**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.

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**Sixth meeting of Sixth State Central Working Committee of Sangha commences**

YANGON, 27 Feb—Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Sayadaw of Bhamo Monastery in Mandalay Abhidhaja Maha Rahta Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Dr Bhuddanta Kumara Bhamasampadat presided over sixth meeting of Sixth State Central Working Committee of Sangha held at Maha Pasama Cave in Kaba Aye Hill this morning.

The Sayadaw read out Ovada of the State Ovadacariya Sayadaw and opened the meeting with the Ovada.

Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung supplicated on religious affairs.

The meeting then confirmed replacement of Sayadaws in place of former SSMNC Sayadaws who passed away.

A SSMNC Sayadaw submitted report of the committee and the first day meeting was adjourned.

Sanda herbal shop offered a-day meal to SSMNC Sayadaws.

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**Mandalay Region Ministers reshuffled**

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In accord with Sub-section (e) and (f) of Section 262 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Sub-section (c) of Section 19 of the Union Government Law and Sub-Section (g) of Section 8 of the Region or State Government Law, the following ministers of Mandalay Region Government referred by the Chief Minister of Mandalay Region Government have been appointed as ministers of ministries shown against each.

(1) U Phone Zaw Han
Ministry of Finance and Revenue

(2) U Aung Maung
Ministry of Development Affairs

Sd/
Thein Sein
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

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**Mandalay Mayor appointed**

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In accord with sub-section (e) and (f) of Section 262 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, sub-section (c) of Section 19 of the Union Government Law and sub-section (b) of Section 4 of the Region or State Government Law, U Aung Maung has been appointed as Mandalay Mayor.

Sd/
Thein Sein
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

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**Myanmar would promote existing friendship and cooperation with China**

Despite changes in global politics, Sino-Myanmar ties have never changed

Thura U Shwe Mann

Mr Jia Qinglin

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Feb—Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar met Mr Jia Qinglin, member of Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of Chinese Communist Party Central Committee and Chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference, at Xin Jiang Hall in Beijing on 23 February evening.

Also present at the call together with the Speaker were, Chairman U Thein Zaw of Pyithu Hluttaw National Races Affairs and Peace-making Committee, Chairman of International Relations Committee U Hla Myint Oo, Chairman of the Pyithu Hluttaw Judicial and Legislative Committee Thura U Aung Ko, Chairman of the Pyithu Hluttaw Social Development Committee U Maung Maung Swe, Chairman of the Pyithu Hluttaw Water Transport Development Committee U Kyi Min, Speaker of Yangon Region Hluttaw U Sein Tin Win, Speaker of Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw U Hsein Hsein, Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Reform and Development Vetting Committee Dr Maung Maung Wint, member of Pyithu Hluttaw Public Management Committee Col Huy Naing, Myanmar Ambassador to China U Tin Oo and officials from Pyithu Hluttaw and Myanmar Embassy.

Mr Jia Qinglin was accompanied by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Zhang Zxi Jun, Deputy Secretary-General of National People’s Congress Mr Cao Wei Xhoui, Deputy Secretary-General of Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference Mr Sang Fu Hua.

At the call, Mr Jia Qinglin said that he paid a goodwill visit to Myanmar in April, 2011 at the invitation of the Speaker. He thanked Myanmar for hospitality during his visit. He felt that there exists deeply-rooted Pauk-Phaw relationship between Myanmar and China. The Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker said that he took pride for extending a warm (See page 8)
Children should wear helmets, too

Motorcycles are effective transportation vehicles across the country. They cost much less than motorcars and consume less gasoline. They are also more easier to maintain and convenient to park than cars. But they are also dangerous and accidents happen more often. That is why rules have been imposed for the rider and the passengers to wear safety helmet when they are riding the motorcycles. All riders mean, children as well.

But it is so disheartening to see most children, including infants, riding on the lap of passengers on speeding motorcycles, not wearing helmets when even the driver and the adult passengers were wearing them. This must not be overlooked. The helmet-lacked children looked so vulnerable on the zooming motorcycles.

It is best to take preventive measures than to take the consequence which will be heavy.

“Helmet for kids” programs have been launched in neighboring countries to reduce the risks that children face daily during their rides on the motorcycles. They can avoid injury and death, with greater use of helmets while riding motorcycles.

Helmet use among motorcycle riders must be enforced and to the children, as well.

GE Healthcare enters Myanmar market

YANGON, 27 Feb—GE Healthcare has hit Myanmar market with the appointment of Sea Lion Co Ltd as its national dealer.

David Utama, President and CEO of GE Healthcare ASEAN, labeled Myanmar as “important market”. GE Healthcare will provide medical technologies for early diagnosis of cancer.

The company organized a seminar at Parkroyal Hotel here on 25 February to introduce its solutions to Myanmar audiences.

Win Zaw Aung, Managing Director of Sea Lion said, “Sea Lion vows to promote better healthcare for Myanmar as it introduces GE Healthcare technology and solutions.”

GE Healthcare is a medical arm of General Electric Company headquartered in the United Kingdom.

Union Minister inspects Government Press, sub-printing house in Mandalay Region

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Feb—Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan, who is in Mandalay Region, met with staff at Office (branch) of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise (Upper Myanmar) in Aungmyethazan Township, on 24 February evening.

Upon arrival at sub-printing house (Mandalay) of News and Periodicals Enterprise, the Union Minister inspected the storage of paper rolls, maintenance of press machines, measures to install new press machines and construction of staff quarters. After that, he gave instructions on maintenance of press machines, fire safety measures and staff’s welfare and supervision on construction of staff quarters, and cordially greeted the staff there. Later on, the Union Minister inspected publishing and book bindings at Government Press (Upper Myanmar) in Aungpinlale Ward, Chamyathazari Township. There, he urged the officials to supervise the production process for good quality.

In meeting with personnel at the briefing hall, he urged them to seek innovative ways for promoting press, carry out step-by-step supervision of the production process and carry out staff’s welfare by doing small-scale agricultural and livestock breeding in the factory compound.

After that, the Union Minister met with officials from National Culture and Fine Arts University (Mandalay), Fine Arts Department (Mandalay Branch) and Department of Archaeology, National Museum and Library (Mandalay), at the National Theater (Mandalay).

He said: The teachers are to place more emphasis on teaching in order that the students can become qualified ones. And they have duty to carry out not only teaching but also health care and social affairs of the students, and are to make cooperation with private wards owners for systematic and disciplined manners and necessary fulfillment. Programme is to be implemented so as to exchange friendship, experience and arts between the teachers and students by making cooperation on fine arts activities between universities and schools.

Now, there is a massive influx of tourists into the ancient culture heritage sites. So, tourists can be attracted after carrying out systematic maintenance of ancient cultural edifices, In-Wa ancient capital and ancient sites in surrounding areas, including Mandalay Mya-Nan-San-Kyaw Golden Palace, Maha-Anta-Wai-Yan Atamashi monastery and Golden monastery. The world countries would be more aware of Myanmar’s ancient cultural history and glory. Thanks to it, there would be a massive inflow of foreign currency into the country thereby contributing to more job opportunities for the local people and promoting their socio-economic status. So, staff are urged to cooperate so as to achieve these objectives, he added.—MNA

Dy Foreign Minister, Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs of the Brazilian Ministry of External Relations, sign MoU

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Feb—Foreign Affairs of the Brazilian Ministry of External Relations, Mrs Maria Edileuzza Fontenele Reis paid an official visit to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar from 26 February to 1 March, 2012.

During the visit, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Maung Myint and Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs of the Brazilian Ministry of External Relations, Maria Edileuzza Fontenele Reis, signed the Memorandum of Understanding for the establishment of a mechanism for political consultatios between Myanmar and the federative Republic of Brazil at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw at 2:00 pm today.

After the signing ceremony, the first meeting of bilateral political consultations was held.

During the meeting, leaders of the two delegations exchanged views on further strengthening the existing friendly relations and cooperation between two countries in the areas of agriculture, industry, energy, transportation science and technology, hotel and tourism, health and sports.—MNA

Those present attending workshop for promotion of rice trade of Myanmar-Indonesia in Yangon posed for documentary photo on 27 February.—MNA
10 die in Afghanistan airport suicide blast

KABUL, 27 Feb—At least 10 people were killed and a dozen injured on Monday when a suicide bomber blew up his car packed with explosives near the airport in Afghanistan’s Jalalabad City, police said.

