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True patriotism

* It is very important for every one of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
* Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

President U Thein Sein observes development of Toa Payoh Housing

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Feb—A Myanmar goodwill delegation led by President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein, accompanied by Minister of National Development Mr Khaw Boon Wan of Singapore, viewed progress of Toa Payoh Housing Estate in Singapore on 30 January afternoon.

On arrival at the Housing Development Board, President U Thein Sein and party were welcomed by Chief Executive Dr Cheong Koon Hean and officials. At the briefing room, they briefed the President and party on construction of suitable housing estates for low incomes families in Singapore, ownership of next generations of buyers who purchased apartments built on the State-owned land by spending individual savings, and fulfillments of the Housing Development Board for creating jobs and providing accommodation for the people. Afterwards, the President and party asked what they wanted to know.

President U Thein Sein and party viewed buildings constructed by the

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President U Thein Sein, wife Daw Khin Khin Win meet embassy staff in Singapore

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Feb—The Myanmar goodwill delegation led by President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win arrived at the residence of the Myanmar Ambassador to Singapore at 6.30 pm on 29 January and were welcomed by Ambassador U Tin Oo Lwin and wife and embassy staff there.

Next, the President and party heard the reports presented by the Ambassador on social, economy, education and health conditions of Singapore and investments to be made by Singaporean entrepreneurs in Myanmar. After that, the ambassador hosted a dinner to the President and party.

In meeting with embassy staff, the President explained political developments and peace and stability of Myanmar, sanctions reduction because of better relationships with international community, including the Western countries, making eternal peace with national races armed groups, investments offered by foreign countries and creation of job opportunities for the people.

He also said that all Myanmar people have to stand on their own feet for national development. Embassy staff needs to stay in unisons and with a sense of family spirit and follow diplomatic ethic and disciplines. They also are to try to strengthen already-existing friendly relations with the posting countries and persuade those countries to make cooperation in the Myanmar’s economic development.

Afterwards, the President and wife presented gifts to the Ambassador and wife, the minister-counsellor and wife, staff and family members and cash assistances to scholarship students in Singapore.
Young but courteous at heart

In communicating each other, we need to stick to social etiquettes. Elders often advise youths to be aware of their physical, verbal and mental gestures.

Yes. The world is changing. Physical progresses are tangible. But mentally, we are sinking so low. Especially, etiquettes of offspring towards parents, pupils towards teachers, and juniors towards seniors are poorer and poorer.

Some treat parents with the utmost courtesy. What a desirable thing! Some are polite to teachers, always folding hands and offering traditional greetings.

Respectful gestures, making way for monks and elders and preparing spaces for them, are very common. “Avert brawl. Never start it. Subside rage and do not show arrogance,” the old verse shows the lads a way to politeness. Sparkling hostility between each other and treating badly are ugly gestures.

The young people need to use well-organized language. That is why ancient poet-cum-monk Ven Maharahitasara composed, “One’s word, not to be bitter in other’s ears. Speak in care. May it be honeyed.” Using foul language and insulting others by words are not sweet gestures.

Besides physical and verbal gestures, the young generation should maintain healthy attitude as well. It is otherwise the strength of mind. Showing sympathy towards the youngster, respect towards the peer and admiration towards the elder is a perfect mindset. Patience, diligence, kindness and generosity are strong mental characters.

May the young people, heading towards more and more developed era, maintain well-behaved gestures and bring about the good to the planet they live in!

Kanyin Dam in Ingapu Township of Ayeyawady Region is the first irrigation facility opened in the time of the new government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Construction began in 2007-2008 and the dam was successfully opened on 1 January, 2012, taking five years. It is the tenth irrigation project of the State in Ayeyawady Region.

The dam is of earthen type and has 194 feet in height with 3750-ft long main dam and 2850-ft long saddle dyke. Its maximum water storage capacity is 148,800 acres feet. With ogee type three conduits measuring 4x6 feet each, it can benefit 25,000 acres of farmland.

Kanyin Dam will irrigate 8,000 acres of summer paddy farmland this year. The main cannal is 58 miles long and the right and left feeder cannals are 123 miles long. The dam is equipped with two 2.5-megawatt turbines to generate rural hydroelectricity for the region.

The government has built Kanyin Dam in Ingapu Township of Ayeyawady Region to ensure irrigation water sufficiency, the fundamental need of agriculture. The dam is believed to facilitate agricultural development of the region, increasing the income of local farmers, aiding economic growth of the nation.

Kanyin Dam built by the government with a large sum of money improves the life and increase the incomes of farmers in Ayeyawady Region. Authorities concerned at region, district and township levels will enforce dam rules and regulations for effective use of irrigation water in order that future generations can consume the fruits from the trees sowed by us.

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Taleban local leader captured in Afghanistan

KABUL, 2 Feb—A Taleban local leader was captured on Thursday in southern Afghanistan’s Helmand Province, NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) forces said.

“An Afghan and coalition security force captured a Taleban leader during an operation in Nahr-e Saraj District, Helmand Province, today,” the ISAF said in a Press release issued here.

Without disclosing the name of the captured leader, ISAF said that “the leader directed roadside bomb attacks against Afghan forces throughout the district. One additional suspected militant was detained during the operation.”

