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.

**U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, receives Minister of Foreign Affairs of New Zealand and party**

Nay Pyi Taw, 6 March—President of the Republic of Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein received the visiting delegation led by Minister of Foreign Affairs of New Zealand Mr Murray McCully at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace here at 11 am today.

Present at the call together with President of the Republic of Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein 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 National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein and heads of department.

The visiting delegation led by Minister of Foreign Affairs of New Zealand Mr Murray McCully was accompanied by New Zealand Ambassador to the Republic of Union of Myanmar Mr Bede Gilbert Corry and embassy staff.

During the meeting, they exchanged views on promoting bilateral ties and cooperation between the two countries in a frank and cordial manner.—MNA

**Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session continues for 19th day**

One proposal discussed, three new proposals submitted

Nay Pyi Taw, 6 March—The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session continued for the 19th day at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Complex, here, at 10.15 am today, attended by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint, Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and 548 Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives.

They discussed one proposal and submitted three new proposals.

Five Hluttaw representatives discussed the proposal urging the Union government to amend provisions in PWD Code and PWA Code and to reprint the books on amended proposals presented on 24 February by U Myo Myint of Mandalay Region Constituency No. 6. U Aye Mauk of Mahlaing Constituency said that not only matters related to original departments and enterprises but also that of Directorate of Water Resources Utilization under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and Hydropower Implementation Department under the Ministry of Electric Power No. 1 are to be described in the code.

U Kyi Tha of Gwa Constituency discussed that if all departments abide by PWD and PWA codes after asserting, amending and cancelling the provisions, such activities will be designed to practise the systemic spending of public’s money.

Daw Tin Nwe Oo of Dagon Myothit (North) Constituency noted that it is necessary to amend the Civil Account Code, Fundamental Rules & Regulation and manuals of departments in addition to PWD and PWA codes in conformity with the present era, adding more provisions and enacting new laws.

U Sai Kyaw Myint of Mongnai Constituency discussed effectiveness of auditing at a time when the Audit Commissioner’s Office was operated and necessarily asserting rights, authority and accountability of auditors into PWA Code.

Daw Khin Waing Kyi of Yangon Constituency No. 1 said that as the acts drawn in the colonial period are not in conformity with present era, terms, monetary value and measurements in the acts should be necessarily amended, subtracted and renewed.

With regard to the proposals, Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint explained that Public Works, Irrigation Department, Hydropower Implementation Department and some government organizations related to engineering works use the PWD and PWA codes as reference.

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Reinforce traffic rules for road safety

Road safety measures deserve a serious attention for safety of those using roads and those commuting daily in busy cities where traffic accidents are usually rife. There are also traffic accidents in district cities and towns nation-wide with an increase in the number of automobiles and motorcycles.

Traffic accidents including head-on collisions often stemmed from high speed, overtaking, reckless driving and driving under the influence. Although the authorities concerned are reinforcing traffic rules, making surprise-checks and giving educative talks, traffic accidents are still common, resulting in the death of both drivers and passengers. Thus, anything that keeps road safety on the front burner is good, meaning that road safety undertakings cannot be shouldered lightly or taken for granted.

To reduce the road accidents, every citizen is to strictly abide by traffic rules and use zebra-crossing and overpass when they cross the roads. Meanwhile, it is needed to deal with bumper-to-bumper traffic and congested traffic, and to enable road users to walk in convenience on platforms.

It is learnt that there has been an increase in traffic accidents caused by motorcyclists in Nay Pyi Taw as the city’s motorcycle population is increasing day by day. The authorities concerned are trying to reduce the frequency of road accidents but to no avail.

Therefore, the entire people are to join forces on multiple fronts to get things moving in tackling the road accident since the initiative involves the public participation. Only then will the move to reduce traffic accidents be possible.

EP-2 Minister receives Korean guests

NAV PYI TAW, 6 March—Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe received a delegation led by Chairman Mr Chung Si Woo of Busan Korea Biotechnology Co Ltd of the Republic of Korea at the ministry, here, yesterday morning.

They discussed choosing of the plot for studying probability of Gas Power Plant Project which is to be implemented to increase power supply to Yangon and Thilawa Industrial Zones signed by Ministry of Electric Power No.2 and Busan Korea Biotechnology Co Ltd, installation for two 175-megawatt generators and one 150-megawatt steam turbine for generating 500 megawatts and plan for installation of one Air Cooling Condenser.

Moreover, they focused on quality control of offshore natural gas and submission of project report in April 2012.

Train-TE collision leaves two passengers injured

NAV PYI TAW, 6 March—A collision between Zabuthiri No.8 circular train and T.E left two passengers slightly injured including T.E driver.

At 2.40 pm on 4 March, Zabuthiri No.8 circular train left from Yangon station to Hlawga station crashed into T.E at the railroad crossing near entrance of Sethmu Zone station. The head part of the TE was damaged and the driver of TE and a train passenger had got a slight injury. Trains are smoothly running on the route without delays. A file was opened against U Bo Tint who was driving when the accident happened at the police station.

Myanmar, New Zealand to promote bilateral ties and cooperation

Also present at the call together with the Union Minister for Foreign Affairs were officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The visiting Foreign Minister was accompanied by officials from the New Zealand embassy in Thailand, in Jakarta and in Canberra. During the meeting, they exchanged views on promoting of bilateral ties and cooperation between the two countries.

Union Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin hosted a luncheon in honour of the visiting Foreign Minister at Thingaha Hotel.

The New Zealand Foreign Minister’s visit is the first visit to Myanmar for 54 years since the establishment of diplomatic relations in November 1954.

Myanmar Ambassador concurrently appointed to Denmark

NAV PYI TAW, 7 March—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Kyaw Myo Htun, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, concurrently as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Kingdom of Denmark.

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NAV PYI TAW, 7 March—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Myint Naung, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of South Africa, concurrently as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives New Zealand Minister of Foreign Affairs and party

NAV PYI TAW, 6 March—Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann received Minister of Foreign Affairs of New Zealand Mr Murray McCully and party at Zabuthiri Hall of Pyithu Hluttaw Building, here, at 4 pm today.

Also present at the call were Chairmen of the International Relations Committee U Hla Myint Oo, secretaries and members of Pyithu Hluttaw committees.

The New Zealand Minister of Foreign Affairs and party were accompanied by New Zealand Ambassador Mr Bede Gilbert Corry and New Zealander Ambassador to ASEAN Mr David Taylor.

They discussed further strengthening of bilateral ties between Myanmar and New Zealand.

Donate Blood

MNA
Two Thai soldiers wounded in bomb blast in restive south

BANGKOK, 6 March—Two soldiers of teacher protection unit were seriously wounded by a bomb which went off on Tuesday morning while they were patrolling on foot on Kuwa-Thammobroad in Krong Pinang District of southernmost Yala Province.

The two soldiers, identified as Sgt. Maj. Preecha Kongpakdi, 52, and Lance Corporal Thongchai Boonc-Kongpakdi, 52, were badly injured as shrapnel penetrated their heads and torsos. They were later admitted to Yala Hospital. Police preliminary investigation showed that perpetrators detonated an Improvised Explosive Device (IED), which was hidden in a garbage dump on the roadside when nine soldiers of the teacher protection unit were patrolling on Kuwa-Thammobroad road.

