification No.8/2011
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(16 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 the Hluttaw Election Laws and paragraph 77 of Rules, Hluttaw candidates and their election agents who run for Multi-party Democracy General Election held in July 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 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 or not, the Union Election Commission declared 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 Paragraph 84 of respective Hluttaw Election Rules after judging the decision of Election Tribunal.

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

Chairman
Union Election Commission
Construction Minister answers question on upgrading of Aungban-Hamnyintmo road

Nav Pyi Taw, 16 March — At today’s session of Pyithu Hluttaw, U Aung Zin of Pazundaung Constituency put a question on upgrading of Aungban-Hamnyintmo road, a strategic road of Danu Self-Administered Zone with poor development to link Shan State (South) and upper Myanmar, saying that development of a region calls for better transport. Regarding the question, Minister for Commerce U Tin Naing Thein submitted a proposal “to draft a bill that would allow farmers to legally store their crops at garages of governmental organizations and private garage at reasonable prices, paving ways for the farmers to earn stable price from crop production” submitted by U Aung Zin of Pazundaung Constituency, Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun and Minister for Development of a region calls for better transport. Regarding the question, Minister for Commerce U Tin Naing Thein submitted a proposal “to draft a bill that would allow farmers to legally store their crops at garages of governmental organizations and private garage at reasonable prices, paving ways for the farmers to earn stable price from crop production” submitted by U Aung Zin of Pazundaung Constituency, Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun and Minister for Commerce.

Construction Minister replies to a question on upgrading of all-weather motor road between Sumprabum and Putao

Na Pyi Taw, 16 March — At today’s session of Pyithu Hluttaw, U Aung Zin of Pazundaung Constituency put a question about plans of the Ministry of Construction for upgrading of motor road between Sumprabum and Putao to all-weather facility.

He said that in Kachin State, hydropower projects are under implementation along the waterways of Maykha and Malikha rivers to satisfy the energy demand of the nation. Those projects will not only provide electricity to the nation but also satisfy the energy demand for production industries, contributing to economic growth of the nation. Local residents who have faced difficulties in traveling for ages are overjoyed with joy as 132 miles long motor road between Myitkyina and Sumprabum will be upgraded to concrete one for hydropower projects.

Residents of Putao have to rely on Myitkyina-Putao motor road and flights to travel and transport commodities to other regions including Myitkyina. But, motor roads are out of commission in monsoon, causing great inconvenience to locals. The motor road between Myitkyina and Sumprabum is 218 miles long and 132 miles long section will be upgraded for the hydropower project, but 86 miles long road section is still in critical condition. The Ministry of Construction/Ministry of the Public Works has already carried out the 24-ft wide hardcore road. The road was then severely damaged due to heavy rainfall and three axle trucks. So, the Ministry of Construction assigned six special road construction groups and two district Public Works construction groups and local entrepreneurs could build the 24-ft wide hardcore road.

The road surface was damaged by increase in running of machinery and trucks starting from 2004-05. The amounts of damage to road surface are one mile in Mandalay Region and nine miles in Shan State (South) totaling 10 miles. During the 2010-11 fiscal year, upgrading of three-mile and six-furlong long road section in Shan State (South) was completed and the remaining six-mile and two-furlong will be upgraded in the 2011-12 fiscal year. This year, narrow parts of the road section were widened and road works will be continued in the coming fiscal year. Two reinforced concrete bridges were built. Bridge No 1/7, Nwarta Bridge, on the road section in Mandalay Region was upgraded. One new bridge was built and six bridges upgraded. The above-mentioned construction and maintenance works were carried out in the 2010-11 fiscal year only. Similar works had already been carried out in previous years.

Now, the three-mile and six-furlong road section with rough surface was upgraded and the upgrading of remaining road sections is underway.

So the Ministry of Construction will carry out road works on priority yearly and upgrading of Hamnyintmo-Myyo-Myi-Wangan-Aungban road is underway. —MNA
Construction Minister responds to question on maintenance of Mandalay-Bhamo road

Nay Pyi Taw, 16 March—At today’s session of Pyithu Hluttaw, U Tun Tun of Mannsi Constituency said that the people are pleased for enjoying fruits of economic, social, education and health sectors as unprecedented smooth transport sector is being undertaken across the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. Local people of Kachin State including those of Mansi Township thanked the government for construction of Mandalay-Bhamo road between Kachin State and Mandalay Region. Some aspects of the road are damaged, the travellers face difficulties. In raising the question, he asked how the Mandalay-Bhamo Road will be maintained.

Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint, in his reply, said that there are two routes linking Mandalay and Bhamo—Mandalay-Lashio-Bhamo-Myaikyina Road as original road and Mandalay-Thabeikkyin-Taungu-Bhamo Road as the new one. The 370-mile first one is being constructed by Asia World and Shwe Moe Thun Aung Companies through BOT system. Asia World Co is constructing 24 feet wide asphalt road from Mandalay to Namkham while Shwe Moe Thun Aung Co, the 60-mile section from Namkham to Bhamo. The road comprises 325 miles and four furlongs long asphalt road, seven miles long gravel road and 37 miles and four furlongs long hard section. The new facility is 277 miles long Mandalay-Thabeikkyin-Taungu-Bhamo road on the east bank of Ayeyawady River.

The new road passes through Thabeikkyin, Taungu, Nga Oh, Udaungaung, Sinbina and Bhamo. He continued that the public can buy fuel which is sold at floating price as they wish. The Ministry of Energy is selling gasoline produced from our own refineries to the public at a low price through the stations. About 10 million of gallons can be produced monthly and about one million of gallons went to state-owned sector and remaining of gallons to private-sector. It is noticeable that as the government is selling gasoline at a low price, it is cheaper than the street price of gasoline in world market. Nine million of gallons cannot meet fuel consumption in private sector. So the government planned to import needed gasoline. Entrepreneurs were allowed to import 92 Ron gasoline and to sell it freely. So the public can buy the 92 Ron gasoline as they wish. However, users prefer the 95 Ron more use因为 made gasoline because it is cheap and common. It was found that owners of modern cars bought 92 Ron gasoline. Daily sale of 92 Ron gasoline has risen from 382 gallons in June 2010 to 4985 gallons on 15 March 2011. Now, the number of stations has increased to 332. The government is encouraging to open more private-owned fuel stations in line with the laws at the necessary places in States and Regions in order to distribute fuels to the public directly across the nation.

Energy Minister responds to question on distribution of fuel

Nay Pyi Taw, 16 March—At今天的 session of Amyotha Hluttaw, Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Sai Mya Maung of Kachin State Constituency-10 said that wrong statements of nationalities for Shan national races in CSC are to contact respective township to change type of nationalities, date of birth and names of parents and grandparents. The old CSC will be submitted again to the respective township INRD (Head Office) and then cancels the old form and amends the old forms under the permission of the director-general allows the director-general compiles necessary forms for each applicant, the respective Township INRD will check the submitted file with the office records. If it is correct, the file will be signed in the form 90/1/NaNgTa and its two copies into the personal historic file of applicant. The staff of respective Township INRD will examine the documents submitted by the applicant with office records. If it is correct, the head of Township INRD will sign the documents and submit it to respective Region/State INRD.

The above-mentioned file will be checked with office records of National Registration and Citizenship Branch of the head office of the department. If it is correct, the director-general allows the case to change type of nationality. The permission will be replied to respective township through respective Region/State INRD together with the case. After connecting with the applicant, the respective township department re-compiles necessary forms and amends the old forms under the permission of the department (head office) and then cancels the old CDC of the applicant. New CSC will be issued to the applicant along with the old original number and numbers with amendment of nationality. The old CSC will be inserted as personal document into the personal historic file of applicant.

Those wishing to amend nationalities, date of birth and names of parents and add the name are to contact respective Regional/State INRDs for their applications.—MNA

I&P Minister replies to question for some wrong descriptions of nationalities for Shan national races in CSC

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First regular session of Amyotha Hluttaw...

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Union level organization member Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint responded to the proposals Amyotha Hluttaw has approved for discussion: to form a board of experienced professionals to lay down the most appropriate ways to improve the health care in the health sector by U Steven Thabeik from Chin State Constituency (4), and to grant graduated Chin national doctors Sa Ma (physician licence) as soon as possible and assign more doctors to Chin State by U Paw Hlyan Lwin from Chin State Constituency (9). The hluttaw made decisions on the proposals.

U Paw Hlyan Lwin from Chin State Constituency (9) changed his proposal to upgrade Rezwa Sub-Township in Chin State to a township to a question.

The session ended at 12 noon. The 12th-day session takes place on 21 March.—MNA

Eleventh-day first regular session of Amyotha Hluttaw in progress.—MNA

U Zon Hylaan Htan of Chin State Constituency (2) asks if government preparing to allow foreigners to enter Myanmar through border-crossing points and stay for at least two weeks

NAY PYI TAW, 18 March—At today’s session of Amyotha Hluttaw, U Zon Hylaan Htan of Chin State Constituency (2) put a question about the length of stay permit for foreigners who come into Myanmar through border gates.