Afghan forces and ISAF troops have intensified cleanup operations throughout the post-Taleban country recently. The Taleban militants, who launched in May 2011 a rebel offensive against Afghan and NATO forces, have yet to confirm the capture of the leader.—Xinhua

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Residents and police rush to the site where a bomb exploded outside a police station in Tumaco on Colombia’s southern Pacific coast, on 1 Feb, 2012. —INTERNET

Al-Awlaki, a US citizen linked to al Qaeda’s Yemeni branch, was killed last year in a CIA drone strike. Documents they admitted to the same terrorism offences including planning to plant an improvised bomb in the toilets of the London Stock Exchange.

The two men, Mohammed Chowdhury, 21, and Shah Rahman, 28, both from east London, admitted preparing for acts of terrorism by planning to plant an improvised bomb in the toilets of the London Stock Exchange.

Brothers Gurukanth Desai, 30, and Abdul Miah, 25, both from Cardiff in Wales also pleaded guilty to the same charge. Some of the defendants had also pleaded leaving home-made bombs in the toilets of pubs in Stoke, in the English Midlands.

The judge told Chowdhury he could expect to receive 18-1/2 years and Rahman 17 years, although the actual time spent in jail would be shorter, around six years, taking account of time already served and parole.

The five other men, one from Cardiff and four from Stoke, admitted lesser terrorism offences including attending operational meetings and fundraising.

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New online test tries to cut deaths from asthma attacks

London, 2 Feb — A new online test is being launched that will help people with asthma gauge to what extent they are at risk from a serious attack. The website will also advise people what they can do to minimise that risk and how to stay well. At the same time a national review of all asthma deaths over the next year is also getting under way. It aims to reduce the number of deaths through asthma attacks, which claim the lives of three people in the UK a day. The online test, called Triple-A: Avoid Asthma Attack, asks simple questions about factors which have been linked to increasing the risk of an asthma attack that could lead to a hospital admission. According to the charity Asthma UK, which is behind the new website, about 75% of asthma-related emergency hospital admissions could be prevented. Those taking the test will fall into one of three categories, colour-coded like traffic lights. The orange category means the person runs a highly increased risk of a serious attack, while green would mean increased risk. Each category is linked to advice on how to control the symptoms and what to do if someone does have an attack. Dr Samantha Walker, director of research and policy at Asthma UK, said asthma attacks put someone in hospital every seven minutes and kill over 1,100 people every year.

Heartburn drugs may raise fracture risk in older women

Boston, 2 Feb — Older women who take popular medications to control indigestion and heartburn may put themselves at higher risk for hip fractures, researchers report. Long-term use of these drugs, called proton pump inhibitors (PPIs), may increase that risk by 35% per year, according to some studies. These medications are strongly indicated in some patients, at least for short-term use, we believe that clinicians should continue to carefully monitor the need for long-term use of these medications, specifically among postmenopausal women with a history of smoking, said lead researcher Dr Hamed Khalili, a clinical and research fellow in gastroenterology at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. Our data supports the recent decision by the US Food and Drug Administration to revise labeling of PPIs to incorporate concerns about a possible increase in risk of fractures with these drugs,” he said. The report was published in the 31 Jan online edition of the BMJ. For the study, Khalili’s team collected data on almost 80,000 postmenopausal women. Over the course of eight years, from 2000 to 2008, almost 900 hip fractures occurred — a 35% increased risk for women using PPIs compared to women who didn’t take the drugs.

Pfizer recalls 1 million packets of birth control pills

Boston, 2 Feb — About one million packets of birth control pills are being recalled in the United States by Pfizer because of a packaging error that could reduce the effectiveness of the pills and cause unintended pregnancies. The recall of 14 lots of Levonorgestrel and Ethinyl Estradiol tablets was announced late Tuesday after Pfizer discovered that some blister packs may contain either too many or too few active pills and that the pills may be out of sequence. The expiration dates on the recalled packets range between 31 July, 2013 and 31 March, 2014.

2012 already looks like a winner for automakers

Demer, 2 Feb — 2012 is already looking like a winner for automakers — just one month into the year US sales of new cars and trucks rose 11 percent to 913,287 in January. New models and lower prices and better loan availability helped buyers overcome lingering worries about the economy and pushed the sales pace to its highest level since the Cash for Clunkers recycling programme in August 2009. Chrysler had its best January in four years. Toyota and Honda were back in the game, getting boosts from important new vehicles. Volkswagen, which wants to aggressively expand in the US, reported big increases. The only loser among the major automakers was General Motors Co, whose sales fell 6 percent from a strong January last year. “People are finally in several years, we are starting the year off with a warm and fuzzy feeling,” said Jesse Row of 2012 Jeep Grand Cherokee on the lot of Willie Runci’s Jeep in South Burlington, Vt.

Chrysler said on 1 Feb, 2012, its January sales in the US rose 44 percent over a year ago on gains from its Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep and Ram brands.

American Airlines aims to cut 13,000 jobs

Dallas, 2 Feb — The parent of American Airlines wants to eliminate about 13,000 jobs — 15 percent of its workforce — as the nation’s third-biggest airline makes itself under bankruptcy protection. The company proposes to end its traditional pension plans, a move strongly opposed by the airline’s unions and the US pension-insurance agency, and to stop paying for retiree health benefits. AMR Corp said Wednesday that it must cut labor costs by 20 percent. It would begin in May, with its three major unions, but the president of the flight attendants’ union quickly rejected the company’s ideas as unacceptably harsh. CEO Thomas W Horton said Wednesday that the company hopes to return to profitability by cutting spending by more than $2 billion per year and raising revenue by $1 billion per year. AMR lost $884 million in the first nine months of 2011, and $904 million for December alone. It has lost more than $11 billion since 2001.

