To tackle all forms of disruptions

The democracy system introduced to the Union of Myanmar is still in its infancy. Therefore, it is required of the entire national people to safeguard and build together the newly-introduced democracy system, which has been adopted with the combined efforts of the government, the people and the Tatmadaw. In the process, it is mandatory for all national brethren to tackle any forms of disruptions to the new system.

Senior General Than Shwe
Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council
Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services
(From the message sent on the occasion of 64th Anniversary Union Day)

First regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw concludes

Raising and answering queries, discussing proposals, recording messages of felicitations, forming Hluttaw Representatives Vetting Committee done at 14th day session

NAY PYI TAW, 23 March
— First regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw continued for 14th day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here at 10 am today. It was attended by Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and Pyithu Hluttaw representatives.

After taking position, the Speaker announced the validity and start of 14th day first regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw as 432 representatives out of 433 attended the session, accounting for 99.7 per cent of attendance.

Members of union level organization Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs U Thein Nyunt, Minister for Electric Power No (1) U Zaw Min, Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein and Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor U Aung Thein Lin answered queries raised by Pyithu Hluttaw representatives U Maung Nyo of Sittway Constituency on “drinking water supply project in Sittway”, U In Phon Hsan of Machanbaw Constituency on “regions with less development” and “producing hydropower from Htakha creek waterfall”, U Than Sein of Kyimyindine Constituency on “uplifting national education standard” and U Hla Myint of Dawbon Constituency on “upgrading downtown roads in Yangon”.

Pyithu Hluttaw representatives held discussions on approved-to-discuss proposal of U Soe Win of Sangyoung Constituency on “providing financial aid to Small and Medium Enterprises”. Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun made clarifications and the Pyithu Hluttaw sought approval.

Pyithu Hluttaw speaker announced the messages of felicitations sent from heads of parliaments of foreign countries were recorded after the Hluttaw had approved the recording of messages.

The Speaker discussed matters related to the formation of committees and joint-committees to study legislation, administration, national races, economic, financial, social and foreign affairs and other affairs. He announced the approval of the Hluttaw for formation of committees and joint-committees.

The Speaker submitted the name list of chairman, secretary and members of Hluttaw Representatives Vetting Committee to scrutinize representatives starting at the second session of First Pyithu Hluttaw.

The Speaker announced the committee was assigned duty as the Hluttaw approved the formation.

The Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker briefed the matters related to election, formation, raising queries and submitting proposals at first Pyithu Hluttaw regular session.

Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun answered query on “Revenue and GDP ratio of Myanmar” raised by U Maung Toe of Minha Constituency with the special permission of the Pyithu Hluttaw speaker.

The Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker announced the first Pyithu Hluttaw regular session was successfully concluded at 3.40 pm.—MNA

First regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw for 14th day in progress.—MNA

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Four political objectives
1. Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, prevalence of law and order
2. National reconsolidation
3. Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
4. Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives
1. Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
2. Frugal evolution of the market-oriented economic system
3. Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
4. The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives
1. Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
2. Uplift of national prestige and integrity and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
3. Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
4. Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation
Beware of fire in open season

The open season has come. In the hot and dry season, fire can break out at any time. Fire preventive measures are to be taken not to lose life and property of people. Officials of respective townships, wards and villages are to join hands with the people in taking fire preventive measures.

In February 2011, fire broke out 107 times in the entire nation. These numbers included 83 times of stove fire and negligence, 15 times of natural fire, five times of electric shock, two times of arson and two times of forest fire. In the incidents, outbreaks of fire destroyed over 500 houses, leaving over 2000 homeless and some death and injury. The outbreak of negligent fire was the largest amount, accounting for 27 per cent.

The Fire Services Department is speeding up fire preventive measures. Officials of the department have given suggestions to respective township authorities and Development Affairs Committees to prevent danger of fire at high-rise buildings. Likewise, educative talks on danger of fire and fire drills were organized in townships, wards and villages.

Fire preventive measures talks are being disseminated to the people through radio, TV and newspapers. Horizons of the people were broadened through educative talks lesson the risk of fire in villages, fire warnings, prevention against forest fire at buildings and placing of firebreaks around villages.

However, many times of fire are broken out for several times due to unsystematic activities such as candle lights of children, electric shocks, automatic fires from waste materials and negligence use of fire on board the gas automobiles.

Fire prevention is everybody’s concern. Therefore, all the people are to take heed of equipping townships, wards and villages with light fire engines and water tanks and systematic keeping of fire extinguishers at every house to keep all urban and rural areas free from danger of fire.

Untimely rainfall warning

NAY PYI TAW, 23 March—Department of Meteorology and Hydrology issued a statement today that according to the observations at (12:30) hrs MST today, a low pressure area (LPA) is likely to form over the Andaman Sea and Southeast Bay hrs MST today, a low pressure area (LPA) is likely to form over the Andaman Sea and Southeast Bay.

Under its influence, widespread rain or thundershowers are likely in Taninthayi Region, Mon and Kayin States, scattered in Yangon, Ayeyawady and Bago Regions and isolated in remaining States and Regions.

Squalls with moderate to rough sea are likely at times Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 35 mph. — MNA

PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 24 March, 2011

* Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
* Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
* Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
* Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

Commander of South-West Command attends 82nd Buddha Pujaniya of Atula Buddha Maha Tooth Relic in Wakema Township

NAY PYI TAW, 23 March—Chairman of Ayeyawady Region Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Brig-Gen Tin Maung Win attended the opening of 82nd Buddha Pujaniya of Kyonmange Atula Buddha Maha Tooth Relic Pagoda in Wakema Township on 16 March.

At the ceremony, the commander cut the ribbon to open it. Ovadasariya Sayadaws and the Commander ushered the tooth relic from Gandakuti chamber to temporary Shwe Monastery.

After that, the commander inspected construction of the alignment of Wakema-Kyonmange road. There, officials reported to the commander on building approach alignment of Lanthamine bridge on Bogale-Mawlamyine-Myeik-Kyonmange-Wakema-Wakema-Myaungmya road section.

Afterwards, the commander and party inspected cultivation to grow pre-monsoon jute and kenaf in Bobeanyasu village Wakema Township, Ayeyawady Region.

Appointment of Ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 23 March—The Government of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Mr. Kim Hae-yong as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Korea to the Union of Myanmar in succession to H.E. Mr. Cho Byung-jae.

Mr. Kim Hae-yong was born in 1957 and obtained bachelor degree in Linguistics and Master degree in Public Administration from Seoul National University in 1980 and 1985 respectively. He also obtained Master degree in East Asian Studies from Indiana University. Bloomington, U.S.A in 1988.

He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MOFAT) of the Republic of Korea in 1983. He served as Consul at Korean Consulate General in Seattle, U.S.A; as First Secretary at Korean Embassies in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Belgium, U.S.A, Korean Mission to the European Union and Ministry-Counsellor at Korean Permanent Mission to the UN Office and other international organizations in Geneva, Switzerland.

He also served as Director at Trade Policy Planning Division and Multilateral Trade Cooperation Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MOFAT), Senior Assistant Secretary at Office of the President and Senior Bilateral Trade Officer at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MOFAT). From February 2009 to present, he is serving as Director General of Free Trade Area (FTA) Negotiations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Republic of Korea.