“A suicide bomber blew his explosive-laden vehicle near the gate of Jalalabad City airport this morning. Ten people, including the suicide bomber, were killed and 12 others were injured,” provincial police chief, Abdullah Shamekzai, told Xinhua.

Jalalabad is the provincial capital of eastern Afghan Province of Nangar-har. He said five civilians, two army soldiers and two local security guards were among the dead.

Two American and six Afghan soldiers were among the injured, said the police chief. Several cars were damaged in the blast that occurred at around 7 am. Taleban has claimed responsibility for the attack.

Bomb kills three in Nepali capital

KATHMANDU, 27 Feb—At least three people were killed after a powerful petrol bomb exploded in the administration area in the Nepali capital Kathmandu on Monday afternoon.

Two of them died on the spot while the third died at a local hospital. More than six people were injured and five of them were said to be in very critical condition at Bir Hospital in the capital. The three deceased are a senior lady and two men.

It has not been clear who are responsible for the explosion. Investigation into the incident is underway. Police have cordoned off the site.

Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers block a road at the site of a suicide attack in the city of Jalalabad in Nangarhar Province on 27 Feb, 2012. A suicide car bomber killed at least nine people and wounded eight others, targeting a NATO base at Jalalabad airport in eastern Afghanistan, police said.—INTERNET

FARC to release hostages, end extortion

BAGOTA, 27 Feb—Colombia’s largest rebel group says it plans to release 10 remaining military hostages and will abandon the practice of kidnapping civilians for extortion.

The announcement was made Sunday on the Web site of Anapo, a new organization with alleged ties to the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, Colombia Reports said. FARC said “from today we ban the practice” of “the retention of people ... in order to finance our struggle.”

The group said it is not ending its armed war with the Colombian government but will use “other forms of funding and political pressure.”

Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos said in a Twitter post the announcement was a step in “the right direction.” The rebel group, which has been fighting the Colombian government since 1964, has been funded by drug trafficking, extortion and kidnapping, the news Web site said.—INTERNET
Raw milk causes most illness from dairy products

New York, 27 Feb — Raw, unpasturized milk causes 150 times more product-related disease outbreaks than pasteurized milk. A study published in the journal of the American Public Health Association (APHA) found that pasteurized milk is a lot safer and the risk of illness from raw milk is very high. The study found that from 2008 to 2010 there were 99 outbreaks of raw milk products, 98 of which were caused by raw milk. In 2011, there were 25 outbreaks of raw milk products, 23 of which were caused by raw milk. The study found that from 2008 to 2010 there were 99 outbreaks of raw milk products, 98 of which were caused by raw milk. In 2011, there were 25 outbreaks of raw milk products, 23 of which were caused by raw milk. The study found that from 2008 to 2010 there were 99 outbreaks of raw milk products, 98 of which were caused by raw milk. In 2011, there were 25 outbreaks of raw milk products, 23 of which were caused by raw milk.

Heart attacks in young women can be harder to detect, deadlier

New York, 27 Feb — Tami Kimet thought she was coming down with the flu, but the 35-year-old mother of two was actually having a massive heart attack. “I thought I was just really rundown from my daughter’s birthday the day before,” said Kimet, who lives in Erie, Pa. “I felt so tired and sick to my stomach. I slept the entire next day away.”

Kimet waited three days before she drove herself to the hospital, where she hoped doctors would give her something where she hoped doctors herself to the hospital, days before she drove herself to the hospital, where she hoped doctors would give her something where she hoped doctors herself to the hospital, days before she drove herself to the hospital, where she hoped doctors would give her something. Instead, they cut open her chest and performed a triple bypass.

“I had no idea I was having a heart attack,” said Kimet. “I’d had only ever seen my father have a heart attack, and he was always grabbing his chest. I had no pain in my chest.” Although chest pain or discomfort is the most common heart attack symptom, fatigue, nausea, shortness of breath and pain or numbness in the jaw, arms or back can also signal a blocked artery cutting off vital oxygen and nutrients from the heart.

And according to a new study of more than 1 million heart attack patients, women under 55 are less likely to seek medical attention for those with atypypical symptoms, they’re less likely to die in a hospital from a heart attack than men of the same age.

“Many young women who have atypypical symptoms might not appreciate that they’re in fact having a heart attack and may be more likely to delay treatment,” said Dr John Camato, a cardiologist at the Wayne State University. “The study published today in the Journal of the American Medical Association. “They think it’s the flu or stress or a pinched nerve, and they don’t want to come in to the hospital only to have doctors tell them it’s nothing. But we should all err on the side of caution.”

Volkswagen plans annual profits double to $15.8bn euros

Berlin, 27 Feb — Profits have more than doubled at Volkswagen after the company delivered a record number of vehicles last year. It reported net profits of 15.8 billion euros (13.4bn; $21.2bn) for last year, compared with 7.2 billion euros in 2010. VW plans to spend 62 billion euros on new plants and models in the next five years, as well as on research and development. It will also hires thousands more staff in the next six years.

The company plans to be the biggest carmaker in terms of sales and profits from raw milk products, said Dr Robert Tauxe, deputy director of CDC’s division of foodborne, waterborne and environmental diseases, said in an agency’s news release.

The 13-year review looked at more than 120 dairy product-related outbreaks that occurred in 30 states between 1993 and 2006. The outbreaks caused more than 4,400 illnesses, 239 hospitalizations and three deaths. Raw milk products — including cheese and yogurt — caused 73 of the outbreaks (60 percent) and most of the 583 hospitalizations. Some people mistakenly believe that raw milk is a healthier alternative to pasteurized milk, according to the US Food and Drug Administration. Its website debunks the notion that raw milk is less likely than pasteurized milk to cause lactose intolerance, an inability to digest milk products. Unless milk is pasteurized — heated to kill harmful bacteria — bacteria can accumulate in collected milk, multiply and cause illness, the researchers said.

The study found that 13 percent of patients in raw milk outbreaks were hospitalized, compared with 1 percent of those made ill by pasteurized milk products.

This may be because raw milk outbreaks are all caused by bacteria, such as E. coli O157, that tend to provoke more severe illness, according to the study.

Apple investors win greater say over board of directors

New York, 27 Feb — Apple shareholders are to be given a greater say in selecting the firm’s board of directors. It comes after the company agreed to change the size of its board. In the future directors will have to win the backing of the majority of shareholders to win a seat on the board. Previous investors could only object by withholding their vote. The change of policy came after a campaign by Calpers, the largest US public-sector pension fund. Almost 80% of investors in the US supported the change as directors aimed to operate a similarly policy.

Apple announced the change at the first annual gathering of shareholders since the death of co-founder Steve Jobs. Chief executive Tim Cook also repeated that he had been “thinking very deeply” about what to do with the company’s large reserve of funds. Shareholders are keen for Apple to deploy some of the $98bn ($62bn) it holds in cash and shares.

Video Games, Impulsivity seem to go hand-in-hand

New York, 27 Feb — Too much time spent playing video games may lead to impulsive behaviour and attention problems in children, and vice versa, according to a new study. In other words, people who spend more time playing video games subsequently have more attention problems, and “individuals who are more impulsive or have more attention problems subsequently spend more time playing video games,” according to the report published in the current issue of the journal Psychologand Populn Media Culture. For the study, attention problems were defined as difficulty engaging in or sustaining behaviour to reach a goal, the authors explained in a news release from the American Psychological Association. “This is an important finding because most research on attention problems has focused on biological and genetic factors rather than on environmental factors,” lead study author Douglas Gentile, of Iowa State University, said in the news release. In addition, the researchers found that the amount of time spent playing video games can have a greater effect on kids’ health and behavior than video-game violence. In conducting the study, researchers compiled information on the video-game-playing habits of more than 3,000 children in Singapore ranging in age from 7 to 17 years over the course of three years. The children’s attention to detail, ability to concentrate and their impulsiveness were also measured. Previous studies have found that video gamers demonstrate an improved ability to rapidly and accurately recognize visual information, the study authors noted.

But, Gentile explained in the news release, “It is possible that electronic media use can impair attention necessary for concentration even as it enhances the ability to notice and process visual information.” The study authors and their findings could lead to the development of more effective strategies to help children with attention problems and impulsive behaviour.

Pressure on Europe grows at Mexico G-20 meeting

MEXICO CITY, 27 Feb — Pressure mounted on Europe Saturday to build an even bigger financial stabilization fund to head off sovereign debt concerns, with the United States, Brazil, and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development all urging an increase. While the advice came from a meeting of G-20 finance ministers, senior officials and central bank heads was so overwhelming, Germany’s main financial engine — appeared loath to lend yet another International Monetary Fund’s stabilization funds that already have about 300 billion euros.

