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.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham attends naming ceremony and shed warming ceremony of white elephant Zata Kalya

NAY PYI TAW, 14 March—White elephant Zata Kalya, given birth on 27 November 2011 by white elephant Baddawady in the eastern precinct of Nay Pyi Taw Uppatasanti Pagoda was three months old. It is pleasant view that the baby cub with characteristics of Yadana white elephant born in Nay Pyi Taw is now happy in good health together with mother elephant Baddawady in the white elephant park.

The naming ceremony and the shed warming ceremony of white elephant Zata Kalya was held at the white elephant hall in the eastern precinct of the pagoda this morning, attended by Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham who sprinkled Paritta water on the elephant.

Also present on the occasion were Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung, Union Minister at the President Office U Than Htay, officials of the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry and guests.

The Vice-President and Union ministers dressed the white elephant with nine gems ornaments at its forehead.

The Vice-President together with the Union ministers shampooed the white elephant and sprinkled Paritta water on it. At 8.10 am, the white elephant was moved to the white elephant shed.

After sprinkling the white elephant with the aromatic water, they fed the elephant.

Elephants Baddawady and Zata Kalya paid homage to Uppatasanti Pagoda.

The master of ceremonies announced that the female white elephant is called Zata Kalya. The Vice-President and Union ministers called Zata Kalya three times. The congregation applauded it with an act of clapping.

The Vice-President and the Union ministers presented cash gifts for the elephant through Assistant General Manager Sithu Dr Wan Tun of Myanma Timber Enterprise.

Managing Director of Phyo Sithu Trading Co Ltd Thiri Thudhamma Manijotadhara Excellent Performance in Social Field (Second Class) U Ko Ko Aye and wife Daw Thi Thi Naing and family donated cash for the nine-gem ornament from the forehead of the elephant to Sithu Dr Wan Tun.

Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham attends naming ceremony and the shed warming ceremony of white elephant Zata Kalya at Nay Pyi Taw Uppatasanti Pagoda.—MNA

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Strong earthquake jolts outside Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 14 March—A strong earthquake of magnitude (6.8) Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (Off the east coast of Honshu, Japan) about (3330) miles north-east of Kaba Aye seismological observatory was recorded at (15) hrs (47) min (01) sec M.S.T on 14th, March, 2012.
Bottled Water
Thursday, 15 March, 2012

It is assumed that bottled water—a saleable outcome of imported idea by two or more national entrepreneurs—came into view in Myanmar around 2000s or earlier. Then, it has gradually become an essential part of our daily life. Today, it has colonized everywhere, offices, airplanes, homes and restaurants in urban and even in some rural areas.

It is refreshing, convenient to carry around and tastier than tap water, much healthier than sugary sodas and most of all easy to drink, getting rid of the chores like buying earthen pot, filtering tap water and perhaps washing of cups if you like to drink water from big bottle with small one.

Why the bottled water has taken the place of filtered tap one? Apart from above-mentioned conveniences, the most important cause is it convinces us it is purer and safer than tap water. But, given the lack of labeling requirements for bottled water, how much do we really know about what is in the bottle? In fact, we do not know whether the water, the package it comes in, is safe, at least safer than filtered tap water.

Many a brand has entered into this booming market one after another as the way it is going in here. Some bottled water comes from sparkling springs, but most of it comes from a municipal supply especially in Yangon where the brands are mushrooming with more than two brands supplied to a single ward. It is no more than drinking idealized tap water in a fancy bottle in most of the time.

Most bottled water comes in polyethylene terephthalate bottles, indicated by a number 1, PET or PETE on the bottle’s bottom. They are terephthalate bottles, indicated by a number 1, PET or PETE on the bottle’s bottom. They are

cooperation between UNICEF and Myanmar, and bilateral

development. During the talks with the JICA, the two sides discussed development of health information system, provision of healthcare infrastructure and pharmaceuticals, assistance in enhancing proficiency of basic health staff, and training and joint-programmes.

Also present at the calls were Deputy Ministers Dr Daw Myar Myat Ohu Khin and Dr Win Myint, Director-General of Health Department Dr Tun Naing Oo, Director-General of Medical Science Department Dr Than Myint Zaw and personnel.—MNA

Health Ministry cooperating with international institutions for better healthcare

NAY Pyi Taw, 14 March—Union Health Minister Dr Pe Thet Khin received a Nepalese delegation led by Member of National Planning Commission Professor Shiba Kuamr Rai, USAID Assistant Administrator Ms Nisha Desai Biwal of the United States of America, and Deputy Director-General Mr Youshi Wadof of the JICA separately at his office here yesterday.