Living in the world’s most expensive city

Luanda, 2 Feb — When you think of the world’s most expensive cities, the dusty Angolan capital of Luanda seems an unlikely candidate. Potholed, chaotic and still scarred by decades of civil war, the city has little of the glitz and glamour of Tokyo, New York or Moscow, and an estimated half the population lives on less than $2 a day. But despite the obvious poverty and sprawling slums, Luanda still manages to boast some eye-wateringly high prices. A house can be $10,000 (£6,500) a month to rent, a basic meal out for two is easily $50, a hotel room can weigh in at $400 a night and a kilo of imported tomatoes a staggering $16. A basic saloon car without a driver (which foreigners need to negotiate the difficult traffic and parking) will be $90 a day, but upgrade to a SUV (recommended due to the poor quality roads) and you’re looking at $200.

It is prices like these that in recent years have seen Luanda top expatriate-cost-of-living surveys by agencies such as Mercer.
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UEC Chairman meets United Nations Special Rapporteur on human rights in Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Feb—Chairman of Union Election Commission U Tin Aye received the delegation led by the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar Mr. Tomas Ojea Quintana at his office here at 11:15 am today.

The UEC Chairman congratulated the chairman for carrying out development tasks for politics of Myanmar and then they focused on matters related to participating of some 19 parties—11 already-existed parties and another eight ones including NLD—for 48 vacant seats in the coming by-election to be held on April 1, 2012, and preparedness for holding it.—MNA

UEC Chairman U Tin Aye receives UN Special Rapporteur on human rights in Myanmar Mr Tomas Ojea Quintana.

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Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun welcomes Bangladeshi Chief of the Naval Staff

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Feb—Commander-in-Chief(Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun welcomed Bangladeshi Chief of the Naval Staff Vice Admiral Zahir Uddin Ahmed (ND), ndc, psc of Bangladesh at Zeyathiri Beikman, here, this morning. Also present on the occasion were Chief of Staff(Navy) Rear-Admiral Thura Thet Swe, Commander of Danyawady Naval Region Command Commodore Tin Aung San and senior military officers.

The Bangladeshi Chief of the Naval Staff was accompanied by Commodore Nizamuddin Ahmed, (TAS), ndc, psc of Commodore Commanding Chittagong, the Bangladeshi Defence Attaché to Myanmar and officials.

First, the Commander-in-Chief(Navy) cordially greeted the Bangladeshi Chief of the Naval Staff in front of Zeyathiri Beikman. The Commander-in-Chief (Navy) and the Bangladeshi Chief of the Naval Staff took the salute of the Guard of Honour and inspected it. After that, the Bangladeshi Chief of the Naval Staff presented his entourage to the Commander-in-Chief (Navy) who also presented his entourage to the Bangladeshi naval guests.

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Mon State level peace-making group, NMSP peace-making group sign initial agreement

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Feb—New Mon State Party (NMP) peace-making group on 31 January arrived at Strand Hotel in Mawlamyine to sign the initial agreement with the state-level peace-making group of Mon State Government at the peace invitation of the government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. They were warmly welcomed by Mon State Chief Minister U Ohn Myint and officials, local people and members of the social organizations.

In the evening, the Mon State government hosted a dinner to the NMP Peace-making Group for ensuring eternal peace. Mon State cultural troupe entertained the guests with Mon, Kayin and Pa-O traditional dances. Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min handed over 20 sets of Sky Net presented as eternal peace gifts by the President to Vice-Chairman U Nai Rawsa of NMSP Peace-Making Group and Mon State Chief Minister U Ohn Myint, 16 sets of Sky Net and bouquet to CEC member U Nai Tala Nyi of New Mon State Party.

The yesterday talks on initial peace making held at Strand Hotel in Mawlamyine was attended by the Union level peace-making group comprising Union Minister U Aung Min, Union Minister U Soe Thein, Union Minister U Zaw Min, State Chief Minister U Ohn Myint, Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Tin Maung Win, Mon State Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Htay Myint Aung, the General Staff Officer (Grade-IV) People’s Militia), the Mon State Advocate-General, the secretary of Mon State Government and officials and the NMSP peace-making group comprising Vice-Chairman U Nai Rawsa and party and peace negotiators of both sides.

A five-member team led by Col Htay Myint Aung of the state level peace-making group and a seven-member team led by Vice-Chairman U Nai Rawsa agreed five-point initial agreement. The NMSP peace-making group signed the initial agreement in the presence of the Union level peace-making group and they said that they will sign the approval of the agreement in the third week of February 2012 after seeking approval from the New Mon State Party.

The five-point agreement was:-
(1) to make ceasefire between both sides,
(2) to officially form the delegation to hold talks with Union level peace-making group and to coordinate date, time and place for the talks,
(3) to open liaison offices at suitable places (without arms) where both sides agree,
(4) not to transgress the regions with arms apart from the mutually agreed areas,
(5) to accommodate the group at the designated places that both sides have agreed.