He is married with one son.—MNA

Total E & P Myanmar Co rescues 39 fishermen in Myanmar waters

NAY PYI TAW, 23 March—Total E & P Myanmar Co rescued 39 fishermen stranded on rafts at sea from 17 to 19 March.

On its inspection of the rigs by MV Seabulk Nilor found and rescued five fishermen stranded on a fishing raft at sea on 17 March.

It gave health care and sent the victims on board its helicopter to Yangon through Yadana Platform the following day. The Ministry of Energy then handed them over to the Rescue and Resettlement Department.

The company continued its rescue operation by its helicopter and rescued 29 more fishermen on 18 March and five more on 19 March.

The company provided health care, medicines, clothes, personal goods and K 20,000 each to the 39 victims. On 19 March, it sent them to Yangon. The Ministry of Energy handed them over the Rescue and Resettlement Department. Total E & P Myanmar Co and the Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise under the Ministry of Energy are exploring for gas with joint-venture system.—MNA
Double suicide bombings wounds nine Afghans as President Karzai announces security transition process

KABUL, 23 March—Two suicide bombings rocked two southern Afghan towns on Tuesday, wounding nine civilians, officials said.

The first suicide attack happened in Deh Rawad District of Uruzgan Province, 370 km south of Afghan Capital Kabul, leaving the attacker dead, police said.

“a suicide bomber riding a motorcycle blew himself up next to headquarters of Deh Rawad District at 11:00 am local time today killing self,” spokesman for provincial administration Ahmad Milad Madasir told Xinhua.

There were no casualties except the bomber in the suicide attack as the bomber due to fear of identifying by police detonated his explosive device 100 metres away from the district headquarters, the official further said. He blamed Taleban militants for organizing the attack but the outfit has yet to make comment.

Meanwhile, head of Provincial Council of Uruzgan province Mohammad Aman Hotak claimed that the suicide bomber targeted him but he escaped unhurt.

In the second but similar incident a suicide bomber also on motorcycle went off in the neighboring Zabul province injuring nine civilians, police asserted.

“A suicide bomber riding a motorcycle blew himself up in Zabul’s provincial capital Qalat city at 06:15 pm local time, wounding nine innocent civilians,” deputy to provincial police chief Ghulam Jilani Farahi told Xinhua.

The only person was killed in the blast was the attacker, Farahi further said.

These two suicide blasts coincided with President Hamid Karzai’s announcement of taking security from NATO-led troops by Afghan forces.—Xinhua

Six police injured in bomb attack in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 23 March—At least six policemen were injured Wednesday morning in a remote-control bomb blast in Pakistan’s northwest City of Hangu, reported local Urdu TV channel Aj.

According to the report, the terrorist attack took place at around 8 am (local time) when a remote-control bomb planted by roadside hit a police van patrolling on the street of Hangu City located some 80 km southwest of Peshawar, the largest city in northwest Pakistan.

In this photo, an Afghan youth checks burnt books damaged during a bomb blast that killed principal Bahram Khalil Salehi and wounded another school employee at a school in Behsud, Nangarhar Province, east of Kabul, Afghanistan.—INTERNET

KABUL, 23 March—Afghan President Hamid Karzai on Wednesday described attack on school as an enmity with the country and called on Taleban militants to halt targeting schools and educational centres.

“Taleban or any other who fights against government should realize that targeting school and torching school buildings is enmity with the nation,” Karzai told hundreds of audience gathered in a school to inaugurate new academic year.

Denouncing attack on school as coward act, the President noted that school is public asset where the sons and daughters of this land learn there to serve the nation.

He made this remarks while 450 schools, according to Afghan Minister for Education Farooq Wardak have remained closed due to security reasons, mostly in the southern region where Taleban militants are active.

Afghan president calls on Taleban not to target school

KABUL, 23 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.

According to the Internet news, a total of 33730 Afghan people were killed and 41102 injured seriously as from the day when the NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan to 23 March.

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

KABUL, 23 March—The total number of casualties as from the day they invaded the country to 23 March reached 705306 and the total number of seriously injured people reached 1277188, according to the news on the Internet.

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US and allies kill, injure Iraqi people

BAGHDAD, 23 March—There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

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Two police officers killed in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 23 March—Two police officers were killed and two others were wounded in attacks by gunmen in Baghdad on Tuesday, an Interior Ministry source said.

Gunned shot dead Captain Jawad Kadhim who was driving his car in Baghdad’s eastern district of Sadr City, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity. In a separate incident, Major Ahmad Abdul-Elah, affiliated to the Interior Ministry, was gunned down when armed men attacked his car in Palestine Street in eastern the capital, the source said.

In northeastern Baghdad, gunmen opened fire at a civilian car, wounding two people, the source added. Earlier in the day, the police reported that an Iraqi army officer and a policeman were killed and 13 people wounded in separate bomb attacks in the morning.—Xinhua

An Afghan Army soldier searches residents’ bodies at a security checkpoint outside the city of Herat, Afghanistan, on 22 March, 2011.

In this photo, an Afghan girl plays in the compound of an abandoned building in the outskirts of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 18 March, 2011.

Ruqaya and her family have lived in an abandoned building since they returned from Pakistan, where they were refugees for years.
Hluttaw candidates, election agents declared as persons of distorted qualification

Nay Pyi Taw, 23 March—The Union Election Commission issued Notification No. 10/2011 today. The translation of the notification is as follows:-

The Union of Myanmar
Union Election Commission
Nay Pyi Taw
Notification No. 10/2011
4th Waning of Tabaung, 1372 ME
(23 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 respective Hluttaw Election Laws and paragraph 77 of the Rules, 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 law during 60 days as of the date the names of the 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 declared as persons of distorted qualification or not, the Union Election Commission formed election tribunals 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 Paragraph 83 (a) of the respective Hluttaw Election Rules, declared them as persons of distorted qualification.

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4. The Union Election Commission declared that the above-mentioned Hluttaw candidates and their election agents are persons of distorted qualification according to Paragraph 84 of the respective Hluttaw Election Rules after scrutinizing the candidates and their election agents are persons of distorted qualification, 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

Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee, the Public Accounts Committee, Amyotha Hluttaw Rights Committee and the Government’s Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee meetings continue

Nay Pyi Taw, 23 March—The First Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee, the Public Accounts Committee, Amyotha Hluttaw Rights Committee and the Government’s Guarantee, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee meetings continued at their offices of Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here this afternoon.
Chairmen, secretaries and members of respective committee attended the meetings.
They participated in discussions on work programme of the committees.—M/N

KMD special sales road show in Yangon and Mandalay on 27 March

Yangon, 23 March—KMD Sales & Service will open the special sales road show in Yangon and Mandalay on 27 March.
Lenovo, Acer, HP, Dell, Proklink and Apple notebook brand, desktop computer, all in one PC, printer, scanner and UPS will be sold at special prices.
KMD Education Centre will admit trainees at 25 per cent discount of fee and International Diploma Course (IDCS) at K 30,000 discount.
For further information, contact KMD Sales & Service Centre, Tel: 503522 and 383177 in Yangon and 02-60360 and 60239 in Mandalay.