He said that currently, foreigners are only allowed to enter Myanmar with permit of respective committees, which causes restriction on number of visitors to Myanmar. At present in Chin State, foreigners are allowed to enter Myanmar through Reed Gate for a day period. But, if foreigners are allowed to stay in Myanmar for two weeks, it would contribute business and jobs in hotel industry, transportation service, and tourism industry. He asked whether foreigners are allowed to enter Myanmar through border gates and allowed to stay in Myanmar for at least two weeks. Minister for Immigration and Population U Maung Oo replied that although Myanmar and India have not reached an agreement on border-crossing, the two nations have understanding that those residing in border regions can cross the border legally. Myanmar-India border gates were commissioned in Tamu of Sagaing Region, and Falam of Chin State in 1989 and entries and departures are permitted through those gates with certain charges for crossing the border. According to direction of Announcement 066/121-1/SLORC dated 7 February, 1995 issued by State Law and Order Restoration Council, foreigners are allowed to visit Myanmar for a day-period since 22 February 1995 with border-crossing permit. Myanmar has signed agreements with her neighbours such as China, Laos, and Bangladesh for crossing borders.

Entries and departures are permitted in compliance with border regions management and cooperation agreement signed with China on 25, March 1997. Visitors are allowed to make six-night seven-day trips through entrances/exits at Muse, Kyugup, Chinsuwelaw, Kanperkhi, Mongla, Lwejel, Yandatkyaing, and Nantikham covered by the agreement to border district, relevant-ministry-permitted citizens of the neighbours and third countries are permitted for 13-night 14-day trips through the border crossing, visa-holders are allowed depart from other exits other than the border-crossing points they have entered with the recommendation of the relevant ministry and the permission of the department concern.

Construct Minister responds...

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Five national companies were assigned to upgrade and maintain the road through BOT system beginning 4-11-2009. They were Thanti Thitsa Co (42 miles), Hla Myat Taw Win Co (63 miles), Great Wall Co (56/6 miles) and Shwe Moe Thun Aung Co (63/6 miles).

He further explained about Katha-Sinkhan Road and Sinkhan Bridge. The construction of 4630 feet long and 48 feet wide rail-cum-road Sinkhan Bridge commenced on 7-5-2009. The facility will be major bridge to link Mandalay-Tagaung-Bhamo-Myikyina Road on the east bank of Ayeyawady River and Mandalay-Shwebo-Myikyina Road on the west bank. On completion, the bridge will contribute much to swift flow of commodities and regional development. A total of 13 national companies and Public Works jointly built 65 miles long Katha-Sinkhan Road.

So far, 65 miles long and 40 feet wide earthworks has been carried out and 18 miles and five furlongs long gravel section and four miles and four furlongs long asphalt section built. A total of 186 of 245 concrete culverts have been completed. Ten RC bridges are under construction.

Public Works of the Ministry of Construction has set special plans on upgrading and maintenance of main roads in regions and states. The local people are maintain the road, not to pass overloaded vehicles on it and road users to abide by prescribed traffic rules for their durability.—MNA

Minister for Immigration and Population U Maung Oo responds to question.—MNA

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Entries and departures are permitted in compliance with border regions management and cooperation agreement signed with Laos on 29, March 1997. Visitors are allowed to make five-night six-day trips through entrance/exit at Wanpon covered by the agreement to border district, foreigners holding visas and passports are allowed to enter Myanmar for a day-period.

Entries and departures are permitted in compliance with border regions management and cooperation agreement signed with Bangladesh on 19, December 1980. Visitors are allowed to make six-night seven-day trips through entrance/exit at Maungtaw and Sittway covered by the agreement to Maungtaw, and Bangladesh traders holding visas along with recommendation of the Bangladesh Traders Association under the permission of Foreign Policy Committee Meeting No (6/2004) are permitted for 13-night 14-day trips to Sittway.

So, regarding entries and departures through border-crossing points of Myanmar, citizens of neighbours residing at border areas and third countries are permitted to enter and depart according to MOUs between Myanmar and neighbours, and there is no discrimination against regions or states. India and Myanmar are still negotiating in detail to reach agreement on border-crossing and thus the representative’s proposal would be considered only after the two nations have reached the agreement.—MNA
Construction Minister replies to question about maintaining and upgrading of Mandalay-Shwebo-Myitkyina Union Highway

NAY PYI TAW, 16 March—At today’s session of Pyithu Hluttaw, U Kyaw Soe Lay of Mohinny Constituency put a question about the Government’s plans for maintenance and upgrading of Mandalay-Shwebo-Myitkyina Union Highway.

He said that residents in Mohinny and Myitkyina townships have to rely on railways to travel to Mandalay and Shwebo. He added that the road is not accessible during the wet season due to damage caused by water and heavy vehicle traffic.

Construction Minister U Khin Maung Myint said that Mandalay-Shwebo-Myitkyina Road is 359 miles in length and is the extension of Mandalay-Shwebo Road to Myitkyina from Shwebo. The road came into existence in 1962 as an earthen facility, and then was upgraded to gravel and then finally to a 12-ft wide tarred road in December 1996. As soon as the road was widened to 24 ft wide, it was damaged due to weak earth foundation, heavy rain, and transport of heavy machinery.