Later, Col Htay Myint Aung and U Nai Tala Nyi of NMSP Peace-Making Group exchanged the notes of initial agreement and posed for documentary photo together with the Union ministers.—MNA
Third day session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw continues

National Planning Bills, Supplementary Union Budget Allocation Bill (2012), Union Budget Bill (2012) submitted

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint attends third day session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

Myanmar Mr Tomas Ojea Quintana and party at Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar Mr Tomas Ojea Quintana

Union Attorney-General receives Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar

Nav Pyi Taw, 2 Feb—The third day session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw continued today at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here, attended by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 579 Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives.

At the meeting, members of respective Union level organizations submitted National Planning Bills, Supplementary Union Budget Allocation Bill (2012) and Union Budget Bill (2012).

Union Ministers from 10 ministries explained the social and management sector; Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin explained implementation of National Health Plan (2011-2016), work plans for the health sector of the five-year short-term national plan and future healthcare activities, extended opening of hospitals, dispensaries and health centers in 2011-2012, rural health development, supplementary budget and budget for 2011-2012 financial year, 2012-2013 budget, assistance from international organizations and planning budget of INGOs.

Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung explained supplementary budget and budget for 2011-2012 financial year, income and expenditure, approved normal expenditure and gross expenditure, the 2012-2013 budget, normal income and expenditure, gross expenditure and construction expenditure.

Union Minister for Culture U Kyaw Hsan explained the fifth five-year short-term national planning policy (2011-2016), objectives and work plans, the 2011-2012 aggregate budget, supplementary budget, normal expenditure, gross expenditures, supplementary gross expenditure, increased income due to reduced expenditure, normal income and normal expenditure for the 2012-2013 financial year, gross income and expenditure, construction spending, expenditure for machines and others, budget for construction of cultural training theatre and warehouse and maintenance of ancient buildings and cultural museums, preparations and training for opening and conclusion of the XXVII SEA Games in 2013 and arrangements to open National Museum and National Library soon in Nay Pyi Taw.

Union Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi explained plans for implementation of the policy and aims of the five-year short-term plan, the 2011-2012 normal budget, the 2011-2012 gross expenditure account, the 2012-2013 budget and measures to increase income and decrease expenditure like in the previous year out of the income and spending of first priority for the 2012-2013 financial year.

Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi explained the policy of the fifth five-year short-term project and plans for realization of the objectives, the 2011-2012 supplementary budget, the 2011-2012 supplementary normal budget and construction expenditure and machinery expenditure.

Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi explained the 2011-2012 supplementary budget, supplementary machinery expenditure, supplementary normal expenditure, supplementary gross expenditure, supplementary normal expenditure, supplementary machinery expenditure and foreign income and expenditure for the 2012-2013 financial year.

Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi explained the 2011-2012 primary budget, the 2011-2012 supplementary budget, supplementary machinery expenditure, supplementary machinery expenditure for departments, the 2011-2012 budget, the 2012-2013 budget, estimated income and expenditure of departments, machinery expenditure and construction expenditure and machinery expenditure.

Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thein Htay explained formation of the committee for progress of border areas and national races, establishment of special development regions, national policies, objectives and work programmes of the ministry, development tasks for border areas with the use of border region development funds, regional development tasks for Naga Self-Administered Zone, human resources development, sector-wise development tasks such as basic education, higher education and vocational training, construction of inter-village roads for socio-economic improvement, supply of safe drinking water, international cooperation, micro-credit services, the 2011-2012 supplementary budget, normal income and expenditure, salary and administrative expenditure from the 2012-2013 budget, logistic expenditure, gross expenditure and debt payments.

The meeting was adjourned this afternoon and the fourth-day session continues tomorrow. —MNA
**Myanmar delegation members observe respective sectors on their visit to Singapore**

**Union Rail Minister receives Mr Quintana**

**Union Transport Minister U Nyan Tun Aung meets Managing Director Mr Akira Yonemura of Petrochemical Corporation of Singapore (Private) Limited.**

**President's Advisory Group leader receives Special Rapporteur on Human Rights in Myanmar**

President U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win on their goodwill visit to Singapore made study tours and had discussions with personnel of the Republic of Singapore.

Union Minister U Thein Nyan, Union Minister U Khin Maung Myint and Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint visited Urban Redevelopment Authority on 31 January morning.

Nay Pyi Taw, 2 Feb—Union Rail Minister U Aung Min visits Petrochemical Corporation of Singapore (Private) Limited, the main oil and petrochemical producer of Singapore, to meet Managing Director Mr Akira Yonemura and personnel and observe production process of condensed gas.

Kating Secondary School and Nanyang Technological University on 31 December. During the visits, he exchanged views with personnel concerned on teaching systems, objectives, student-nurturing of technical colleges and secondary schools and job opportunities.

The Union Minister paid a call on Singaporean Education Minister Mr Heng Sweet Keat. He discussed and exchanged views on cooperation with Singapore in promoting Myanmar’s education standard to be on a par with international community, proficiency enhancement of teachers to build good education system and educational reforms of Singapore.

Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint met the President of the Republic of Indonesia Mr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono on 31 January, met President of Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Singapore Mr Tony Chew and party. They invited Singaporean businessmen to make investments in Myanmar.

