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Nay Pyi Taw, 26 Jan—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein sent a message to the Speakers of the third regular session of the first Pyithu Hluttaw and the third regular session of the first Amyotha Hluttaw which commenced today.

The following is the translation of the message.

To
Speaker
Pyithu Hluttaw/Amyotha Hluttaw

Subject: Sending Message

1. I wish good health and happiness to the Speakers of the third regular session of the first Pyithu Hluttaw/Amyotha Hluttaw, which has commenced to make discussions and negotiations in the interests of the nation and the people, and all Hluttaw representatives.

2. As the Hluttaw Speakers and representatives are earnestly discussing and deciding legislative and policy affairs in the interests of the nation and the people, the Union Government and region and state governments are also working steadfastly in accord with the policy programmes of the new Union Government laid down at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on 30.3.2011.

3. As promised to the nation and the people, the government is striving its utmost for prevalence of State peace and stability, the rule of law and national reconsolidation, promoting of democratic practices, emergence of good governance and clean government, enabling the people to have the fundamental rights of a citizen, raising of education and health standards, reformation of the economy, development of socio-economy of the nation and the people and environmental conservation tasks.

4. Particularly, we are placing greater emphasis on prevalence of State peace and stability, emergence of a modern, developed nation, development of socio-economy of the people and enabling the people to earn their living democratically or independently in accord with the law.

5. As for State peace and stability, different policies are being exercised based on the nation’s prevailing conditions and lessons of the past so as to ensure eternal peace in the Union. Talks and negotiations have been held with the 11 national race armed groups, which have not yet made peace with the government. On the other hand, preliminary peace agreements have been signed with six groups. And negotiation with the remaining groups is under way. Overall, we are taking good strides in our peace process. So, we will make continued efforts for ensuring lasting peace.

6. In order to forge national unity for State peace and stability, efforts have been made sideby side with different views and seeking common ground in the interests of the people. Moreover, we have taken necessary measures to ensure all-inclusiveness in national political processes. We have also extended our invitation to the citizens living abroad for participation in nation-building endeavours. As a result, national consolidation has improved with internal political stability.

7. With a view to developing the State and improving people’s socio-economy, we are steadfastly working on reforming the social, economic, education, health and agricultural sectors. We are reviewing our monetary, financial, trade and investment polices and taking necessary reform measures with accelerated momentum in order to reform and develop the whole economic structure of the nation. In particular, we are taking steps to create sound environments so that more foreign investments can flow into the nation. In addition, procedures and formalities are being relaxed for the convenience and development of trade and export/import activities.

8. In accordance with one of the provisions of the constitution stating that assistance shall be rendered as much as possible to develop the socio-economy of the people, farmers and workers, rural development and poverty alleviation tasks are practically being carried out nationwide. Eight work sectors have been laid down and responsible people are conducting field trips up to the grass-roots areas so as to implement the tasks in cooperation with the rural people.

9. For the people to be able to earn their livelihoods democratically or independently in accord with the law, democracy cause and human rights are being promoted in line with the constitution.

10. While serving the interests of the nation and the people through reform processes in all aspects, extensive measures have been taken as well to promote international relations. And as a result, Myanmar has been in a position to have more amity and understanding with the international community.

11. In successfully reforming the all sectors of the nation for the sake of the people and the nation, we had to promulgate 15 new laws and make amendments and supplements.

12. We found it difficult to study and make parliamentary procedures when Hluttaws emerged as our nation had been unfamiliar with multi-party democracy system for over 40 years. Yet, thanks to the efficient leadership of Hluttaw Speakers and cooperative efforts of Hluttaw representatives, I am delighted and honoured to see that success has been achieved in passing important new laws, amending and supplementing the existing laws and adopting important policies for the sake of the State and the people. Similarly, I sincerely hope that at the third regular session of the first Pyithu Hluttaw/Amyotha Hluttaw, all the participants will be able to achieve more success in discussing and carrying out legislative affairs, policy affairs and Union affairs essential in the interests of the nation and the people.

13. Our Union Government side by side with the Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw will strive for the emergence of a modern, developed democratic nation with worldly values such as justice, freedom and equality and for the long-term existence of the Union.

Sd
Thein Sein
President
**PERSPECTIVES**

*Friday, 27 January, 2012*

The land of justice, freedom and equality

Hluttaws are now in session. The message sent to the first day session reads, “Our Union Government side by side with the Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw will strive for the emergence of a modern, developed, democratic nation with worldly values such as justice, freedom and equality and for the long-term existence of the Union.”

National anthem born of Myanmar’s independence struggle comes into mind.

Hluttaw sessions, convened once from 31 January to 30 March 2011 and once from 22 August to 25 November 2011 and now, are filled up with justice, freedom and equality. Our people’s representatives are discharging duties harmoniously in the interests of our country in the infancy of 11-month-old democracy as they vowed in the national anthem.

The people’s representatives enthusiastically discussed and decided legislative and policy issues. Thanks to their harmonious efforts, dramatic reforms in favour of the State and its people were tangible. Consequently, these steps won high praises from its own people and international community.

As pledged its ambitions to the people, the new administration is going through reforms at its best for peace and stability of the State, the rule of law, national reconciliation, flourishing of democratic practices, emergence of good government and clean government, granting citizens fundamental rights as prescribed in the constitution, improving education and health standards, reviving its economy, enhancing socio-economic prospects of the State and its people and environmental conservation.

Fifteen laws were enacted and amended in the interests of the State and its people as Hluttaws worked in harmony with the government. Hluttaws succeeded in introducing democratic practices to the country, which was in the absence of multiparty democracy system for 40 years.

This is because they have vowed with all their hearts to perpetuate the heritage of the Union and to benefit the State and its people. And these are fruits of capacity, understanding, oneness and democracy system for 40 years.

Maximizing these successes, we hope MPs will continue to bring better future of the land of justice, liberty and equality with a firm belief that they may bring about invaluable happenings in favour of the State and people.

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**Union Health Minister receives President of The Johns Hopkins University**

**MYANMAR GAZETTE**

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**Dy L&F Minister inspects construction of foot-and-mouth disease vaccine lab**

**MYANMAR GAZETTE**

NAV PAYO TAW, 26 January—Deputy Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Khin Maung Aye inspected progress in construction of ASEAN-standard vaccine production lab for foot-and-mouth disease with the aid of Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) in compound of Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department in Insein Township of Yangon Region on 24 January.