The police said the IED could weigh from 3 to 5 kg but could not tell how it was detonated. Separatist insurgents blamed for the incident.

Iraqi police inspect the scene after policemen were slain in the western city of Haditha. Suspected Al-Qaeda gunmen, some wearing army uniforms, raged through a western Iraq city Monday in a pre-dawn shooting spree that killed 27 policemen, including two officers killed execution-style.—INTERNET

Pakistanis official shot dead

ISLAMABAD, 6 March—A senior Pakistani official was shot dead after a spat at a friend’s house in Karachi, a media report said on Tuesday. District Coordination Officer (DCO) Raj Gwadar, Abhir Rehman Dasthi, was gunned down when he was visiting his friend’s house, reported Geo News. Shahkat Ali, a police official, said Dasthi’s body was found outside the bangalow of politician Mir Imam Bazirjo.

Ali said the servants tried to wash the site of the incident. Police took two soldiers into custody while Mir Imam fled.

Suicide bomber kills two at Bagram Airfield

KABUL, 6 March—A suicide bomber killed two civilians in Afghanistan Monday in what officials called a revenge attack for the accidental burning of Korans by US troops.

The bomber died in the attack, which also left two civilians injured, at the entrance to Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan’s main military base, said spokesman Sediq Seddiqi.

A spokesman for the International Security Assistance Force identified the two injured people as members of the NATO-led ISAF.

CNN quoted a Taliban spokesman as saying 12 US troops and nine Afghans have died in the latest chapter of its “revenge campaign.”

A US investigation determined the Koran burning was inadvertent and the result of the books having been defaced by prisoners attempting to get messages to each other.

US President Barack Obama apologized and promised disciplinary action against those responsible.

At least 30 Afghans have been killed in protests over the Koran burning, and officials have speculated some of the six killings of US military personnel since then were motivated by outrage over the Koran.
Study links heavy diesel exhaust to lung cancer

WASHINGTON, 6 March — There’s new evidence that exposure to exhaust from diesel engines increases the risk of lung cancer. Diesel exhaust has long been classified as a probable carcinogen. But the 20-year study from the National Cancer Institute took a closer look by tracking more than 12,000 workers in certain kinds of diesel-powered equipment, levels higher than the general population encounters.

The most heavily exposed workers had 3.1 million times the risk of death from lung cancer compared to workers with lower exposures, said the study released Friday by the Journal of the National Cancer Institute. But even workers with lower exposures had a 50 percent increased risk, wrote lead author Debra Silverman, an NCI epidemiologist. “Our findings are important not only for miners but also for the 1.4 million American workers and the 3 million European miners exposed to diesel exhaust, and for urban populations worldwide,” Silverman wrote.

She pointed to some highly polluted cities in China, Mexico and Portugal that in past years have reported diesel exposure levels. “Periods could be comparable to those experienced by miners with lower exposures,” said Silverman. From mining companies had delayed release of the study findings.

A separate industry group not involved in that litigation said on Friday that the study looked back at mines using decades-old equipment, and there’s far less pollution from diesel engines today. “Diesel engine and equipment manufacturers have invested billions of dollars in research to develop and deploy technologies and strategies that reduce engine emissions, now ultimately to near zero levels to meet increasingly stringent clean air standards here and in the United States and around the world,” said Allen Scafe of the nonprofit Diesel Technology Forum.

TOKYO, 6 March — Japanese scientists say they have found a link between consumption of vitamin E and the degenerative bone condition osteoporosis, in a study likely to shed new light on the use of supplements. The study is the second that found in increased doses of the vitamin to a level similar to that found in supplements caused the animals’ bones to thin. The mice developed osteoporosis after eight weeks on the diet, which had levels of vitamin E significantly higher than those found in a mouse’s natural diet, according to the study published in the journal Nature Medicine.

The team, led by Shu Takada of Keio University, said vitamin E stimulates the generation of bone-degrading cells, which normally work with bone-forming cells to maintain bone strength. Osteoporosis is a disease that causes the thinning of bone tissue and loss of bone density over time. It often affects older people, particularly women, who may become more prone to bone fractures. Vitamin E is found in various release from the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (AAAAI). The study was scheduled to be presented 4 March at the AAAAI annual meeting in Orlando, Fla. Data and conclusions should be viewed as preliminary until published in a peer-reviewed journal.

In the study, researchers from the Medical College of Wisconsin and the Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin reviewed the charts of 105 patients with food allergies who ranged in age from 6 months to 74 years old. About three-quarters of the patients had asthma. About 21 percent of those who didn’t have asthma failed food challenges, meaning they had a reaction such as hives, cough or wheezing after being exposed to the food. Less than 13 percent of the asthmatic patients failed the food challenge.

A diagnosis of asthma was not associated with higher food-allergy challenge rates, which suggests that food challenges should be encouraged in this population,” senior study author Dr. Monica Vassadey said in a news release from the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (AAAAI).

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Making a new product takes lots of time, money

New York, 6 March — It took eight years, 450 product sketches, 6,000 product prototypes, 27.50 Hong Kong dollars per share. “AIG is doing this to help pay the bailout. AIG held an initial public offering also to help pay the bailout. AIG held an initial public offering also to help pay the bailout. AIG held an initial public offering also to help pay the bailout. AIG held an initial public offering also to help pay the bailout. AIG held an initial public offering also to help pay the bailout. AIG held an initial public offering also to help pay the bailout.

In 2010, AIG sold about two-thirds of its stake in AIA in an initial public offering also to help pay the bailout. AIG held 3.96 billion shares, or 33% stake in AIA as of 31 May, according to Bloomberg. Some analysts said AIG was selling its stake in AIA at a premium, according to Bloomberg and Reuters news agencies. Shares of AIA, Asia’s third-largest insurer, were suspended on Monday.

Bailed out US insurance giant AIG was bailed out by the US government after the 2008 financial crisis. AIG has previously targeted 8% growth, yet in recent years has posted higher growth rates. AIA’s growth rate, we hope to guide people in all sectors to accelerate the transformation of the pattern of economic development and make economic development more sustainable and efficient,” Mr. Wen said. Analysts said a stimulus package introduced after the 2006-2008 financial crisis contributed to bubbles in the property market and high inflation. Analysts worry policies, especially the cost of food, have previously caused significant inflation. Inflation was 5.4% in 2011, higher than the government target of 4%. The target for 2012 was also set at 4% by Mr. Wen.

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Taking vitamin E linked to osteoporosis

Washington, 6 March — People with asthma fare better on a type of food-allergy test called a “food challenge” than non-asthmatics, new research suggests. Food challenges involve people suspected of having a food allergy eating small amounts of the food orally to see if they have an allergic reaction. If there is no reaction, the person eats increasing amounts of the food to determine if they can safely eat it.

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DNA data helps to flesh out “Otzi” the Alpine iceman

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But for the first time since the Copper-age individual was unearthed, his complete genetic profile has been revealed, alarming the question of the man who roamed in roughly the same way, with a spread of several thousand years. Several tons of ice fell off the 60-metre (200-foot) ice dam into Lago Argentina at the national park in southern Santa Cruz Province.