The two sides discussed matters related to arbitration in case of economic disputes, signing of investment agreement. Over 120 Singaporean businessmen are reported to come to Myanmar on 12 February to discuss matters related to investment in Yangon and Nay Pyi Taw.

U Win Aung and party met personnel of Singapore Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry and discussed further economic cooperation between Myanmar and India and Singapore.

**Diplomats call on Union Rail Minister U Aung Min**

**President U Thein Sein visits Presidential office**

**Union Rail Minister U Aung Min visits Petrochemical Corporation of Singapore (Private) Limited**

**Union Transport Minister U Nyan Tun Aung visits Institute of Technical Education College East, Tanjong Katong Secondary School and Nanyang Technological University.**

**Union Education Minister Dr Mya Aye at Nanyang Technological University.**

**Union Rail Minister U Aung Min visits Petrochemical Corporation of Singapore (Private) Limited.**

**Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min calls on Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min at the latter’s office this evening.**

**Leader of President’s Advisory Group U Sit Aye meets Special Rapporteur on Human Rights in Myanmar**

**Nav Pyi Taw, 2 Feb**—A delegation led by Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar Mr Tomas Ojea Quintana called on Leader of Advisory Group to the President U Sit Aye at the President Office at 12.15 pm today. Also present at the call were Deputy Ministers Thura U Thaung Lwin and U Thant Shin and officials of the ministry.

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President U Thein Sein observes development of…

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company from the viewpoint of the Housing Development Board (Head Office).

After that, the President and party proceeded to the 40-storey building comprising 160 apartments of the Toa Payoh Housing Development Project where they viewed round the structures of the apartments, water and power systems and sanitation facilities.

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein at 40-storey building with 160 apartments of Toa Payoh Housing Development Project.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Feb—Daw Khin Khin Win, wife of President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein, attended a luncheon hosted by Mrs Jean Khaw, wife of the Singaporean Minister of National Development, at the State Room of Valley Wing of Shangri-La Hotel at 1 pm on 30 January.

The luncheon was attended by Daw Khin Khin Win, wife of the President, together with Daw Lin Lin Tin, wife of the Union Minister for Foreign Affairs and Daw May Myint Maung, wife of the Myanmar Ambassador to Singapore. The wife of the Singaporean Minister of National Development was accompanied by Ms Hisayo Chua, wife of the Singaporean Ambassador to Myanmar and officials.

At the luncheon, Daw Khin Khin Win and the wife of the Singaporean Minister of National Development extended greetings.

Next, the wife of the President and party went to Underwater World in Singapore and viewed round Aquarian booths and souvenir shops. They visited the Singapore Flyer. It was built on 25 September 2005 and commissioned on 1 March 2008. The Singapore Flyer is 165 metres high (541 feet high) and the diameter of rotor, 150 metres (492 feet).

At the National Orchid Garden, they attended the nomination ceremony of the orchid species as Dendrobium U Thein Sein-Daw Khin Khin Win and the wife of the President signed the guests’ book. They visited the National Orchid Garden where over 1000 species of orchid from global countries and over 2000 hybrid orchid species are being displayed.

The National Orchid Garden, located on the hillock in the compound of Singapore Botanical Garden was opened on 20 October 1995.

Later, the wife of the President and party arrived back to Shangri-La Hotel.—MNA
NAY PYI TAW, 2 Feb—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, together with members of the Myanmar goodwill delegation, left Shangri-La Hotel in Singapore by car at 1.30 pm local time yesterday for the Republic of the Union of Myanmar after paying a goodwill visit to the Republic of Singapore and arrived at Changi International Airport.

The President and wife were seen off at the airport by Singaporean Minister of National Development Mr Khaw Boon Wan and wife, Myanmar Ambassador to Singapore U Tin Oo Lwin and wife, Singaporean Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Robert Chua and wife, Head of Protocol Department of Singapore Mr Lim Cheng Hoe, staff and families of Myanmar Embassy.

The President, wife and party left Singapore by special aircraft at 2 pm local time and arrived back here in the evening.

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Feb—Instructions of the Supreme Court of the Union at the second work coordination meeting between the Supreme Court of the Union and chief judges of Region/State High Courts, and Region/State law officers were further clarified at Region High Court in Pathein on 26 January, attended by Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung.

A total of 77-62 division/district/township level judges and 15 law officers were present on the occasion. The region chief minister on 30 January visited Thayagon Village rural health centre branch in Thayagon Village-tract in Kyonpyaw Township of Pathein District where he encouraged specialists from hospitals in the region who were giving free medical treatment to patients.

He met locals and members of social organizations at Thayagon BEMS (branch) and donated K 1 million to repair the school. The region chief minister and party in the evening visited farms in Gonmin Village of Kyaunggon Township.

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Feb—Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung met Chairman of University Lumiere (Lyon 2) Mr Andre Tiran and his assistant Mrs Christine Cornet of France at the ministry, here, on 30 January morning.

They discussed assistance to be provided by University Lumiere (Lyon 2) to academic matter of hotels and tourism training school to be opened as university level in Myanmar, signing an MoU to send emeritus professors and trainers from University Lumiere (Lyon 2) to academic matters for development of Myanmar tourism human resources, providing courses on French and English languages to the trainees to be able to contribute to the tourism industry and exchange of delegations between the two countries.
Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker comforts Amyotha Hluttaw representative at Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital (1000-bed)

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Feb—Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint comforted Amyotha Hluttaw representative U Naing Tun Ohn at Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital (1000-bed) at 3 pm today.