Angel Gurria, the head of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, set the tone at the conference, calling for about $1.5 trillion in “firewall” funds aimed at restoring confidence in European countries’ debt. “We still have to build the mother of all firewalls,” Gurria said. “The trick will be to have the most effective at the most cost-effective of the International Monetary Fund.” Brazil wants more European countries should strengthen their firewall. “The emerging countries are only going to help under two conditions,” Mantega said. “First, that they reinforce their firewall, and second that US Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner speaks at a meeting with G-20 Finance Ministers, in Mexico City, on 25 Feb., 2012. Investors reforms are implemented in the International Monetary Fund.” Brazil wants more representations for developing nations in the US-led IMF.
Eavesdropping on the squid world

Loxoteuthis pealeii is an important North Atlantic species and US East Coast fishery. — Internet

London, 27 Feb — Marine biologists are starting to get a good idea now of how squid hear and how they react to sounds in the ocean. It is only recently that scientists have come to accept that cephalopods have any auditory capability at all. But new experiments show noises of varying loudness and frequency will elicit a range of behaviours in the animals — such as jetting or inking, and even a change of colour. The research has been featured at the biennial Ocean Sciences Meeting.

It was presented by Aran Mooney from the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI) of Massachusetts, US. He is interested in squid because they represent something of a keystone species in the ocean, sitting right at the heart of many food webs. If they are not the predator in these webs, they will almost certainly be the prey. And that makes it important to know whether anything may be doing in the oceans could be unsettling them.

“We produce a lot of noise through exploration of the oceans, scientific research, oil drilling, gas exploration and commercial shipping.” Dr Mooney tells BBC News. “A lot of that is low-frequency noise, which is what squid detect. And if we’re influencing these animals then presumably we could change their behaviour.” Previous work at WHOI’s Sensory Physiology and Sensory Ecology Lab had established that squid could hear sounds in the range of 50Hz to 500Hz, but they are best below 300Hz. It is the same sort of range as fish.

Dehydration affects women’s moods

New York, 27 Feb — Mild dehydration is defined as a 1.5 percent loss in normal water volume in the body. And two recent studies with men and women find that, beyond affecting your body’s ability to perform, dehydration can impact your mood.

Researchers evaluated 51 healthy men and women three times in three months. All the subjects walked on a treadmill to induce dehydration. The researchers then tested the subjects’ alertness, concentration, reaction time, learning, memory, reasoning, and mood level.

They found that dehydration in men caused difficulty in memory and alertness. Dehydration caused little reduction in cognitive ability, but did cause significant fatigue, tension and anxiety. Such changes in mood occurred regardless if the subject was exercising or at rest.

The results of the study support the WHO guidelines that male participants were given in the British Journal of Nutrition and the women’s results were in the Journal of Nutrition, an American publication.

France works with Microsoft to cultivate startups

Paris, 27 Feb — French minister Frederic Lefebvre and Microsoft on Saturday announced a partnership to cultivate promising Internet startups in France. The US technology giant will work with the agency for the creation of enterprises (TAPIE) headed by Alain Belais to identify young French companies to join a Microsoft BizSpark programme, Lefebvre said in a release.

The programme will provide selected startups with Windows Azure storage capacity and free access to software offered by Microsoft as services in the Internet “cloud.” According to Lefebvre, French Internet startups with “high growth potential” will be eligible to get two years worth of online services from Microsoft.

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A wild online ride hits the digital piracy wall

Auckland, 27 Feb — On his way up, he fooled them all: judges, journalists, investors and companies. Then the man who renamed himself Kim Dotcom finally did it. With an outsized ego and an eye for get-rich schemes, he parlayed his once-popular website, now an important focus of the digital piracy wall, his modest computing skills into an empire, becoming the fabulously wealthy computer maverick he had long claimed to be.

In this 25 Jan, 2012 file photo an inflatable tank is parked on a hill facing the main gate at Kim Dotcom's house in Coatesville, 30 kilometres (18.6 miles) north west of Auckland, New Zealand, after the house was raided by police and he was arrested on international copyright infringement and money laundering charges. — Internet

Now his wild ride may be over. Last month he was arrested in New Zealand for allegedly facilitating millions of illegal downloads of songs and movies through Megaupload, his once-popular website, now an important focus of the entertainment industry’s war on online piracy.

US prosecutors are seeking the 38-year-old German’s extradition in what they say could be one of the largest copyright cases in history. Dotcom, who denies the charges, was freed on bail Wednesday after a month in jail, and authorities have seized, among other things, his twin giant TV sets, massive statue of the “Predator” movie monster, and his Rolls-Royce (vanity plate: GOD).

His story is one of breathtaking audacity that spans both the globe and the modern computing era. Interviews conducted by The Associated Press and a review of court documents and other records indicate that Dotcom was able to create a legendary past, trade upon it by manipulating the news media and avoid serious consequences when he broke the law.

Google could release futuristic glasses by end of year

New York, 27 Feb — Google is apparently developing new futuristic glasses that could spell the end for mobile phones. The space would have screens instead of lenses, to show text messages, emails and webpages. The device would have a camera on, to allow you to see what your eyes would normally be looking at — you wouldn’t actually see through the screens. According to newspapers, the glasses could be available to buy by the end of the year. — Internet

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Dazzling Comet Garradd has close encounter with star cluster

Oakland, 27 Feb — A comet and a sparkly star cluster shined bright together this month in a space rendezvous captured by an astronomer in California. The cosmic close encounter featured the comet Garradd and bright globular star cluster M92. It was photographed by astronomer Conrad Jung with the Chabot Space & Science Centre in Oakland, Calif. Jung used a 5-inch refractor telescope to snap a 10-minute exposure of comet Garradd as it zipped close by M92 on 3 February. Both objects were in the constellation Hercules at the time.

Jung’s photo of comet Garrad and M92 covers an area of the sky just 1 degree across. Your closed fist held out at arm’s length covers about 10 degrees of the night sky. While comet Garradd and star cluster appeared close to each other, it was only a trick of perspective. Star cluster M92 is actually about 27,000 light-years from Earth, while comet Garradd is currently zipping through our inner solar system. From Earth’s vantage point, the two objects were just 0.5 degrees apart in the night sky on 3 February. “Comet Garradd is only a few light minutes away from Earth and Garradd is currently zipping through our inner solar system. From Earth’s vantage point, the two objects were just 0.5 degrees apart in the night sky on 3 February. “Comet Garradd is only a few light minutes away from Earth and travelling very fast,” Chabot center officials wrote in a statement. “In the next month, Comet Garradd will be at its closest point to Earth and should be visible with binoculars or a small telescope near the cup of the Big Dipper.” The comet will make its closest approach to Earth in March, when it will fly within 1.3 astronomical units of our planet, according to the skywatching website Spaceweather.com. One astronomical unit is the distance between the Earth and the sun, about 93 million miles (150 million kilometres).
Six-distinction winning students honoured at Thuwunna BEHS

YANGON, 27 Feb—School Board of Trustees of Basic Education High School (Thuwunna) of Thingangyun Township, Yangon East District, honoured the outstanding student who stood second in the entire nation in science combination for the 2011 academic year and the students who secured distinctions in all subjects at the school on 7 January morning.

Chairman of the School Board of Trustees retired director-general Col Aung Din (Rtd), Yangon Region Minister for Kayin National Race Chairman of Yangon Region Hluttaw National Race Affairs Committee U Saw Tun Aung Myint, Region Minister for Rakhine State National Race U Zaw Aye Maung and Patron of Parent-Teacher Association U Khin Wai spoke on the occasion and presented cash awards and prizes to the outstanding students. Thuwunna BEHS turned out four six-distinction winning students including Ma Yamin Aye, who stood second both in the entire nation and Yangon Region in 2011 matriculation examination.

Shwegyin Township Hospital gets new self-reliant building

YANGON, 27 Fe —A ceremony to hand over the new building for recreation of relatives of patients was held at Shwegyin Township People’s Hospital (100-bed) in Shwegyin of Bago District, Yangon Region, recently.

The 40x90x10 feet building was constructed with contributions of the Township Health Supervisory Committee and wellwishers.

At the ceremony of handing over of self-reliant building Col Kyaw Nying of the local station and Chairman of the Township Health Supervisory Committee Township Administrator U Khin Thein Maung delivered addresses. They then handed over documents related to Head of Township Health Department Dr Khin Thi San. Later, they formally opened the new building.