M/N

THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR Thursday, 24 March, 2011
Construction Minister replies question about repair of motor roads in Gangaw District linking Yangon and Mandalay

NAY PYI TAW, 23 March—At today’s Amyotha Hluttaw session, Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Oo responded to the query raised by Maung Maung Soe of Monywa constituency No. 12 of Magway Region regarding the road repair in Gangaw District, which is a far-flung region in the north-western part of Magway Region and lies on the Myaingyin basin between Ponang-Ponya mountain ranges and Chin mountain ranges. Gangaw District has three major roads to connect with Yangon and Mandalay—Gangaw-Pale Road (84 miles), Kyaukhtu-Pauk-Pakokku-Seikpyu Road (142 miles), Saw-Seikpyu Road (69 miles). All these economic mainstays of the district are wood production and heavily-loaded trucks and heavy rainfall have damaged the roads.

Both Gangaw District and Haka of Chin State use Gangaw-Pale Road and Kalay District also use it in monsoon season as Monywa-Kalay-Yargyi Road is out of commission in monsoon. In spite of the road being 64 miles long, it is in poor condition as it is built through Ponang-Ponya mountain ranges.

Kyaukhtu-Pauk-Pakokku Road is also used by Mindat District. The road has three bridges on it in Pauk and Seikpyu townships. All the three bridges were destroyed by the storm and flood in October last year. As no new bridge has been constructed so far, the road will be blocked in monsoon, causing inconvenience for residents of Pauk Township in travel.

Saw-Seikpyu Road is also used by Kanpetlet Township. Although the facility is only 69 miles long, vehicles face difficulty in driving on the road due to its poor condition.

He said that the above-mentioned roads are important to Gangaw, Hlatin and Saw townships in Gangaw District and Haka Township, Mindat District and Kanpetlet Township in Chin State and are badly in need of repair and asked whether or not there is any plan to upgrade it to a township.

Regarding the question, Minister for Construction U Maung Oo explained that he would like to present laws and procedures regarding formation of sub-townships according to Towns Act and Village Act (1907), formation of sub-townships is carried out. After approving Constitution (1974), the cabinet decided formation of sub-townships in coordination with respective People’s Council. After 1988, Ministry of Home Affairs issues announcement and carries out the formation of townships and sub-townships only after getting approval of the State Peace and Development Council, and approval and resolution of the cabinet.

The SPDC is making efforts for forming a peaceful, modern and developed nation. With the aim of building a sound administrative system and effectively carrying out modern administration and economic and social affairs of the people, 82 sub-townships have been formed across the nation with the approval of the SPDC. Those sub-townships, Kyikha, Reethordha and Rezwa include.

A sub-township is formed with 192 staff of 15 Departments under 11 Ministries. In sub-townships, Myanmar Police Force forms a police station (A-level) with the strength of 69 like other townships. In the townships, sub-township characteristics, BEPS, BEMS and BHES are built. Regarding health sector, health care center (branch) and health care centers are upgraded in sub-township hospitals.

Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Oo replying queries.—MNA
Construction Minister replies question about repair...

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The transportation sector will become normal as those bridges will be put into service ahead of coming monsoon. Pakokku-Pak Kyai-Khut Road is 79 miles long and was commissioned as 12-ft wide tarred facility in November, 2003. Seikpyu-Pak Kyai-Khut Road is 84 miles long and three furlongs long and is all-weather road. The road is made of 47 miles and three furlongs long road and 37 miles long gravel road. Seikpyu-Pakokku Road is 59 miles long and was commissioned as 12-ft wide tarred facility in April 1999. Seikpyu-Saw Road is made of 10 miles and two furlongs long two furlongs long road and 59 miles long gravel road, totaling 69 miles and two furlongs in length. As creeks big and small, originating from catchment areas of Chin mountain ranges flow through the road into Ayeyawady River, the road has many big and small bridges on it. And vehicles face difficulties in crossing the road due to wooden bridges and small roads.

Now, the Ministry of Construction is taking measures to upgrade all the bridges in states and regions to RC type facility. Top priority is given to under-50 ft bridges, bridges more than 50 ft in length as second priority, and bridges between 100-ft and 180-ft as the third priority for upgrading. If there is any over-180-ft bridge to be upgraded to RC type facility, the ministry will ask the government to upgrade it.

On 4 January, 2010, Pathein-Monywa Motor Road on the west bank of Ayeyawady River was commissioned as 450 miles and five furlongs long and 12 ft wide tarred facility, providing transportation between Chin State, Magway Region (West), Gangaw District and Yangon and Mandalay as well as towns in states and regions in short time.

Education Minister replies question about national education promotion

Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein said that the Ministry of Education is giving priority to the following sectors for promotion of national education. He explained accessibility to basic education and higher education for the people of any area. The State opened over 40,900 basic education schools that increased 1.2 times more than that of the past. Three schools opened in five villages on average for enabling the children to easily pursue education.

In the higher education sector, a total of 161 univer sities, degree colleges and colleges have been opened throughput out the entire five times more than that of 1988. The Ministry of Education appointed over 12,000 faculty members that rose two times more than that of 1988 and 0.505 million university students are 4.5 times more than that of 1988. It can be seen that those wishing to learn higher education have equal opportunity in the higher education sector.

In the basic education sector, students are being nurtured through the international standard curriculum and syllabus. Two Institutes of Education and 20 education colleges are producing qualified teachers. Moreover, teachers were provided with refresher courses and orientation courses for uplifting their proficiency. In addition, MEd and PhD courses were conducted to uplift proficiency of the teachers. A total of 56 doctorate faculty members were appointed as Heads of Basic Education Schools. To be able to effectively supervise and management of basic education schools, basic education school management programs in 2011 compared with 79 in 1988, increasing 2.7 times. MRes and doctoral courses are opened in all subjects. Modern courses on Nano Technology, Bio-technology and Renewable energy are being conducted.

Moreover, the lessons on flourishing of Union Spirit and nationalistic spirit are being provided to all the students since their childhood. Students’ assemblies, talks to mark significant days and the literary and fine arts contests were held at basic education schools and universities.

With a view to improving national education standard and developing human resources, the ministry is systematically creating equal learning opportunity for all students, promoting their efficiency, and forging nationalistic spirit and Union Spirit which are the most important for all the citizens.

Yangon will become international level metropolitan

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Yangon will become port for Yangonites, ambulance cars, fire engines and health roads for all kinds of vehicles. facilitation of transroads (3435 in six new satellite towns) still left to build.

The benefits of the project are: emergence of allweather roads for all kinds of vehicles, facilitation of transport for Yangonites, ambulance cars, fire engines and health care activities. Other related benefits are total eradication of dengue hemorrhagic fever in many townships, durability of roads, social development and security and public health and fitness as concrete roads are suitable for walking or jogging.

In addition to its greening, sanitization, health and public security measures, YCDC has been building durable cement roads for long-term benefit. The project will help improve social standard and develop the city into an international level metropolis.

Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor U Aung Thein Lin responding to question.—MNA

PBANRDA Minister replies to question on less developed regions

Nw Pyi Taw, 23 March—At today’s session of the Pyuthan Hlaing, U U Min Htun Hsan (a) U Htun Pho Hsan Hsan of Machanach constituency asked whether assistance will be provided to the regions of national races that lag behind in development and whether the State will send an observation team to the developed national races or regions for giving priority to development of the national races or regions.

Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs U Thein Nyunt replied that border areas of the Union of Myanmar had lagged behind in development due to internal insurrection and poor transport before 1988.

The Central Committee for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development was formed on 25 May 1989 under the order No. 52389 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council for gaining development momentum in border areas of national races. On 27 October 2004, the central committee was reformed with the participation of 16 members chaired by the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services as chairman under the notification No. 74/2004 to supervise progress of border areas of national races. To be able to implement the instructions of the central committee, the Work Committee for Progress of Border Areas and National Races was formed with 17 members on 31 May 1989 under the order No. 2489/1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council. According to the notification No. 32/2006 of the State Peace and Development Council on 14 July 2006, the work committee was reformed with 23 members headed by the Prime Minister which is effectively carrying out progress of border areas of national races.

The government formed the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs on 24 September 1992 under Announcement No. 54/92 with a view to supervising progress of border areas and national races.

The Central and Work Committees for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs implemented the development tasks on priority submitted by the townships, district and regional work committees.

From 1989-1990 to 2010-2011 financial years, the State has spent K 130,040 million through the border areas funds and K 214,233.97 million through the funds of relevant ministries, totaling K 344,273.97 million on development of border areas and national races across the nation.

These undertakings were:

(a) A total of 148 long earthen roads, 3313 miles long gravel roads, 473 miles long asphalt roads were constructed and 3587 miles long roads maintained Likewise, Public Works built 119 large bridges, 1462 small bridges and 63 suspension bridges.

(b) A total of 888 primary schools, 92 middle schools and 94 high schools were opened in the education sector.

(c) A total of 760 hospitals, 96 dispensaries, 94 rural health centres and 202 rural health branches were opened in the health sector.

(d) A total of 240 breathing and dental clinics and 3036 patients were treated.

(e) A total of 22 generators and 51 hydropower plants were constructed in the energy sector.

(f) A total of 100 hospitals, 96 dispensaries, 94 rural health centres and 202 rural health branches were opened in the health sector.

(g) In the agriculture sector, the state has two dams, two agricultural farms and eight agricultural offices.

(h) In the livestock breeding sector, four livestock breeding offices were opened and one breeding farm built.

(i) In the communication sector, 15 TV re-transmission stations were established.

(j) In the water supply sector, 22 water supply plants were constructed.

(k) In the transportation sector, 22 wings were constructed.

(l) In the telecommunication sector, 86 telephone works were established in the communication sector.

(m) In the post office sector, 15 post offices, 47 telegraphic offices and six telephone exchange were opened.

(n) In the health sector, a total of 22 generators are supplying electricity to 17 towns and villages. And, one hydropower plant is under construction.

The minister explained progress of human resources development for national race youths who faced lack of learning opportunity as the border areas could not restore peace and stability in the past. In undertaking development of border areas, it is necessary to ensure local food sufficiency of national races residing in the border areas for the first phase.

After that, it is necessary to build social-economic infrastructure for the local people. And, it is necessary to place emphasis on human resources development for achieving sustainable development.

Arrangements have been made to create learning opportunity for the children from border areas who lost the learning opportunity in successive eras. In so doing, a total of 29 border areas national races development schools were opened along the border areas for the national race youths. Of them, one training school is opened in Putao, two in Myitkyina and one in Bhamo.

The trainees who are qualified for the prescribed regulations of the training schools are admitted at the boarding to attend the high schools.

From 1999-2000 to 2010-2011 academic years, a total of 561 students participated in the matriculation examination attended the Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree Colleges in Yangon and Mandalay, 24 students at University for Development of National Races, eight at nursing courses, 10 at midwifery course and nine at education college.
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In 2000, Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree Colleges were established in Yangon and Mandalay. To be able to turn out technicians, the Department of Education and Training was formed under the permission of Government Meeting 21/99 on 17 June 1999. At present, two Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree Colleges (Yangon and Mandalay), 29 border areas and national race youth development training schools, four border areas and national race youth technical schools and 39 vocational training schools for the women are being kept open for the national races.

The national race youths from border areas who passed matriculation examination were scrutinized to attend the Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree Colleges (Yangon and Mandalay) for learning arts, science and engineering courses. In addition, the outstanding students are admitted to master’s courses, BE and ME courses.

From 2003-2004 to 2010-2011 academic years, 380 students got BA degrees, 688 BS degrees and 445 AGTI diplomas. Arrangements were made for outstanding students to pursue master’s courses, MRes course, Prelim course, PhD course, BTech, BE and ME courses. Up to 2010-2011 academic year, a total of 44 MA and 67 MSc graduates, eight ME, 117 BE and 182 BTech graduates have been turned out. A total of 1,068 BA/BSc graduates and 445 diploma holders have been appointed at ministries.

Of 39 vocational training schools for the women, four training schools were opened in Patuo, Bhamo, Danbaung Village of Phakant Township and Dawphyon in Kachin State. The schools open training basic domestic training schools, advanced tailoring course, knitting course, weaving course, mosaic course, wickerwork (rattan/bamboo) course, embroidery course and cookery course to the trainees.

From 1992 to date, the training schools produced 38,489 trainees. In Kachin State, 2,410 trainees attended four schools.

In reviewing the clarifications, undertakings of the State can be seen for progress of the less developed regions of national races.

The minister said that as the Central Committee for Progress of Border Areas and National Races Development has formed the work of three regional committees, the ministry concerned knows that the progress of border areas and national races take steps by step presentations.

Therefore, task for progress of border areas and national races will be carried out with momentum. 

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PBNARDA Minister replies to question on drinking water supply project in Sittway

Nav Pyi Taw, 23 March— At today’s session of Pyithu Hluttaw, U Maung Nyoo of Sittway Constituency said that the people of Sittway, the city of Rakhine State, are facing problem of drinking water. He asked whether there is a water supply plan to solve the difficulty of drinking water in Sittway or not, and he would like to know when the plan will be implemented if it is there.

Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs U Thein Nyunt replied that the Development Committees Law promulgated as Law No. 593 by the State Law and Order Restoriation Council was issued on 1 April 1993 so that the Development Affairs Department is to carry out beautifying of urban areas and developing of rural areas. Section 9 of the law is mentioned to undertake 33 projects.

Therefore, the department levies revenue and tax in the respective townships as income according to the law and spend the income on the beautifying of urban areas and developing of rural areas under permission of the ministry.

Due to lack of income through tax and revenue, cash assistance is yearly provided by the State to Sittway Township for carrying out urban water supply tasks.

A total of 2.55 million gallons of water is being supplied to Sittway through 410 million gallon capacity Kandawgyi Lake, 14 rainy water tanks, 12 wells of Development Affairs Department, and 10 wells of other departments, and 992 private-owned artisan wells.

On his inspection tours of Sittway on 24-1-2099, 16-1-2000 and 17-5-2010, the Prime Minister gave instructions for supply of water to Sittway as the Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council presented a report that Sittway was facing difficulty of drinking water.

Under the instructions of the Prime Minister, the Ministry undertook three plans of water supply.