The Nepalese delegation and the Union Minister held talks on matters related to primary healthcare services of Myanmar, measures for development of traditional medicines, using of TM as household medicines in primary healthcare services, medical teaching, human resources development, opening of private medical colleges in Nepal, and management matters, cooperation for medical advancement of the two nations. The Union minister and the USAID discussed campaigns against communicable diseases, assistance of USAID to accelerate mothers, infant and child healthcare programmes and joint-programmes, technical assistance to food and drug inspection in Myanmar, upgrading of labs, assistance in fighting against drug-resistant malaria and TB, and medical human resources

Union Health Minister Dr Pe Thet Khin receives a Nepalese delegation led by Member of National Planning Commission Professor Shiba Kuamr Rai.—MNA

Myanmar Gems Emporium 2012 continues for sixth day

NAY Pyi Taw, 14 March—The 49th Myanmar Gems Emporium 2012 continued for the sixth day at Mani Yadana Jade Hall near the Myanmar Gems Museum here this morning.

Jade lots were sold through open tender system. Local and international gem merchants put their offers into the respective tender boxes.

In the evening, Patron of the Central Committee for Organizing the Emporium Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htuk observed gems emporium. Jade lots will be sold through open tender system on 16 March, competitive bidding system from 16 to 18 March.—MNA

Local and foreign merchants observe jade lots.—MNA

Union Health Minister Dr Pe Thet Khin receives UNICEF Resident Representative, Dy Colombian FM

Nay Pyi Taw, 14 March—Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin received United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) Resident Representative Mr Ramesh Shrestha at his office, here, at 2 pm today.

Both sides had a cordial discussion on development of Myanmar, and bilateral cooperation between UNICEF and Myanmar. At 3 pm today, the Union Minister also received Colombian Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Ms Patti Londorito at the same venue and they discussed promoting bilateral ties and mutual interests between the two countries.

Appointment of Ambassador agreed on

NAY Pyi Taw, 15 March—The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Mr Hagay Moshe Behar as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the State of Israel to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in succession to Mr Yaron Mayer.

Mr Hagay Moshe Behar was born on 29 May 1963. He holds a B.A (International Relations & Spanish and Latin American Studies) from Hebrew University and MA (Law Studies) from Bar Ilan University.

Mr Hagay Moshe Behar joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Israel in 1994. He had served at various capacities at Israeli Embassies in Ivory Coast, United States of America and Belgium. Mr Hagay Moshe Behar is currently head of department at Resource Budget Planning & Management of the State of Israel.—MNA

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Médecins sans frontières

Seven cops killed in Pakistan following calls for peace talks with terrorist groups

ISLAMABAD, 14 March—At least seven policemen were killed in two separate incidents in Pakistan on Tuesday, according to local media reports. Local Urdu TV channel Geo said that three policemen were killed in different areas of Karachi late on Tuesday night, but the report failed to give any details about the incident.

Earlier on Tuesday, in Pakistan’s Gajjar district, four policemen were killed by unknown gunmen.

The gunmen coming on two motorbikes opened fired at the police on duty near a railway intersection in the district, killing three policemen right on the spot, said local reports, adding that another injured cop died later in hospital.

Despite the obvious terrorist nature of the two incidents, no group has claimed responsibility for the two attacks.

Tuesday’s attacks on local police came just a day after the Pakistan police chief, Interior Minister Rehman Malik, issued a call for peace talks with terrorist groups including the Taleban in the country.

The interior minister on Monday told local media that the government is willing to hold peace talks with banned terrorist groups including the Taleban in the country provided that they are willing to give up militancy and extremism.

The killing of seven cops in Pakistan on Tuesday could be a response made by some of the terrorist groups in the country to the Pakistani government’s efforts to hold talks with local watchters. According to local media reports, there are an estimated 30 banned militant and terrorist outfits in the country.

US nuclear expert finds Iran explosive site in imagery

International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Yukiya Amano reacts as he attends a board of governors meeting at the United Nations headquarters in Vienna on 5 March, 2012.—INTERNET

The country’s nuclear watchdog wants to visit.

