President U Thein Sein receives Philippine Secretary of Department of Foreign Affairs and party

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Feb—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein received a goodwill delegation led by Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs Hon Mr Albert F Del Rosario of the Republic of the Philippines at the Credentials Hall of the President Residence, here, at 11 am today.

Also present at the call were Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Industry U Soe Thein, Union Minister at the President Office U Thein Nyunt, Union Minister for Labour and Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi and departmental heads.

The Philippine Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and party were accompanied by Ambassador of the Philippines Ms Maria Hellen M Barber and officials.

They had a cordial discussion on further strengthening bilateral relations between Myanmar and the Philippines and mutual cooperation between the two countries.—MNA

Only if the nation is in peace with national unity, can democracy be practiced in earnest. Socio-economy of the people will improve only through democratic practices and national development. All the people should therefore be well aware of the fact that national unity is of utmost importance.

(Excerpt from the message sent by President U Thein Sein on the occasion of the 64th Anniversary Independence Day 2012)
A hundred of arrows

The race means a group of people who share the common attitude and interest for years through thick and thin. Myanmar is home to Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Ramar, Mon, Rakhine and Shan nationalities. Despite variations on traditional customs, language and social systems, they are brethren in essence.

Experiences we have come across in the course of history have highlighted the vital importance of unity among the national races. Firm unity portrays high level of civilization and a national character that could shape a harmonious society. Myanmar said no to yoke of colonialism and toughs of Fascist rule. The country can now stand on her own feet and hold her head high on the international stage.

Essence of unity is well entrenched in hearts of Myanmar people. Proverbs of various national races show their love for unity, “Men cannot crack a hundred of arrows. Only if eaten together is it sweeter. Only if carried together is it lighter.”

Global nations are moving towards peaceful co-existence. Though, developing countries are still confronting interference and hegemony of some powers. For a country like Myanmar with rich natural resources and strategic geopolitical position, it is needed to prevent attempted hegemonies of foreign countries.

Mainly, national unity is essential. In establishing democratic nation, the new democratic nation cannot be built up by the government alone. It is high time for all the national people to get involved in harmony in the process for flourishing democratic practices, the rule of law, national reconsolidation and eternal peace.

Stability of the State is the key to building a new nation. Only with national unity, will there be stability. The onus is on all national races to safeguard the Union. Now is time for all national brethren to live in unity and amity.

History of the Union is of all national races. Unity is the strength of the Union. Regardless of topography, all the national people should march towards the new peaceful democratic nation, maintaining fine traditions of high morale and unity.

All townships of Nay Pyi Taw witness Palethwe hybrid paddy plantation

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Feb—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing visited farmer educative plantation for Palethwe hybrid paddy growing of 100-acre modern farm project in Taegyigon region in Zabuthiri Township this morning.

Nay Pyi Taw Council Area lies at the heart of the country. So, setting up of plantations in eight Townships of Nay Pyi Taw are carried out simultaneously. It is importance of staff to educate farmers so as to know the benefit of growing Palethwe hybrid paddy, he said.

After that, the Union Minister inspected Palethwe plantations and presented foodstuff to paddy growers and staff. Then, he proceeded to advanced farmlands (369-acre) plantation in Aungyinlo village in Pyinmana Township, inspected thriving Palethwe F1 paddy plantation and presented foodstuff to paddy growers and staff.

He enjoyed the growing of Palethwe hybrid paddy at modern farmland (945-acre) plantation in Aungchantha region in Zabuthiri Township.

Chinese guests call on Dy Health Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Feb—Deputy Secretary-General Mr Bai Wei of China Foundation for Peace and Development presented a call on Deputy Health Minister Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin at the ministry yesterday.

They discussed eye care services by mobile eye treatment teams with the assistance of the government, internal social organizations and well-wishers, provision of modern eye surgical equipment to eye specialist hospitals in Myanmar, and conducting of courses designed to enhance competency of eye specialists and nurses.

Also present at the call were Deputy Director-General of the Medical Science Department Dr Tin Tin Lay, Deputy Director (Trachoma) Dr Daw Khin Nyein Lin and officials.

Myanmar, Malaysia eye to cooperate in banking services

The meeting at the Governor’s office here today focused on development of banking services in Myanmar.

Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein meets Malaysian Ambassador Dr Ahmad Faisal Muhamad.

Htay Min Lwin claims champion in Chess Open Championship

YANGON, 9 Feb—The prize presentation of the Myanmar Chess Open Championship 2012, jointly organized by Sports and Physical Education Department and Myanmar Chess Federation, took place at Aung San Gymnasium, here, on 3 February.

Executives of the federation U Myo Min Aung and U Thein Lin presented cash awards to first to tenth prize winners. Vice-President U Win Aung gave trophies to first prize winner Htay Min Lwin, second prize winner Aung Myo Hlaing and third prize winner Than Min Hlaing.

President U Maung Maung Lwin awarded championship trophy to Htay Min Lwin.

The federation allowed the players from first to tenth positions to take part in the National Chess Championship that will start on 1 March 2012.

Women’s Football Tourney kicks off in DaikU

DAIKU, 9 Feb—The DaikU Township Women’s Affairs Organization’s Cup Inter-Ward/Village Women’s Football Tournament at 2012 kicked off at the township football ground in DaikU on 26 January.

After delivering an address, Chairman of the Township Sports and Physical Education Committee Township Administrator U Kyaw Swa Aung opened the tournament. In the debut, Waso Ward team won over Doetan Village-tract team 2-0.

Three ward teams and five village-tract teams are taking part in the tournament. —Township SPEC
Ten bodies found in two mass graves in eastern Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 9 Feb—Bodies of 10 people allegedly murdered by organized crimes were found on Wednesday morning in two mass graves in eastern Mexico’s Veracruz state, the Mexican Navy said.

The navy said the graves were found in two ranches in Acayucan city, nearly 540 km southeast of Mexico City, following the arrest of a man on Tuesday.

In a joint statement released by the navy and the local government of Veracruz, the murder of the 10 persons was attributed to the drug gang “Los Zetas.”

Acayucan, located in south Veracruz, is a livestock farming area, which is considered by local and federal authorities as a “hot spot” of great danger, because of growing insecurity in the region.

On Tuesday morning marines arrested the occupant of a vehicle that tried to evade a checkpoint set up near Acayucan.

The man, identified as Juan Francisco Alvarado Martagon, alias “El Pollo H,” confessed himself as a chief of a criminal group in the service of “Los Zetas.”