Some 5,000 tourists had been in the park Saturday awaiting the ice show, park rangers said, but the slight movement of ice which began Wednesday turned into an avalanche at around 4:00 am (0700 GMT), leaving visitors disappointed. Only a group of rangers witnessed the collapse, which created a crash heard several kilometres away, accelerated by heavy rainfall overnight. “The noise was very great, it was coming down in buckets,” said park ranger Carlos Corvalán.

Perito Moreno, one of the biggest tourist attractions in Argentina, is one of the largest glaciers on the Patagonian ice cap.

The Perito Moreno glacier is seen after the rupture of a massive ice wall near the city of El Calafate in the Patagonian Province of Santa Cruz, southern Argentina, on 4 March, 2012. — Internet

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With advances in mobile technology, high-quality gaming is being redefined for the new smartphone generation. — Internet

BARCELONA, 6 March — The smartphones and tablets debuting at Mobile World Congress in Barcelona this week share one very important ingredient that has allowed Apple’s iPad and iPhone devices to become mainstream cash cows: videogames. “Gaming is now a ‘need to have’ category, not a ‘nice to have’ category for mobile devices, whether they be tablets or phones,” said P.J. McNealy, videogame analyst at Digital World Research. “The days of a single-function mobile device are long gone.” Raj Talluri, vice president of product management at Qualcomm, said that with more than 60% of users regularly playing games on their mobile devices, games have clearly emerged as a core part of the mobile user experience. “Gamers and games have also proven to drive technology adoption and are powerful influencers amongst consumers,” Talluri said.

“Whether it be for the purpose of competitive gaming or just passing the time on flights or train rides, high-quality mobile gaming is not a luxury. It’s now a necessity for any mobile device.”

Gaming is a top priority for mobile-tech makers

At the conference, Qualcomm is promoting upcoming portable games like “The Ball,” “Fight Game Heroes” and “The Reem,” which run on its Snapdragon processors. Talluri said this “complete system-on-a-chip” technology was designed to handle everything from online multiplayer games like Ali2Joy over Wi-Fi and 3G/ 4G-LTE networks to the most advanced, console-quality games. The powerful new processors are built for seamlessly switching between multiple apps and the Internet, all while delivering longer battery life.

“Twisted” waves could boost capacity of wi-fi and TV

NEW YORK, 6 March — A striking demonstration of a means to boost the information-carrying capacity of radio waves has taken place across the lagoon in Venice, Italy. The technique exploits what is called the “orbital angular momentum” of the waves - imparting them with a “twist.” Varying this twist permits many data streams to fit in the frequency spread currently used for just one. The approach, described in the New Journal of Physics, could be applied to radio, wi-fi, and television.

The parts of the electromagnetic spectrum that are used for all three are split up in roughly the same way, with a spread of frequencies allotted to each channel. Each one contains a certain, limited amount of information-carrying capacity: its bandwidth. As telecommunications have proliferated through the years, the spectrum has become incredibly crowded, with little room left for new means of signal transmission, or for existing means to expand their bandwidths. But Bo Thide of Swedish Institute of Space Physics and a team of colleagues in Italy hope to change that by exploiting an entirely new physical mechanism to fit more capacity onto the same bandwidth.

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Residents search through a home destroyed by a tornado in West Liberty, Kentucky, on 4 March, 2012. — Internet

Tornado victims flock to Facebook for helping hand

LOS ANGELES, 6 March — Residents of the storm-ravaged communities in the Midwest are reaching out to each other, neighbour to neighbour, through social media sites to coordinate disaster relief and share information. A chain of fast-moving tornadoes spawned by massive thunderstorms cut a swath of destruction from the Midwest to the Gulf of Mexico on Friday, killing at least 39 people and leaving many residents homeless and seeking food, clothing, and shelter.

With phone connections spotty as emergency workers tried to repair downed power lines and clear debris, Facebook pages— accessible by cell phone, mobile device, or computer— have proven a go-to source for communities to assist one another. In Morning View, Kentucky, Piner Baptist Church member Bea Angel turned to a Facebook group coordinating help in northern Kentucky to ask for flashlights, baby bottles, baby formula, sippy cups, newborn diapers and other items the church was collecting.

“A gentleman at our church lost everything on Friday and only has the clothes on his back.”

In a public event in 2011, Venice’s Palazzo Ducale lit up with “signal received” when the test worked. — Internet

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You have experienced three winters with minimal levels of rain in all of Spain — December, January and February have been the wettest since at least the 1940s,” state weather service spokesman Angel Rivera told AFP. “Previously the driest winter had been in 1980-81,” Rivera said.

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Large amount stolen from South African coffers

CAPE TOWN, 6 March—A total of 346 million rand (about 40 million US dollars) were stolen from the state coffers in the past financial year, according to a report published on Sunday.

The report, tabled by the Public Service Commission (PSC) to Parliament this week, blamed civil servants for the stealing. The commission concluded after probing financial misconduct that 2,000 Chinese were stolen from the state coffers—representing a staggering 346 percent growth compared with 1.26 million rand (about 13 million dollars) in 2008/2009.

People who offered important tip-offs were awarded 1,000 to 10,000 yuan. Four organizations — China Internet Illegal Information Reporting Centre, 12321 Internet Obscene and Trash Information Reporting Centre, Internet Illegal Conduct Reporting Centre, Internet Criminal Reporting Centre, Reporting Centre of the National Office Against Pornographic and Illegal Publications — handled 1.26 million tip-off cases from December 2009 when they began soliciting public information till the end of 2011.

The organizations asked people for greater social engagement in the ongoing crackdown against the spread of pornography through internet and mobile phones.

Obama: US-Israeli ties remain strong

WASHINGTON, 6 March—President Obama said on Sunday the United States and Israel remained staunch allies despite differing opinions voiced on the Republican campaign trail.

Obama told a pro-Israel group in Washington that the United States and Israel were cooperating closely on security matters and that two nations were not drifting apart.

“He is an American president, he is an American leader, and he is a very good friend of Israel. Shalom,” Obama said.

Obama said the latest turmoil in the Middle East made it more important for Washington to keep talking to all of the different players and urge them to reach an accommodation with Israel, and for the Israelis to continue looking for ways to keep the lid on regional tensions.

“As hard as it may be, we should not give in to terrorism or despair,” Obama said. “The changes taking place in the region make peace more important, not less. And I have made it clear that there will be no lasting peace unless Israel’s security concerns are met.”

Pakistan tests missile

ISLAMABAD, 6 March—Pakistan has test fired a missile that has a range of 180km and can carry conventional and non-conventional warheads, a media report said on Monday.

Pakistan successfully tested the surface to surface Hatf-VII ballistic missile that has a range of approximately 180 km, reported Geo News.

It can carry conventional and non-conventional warheads, said a statement issued by Inter Services Public Relations.