On arrival at Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital (1000-bed), the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw was welcomed by the deputy director-general of Hluttaw Office and officials, Medical Superintendent Dr Daw Phyu Phyu, doctors and nurses. The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw speaker comforted the Amyotha Hluttaw representative at the hospital.

Dy Education Minister receives Mr Quintana

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Feb—Deputy Education Minister U Ba Shwe met Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar Mr Tomas Ojea Quintana and party at the ministry here this morning.

They discussed matters related to improving living standards of educational staff in Myanmar, increasing education expenditure, being able to learn region-wise lessons of national race languages, human rights syllabuses, girls’ access to education, cooperation with UN and international agencies, situations for increasing schooling rates of middle school after completing primary education, compilation of educational statistics, measures for increasing literacy rates of adults and monastic education.

The meeting was also attended by Director-General U Bo Win of Education Planning and Training Department, Deputy Directors-General Dr Myo Thein Gyi and Dr Zaw Win of Education Planning and Training Department, literacy rates of adults and monastic education.

Sky Net signs agreement as official broadcaster for Bundesliga in Myanmar

YANGON, 2 Feb—A ceremony to sign the long-term agreement on TV broadcasting of Bundesliga football matches between Sky Net and DFL Bundesliga Football was held in conjunction with the Press conference at Sedona Hotel, here, this afternoon.

General Manager U Win Naing of Sky Net and Vice President Sales Mr Kay Dammholg of DFL Bundesliga Football explained the purpose of the ceremony.

Managing Director Daw Nan Maik Lawk Saing of Sky Net, the official broadcaster, and Vice President Sales Mr Kay Dammholg pressed the button to unveil the Sky Net-Bundesliga Official Broadcaster Logo.

German Ambassador Mr Hristiam Ludwig Weber Lortsch, President of Myanmar Football Federation U Zaw Zaw and former Myanmar selected footballer U Myo Hlaing Win spoke words of thanks.

Selected player Kyaw Ko Ko demonstrated his brilliant football skills. At the Press conference, officials of Sky Net and Bundesliga replied to queries raised by those present.

Also present on the occasion were officials of the Ministry of Sports.—MNA

Chief Justice of the Union receives Mr Quintana

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They discussed undertakings of judicial tasks in line with the executive, legislative and judicial powers in accord with the constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, freedom of judiciary by judges at region/state, district and township levels with judicial authorities, training and experiences under the law.—MNA

District News

Yaykhalok (Chaungwa) Bridge opened to link Kyaukpong and Einme

KYAUNGGON, 28 Jan—A ceremony to open Yaykhalok (Chaungwa) Bridge was held at the bridge on 22 January morning.

Ayeayawady Region Hluttaw Deputy Speaker Dr Hein Win, Region Minister for Transport U Thein Tun and Minister Counsellor Mr Ichiro Maruyama of Japanese Embassy formally opened the bridge.

Sitagu Sayadaw Dr Ashin Ñanissara unveiled the stone plaque.

The bridge was built at a cost of US$ 87850 (K 85 million) by GGA of Japan government, K 10 million by the Sitagu Sayadaw and K 38.2 million by local people.

The bridge on Minmanmar Canal links Kyaukpong and Einme townships. The 160 feet long and 10 feet wide facility can withstand seven tons load and its clearance is 23 feet.—Myanmar Atin
**The Steaming “Hot Sea” in Tengchong, Yunnan**

**Treasure hunter says he found $3b WWII wreck**

**Aircraft fuselage decor for Indian takeaway**

**Amtrak train derailed in Michigan after hitting truck**

**Assange appeal under way in UK court**
British military chief outlines future army size

LONDON, 2 Feb—A top British military officer has outlined the shape of the country’s army in the future as smaller and of a contingency posture, Xinhua reported.

Chief of the British Defence Staff General Peter Wall said the army should be smaller and “switch from our current campaign posture to a contingency posture”.

“There is a remaining significant challenges in the coming years,” he said.

The economic situation, the end of the army’s Afghan role in 2014, and security threats to Britain and the world, and “our potential reaction to them”, are some of the challenges.

He said the shape of the British army would be different in future and would be focused on five “homogenous brigades”.

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV DAGAT BLUE VOY NO (73)
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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.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: TOKO KAIUN KAISHA LTD.
JAPAN
Phone No: 256924/256914

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MV DIBENA WIN VOY NO (149)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV DIBENA WIN VOY NO (149) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 3.2.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P.I. where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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Albatross released off Calico coast

Animal rescuers said a Laysan albatross believed to have stowed away to sea on a cargo ship has been released at sea.

International Bird Rescue said the Laysan albatross is native to islands in the North Pacific Ocean and was brought to them by a man who discovered it in the bed of his pickup truck Friday in Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Times reported Wednesday.

The albatross was held for four days at the rescue group’s San Pedro wildlife center and released on Tuesday from a boat off the coast of the city.

Rescuers said the albatross likely hitched a ride to California aboard a cargo ship. Julie Skoglund, manager of the wildlife center, said the bird was the first albatross discovered in Southern California in at least five years.