The suspect later outlined the exact locations of the two mass graves.

During Tuesday night and early Wednesday, staffers of the Attorney General of the state carried out excavations and uncovered the 10 bodies, which were in state of decomposition.

Last October, the Mexican government launched the operation “Veracruz Insurance” by deploying federal forces and strengthening intelligence work to ensure security in the area shaken by a wave of violence.

The move came after the findings of 32 bodies in three homes, and other 35 bodies dumped on a busy avenue in the touristic area of Veracruz on the Gulf of Mexico.—Xinhua

Suicide car bomb kills 11 in Somali capital

MOGADISHU, 9 Feb—A suicide bomber killed at least 11 people Wednesday in the war-torn Somali Capital Mogadishu when he detonated an explosive-laden vehicle near the presidential palace, officials said.

“There was a heavy explosion, a car full of explosives was detonated. At least 11 people were killed and a greater number were wounded,” lawmaker Mohamed Iro said.

The bomber detonated the vehicle at a small cafe where people had gathered to drink tea, a spot also close to a hotel once popular with officials and located in the heart of the government quarter.

“It was a suicide bomber in a car—they were trying to target the people near the hotel,” said Abdi Abubakr Jama, a security official.

“There are many people dead and many wounded, we are still investigating.”

The attack took place hours after senior European Union diplomat Alexander Rondos, Special Representative for the Horn of Africa, visited the war- wracked city, where he met with the embattled government.

The blast occurred outside the Mona hotel, where 32 people including six members of parliament were killed in an August 2010 attack by two Islamist suicide gunmen wearing government security uniforms.

No group immediately claimed responsibility for Wednesday’s attack, the latest in a string of blasts and grenade explosions that have rocked the Somali capital in recent months.

The city has seen an increase in such attacks since the al-Qaeda linked Shebab abandoned fixed positions there in August and switched to guerrilla tactics against the Western-backed government and African Union troops.

The explosion was the deadliest in the anarchic city since October, when a truck packed with explosives killed at least 82 people.—Internet

Israel says Palestinian leadership “embrace” terror

JERUSALEM, 9 Feb—Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Wednesday lashed at the Palestinian reconciliation deal reached between the Palestinian National Authority (PNA) President Mahmoud Abbas and Hamas chief Khaled Meshaal, saying that the PNA needs to choose between the “path of Hamas or the path of peace.”

Speaking at a peel in honor of the 63rd anniversary of the Knesset parliament, Netanyahu had harsh words for Abbas, The Jersey Post reported.

“We’ve seen recently that the PA (Palestinian Authority) has chosen to refrain from taking action against extremists, even chose to embrace them,” Netanyahu said.

In line with the prime minister, Israeli President Shimon Peres said during the plenum that the PNA must choose between Hamas, who “aspires to terror” and Fatah who “is ready for negotiations” and calls for renewed peace talks.

Abbas and Meshaal on Monday announced the unity deal in Doha, Qatar, which ended a dispute between the two rivals on forming a transitional unity government.

According to the declaration, Abbas will head the interim government, which will include independent ministers and will prepare for the presidential and legislative elections in the Palestinian territories and the reconstruction of the Gaza Strip.—Xinhua

US senior diplomat to visit southeast Asian countries for defence cooperation

WASHINGTON, 9 Feb—US Assistant Secretary of State for Political-Military Affairs Andrew Shapiro will travel to the Philippines, Indonesia, Singapore and Malaysia for defence cooperation, State Departent announced on Wednesday.

From Thursday to Saturday, Shapiro will visit the Philippines to consult with senior civilian and military officials on further enhancing defence and security cooperation, building on the recent US-Philippines Bilateral Security Dialogue in Washington, the department said in a statement.

From Sunday to Monday, he will be in Indonesia to talk on bilateral political-military cooperation, including Indonesia’s recent decision to acquire F-16 aircraft, said the statement.

From Tuesday to next Thursday, Shapiro will attend the Singapore Air Show, as well as discuss political-military and defence trade issues with Singaporean senior government officials and industry representatives, according to the statement.

In his final stop, he will travel to Malaysia to hold bilateral meetings with senior civilian and defence officials there, said the statement.

Four killed in US drone strike in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 9 Feb—At least four people were killed and two others were injured when a US drone launched missile strikes in North Waziristan tribal area of northwest Pakistan on Thursday morning, reported local Urdu TV channel ARY.

This file photo taken on 9 Oct, 2011 shows that Afghan children work at a brick factory on the outskirts of Kabul, Capital of Afghanistan. The child labour has remained rampant in brick kiln industry in the war-ravaged Afghanistan, according to a joint report released on 7 Feb, 2012 by the United Nations International Labour Organization (ILO) and Afghan Ministry for Labour, Social affairs, Martyred and Disabled (MoLSAMD).—Xinhua

Car bomb in S Thailand kills one, injures over 10

BANGKOK, 9 Feb—A car bomb in front of Provincial Public Health Office in the city of southernmost province of Pattani exploded Thursday morning, killing one immediately while wounding more than 10 others and destroying over eight cars and motorcycles nearby, local media Thairath reported.

A reserve soldier of Israel Defence Forces (IDF) operates an equipment which can track rockets’ direction and instantly analyze exactly where they will fall during a military drill aiming to strengthen the skies for falling rockets in Ashkelon, near the border of Israel and the Gaza Strip, on 8 Feb, 2012. Xinhua
Genetic Parkinson’s disease brain cells made in lab

LONDON, 9 Feb — Scientists in the US have successfully made human brain cells in the lab that are the exact replica of genetically caused Parkinson’s disease. The breakthrough means they can now see exactly how mutations in the parkin gene cause the disease in an estimated one in 10 patients with Parkinson’s. And it offers a realistic model to test new treatments on—a hurdle that has blighted research efforts until now.

The team told Nature Communications their work was a “game-changer”. “This is the first time that human dopamine neurons have ever been generated from Parkinson’s disease patients,” said Dr Jun Feng who led the investigations. “Before this, we didn’t even think about being able to study the disease in human neurons. “The brain is so fully integrated. “It’s impossible to obtain live human neurons to study.”

Studying human neurons is critical in Parkinson’s disease since animal models that lack the parkin gene do not develop the condition, rendering them useless for this research purpose. To make the human neurons the scientists used a technique already successfully tested by others which can turn donated skin cells into brain tissue. They used skin samples from four volunteers — two healthy people and two with Parkinson’s disease caused by a parkin gene mutation. This allowed them to observe the parkin gene at work.