Although maintenance works were carried out yearly by supervising engineers of Shwebo, Katha, Mohinny, and Myitkyina districts and towns, there was a loss of 60-ton load carrying power of the road. To upgrade Shwebo-Myitkyina Road, Ministry of Construction is working in partnership with national private companies under B.O.T (Build, Operate, Transfer) System. Four partner companies-Shwetaung Co, Khaingmathaw Pandaieng Co, and Lido Highway Co are undertaking maintenance and upgrading works under B.O.T System. The first one is undertaking the road section between mile posts No. 270 and 77/4, the second one 1400 and 168/0, the third one 168/0 and 257/0 and the last one 257/0 and 289/0.

Those companies are responsible for maintaining the original 12-ft wide tarred road, widening the road to 24-ft wide one with withstand power of 60-ton load and constructing retaining walls, small and large bridges, conduits and box culverts.

Nine private national construction companies and two district-level construction groups of Public Works are undertaking the repair of 62 miles and 4 furlongs long Minwuntaung section from mile post Nos 77/4 to 140/0, the worst damaged road section on Mandalay-Shwebo-Myitkyina Road.

In parallel with road works, 428 bridges, large and small, are being upgraded. Zawchaung Bridge was commissioned in January 2011 as 180-ft long two-way broad crest type facility. Nankwing Bridge is also being upgraded to 350-ft long two-way RC type facility with withstand power of 60-ton load and will be inaugurated soon. In addition, Manyat bridge is being upgraded.

A& I Minister responds to question on selling and growing of seasonal crops freely

NAY PYI TAW, 16 March—At today’s session of Pyithu Hluttaw, U Sai Win Khine of Hsenwi Constituency asked whether or not farmers have rights to grow and sell marketable and desired crops freely and how to tackle the matter if there is not yet.

In line with the above-mentioned policies, the Ministry is providing assistance to grow crops that could benefit the State and farmers. Seasonal crops can be sold freely. Except the fact that encouragements are being given to grow industrial crops needed only for industrial regions built for production of value-added products, the rest crops are like above policies. In particular situation, necessary assistances would be provided if farmers inform authorities concerned and staff.

A&I Minister U Htay Oo responds to question.—MNA
Government and Ministry of Finance and Revenue will review and deal with pension rates in line with the constitution, existing laws and procedures
Proposal of U Soe Win from Sangyoung Constituency judged

NAY PYI TAW, 16 March—At today’s Pyithu Hluttaw session, five representatives discussed the proposal of U Soe Win from Sangyoung Constituency: to increase previous pensions in proportion to present consumers’ prices.

U Khin Maung Win of Lanmadaw Constituency in his discussion said that despite increases in salaries, pensions of old pensioners have not increased, and in consequence, previous pensions are no longer proportionate to present consumers’ prices; that so, old pensioners should be provided with additional cash in proportion to their salary rates; that in a developed country, the government is responsible for caring for the aged; and that therefore, he is in support of the proposal.

U Kyi Myint of Latha Constituency said that the proposal of U Soe Win is the same as the question asked by Dr Sai Kyaw Ohn of Namkham Constituency on 10 March, and the Union level organization member concerned has answered the question that what should be done is to boost spirit of workmanship of new generations, technology and capital; and that if salaries and pensions are increased indiscriminately, the outcome is nothing but inflation.

U Thein Yi of Htantabin Constituency said that Minister for Finance and Revenue responded to the similar proposal at the seventh-day session of Pyithu Hluttaw on 10 March; that according to Article 26 (b) of the constitution, the new government is responsible for such social affairs; that according to Pyithu Hluttaw Rule 28 1j, a case already decided shall not be submitted again; and that U Soe Win’s proposal should not be under further discussion.

U Tha Sein of Kyauktaw Constituency said that today’s pensions are of two types: old and new; that some pensions are as low as 200 to 300 kyats, which is not enough even for bus fare; that commodity prices are going up and the government is the only organization that can ease the suffering of old pensioners; and that he is in support of the proposal.

U Maung Hla (a) U Hla Myint of Palaw Constituency said that the minister has already explained the matter; that it is to take into consideration undesirable effects of salary increases; and that so U Soe Win’s proposal should not be submitted for discussion yet.

Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun said that from 1948 onwards, the government increased salary rates and pension rates in accordance with the existing laws in 1972, 1989, 2000 and 2010; that the government granted cost of living allowance and additional cash assistance to pensioners in 1977, increased pensions by 25 percent in 1993, and doubled pensions in 2000; that it implies that with national development, the government adopted plans to improve the living conditions of service personnel; that the government will consider increasing pension rates based on national development, inflation rate, revolving funds, commodity prices and GDP; and that he requested the resource person withdraw this proposal.