Jouralists wait to enter the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, on 5 March, 2012. The Fifth Session of the 11th National People’s Congress (NPC) will open in Beijing on Monday.—Xinhua

India test fires BrahMos supersonic cruise missile

NEW DELHI, 6 March—India successfully test fires BrahMos supersonic cruise missile on Sunday at Pokhran in western state of Rajasthan, sources said.

Municipal workers conduct their annual ice blasting work, using explosive charges andexcavating equipment, to break up the ice and alleviate possible spring flooding on the Rideau River on 3 March, 2012 in Ottawa, Canada.—Xinhua

Previously unknown Mozart piece discovered in Austria

VIENNA, 6 March—A previously unknown musical piece by Mozart was discovered inside an eighteenth century music book in Austria, local media reported on Saturday.

The Mozart Foundation in Salzburg reported that the piano piece was discovered in a music book from 1780 in the western state of Tyrol, according to the Austrian Independent newspaper.

University lecturer Hildegard Herrmann-Schneider, from the institute for Tyrolean music research at Innsbruck University, discovered the handwritten piece while gathering pieces for the international organization “Répertoire International des Sources Musicales,” which catalogs music sources around the world.

Experts and the “Stiftung Mozarteum” have confirmed that the piece was written by a young Mozart and the work will be presented on 23 March in the “Tanzeuemstrial” in the house of Mozart in Salzburg.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was born in Salzburg in 1756 and is known around the world as one of the most prolific musicians of the Classical era. As one of the most important figures in music history, he was also known to have influenced Ludwig van Beethoven and many others.—Internet
Promoting higher education sector and science and technology sector in southern Shan State for human resource development

* In Shan State four development areas—Taunggyi, Lashio, Kengtung and Panglong—have been established to make sure that there are no development gaps. A university of arts and science, a technological university and a university of computer studies are established in each area.

* Taunggyi Township and Panglong are located in southern Shan State. The University of Arts and Science, the Technology University and University of Computer Studies in Taunggyi and Panglong have turned out human resources of intellectual and intelligentsia in the areas.

Today, science and technological studies are within the reach of youths of national races in Shan State thanks to establishment of Technological University in Taunggyi.

Youth now have opportunities to do their studies at Taunggyi University.

Youths of local national races can now pursue their studies at Panglong University in Panglong which is designated as a special development region.
Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session continues…

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However, terms and monetary values in some provisions are not conformity with present management systems. Thus, these provisions should be cancelled, amended and subtracted. He said that the would like to take exceptions of the provisions.

The Agency Transaction in Para 10 of the Chapter II of PWC Code is amended in conformity with the current period. As the Accountant Commissioner was not appointed, all the works were not carried out under control of his subordinate accountant and teachers. Are assigned duties after under supervision of the departmental heads, the provisions concerning accountant commissioner and regional accountants of PWD Code and PWA Code are to be necessarily cancelled, amended and replaced. Moreover, as there was no necessity, the provisions on treasurers and auditing the accounts are to be amended in line with the existing banking system. He said that it is necessary to cancel the paragraphs from 416 to 424 on teachers to do teacher capacity building courses to improve their skills. In summer, school management courses and subject upgrading courses are conducted. Measures are also being taken for opening more basic education schools, for facelift of old schools and building new ones.

In 2011-2012 academic year, 57 high schools, 80 high schools (branch), 76 middle schools, 187 middle schools (branch), 176 primary schools and 36 primary schools (branch) were opened. The ministry spent K 17513.325 million as ordinary expenses and K 25202.866 million as aggregate expenses in the 2011-2012 academic year on repairing schools and building new schools. The ministry is cooperating with parents and the public and providing furniture, school equipment, lab equipment, teaching aids and media gadgets. To develop child-centred approach-CCA, the ministry is continuing the plan of child friendly school-CPS in cooperation with UNICEF. The CCA plan has started since December, 2004 in collaboration with JICA and it has been launched in 66 townships.

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Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives IPU Vice-Chairman and Executive Committee member and party

NAY PYI TAW, 6 March—Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann received Vice-Chairman of Geneva-based Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and Executive Committee member Mr. Angel Alonso Diaz-Caneja and party at Zabuthiri Hall of Pyithu Hluttaw Building, here, at 9 am today.

Special Refresher Course No. 17 of Faculty members of University and College opened

NAY PYI TAW, 6 March—On behalf of Chairman of National Education Committee Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye, Deputy Minister U Aye Kyu addressed opening of the Special Refresher Course No.17 of Faculty members of University and College at Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) yesterday morning.

Speaking on the occasion, the deputy minister stressed the need to improve the education standard of the country and capacity of the educational staff are universities and colleges opened in 24 special development regions of each Region and State to enable students pursue higher education in their own regions. He called for taking more steps to change from R&D (Research and Development to R&BD (Research and Business Development).

The deputy minister highlighted the need of teachers to adapt to the changing situations of the education age to keep abreast of the fellow ASEAN and Asian nations, saying today’s education is not fashionable tomorrow.

He said the government is making a shift from Natural Resource Based Economy to Knowledge Based Economy and Human Resources Development National Centre was opened since 1998 to provide non-formal education to the public.

He urged the trainees to conduct applicable research works in their own regions as R&BD plays a key role in all-round development of the country.

Singaporean diplomatic youth delegation observes Myanmar traditional cane-ball skills

YANGON, 6 March—A diplomatic youth delegation led by Singaporean Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Robert Chua arrived at the National Indoor Stadium-1, Thawman, Thingangyun Township at 4 pm, and observed Myanmar traditional cane-ball skills demonstration presented by selected Myanmar cane-ball athletes of Myanmar Canoe-Ball Federation.

The visiting Singaporean youths also participated in the skill demonstration with enthusiasm.

Next, the ambassador and Vice-President of MCF U Tun Win exchanged gifts, and cane-balls were given to the Singaporean youths as a present.

Nay Pyi Taw FSD, township fire stations honoured

NAY PYI TAW, 6 March—A ceremony to honour Nay Pyi Taw Fire Services Department and Township Fire Stations of Fire Services Department under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Repatriation was held at the hall of the Nay Pyi Taw Fire Services Department yesterday morning. Members of these fire stations carefully put out the fire which broke out at fuel station No. 0354 of Myanma Petroleum Products Enterprise, here, at 1 pm on 11 February to minimize loss and waste in a short time and not to burn the fuel station and oil products.