He was conducted around the centre by Director-General Prof Dr Myint Thein and the in-charge of the lab. He met staff at Research and Disease Control Division and called for speeding up preventive measures against blue-ear disease, spreading in neighbouring countries.

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**Road To Victory Golf Tournament continues**

YANGON, 26 January—Organized by Myanmar Golf Federation, the Road To Victory Golf Tournament, a qualifier, has been continuing at Royal Mingalardon Golf & Country Club in Mingalardon Township this morning, aiming at achieving victory at Zaykabar Myanmar Open 2012 Golf Tournament to be held from 2 to 5 February, 2012.

After the 18 cups on the third day, Zaw Zaw Latt is leading to the event with 214 strokes, following Naybala Win Myint with 216, Aung Win, 219, Soe Moe Win, 219, Thein Zaw Myint, 220, Myo Win Aung, 220, Soe Kyaw Naing, 222, Naing Ye Lin, 223, Bo Bo, 224, Hla Myo, 224, Naing Naing Lin, 225, Myint Shwe, 226, Zaw Zin Win, 228, Yang Aye Aye, 229, Yin Aung Latt, 230, Maung Maung Oo, 231, Ye Htet Aung, 234, Aung San Win, 235 and Yan Naing Phyoo, 239, respectively.

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US commandos rescue two hostages in Somalia

WASHINGTON, 26 Jan—US commandos saved two individuals from Somali kidnappers Tuesday night in an operation ordered by President Barack Obama, Defence Secretary Leon Panetta said Wednesday.

The rescue mission freed Jessica Buchanan, a US employee of the Danish Demining Group, and her Danish colleague, Poul Thisted. The two were kidnapped in October at gunpoint by criminal suspects near Galcayo, Somalia. Panetta said in a statement.

Danish colleague, Poul Thisted.—INTERNET

Panetta said he was “grateful” that there was no loss of life or injuries to US personnel during the operation, which was coordinated between the Department of Defence and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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Buchanan and Thisted have been transported to a safe location where they will receive health checks and arrangements will be made for them to return home, the statement said.

Before making his State of the Union address to the Congress on Tuesday night, Obama greeted Panetta and praised him for doing “a good job tonight.” The rescue operation was carried out by two US helicopters in a night raid, involving exchange of fire with the Somali hostages’ capturers, according to Danish media reports. It remained unclear how many kidnappers were killed in the process.

Two killed, seven injured in rocket attack in Afghanistan

KABUL, 26 Jan—Two civilians were killed and seven others were injured Wednesday when two rockets fired by suspected Taleban militants hit a house in the country’s Kapisa Province.

“A mother along with her three-year-old child was killed and seven members of the same family injured as two rockets fired by enemies of peace hit their house in Alasay District of Kapisa Province this morning,” the country’s Interior Ministry said in a Press release.

The incident occurred at around 11:30 am local time Wednesday, the release said, adding that all the injured were shifted to a hospital by Afghan police shortly after the attack.

The release blamed Taleban militants for the attack. A total of 1,462 Afghan civilians have been killed in the first half of 2011, which indicates a 15 percent rise in non-combatants’ deaths compared with the same period in 2010, according to a United Nations mid-year report released in Kabul in July, 2011.

The report attributed 80 percent of the civilian deaths in the first six months of 2011 to the attacks of Taleban militants and other armed groups opposing the Afghan government, a claim rejected by Taleban as baseless.

Another 14 percent of the deaths were attributed to Afghan and NATO-led forces and the remaining 6 percent were unattributed in the report.

Taleban rocket kills woman, child in Afghanistan

KABUL, 26 Jan—Officials say a rocket fired by Taleban militants has killed a woman and her child in eastern Afghanistan.

President Hamid Karzai and NATO’s commander for Afghanistan, Gen John Allen, condemned the militants on Thursday for killing a woman and her daughter and wounding at least six others.

Allen called the violence a “deliberate attack on the people of Afghanistan.” The NATO statement quoting Allen did not mention any battle in the area at the time.

Soldiers of Israeli Defence Forces (IDF) take part in a drill strengthening sergeants’ practical ability to command on hills near Mosheh Amikam, North Israel, on 18 Jan, 2012. Xinhua

Coastal Gov’t to help release kidnapped officers

BOGOTA, 26 Jan—The Colombian government will help release six Colombian officers kidnapped by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), Defence Minister Juan Carlos Pinzon said Wednesday.

In a press conference, Pinzon said the government will keep its promise to help “those Colombians return safe to reunite with their families.”

He also said the FARC has no right to risk the lives of the officers who have been in captivity for more than 10 years.

If the FARC wants to release the kidnapped officers, it only has to say where they are and the government will go to find them, Pinzon said.

Pinzon reiterated that in return for releasing the officers, FARC had demanded the government stop military operations in the zone where the officers will be released.

The group has also demanded that foreign aircraft be used to pick up the hostages.

On Wednesday, the FARC commander known as Ivan Marquez announced in a video that the group will release Colombian Army Corporal Luis Beltran, National Police Sergeant Cesar Lasso and Second Lieutenant Carlos Durante.

In December 2011, the FARC had said it would release three officers, namely Second Lieutenant Jorge Trujillo, Jorge Romero, and Jose Libardo.

Formed in 1964, the FARC is the oldest guerrilla group in Colombia.
Study of freakish mystery illness finds no cause

ATLANTA, 26 Jan—
Imagine having the feeling that tiny bugs are crawling on your body, that you have oozing sores and mysterious fibers sprouting from your skin. Sound like a horror movie? Well, at one point several years ago, government doctors were getting up to 20 calls a day from people saying they had such symptoms.

Many of these people were in California and one of that state’s US senators, Diane Feinstein, asked for a scientific study. In 2008, federal health officials began to study fourth saying they were affected by this freakish condition called Morgellons.

The study cost nearly $600,000. Its long-awaited results, released Wednesday, conclude that Morgellons exists only in the patients’ minds.

“We found no infectious cause,” said Mark Eberhard, a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention official who was part of the 15-member study team.

The study appears in PLoS One, one of the Public Library of Science journals.

Sufferers of Morgellons (mor-GELL-ans) describe a variety of symptoms, content Hastings said by wiping sores, crawling sensations on their skin and — perhaps worst of all — mysterious blue or black fibers that sprout from their skin. Some say they’ve suffered for decades, but the syndrome wasn’t named until 2002, when “Morgellons” was chosen from a 1674 medical paper describing similar symptoms.