Normally, parkin controls the regulation of the enzyme MAO (monamine oxidase) which, in turn, keeps a check on the brain-signalling chemical dopamine.

When parkin is mutated, that regulation is lost and levels of MAO increase, which can be toxic to dopamine-producing brain cells. The scientists now want to test new treatments that might prevent this damage occurring and stop this form of Parkinson’s. They have already shown that they can reverse the defect by putting a normal parkin gene into diseased neurons.

Dr Michelle Gardiner, research development manager at Parkinson’s UK, said the study was particularly exciting because it provided a new way to investigate this genetic form of Parkinson’s. “Parkinson’s UK-funded research has already shown that parkin plays a key role in how Parkinson’s develops in the brain nerve cells that die.” — Internet

T’ai chi helps ease symptoms of Parkinson’s

In this undated photo provided by the Oregon Research Institute, people participate in a t’ai chi class at the institute in Eugene, Ore. The ancient Chinese exercise improved balance and lowered the risk of falls in a study of people with Parkinson’s disease led by Fuzhong Li published in The New England Journal of Medicine on 8 Feb, 2012. — Internet

New York, 9 Feb — The ancient Chinese exercise of t’ai chi improved balance and lowered the risk of falls in a study of Parkinson’s disease. Symptoms of the brain disorder that cause the disease in an estimated one in 10 patients with Parkinson’s, with a focus on “swinging and sway” motions and weight-shifting, said Li, who practices t’ai chi and teaches instructors.

After six months of classes, the t’ai chi group did significantly better than the stretching group in tests of balance, control, walking and other measures. Compared with people with Parkinson’s disease, the t’ai chi group did better in balance, control and stride, and about the same in other tests. — Internet

Health official calls for real-name HIV testing

BEIJING, 9 Feb — A senior health official on Wednesday advocated the use of real-name HIV testing, stating that the tests will be beneficial for the prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS.

Wang Yu, director of the Chinese Centre for Disease Control and Prevention, made the remark at a Press conference held on early Thursday. “There was wide agreement on all the points in the programme except for one issue that requires further talks with creditors,” the statement said. It ruled out placing its mobile operations in the region’s local people’s congress for approval. The regulation states that HIV tests should be carried out on a real-name basis, with those who test positive obliged to inform their local authorities. “HIV carriers might spread the virus to others through unprotected sex or other channels. Under such circumstances, should we protect the privacy of the carriers, or control the epidemic and protect public health?” Wang said.

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Nokia said the move is aimed at placing its production closer to its component suppliers who are also based in Asia. The cuts will be made at plants in Hungary, Mexico and Finland. The company said the plants would remain open and refocus on customising phones whilst the actual assembly would move to South Korea and China. The cuts are planned to be completed by the end of the year.

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Meanwhile, the Bank of France has warned that the eurozone’s second biggest economy would stagnate in the first three months of 2012. German exports to countries outside the 27-nation European Union showed the strongest growth last year, up 13.6% to 432.8bn euros. Exports to other EU countries rose 9.9% to 627bn euros. If those, 420.9bn euros went to the eurozone bloc, an 8.6% rise.

Germany’s balance of payments, a broader measure of exchanges with other countries that includes financial transactions, showed a surplus of 130bn euros in 2011, down from 142bn euros the year before. Also on Wednesday, the Bank of France said the country’s economy was likely to see zero growth in the first three months of 2012. The French economy, the second largest in the eurozone, has posted a trade deficit for 2011 of almost 70bn euros.

Nokia carried out 4,000 job cuts

Helsinki, 9 Feb — Finnish mobile phone maker Nokia announced the details of 4,000 job losses on Wednesday at plants in Hungary, Mexico and Finland. The company said the plants would remain open and refocus on customising phones whilst the actual assembly would move to South Korea and China. The cuts are planned to be completed by the end of the year.

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Scientists melt mystery over icecaps and sea levels

SINGAPORE, 9 Feb — US scientists using satellite data have established a more accurate figure of the amount of annual sea level rise from melting glaciers and ice caps which should aid studies on how quickly coastal areas may flood as global warming gathers pace. John Wahr of the University of Colorado in Boulder and colleagues, in a study published on Thursday, found that thinning glaciers and icecaps were pushing up sea levels by 1.5 millimetres (0.06 inches) a year, in line with a 1.2 to 1.8 mm range from other studies, some of which forecast sea levels could rise as much as 2 metres (2.2 yards) by 2100.

Sea levels have already risen on average about 18 centimetres since 1900 and rapid global warming will accelerate the pace of the increase, scientists say, threatening coastlines from Vietnam to Florida and forcing low-lying megacities to build costly sea defences. To get a better picture of the pace of the melting, Wahr and colleagues used a satellite that measures variations in gravity fields to study changes in the mass of large ice-covered areas. The data covered 2003-2010.—Internet

Mars and the moon have night sky rendezvous on Thursday

NEW YORK, 9 Feb — Late Thursday night (9 Feb), skywatchers cast a glance toward the waning gibbous moon in the eastern sky will also notice the presence of a very bright, shining with a steady glow, hovering a bit above and to the moon’s right. That’s no star, though. It’s the planet Mars. The apparent distance between the moon and Mars will be rather large, amounting to about 9 degrees. That’s roughly equal to the width of your fist held at arm’s length. The sky map of Mars and the moon for this story shows how they will appear on Thursday night to skywatchers with clear skies.

But even though the gap is quite large, the brightness of Mars at this time makes it stand out despite the much greater brilliance of the nearby moon. On this night, Mars will be 66 million miles (111 million kilometres) from Earth. Mars is unmistakable once it rises in the east around 7:45 pm. Its fiery-colored luster shines nearly twice as bright as the Earth’s tectonic activity creates the hypothesis supercontinents periodically, creating the supercontinent called Pangaea. Details are published in the journal Nature.

The land masses of the Earth are constantly moving as the Earth’s tectonic activity occurs. This generates areas such as the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, where Iceland has formed, and areas such as that of the coast of Japan, where one plate rides over another. Geologists believe that, over billions of years, these shifting plates have driven the continents together periodically, creating the hypothesized supercontinents of Nuna 1.8 billion years ago, Rodinia a billion years ago, and then Pangaea 550 million years ago. The next supercontinent has already been given the working title of Amasia, as it is expected to involve the convergence of the Americas and Asia.