The speaker said that the proposal is nearly similar to the previous one, but he allowed discussions about it in the hope of broader views and comments; that he thanked the resource person and participants; that the government and the ministry will review and deal with matters related to pensions in line with the constitution, existing laws and procedures based on subjective conditions; and that he asked U Soe Win about his stance.

U Soe Win of Sangyoung Constituency said that he is glad to know that pension rates will be under review and discussion in future; and reported that he does not want to carry on his proposal.

The Hluttaw accepted his report, and declared that there is no need to continue the proposal.—MNA

Health Minister responds to U Steven Thabeik’s proposal

NAY PYI TAW, 16 March—At today’s Amyotha Hluttaw session, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint responded to the proposal “to form a board with the participation of experts for adopting the best system for health care service as it is weak” submitted by U Steven Thabeik of Chin State Constituency No.4.

The minister said that Ministry of Health is implementing development of health sector under the leadership of National Health Committee which is the highest health organization of the country, in line with one of four social objectives: that Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council acts as chairman of National Health Committee and the Committee is formed with 15 members including nine ministers and two deputy ministers from ministries related with Ministry of Health and two from other departments that policies and duties have been drafted; that the Committee is the highest organization relating with health affairs and adopts policy and laws to follow and; that to be able to solve health problems, Myanmar Academy of Medical Sciences is formed with experienced practitioners and gives advice on health problems.

He also said that other medical associations such as Myanmar Medical Association, Myanmar Dental Association and Myanmar Health Assistants Association are providing public health services in collaboration with Ministry of Health; that to implement tasks for development of health sector, two objectives has been laid down; that to be able to achieve these two objectives, health care services covering urban and rural areas as well as border areas, are being provided based on primary health care and National Health Committee is disseminating knowledge on seasonal diseases.

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**Commerce Minister responses to proposal of U Aung Zin of Pazundaung Constituency**

NAY Pyi Taw, 16 March — Four Hluttaw representatives responded to the proposal approved to be discussed to draft a bill that would allow farmers to keep their crops at government organizations and private warehouses at reasonable prices, paving the way for farmers to earn stable price from crop production, made by U Aung Zin of Pazundaung Constituency at today’s session of Pyithu Hluttaw.

First, U Myo Thant of Yedashe Constituency said it is difficult to draft such a bill for various reasons such as difficulties in dealing with the staff, sorting various strains of a single crop, the weight and quality of crops that can decrease with the passage of time, standardization of them and getting warehouses to stockpile crops from across the country, the possibility of damage to crops due to natural disasters, difficulty in dealing with different kinds of crops despite manageable keeping of them in some regions and other difficulties like services and transportation.

U Kyi Myint of Lathit Constituency said other points should be considered such as purchasing of crops at the unrestricted price with public budget without interest, bearing some of the warehouse keeping costs and purchasing of crops when prices are going up.

This point is not in conformity with Para-35 of the constitution ‘The economic system of the Union is market economic system. A small nation like Japan, when engaging in cultivation at a high cost for mass-production, seeks cash assistance. Japan uses such a system for national and security fearing that Japanese warehouses illegally. By doing so, both sides will get benefits and markets can easily be sought. Hence, he seconded the proposal of U Aung Zin, added U Saw Thew Aung. Ko Gyi of Aungmyethazan Constituency said although the aim of proposal is visionary, there are some points to be considered. Myanmar is a multi-crop producer and will get regular export earnings when exporting its crops. If stockpiled, the flow of export of those crops will cease. Besides, commodity flow of domestic brokers will stop. With the passage of time, their quality will wane and they will become old crops. In the global market, prices of old crops are far less than those of new crops. So, the cost of warehouse keeping will increase and there will be more expenses than profits.

Rather than keeping crops in the long term, export of finished products with value added is more effective for peasants to earn more. Therefore, the proposal of U Aung Zin is not appropriate to be approved.

Regarding the proposal, Minister for Commerce U Tin Naing Thein said the first point of the proposal is to draft a bill that can guarantee the insurance of annual paddy crop. According to Myanmar Insurance under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue, crop insurance is not adopted yet in Myanmar. It cannot be accepted as there are difficulties in assessing value, being vulnerable to damage and assessing the level of damage. So, the proposal is not in conformity with the laws and procedures.

Regarding the second point of the proposal, in accord with Para-35 of the 2008 constitution, the State will practise the market economy system. So, the government will not interfere with private assets and businesses. Only the private sector will trade freely in accordance with the market economy system. Speculators can only play markets. So, minimum prices for crops are necessary and it is required of farmers to keep their crops to get stable prices. Therefore, it is necessary for peasants to keep their crops at State- or private-owned keeping, storing and trading in crops and price-accepting. It is hoped that U Aung Zin might have made such a proposal in the interest of peasants because in doing so, they will get worthy prices due to low prices given by brokers, market monopolization and malpractices.