Reuters

28, mostly children, die in Swiss bus accident

SUIRRE, 14 March—Twenty-eight people, including 22 children, returning from a skiing holiday died in a bus accident in Sierre in the Swiss canton of Valais, the Swiss news agency SDA-ATS reported Wednesday.

The children were travelling from Val d’Anniviers and were returning to Belgium. The bus carrying the passengers was registered in Belgium, the newsagency said. The bus was travelling towards Sion, and hit a wall on Tuesday night in the Stonecanyon tunnel running from east to west and exiting at Sierre.

Valais cantonal police initially reported only injuries. The bus was carrying 52 passengers, including 15 children, and there was minor damage to the bus. The accident killed two drivers, one died in hospital.

The Swiss police said they were investigating the cause of the accident.

Santorum sweeps South: wins Alabama and Mississippi

WASHINGTON, 14 March—With most precincts reporting, Rick Santorum is the projected winner of the Republican presidential primaries in Alabama and Mississippi, most Gingrich appears to have placed second in both contests with narrow leads over Mitt Romney.

Both states allocate their delegates proportionally, so Mitt Romney will retain his wide lead in the race toward the 1,144 delegates needed to secure the party’s nomination. But Santorum’s victories are a huge blow to Romney’s campaign, which was hoping to put a stop to the narrative that the former governor cannot win in the traditional South.

The sweep will likely provide Santorum with a major boost of enthusiasm and financial support.

“I want to say first to the people of Alabama, you made a great difference,” Santorum said from Lafayette, La. “Romney is the inevitable just collapsed.”

Prior to the elections, all four candidates spent time campaigning in the region. Santorum had downplayed his chances of sweeping the night like he did in February in Colorado, Minnesota and Missouri, but said it was important to place well in order to carry on.

Workers to raise ferry in deadly Bangladesh crash

DHAKA, 14 March—Twenty-eight people, including 22 passengers and scores of passengers before opening fire on them.

He said the gunman have not yet been caught.

Gunmen attack bus in Ethiopia, kill 19

ADDIS ABABA, 14 March—An attack by gunmen on a public bus in western Ethiopia has left 19 people dead and eight others injured, an official said Tuesday.

“Two attacks took place yesterday (Monday) around 2 pm... I suspect it was an anti-peace element we consider as rebels,” regional president Omot Deng Olot told AFP.

Omot said the suspected rebels armed with machine guns stole money and defied the passengers before opening fire on them.

A woman is pictured near a bus in Addis Ababa in 2010. An attack by gunmen on a public bus in western Ethiopia has left 19 people dead and eight others injured, an official said. (AFP)

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**Red meat boosts risk of dying young**

A worker watches fresh hamburger patties at a food plant in 2004.

**Health Tip: The right diet can boost athletic performance**

Eating the right balance of nutritious foods can improve athletic performance, whether you’re an elite athlete or just enjoy sports and exercise on a regular basis.

- Improved cardiovascular health, including better blood flow, delivery of oxygen and blood pressure.
- Improved respiratory function.
- A stronger immune system.
- Stronger bones and muscles.
- Improved metabolism to keep your body burning calories.

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Under such circumstances, to lower the growth mainly aims to facilitate economic restructuring, the premier said.

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Wright and colleagues analyzed data from 3,399 men — 1,754 with prostate cancer and 1,645 without.

The study, published online ahead of the print edition of the journal Cancer, found men who had been circumcised before their first sexual intercourse had a 12 percent reduced risk for developing less aggressive prostate cancer and an 18 percent reduced risk for developing more aggressive prostate cancer, the study said.

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The new light of Myanmar Thursday, 15 March, 2012

Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee Chairman receives Technical Assistance Mission of IMF

Nay Pyi Taw, 14 March—Chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee U Mya Nyein and members received Technical Assistance Mission of International Monetary Fund at I-20 Building of Amyotha Hluttaw Affairs at 9.30 am today.

During the meeting, both sides cordially discussed laws practised by Central Bank.—MNA

Technological University (Meiktila) (Right) provides brilliant youths in Meiktila Township of Mandalay Region with quality higher education.

Meiktila Institute of Economics (bottom) in Meiktila Township of Mandalay Region turns local students to well-rounded economists.

Infrastructures for human resources development in Meiktila and Kyaukse Tbps

Civil Aviation and Aerospace University (above Left) in Meiktila of Mandalay Region and night scene of Technological University (Kyaukse) (above Right) in Kyaukse Township of Mandalay Region and three-storey building of Technological University (Kyaukse) (Left).