Director U Tin Htut of the Ministry of Energy and Director U Ye Myint of MPPE spoke words of honour on the occasion. Director of Nay Pyi Taw Fire Services Department U Than Kyaw Kyaw expressed thanks.
Course on surveillance teams of anti-human trafficking squads held

YANGON, 6 March—The training course on surveillance teams of anti-human trafficking squads was conducted at Township General Administration Department in Hlitenhaya Township of Yangon Region on 25 and 26 February. Commander of Township Police Force Police Captain Thein Aung made a speech. Police Captain Aye Aye Myint, in charge of Yangon Region Anti-Human Trafficking, in-charge of Crime Record Section Police Captain Khin Wai Lwin of Yangon North District Police Force, IP Naing Win of Hlitenhaya Township Police Station, SIP Hla Myo Aung and responsible persons of social organizations gave lectures on prevention against trafficking in person with the use of projector. Altogether 388 trainees from Ward 2, 7, 14, and 15 and Ye’Okan Village of Hlitenhaya Township attended the training course.—Myanmar Alin

Agricultural loans disbursed to farmers

SAGAING, 6 March—Development of cooperative is one of the eight-point plan for rural development and poverty alleviation. Agricultural loans were disbursed by Cooperative Department in Sagaing Region for farmers of agricultural production. In making field trips, Staff Officer of Township Cooperative Cooperative Department U Nyunt Maung and staff disbursed loans K 68,029,000 to 1084 farmers of cooperative societies from Kaingbyin, Pabyi, Kyaukse, Hsintat, Talaingkyun, Zeechaung, Kyaungbyu and Hsintat villages of Sagaing Township for 2645 farmlands. The cooperative societies disburse loans twice a year. The societies take 2.5 per cent interest over K 100 per month and issue 1.5 per cent commission per K 100 for savings. Syndicate U Nyunt Maung, Township Cooperative Department Myint Lay, Chairman of Staff Officer of Township Agricultural Production Department in Sagaing disbursed by Cooperative for rural development and is one of the eight-point plan Development of cooperative."—Myanmar Alin

Fire drill demonstrated in timber extraction region

GYOBINGAUK, 6 March—A fire drill was demonstrated at Shwekyuntaw timber extraction camp (Zigon timber extraction region) of Myanmar Timber Enterprise in Gyobingauk Township of Bago Region on 15 February morning. Zigon Timber Extraction Manager U Oo Than Myint, Assistant Manager U Nyi Min Latt, Head of Township Fire Services Department Ye Kyaw Win U Phyu Win, Deputy Commanding Officer U Zaw of Auxiliary Fire Battalion and members of fire brigade together with workers of Shwekyuntaw timber extraction region actively participated in the fire drill.—Myanmar Alin

Fire drill practically exercised

ANGKAN, 6 March—No. 96 Saw Mill of Domestic Trade and Saw Mill Branch of Myanmar Timber Enterprise under the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry in Aunglan of Magway Region held a talk on fire prevention on 17 February morning. Head of Township Fire Services Department U Myo Thura Win explained fire preventive measures, use of fire extinguishers in putting out of fire, sanitation around the saw mill, systematic keeping of conventional fire extinguishers and incidents on outbreak of fire. Later, workers of the mill and firemen participated in the fire drill with the use of mill-owned fire extinguishers. Township IPRD

K 8.5m disbursed to shopkeepers in Kawlin

KAWLIN, 6 March—As part of efforts to developmental development and alleviate poverty, 56 shopkeepers were awarded K 81.5 million to Kawlin Township Development Affairs Committee by the Ministry of Border Affairs disbursed K 81.5 million to Kawlin Township Development Affairs Committee on 1 March. Assistant Director U Tun Wai of Township Development Affairs Committee presented K 81.5 million to 56 shopkeepers from 71 shops of the market.—Myanmar Alin

Mindon Township gets new building for village library

MINDON, 6 March—The opening of new building for Thuta Ein Library was held in Mindat Village of Mindon Township, Thayet District, Magway Region, on 11 February morning. YwaU Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Indaryi, Mindon Township Administrator U Saw Tun Oo and Mindat Village Administrator U Win Kyaw formally opened the new building. Next, the Township Administrator donated K 800,000 and publications to the library, Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Kyin Kyin Than 100 books and publications and VCD tape on Ayakyonin Kyamoshine. Under the patronage of the YwaU monastery Sayadaw, local people funded K 1.2 million on construction of the building. Township IPRD

Aircraft that crashed 77 years ago searched

YE, 6 March—A five-member delegation led by MDMR Damsuny of Animax Films of Sydney of Australia arrived in Ye on 24 February to search the Lady Southern Cross aircraft that crashed near Aye Island of Andin Village-tract of Ye in Mon State on 7 November 1935 and to take documentary film. While in Ye, the group is searching the crashed aircraft and taking documentary photo.—Nay Myo Htut (Ye)

CASH AND KIND DONATED: Altogether 17 wellwishers donated a set of computer and printer worth K 470,000 to Kaytak Township Traditional Medicine Clinic in Shan State (North) on 15 February. At the hall of Township GAD, Township Executive Officer U Than Win, Deputy Executive Officer U Wai said the clinic was sponsored by the fund of Ayakyonin Kyamoshine. With the donation, the clinic could buy new printing machine.—Township IPRD

Prize winning children honoured in Kyaiiko

KYAIKO, 6 March—A ceremony to honour the prize the children who won prizes at pre-school level of the township, organized by Kyaiiko Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association, was held at Myoma Pre-Primary School in Kyaiiko on 13 February. Chairman of the School Board of Trustees U Shwe Aung made a speech. The administrator of Gangaw Ward explained emergence of the school. Later, officials awarded the prize winning children.—Township IPRD

Take Fire Preventive Measures

If a fire occurs in your building, it is important to take immediate action to ensure the safety of everyone inside. Here are some steps you can take to prevent a fire from spreading and to quickly extinguish any flames:

1. **Identify the Fire:** The first step is to identify the location of the fire and determine its size. You should also check to see if there are any people in the building and alert them to evacuate.

2. **Call the Fire Department:** Once you have identified the fire, call the local fire department immediately. Provide them with as much information as possible about the fire, including its location and size.

3. **Evacuate the Building:** If the fire is not under control, evacuate the building. Use stairs whenever possible and follow the building's emergency evacuation procedures. Do not use elevators.

4. **Close Doors:** Close doors and windows to slow the spread of smoke and flames. Use wet towels or blankets to seal the gaps.

5. **Use Fire Extinguishers:** If you are able to safely do so, use a fire extinguisher to control the fire. Use a Class A extinguisher for electrical fires.

6. **Stay Low:** If you are able to safely get to the ground floor, stay low and use a wet towel or blanket to cover your mouth and nose.

7. **Follow Emergency Procedures:** Follow the building's emergency evacuation procedures to the letter. Do not hesitate to follow the instructions of emergency personnel.

By taking these steps, you can help prevent a fire from spreading and quickly extinguish any flames. It is important to be prepared and know what to do in case of a fire.
DISTRIBUTION NEWS

Inter-village road, bridge opened

KAYAKTO, 6 March—Kyakathu-Khalun inter-village earth road and Khalun Creek Bridge, built by Kyakathu Township Development Affairs Committee in 2011-2012 academic year, were opened on the new road on 7 February morning.

Township Administrator U Kyi Thet Maung, Executive Officer Township Development Affairs Committee U Saw Shwe and Khalun Village administrator U Thein Myint formally opened the facilities. The 2.5 miles long earth road and the 120 feet long and 14 feet wide bridge were built at a cost of K 59.595 million.—Township IPRD

BOOKS DONATED: Myanmar Libraries Foundation donated 210 books in various subjects to Ahman Thit Library in Manaung Village of Namkham Township, Muse District, Shan State (North) on 14 January. Head of Namkham Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Naych Thway handed over Librarian Daw Nyi De and party of Manaung Village.