Press conference on ABC National Women’s Pool & Ball Championship held

YANGON, 27 Feb—The press conference on the ABC National Women’s Pool & Ball Championship, mainly sponsored by Myanmar Billiards and Snooker Federation and Ambur Electronic Co, was held at the hall of Kokkine Swimming Pool in Bahan Township, here, on 25 February afternoon.

It was attended by the patron, the president, the general secretary and executive of Myanmar Billiards and Snooker Federation and guests. President U Tin Maung Win made a speech.

General Manager of Ambur Electronic Co explained matters related to the championships.

The president of the federation and officials replied to the queries raised by those present.

The ABC National Women’s Pool & Ball Championship will be held at Kokkine Swimming Pool on a grand scale at 10 am on 10 March.

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Cold season groundnut plantation produces 100 baskets per acre

YANGON, 27 Feb—The cold season groundnut plantation on 198 field of farmer U Kyaw Myint Thein was harvested in Kandaunt Village-tract in Yesagyo Township, Pakokku District, on 11 February.

Mawgy-11 short-term groundnut strain produced 100 baskets of groundnut per acre. This year’s production of groundnut is higher than that of the previous year’s production.

Kandaunt Village is alluvial land. The local farmers cultivated three-month and Mawgy-11 groundnut strains.

This year’s production hit about 100 baskets per acre, compared with 60 baskets per acre last year, said farmer U Kyaw Myint Thein.—Ei Mon Swe

Vegetable plantations thriving in Hsipaw Township

HSIPAW, 27 Feb—Hsipaw Township Forest Department undertakes measuring the diameter of eucalyptus plants on one-acre plantation for each village, weeding of tree plantations and reforestation for reduction of croplands and slash-and-burn plantations in forest reserves and protected public forests in Kontha and Sanlaung regions of Hsipaw Township, Shan State (North) on 14 February.

Departmental personnel of the department joined hands with the local people in carrying out watering the plants by damming the creeks and drains.—Kyemon

Female contestants may enlist at the federation at Aung San Stadium in Yangon, not later than 5 March.

As cash awards, K 1 million will be presented for the first prize winner, K 500,000 for the second, K 300,000 for the third and K 50,000 for the fourth. The winners from the fifth for the 10th will secure K 50,000 each and those from the 11th to 25th, K 30,000 each.

Facts about taxation system disseminated in Pyay

PYAY, 27 Feb—Internal Revenue Department of Pyay Township made clarification on taxation for the 2012-2013 fiscal year at the office of the Head of District Internal Revenue Department in Pyay on 13 February.

It was attended by Bago Region Hluttaw representatives and 120 tax payers.

Assistant Director U Kyaw Kyaw Latt of Internal Revenue Department explained taxation system and facts about revenue and tax and replied to queries raised by those present.

Later, they exchanged gifts before the dinner.

Shine Htet Zaw

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Shwegyin Township Hospital gets new self-reliant building

YANGON, 27 Feb—A ceremony to hand over the new building for recreation of relatives of patients was held at Shwegyin Township People’s Hospital (100-bed) in Shwegyin of Bago District, Yangon Region, recently.

The 40x90x10 feet building was constructed with contributions of the Township Health Supervisory Committee and wellwishers.

At the ceremony of handing over of self-reliant building Col Kyaw Nying of the local station and Chairman of the Township Health Supervisory Committee Township Administrator U Khin Thein Maung delivered addresses. They then handed over documents related to Head of Township Health Department Dr Khin Thi San. Later, they formally opened the new building.

Cold season groundnut plantation produces 100 baskets per acre

YANGON, 27 Feb—The cold season groundnut plantation on 198 field of farmer U Kyaw Myint Thein was harvested in Kandaunt Village-tract in Yesagyo Township, Pakokku District, on 11 February.

Mawgy-11 short-term groundnut strain produced 100 baskets of groundnut per acre. This year’s production of groundnut is higher than that of the previous year’s production.

Kandaunt Village is alluvial land. The local farmers cultivated three-month and Mawgy-11 groundnut strains.

This year’s production hit about 100 baskets per acre, compared with 60 baskets per acre last year, said farmer U Kyaw Myint Thein.—Ei Mon Swe

Vegetable plantations thriving in Hsipaw Township

HSIPAW, 27 Feb—Hsipaw Township Forest Department undertakes measuring the diameter of eucalyptus plants on one-acre plantation for each village, weeding of tree plantations and reforestation for reduction of croplands and slash-and-burn plantations in forest reserves and protected public forests in Kontha and Sanlaung regions of Hsipaw Township, Shan State (North) on 14 February.

Departmental personnel of the department joined hands with the local people in carrying out watering the plants by damming the creeks and drains.—Kyemon

Female contestants may enlist at the federation at Aung San Stadium in Yangon, not later than 5 March.

As cash awards, K 1 million will be presented for the first prize winner, K 500,000 for the second, K 300,000 for the third and K 50,000 for the fourth. The winners from the fifth for the 10th will secure K 50,000 each and those from the 11th to 25th, K 30,000 each.

Facts about taxation system disseminated in Pyay

PYAY, 27 Feb—Internal Revenue Department of Pyay Township made clarification on taxation for the 2012-2013 fiscal year at the office of the Head of District Internal Revenue Department in Pyay on 13 February.

It was attended by Bago Region Hluttaw representatives and 120 tax payers.

Assistant Director U Kyaw Kyaw Latt of Internal Revenue Department explained taxation system and facts about revenue and tax and replied to queries raised by those present.

Later, they exchanged gifts before the dinner.

Shine Htet Zaw

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Facts about the Bridge

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2. Its upper structure is of reinforced concrete type and RC type and its lower structure, of RC type and RC piles.
3. It is 2330 feet long and facilitate with 28 feet wide motor road flanked by two three feet wide pedestrian lanes on either side.
4. Its water clearance is 20 feet in height and 130 feet in width.
5. It can withstand 60 tons of loads.
6. Construction of the Bridge started on 11-5-2000 and was put into services on 9-3-2003.

As Shweli river-crossing bridge is on Mandalay-Tagaung-Shweku-Bhamo motor road, it emerges as a Union road that can serve people’s interest on the east bank of Ayeyawady River.

People can use the 275-mile-long road that links Bhamo and Mandala in a short period of time. So, it contributes to development of border trade and other trades in Bhamo region.

Thanks to the bridge, people from Mandalay Region and Kachin State enjoy the fruits of social, economic and smooth transport development.

The Bridge ensures easy access to towns and villages in Sagaing Region and other bordering areas in a short period of time.
Myanmar would promote existing friendship...

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welcome to Myanmar delegation. He and Hlutaw representative took pride for Mr Jia Qinglin’s last year’s visit to Myanmar as it could enhance amity and cooperation between Myanmar-China and amount to recognize Hlutaw that plays major role in Myanmar’s reform process.

He would like to say again that Myanmar and its people thanked China for its right stand on Myanmar. Myanmar was now on the right track as China always stood by Myanmar at a time when Super Powers imposed sanctions on Myanmar last years.

In the matter of lifting bans on Myanmar, Myanmar always thanked China for its stance on Myanmar’s interest. Myanmar underscored China’s peaceful development programmes and was ready to learn China’s experience and suggestions regarding Hlutaw affairs that emerge in Myanmar.

Myanmar was taking steps towards a disciplined, democratic country. So, Myanmar needed China’s rightful stance and cooperation. Myanmar had been constantly practising the independent, active and non-aligned foreign policy. Cooperation with that policy, Myanmar would maintain relations with other countries. In so doing, leaders from the US and EU held talks with Myanmar. He had a talk with US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

Myanmar maintained purpose maintained relations with international countries. Only then, Myanmar strongly believed that they could systematically build an expected democratic country. Myanmar would promote already-existent friendship and cooperation with China while maintaining relations with international countries.

Myanmar would strengthen multifaceted strategic cooperation with China and relations with countries. Especially, both countries need to have same views on regional security and defence matters. China lies at Northeast and North of Myanmar as a big security wall of Myanmar. Myanmar is located at West and Southwest of China as a security guard, he added Mr Jia Qinglin said that he thanked for the Speaker’s detailed explanations. Sino-Myanmar relation was in good condition. Five principles of peaceful coexistences laid down by the leaders of the two countries were seeing economic development. European countries were facing debt crisis while Asian countries were seeing rapid changes in political and economic. Some countries’ economy became stagnant. The majority of European countries were facing debt crisis while Asian countries were seeing economic development.