Section 23 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar says that the Union shall enact necessary laws to protect the rights of the peasants and assist peasants to obtain equitable value of their agricultural produce. The proposal of U Aung Zin is suitable to the rights of the peasants prescribed in the Constitution. But only if there is an agreement between a giver and a receiver in accord with their wish and pledge should the matter of keeping crops of a peasant at the government or organization be carried out. Government’s intervention in the matter could lead to malpractices of government’s rice purchasing center and warehouses, resumption of peasants, loss and wastage and crimes we experienced in the past. Besides, it would be required to appoint many staff to manage warehouses and crops of peasants because in doing so, both sides will get benefits and markets can easily be sought.

The speaker said all have understood well as the four representatives and the minister had made it clear to the proposal. In holding discussions, the constitution must be respected and the public interest must also be considered. So, the stance of U Aung Zin is to be known.

Then, U Aung Zin thanked the participants and the minister for clarification and submitted the withdrawal of the proposal.

The speaker approved the withdrawal with the consent of the Hluttaw.
Health Minister replies to proposal of U Paul Hlyan Lwin of Chin State Constituency-9

NAY PYI TAW, 16 March — Minister for Industry-2 U Soe Thein received Mr. Tha Hlaing of Dongfeng Chaoyang Diesel Co Ltd and party at his office yesterday afternoon. The minister and the president discussed technical cooperation and technical transfer for advanced diesel engine production project being implemented in Thagag Industrial Region. Mr. Tha Hlaing and party in the evening observed production of advanced diesel engines at No. 14 General Heavy Industries in Thagag Industrial Region and held meeting with personnel of the plant.

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MPs agree to discuss promulgation of new comprehensive Social Security Insurance Law

NAY PYI TAW, 16 March — At today’s Pyithu Hluttaw (People’s Parliament) session MPs discussed whether new proposals were acceptable to the Hluttaw for further discussions. First, U Maung Nyo of Sittway Constituency submitted a proposal “to

level power charges of Regions and States covered by the national power grid and Regions and States not covered by it at equal rate”. The motion was seconded by Daw Khin Saw Wai of Yathedaung Constituency. The Hluttaw accepted the proposal.

The proposal will be discussed at the twelfth-day session on 21 March (Monday). MPs’ wishes to discuss the topic may register themselves at the deputy director-general of the Pyithu Hluttaw this evening. U Pwint Hsan of Mayangon Constituency tabled a motion “to make necessary arrangements for drawing a new international level Social Security Insurance Law (draft) and to submit it to the second regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw”. U Pwint Hsan referred to the Section 96 of the constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar which says “The Pyidaungdsung Hluttaw shall have the right to en- act laws for the entire or any part of the Union re- lated to matters prescribed in Schedule One of the Union Legislative List”. He said that sub- paragraph (q) of the Paragraph (9) ‘Social Sec- tor’ stated the promulga- tion of a social security insurance law. The MP cited the Section 24 of the constitu- tion “The Union shall en- act necessary laws to pro- tect the rights of work- ers”. The Section 26 (b) “The Union shall enact necessary laws for Civil Services personnel to have security and sufficiency of food, clothing and shel- ter, to get maternity ben- efits for married women in service, and to ease live- hood for welfare of re- tired Service personnel” The Section 28 (a) “The Union shall earnestly strive to improve educa- tion and health of the peo- ple”; Section 31 “The Un- ion shall, to the extent possible, assist to reduce unemployment among the people”; the Section 32 (a) “The Union shall care for mothers and children orphans, fallen services personnel’s children, the aged and the disabled”; and the Section 351 “Mothers, children and expectant women shall enjoy equal rights as pre- scribed by law”.

He went on to say that the existing Social Security Act, 1954, covered sickness, maternity, employment injury benefit and funeral grant for only the insured workers; and that the financial value of the benefit was small when compared with current commodity prices, adding, they were the two possible reasons behind the failure to win appropriate trust of the majority of employers and employees. Of the worker population of Myanmar only over 50,000 were covered by the Social Security Scheme, he said, calling for the promulgation of a more comprehensive law. Accordingly, the MP said that he was in favour of enacting a new Social Security Law covering disability due to sickness, old age pensioners, fall-in-lump-sum-survivor’s ben- efit, unemployment ben- efit, skill training and em- ployment schemes, health care inclusive of both the fee-payer employers and employees apart from the existing benefits as in the social security projects of 150 countries including some member states of the ASEAN and neighbouring countries.

The proposal “to make necessary ar- rangements for drawing a new international level Social Security Insurance Law (draft) and to submit it to the second regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw” was submitted to fulfill the above-mentioned requirements, U Pwint Hsan explained. The motion was seconded by U Tin Myint of Taung constituency. The Hluttaw accepted the proposal.