Affected patients have documented their suffering on websites and many have vainly searched for a doctor who believed them. Some doctors believe the condition is a form of delusional parasitosis, a psychosis in which people believe they are infected with parasites.

Last May, Mayo Clinic researchers published a study of 108 Morgellons patients and found none of them suffered from any unusual physical ailment. The study concluded that the sores on many of them were caused by their own scratching and picking at their skin. —Internet

Studies: Avastin may fight early breast cancers

New York, 26 Jan—Surprising results from two new studies may reopen debate about the value of Avastin for breast cancer. The drug helped make tumors disappear in certain women with early-stage disease, researchers found. Avastin recently lost approval for treating advanced breast cancer, but the new studies suggest it might help women whose disease has not spread so widely. These were the first big tests of the drug for early breast cancer, and doctors were cautiously excited that it showed potential to help. One study, just over one-third of women given Avastin plus chemotherapy for a few months before surgery had no sign of cancer in their breasts when doctors went to operate, versus 28 percent of women given chemo alone. In the other study, more than 18 percent on Avastin plus chemo had no cancer in their breasts or lymph nodes at surgery versus 15 percent of those on chemo alone.

A big caveat, though: The true test is whether Avastin improves survival, and it’s too soon to know that—both studies are still tracking the women’s health. The drug also has serious side effects. “I don’t think it’s clear yet whether this is going to be a winner,” Dr Harry Bear of Virginia Commonwealth University said of Avastin. But he added, “I don’t think we’re done with it.” —Internet

Netflix shares surge as customer base grows

LOS ANGELES, 26 Jan—Netflix Inc signed up more US subscribers than expected in the fourth quarter, reversing a wave of defections triggered by a series of high-profile mistakes last year and pushing its shares up 13 percent. That return to customer growth reassured Wall Street that the company’s video rental unit, which outraged customers with a surprise price hike and a botched attempt to split off game consoles, and laptops, "Everywhere," he said. "Every manufacturer is investing in total viewing hours.

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Netflix’s Chief Executive Officer Reed Hastings speaks during an interview with Reuters in Buenos Aires on 7 September, 2011.—Internet

Brent rises above $110 as Fed vows low interest rates

SINGAPORE, 26 Jan—Brent crude rose above $110 on Thursday, extending gains on hopes of demand growth revival after the US Federal Reserve said it would keep interest rates low for much longer than previously planned to help speed economic recovery.

Markets cheered the Fed’s rate outlook and Asian shares, base metals, gold and the euro all rose. Comments helped counter concerns among investors about Greece’s debt crisis worsening and hurting the global economy. For oil, added support came from worries about supply because of tensions with Iran.

Front-month Brent crude gained 87 cents to $110.68 a barrel by 0535GMT, reverting two days of losses. US crude gained 69 cents to $100.09, rising for a second day. “Markets are supported because of concerns about Iran, while the uncertainty over Europe is making it difficult for oil to exit its current trading range,” said Ken Hasegawa, a derivatives manager with brokerage Newedge in Tokyo. “For today, the Fed’s comments have triggered selling in the dollar, and that has helped oil and commodities across the board to rise.”

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S Korea’s economy slows amid waning overseas demand

SOUTH, 26 Jan—South Korea’s economy grew at its slowest pace in two years in the fourth quarter last year as manufacturing waned amid weak overseas demand, the country’s central bank said Thursday. Gross domestic product in the October-December period expanded 0.4 percent from the previous quarter, the Bank of Korea said in a release. It was the slowest growth rate since the fourth quarter of 2009, when the economic growth slowed to 0.2 percent from the previous quarter. On a year-on-year basis, the economy grew 3.4 percent for the whole and for the whole of 2011 it grew 3.6 percent.

Earlier this month, the central bank kept its benchmark interest rate unchanged at 3.25 percent for a seventh consecutive month, as they stuck to their forecasts for this year. “Markets are supported because of concerns about Iran, while the uncertainty over Europe is making it difficult for oil to exit its current trading range,” said Ken Hasegawa, a derivatives manager with brokerage Newedge in Tokyo. “For today, the Fed’s comments have triggered selling in the dollar, and that has helped oil and commodities across the board to rise.”

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NASA image released on 6 Jun, 2012, photographed through the Cupola on the International Space Station. The Russian cargo ship Progress M-14M was launched from the Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan early Thursday, bringing water and fuel to the International Space Station, the mission control centre said. —AFP

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There are currently six men aboard the orbiting space station; three Russians, two Americans and a Dutchman. The Russian space industry suffered a bad year in 2011, with five failed launches. Last August a Soyuz rocket and the Progress supply ship was carrying crashed minutes after blast off from Baikonur, due to a motor failure, paralysing such launch's towards the ISS for three months.

In October investigators said “negligence” was to blame. Earlier this month a much-vaunted Mars probe launched in November crashed into the Pacific Ocean.

Symantec tells customers to disable pcAnywhere software

SAN FRANCISCO, 26 Jan—Symantec Corp took the rare step of advising customers to stop using one of its products, saying its pcAnywhere software for accessing remote PCs is at increased risk of getting hacked and its source code stolen.

The announcement is the company’s most direct acknowledgement to date that 2006 theft of its source code put customers at risk of attack. Symantec said it was only asking customers to temporarily stop using the product, until it releases an update to the software that will mitigate the risk of an attack. It acknowledged that some customers would need to continue using the software for “business critical purposes,” saying they should make sure they are using the most recent version of the product and “understand the current risks,” which include the possibility that hackers could steal data or credentials.

Still, it is highly unusual for a software maker to advise customers to disable a product completely while engineers develop an update to fix bugs. Companies typically recommend mitigating factors that will reduce the risk of an attack.

That’s crazy. That’s pretty much unheard of to just say ‘Stop using it.’ Especially a vendor as large as Symantec,” said Jeroen Wijffels, chief architect of MetaSploit, a platform that security experts use to test the security of computer systems and are vulnerable to attack.

pcAnywhere is a software programme that is also bundled with Altiris’ Altiris line of software for managing corporate PCs. Symantec said in a white paper posted on its website overnight where it disclosed the warning.

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Fusion: X-ray laser zaps solid to 2 million degrees

LOS ANGELES, 26 Jan—The quest to create nuclear fusion may have come a step closer when scientists heated solid matter to two million degrees with the world’s most powerful X-ray laser, a study reported Wednesday.

A team of researchers working at the SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory in Menlo Park, California used the rapid-fire laser — a billion times brighter than any other man-made X-ray source — to flash heat a miniscule piece of aluminum foil.