Mr Jia Qinglin said his view is that both Myanmar and China need to work ardently for improving the relations in all aspects. The fact that the two countries are geographically bound together will yield many benefits in the bilateral relations.

Despite changes in global politics, Sino-Myanmar ties have never changed and they have been very good neighbourly nations for ever. It is therefore necessary to adopt action plans for the two countries to reach the stage of multilaterally strategic cooperation. Chinese political consultative conference needs to try to promote cooperation with the Amyotha Hlutaw and Pyithu Hlutaw of Myanmar, he noted.

The second point is that mutual support and assistance between the two countries and it is one significant point in the area of bilateral relations. Mr Jia Qinglin added that his visit to Myanmar two weeks after a new government took office has shown China’s support for the Myanmar new government and Hlutaw. It is also heartening to see that the new Myanmar government has achieved certain success in its efforts for people’s socio-economic improvement. China fully supports the road the Myanmar people have chosen for their own development. And it will never accept any move of Western countries that makes no contribution towards Myanmar’s economic development.

Thirdly, practical cooperation between the two nations will continue and that cooperation will greatly benefit Myanmar, which has experienced some nations’ sanctions and restrictions for years.

Mr Jia Qinglin went on to say that the agreements the two countries have signed on cooperation in construction of railroads and motor roads and connection of gas pipelines are indeed cooperation projects that will generate many benefits in the long run. However, some forces are instigating to disrupt those projects and both sides need to deal with their attempts with great care.

One important point in the bilateral relations is prevalence of rule of law, peace and stability in border regions. The capability to maintain peace and stability in China-Myanmar border areas are mutually beneficial. The

ICT workshop for socio-economic development and poverty alleviation commences

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Feb – A workshop on information and communication technology was held at the Myanmar International Convention Centre here this morning. Chairman of Computer Science Development Council Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telecommunications U Thein Tun delivered a speech. Next, Myanmar Computer Federation President U Thein Oo explained the purpose of holding the ICT workshop for socio-economic development and poverty alleviation. Then, the resource persons participated in the workshop and gave suggestions. The workshop continues tomorrow.—MNA
Myanmar will continue...

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saying that the Myanmar delegation would get experiences that brought peace and stability and development to China. He said that the Chinese people and the Chinese Communist Party shared this with the Myanmar side. He also thanked China for its stand for Myanmar when the later was facing obstacles and he expressed his hope that China would stand by Myanmar in the future. Similarly, China’s Communist Party would continue to play a leading role in promoting the cooperation between the two countries, he said.

The Speaker said that Myanmar had supported the efforts of China to achieve peaceful development. Myanmar was carrying out democratic reforms and was on road to market-oriented economic system, he said. In this regard, the role parliament was playing an important role in the reform process, he added, and requested Mr Li Yuanchao to share China’s experiences with the parliament.

Afterwards, Mr Li Yuanchao expressed his delight to meet Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann whom he met during his visit to Myanmar. He said that it was necessary to see the practices and essence of the democracy and according to their experiences, the democratic system which was practiced systematically was a good system, he said. It was the China Communist Party that lead the China people’s democratic system, he said.

There were other political parties in China, but they established the democratic system led by the CPC. They coordinated each other and the work reflects the democratic system. The parties in the CPPCC had coordinated that lead the China’s people’s democratic system, he said. There are over 80 million members of Chinese Communist Party who have established amicable relationship with Chinese people, he went on.

Representatives were elected step by step from the lowest level to the central level, he said. He went on committees of each level have been defined to obey higher ones in centralized system since the establishment of the Chinese Communist Party. The party committees of China is a social system, he said. Democratic systems of the party and of the National People’s Congress are perfectly symmetric, he said. The final resolution of the central committee could portray the will of people and could be adopted at lowest levels, he said. Jiangsu Province, for example, is a province which enjoys fruits of reform and has strong economy, he went on. If China did not establish economic zones, the economic status of the country would be at half of the current status, he said. Economic zones are high rate taxpayers and they have ten times larger than provinces with no economic priority policy, he said.

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The Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker in his address thanked Mr Li Yuanchao for elaborating on it and said he considered that democratic system and market economy adopted by China were based on experiences from the history.

He promised that Myanmar will continue to implement the system commensurate with its own situation. He went on that the people chose to build the discipline-flourishing socialist democracy led by the Chinese Communist Party and the system commensurate with its own situation.

He also thanked China for its stand for Myanmar when there were external interference if the country adopts democratic system of other countries. He revealed his wish that Myanmar chose the right political system fit with its own situation. He pointed out that market economy of China was chosen which was by own experiences and profits China a lot.

He continued to say that market economy was born of England which was strengthened by another country now is US. He said China faced many challenges in copying it for development of market. These include the gap between the poor and the rich, inflation and so on, he said. To contain market economy, the government could control the economy by macro control, he went on. The involvement of the government is stronger in this case and key enterprises are operated by State-owned companies, he said.

He said electricity companies in China are owned by the government so that the electricity could be generated and distributed regularly. In case of coal could impact on climate change of China, he said. Similarly, food companies are also owned by the government and they mainly maintain food price stability, he said. He went on that 54 State-run companies are listed in 500 world biggest companies.

There is difference between party and parliamentary democracy, he pointed out. China adopted centralized democratic system, he said. There are over 80 million members of Chinese Communist Party who have established amicable relationship with Chinese people, he went on. Representatives were elected step by step from the lowest level to the central level, he said. He went on committees of each level have been defined to obey higher ones in centralized system since the establishment of the Chinese Communist Party. The party committees of China is a social system, he said. Democratic systems of the party and of the National People’s Congress are perfectly symmetric, he said. The final resolution of the central committee could portray the will of people and could be adopted at lowest levels, he said. Jiangsu Province, for example, is a province which enjoys fruits of reform and has strong economy, he went on. If China did not establish economic zones, the economic status of the country would be at half of the current status, he said. Economic zones are high rate taxpayers and they have ten times larger than provinces with no economic priority policy, he said.

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First day of the third regular session of first Kachin State Hluttaw held

NAV PLY TAW, 27 Feb — The first day of the third regular session of first Kachin State Hluttaw was held at 10 am today, attended by Kachin State Chief Minister U La John, Ngan Hsai, Speaker of State Hluttaw U Rawonjone and 49 Hluttaw representatives.

The Chief Minister made speech. The 13 questions were answered, allocation bill of 2012 fiscal year of Kachin State and three proposals submitted to the State Hluttaw. The ceremony was closed at 12:30. —MN

By-election ballot lists to be announced

NAV PLY TAW, 27 Feb — Ballot lists of eligible voters from respective constituencies for by-election to be held on 1 April will be announced at the ward/village-tract sub-commissions in respective constituencies on 29 February.

Those who are eligible to vote in accord with the law, if their names are not yet included in the ballot list, may apply for their inclusion to respective ward/village-tract sub-commissions in line with Rule (9) with Form-3 within seven days from the announcement of the ballot list.

Moreover, a letter of amendment/ letter of complaint can be submitted to respective ward/village-tract sub-commissions in line with Rule (11) with Form-4 within seven days from the announcement of the ballot list if there are any amendment to or complaint about the names and facts included in the ballot list or a certain voter or the facts included in the ballot list.

Other voters who have been out of their constituencies for not less than 180 days according to Rule (10), if their names are not included in the original ballot list (the 2010 ballot list) of the constituency they are currently in, will be allowed to apply for their inclusion in the ballot list of the current constituency with Form-3A within the prescribed period only when the by-election takes place in the constituency with the original ballot list.

Those voters wanting to share information from the ballot list of a constituency that of another because they need to move from one place to another can apply to the ward/village-tract sub-committee concerned for the cancellation of their names from the ballot list of the currency constituency with Form-4A together with Immigration Form (10) for the inclusion of their names in the ballot list of the constituency they have moved to with Form-4B and Form-3, announced by the Union Election Commission.

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DY HEALTH MINISTER on inspection tour of hospitals in Myitkyina

NAV PLY TAW, 27 Feb — Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Kyaw, together with Kachin State social affairs minister Daw Bawk Gyinar, minister for planning and economic Dr Khin Maung Tun, made a donation of food and medicines to the displaced persons who now are staying at a Temporary Camp in Myitkyina in Kachin State at 9 am on 24 February.