What the researchers have set out to do is predict when and where it will form by looking back at where its predecessors emerged. “We’re all pretty familiar with the concept of Pangaea, but there hasn’t been much convincing data to suggest how the supercontinents take shape,” Ross Mitchell of Yale University told BBC News. “In our model, we actually have North America and South America joining by closing the Caribbean Sea and the Arctic Sea closing and connecting the Americas and Asia.”—Internet

One in six UK parents can’t operate kids’ gadgets

LONDON, 9 Feb — Many parents may spend a good deal of time glued to the screen of their smartphones fiddling about with all manner of apps, but when it comes to getting a handle on the gadgets they buy for their children, many have no idea how to use them. A survey by UK website ParentPort found that 16 percent of parents who had bought their child a gadget, such as a games machine or media player, didn’t know how to use it themselves.

The survey, which examined how parents control their children’s access to adult media, questioned 1,800 parents from two UK-based online parenting communities. The research also revealed that among parents who watched movies at home, fear in ten allowed their kids to watch movies classified above their age. At the same time, parents said they kept a close eye on what their kids were watching. The figure for Internet use was also high, with 77 percent saying they always or usually knew what websites their children were visiting.

However, the survey showed that the growth of smartphone use among the young was a cause for concern among one in eight parents, with many such devices entering the household as a gift from well-meaning friends or relatives. Some parents said they were concerned about smartphone and laptops giving their children unsupervised access to the Web. There were even instances where pre-teens received 16-rated video games, and those under 10 were given 12-rated DVDs.

ParentPort said the research highlighted “challenges and responsibilities” faced by parents as they endeavor to keep tabs on what kind of media their children are engaging with.—Internet

Sony abandons PlayStation Vita UMD Passport plan in North America

NEW YORK, 9 Feb — As reported by Kotaku earlier today, Sony is ditching plans to allow new Vita owners to download PSP titles that they currently own on UMD disc. Sony rolled out this programme in Japan at launch during December 2011 and all Japanese owners can register their UMD titles on the Vita by paying a fee based on the value of the game, thus Japanese owners can avoid having to

This product image provided by First Act, Inc., shows the Soulo Digital Wireless Mic and App, a consumer electronics product that turns an iPad into a karaoke machine.

Soulo converts iPad into karaoke machine

Los Angeles, 9 Feb — Karaoke lovers typically fall into two categories: Those who enjoy it, and those whose arms have to be twisted to get up and sing in public. Enter Soulo, a software and microphone kit that can turn your iPad or other Apple device into a karaoke machine. It gives you instant karaoke in the privacy of your own home, or wherever you carry your Apple gadgets. That’s the idea, anyway. In practical terms, the quality of the karaoke experience depends largely on the kind of sound system you pipe Soulo through.

The software app does a great job of emulating the singing-along video animation typically found in a commercial karaoke machine. It also offers a good selection of songs. But I wasn’t thrilled by the sound quality—I got it from the Soulo microphone. That dampened an otherwise promising way to use the iPad. In particular, I like how the Soulo-iPod combo makes it a snap to record audio and video of a performance and then post clips — not full songs — on YouTube, Facebook and elsewhere. Soulo is available with a digital wireless microphone or with a wired microphone, which sells for $69. Songs cost extra after the first five. I tested the wireless version, which comes with a receiver that plugs into the iPad dock and syncs with the microphone.

The karaoke app and microphones are compatible with iPads, iPhones and the iPod Touch. Audio output options include listening through head-phones or other speaker systems via the device’s stereo jack. The wireless receiver also can connect to the TV. Transforming the iPad into a karaoke machine is easy. You download the free Soulo app from the Apple Store and register the software.

Soulo comes with a few songs and a code to download 10 karaoke tracks for free. You can spend extra for more songs for 99 cents each.
Santorum wins 3-state sweep

DEER, 9 Feb—Christian conservative Rick Santorum scored a third win in Tuesday’s Republican presidential primary and Minnesota caucuses. The former Pennsylvania senator had earlier notched victories in Michigan’s primary and the Iowa caucuses. He said he was "looking forward to a victory in Colorado, the state’s party chairman Ryan Call told CNN.

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Ayeyawady River-crossing Bridge (Yadanabon)

- Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) is built between Khawadaw of Shwekyatyat village of Amarapura Township, Mandalay Region and Takaung of Sagaing, Sagaing Region, crossing Ayeyawady River. It is located at strategic main connector that can link to states and regions across the country. It was commissioned into service on 11 April 2008, which is the eighth Ayeyawady River-crossing Bridge.
- It lies near about 2000 feet upstream of Inwa Bridge (1934).
- Its motor road is 49 feet in width. It is four lane road and has two six-foot-wide pedestrians on both sides.
- Its water clearance is 700 feet in width and 40 feet in height. It can withstand 60 tons of load.
- Thanks to the Bridge, Sagaing Region sees smooth flow of commodity.
- Local people can now go to townships in Mandalay Region and other regions and states and are enjoying the fruit of it.

Facts about Ayeyawady River-crossing Bridge (Yadanabon)

1. Total length of the bridge is 5614 feet long
2. Main bridge’s length is 3694 feet long
3. Approach bridge’s length on Mandalay bank is 1140 feet long and on Sagaing bank, 780 feet long
4. Reinforced RC beam and floor
5. Bridge type is steel truss
6. More than 9900 tons of steels are fitted in the bridge.

Archives: Maung Nyein Aye

Union Industry Minister, Kayin State Chief Minister inspect Hpa-an Industrial Zone construction

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Feb—Union Industry Minister U Soe Thein and Kayin State Chief Minister U Zaw Min inspected the progress of Hpa-an Industrial Zone construction on 1 February. The state chief minister inspected 25-acre hybrid paddy farm near Hti-long Village in Hlinebwe Township and chicken and goat farms in Hpa-an Livestock Breeding Zone. He then visited Domestic Science Vocational Training School.

On 3 February, the state chief minister inspected roadworks on Kawkareik-Aukbotae road and starting point of the proposed site for Myawaddy-Thinganmynauk-Kawkareik-Hpa-an road construction and land plot for construction of Myawaddy Industrial Zone. He then attended the tree-planting activity held at wards collaborative nursery in No. 3 Ward of Myawaddy.

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Sagaing Region Chief Minister on tour of Kanbalu

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Feb—Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye inspected construction of school buildings in Techni- cal High School in Kanbalu, and encouraged the patients receiving treatment at 100-bed hospital where he donated cash for medical fund. He graced the 11th Maha Shwezigyi Buddha Pujiyana and Hta-ma-nae Preparation Contest. His inspection tour extended to Ingyinsu Garden and Chatthin sanctuary.