The first plan is to clean the water pipelines of urban water supply system. Cast iron pipes of Sittway were decapped and blocked due to long-term use. Some parts of pipelines were damaged. In 2009-2010, the pipelines were cleaned and 8500 feet long new pipelines were laid for the areas where water was not supplied. Three water pumping stations and one water collecting tank were built for smooth supply of water. In so doing, the State spent K 69.62 million on maintenance of water pipeline, installation of new pipelines and buildings of water pumps to supply residences of Sittway through 2760 water taps and 120 public water tanks.

As the second plan, the local authorities in coopera
tion with the people have been supplying 1.2 million gallons of water daily from Aungdaing Fresh Water Tank to Kandawgyi Lake through two 50 HP water pumps since 1995. In so doing, the work was contributed with K 161.23 million by the people and K 204.47 million by the State. Moreover, K 79 million was spent on rebuilding the 4700 feet long embankment of Kandawgyi Lake to store 460 million more gallons of water. As such, about 3 million gallons of water is being supplied to Sittway daily.

As the third plan, 6400 feet long and 15 feet high earthen dam is being built by damming Kanping Creek, 4200 feet north from Sittway. The facility will store 130 million gallons of water to supply 400,000 more gallons of water to seven rivers of north Sittway. The construction will cost K 195.22 million. On completion, Sittway can consume 3.4 million gallons of water daily.

On his inspection tour of Kandawgyi Lake on 16-3-2010 and 17-5-2010, the Prime Minister heard reports presented by the minister and the chairman of Rakhine State PDC. So, it is known to all the State has managed supply of water for people from Sittway.

According to Section 254 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, the Chief Minister of State is allowed to spend tax and revenues of the Township DACs under the State Budget Law in line with the Development Committees Law. Therefore, Chief Prime of the State will continue tasks of water sufficiency spending the funds of the State and carry out supply of water for Sittway step by step, he replied.

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EP-1 Minister replies to question on generating of hydropower from Htakhachaung Waterfall

Nav Pyi Taw, 23 March— At today’s session of Pyithu Hluttaw, U Hlu Pho Hsuan of Machanhan Constituency of Kachin State said he has learnt that the authorities concerned have conducted feasibility studies for many times to generate hydropower from Htakhachaung Waterfall in Sittway Township of Kachin State. He asked whether a project has been set to generate hydropower from Htakhachaung Waterfall and he would like to know when the project would commence.

In his response, Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min explained that hydropower projects are to be submitted at first to the Special Projects Implementation Committee for approval. Then, feasibility studies on annual rainfall, year-round water, geological condition, possibilities of the project at upstream and downstream of the creek are to be conducted for the project. Generally, it is necessary to take 18 months to conduct the feasibility study.

Based on the report of studies, the detailed observation is to be conducted. Sometimes, feasibility studies are to be conducted at three or four places. Of them, the best place is to be chosen and then the detailed observation is to be carried out. Later, the detailed design for the project is to be created by taking 12 months. As such, it is necessary to take 30 months for conducting feasibility studies and creating the design. Depending on the size of the project, construction tasks take three years to 10 years.

The nation has 34 small-scale hydropower projects and plants and 16 medium- and heavy-scale hydropower projects and plants. Since 2001, the 30-year electric power long-term plan has been implemented in the nation through the ministry, national entrepreneurs’ companies and foreign investment. At present, there are 68 implementing projects and studying projects that can generate 45,000 megawatts.

The Htakhachaung Hydropower Project raised by U Hlu Pho Hsuan has sought approval from the Special Projects Implementation Committee. The project is under observation and it will be a small-scale project to be implemented by one national entrepreneur company.

With regard to the large scale electric power sector, Paragraph (4) (a) on Page 189 in the schedule two, Section 188 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar states “Medium and small scale electric power production and distribution that have the right to be managed by the Region or State not having any link with national power grid, except large scale electric power production and distribution having the right to be managed by the Union”. Therefore, private entrepreneurs and cooperative societies have the opportunity to invest in regional small-scale hydropower projects under the supervision of the State government. —MNA

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Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min answering query.—MNA
Proposal to assist farmers in getting reasonable price of paddy discussed

Minister for Commerce U Tin Naing Thein making clarifications.—MNA

F & R Minister clarifies tax revenue situation in reply to question to U Maung Too of Minbh Constiuty

Nav Pyi Taw, 23 March — With the special permission of the Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw, U Maung Too of Minbh Constituency asked Minister for Finance and Revenue Minister U Hla Tun to clarify the situation of the tax revenue during the today’s Pyithu Hluttaw regular session.

U Maung Too said that the Ministry of Finance and Revenue’s tax revenue situation during the first quarter of this fiscal year is reasonable.

He added that the reason is the increase in the price of rice, which is in the global market.

The Minister said that the price of rice in the global market is increasing, which is also the result of the international market, and the price of rice in Myanmar is also increasing.

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such as wealth, storage capacity and management. The second point is that high purchase price for crops of farmers is banned under Agreement on Subsidies Countervailing Measure of WTO. Since 2001, there have been continuous claims on revocation of such practice made by some developed nations in WTO. The third point is that although a system in which Myanmar Agricultural Production Trade made deposits on the crops like Minimum Support Price was introduced in Myanmar from 1999-2000 to 2003, it did not work, leaving bad debt of K 3800 million. The fourth point is that assistances which are allowed to be rendered under agricultural agreement of WTO are construction of agro-based infrastructures, research work, pest control and food security. So already-WTO are construction of agro-based infrastructures, research of K 3800 million. The fourth point is that assistances which are introduced in Myanmar Agricultural Produce Trading made deposits on the crops of under Agreement on Subsidies Countervailing Measure of WTO. Since 2001, there have been services to assist farmers in reducing production cost without affecting their incomes.

There are many services given by the State for agricultural development and better socio-economic status of farmers. These services are assisted by the government to get a good price for crop. He said he would give an account of some ongoing tasks for getting a good price. The first point is that farmers do not get reasonable profits and consumers face rising price due to six stages in rice trading. Now getting a good price is in prospect after companies were set up and direct links with farmers established.

The second point is that exportation of rice mixed with various kinds of rice by some companies is a cause of not getting a good price. Plans are underway to address this problem in cooperation with companies that are willing to make investment in rice production field. The third point is that value added is a clause required for getting a good price. For example, a tone of FAQ mungbean gets US$ 900 (Yangon FOB) and a tone of SQ mungbean can get US$ 1000 (Yangon FOB). As a valued added product, it can get US$ 1300. If color sorter and polisher are used for the product, we can get more price. Milling quality has advanced considerably within two or three years.

The fourth point is that Domestic Market Development is a basic point for ensuring a share of international market and a good price. Public Private Partnership Programme is being realized for organizing workshops for development of brokerages with the aim of ensuring Domestic Market Development.

Measures are being taken for facilitating trading by brokerages in States and Regions. The government is legally handling inappropriate matters and matters of playing market. Besides, assistances are being rendered to conduct market research, to exchange market information, to hold seminars and meetings, to take part in international expos and business meets. Myanmar embassies are also making necessary arrangements in carrying out market penetration. Dissemination of information about global and domestic commodity price rates is being carried out and the rural people have widened their scope of knowledge in the age of information technology. Merchants are to try to seek market and production companies and farmers are to make cooperative effort to produce quality crops so as to get good price.