In so doing, they created a patch of plasma known as “hot dense matter,” reaching temperatures hotter than two million degrees Celsius (3.6 million degrees Fahrenheit).

The whole process lasted less than a trillionth of a second.

Gas-like plasma is often called the fourth state of matter after solids, liquids and gases. While uncommon on Earth, it makes up over 99 percent of the visible universe, including the interior of stars such as the Sun.

“Making extremely hot, dense matter is important scientifically if we are ultimately to understand the conditions that exist inside stars and at the center of giant planets within our own solar system,” said lead author Sam Vinko, a researcher at the University of Oxford.

Scientists have long been able to create electrically-charged plasma by heating gases, which can riparow electrons from their atoms.

But up to now tools existed for doing the same thing at solid densities that cannot be penetrated by conventional laser beams.

In the experiments, reported in the journal Nature, scientists used ultra-short wavelengths of X-ray laser light to heat the aluminum foil and create, for the first time, a uniform patch of plasma, a cube about one thousandth of a centimetre per side.

Harvard study warns of injury through tablet use

HARVARD, 26 Jan—Of course, tablet computers can cause injuries in a variety of ways. Dropped from a great height onto someone’s head will likely have the same damaging effect as being hit by the receiving end of one hurled Frisbee-like across a room.

Thankfully, there are as yet no recorded cases of such incidents, though researchers at the Harvard School of Public Health (HSPH) are warning of other injury risks associated with tablets. While many of us will have experienced a degree of wrist, back or neck pain at some time or other from our interaction with desktop computers, researchers are now turning their attention to ergonomic issues related to tablets such as Apple’s iPad.

In the study, Dennerlein and his team gave 15 people already familiar with tablets an iPad 2 and a Motorola Xoom, together with a case. The subjects, all aged under 40, were then asked to carry out a set of simulated tasks. Their various postures were analyzed using an infrared three-dimensional motion analysis system.

The researchers found that when using tablets, participants’ necks were bent more compared to when using a mouse or a laptop computer, especially when the tablet was placed on the user’s lap.

Apple briefly passes Exxon as most valuable Co

NEW YORK, 26 Jan—Apple briefly surpassed Exxon as the most valuable US company after an excellent quarter, though the oil company has regained the lead at the market’s close. Apple’s stock rose as much as 8 percent, while Exxon’s fell as much as 2 percent during trading Wednesday.

Exxon Mobil Corp’s stock closed up 4 cents at $87.22 for a market capitalization of $418 billion. Apple’s increased 6 percent to $446.66 for a market cap of about $415 billion.

Apple said that net income in its latest quarter more than doubled, while revenue grew 73 percent. Cupertino, Calif-based Apple first topped Exxon in August, then fell back to second place. Irving, Texas-based Exxon had held the top spot since 2005.

Apple overtook Microsoft Corp, now in the No 3 slot, in 2010 Internet

Symantec’s pcAnywhere software in an image courtesy of the company.

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In this 25 March, 2011 file photo, customers wait outside the Apple store in Munich before the start of sales of the iPad2.—INTERNET

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In the study, Dennerlein and his team gave 15 people already familiar with tablets an iPad 2 and a Motorola Xoom, together with a case. The subjects, all aged under 40, were then asked to carry out a set of simulated tasks. Their various postures were analyzed using an infrared three-dimensional motion analysis system.

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YANGON, 26 Jan—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and his entourage arrived in Myeik of Taninthayi Region left for Kawthoung yesterday. They were welcomed at Kawthoung Airport by departmental officials, town elders and social organization members.

They proceeded to oil palm growing project of Yuzana Co Ltd in Khamaukkyi Sub-township where Chairman of Yuzana Co Ltd U Htay Myint and staff members welcomed them.

The Vice-President viewed thriving oil palm plantations and called for extension for plantations.

The Vice-President and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin planted an oil palm plant in commemoration of the trip, and so did Union ministers and other officials.

On arrival at Yuzana Mini Market in the project site, they viewed foodstuff, clothing, personal goods and electronic devices, and then inspected oil production process at crude palm oil mill (60 tons per hour).

The Vice-President and party also viewed crude palm oil sample milled from oil palm fruit, and organic fertilizer produced from byproducts.

Company Chairman U Htay Myint briefed the Vice-President on growing of 166,390 acres of oil palm plantations by the end of 2011 which started with 250 acres in 1999, expected extension of 30,000 acres in 2012-2013, growing 1,200,000 saplings to be grown in monsoon of 2012, workforce, housing for staff, school opened for children of staff, opening of a hospital, and construction of palm oil refinery and crude oil mill (60 tons per hour).

Pokaung Co Ltd Chairman U Aye Maung and Golden Oil Palm Co Chairman Dr Ko Ko Htwe gave account of oil palm growing project.

Pokaung Co Ltd had grown 12,100 acres of oil palm in 2010 of 27,550 acres in Bokpyin Township.

The Vice-President said that over 300,000 acres of oil palm had been grown in Taninthayi Region of 500,000 targeted acres. Despite difficulties at the earliest on data of the region and development tasks. Deputy Commissioner U Myint Than gave a supplementary report.

Next, town elders presented matters relating to education and transport requirements of the region.

Acting Chief Minister U Myat Ko gave a supplementary report and deputy ministers touched upon ministry-wise undertakings and assistance to be provided for the region.

The Vice-President in coordination with related ministries fulfilled education, health, communication and transport requirements presented by officials and locals.

In response to reports, the Vice-President said that as Kawthoung is a border town, it is required to be in line with laws and procedures in working with the bordering country, highlighting prevention of human trafficking through educative talks, continuing of flourishing oil palm growing tasks and paddy sufficiency in the region.

After explaining current economic, social and international relations of the State, the Vice-President cordially greeted locals and enquired about local condition.

The Vice-President and party left Kawthoung by flight and arrived in Yangon in the evening. —MNA
First day third regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw held

Today’s session includes formation of one commission and one committee, reformation of Hluttaw committee, reply to five questions by respective Union Ministers, submitting one bill sent by Pyithu Hluttaw with amendment, and submitting one bill and two proposals by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw with a stand order, and submitting one bill and two proposals by Union Parliament.

Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint attends first day third regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw—MNLA

Representatives attending first day third regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw—MNLA
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Aungmyay Sugarcane Project, is five miles long.
Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann attends third regular session of First Pyithu Hluttaw.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Jan — The third regular session of the first Pyithu Hluttaw kicked off at the Pyithu Hluttaw Building here today. Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and 379 representatives attended the first day meeting.

First, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Thant, Maj Zin Myo Latt and Maj Yan Naing Htoo took oaths as representatives of the Tatmadaw in the presence of the Speaker. Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann said in his introductory speech that at a time when the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is being held, Pyithu Hluttaw representatives become Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives although they are representatives of Pyithu Hluttaw at the same time. The main theme to convene today’s Hluttaw session is to approve the remaining bills of the second regular session, and the representatives as Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives are to scrutinize and approve the bill on supplementary budget for 2011-2012 fiscal year and the bill on budget and national planning for 2012-2013 fiscal year to be submitted by the Union government. Moreover, tasks for proposals, questions and bills to be submitted by the Hluttaw representatives will be undertaken depending on the time allowed.

With regard to submissions of the Union government for systematic spending of public funds on development, management and social development sectors of the State, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives, on behalf of the people, are to scrutinize how to allot and spend the public funds and how about effectiveness of spending funds for the public. And then, he pointed out that it is necessary to focus on supporting, suggesting and amending the various matters. He stressed the need to discuss various items by calculating the actual possible and necessary ways and means.

Although the Hluttaw representatives are not scholars or economic experts in analyzing the allotment of public funds, they will participate in the discussions after reviewing the points on advantages for the people through their political will and logical thinking. Thus, their discussions will be designed to fulfill the wishes of the people through the legislative ways and means. In scrutinizing the national plans, some projects are to be implemented within one year and some are to be undertaken through short- and intermediate-terms. In this regard, the efforts of Hluttaw committees play a key role, depending on the allotment of respective budgets. With regard to necessary procedures, targets, aims and actual implementation, the Hluttaw committees are to cooperate with ministries concerned for building relationships with the Hluttaw like the relations between legislative and executive bodies without beyond the check & balance ideology prescribed in the constitution. Moreover, the committees are to build better relations with the executive body. Although they have different duties and procedures in serving the interests of the Union and the people, they are walking on the way to same goal. That is why they all will march towards the goal that the Union will be built through democracy.

He expressed his pleasure that he saw endeavours of the representatives to be able to dutifully take out the task of the Hluttaw in accordance with the constitution. In conclusion, he urged them to pour out their greater efforts for harmoniously serving the interests of the mother land and citizens.

 Afterwards, Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann read out the message sent by the President to the Pyithu Hluttaw and put it on record. During the meeting, works which were carried out by the Speaker and representatives were reported and put on record, substitution of officers and duties assigned, 12 questions were raised and answered, reports of the three committees were presented and five new proposals were submitted.

Among the works which were put on record were the clarification of the Speaker at the meeting with members of the Pyithu Hluttaw legal affairs and special cases assessment commission. The commission and Lecturer Dr. Tin Latt of Myanmar Accountancy Council of the Union Auditor-General’s Office as members of the legal affairs and special cases assessment commission. The commission and Lecturer Dr. Tin Latt of Myanmar Accountancy Council of the Union Auditor-General’s Office as members of the legal affairs and special cases assessment commission. The commission and Lecturer Dr. Tin Latt of Myanmar Accountancy Council of the Union Auditor-General’s Office as members of the legal affairs and special cases assessment commission.

Meanwhile, the Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw, the Chief Minister of Yangon Region, the Speaker of Yangon Region Hluttaw and guests at the office of the commission on December, 2011, the visit of the Myanmar delegation led by Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann to India from 11 to 17 December, 2011, at the invitation of Speaker of the upper house of India Mohammad Hamid Ansari and Speaker of the lower house Kumar, Smt Meira and the message sent from the Republic of Belarus to the Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw. In the duty substitution session, U Win Myint of Myingyan constituency has been assigned as secretary of banks and monetary development committee, U Maung Maung Soe of Thakayta constituency as a member of the committee, and U Thin Maung, Director (Retd) of Myanmar Investment Commission and Lecturer Dr. Tin Latt of Myanmar Accountancy Council of the Union Auditor-General’s Office as members of the legal affairs and special cases assessment commission. Therefore, the Union Auditor-General’s Office would accept 360 trainees for the diploma in accounting course (1st part) of the 2012-2013 academic year which would open on 1st, February, 2012, at newly constructed Nay Pyi Taw training school. So far, 1971 certified public accountants and 3888 diploma in accountancy holders. Besides, B.Com graduates and accounting graduates, outstanding trainees of the diploma in accountancy course (2nd part) were allowed to take the certified public accountancy course as from the course No. 37 which was conducted in February, 2011. (See page 10)
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A new curriculum meeting the international standard will be prescribed for the CPA (Part I) and the diploma in accountancy course (Part I) courses as from the 2012-2013 academic year.

As from the CPA course (Part I) No. 38, trainees would have three sessions on job training during the two-year course or to receive on-job training after completing the part I and part II.

The trainees of the CPA courses No. 1 to 16 received their on-job training at the governmental departments, from 17 to 21 at the governmental departments and private audit firms and as from course No. 22, they received on-job training at private audit firms. As part of producing new generation of accountants of the governmental departments, trainees would be sent to the governmental departments as from course No. 39.

To fulfill the need for Continuing Professional Education (CPE), Myanmar Certified Accountants Society has organized monthly educative talks as from August, 2008, and issued licenses to accountants only when they meet the CPE hours.

For small and medium businesses, Myanmar accountancy standard and Myanmar auditing standard have been prescribed. For companies, Myanmar accountancy standard has been extended and efforts are being made to prescribe the accountancy standard for the state-owned sector.

Myanmar Accountancy Council has changed its ways to produce more accountants to improve their knowledge.

The Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min replied questions raised by five representatives.

Daw Tin Nwe Oo of Dagon Msohisthi (North) constituency asked whether Ministry of Rail Transportation had a plan to construct a reinforce concrete type 404-ft long motor road.

The Union Minister replied that Myanma Railways has already been inspected the two myana railways has already been inspected the two uncontrolled areas as there are traffic congestion at the junction of railroad and motor roads in Pyawbwe. A design has been drawn to construct one underpass near the mile post No. 287/189 and the work on construction will be launched in early March, 2012.

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Maung Myint replied questions raised by six representatives.

U Win Thein of Pinlebu Constituency asked about construction of (Pinlebu-Inngon) Moo River spanning bridge on Pinlebu-Phaungpyin Road, Pinlebu Township of Sagaing Region. In response, the Union Minister said that the Moo River is streaming near milepost No. 65/0 of Pinlebu-Phaungpyin Road. The Construction Ministry maintained Pinlebu-Phaungpyin Road beginning 2006-2007 fiscal year, and is now carrying out upgrading works.