LOCAL SPORTS

TALKS ON TRAFFIC RULES: Police Captain Myint Aung and party of No. 3 Traffic Police Region of Yangon Region Wireless and Traffic Police Corps gave educative talks on traffic rules to students at the Arts Hall of Yangon University on 13 February.

MLF invites wellwishers to donate cash, books

Myanmar Libraries Foundation is giving encouragement to broaden the horizon of the people and developing self-reliant libraries across the nation. Those wishing to donate cash and books to the libraries may contact Myanmar Libraries Foundation at No. 228 on Theinbyu Street in No. 228 on Theinbyu Street in Yangon, Tel: 01-371342, 01-201936 and 01-398756.

PRIVATE BANKS OPEN FOREIGN EXCHANGE COUNTERS

MANDALAY, 6 March—With the aim of ensuring smooth exchange of money for tourists in Mandalay, enabling tourists to legally exchange foreign currency, systematically operating mutual interest in foreign currency market, eradicating illegal exchange of foreign currency and stabilizing rate of foreign exchange, Central Bank of Myanmar allowed private banks in Mandalay to trade foreign currency under the rules and regulations.


In daily exchange of currency, customers face difficulties in refusing exchange of creating notes, smeared notes and worn-out notes and exchanging about 230 US$ in maximum.—Thit Tha Ko Ko (Mandalay)

Pirate VCDs, DVDs seized in Yedashe

YEDASHE, 6 March—VCD and DVD compact discs without licence were seized in Thagara of Yedashe Township, at 2 pm on 19 February. Acting on tip-off, a team of Township Video Strata, surveillance leader SIP Than Zaw Min and police members of Thagara Police Station led by Chairman of Bago Region Video Strata Group U Tin Soe together with eye witnesses searched and seized 150 VCDs, 339 DVD song compact discs, 325 DVDs of foreign movie series, 29 DVDs of religious administration, other two DVD compact discs and related substances at Soe Win (shopkeeper)’s shop, 29, south of U Win Maung in front of the Thagara Market in Thayetkon Ward. Files were opened against the offenders.

KYEMON

Htamane making contest held in Waw

WAW, 6 March—The second Myanmar traditional Htamane making contest was organized on the lawns of Waw Township General Administration Department on 6 February afternoon.

Bago Region Htamane representative U Khin Maung Htwe formally opened the contest. Altogether 11 teams of departments and wards participated in the contest.

At the prize presentation, the head of Township Administration presented the first prize to Health Department; the Bago Region Htamane representative, the second prize to Township General Administration Department, and Commander of Township Police Force Police Captain Ohn Lwin, the third prize to Agriculture and Irrigation team.

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VICTORIOUS BODY-BUILDERS HONOURED

YANGON, 6 March—A ceremony to honour victorious Myanmar body-builders and contributors for the 11th SEA Body-building Championships was organized by Myanmar Body-building and Physical Culture Federation at Hotel Myanmar, here, on 3 March evening.

President of Myanmar Body-building and Physical Culture Federation U Hla Min Kyemon delivered an address. The federation president presented cash awards to Zaw One who secured the championship trophy in 55-kilo event of the 11th SEA Body-building Championships, Tun Min the championship trophy in the 60-kilo event, Aung Swe Naing the championship trophy in the 90-kilo event, Than Win the second prize in the 55-kilo event, Soe Moe Aung the second prize in the 65-kilo event, Khin Maung Kyaw the third prize in the 70-kilo event and Khang Lin, the third prize in the 90-kilo event. Later, the Myanmar Body-building and Physical Culture Federation hosted a dinner to the victorious Myanmar body-builders and contributors and sponsors.

FUTSAL TOURNAMENT WRAPS UP IN YAMETHIN

YAMETHIN, 6 March—The final match of Futsal football tournament was held at People’s Sports Ground in Yamethin at 4 pm on 14 February.

After struggling in the final match, Htoo Basi team beat Pyodohmaung team 3-2. Deputy Commissioner U Kyaw Kyaw Tun of District General Administration Department presented K 100,000 to first prize winning Htoo Basi team. Deputy District Judge U Than Htut, K 10,000 to second prize winning Pyodohmaung team. Officials awarded best team, best forward and best goalkeeper.

5TH MYANMAR BODY-BUILDING AND PHYSICAL CULTURE CHAMPIONSHIPS

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5.5-magnitude magnitude quake hits Nicobar Islands, India

New Delhi, 6 March—An earthquake measuring 5.5 on the Richter scale jolted Nicobar Islands, India at 0252 GMT on Tuesday, the US Geological Survey said.

The epicentre, with a depth of 41.7 km, was initially determined to be at 8.6396 degrees north latitude and 93.7918 degrees east longitude.

Thousands flee Australian town as flood fears grow

Sydney, 6 March—Thousands of people fled their homes in Australia’s southeast Tuesday as fears grew that a levee holding back the swollen Murrumbidgee River would burst. Floods have hit three eastern states this week, sweeping two men to their deaths after they attempted to cross waterways in cars while inundating hundreds of homes and causing millions of dollars in damage.

More than 8,000 people were ordered to evacuate in the New South Wales town of Wagga Wagga where the Murrumbidgee is predicted to peak at 10.9 metres (36 feet), right above the 10.7 metre limit. The levee was “not holding,” State Emergency Service deputy commissioner Dieter Gecke told the Seven Network as the river rushed towards a level not seen since 1844. “Should the levee fail and the water enters the CBD, and other areas in Wagga Wagga, then people need to be in the evacuation centre, not in their homes or businesses.” Wagga Wagga has been hit by several significant floods since the earliest European settlement in the 1840s, and officials said residents had responded well to the latest evacuation order.

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**Man who crashed car used for replacement**

The Florida man who crashed a teenager’s car in the parking lot of an off-road park said he wrote a $6,500 check to get the girl a new vehicle.

Norman Nowling, who was charged with felony criminal mischief after he used this “monster van” with 5-foot tires to crush the Toyota Corolla Saturday at Charlotte County’s Redneck Yacht Club, said he gave the check to Amanda Kent’s stepfather Tuesday to cover the costs of buying a new vehicle, WBBH-TV, Fort Myers, Fla, reported on Wednesday.

**City blocks chicken-killing art project**

**Los Angeles, 6 March**—Singer Janet Jackson has refused to be on the judge’s panel of next season of US’ show “The X-Factor” due to busy schedule.

“If I’m very flattered that ‘X-Factor’ let me know that I was being considered for next season, but it just wouldn’t be possible,” eonline.com quoted her as saying.

Jackson is currently preparing for her upcoming Number Ones Up Close and Personal tour as well as role in a Tyler Perry movie. Britney Spears and Fergie are still reportedly being considered for next season, but it just wouldn’t be possible,” eonline.com quoted her as saying.

**Katy Perry approved for film on Paul Potts**

**London, 6 March**—Katy Perry has been asked to star in a new movie about opera singer Paul Potts.

Film bosses are preparing to start work on a biopic telling the life story of the Potts, who found fame by winning Simon Cowell’s reality TV show “Britain’s Got Talent” in 2007.

Movie mogul Harvey Weinstein, who is backing the project, wants either Perry or super star Adele to play the role of Potts’ wife, and the ‘I Kissed a Girl’ hitmaker seemed “genuinely interested” in the job.