After that, on her arrival at Meinkein Baptist Church, Takten Baptist, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Kyaw comforts displaced persons. —MN

Jammeneaung Baptist and Zeeoun Baptist, the Deputy Minister presented food and medicines to the displaced persons who are camping there.

The Deputy Minister paid an inspection tour of Myitkyina Traditional Medicine Hospital where she greeted the medical staff, and held a meeting with Kachin State Health Department’s Head, medical superintendent, doctors, nurses and medical staff at Myitkyina General Hospital. And the Deputy Minister looked around the hospital.

At Myitkyina Midwifery Training School, she greeted principal, instructors and the school of the. —MN
Traffic lights installed in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 27 Feb—Mandalay City Development Committee is taking measures of environmental conservation and greening development. Committee is taking measures to install traffic lights at the junctions.

Traffic rules talked at Hinthada University

HINTHADA, 27 Feb—A talk on traffic rules was held at the hall of Hinthada University in Ayeyawady Region on 16 February.

Prizes awarded to outstanding students in Mawlamyinegyun

MAWLAMYINEGYUN, 27 Feb—The prize presentation of the Basic Education Primary School on 14th Street in Mawlamyinegyun was held in conjunction with the school equipment donation ceremony at the school on 10 February. Town Hall Education Officer U Tin Min and members of the School Board of Trustees presented prizes to all-round outstanding students and 87 outstanding students.

Talks on environmental conservation in Singu

SINGU, 27 Feb—Singu Township Forest Department organized the talks on eradication of illegal extraction of timber and environmental conservation at Basic Education Primary School in Nyaungbintha Village of Singu Township on 16 February afternoon.

Township Administrator’s Cup Soccer wraps up

YEIKYI, 27 Feb—The prize presentation for Township administrator’s Cup Men’s Football Tournament was held at Township People’s Sports Ground in Yeikyi Township.

Community-based TB disease prevention course opened in Namkham

NAMKH K, 27 Feb—Namkham Township Women’s Affairs Organization of Muse District in Shan State (North) opened the community-based TB disease prevention multiplier course at the hall of the township administrator in Namkham on 22 February morning.

Cooperative proficiency multiplier course opens

THAYAWADY, 27 Feb—Thayawady Township Cooperative Department conducted the cooperative proficiency multiplier course for new cooperative societies on 13 February. The Township Administrator made a speech. The staff officer of Township Cooperative Department explained the purpose of opening the course and its tasks.

CSC ISSUED: Immigration and National Registration Department is implementing the Moe Point Project-IL Head of District IIVR Deputy Director U Win Hlaing and Head of Township IIVR U Saw Hla Maung issued citizenship scrutiny cards to eligible people from Na-aikkhant Village in Na-aikkhant Village-tract of Kyauktan Township on 9 February.

Next, the union minister inspected the construction of Kanthauma football grounds and comforted patients undergoing medical treatment at Kanthauma Station Hospital.

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OTTAWA, 27 Feb—The hacker group Anonymous says it hacked into the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police Web site and obtained personal information on the group’s members.

Hackers opposed to Canada’s proposed Internet surveillance bill say they accessed logs and passwords on Friday for several administrators’ accounts for the Web site, the Canadian Broadcasting Corp reported.

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“I can ensure citizens of this province that police will continue to provide opinions to lawmakers on this and any other piece of legislation that comes forward that affects policing in this province,” he said. “We pulled our site down so it’s not accessible. It appears this was really meant to embarrass, to send a message to Ontario’s police leaders.”—Internet

BEIJING, 27 Feb— The editor of News Corp chairman Rupert Murdoch’s newest newspaper, The Sun on Sunday, says the new British tabloid will be “fearless, outspoken, mischievous and fun” but will hold journalists to account, Sky News reported Sunday. The Sun on Sunday will be produced by existing Sun reporters, who are said to be unhappy about the extra workload, Sky News said.

Ten former and current employees of News International have been arrested in the hacking scandal since last November, Sky News said.—Internet

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China far ahead of India in science, PM tells US magazine

WASHINGTON, 27 Feb— Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, who vowed last month to more than double India’s R&D spending to $8 billion a year by 2017, has expressed concern over countries like China overtaking India in the field of science.

“Over the past few decades, India’s relative position in the world of science had been declining, and we have been overtaken by countries like China,” Singh declared in an interview with America’s stop ‘Science’ magazine.

“China is in many ways far ahead of India,” he is quoted as saying in the 24 February issue of Science which carries a special package of news focusing on the state of “Science in India,” and how it has evolved over the past few decades.

Manmohan Singh had expressed similar concern at the Indian Science Congress earlier this year.—Internet

Dhaka to launch 20,000 websites

DHAKA, 27 Feb—Bangladesh will launch 20,000 websites by 2015 to take e-service to the masses, a media report said on Monday.

The websites will have information on the country, social safety nets, disaster warning, among other data, Anir Chowdhury, an official at the Prime Minister’s Office, said. They will also include documents on land management, and forums for farmers and fishery workers, The Daily Star reported on Sunday. The websites will be launched under the National Portal Framework (NPF).

The government will finance the training of officials for operating and updating contents on the websites, Chowdhury said at a seminar on Saturday.

Content providers will be able to update and share data.—Internet

WikiLeaks publishing 5M Stratfor e-mails

LONDON, 27 Feb— WikiLeaks said on Monday in London it has begun releasing 5 million e-mails it obtained surreptitiously from Stratfor, a global intelligence firm based in Texas.

Stratfor said in December that its data servers were hacked by the group Anonymous, which has aligned itself with Wikileaks.

WikiLeaks said on its Web site the e-mails are dated between July 2004 and this end of 2011.

“They reveal the inner workings of a company that fronts as an intelligence publisher, but provides confidential intelligence services to large corporations, such as Bhopal’s Dow Chemical Co, Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman, Raytheon and government agencies, including the US Department of Homeland Security, the US Marines and the US Defence Intelligence Agency,” the Internet whistleblower said.

“The e-mails show Stratfor’s web of informers, payment structures, payment laundering techniques and psychological methods.”

WikiLeaks said among the e-mails was one from Stratfor Chief Executive Officer George Friedman instructing a company analyst how to exploit an Israeli intelligence informant providing information on the medical condition of Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez. It also said there are more than 4,000 e-mails mentioning WikiLeaks or the organization’s founder, Julian Assange.

“Terrorists also expose the revolving door that operates in private intelligence companies in the United States,” WikiLeaks said on its Web site.

“Government and diplomatic sources from around the world give Stratfor advanced knowledge of global politics and events in exchange for money.”

The global intelligence files exposes how Stratfor has recruited a global network of informants who are paid via Swiss banks accounts and pre-paid credit cards. Stratfor has a mix of covert and overt informants, which includes government employees, embassy staff and journalists around the world.

“The material shows how a private intelligence agency works, and how they target individuals for their corporate and government clients,” WikiLeaks said and it built an investigative partnership with more than 25 media organizations and activists to disseminate information from the millions of e-mails.—Internet

Murdock launches new British tabloid

LONDON, 27 Feb— The editors of News Corp chairman Rupert Murdoch’s newest newspaper, The Sun on Sunday, says the new British tabloid will be released on Sunday. It was launched Sunday in Britain using staffers from The Sun. The media mogul was on hand Saturday night as the tabloid rolled off a New International printing press, filling a gap opened when Murdoch’s News of the World closed last July in Britain’s phone-hacking scandal.

An editorial said the tabloid will be “fearless, outspoken, mischievous and fun” but will hold journalists to account, Sky News reported Sunday. The Sun on Sunday will be produced amid a media report that the Sun is being shut down to replace it.

A black swan and fledglings swim on a lake in the site of the Yuanningsuan Imperial Garden in Beijing, capital of China, on 23 Feb, 2012. [SUN]—INTERNET

Singapore traffic.—INTERNET

Two new road projects to improve connectivity in northern S’pore

SINGAPORE, 27 Feb—The Land Transport Authority has announced two new road projects to improve overall road connectivity and capacity in the northern part of Singapore.

The first, costing $575 million, will involve expanding the existing interchange that connects the Central, Tampines and Seletar Expressways. As part of the expansion project, four new flyovers will be built.

Five new road connections will also be created to improve the connectivity between the expressway and the road network.

The second project will involve building a new road between the TPE and Yishun Avenue 6.

Tenders for the new road link will be called shortly. When completed by 2015, motorists can look forward to better connectivity and faster travelling time between the three connecting expressways, Yishun Town and the new Seletar Aerospace Park.