The third point of the proposal says that the state is to help in exporting agricultural products to industrialized nations with few taxes or without taxes. At present, Myanmar’s export processes are being carried out with GSP (Generalized System of Preference) adopted for developing and least-developed countries by developed countries, the reduced rates adopted between regional countries with open trade, the rates adopted for LDCs by WTO member countries and the reduced rates adopted in accord with ASEAN open trade agreement. Besides, Myanmar is enjoying DFTP (Duty free tariff preference) adopted by India. The ministerial meeting of LDCs is being held at some point in devolution to the government, which is to facilitate the process for ensuring industrial development and get better socio-economic status of farmers.

The government has approved the proposal and is to be implemented from 2011-2012. The ministerial meeting of LDCs is being held at some point in devolution to the government, which is to facilitate the process for ensuring industrial development and get better socio-economic status of farmers.
F&R Minister and seven representatives... (from page 10)

U Khin Maung Yi (a) Khine Maung Yi of Aldhon constituency said that several nations are implementing economic patterns suitable to their own countries. The nation has three parts – manufacturing, non-manufacturing and services. Those three are run by small, medium or big businesses depending on their volume. Tax burden, access to financing, impact of technology, modernization, technological developments and fair wages for workers are three major issues. Myanmar now has businesses organized in groups and groups should form financial aid programmes. He supported the proposal of U Soe Win.

U Sai Aung Hla of Nunnar constituency said five years ago, he was a member of Aesan Free Trade Area (AFTA). So, the country has a five-year programme time. The nation will have greater competitiveness if its small and medium enterprises meet the standard. These enterprises will also have to compete with foreign companies. In this regard, the Special Economic Zone (SEZ) Law, and State and regions who have not yet been running in SEZ, they can enjoy some tax exemptions. So, State-owned and private enterprises should provide SMEs with interest-free or soft loans to manufacture quality goods.

The government should also provide technological assistance. He supported the proposal of U Lwin Oo of Thanbyuzayat constituency said there should be a harmonious progress between heavy industries and small and medium enterprises. The basic method is to provide loans to the latter. Twenty percent of industrial loans are for SMEs. The government should provide financial assistance and the banks for industrial development. Banks charge interest rates that are lower than the loans for other businesses to SMEs in line with the first. Banks have to file lawsuits against businesses that give priority to financial access rather than to develop. The government’s provision of loans to small and medium businesses on a broader scale will contribute to industrial development of Myanmar. Export-substitute good production, saving foreign exchange, earning foreign exchange, creating job opportunities. Myanmar Industrial Development Central Committee and Myanmar Industrial Development Committee are providing assistance to these businesses. The government’s proposal concerns with accomplished and ongoing projects. So, it is further discussion on this topic is not necessary.

Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun gave a reply saying, Myanmar is a member of ASEAN+5. It has 18 industrial zones and 28 sub-zones housing 43504 registered businesses – 4186 heavy industries (96.62%), 6992 medium industries (16.07%) and 33262 small industries (73.41%) – up to the end of February this fiscal year. State-owned investment and commercial banks are providing loans for industries at 17% interest rate on normal terms. But for special projects, the interest rate is 15% from the Industrial Development Bank. The loan disbursement at present depends on the loanable fund. The representatives should produce an import-substitute industry. The government is helping small and medium industries and they are now producing import-substitute goods and exports. Thanks to the assistance provided in accordance with the law, the nation now witnesses industrial development. Myanmar Industrial Development Ministry will be included in the new government. Hence, further discussions on the proposal are not required.

The speaker said the discussion and replies are comprehensive and interesting and positive. The production sector including the SMEs is the key for GDP growth. The government is providing financial assistance to SMEs. The respective Union level organization members do not need to produce any other proposal. The proposal should be reviewed. U Soe Win asked the Hluttaw to discuss the Pyithu Hluttaw Business Law, in which the 5 million worth was discussed. According to approval of the Hluttaw the proposal was put on record — MNA

Undertakings of Hluttaw concerning questions and proposals of Hluttaw representatives explained

Nav Pyi Taw, 23 March—The Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw today explained undertakings of the Hluttaw concerning questions raised and proposals submitted by the Hluttaw representatives at the Amyotha Hluttaw.

In his clarification, the Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw said that Amyotha Hluttaw has raised 33 questions and members of respective Union level organizations responded to them at the first regular session of the Amyotha Hluttaw.

In classifying the questions, the Speaker said the government stated the questions, eight questions were raised by Kachin State, 11 questions by Shan State, one question by Magway Region, two questions by Mon State, four questions by Rakhae State, three questions by Yangon Region and one question by Shan State, totalling 33.


The speaker said the first session of Pyithu Hluttaw regular session started on 31 January 2011 and concluded on the 14th day today. Group meeting of Pyithu Hluttaw representatives-elect were held on 1 and 3 February, 2011. Election of Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker and Deputy Speaker was done once and election of Vice-President once. Pyithu Hluttaw Bill Committee, Public Accounts Committee, Pyithu Hluttaw Rights Committee and the Government’s Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Committee was approved. Pyithu Hluttaw Law and Rules Committee should work in interest of people. Their proposals and queries will be supervised by respective Hluttaw representatives.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker give brief account of election, formation, raising queries and discussing proposals

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Approval sought for formation of committees and joint-committees

Nav Pyi Taw, 23 March —At today’s regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker sought approval for formation of committees and joint-committees to study legislation, administration, economic, national races, economic, financial, social, foreign affairs and other affairs.

Pyithu Hluttaw Rules 76 states that joint-committees can be formed from a term of the Hluttaw need to study legislation, administration, economic, national races, economic, financial, social, foreign affairs and other affairs. A joint-committee of four representatives of joint-committees can be formed from the Hluttaw Speaker if both Hluttaw have to study an affair except the affair to be studied with by four Hluttaw representatives. The term of joint-committees is till the proposal is submitted by the Hluttaw Speaker.

Approval was sought for assigning Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker a duty of forming joint-committees under Pyithu Hluttaw Rules 76 and committees to study legislation, administration, economic, national races, economic, financial, social, foreign affairs and other affairs. A joint-committee can be formed with equal numbers of representatives with the negotiation of the Hluttaw Speaker and the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker if both Hluttaw have to study an affair except the affair to be studied with by four Hluttaw representatives. The term of joint-committees is till the proposal is submitted by the Hluttaw Speaker.

The proposal of the speaker was then approved by the Hluttaw. — MNA
Approval sought for formation of committees and joint-committees

NAY PYI TAW, 23 March — At today’s Amyotha Hluttaw session, the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker sought approval for formation of committees and joint-committees to study legislature, administration, national brethren affairs, economy, finance, social and foreign affairs and other issues submitted to it.

Amyotha Hluttaw Rule 76 stated that joint-committees can be formed should Amyotha Hluttaw has cases to coordinate with Pyithu Hluttaw. If both hluttaws have to study a particular subject except the works of the four hluttaw committees and defense and security committee, the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker and the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker may coordinate and form joint-committee with same number of representatives from both hluttaws. And the term of the joint-committees will end after the study report has been submitted to respective hluttaws.

Considering that there may be functions committees have to perform when the hluttaw is not in session, the hluttaw speaker needs to allow suitable representatives who are included in the four hluttaw committees to perform the functions of appropriately. The hluttaw approved to form committees and joint-committees when it needs to have legislature, administration, national brethren affairs, economy, finance, social and foreign affairs and other issues submitted to it.