People appreciate a giant chocolate-made shoe displayed at the Millennium Department Store in Seoul, South Korea, on 1 Feb, 2012. The department store said it took 60 kilogrammes of chocolate and two weeks to make the shoe with a height of 2 metres and a width of 3 metres.

Tom Cruise to hand out Oscar

BEVERLY HILLS, Feb.—Three-time Oscar-nominated actor Tom Cruise will be a presenter at the 84th Academy Awards ceremony in Los Angeles, telecast producers said Wednesday. He was nominated for his role in “Les Miserables.”

Swift won’t star in ‘Les Miserables’

LOS ANGELES, Feb.—US country music star Taylor Swift won’t be playing Eponine as planned in the upcoming movie musical “Les Miserables,” EW.com reported Wednesday. Although Swift had been in talks for the part, Samantha Barks, a contender on the British singing competition series “I’d Do Anything,” has instead been cast as the tragic waif, the celebrity news website said.

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Puyol grabs Barca draw in Cup clash

Barcelona’s captain Carles Puyol (2nd R) celebrates with teammates after scoring during the Spanish Cup semi-final match Valencia CF vs Barcelona at the Mestalla stadium in Valencia. — Internet

VALENCIA, 2 Feb — A header from Barcelona veteran central defender Carles Puyol saw the Spanish champions come from behind to draw 1-1 with Valencia in their Spanish Cup semi-final first leg match on Wednesday. The 35th minute. Valencia — seven times Cup winners — had taken a well deserved lead in the 27th minute thanks to Brazilian forward Jonas’s well taken-shot from just inside the box.

However, Barcelona were back on level terms eight minutes later as the talismanic Puyol leapt highest at the back post to head into the net and give his side what could be an invaluable away goal for next week’s second leg. It was all the more creditable as coach Pep Guardiola had to do without a quintet of first choice players because of injury including Pedro Rodriguez and Andres Iniesta. Tuesday’s semi-final had seen top tier Athletic Bilbao take a 2-1 advantage into next week’s second leg after beating third division Mirandes away. — Internet

Seventy-four die in Egypt soccer tragedy

CAIRO, 2 Feb — Soccer fans rushed into the field on Wednesday after a local match to lead at least 74 people died and hundreds were injured in Egypt. The tragedy happened in the seaside city of Port Said following an upset victory by the home team Al-Masry over Egypt’s top club Al-Ahly in Egyptian league. Riot police largely failed to intervene and the clash eventually turned into the worst case of soccer violence in Egypt and the deadliest worldwide since 1996. Simultaneously in Cairo, fans angered that another match between Al-Ismaili and Zamalek was halted because of the Port Said violence set fire to the bleachers at the main stadium in the Egyptian capital, authorities said. No injuries were reported. MNA/Xinhua

Napoli head coach Walter Mazzarri slams referee for mistakes

ROSE, 2 Feb — Napoli head coach Walter Mazzarri accused the referee of robbing his side’s deserved win after they were held to a scoreless draw at home on Wednesday. Napoli were held at the San Paolo, as Goran Pandev’s goal was disallowed in stoppages for reasons that remain unclear. He was not offside and replays suggest Christian Maggio provided the assist with his chest rather than an arm. He was not offside and replays suggest Christian Maggio provided the assist with his chest rather than an arm.

“An offside goal, not a serious decision. The referee didn’t give any help,” said Mazzarri. — Xinhua

Allegri: Defeat to Lazio good for Milan

ROMA, 2 Feb — AC Milan head coach Massimiliano Allegri saw a blessing in disguise after his side lost to Lazio 2-0 on Wednesday, saying “a terrible game, but we still long and there will be time to discuss these things. I believe the defeat can do us good and help us to grow. ‘Lately, despite winning, we haven’t had the same grit that we need to win the Scudetto. This is why I believe the defeat can be healthy,’ he said. — Xinhua

Wilson aims for second-straight win at Phoenix Open
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PHOENIX, 2 Feb — Mark Wilson has a wealth of experience when it comes to defending PGA Tour titles, and No 1 on his list of do’s and don’ts is to set modest goals. “I guess the main thing is try to keep the expectations out of it and just go out there and play golf and add it up and see how well I’ve done,” Wilson said on Wednesday.

Wilson comes into the Phoenix Open as one of the favourites after already posting one victory this year at the Humana Challenge. — Internet

Floyd Mayweather to fight Miguel Cotto in May

LAS VEGAS, 2 Feb — Floyd Mayweather will step back up in weight to fight Miguel Cotto for his WBA light-middleweight title on 5 May at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas. The fight ends speculation that Mayweather would fight Manny Pacquiao in a super-fight in May. “It will be a challenge for me to compete with him at this weight, but this is the type of test I thrive on,” said Mayweather, 34. Cotto responded: “On 5 May I will convincingly beat Floyd Mayweather.” He added: “I am here to fight the biggest names in boxing. I’ve never backed anyone, always a challenge in front of me.”

Mayweather is due to serve an 87-day prison sentence for a domestic violence conviction but the Las Vegas authorities have deferred his sentence until 1 June and granted him a one-fight licence to allow the Cotto fight to take place. “Miguel Cotto is a world-class fighter who can never be taken for granted and continues to prove his is one of the best in boxing,” added Mayweather, “I have no doubt in my mind that my title belt collection will increase once again.”