For example, motorists travelling from Yishun Town to CTE can expect time savings of up to 10 minutes.—Internet
Tenn nightclub shooting leaves one dead, 19 injured

Jackson, 27 Feb—Police in West Tennessee say one man was killed and 19 other people were injured early Sunday when gunmen opened fire in a nightclub.

Jackson Police Lt. Tyreece Miller said officers were called to the Karma Lounge in downtown Jackson about 2 a.m. Sunday. They arrived to find one man dead, 17 people with gunshot wounds and two who were trapped.

Miller said a dispute between several people led to the shooting at the business, which had advertised a Lane College/Lemoyne-Owen College after-game party on Saturday night. Evidence so far indicates at least three people used handguns to fire into the crowd.

Indonesia reports fourth bird flu death this year in Bali

Jakarta, 27 Feb—A 12-year-old Indonesian boy has died of bird flu in the country's tourist resort of Bali, bringing the death toll to the fatal disease to four this year, the health ministry reported Monday. The boy died on Feb. 21, one day after being treated at a local hospital before he was admitted to the special hospital for bird flu because his condition became worse.

It was not clear how the virus was transmitted to him. Contact with poultry is the common way of transmission in Indonesia. The latest death puts the total death from bird flu to 154 since the virus attacked the country in 2005. The boy from Padang of Bali died seven days after a 19-year-old woman died of the virus on the outskirts of Jakarta. —Xinhua

Beijing to build world's busiest airport

Beijing, 27 Feb—The Chinese Capital will this year begin construction of an airport that will become the world's busiest, a media report said.

According to China Daily, the yet-to-be-named airport will replace the Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport in Atlanta as the most busy airport.

The paper reported that the cost of building the airport at around 30 billion yuan (around $5 billion).

With nine runways, the new airport will handle more than 130 million passengers and 5.5 million tonnes of cargo annually, said China Radio International.

It will cover an area of around 27 square km, an official told Beijing Youth Daily. Located in Daxing, 46 km south of Tiananmen Square, construction is due to be completed in October 2017.

Beijing currently has two airports — the Beijing Capital International Airport, the world's busiest, and the Beijing Nanyuan Airport, which handles cargo and private planes. —Internet

FAW Group to build new plant in Tianjin

Tianjin, 27 Feb—China FAW Group Corp, the country's third-largest automaker by sales, said Monday that it will build a new assembly plant with a designed annual production capacity of 400,000 units in the northern port city of Tianjin.

FAW Group said in a statement that its subsidiary, Tianjin FAW Xiali Automobile Co, has signed the agreement on the new plant with the government of Tianjin's Airport Economic Zone.

Construction on the plant is scheduled to kick off in the second half of the year, it said. The first phase of the project, which will cost 5 billion yuan (793 million US dollars), will churn out 200,000 passenger cars and 200,000 sets of car powertrains after its completion in two years, it said.

The second phase has the same designed production capacity as the first phase, it said, giving no timetable for its construction. FAW Group currently has an annual production capacity of 750,000 units in Tianjin. —Xinhua

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV PHU AN-36 VOY NO ( )

Consignees of cargo carried on MV PHU AN-36 VOY NO ( ) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 22.2.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of B.S.W-1 where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV SABRINA SCAN VOY NO (003)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SABRINA SCAN VOY NO (003) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 26.2.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.
A federal judge in Florida tossed out a free speech lawsuit brought by a man who was arrested in a gorilla suit at a Martin Luther King Day celebration.

US District Judge Paul Magnuson ruled in Naples, Fla., police did not violate the free speech rights of Michael L. Anderson, 50, who wore the gorilla suit bearing a racial epithet and growled at revelers at the 2007 celebration in Cambier Park, the Naples Daily News reported on Thursday.

“Although wearing the costume alone may be insufficient to rise to the level of a breach of the peace or disorderly conduct, event patrons reported ... that Anderson was aggressively disturbing the patrons, scaring children, and disrupting the formal programme that was under way on the stage in the park,” Magnuson wrote.

Moreover, Anderson returned to the area cordoned off for the event after Officer (Ralph) Anthony told him he would be arrested if he did. So Anderson said the gorilla suit was “a tremendously successful tool” he used at other events to promote a rapper who employs him as his manager. “We’re glad the judge didn’t put up with this monkey business,” said Jim Fox, the attorney representing the city. Anderson said he plans to appeal the decision.

Factbox: List of Oscar winners

Los Angeles, 27 Feb—The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences on Sunday handed out the Oscars — the highest honours in the movie industry. Following is a list of winners in leading categories for the 84th annual Academy Awards.

1. BEST PICTURE
   “The Artist”

2. BEST ACTOR
   Jean Dujardin, “The Artist”

3. BEST ACTRESS
   Meryl Streep, “The Iron Lady”

4. BEST DIRECTOR
   Michel Hazanavicius, “The Artist”

5. BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR
   Christopher Plummer, “Beginners”

6. BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS
   Octavia Spencer, “The Help”

7. ANIMATED FILM
   “Hugo,” production: Florence Chak, animation: Martin Peoples

8. FOREIGN LANGUAGE FILM
   “A Separation,” Iran

10. ORIGINAL SCREENPLAY
    “The Descendants,” by Alexander Payne, Nat Faxon and Jim Rash

11. DOCUMENTARY
    “Undefeated”

12. ORIGINAL SONG
    “Man or Muppet” from “The Muppets,” music and lyric by Bret McKenzie

13. FILM EDITING
    “The Artist”

14. ART DIRECTION
    “The Artist”

15. CINEMATOGRAPHY
    “Hugo,” Robert Richardson

16. COSTUME DESIGN
    “The Artist,” Mark Bridges

17. SHORT FILM (ANIMATED)
    “A Cat in Paris,” by Benjamin Renner

18. MAKEUP
    “Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close,” William J. Tuttle

19. VISUAL EFFECTS
    “Hugo,” MartinChilds, Marc Platt, Paul Franklin

20. SHORT FILM (LIVE ACTION)
    “The Shore” by James Smith

21. DOCUMENTARY (SHORT SUBJECT)
    “Save the Date” by Carl Delevo and Benjamin Grant

22. SOUND MIXING
    “Hugo,” Mark Weingarten, David White

23. ART DIRECTION
    “Hugo,” production design: Dante Ferretti; set decoration: Francesca Lo Schiavo

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Man tried to rob store with finger

Police in Florida said an attempted robbery was foiled when a gas station clerk recognized the object poking out from the suspect’s shirt was a finger. The Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office said a man with a plastic bag over his head walked into the Gate gas station on 103rd Street around 3 am Monday morning and acted like the finger poking inside of his shirt was a weapon. The Jacksonville Florida Times-Union reported on Thursday.

The man ordered the clerk to “open the register and give me all the money,” the sheriff’s office report said.

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**Dortmund down Hanover to open four-point gap**

**Dortmund**, 27 Feb — Poland striker Robert Lewandowski netted twice for Borussia Dortmund in their 3-1 win over Hanover on Sunday to put them four points clear of Bayern Munich who beat Schalke 2-0. Lewandowski has now scored 16 goals this season and is closing in on the league’s joint-top-scorers Bayern’s Mario Gomez and Schalke’s Klaas-Jan Huntelaar, who have 18 each. At a sold-out Signal Iduna Park stadium in front of 80,500 fans, this was Dortmund’s seventh straight victory — and their sixth in the Bundesliga — to leave them on 52 points, four clear of second-placed Schalke.

“That was a good performance from us,” said Dortmund coach Jurgen Klopp. “We have only ourselves to blame for not deciding the outcome earlier.”

The 23-year-old Lewandowski slotted home his first on 27 minutes and then enjoyed a simple tap in from close-range after he was set up by Poland team-mate Jakub Blaszczykowski, who created all three goals, on 54 minutes.

Hanover pulled a goal back when Ivory Coast striker Didier Ya Konan, who had been on the field less than a minute, fired home from 35 metres on 60 minutes after a well-placed spot-dortmund goalkeeper Roman Weidenfeller off his line. Dortmund substitute Ivan Perisic hit his team’s third goal on the 92nd minute as Hanover suffered a first defeat in 10 games.

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**Liverpool were ‘desperate’ for Carling Cup win - Dirk Kuyt**

**Liverpool**, 27 Feb — Dirk Kuyt said Liverpool were desperate to win their first trophy since 2006 after their dramatic Carling Cup final victory over Cardiff City. Kuyt came off the bench to score the second goal in extra-time, as the match ended 2-2 after 120 minutes, before also netting a spot-kick. “We wanted this so desperately,” said Kuyt, who has targeted a cup double.