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Pyithu Hluttaw Representatives Vetting Committee formed

NAY PYI TAW, 23 March — Pyithu Hluttaw Representatives vetting Committee was organized at today’s session of Pyithu Hluttaw regular meeting here.

The Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw announced the list of nominations for members, chairmen and secretary for the committee to form the committee with suitable Pyithu Hluttaw representatives in accordance with the section 37(c) of the Pyithu Hluttaw Law in order to scrutinize the representatives as from the 2nd meeting the first Pyithu Hluttaw.

As there was no objection for the nomination, the Speaker announced the confirmation of organizing the committee with following 14 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives.

(1) U Maung Soe, (a) U Maung Hla, Pulaw Constituency
(2) U Than Nwe, Butalini Constituency
(3) Dr. Soe Thura, Kyonpyaw Constituency
(4) U San Pyae Kachin State Constituency (7)
(5) U Sai Kyaw Zaw Than Shan State Constituency (7)
(6) U Saw Taw Kalei Kayin State Constituency (7)
(7) U Kyaw Tun Aung Rakhine State Constituency (7)
(8) U San Pyae Kachin State Constituency (7)
(9) U Kyaw Tun Aung Rakhine State Constituency (7)
(10) U Aye Myint, Insein Constituency (Secretary)
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(13) U Kyaw Tun Aung Rakhine State Constituency (7)
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The huttaw approved and declared the formation of the committee.

MNA

Nominees for posts of chairman, secretary and members of Hluttaw Representatives Vetting Committee submitted to Amyotha Hluttaw

NAY PYI TAW, 23 March — At today’s session of Amyotha Hluttaw, the Amyotha Hluttaw speaker submitted the list of nominees for the positions of chairman, secretary and members of Hluttaw Representatives Vetting Committee to Amyotha Hluttaw for formation of the committee.

The speaker submitted the list of nominees for the positions of chairman, secretary and members of Hluttaw Representatives Vetting Committee to Amyotha Hluttaw which is to be formed according to Article 37(c) of Amyotha Hluttaw Law.

The committee will be formed with eight members, as follows:

(a) U Aung Tun Magway Region Constituency (11)
(b) U San Pyae Kachin State Constituency (7)
(c) U P Maung Soe Kayin State Constituency (1)

The hluttaw approved and declared as the Hluttaw approved the recording of messages.

MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw records messages of felicitations sent to Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker

NAY PYI TAW, 23 March — Pyithu Hluttaw recorded messages of felicitations received by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker at today’s session of Pyithu Hluttaw.

The messages, sent by heads of parliaments of foreign countries for being elected as Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker, were submitted at the Hluttaw. These messages were:

(a) Message from Mr. Wu Bangguo, Chairman of the National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, dated 1 February, 2011.
(b) Message from Mr. Boris Gryzlov, Speaker of State Duma (Lower House) of the Russian Federation, dated 7 February, 2011.
(c) Message from Mr. Abdulah Tarmugi, Speaker of the Parliament of the Republic of Singapore, dated 1 February, 2011.
(d) Message from Mr. Jassem Al-Kharafi, Chairman of the National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Iraq, dated 8 February, 2011.
(e) Message from Mr. Sergei Mironov, Speaker of Russian Federation Council, dated 5 March, 2011.

The speaker announced that the messages of felicitations were recorded as the Hluttaw approved the recording of messages.

MNA

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(b) Message from Mr. Jassem Al-Kharafi, Chairman of the National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Iraq, dated 28 February, 2011.
(c) Message from Mr. Sergei Mironov, Speaker of Russian Federation Council, dated 5 March, 2011.
(d) Message from Mr. Pany Yathotu, President of National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, dated 7 February, 2011.
(e) Message from Dr. Soe Win Mon State Constituency (2)
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(g) Message from Dr. Soe Win Mon State Constituency (2)
(h) Message from Mr. Antonio V Cuenco, Secretary-General of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA), dated 9 February, 2011.
(i) Message from Mr. Ling Yew, President of National Assembly of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic, dated 28 February, 2011.
(j) Message from Mr. Jassem Al-Kharafi, Chairman of the National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Iraq, dated 3 February, 2011.
(k) Message from Mr. Ling Yew, President of National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, dated 7 February, 2011.
(l) Message from General Chen Bingde, Chief of General Staff of People’s Liberation Army of the People’s Republic of China, dated 1 February, 2011.

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MNA

CONSIDENCE BOOK SIGNED:Director-General Daw Yin Yin Myint of Training, Research and Foreign Languages Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 23 March evening signed Condolence Book at Embassy of Japan at No (100) Natmauk Road, Yangon for the loss of lives and property caused by the recent earthquake and Tsunami in Japan. — MNA
Tatmadaw introducing democracy to the nation

By Myint Maung (Phil Q)

According to the worldwide changes, many countries have turned to the market economy and democracy. To satisfy the wishes of the people, the Tatmadaw is introducing the market economy and democracy to the nation for a brighter future.

With high calibre and visionary leadership, the Tatmadaw is in pursuance of democratization, thus showing benevolent attitude towards the people. Today, many countries are very loud in democracy, but disregard the rules and regulations. So, they are seeing violence and backwardness, instead of stability and progress.

Rights and freedom are at the front of today’s democracy. When it comes to democracy, rights and freedom have first priority. But, laws and regulations, which are the theme of democracy, are on the sidelines. Only with the observance of rules and regulations, can we enjoy rights. Any rights outside the framework of rules and regulations are not fair. If one wants to enjoy rights and freedom, one has to abide by related rules and regulations so as to avoid harms to others.

Practice of rights and freedom outside the framework of law can harm the theme of democracy and stability and peace which is the most fundamental requirement.

Such acts are not acceptable not only to the Tatmadaw but also to the majority of the people. What the people want is stability and peace, and development resulting from stability and peace. The constitution stipulates that the State practises genuine and discipline-flourishing multiparty democracy system, and that the State’s economy is the market economy. The Tatmadaw hand in hand with the people is implementing democratization step by step. Making good use of the sound foundations, Union level organizations will take up the democratization processes.

The Myanmar Tatmadaw is formed with noble aims with members born to the people. Many of the issues the Tatmadaw has handled in the course of its history are very formidable and onerous. Due to those invaluable experiences and knowledge, the Tatmadaw has high calibres and fine traditions. As a gesture of honouring the Tatmadaw for its fine traditions and characters, the 27th of March is designated as one of the days of great significance and is celebrated on a grand scale every year.

Soon, the Tatmadaw will play the leadership role in national politics with the mandate given according to the constitution by the people. Therefore, defence service personnel representatives are attending the sessions of Union Hluttaws and Region/State Hluttaws. Defence service personnel representatives who make up 25 per cent of the total representatives, on behalf of the Tatmadaw knowledgeable about political, military, economic and social affairs, will take charge of their duties faithfully and unerringly for prosperity of the Union and the people.

As a gesture of honouring the Armed Forces Day and the Tatmadaw, I write this article to reveal that collaborative efforts of defence service personnel representatives and people’s representatives to transform the Union into a peaceful, modern and developed nation are a sign of the bright future of the people.