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National League for Democracy

presents its policy, stance and work programmes

NAR PHETAW, 14 March—Chairperson of the National League for Democracy Drs Aung San Suu Kyi presented the party’s policy, stance and work programmes through radio and TV today.

The presentation of our party’s policy, stance and work programmes today will demonstrate our commitment and resolve before the election on 1 April in a way that has recognized a public right.

Not only voters, all the citizens as well have the right to establish the party organization and who they wish to settle disputes by studying and reviewing the party organizations and the people’s will to represent.

As we will accept the public decision according to the basic principles of democracy, now I would like to explain what will we do for the nation and the people along with the principles that have been upheld for more than 20 years.

First, three points the National League for Democracy has prioritized our main aims are the rule of law, national integration, and make it unbreakable.

Public fear reigned in the country as the rule of law had been hampered due to various ways such as the putting of judicial system under control of the government machinery, nationalization of media and the revoking of the people’s rights to speak, write, hear and express freely by passing strict media and sensor rules.

Democracy will not flourish unless the people have freedom from fear and human rights. With the rule of law, the people will really enjoy protection by law and the taste of freedom.

The rule of law will give the ordinary people, service personnel and politicians protection and care they deserve. Then, persons, organizations and leaders with full authority will not be able to take action against and bully anyone through irrecoverable order. Only then, will democracy flourish.

What shall we do to ensure the rule of law?

• We have to promptly abolish some outdated laws and make the judiciary system impartial.
• We have to pass the laws protecting the people.
• We have to make sure that the judicial system is independent, make it impartial.
• We have to grant complete press freedom.
• We have to extend supporting networks of law to help the people.

The judicial pillar must stand independently together with the legislative and executive pillars that are in conformity with the democratic concept. The judicial pillar must always be above the executive pillar. And any rulers or organizations in breach of law must be brought to justice. Everyone person is presumed to be innocent until proved guilty.

The civil war born together with independence is still burning in our country. Since 1947 when the national leaders were assassinated, we have not been able to put on the negotiation table the issue of double nationality. The national and ethnic groups and different ideologies among those with different political views. Instead, we have been trying to solve the training of the armed forces as a means of weapons. What’s more, the absence of the rule of law feared the flame of civil war. That security and rights of the national races could not have been protected, and a military dictatorship had emerged as a consequence of civil war.

We have to develop our nation only if we can put out the fire of civil war and ensure peace. We have to take three steps to end the civil war for peace.

First, there must be a nationwide ceasefire. Second, we must seek negotiations and solutions with holding political talks and common ground as a starting point to build a genuine Union based on equality which is the basis of Panglong ceremony as the national races, the right to have own rule and the right to decide freely in accord with the constitution. I strongly believe that our national brethren want only a genuine democratic Union, and they don’t want secession at all.

Since the draft constitution appeared, the NLD announced its disagreement pointing out that needed amendments.

All the Hluttaw representatives, including united military representatives and the people have to amend the constitution with a sense of serving the interests of the nation only without attachment to own party and own group to represent.

We cannot deny the fact that the armed forces of Myanmar and of global countries are main forces for national defence.

According to the political experiences and incidents of Myanmar, I believe that the endeavours for development of Myanmar call for denial of political rights and the’s ambivalence about the military dictatorship, and I also believe that the Tatmadaw founded by my father General Aung San is always ready to serve the national interests.

Actually, a constitution is a charter placed between the people and the nation. It needs to be amended, else the people and the nation will be subjugated at some time. It is found that the present constitution is not in conformity with democratic norms and standards.

One clear example is that only the rule of people by the representatives elected by the people is the true essence of democracy. It has been known to all that in the 2008 constitution, the parliamentary seats of unelected representatives account for 25 percent of all. As there are unelected representatives in the respective Hluttaw, it is not in conformity with democratic principles. The National League for Democracy has publicly announced the sections of the constitution that need amendments.

It is common knowledge that after the 1988 democratic campaign, the NLD has been struggling for the emergence of a genuine democracy for over 20 years under various presurisation and oppression. The members loyal to the party were kicked out of their jobs, lawyers and doctors had their licences revoked, some were unjustly arrested and got severe sentences. Consequently, our social lives were ruined and the economy of our families deteriorated. Anyway, our NLD members have stood for the people and the party maintaining their conviction.