He attended a ceremony of upgrading to a Basic Education Middle School along with opening of the school hall in No. 3 Ward and looked round the school.

The Region Chief Minister and officials provided school requisites to officials of the school.

The newly opened one-story school hall measuring 90 feet in length, 45 feet in width and 15 feet in height was constructed at the cost of over K 40 million.—MNA
Hailing the 65th Anniversary Union Day

Join hands for the democratic Union

Unity is strength

In world of diverse attitudes, rallying all the people is not as easy as ABC. Though, national unity was built up by national races representatives in Panglong on 12 February, 1947, singing an agreement. It is the day the entire national races in Myanmar displayed their unanimous tendency towards togetherness. And, it is the day we call the Union Day.

Myanmar is a sovereign nation with a rich history. When development of the country and its national people is reviewed from historical point of view, it will be found that ups and downs of the country depended on unity of its national races along the course of the history.

The stronger the national unity, the higher the national prestige. The weaker the national unity, the lower the political, economic, security and social standards of the country.

Now is the time to abandon narrow-minded nationalism, regionalism, attachment to party, idealism, personality cults, extremism, and extremist ideologies. Apart from the interest of any particular race or region, that of the Union and all the national people should be taken into account. It should be noticed that denizens of the Union suffered grievances among conflicts ignited by racism, regionalism, idealism, and extremism. Disintegration of the Union is not to think of, not to write about, not to speak of and not to mastermind. Understanding all the national brethren are our own flesh and blood, ideologies, thoughts, principles and works that would strengthen the Union should be encouraged.

Perpetuation of the Union is not propaganda, but real requisite for all of the people. All the people of Myanmar should adopt the idea unanimously. If anyone really loves the Union and desires the development of the country, they will throw themselves heart and soul into the strides for its development.

To perpetuate the Union, to maintain the national unity and to protect the sovereignty of the State are needed for the whole Union and the entire people for ever and ever. They are also a reality to face and a duty to accomplish for sustainable development of the Union. They are policies that guarantee the national people—the interest of the people and the interest of the Union—for long, facts that commensurate with the reality and eternal truth, and national goals all the citizens should uphold.

In retrospect, non-disintegration of the national unity is found to be the main theme of national politics. If without national unity, the Union will split and then the sovereignty will follow to be lost. So, any of Our Three Main National Causes cannot be breached. It is national duty for all Myanmar citizens to uphold Our Three Main National Causes.

Section 3 of the constitution describes, “The State is where multi-National races collectively reside.” Despite seemingly different customs, languages and social systems, national races of Myanmar are in unity, based on Union Spirit.

According to first-hand knowledge of various national races, wish of the pure national people is stability of their own region. They want to live a peaceful life in their own region. They want to live forever with their family, healthily and happily.

The importance of Union Spirit for the Independence of the country and non-disintegration of the Union is crystal clear. The Union Spirit simply means firm belief seeing the entire Union is a single family or a home. It is built on nationalistic fervour, the love for the races and of the region.

The nationalistic fervour should not be shown in words but by works. Some are giving lip services with the words national unity, national reconciliation, national reunion and national reconciliation. But their actions lead to disintegration of the national unity. So, they should try to cultivate the Union Spirit, getting rid of these activities.

With a view to building up national unity for stability of the State, the policy of working in cooperation on common ground in the interest of the people is being adopted. Necessary measures to let all the people participate in national political scenario have been taken. Citizens outside the country for various reasons are invited to return to participate in nation-building tasks. Thanks to these measures, national unity becomes stronger and internal peace prevails. It is why the new government succeeded to establish national reconciliation or national unity within short range of time. So, the entire people of the Union are heartened. Maintaining prevailing peace, eternal peace should be built with added momentum.
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and amity forever without seceding from the Union. As long as the muscle of Union Spirit is strong, the Union will be perpetuated. The Union is a haven for all the national people. The onus is on all national races to protect their haven.

In restoring stability of the State, new policies are being adopted for building eternal peace in the Union, based on the reality of the State and historical experiences. Negotiations were made with 11 national races armed groups which had yet to return to legal fold and fundamental agreements have been signed with seven groups. Talks with other four groups are under way. In short, peace-making procedures are a success. Eternal peace is now taking shape.

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All in all, it is striving for emergence and development undertakings in Pathein, Ngaputaw and Ayeyawady region—Laos, China, Viet Nam and Thailand and reps of Livestock and Veterinary Department were present at the meeting.—MNA

F&MD problem addressed

Deputy Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Khin Maung Aye addresses opening of 11th Meeting of Upper Mekong Working Group on Foot-and-Mouth Disease Zoning and Animal Movement Management.—MNA

* 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
* To build a modern and developed Union by practising discipline-flourishing democracy in accord with the constitution

Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister inspects development undertakings in Pathein, Ngaputaw

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Feb—Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung attended the opening of three-storey RC type school building of No. 24 Basic Education Primary School in No. 4 Ward of Pathein on 7 February.

On the occasion, U Aung Moe Tun from Kyaikmyo Company contributed K 15 million to No. 177 BEPS for construction of new one-storey RC type school building and U Thein Zaw on behalf of businessmen donated K 1.82 million for supply of washrooms.

The region chief minister also presented K 4 million to Shwe Myin Tin Pagoda board of trustees for construction of a hall in Sai Naing Myo Aung, the Pathein Township administrator.

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NAY PYI TAW, 9 Feb—The 11th Meeting of the Upper Mekong Working Group on Foot-and-Mouth Disease Zoning and Animal Movement Management jointly organized by Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries and South East Asia Sub-region Resident Representative’s Office of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) took place at Shwe Nandaw Hotel here this morning, with an address by Deputy Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Khin Maung Aye.

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The deputy minister said that foot-and-mouth disease is one of the transnational diseases and important factors commercially. He called for promotion of information exchange and technical cooperation among regional countries to control foot-and-mouth disease.

Officials of the ministry, Resident Representative Dr. Romello Abilla of OIE South East Asia Sub-region Office and personnel, and representatives from countries of the Upper Mekong Region—Laos, China, Vietnam and Thailand and reps of Livestock and Veterinary Department were present at the meeting.—MNA

Two injured in mine blast in Mansi Township, Kachin State

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Feb—Two civilians were injured in a mine blast in Wantworton Village, Hanriver Village-tract in Mann Township of Kachin State yesterday evening.