Cotto, 31, who has a 37-2 record, successfully defended his WBA super-middleweight crown with a revenge stoppage win over Antonio Margarito in December. Mayweather, meanwhile, scored a fourth round stoppage of Victor Ortiz last September. The 34-year-old, who holds a 42-2 unbeaten record, last fought at light-middleweight when he outpointed Oscar De La Hoya in a disputed split decision in 2007. — Internet

Venus Williams excited to play again

Worcester, 2 Feb — Recovery never comes fast enough for Venus Williams. The latest has been especially slow for Williams, who plans to return this weekend in the Fed Cup matches against Belgium after a five month layoff caused by Sjogren’s Syndrome, an autoimmune disease that can cause fatigue and joint pain. Williams practiced with the US team Wednesday morning and said she’s thrilled to be so close to competing again for the first time since the opening round of the US Open. “I think just being on a team and just having some adrenaline just gives me even more energy, to be honest,” she said at a news conference Wednesday. “I need to be on a team every week and not at home.” Williams has had to learn the difference between recovering from an injury and an illness. That has meant pacing herself more in practice and minding doctors’ orders not to push it while she tries to regain her form. The former world No 1. and seven-time Grand Slam singles winner, Williams isn’t ‘used to taking it easy. “The difference is acceptance — trying to accept how you feel and limitations,” Williams said. “Instead of trying to run through a wall, just really kind of take a step back and be smart. I think that’s kind of what I’ve learned.” — Internet

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Breeding of golden Hamilton’s carp extended

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**Myanmar Alin**

Loud pupils ‘ahead of quiet ones’

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**Environmental conservation talked**

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**KANGYIDAUNT, 2 Feb—Officials of Ayeyawady Region and Pathein-Kangyidaunt Township Fisheries Departments visited the fingerling hatching camp of U Mahn Kyaw Shein in Thabawngu Village of Kangyidaunt Township on 13 January.**

They provided fingerlings of golden Hamilton’s carp and technological assistance to the farmer—District IPRD

**Focus Myanmar TV Programme**

**MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL**

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8. Performance With Song
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5:00 am
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8:00 pm
14. News
15. TV Drama Series
16. Song Lovers

**Weather forecast for 3rd February, 2012**

**People of Tibetan ethnic group turn prayer wheels in Dukezong ancient city of Shangri-la County, southwest China’s Yunnan Province on 1 Feb, 2012. Meaning “Moonlight City” in the Tibetan language, Dukezong has been a city in which merchants came to do businesses long ago. Protection work have been intensified in recent years to the ancient city that has a history of more than 1,300 years.—XINHUA**

**Iran, IAEA agree to continue talks**

**THEHRAH, 2 Feb—Iran and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) agreed to continue their talks regarding the Islamic republic’s nuclear programme after three days of meetings, the semi-official Fars news agency reported on Tuesday.**

Fars also said the newly-concluded meetings were “positive and constructive” and that the next round of the talks has been scheduled but did not specify the date and location.

On Sunday, a high-ranking IAEA delegation headed by chief inspector Hermann Nackaerts arrived in Teheran for a visit to Iran’s nuclear facilities. However, the talks were held behind closed doors and no details about the process or outcome were released.

Last November, the board of the IAEA adopted a resolution on Iran’s disputed nuclear programme, which called for intensified dialogue to find solutions to unresolved issues.

However, Iran has said the resolution will not stop its nuclear programme that is peaceful in nature despite the West’s accusaction of military purposes.—Internet

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President U Thein Sein meets officials of Kuok, Wilmer investment companies of Malaysia

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Feb — President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein received the officials concerned of Wilmer and Kuok Investment Companies, based in Malaysia, at the State Room of Valley Wing of Shangri-La Hotel in at 4:00 pm on 29 January.

At the meeting, they had a discussion on investment opportunities in sugarcane, rubber and oil-palm plantations and agro-based industries in Myanmar.

Also present on the occasion together with President U Thein Sein were Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing, Myanmar Ambassador to Singapore U Tin Oo Lwin and President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Aung.

President U Thein Sein receives personnel of Malaysia-based Kuok and Wilmer investment companies at Shangri-La Hotel.—MNA

President U Thein Sein gives interview to The Straits Times Senior Reporter

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Feb — President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein gave interview to Senior Reporter Ms. Rupali Karekar of The Straits Times at the State Room of Valley Wing of Shangri-La Hotel in Singapore at 5:30 pm on 30 January.

During their meeting President U Thein Sein answered the queries shot by the senior reporter about current changes and developments in Myanmar, reform process and future work programmes as well as the role of media in Myanmar.

Also present on the occasion together with President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein were Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing and Union Minister at the President Office U Thein Nyunt.

Cash donated to Mandalay General Hospital

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Feb — Chief Minister of Mandalay Region U Ye Myint this morning attended the cash donation for construction of the intensive care unit at Cardiovascular Care Department at the hall of Mandalay General Hospital.

The Chief Minister accepted K200 million donated by U Thant Daw Chit Chit (Myint Myint Khin, Htomon-La Monh) of Railway Station Housing on 78th Street between 30th and 31st streets in Mandalay.

Medical Superintendent Dr U Win spoke words of thanks.—MNA

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