If a bridge over the river is constructed, people not only from Pinlebu Township but also from Phaungpyin, Hlaingtharyu and Huakhtkyi townships will be able to make their journey easy.

The Construction Ministry earmarked K 300 million fund for construction of Moo River crossing bridge on Pinlebu-Phaungpyin Road in 2012-2013 fiscal year. Construction works will run according to fund available.

U Win Myint of Myingyan Constituency asked whether upgrading works of Myingyan-Natogyi-Miyitha-Yevun Road (53.7 miles) will be carried out as quickly as possible according to provisions of agreement for social, economic and health cases of locals. In response, the Union Minister said that Gulf Energy Construction Co Ltd legally took over upgrading works of 53.7 miles long Myingyan-Natogyi-Miyitha-Yewun Road between milepost Nos. 2/3 and 56/2 from Asia Myanmar Company and carried out works on 22-1-2011 through BOT system.

Under the leadership of the Construction Ministry, minister for transport of Mandalay Region and engineers from region, district and township supervised upgrading works many times.

As works of Gulf Energy Construction Co Ltd were found unsatisfied, responsible persons of the company were given warnings and inspections were made many times. Watchful eyes are to be set on progress of the road.

Minister for transport of Mandalay Region and district supervising repair of roads, as repaired repairs of road between milepost Nos 20/0 and 36/5 on 8-1-2012.
Severe flooding, landslides
kill six in Fiji

SOUVA, (Fiji), 26 Jan—Severe flooding and landslides in Fiji have killed six people and left hundreds more homeless.

The permanent secretary of information for the South Pacific nation said Thursday that heavy rain since last weekend has forced 3,500 people into temporary shelters. Sharon Smith-Johns also says some people have lost all their possessions.

She says a landslide Wednesday killed a family of four, including two toddlers, in the remote Tukuraki Village on the main island of Viti Levu. She says two farmers also died in separate incidents as they tried to rescue livestock on the islands of Viti Levu and Vanova Levu.

Western regions of Viti Levu have been worst hit. Smith-Johns says a break in the weather Thursday is giving people hope that the worst is over.

Floodwaters rise on the main shopping street of Nandi, Fiji, on 26 Jan, 2012. Authorities said that severe flooding and landslides have killed several people and forced thousands into temporary shelters.

Irish government websites
targeted by cyber attack

DUBLIN, 26 Jan—Websites for the Irish Department of Justice and Department of Finance were both taken offline for a time in the early hours of Wednesday following an apparent cyber attack.

Both websites were down for around an hour after being targeted by a distributed denial of service (DDoS) attack. These attacks often result in a website’s servers being overwhelmed with huge numbers of simple requests that bring the site down.

The Department of Justice confirmed the websites were attacked.

The attack is not an attempt to extract information from the website but is instead an attempt to stop access to a service. There appears to be no damage done to the website, the statement said. The department said there seemed to be no damage done to the website but a review is being undertaken.

Chairman of the Management Committee Union Minister U Thein Nyunt, preparations for the ceremony and rehearsal, accommodation of representatives who will attend the ceremony and greetings of the President to the representatives.

After that, the Vice-President coordinated necessary matters related to the reports. In his conclusion address, the Vice-President said that as there are some changes in the scheduled of previous years’ ceremonies to mark the Union Day, the ceremony to mark the 65th Anniversary Union Day will be smooth in its process without any difficulty. The reception and entertainment subcommittees are to carry out their tasks dutifully so as to successfully observable the ceremony to mark the 65th Anniversary Union Day.

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Thus, he said that invitation, reception and accommodation subcommittees is to focus on systematic accommodation for the representatives and the security subcommittees to make necessary preparations for the representatives.

The previous meeting approved the message to be sent by the President, the Union Day making fund in the country.

U Zon Tant of Chitwae Constituency and U Myo Swe of Tanai Constituency discussed the proposal and Hluttaw approved it.

U Aung Thein Linn of South Okkalapa Constituency submitted proposal for amendment to trade tax for being paid on raw material imports and market product imports, and more relaxation to be paid to tax on raw material imports than on finished product imports.

U Thein Nyunt of Thangyang Constituency submitted proposal for bill on copyright legislation in law, bill on penal code and bill on Bar Council Act.

The proposal of U Aung Thein Linn will be discussed on 30 January and representatives wishing to discuss may enlist their name in the evening.

In response to the first proposal of U Thein Nyunt, Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko said that as provisions and directives of the law have been perfect in current situation, there is no need to amend the law.

In response to the second proposal of U Thein Nyunt, Judge U Soe Nyunt of Union Supreme Court said that the provisions of the law are not scrapping media men aiming to protect people including media men living under law. The provisions are agreeable to current situation.

In response to the third proposal, Attorney-General of the Union Dr Tun Shin said that Attorney-General’s Office is taking measures to submit bill on amendment to the law to Hluttaw. So, there is no need to submit the proposal bill.

U Thein Nyunt reedrew his first and third proposals and asked for recording his second proposal. Hluttaw decided to record it.

The session ended at 3.35 pm and second-day session starts at 10 am tomorrow.—MM
Claim Day Notice

MV Kota Tegap VOY NO (621)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TEGAP VOY NO (621) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 27.1.2012 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.

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

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Myanmar Port Authority
Agent for: MS Advance Container Lines

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Tornado hits eight areas in Indonesia’s main island of Java

Jakarta, 26 Jan—Tornado hit eight areas in Indonesia’s main island of Java on Wednesday, damaging hundreds of houses.

The National Agency of Disaster Mitigation (BNPB) recorded that the eight areas are Seribu Islands and South Jakarta in Jakarta province, regencies and cities of Sinbundoro, Kediri, Blitar and Malang of East Java province and regencies of Indramayu and Sukabumi in West Java province.

Antojo Purwo Nugroho, head of Data Centre, Information and Public Relations at the BNPB said in a Press statement that in Seribu Islands, 35 people were injured and 459 houses got mild to moderate damage.

According to Nugroho, one person was killed in South Jakarta. In Sinbundoro, he said, tornado attacked six sub-districts, damaging hundreds of house. In Kediri, several public facilities and houses were ruined. Meanwhile, in Blitar, trees fell due to tornado attack, damaging one car and injuring five people.