Daw Khun Soe, 47, and Daw Marit Rwe, 53, living at Hanriver Village stepped a mine planted by insurgents while they were walking in Wantworton Village. The two were slightly wounded in right groin and left shin respectively and receiving treatment at respective rural health centre of their home village.—MNA
**Sunlight may help prevent food allergies and eczema**

Melbourne, 9 Feb—

People who are exposed to more sunlight may be less likely to suffer from food allergies and eczema, researchers say.

The study of 7600 Australian children found that those in southern parts of the state were more likely to develop eczema and food allergies than those who lived further north. Professor Katie Allen said the results support the hypothesis that sunlight, or more specifically vitamin D, may be a contributing factor to the development of food allergies and eczema.

“We know that people in Queensland get more exposure to sunlight, and sunlight produces more vitamin D in your skin,” the Herald Sun quoted Prof Allen as telling a new agency.

“The research leads to the already existing hypothesis that the further you are from Equator the more likely you are to have food allergies and eczema,” she explained. Australia has among the highest reported food allergy rates in the world and Prof Allen said southern states were struggling to keep up with demand for allergy testing. “It’s only indirect evidence, but waiting lists for allergy testing are more significant in the south than the north,” she said.

“It’s really blowing out the medical system’s ability to cope with it in the south,” she added.

While the study by Murdoch Children’s Research Institute found a possible link between Vitamin D and eczema and food allergies, a causal relationship is yet to be proven.

**Soldiers could control guns with their minds**

London, 9 Feb—

British scientists have suggested that soldiers could control weapons systems simply by using their minds. A study, published on the Royal Society, Britain’s national academy of science, described the possible benefits of neuroscience to military and law enforcement.

It predicted new designer drugs that boost performance, make enemy troops fall asleep and ensure captives become more talkative. They also suggested the use of devices called brain-machine interfaces (BMIs) to connect soldiers’ brains directly to military technology such as drones and weapons, the Telegraph reported.

The study, published on Tuesday, stated that the work built on previous research that has enabled people to control cursors and artificial limbs through BMIs that read their brain signals. In their report, one of a series from the Royal Society looking at the field of neuroscience, the experts call on the UK Government to be as “transparent as possible” about research into military and law enforcement applications. “Since the human brain can process images, such as targets, much faster than the subject is consciously aware of, a neurally interfaced weapons system could provide significant advantages over other system control methods in terms of speed and accuracy,” the report stated.

The report also showed how neuroscientists employed so-called “transcranial direct current stimulation” (tDCS) to improve soldiers’ awareness while in hostile environments.

**Google celebrates Charles Dickens’ 200th birthday with doodle**

London, 9 Feb—Charles Dickens’ 200th birthday, which falls on 7 February, has been commemorated with a Google doodle. The Dickens Google doodle went up first in New Zealand and features characters from his novels including Scrooge, Bob Cratchit and Pip.

The Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall will be leading celebrations in the United Kingdom and Prince Charles will lay a wreath on Dickens’ grave at Westminster Abbey, where he was buried in 1870, the Telegraph reported.

Ralph Fiennes, who will next be seen as Magwitch in a new film adaptation of Great Expectations, will read an extract from ‘ Bleak House ‘ with readings also being given by Mark Dickens, great grand son of the legendary author.

Other recent Google doodles have been in tribute to Charles Addams, Mark Twain and Louis Daguerre.

**China breaks Guinness record for longest parade float**

Brunei, 9 Feb—Chinahan created a Guinness record for the world’s longest parade float of 791.5 metres. The new record made in Gutian county of Fujian Province, broke the earlier record for the world’s longest parade float of 204.53 metres set in Taipei in 2011.

The adjudicator, Cheng Dong, presented the Guinness World Record certificate to the organizer chairman of a council for the Hua clan, Hua Tiande.

Hua said his group started to make the dragon float last week. To move the dragon float, two teams of 200 people carried the dragon’s head to the back of a bus and steered the dragon’s tail with two men. The dragon’s head weighed 2.5 tonnes, the wings weighed 1.5 tonnes and the tail weighed 1.5 tonnes.

The dragon float was 791.5 metres long, including the front of the crane, and 4.5 metres wide. The project used 152,000 wood carvings, 500,000 pounds of wood and 100,000 pounds of metal. It was sculpted and assembled in only 45 days.

Het Organiser, de Hua clan, het dresser, Liu Pengfei, zei dat hij hopen om het record te vergrendelen voor de komende 10 jaar. Hij vertelde dat hij een van zijn medewerkers om de hand te leggen op de reeders de laatste tijd.
**Woman learns to love giant pet pig**

A woman in eastern England says she has learned to love the giant porker she bought as a piglet believing it to be a micropig. The pig, named Meeka, now weighs up to 200 pounds, the Sun reported. Jane Byrnes of Laugherton, Lincolnshire, said the breeder told her the pig when full-grown would be the size of a springer spaniel and weigh in at no more than 30 pounds. But Byrnes said she loves every ounce. And she said her husband, who was worried that feeding the pig would empty their savings, has learned to love Meeka as well. “At first, her size was a bit of a shock and my heart skipped a beat,” she added. “But I knew he’d come round because it’s impossible not to love her. When Dave gets back from work he loves snuggling up on the sofa with Meeka and watching TV.” Byrnes said she and her husband spend 200 pounds (more than $300) every month to feed Meeka, who chomps through 10 bags of carrots and apples a week. But Byrnes said she loves every ounce. And she said her husband, who was worried that feeding the pig would empty their savings, has learned to love Meeka as well. “At first, her size was a bit of a shock and my heart skipped a beat,” she added. “But I knew he’d come round because it’s impossible not to love her. When Dave gets back from work he loves snuggling up on the sofa with Meeka and watching TV.” Byrnes said she and her husband spend 200 pounds (more than $300) every month to feed Meeka, who chomps through 10 bags of carrots and apples a week. Byrnes said she and her husband spend 200 pounds (more than $300) every month to feed Meeka, who chomps through 10 bags of carrots and apples a week. She said she had to keep her distance, “but I knew he’d come round because it’s impossible not to love her. When Dave gets back from work he loves snuggling up on the sofa with Meeka and watching TV.”

**Swedish pickpockets hugging for loot**

Swedish police are warning residents and tourists to be on alert for a gang of pickpockets who vilely hugging their victims. The gang, which could include up to four men, have robbed more than 20 people in Stockholm, The Local reported on Wednesday.