Our League has developed contacts at international level which can guarantee cordial relations with global nations and potential benefits to the people. We have also managed to establish friendly relations not only with developed democracies but also with neighbours. We will also focus on seeking necessary international assistance for development of the nation.

Regarding the economy, it is required to make a shift to market economy with a right balance between freedom, stability and social justice, based on the rule of law.

We will have to focus our efforts on creating new jobs and solving unemployment problem to wipe out poverty, enhance living standard and social dignity of each individual of different national races in different regions, and make sure all the national races residing in the country have equal rights to work or to be employed.

We have to tackle the budget deficit but not by printing money but by seeking other ways and means. We have to smash the barrier in current monetary and banking systems.

It is required to closely cooperate with the International Monetary Fund, International Finance Commission, and the World Bank so that all the State’s and private-owned businesses: NLD is paving the way for such cooperation right now.

As an education initiative, we need to make sure every citizen has access to standard education, every school-age child has access to compulsory primary education and to open middle and high schools and vocational training schools in regions and states.

It is required to draw educational plans designed to help offspring of ethnicities with language barrier. We need to initiate special educational programmes for school-age children and youths who found it hard to receive formal education to be able to pursue non-formal one.

As critically important to promote our educational standard to reach international level. Only then, there will emerge real human resources which has been the hot topic in today.

It is extremely important that teachers are competent. For this, we need to make reforms while considering providing them with right remuneration they deserve.

It is also required to get rid of hindrances in current education system to undertake educational reforms.

As to health, the State should have quality health care system.

We need to explore ways and means to establish separate health security programmes for the public especially for the needy.

To make sure farmers have legal rights to manage and own their land, it is our priority. Again, it needs to make sure farmers are allowed to grow, process and trade agricultural products freely in accordance with the market oriented economic system and their products fetch reasonable prices. We need to be aware of global increase in prices of agricultural produce and set up forward-looking agro-economic system.

It needs to allow the formation of united farmers unions to be free to deal with losses, rights and affairs of farmers in their interests.

We need to take actions for formation of labour unions legally protecting labour rights to make sure full rights of workers.

It is required to make sure all workers are equally treated, have equal opportunities, acceptable working environment, enjoy the same amount of earnings for the same work, rights to be paid and protection against unemployment.

We will employ the efficiency of the youth, the human resources and the future of the nation as strong force in the nation-building. Again, it needs to allow formation of independent students unions legally founded by students.

To protect the rights of women who make the up over 50 per cent of the population and to expand their role in social, economic and political issues should also be main priorities.

I have articulated most of policies and stances I have just presented here in my electoral campaigns. People may be thinking now like this—your words sound great but can they really be realized? Well, to establish the Union above us is not an easy task. But, I do believe nothing is impossible if only we try out of wish, industry, sentiment and knowledge in union.

The National League of Democracy has decades of experiences in dealing with difficult tasks with diligence and industry. I would like to request the voters to vote in favour of our candidates as an assignment of harder national tasks for us to accomplish. Our emblem is a golden peacock on the red-coloured background with a five-angle white star at the left top corner and a phrase reads Nation, National League for Democracy.” Please vote for the National League for Democracy.

Thank you all!
Myanmar New Society Democratic Party presents its policy, stance and work programmes

Nay Pyi Taw, 14 March—Chairman of Myanmar New Society Democratic Party U Zin Aung presented party’s policy, stance and work programmes through radio and TV on 14 March evening.

The translation of his presentation is as follows—

Aim of forming Myanmar New Society Democratic Party

We are student youths by sacrificing self-interest taking part in activities of 1988 democracy and human rights at the forefront. Without purposes to take part in the multi-party democracy system election at that time, we established the New Society Democratic Party in line with the decision of student leaders of (88) activity as a bridge for the student youths wishing to join the political arena. Therefore, we became not only the backbone of all political parties that participated in the democracy activity but also the second strongest party.

We unconsciously moved under the title of second independence struggles from the title on endeavours of democracy and human rights, and then we stood for realizing the endeavours of freedom in a front row.

Due to wrong policies, construction of a modern and developed new democratic nation we aspired had delayed for over 20 years. The policy on common enemy was a drive for only the communism with the attitude that those with different policy are enemy and the dictatorship centralized system. It was obvious that democracy rights such as rights of competitiveness, rights of diversity of attitudes and rights of opposition ceased to exist for democratic forces.