“In Maling, two people have to be treated in a hospital due to injuries,” Nugroho said, adding that in Sukabumi and Indramayu, tens of houses were ruined. “In Indramayu, about 97 houses in two villages were ruined,” he said. He urged people to stay alert.

A man buys bottled water at a supermarket in Lichou City, southwest China’s Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 25 Jan, 2012. The Guangxi Jinhe Mining Co Ltd has been held responsible for discharging cadmium pollutants, contaminating the Lijiang River in Hechi City of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, local authorities confirmed Wednesday. The incident caused panic buying of bottled water in Lichou city at the lower reaches of the river over the past few days. However, city authorities have taken proper control of the situation by publishing real-time water sample test results via local media and ensuring the prices and market supply of bottled water.

Merkel calls for “even greater changes” to Europe

Berlin, 26 Jan—German Chancellor Angela Merkel on Wednesday called for “even greater changes” to the status quo of the crisis-hit eurozone, while warning that pampering debt-wrecked eurozone member countries would do a “disservice” to the future of the euro currency.

Merkel, who has come to the limelight of controversy with her stubborn attitude to impose the rigorous budgetary stringency to other eurozone member countries, made the remarks in a joint interview with six leading European newspapers.

She urged all the parties concerned to make greater efforts and realize “a very, very big change.”

“If we stop short of pushing forward these efforts, but only be simply nice to one another and attenuate all the initiatives to reform, then that could be a disservice to Europe,” Merkel said. She added that it would be pointless to promise more money without tackling the causes of the crisis.

The German Chancellor also cautioned that Germany itself had to look into in order not to run out of steam as pressure from the financial assistance and rescue packages kept mounting. “After all, our capacities aren’t infinite, and overstretching ourselves wouldn’t help us or the EU as a whole,” she said.
News Article

Supermodel Kate Moss

Kate Moss new face of Mango

LONDON, 26 Jan—Supermodel Kate Moss is the new face of Spanish high street store Mango.

The 38-year-old is the latest celebrity to appear in a campaign for the store following the footsteps of Scarlett Johansson, Penelope Cruz and Olivia Palermo, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

“I’m really excited to be working with Mango for S/S (spring/summer) 2012,” said Moss. “It’s great to be a part of a campaign with a great team and shooting with Terry is always fun,” said Moss.

Moss has been ad shot by photographer Terry Richardson. —Internet

Hudgens to auction award gown for charity

LONDON, 26 Jan—Actress Vanessa Hudgens is auctioning off the dress she wore to the 2011 MTV Video Music Awards to raise cash for a cancer charity.

Bidding for the costume gown began Monday, and the auction will continue on eBay.com, an online shopping portal till Feb 2, reports contactmusic.com.

“I am proud to continue to support Stand Up To Cancer and all the incredible work they do. The organisation reaches all of our lives in some way and I am honoured to donate this gorgeous Candy’s Couture gown to help to raise funds and awareness for this important initiative,” the 23-year-old said.

All proceeds from the sale will benefit Stand Up To Cancer, a charitable organisation. —Internet

Daniel Radcliffe finds his girlfriend ‘nice’

LONDON, 26 Jan—Actor Daniel Radcliffe says his girlfriend is his “supporting cast.”

The 23-year-old has been in a relationship with production assistant Rosie Coker for over two years.

“She’s the nice half of my brain, the part of my brain that doesn’t dislike me—that’s her. She encourages me which is the nice part of my brain,” he said.

“She knows me so she knows this is what I’m like. She knows I love my job and there’s nothing I would ever do to not be doing my job,” he added. —Internet

Marilyn was incredibly clever: Michelle Williams

LOS ANGELES, 26 Jan—Michelle Williams who plays Marilyn Monroe in the film “My Week With Marilyn” believes the late actress was incredibly clever and had control over her own image.

“I think she was an incredibly clever woman but also kind of guileless, a bit like a child. She always had such control over her own image and what the world knows of Marilyn— the images that we see, the interviews that she gave— was all very controlled,” Williams said.

“This is an incandescent mixture, this mixture, this woman-child. She gave the impression of having a body of a woman but the mind and that of an innocent, and that was an intoxicating combination,” she added.

Michelle Williams

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Prince and the Showgirl.

These memoirs now form the narrative for a new film. “My Week with Marilyn,” with Williams playing the role of Monroe was released.

“Marilyn is an icon, and I must say that I have never been so his affected by somebody’s beauty until I started spending a lot of time with her. I have always been drawn to Marilyn,” said the 31-year-old. —Brooke on “Backbreak Mountain” star. —Internet

Demi Moore faces health issues

The 49-year-old was reportedly hospitalised Monday after paramedics were called to her home. Now she is seeking “further professional assistance,” reports tmz.com.

The reason why Moore was taken to hospital is still unclear. But her representative stated: “Because of the stresses in her life right now, Demi has chosen to seek professional assistance to treat her exhaustion and improve her overall health. She looks forward to getting well and grateful for the support of her family and friends.”

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Stephen Colbert shuts down exploratory bid

Comedian Stephen Colbert parked in his presidential exploratory committee after his attempt totally South Carolina voters behind Herman Cain bombed. Despite Cain receiving a "massive 6,234 votes" in the state's primary Saturday, Colbert said it was time to end his budding with a 2012 run, Politico reports.

"It is with a heart and a spastic colon that I'm re-suspending Herman Cain's suspended campaign. Also, I'm hereby officially ending my exploratory committee to run for the president of the United States of South Carolina," Colbert told his audience Monday during "The Colbert Report" on the Comedy Central. The funnyman also wondered how he could reclaim control of his super PAC, which he turned over to colleagues and "The Daily Show" host Stewart before announcing his exploratory committee. The host went onto Stewart's e-mail to "supporters" explaining Colbert's request (in part):

"Today he asked me if he could retake control of The Definitely Not Colbert SuperPAC. I told him, with all due respect, to take a long walk off a short go..." Are you kidding me? This thing is a pile of money, sitting on top of a heap of cash, sitting on top of a mountain of moolah. And I'm going to spend it. But in a legal, responsible way..."

‘School’ misspelled on New York road

People in a New York neighbourhood said the word “school” has been misspelled as “SHCOOL” for months on the street outside of a high school. The residents said sign Stanton Street, outside of Marta Valle High School on the Lower East Side—was painted “SHCOOL-X-NG” during the summer and officials have failed to correct it for several months, the New York Post reported Tuesday.