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Software blamed for Ohioan’s $200m refund promise

Ohio’s tax department says a promise that it would send a woman a $200 million refund check was a mistake due to a software glitch.

The Sandusky Register reports Denise Bossetti was among 9,700 taxpayers statewide who received a letter dated 24 Jan saying her $200 million refund could not be paid by direct deposit so she’d be sent a check.

Bossetti says she and her boyfriend had a “big laugh” over the letter.

Another dated a week later explained there’d been a software error. Tax department spokesman Gary Gudmundson says the problem has been fixed.

Snake dies after biting silicone breast

A huge snake died of silicone poisoning after it bit the enhanced breast of a model during a photoshoot.

Ort Fox was at a photoshoot in Tel Aviv in which she alluringly used the boa constrictor. The snake suddenly lunged at her and bit her breast, the Daily Mail reported Monday. Fox was initially comfortable with the snake and wrapped it around her legs, waist and neck.

She then licked the snake, loosening the grip on its neck. The snake then sank its fangs into her left breast.

The model screamed for help, and an assistant struggled to pull off the determined snake. After a few seconds, the snake released its grip.

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With regard to the proposal “to upgrade Rezwa Sub-Township of Chin State to Township level”, U Paul Hlyan Lwin of Chin State Constitution-9 said that Rezwa is at the centre of the border region developed township under the designated as a sub-township under the border region development plan in 2002. The sub-township which is 105 miles from Gangaw, 45 miles from the Indian border, 105 miles each from Haka and Thantlang and 66 miles from Matupi. The sub-township is located on about 9,000 acres. The successive governments undertook it to be designated as a township. At present, Rezwa, being a sub-township, is facilitated with civil departmental office, basic education, health, school and station hospital, and about 2,000 people are residing in the urban areas. So, it would not be difficult to designate the sub-township as township level.

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Columbia, has been delayed owing to tsunami advisories following the strong earthquake that struck Japan early on 12 March, according to a statement Summit Entertainment said to MTV News. “All cast and crew were evacuated to base camp. Everyone is safe and sound,” writes a Twilight Sage page on Facebook.—Xinhua

48th Myanma Gems Emporium continues

NAY PYI TAW, 16 March — 48th Myanma Gems Emporium continued for the seventh day at Mani Yadana Jade Hall here today.

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Local and foreign gems merchants observing jade lots.—MNA
Australia nulls lifting ban on hemp foods

SYDNEY, 16 March — Australia’s food watchdog said on Wednesday it may lift its ban on food derived from hemp, with the man pushing for change promising cannabis ice-cream if successful.

Hemp foods are widely available in many overseas markets, including Europe, Canada and the United States, and deregistered Sydney doctor Andrew Katerlakis has applied for the rules to be overturned in Australia.

Katerlakis, who was struck off for supplying medical marijuana to patients, said the seeds of industrial hemp contained more Omega 3 acids than seafood. “We’re looking at making ice cream and health food bars,” he told The Australian newspaper.

“Our vision is that anything you can do with soy beans or dairy you can do better with hemp seed.”

Food Standards Australia New Zealand has conducted a safety assessment to determine if there were any risks associated with eating hemp foods, and found none.

“Hemp seeds, which are the main part of the hemp plant utilised as a food source, have a favourable nutritional profile and may offer an alternative plant source for a range of nutrients,” it said on its website.

But it remains concerned that advertisers could claim that hemp foods have psychoactive properties and that consumption of them could result in positive drug test results.

Genetics is “Top of the Pops” in science research

LONDON, 16 March — Genetics is still the hottest area of scientific research, a decade on from the mapping of the human genome, despite slow progress in translating discoveries into new medical treatments. A Thomson Reuters Science Watch survey found seven of the top 13 researchers in 2010 worked in genetics, with Eric Lander of the Broad Institute of Harvard and MIT the world’s “hottest” researcher.

Lander’s work covered genetic mapping and human disease, including lung cancer. The annual survey, released on Thursday, looks at research across different scientific disciplines and uses the Web of Science database to see which papers published in the last two years are cited the most by other scientists.

Ten years after the first full sequence of the human genome was published, early expectations of rapid breakthroughs in fighting disease have proved misplaced.