“I was talking to Katy about a new project, a possible dramatic role in the Paul Potts movie, which will be shooting in England soon. We really like someone like Katy or Adele to play the role of Potts’ wife, and Katy seemed genuinely interested,” Daily Express quoted him as telling the New York Post.

He revealed that he had spoken to Perry about taking the part during a pre-Oscars party in New York in February.

**Keanu Reeves had ‘meltdown’ on turning 40**

**Washington, 6 March**—Keanu Reeves has revealed that he suffered a ‘meltdown’ when he turned 40 but he has now come to terms with getting older.

The 47-year-old actor found it difficult to adjust when he reached the milestone age and admitted he is embarrassed by how he reacted at the time.

“I had the classic 40 meltdown, I did. It’s embarrassing. It was pretty funny. But then I recovered. To me, it looks like a second adolescence. Hormonally, my body was changing, my mind was changing, and so my relationship to myself and the world around me came to this assault of finiteness,” Contactmusic quoted him as saying.

The ‘Speed’ star also found it difficult to come to terms with leaving his youth behind.

**Taylor Swift ‘has a crush on Tim Tebow’**

**Washington, 6 March**—Taylor Swift was spotted looking at Tim Tebow “like a little puppy dog” when the two had dinner with three other friends at Toscanova in Los Angeles recently.

The 22-year-old singer has previously dated stars like Taylor Lautner, Jake Gyllenhaal and Joe Jonas.

Swift said she has always been strict with her kids.

The Oscar-winning actress raises Maddox, 10, Pax, eight, Zahara, seven, Shiloh, five, and three-year-old twins Knox and Vivienne, together with Pitt. While Jolie said she has always been strict with the kids, Pitt has become more disciplined with kids, than he was before.

“It used to be the tougher parent but since the birth of my twins, Brad’s had to play the bad cop more often. It also depends on which of the children are ‘talking back’,“ otkmagazine.com quoted her as saying.

“Brad has always had this incredible bond with Mad, who’s very smart, and Brad loves teaching him about history and art and culture—it’s an amazing thing to watch them together. I think I’m a little closer to the girls, maybe, but Brad always making them laugh. The children are usually very well-behaved though,” she added.

**Professors propose simplified calendar**

A pair of professors at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore said they want to do away with leap years in favour of an all new calendar.

Astrophysicist Richard Conn Henry and economist Steve Hanke said their proposed calendar would feature 364 days a year with an extra “mini-month” week added at the end of every four or six years to compensate for the lack of Leap Years, The Christian Science Monitor reported on Wednesday.

The professors said their calendar would ensure holidays and birthdays always fall on the same day of the week and make things easier on both individuals and businesses when it comes to calculating interest.

They said their calendar would be split into 91-day quarters that would total 12 months, eight of which would have 30 days and the rest would have 31.

“Our plan offers a stable calendar that is absolutely identical from year to year and which allows the permanent, rational planning of annual activities, from school to work holidays,” Henry said.

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**Directors Scott to film ‘Japan in a Day’**

**Tokyo, 6 March**—Director Ridley Scott says the Japan in a “Day” project, to record life one year after the earthquake and tsunami, aims to help affected areas recover.

The project is a collaboration between the Scott Free production Scott runs with his brother Tony and Fuji TV, the Hollywood Reporter said on Saturday.

Japan’s Fuji TV will dispatch 260 cameras to people in the disaster-affected areas to record their lives 11 March, the one-year anniversary of the earthquake, tsunami and nuclear crisis at Fukushima.

“What will be wonderful about Japan in a Day will be the window into the life of Japanese people today,” Scott said, “having coped with enormous natural tragedy, economic unease and the task of rebuilding their spirit, we will no doubt have some very powerful stories emerging.

“As a filmmaker I’m obsessed with truth. There has to be truth in storytelling otherwise movies simply don’t work,” Scott said.

**Directors Ridley Scott**

The videos will be uploaded to a dedicated Web site, www.youtube.com/JapanInADay, then the best videos will be combined with Fuji TV footage and edited into a film to be released theatrically in Japan this fall and then internationally.

“I hope that ‘Japan in a Day’ offers people the incentive to put a voice to their thoughts and supports their determination to move forward from their experiences in a positive way,” Scott said.

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**Taylor Swift**

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Newton joins Chelsea coaching staff
Former Blues midfielder links up again with Roberto di Matteo

London, 6 March - Former Chelsea midfielder Eddie Newton has returned to the club as part of the Blues coaching staff. Newton joins the backroom team under interim boss Roberto di Matteo until the end of the season, following the departure of manager Andre Villas-Boas. The 40-year-old Newton, who worked under Di Matteo at both West Brom and MK Dons, made his Chelsea debut in 1992 and stayed with the club until 1999. He scored in the 1997 FA Cup final when Di Matteo created history with the quickfire goal in a Wembley final as Chelsea beat Middlesbrough 2-0. Newton joins Steve Holland, who remains as assistant first-team coach and goalkeeping coach Christophe Lollichon. Chris Jones, who has been with the club since 2006, steps up to take the role of first-team fitness coach with Jose Mourinho. The new F1 season begins with the Australian Grand Prix on 18 March.

Japanese equestrian makes Olympics at 70

Frankfurt, 6 March - He is not retiring off into the sunset. Hiroshi Hoketsu is simply riding, and that’s just how he likes it. Hoketsu first went to the Olympics in 1964 when he was 23 and the games were in his native Tokyo. Now nearly 71, Hoketsu will be going to the Olympics again — not to watch, but to compete. He qualified last week for the individual dressage competition on Japan’s Olympic team for London this summer. He will be Japan’s oldest Olympian again, reprising his role from the Beijing Games four years ago.

“...This time, I am very pleased to have qualified, particularly because my horse has no doubt he will be competing in the individual event. He plans to ride in a few competitions as he prepares for London. “We didn’t try for the team event,” he said from his home in Aachen in western Germany. “But we qualified for the individual at an international dressage competition in France last week.”

Mellroy trades clubs for racquet in NY exhibition

New York, 6 March — Golf’s new world number one Rory McIlroy tried his hand at a different sport on Monday, winning a rally against Maria Sharapova during his girlfriend Caroline Wozniacki’s tennis exhibition. Dane Wozniacki summoned Mellroy from his court side seat at Madison Square Garden and handed him the racquet in a light-hearted moment before the final game of her match, which she lost 6-3 6-4.

Mellroy resisted at first but then placed the tennis ball down on the blue surface addressed as if it was hitting a golf chip shot, then picked it up and started a friendly rally with the number-two ranked Sharapova. After trading some gentle shots, the Russian saw an overhand long to the delight of the crowd and Mellroy quipped that he was ahead, scurrying back to his seat. Mellroy, werson to the top of the world rankings after winning the Honda Classic in Florida on Sunday, told reporters at the BNP Paribas Showdown in New York — “too nice to take a break from golf.”