"Nothing surprises me anymore at this school," said Linda Surles, PTA president at the school. "What's ironic is that the principal has probably painted the lunchroom and rooms inside over about five times since 2010." The Post said it was unable to reach any officials at the school. A Department of Transportation spokesman said the misspelling was the work of a utility provider and the company is responsible for correcting the error. "We are contacting them to correct the error promptly," the spokesman said.

Newspaper carrier saves rival from fire

A newspaper delivery woman in Washington state has saved a rival from a paper fire for a rival paper from burning to death in his van. Jackie Mincey helped Florentino Martinez, who lost his van Saturday morning, the Yakima Herald-Republic reported. Mincey was also the one who spotted flames coming from under Martinez’s van.

"She saved my life," Martinez said. Martinez’s troubles began when he got stuck in the snow while delivering the Herald Republic to a house in Prosser. Martinez delivered the Tri-City Herald to the same house, helped push him free twice. As Martinez tried to drive off the property, Mincey saw the flames. She tried to use snow to douse the fire and then helped Martinez get out of his car.

Martinez said Mincey stayed with him until the firefighters and his wife got to the house.

Milan to guest star on ‘Gifted Man’

NEW YORK, 26 Jan—Singer and actress Christina Milian is to guest star at a star on TV’s "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation."—Internet

Caitlin Miller attends the NBC Universal Press Tour All-Star Party in Pasadena, California on 6 January, 2012.—INTERNET

The 1964 white Cadillac carried the as-sassinated body of President John F. Kennedy sold for $176,000 at an Arizona auction. Barrett-Jackson Auction Co said Colorado real estate developer Stephen Tebo purchased the hearse, which carried the as-sassinated president’s coffin in 1963 from Parkland Memorial Hospital to Dallas Love Field, for $176,000 at the auction in Scottsdale, The Dallas Morning News reported Tuesday.

Other classic cars sold at the auction included a 1955 Mercedes Gullwing for $4.6 million, The Arizona Republic reported. The auctioneer, which specialises in classic cars, said it has sold nine cars for more than $1 million thus far this year, giving it its best year since 2008.

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BELLAGIO, 26 Jan—Carlo Ancelotti,his side's coach,was on the touchline when he conceded the penalty that led to Manchester United's second goal in their English Premier League soccer match against Everton at City of Manchester Stadium,Manchester,England. Manchester United's chairman criticized AC Milan on 24 December 2012.

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Manchester City dispute ‘has cost Tevez £9.3mn’

BATA, 26 Jan—Rank outsiders Equalitarian Guinean Guinean Guinean Republic reached the 2012 Africa Cup of Nations quarter-finals with a 2-1 victory over Senegal with a shock 2-1 triumph over rain-soaked Estadio de Bata. Ivan 'Randy' Iyanga put a team ranked 151 in the world ahead on 62 minutes. In their English Premier League soccer match, AC Milan are seeking to sell Man City is looking at replacing Tevez. In this 20 Dec, 2010 file photo, Manchester City's forward Tevez reacts during their English Premier League soccer match against Everton at City of Manchester Stadium, Manchester, England.

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The Tievers are very hopeful for the future.

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Sharapova into Australian Open final vs Azarenka

Melbourne, 26 Jan—Maria Sharapova has averaged her Wimbledon loss to Petra Kvitova and returned to the Australian Open final for the first time since winning 2008 title. Sharapova broke Kvitova’s serve in the last game to finish off 6-2, 3-6, 6-4 victory and set up a championship match against third-seeded Victoria Azarenka. The third-seeded Belarussian ousted defending champion Kim Clijsters earlier Thursday to reach her first Grand Slam final.

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Maria Sharapova eyes on the ball for a return shot to Petra Kvitova of the Czech Republic during their semifinal at the Australian Open tennis championships, in Melbourne, Australia, on 26 Jan, 2012. --INTERNET

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Seven killed in Indonesian storms

JAKARTA, 26 Jan—Seven people were killed and 51 injured as heavy rains lashed Indonesia, bringing down trees and powerlines and damaging hundreds of homes, an official said Thursday.

“Seven people died, 51 wounded and 1,012 houses were damaged in 23 districts and cities due to rainstorms on Wednesday,” National Disaster Management Agency spokesman Suwoto Purwo Nugroho said via text message.

“Those killed were crushed by falling trees.”

Rainstorms and strong winds were brought about by Tropical Cyclone Iggy in the Indian Ocean, south of the resort island of Bali and nearby Nusa Tenggara islands, Nugroho said.

“Tropical cyclone Iggy resulted in wind speeds of more than 60 kilometres (37 miles) per hour and waves four-to-six metres (20 feet) high in the waters in several parts of Indonesia.”

The Jakarta Globe newspaper reported a ferry carrying more than 200 people, including five Australians, heading to the Gili islands off Bali nearly capsized after being caught in waves up to three metres high, but there were no casualties.

Storms, landslides and floods are common in Indonesia during the annual rainy season, which peaks between December and February.
**Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin attend reception to mark Republic Day of India**

Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin attended the reception to mark the Republic Day of India which is founding day of the Republic of India at the residence of the Indian Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar on Diplomat Road in Dagon Township, here, this evening.

Also present on the occasion were Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint, Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe, the commander of Yangon Command, the Yangon mayor, departmental heads, ambassadors of foreign embassies to Myanmar, Charges d’Affaires and military attaches and guests.

At 6.30 pm when Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin arrived at the residence of the Indian Ambassador, they were welcomed by Indian Ambassador Dr Villur Sundararajan Seshadri.

First, national anthems of Myanmar and India were played. After that, the Vice-President and wife posed for documentary photo with the Indian Ambassador and those present. Later, the Indian Ambassador hosted a dinner to Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin and those present.

**Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham addresses coord meeting of 65th Anniversary Union Day Organizing Central Committee**

Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham addresses second coordination meeting of Central Committee for Organizing the 65th Anniversary Union Day 2012.

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Jan—In accord with the national objectives: to build the Union for its perpetual existence through the strength of national unity, all the national people to uphold Our Three Main National Causes forever, to endow the national people with Union Spirit, to strive for ensuring eternal peace for all the national races, and to build a modern and developed Union by practising discipline-flourishing democracy in accord with the constitution, the 65th Anniversary Union Day Organizing Central Committee held the second coordination meeting at the hall of the Union government, here, this morning, with an address by Chairman of the Central Committee Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham.

Also present at the meeting were members of the central committee and management committee, chairmen of subcommittees and secretaries.

Speaking on the occasion, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham said that today’s meeting is aimed at

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