But academic interest has not slackened, and scientists remain hopeful that the tsunami of information unlocked by genomics, or the study of genetic sequences, will eventually yield big dividends.
WEATHER

Wednesday, 16th March, 2011

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

During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Upper Sagaing and Magway Regions, Kachin, Chin and Rakhine States, scattered in Lower Sagaing Region, Kayah and Kayin States, fairly widespread in Mandalay and Taninthayi Regions, Kayin State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavy fall in Mon State. Day temperatures were (5°C) to (6°C) below March average temperatures in Mandalay Region and Rakhine State, (7°C) to (10°C) below March average temperature in Magway, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Shan, Kayah and Kayin States, (11°C) below March average temperature in Bago Region and (5°C) to (6°C) above March average temperature in Taninthayi Region and Kayin State and about March average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperatures was Maungtaw (16°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Ye (4.29) inches, Ngathaingyaung (1.85) inches, Pahtin (1.77) inches, Hinawby (1.73) inches, Hinthada (1.61) inch, Zaungtu (1.57) inches, Hsipaw (1.42) inches and Maubin (1.38) inches.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 15-3-2011 was 85°F. Minimum temperature on 16-3-2011 was 66°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 16-3-2011 was (100%). Rainfall on 16-3-2011 was (Tr).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 15-3-2011 was 82°F. Minimum temperature on 16-3-2011 was 64°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 16-3-2011 was (96%). Total sunshine hours on 15-3-2011 was (NIL).

Rainfall on 16-3-2011 was (0.91) inch at Mingaladon, (1.02) inches at Kaba-Aye and (0.75) inch at Central Yangon.

Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (3.98) inches at Mingaladon, (5.50) inches at Kaba-Aye and 0.61 inches at Central Yangon.

Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (10) mph from North at (15:30) hours MST on 15-3-2011.

Bay Information: Weathery is partly cloudy over the North and west central bay and partly cloudy to cloudy over the Landman sea and elsewhere Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 17th March 2011: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Upper Sagaing and Magway Regions, Kayah State, scattered in Lower Sagaing and Mandalay Regions, Rakhine State, fairly widespread to widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavy fall in Mon State. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Strong Easterly winds with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Delsia, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi/Coast Surface wind speed in strong wind may reach (15) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere. Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 17-3-2011: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 17-3-2011: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 17-3-2011: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Exercise


Director-producer Gregg Barson has been working with Lewis for three years, filming him in action on concert tours, as well as behind-the-scenes at the Muscular Dystrophy Association Telethon, of which he is the national chairman and has helped raise $2.45 billion to date, Encore said. “Watch and see how a crazy man made his living,” Lewis said in a statement Tuesday. “This will not be a typical biography on him, but more of a candid look at the man himself as he reflects on his career now and over the years,” Stephan Shelnanski, executive vice president of programming for Starz Entertainment, Encore’s parent company, said. “It will remind us of Jerry’s true genius as a comedian.”—Internet

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule

(17-3-2011) (Thursday)

Transmissions Times

Local * (09:00am~11:00am/MST)
Oversea Transmission - (17-3-11 09:30 am ~ 18-3-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

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  * Wonderful Resort in Myanmar
  * News
  * Chinese Lion Dance Competition (Sin Oh Dan)
  * News
  * Live Concert: “If It’s For You”
  * Myanmar Traditional Marionette (Part-1)
  * News
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  * Hsinbyushin temple, Stone Carving and Monasteries
  * News
  * As a White Candle
  * News
  * Myanmar Jewels In Style
  * Charmy Myanmar Silk Fabric
  * Music Gallery
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  * Myanmar Movies
  * “Twins Brothers In Different Lives”

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Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

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Riots beget riots, not democracy
Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People’s Desire
- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

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

Prime Minister receives FIFA President

NAY PYI TAW, 16 March—Prime Minister U Thein Sein received FIFA President Mr Joseph S. Blatter and party at Government Office here this morning.

Also present at the call were: Minister for Sports Thura U Aye Myint, Director-General U Thant Shin of Government Office, Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, President U Zaw Zaw of the Myanmar Football Federation, MFF Chief Executive Officer U Than Zaw and officials.

The meeting focused on improving Myanmar’s football standard, upgrading football academies in Myanmar and hosting XXVII SEA Games in Myanmar were discussed.

Prime Minister U Thein Sein cordially greets FIFA President Mr Joseph S. Blatter at Government Office in Nay Pyi Taw.

First regular session of Amyotha Hluttaw continues
Raising and replying to queries, holding discussions on proposals, and changing proposal into question done

NAY PYI TAW, 16 March—The first regular session of Amyotha Hluttaw was held for the 11th day at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here this morning.

The attendees numbered 220, accounting for 98.65 per cent of the 223 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives, announced Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint.

Union level organization members Minister for Immigration and Population U Maung Maung Oo and Minister for Energy U Lun Thi replied to the questions about two-week visa for foreigners entering Myanmar through border checkpoints including Chin State by U Zon Hlyal Htan from Chin State Constituency (2), about wrong statements in Citizenship Scrutiny Cards of citizens of national races including Shan by U Sai Mya Maung of Kachin State Constituency (10), and about distribution of fuel by Dr Myat Nyana Soe from Yangon Region Constituency (4).

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