“Even men have fallen victim,” said Gunnar Thun of Stockholm police. “But in those cases it’s more of an embrace or a pat on the back.”

Police said victims have reported one thief usually approaches and hugs the victim without any greeting, sometimes even lifting them off the ground. Meanwhile, a second thief takes the opportunity to steal valuables from the victim, mostly wallets and mobile phones.

The attacks have happened mostly at night and usually targeted young girls.

**Math genius explains $1m prize refusal**

Grigory Perelman, the Russian math whiz who solved a century-old problem, said he refused a $1 million prize because he knows “how to control the universe.”

Perelman, 45, of St Petersburg told the Russian daily Komsesomolskaya Pravda he had no reason to accept the $1 million prize the Clay Mathematics Institute of Cambridge, Mass, offered him in 2010 for proving the Poincare conjecture, RIA Novosti reported on Friday.

“Empiricism is everywhere and it can be calculated, which gives us a great opportunity... I know how to control the universe. So tell me, why should I run for a million?” Perelman said. Perelman, a reclusive mathematician who neighbours say lives in poverty with his mother, presented proofs in 2002 and 2003 proving the conjecture proposed by Henri Poincare in 1904. The conjecture suggested three-spheres are the only possible bounded, three-dimensional spaces to contain no holes.

“I learned how to calculate voids, along with my colleagues we know the mechanisms for filling in the social and economic voids,” he said.

**Lady Gaga to meet fans picked from the crowd**

LONDON, 9 Feb.—Pop superstar Lady Gaga has promised to pick fans from the crowd and meet them backstage at her upcoming shows. The 25-year-old singer shared her plans through her Twitter page, contactmusic.com reported.

“To give you a bit of insight on the design of my new tour, the central area within the stage will be known as The Monster Pit. The Monster Pit is General Admission only, and Little Monsters (fans) unlock it when they arrive at the arena or stadium,” she tweeted.

“Entry to The Monster Pit is relegated (sic) to the fans who have arrived first.”

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2. Tender application form of YADANATEINGA BRIDGE (including Technical Specifications, terms of Tender, Tender Schedule and Offer Form) can be purchased with USD 2000.

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5. Tender should be submitted to the above address not later than 16:30 hours on 14th March, 2012.

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Woman rescued from Siberian wilderness
GORNOSTAISK, Russia — A Russian woman who disappeared while hunting in the Siberian wilderness was rescued from a hunter’s hut where she was trapped by snowdrifts, officials said.

Galina Sinelnikova, who is in her 40s, went hunting on 8 Dec in Altai Republic’s Turochaksk District. She wasn’t reported missing until 31 Jan, when her family said she was trapped by snowdrifts.

The Altai Regional Police department said in a statement that Sinelnikova was rescued from a hunter’s hut by police officers and medical staff members.

Police said that Sinelnikova was in good condition but was suffering from frostbite.

Local media reported that Sinelnikova had been transported to a hospital in Gornostaisk, where she is expected to receive treatment.

Missouri teen gets life for slaying
JEFFERSON CITY, 9 Feb — A Missouri teen who described brutally killing her 9-year-old neighbor as “ahmazing” was sentenced to life in prison Wednesday.

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Cole County Presiding Judge Patricia Joyce sentenced Bustamante to one life sentence for second-degree murder and 30 years for armed criminal action.

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The Metropolitan Police Service said in a statement: “As part of the MPS emphasis on gang crime, 144 warrants have been executed so far across London, resulting in 158 arrests for a variety of offences including possession of a firearm, the supply and possession of drugs, money laundering and gang-related violence.

“A significant amount of cocaine and cannabis has been seized at various addresses across the capital.

Two people were arrested in Barnet in north London on suspicion of possession of a firearm, and a handgun was found at the scene. Two rounds of ammunition and £4,000 ($6,350, 4,800 euros) were also seized.

A total of £10,000 was found at another address in London.

Hogan-Howe said the new unit “will allow us to identify and relentlessly pursue the most harmful gangs and gang members.” He added: “It will help us identify young people on the periphery of gangs and work with partners to divert them away.” —INTERNET
**Capello resigns as England manager**

Italian quits job and will not lead country at Euro 2012 in Poland and Ukraine

**LONDON,** 9 Feb — The Football Association has revealed that Fabio Capello has resigned from his position as England manager. Capello's resignation follows an Italian quit after a meeting with FA chairman David Bernstein and a general secretarial Alexander Horne at Wembley on Wednesday. The FA later released a statement on its official website which read: “The discussions focused on the FA Board’s decision to remove the England team captaincy from John Terry, and Fabio Capello’s response through an Italian broadcast interview.”

In a meeting over an hour, Fabio’s resignation was accepted and he will leave the post of England football manager with immediate effect.” Bernstein added: “I would like to stress reporting on Wednesday throughout his time as England manager, Fabio has conducted himself in an extremely professional manner. “We have accepted Fabio’s resignation, agreeing this is the right decision. We would like to thank Fabio for his work with the England team and wish him every success in the future.”

The FA also said there will be a media conference with Bernstein and the Club England Management team at Wembley at 12 noon on Thursday. Former AC Milan, Real Madrid, AS Roma and Juventus manager Capello was appointed England boss in December 2007, and successfully oversaw qualification for the 2010 World Cup as well as the 2012 European Championship. England suffered defeat in the last 16 at the World Cup in South Africa, losing 4-1 to Germany. They have been grouped with France, Sweden and Ukraine at Euro 2012, which takes place in Poland and Ukraine this summer. — Internet

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**Real still top football rich list**

**LONDON**, 9 Feb — Real Madrid are the world’s richest football club, according to the Deloitte league table of the world’s richest football clubs for season 2010/11, says Real will continue to lead the “big five” European leagues, with Italy's Serie A posting a massive European revenue of €401m topped the Deloitte league table of the world’s richest football clubs for the seventh straight year. Deloitte’s Football Money League, based on data for season 2010/11, says Real will match Manchester United's eight-year record if they stay top next year. Real’s arch-rivals Barcelona remain in second place, ahead of Manchester United, who stayed third. Bayern Munich, Arsenal and Chelsea are fourth, fifth and sixth respectively.