Joe Mason opened the scoring for the Bluebirds in the first half but Martin Skrtel equalized to force extra time. Kuyt’s strike seemed certain to secure victory but Ben Turner bundled home a last-gasp goal to force spot-kicks and Anthony Gerrard missed the crucial penalty. The Dutch international was disappointed to be left out of Kenny Dalglish’s starting-line-up but had no doubt that the Reds would win the shoot-out. He added: “It was incredible, an incredible day. I was very disappointed not to play longer than 15 minutes but I have to put that aside. I’m so happy to have scored that goal. The most important thing was we kept believing in, and in the end, I think we deserved this trophy. ‘I said to Steven [Gerrard] after he missed, there’s a few more to take and others can miss and they did it.”

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**Babos wins 1st WTA title at Monterrey Open**

**MonteReY, 27 Feb** — Timea Babos of Hungary won her first WTA title Sunday with a 6-4, 6-4 victory over Alexandra Cadantu of Romania in the Monterrey Open final. The 18-year-old Babos got one of her two breaks late in the second set to clinch the victory at the Sierra Madre Tennis Club.

She dominated when serving, not allowing a single break point to the 21-year-old Cadantu. Babos, ranked 107th in the world, had faced two Babos made the semifinals at Bogota last week, but before that she had only one main draw win. Cadantu had just one main draw win heading into Monterrey. Babos defeated second-seeded Sara Errani of Italy in the semifinals, while the 111th-ranked Cadantu beat Hungary’s Greta Arn.

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**Spain’s David Ferrer celebrates after winning the ATP Argentina Open, very, after defeating his compatriot Nicolas Almagro by 4-6, 6-2 during the men’s single’s final match in Buenos Aires.**

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**Ferrer beats Almagro for Buenos Aires title**

**BUENOS AIRES, 27 Feb** — Spanish top seed David Ferrer defeated second-seeded compatriot, and defending champion, Nicolas Almagro 4-6, 6-3, 6-2 on Sunday to win the Buenos Aires claycourt title. It was Ferrer’s ninth successive victory over Almagro and ended his fellow Spaniard’s 10-match win streak.

Ferrer is the second two-time winner on the ATP World Tour this season, joining Milos Raonic. The 29-year-old will now have over 3.5 world number fives began his year by repeating as champion at Auckland. Almagro was aiming to win back-to-back titles during the Golden Swing in South America for the second year in a row, having successfully defended his Brazil Open in Sao Paulo last week.

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**Mahan stops McIlroy in Match Play**

**MADISON, 27 Feb** — Even as Hunter Mahan motored his way through the Match Play Championship by beating one tough opponent after another, he had reason to feel he was just along for the ride in the final match Sunday afternoon. All the chatter was about US Open champion Rory McIlroy and his march to No 1 in the world. All the chants of Mahan heard as he walked down the first two holes at Dove Mountain were for McIlroy.

With a little extra motivation he didn’t need, Mahan won three straight holes on the front nine to seize control and answered McIlroy’s charge with birdies of his own for a 2-and-1 victory. “Deep down, you wanted to postpone that crowning of the No 1 player in the world for Rory,” Mahan said. “He’ll get there. I mean, he’s phenomenal. He’s really talented. He’ll be No 1 eventually. But yeah, when you’re a player, and I listen to Johnny Miller and Nick Faldo and all those guys, they said that’s what everybody was talking about. “There was absolute motivation in that.” It proved to be too long of a day for McIlroy, the 22-year-old from Northern Ireland, whoput some energy into a high-stakes semifinal match against Lee Westwood earlier Sunday.

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Ranieri on brink as Inter lose again

**MILAN**, 27 Feb — Ezequiel Lavezzi’s second-half strike gave Napoli a 1-0 win over struggling Inter Milan which piled the pressure on Nerazzurri coach Claudio Ranieri after a seventh defeat in eight matches. The Argentine striker scored the only goal at the San Paolo with an angled drive on 59 minutes to lift Napoli to 40 points and fifth place. Inter, who remain in seventh on 36 points, nine off the Champions League qualifying places, even enjoyed a one-man advantage for the final 12 minutes after Salvatore Aronica’s sending off.

But their dismal record of not having won a Serie A match in Naples since 1997 continued. Ranieri insisted his job was safe. “I don’t know what the president (Massimo Moratti) will do now. This is a question for him. I would say Ranieri should continue. I still believe in these players,” said the coach.

“I don’t want Mazzarri praised his team. “I’m in love with these guys. It’s two years that we’ve been together and they’ve grown immensely. This is our fifth game without conceding,” he said. — Internet

'Messi's genius left us with nothing' - Atletico Madrid’s Simeone after Barcelona defeat

**MADRID**, 27 Feb — Speaking after his club’s 2-1 La Liga loss against Barcelona, Atletico Madrid coach Diego Simeone stated that Lionel Messi’s ‘genius’ proved to be the decisive factor in the game. The match at the Vicente Calderon was heading towards a draw after Daniel Alves and Radamel Falcao had traded strikes, but the Ballon d’Or winner popped up with a sublime free kick to earn all three points late in the game.

“Results are always fair. We tried to play the game in a specific way and close down the spaces,” the coach stated. — Internet

Manchester City’s Mario Balotelli dropped by Italy coach Prandelli

**LONDON**, 27 Feb — Mario Balotelli has been dropped by Italy coach Cesare Prandelli for his “agitated” behaviour on the pitch. The Manchester City striker has been replaced by Romàs Fabio Borini, 20, for Wednesday’s friendly against the United States in Genoa.

Balotelli was banned for four matches after a stamp on Tottenham’s Scott Parker in January.

Prandelli added: “I don’t want players who commit reaction fouls and get sent off. He seems a little agitated to me.”

Balotelli has been sent-off three times since joining City for £24m from Inter Milan in August 2010 and was punished retrospectively for his stamp on Parker for “agitated” behaviour.

Prandelli added: “When I say we have to reach the final 12 minutes after Salvatore Aronica’s sending off. He seems a little agitated to me.”

Tottenham’s Scott Parker in January. — Internet

Wayne Rooney and Tom Cleverley ruled out of England friendly

**LONDON**, 27 Feb — Wayne Rooney and Tom Cleverley have been ruled out of England’s friendly against the Netherlands on Wednesday. Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson confirmed their withdrawal following the 2-1 win over Norwich at Carrow Road on Sunday. Striker Rooney has a throat infection while midfielder Cleverley sustained a foot injury against Ajax on Thursday.

They join Darren Bent, who injured his ankle ligaments in Aston Villa’s draw at Wigan, on the sidelines. Ferguson said: “Wayne has not recovered from his throat infection. Hopefully he’ll be ready for next Sunday, when we have a big game against Sunderland at Wigan.” Injuries have limited Cleverley to nine games for United this season. The 23-year-old underwent non-surgical treatment on his right ankle after undergoing a settlement of a foot injury against Manchester City on New Year’s Day.

Woodward’s ‘two-year plan’ to develop youth

The Manchester United boss has set out his goals for the future of United, and particularly how to the bringing English and Hansen. Sir Alex Ferguson has confirmed his commitment to invest in and develop young players. The club has pledged to create 120 new places at the club’s Lowry Hotel training complex over the next two years. — The Guardian

Environmental conservation undertaken

**YANGON**, 27 Feb — Yangon Township Forest Department and local people joined hands in taking environmental conservation measures. On 22 February morning, Head of Township Forest Department U Zaw Naing, service personnel, administrators of Kyaukpyupin and Kyangyangmyaung villages together with local people weeded 1000 Eucalyptus saplings grown in Kyaukpyupin in 2011 and 2000 Eucalyptus saplings grown in Kyangyangmyaung block in 2010. — Township IPRD

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Nay Pyi Taw, 27 Feb—Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann met chairs of Pyithu Hluttaw committees, the chair of Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission and members at Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Meeting Hall in Hluttaw Complex here this afternoon and delivered a speech on work procedures.

Those present at the meeting discussed matters related to legislation. The Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker coordinated the discussions and made concluding remarks.—MNA

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There are many differences among nations so that there will be external interference if the country adopts democratic system of other countries

Mr Li Yuanchao

We had envied at the China, the world’s most populous country with large land area and with 56 ethnic tribes, was standing with dignity in the world, he said. He hoped that Myanmar would practice the way of China, (See page 9)