Translation: MS

Now, the Tatmadaw government and the people are working together to shape the future of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Since born, the Myanmar Tatmadaw has been safeguarding the interests of the people. It has preserved a fine tradition of discharging national-building tasks with vision. The Tatmadaw government is laying sound foundations and exerting visionary leadership to build a modern and developed nation with the participation of patriotic people.

As a result of the efforts the Tatmadaw government has made with great tenacity, the nation has seen executive, legislative and judicial bodies that will rule the Union democratically. In other words, the State Peace and Development Council or the Tatmadaw government or Tatmadaw members are dedicating themselves to democratization. In that case, they are implementing the tasks with farsightedness step by step for genuine and discipline-flourishing democracy system, not for nominal democracy.

If one studies with objective assessment, whatever point of view, the leadership role the Tatmadaw has played constantly in national politics from 1941 to date, and the earnest efforts the Tatmadaw has made to safeguard and serve national interests for a prosperous future of the Union and national brethren, one will come to know that the Tatmadaw is a national force with a strong sense of bounden duty.

Since its birth, the Tatmadaw had been fighting militarily and politically British colonialists, who had colonized the nation for years, and Japanese Fascists, who treated the people unfairly and harshly, to enable the nation to regain independence.

Adhering to the concept “the Tatmadaw is just for the country”, the Tatmadaw has been safeguarding the interests of the Union and national brethren, to shoulder the political, military, economic and social duties in the course of its history. It puts national interests at the forefront of its mind. That is the reason why the Tatmadaw has stood firm by the people with three capabilities and 12 fine traditions.
Jing Qihong, successor of Xuzhou Fragrant Sachets makes a fragrant sachet during the First Cultural Heritages Expo in Guandu Township, southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 22 March.—INTERNET

ShaoLin Temple sets up soccer school to bring Kungfu in training.

ZHENGZHOU, 23 March— The ShaoLin Temple, famous for Kungfu in the world, has built a soccer school to groom junior talents with hopes of bringing Shaolin Kungfu in training, the chief coach of Shaolin warrior-monks said Wednesday.

The school named ShaoLin Youth Soccer Academy was built in a warrior-monks training base which belonged to ShaoLin Temple last October. About 2,000 children under ten years old are learning Shaolin Kungfu here, and about 40 of them started to learn playing football now. “It’s just the beginning, more children will start to play football after some professional football fields are built, and we believe that some of them will become international superstars some day,” Shi Yanlu, the chief coach of Shaolin warrior-monks, told Xinhua on Wednesday.

The school has hired a coach named Tchami from Cameroon, who was once a member of the Cameroon national team. “Shaolin Kungfu makes them strong and skillful, so it’s good to learn playing football,” Tchami said. “Now, the Chinese football is not very good, and needs to bring in new elements. Shaolin Kungfu and football are similar in some aspects, especially the brave and diligent spirit of Kungfu, which I think will help promote the level of Chinese football,” said Shi Yanlu.—Xinhua

Research says Australia bowel cancer to jump 50%.

SYDNEY, 23 March— Australia faces a huge rise in bowel cancer cases, with new research on Tuesday saying incidence of the disease will jump by 50 percent over the next decade. Cancer Council Australia data said there would be 21,000 cases annually, putting pressure on health services. Chief executive Professor Ian Olver said the numbers underscored the urgency of introducing a full screening programme to catch the disease before it develops.

Australia’s national screening programme currently targets people turning 50, 55 and 65, despite expert recommendations that everyone over 50 should be screened. “Our analysis also shows that almost one in five bowel cancers in Australia are being diagnosed at stage four—the most advanced stage—when the cancer has spread and is much more difficult to treat,” he said.—INTERNET

New York nuke plant seismic review gets top priority.

ALBANY, 23 March— US regulators have promised to make the Indian Point nuclear power plant near New York City their top priority in a review of seismic risk at US nuclear plants, New York Governor Andrew Cuomo said on Tuesday. The plant 25 miles of New York City, already a source of safety concern among state officials, has faced renewed scrutiny since the 11 March earthquake and tsunami that crippled Japan’s Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power complex.—INTERNET

Salazar opens 750m tons of Wyoming coal to mining.

CHEYENNE, 23 March— Interior Secretary Ken Salazar announced plans on Tuesday to auction off vast coal reserves in Wyoming over the next five months, unveiling a significant but controversial power source amid uncertainty about clean and safe energy development.

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MV KOTA RATU VOY NO (425)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA RATU VOY NO (425) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 23.3.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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The new BlackBerry PlayBook on display in 2010 in San Francisco. BlackBerry maker Research In Motion(RIM) announced Tuesday that its iPad rival, the PlayBook, would go on sale next month at a price identical to that of the hot-selling Apple tablet computer.—INTERNET

Invitation to Tender(Kyats)

Sr No  | Description | Qty | Issuing Date | Closing Date
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(a) | Complete Set of Hydraulic Lifting Table | 1 Set | 25.3.2011 | 26.4.2011
(b) | Sieve Roller (without Sieve) Compatible | 2 Nos | 25.3.2011 | 26.4.2011
(c) | Hydraulic Motor | 1 No | 25.3.2011 | 26.4.2011
(d) | Electrical Appliance | 1 Lot | 25.3.2011 | 26.4.2011
(e) | Reducer | 1 Lot | 25.3.2011 | 26.4.2011

Tender forms are available at the Planning Department, Myanmar Ceramic Industries, Ministry of Industry (1), Building No. 41, Nay Pyi Taw. (067-408160, 408386) Tender only which purchased officially will be accepted.
Film legend Elizabeth Taylor dies at 79 in LA

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**WEATHER**

**Wednesday, 23rd March, 2011**

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

During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Taninthayi Region, isolated Kachin State and weather has been partly cloudy over Upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Chin, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States, generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Day temperatures were (5°C) to (22°C) above March average temperatures in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions, Shan and Chin States, (5°C) above March average temperatures in Upper Sagaing Region and Kayin State. (3°C) below March average temperatures in Bago and Yangon Regions and about March average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperatures were Chauk (42°C), Kalewa, Shwebo, Monywa, Mandalay, Myingyan, Nyaungoo, Minbu, Magway, Aunglan and Pakokku (40°C) each. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Kawthoung (0.59) inch, Myinkaba (0.23) inch and Putao (0.08) inch.

**Nay Pyi Taw**

Maximum temperature on 22-3-2011 was 102°F. Minimum temperature on 23-3-2011 was 69°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 23-3-2011 was (54%). Rainfall on 23-3-2011 was (Nil).

**Yangon (Kaba-Aye)**

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Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

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

People’s Desire
- We favour peace and stability
- 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

First regular session of Amyotha Hluttaw concludes
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SPECIAL FEATURES TO HAIL 66th ANNIVERSARY ARMED FORCES DAY

Nay Pyi Taw, 23 March—The First regular session of Amyotha Hluttaw was held for 14th-day at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here at 10 am today. It was attended by Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and Amyotha Hluttaw representatives.

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Four Amyotha Hluttaw representatives discussed the approved proposal “the government to assist farmers to get fair prices for crops” made by Dr Banya Aung Moe of Mon State Constituency No.7. Members of union level organization Minister for Commerce U Tin Naing Thein discussed the proposal. Amyotha Hluttaw sought the approvals.

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