The top seven clubs stayed in exactly the same positions as in the previous year. Aston Villa fell out of the league entirely, failing to hold on to their 20th position and leaving English clubs holding six places out of the top 20. Liverpool fell one spot to ninth place in this year’s list. All of the 20 clubs in the list are from the “big five” European leagues, with Italy’s Serie A showing a massive €11m revenue growth over the previous year, as well as seven other clubs reached the top 20. A year ago the top 20 clubs saw double digit growth in the 20 clubs in the list are from the “big five” European leagues, with Italy’s Serie A showing a massive €11m revenue growth over the previous year, as well as seven other clubs reached the top 20. A year ago the top 20 clubs saw double digit growth in

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Nicolas Almagro played no part in Spain’s four ties last year but will shoulder much of the singles burden for Correjia, who will also look upon Marcel Granollers, veteran Juan Carlos Ferrero and doubles specialist Marc Lopez for a tie-five times champions Spain should still win comfortably. “It’s not something I’m thinking about at the moment because I have the duty to build a team with the four players that we think are best suited,” Correjia, who may have to get used to doing without 10-times grand slam champion Nadal, told the Davis Cup website (www.davis-cup.com) about making his debut with virtually a ‘B’ team. “I have the luck of having four big players that are very keen to play and that’s what matters the most. There are others that could be here but are not, but I also thank them for their availability.”

**Tiger will overhaul Jack’s total**

**Los Angeles**, 9 Feb — Paddyraig Harrington believes that Tiger Woods will surpass the record 18 major victories achieved by Jack Nicklaus if he tends to win two-yearlessless streak with victory in December at the limited-field Chevron World Challenge which he hosts in California. “I’ve played with him and the way he hits the golf ball, there wouldn’t be very many players who wouldn’t want to hit the golf ball like him,” Irishman Harrington, a triple major champion, told reporters on Wednesday. “Right up to the week of Pebble Beach National Pro-Am. “I’d still be backing him to beat Jack’s record, absolutely. If he turns up and plays, he’s going to win. He’s in the position that he knows his best game is a winning game.”

**Tyson Fury vacates British and Commonwealth heavyweight titles**

**LONDON**, 9 Feb — Tyson Fury has vacated his British and Commonwealth heavyweight titles after a proposed bout with English champion David Price fell through.

Fury’s promoter Mick Hennessey claimed Price’s camp rejected £100,000 to fight him, which is unbeaten in 17 bouts. “David Price really believed he could beat me, the smart move would have been to take the great payday to appear on terrestrial TV,” said Fury. Unbeaten Price won the English title in his last fight against John McDermott. Fury, 23, added: “I’m really excited about my future plans as I’m doing things differently and
Spanish federation to sue French TV for Nadal skit

MADRID, 9 Feb — The Spanish tennis federation said it plans to sue a French TV channel for using its logo in a video that poked fun at Rafael Nadal. In the video skit on the satirical program called The Puppets, a life-size cartoon figure of Nadal is shown urinating into a gas tank before racing off and being pulled over by police for speeding.

A message of “Spanish athletes. They don’t win by chance” flashes across the screen, surrounded by the logos of the tennis federation and cycling and soccer federations passed away.

The video on Canal Plus France on Monday came hours after the Court of Arbitration for Sport issued a two-year ban against Spanish cyclist Alberto Contador for doping.

“This time they have gone way too far,” tennis federation president Jose Luis Escanuela said in the statement on Wednesday.

“We are at the tennis federation cannot tolerate the slander and damage to the prestige of our athletes.” Nadal has won six French Open titles since 2005.

Nadal’s coach and uncle Toni Nadal downplayed the sketch. “Rafa hasn’t given it any importance,” Nadal was reported telling SER radio by sports daily AS.

“It’s a comedy show, we don’t care. Rafa isn’t affected by it.” However, Nadal angrily reacted in November after former French tennis star Yannick Noah wrote a newspaper column accusing Spanish athletes of widespread doping. Nadal suggested Noah should be banned from commenting in the media and called his remarks “completely stupid.”

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Pedigrees of golden Hamilton’ carp provided

MYAUNGGYA, 9 Feb — The natural hatching course was held in conjunction with the ceremony to provide golden Hamilton’s carp pedigrees in Kyunwah Village of Myaungmya Township on 31 January.

Head of Ayeyawady Region Fisheries Department U Kyaw Min presented pairs of golden Hamilton’s carp to local breeders and natural hatching technology to them.

District IPBD

New building opened at BEPS

Mawlamyineyung, 9 Feb — The new building of Tohleh ywana Basic Education Primary School was opened in Ward 8 of Mawlamyineyung Township on 3 February. Departmental officials and Mr. Michael, on behalf of wellwishers of SDC of Switzerland, formally opened the building.

The facility is the 72 feet long and 32 feet wide RC cyclone shelter built at a cost of over K 130 million.

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He admits that the preference would be to turn to an Englishman, in the wake of Fabio Capello’s resignation, but he has made it clear that all options will be considered.

Tottenham boss Harry Redknapp is the firm favourite to take the reins, with it expected that the FA would prefer an Englishman.

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Bernstein has also refused to rule out the prospect of the new manager being allowed to combine international commitments with club duties until the 2011/12 domestic season comes to a close.

He said: “I think we are open-minded. —Internet

Mini-marathon, track and field
on 14 Feb, 23 and 26 March

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Feb—with the aim of turning out new generation track and field athletes who would have capabilities to take part in the XXVII SEA Games, the mini-marathons and track and field contests will be held in Yangonmya Township of Ayeawady Region, Mingladon Township of Yangon Region and Aungmyemandalar Township of Mandalay Region.

The sports events namely men’s and women’s 20-kilometer mini-marathon, 100-m, 200-m and 400-m races, long jump, shot-put, discus and javelin events will be held in Yangonmya Township on 14 February, in Mingladon Township on 23 March and Aungmyemandalar Township on 26 March.

Winners in mini-marathon can win K 700,000 for the first prize, K 500,000 for the second, K 200,000 for the third, K 100,000 for the fourth and K 50,000 each for the fifth and the sixth prizes. Winners in the track and field contest can secure K 30,000 for the first prize, K 20,000 for the second and K 10,000 for the third.

The selected players, those who were camped at the Myanmar Track and Field Federation, players from Sports and Physical Education Institute (Yangon Mandalay), first, second and third prize winners in the inter-ministry, inter-region/state open and U-18, and champion challenge cup tournaments, 3000-m hurdle, 5000-m, 10000-m and marathon races will not be allowed to take part in the contests. The contestants must submit correct evidence that they must be between 14 and 20 years old on the day of contests.

The athletes across the nation may take part in the contests once a region.