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Defending US Open golf champion Rory McIlroy “serves” to Maria Sharapova of Russia after his girlfriend Caroline Wozniacki (of Denmark) invited him to play for her in the BNP Paribas Showdown at Madison Square Garden in New York, on 5 March, 2012. — Internet

Hiddink makes winning start with Anzhi

Moscow, 6 March — Dutch coach Guus Hiddink made a winning start in his new post as coach of bigspending Russian Premier League club Anzhi Makhachkala with a 1-0 win away at Dynamo Moscow on Monday in their first match after the winter break. Anzhi’s Brazilian midfielder Jucilei da Silva scored the only goal of the match but it failed to affect their league position as they remain seventh in the table with 55 points from 33 matches, 11 points behind leaders Zenit St Petersburg.

Monday is the 58th match point. “First of all I’m happy we became back to Russia and to start with a win,” Hiddink said. “In this way that we’ve several great scoring chances in the first half. I’m happy we managed to clinch all three points as the hosts Dynamo were playing very aggressively tonight.”

Dynamo were in control from the start pinning Anzhi back but failed to score an early goal. Anzhi relieved on counter-attacks and in the 18th minute star striker Samuel Eto’o missed a great chance to break the deadlock after a mix-up in the Dynamo defence as his shot from 12 metres out could only hit the woodwork. After the break both sides failed to conjure up many scoring opportunities until the 69th minute, when Jucilei opened the scoring firing home a rebound after a freekick by Mhark Boussousa. — Internet

Sharapova beats Wozniacki in exhibition at MSG

New York, 6 March — Maria Sharapova beat Caroline Wozniacki in an exhibition match at Madison Square Garden on Monday — though she lost the only point she played against Wozniacki’s boyfriend, top-ranked golfer Rory McIlroy. With the Date a game away from losing 6-3, 6-4, she invited McIlroy onto the court just hours after he won the Honda Classic in Florida on Sunday, told reporters at the BNP Paribas Showdown in New York — “too nice to take a break from golf.”

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“I’m obviously in Roger’s head,” Roddick joked after winning in his first appearance at Madison Square Garden. “I think Jeremy Lin wanted me to win tonight,” Roddick added. In jeans and a sweater, McIlroy showed off a one-handed backhand, and Sharapova hit his lob wide. Asked if he was surprised, McIlroy said with a smile: “I’ve won a few off Caroline.”

Wozniacki has been ranked No 1 for 67 weeks in a row at No 4. McIlroy knows he’ll need another couple of years” to catch his girlfriend in that stat.

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MADAGASCAR, 6 March—Tropical Storm Irina has killed at least 65 people in Madagascar, most of them residents of the Ifanadiana district in the southeast of the island, weather authorities said on Monday.

Three people were also reported missing, according to the national bureau of natural catastrophes (BNRGC), which did not provide any other details. Earlier it was reported that only one person had been killed when the storm passed over Madagascar last week before lashing the coasts of South Africa and Mozambique, where at least one person was killed.

“A tree fell on a house and the roof collapsed,” killing an elderly man in Mozambique’s southern Gaza province, said Rita Almeida, spokeswoman for the national disaster agency. In the South African city of Durban, beaches were closed as waves reached three-metre (16-foot), municipal spokesman Thabo Mofokeng said. Ships were ordered to remain in port. Irina was the second killer storm of the season. Tropical cyclone Giovanna last May killed at least 157 people and damaged hundreds of thousands in southwestern Nigeria.

14 burnt to death, dozen injured in southwest Nigerian bus collision

Oguns, 6 March—Fourteen people were burnt to death while 12 others were seriously injured on Monday in a road accident that occurred near Ilesa, southwest Nigeria’s Osun State, according to the country’s Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC).

State sector commander of the FRSC Sunday Maku who disclosed this reporters in Osogbo, the state capital, said the victims, including two drivers, were burnt beyond recognition when two buses had a head-on collision and caught fire.

He said one of the buses was coming from Akure and heading to Ibadan, both in the south west region of the country, while the other was moving in the opposite direction. He identified the two buses as a white Toyota Hiace Bus and a Volkswagen wagon with white and orange colour.

“Twelve adults, including eight males and four females who were seriously injured, were rushed to Wesley College Hospital in Ilesa for treatment,” he said. He blamed the incident on over speeding and dangerous overtaking.—Internet

150 people killed in dump blast in Brazzaville Congo

KINSHASA, 6 March—At least 150 people are reported to have been killed following huge explosions at an arms dump in Congo’s capital Brazzaville. The force of the blasts was felt several miles away in the city of Kinshasa, across the border in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Hundreds more people are reported to have been injured in the explosions. The BBC’s Thomas Hubert, in Kinshasa, says residents of east Brazzaville fled when the blasts began. He says the explosions started shortly after 06:00 local time (07:00 GMT) and continued into the early afternoon, causing panic in both cities. Although Congo has suffered coups and a civil war in the past, it has been largely peaceful since the 1990s. A European diplomat in Brazzaville told AFP news agency: “We count at least 150 dead in the military hospitals and around 1,500 injured, some of them seriously.”

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“The explosions that you have heard don’t mean there is war or a coup d’état,” he said. “Nor does it mean there was an accident. But an incident caused by a fire at the munitions depot.”

Witnesses said troops and police had sealed off the area. Didier Bouninski, of the presidential office, said many people were trapped in the wreckage of a collapsed church.—Internet

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Representatives who are willing to participate in discussion are to submit their name list mentioning “paragraph, subparagraph, subject and fact” to be discussed precisely not later than 1 pm on 8 March.

The Hluttaw recorded condolence for late U Aung Sein Tha of Minbya Constituency who worked as a member in Pyithu Hluttaw Economic and Trade Development Committee.

As it had been agreed to provide one-day allowance of Hluttaw representatives since the second regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw if one Hluttaw representative passes away, K 4 million including a day’s allowances of Hluttaw representatives was sent to his family.

Secretary of Pyithu Hluttaw Economic and Trade Development Committee U Khin Maung Oo submitted Major Commodity and Service Bill and Union Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Hla Min, Disabled and Died or Fallen Tatmadawmen’s Family Aid Bill.

Participants were to submit their proposal urging the Union Government to promote the education system submitted by U Khin Maung Yi of Ayeyawady Region constituency No. 6.

In his discussion, U Nyan Lin of Ayeyawady Region Constituency No. 3 stressed the importance of the role of teachers who were participating in the teaching system with the current era and to produce teachers who can handle the child-centered teaching system.

Dr Myint Kyi of Yangon Region Constituency No 8 discussed the teaching and role of teachers, stressing the need for the child-centered teaching system and for the obligation of teachers to practically encourage the students to be interested in the environmental conservation and sports.

In his discussion to second the proposal, U Nwa of Yangon Region Constituency No 10 stressed the importance of the role of teachers who were participating in the teaching system that can shape a modern and developed nation and urged the teachers to value their role of nurturing the future generation so that they can become intellectual and intelligentsia.

The current 30-year education plan has set a target to help all citizens to complete the basic education primary level by 2005, the middle level by 1015 and higher level by 2030, he said. He also suggested that it is important for the basic education schools to become fit and

Condolence recorded, two bills submitted, one bill approved

One bill approved, one proposal discussed and recorded and one new proposal submitted