Due to the title on second independence struggles, our activities with the purpose to be the Tatmadaw as culprit of history without leaving any political outlet for it became more serious conflict among the nationals. Finally, the public and we embraced only loss due to wrong policies.

Consequently, the party lost the chance to stand as official position aboveground. The political party which could not join hands with the people without stand for official alive at home would not have capabilities to serve the interests of the nation and the people. At last, the party will wear down gradually and then will be the culprit of history.

As we focused on only interests of the State and the people by sacrificing the self-interests without considering the gaining of State power and self-interests, an aim was set to abandon the wrong policies so as to be free from the situation in which we had stood for over 20 years without constitution and continually flourish democracy and human rights.

As we are survivors overcoming political battlefield of activities on democracy and human rights, we have capabilities to bravely and clearly criticize right and wrong of actual political processes.

The invaluable political knowledge we gained during 20-year period is that whenever reconciliation cannot be realized among the nationals without suppressing the selfishness, any person, party, organization and ism cannot save the nation and the people from various miseries.

We followed together with the whole national people under the leadership of the Tatmadaw during the period of transition. Owing to blocking the political outlet of the Tatmadaw, we together with the people also lost the political outlet. As creation of the political outlet for the Tatmadaw in line with the win-win theory is an act of gaining the political outlet for us, we set an aim to continuously build the national reconciliation, which is essential for the State, keeping the Tatmadaw as focal point and abandoning the confrontation, civil disobedience and utter devastation so as to heal the pains from the hearts of the people who suffered from the flame of anger over the Tatmadaw due to detrimental actions of the party.

The Myanmar New Society Democratic Party was established with the aim of enabling the brother colleagues (today’s intellectuals and intelligentsia) who had evaded to foreign countries for about 20 years to reenter the motherland with prestige for carrying out nation-building tasks by joining hands with us along the route we constructed and managing the escape of our colleagues from various jails as quickly as possible for serving the greater interests of the State in cooperation with us to be able to develop the human society.

Policy of Myanmar New Society Democratic Party

We caused pains to the hearts of the people for suffering from flames of anger after instigating the Tatmadaw government and the people through confrontation, civil disobedience and utter devastation.

We took lessons that the victorious result of 1990 election based on utilizing the flames of anger to attack the Tatmadaw came out only disadvantages for the State and the people. We firmly believe that whenever reconciliation cannot be realized among the nationals without suppressing the selfishness, any person, party, organization and ism cannot save the nation and the people from various miseries.

Thus, we adopted the national reconciliation that does not ignore democracy and fundamental human rights as our policy and will exercise it through the middle path without practising extreme left and right isms. We will abide by the inner party democracy without accepting the personal-cult programme.

We will try hard to develop the developed democratic human society through evolution process based on isms, not on person.

Policy over Tatmadaw and political party

- We will build the national reconciliation by keeping the Tatmadaw as focal point and will consider the Tatmadaw as good friend.
- We will regard political forces in same visions, missions and isms as friends and will join hands with them for realizing democracy and human rights.
- Without considering other parties as our enemy, we will fairly compete with other parties in the by-election, considering them as our rivals.
- We adopted the policy to focus on flourishing students unions, worker unions and farmers unions as part of efforts for building basic infrastructures for basic human rights such as freedom of opinions and religion and to protect the unions so that they cannot be the lackeys of political parties.

Policy on Youth

We consider that those who are 18 year and above old are eligible to become members of our party, and under-23 would be considered as youths. We will not treat youths to old jobs but will nurture them so that they can take a leading role in the future. There is no discrimination between youths and old people and will help over-23 members taking responsibilities democratically.

Policy on National Races

We respect the democracy practices of listening to majority and not neglecting wishes of minority and shall work hard to flourish the democratic practices among the people and will adopt the policy to give priority to the wishes of the ethnic minority though we abstain the discrimination.

The same fate would happen to a nation or its people if they fail to take lessons from the past, the cause of the political conflicts in the past is the over selfishness had caused losses which are irreplaceable to the country and the people.

A wrong medication by a doctor can kill a man. But, the wrongness of a political leader can kill many people and harm many lives. That’s why, all voters should be farsighted to vote to be able to avoid encouraging those who are selfish and opportunists.

The upcoming by-election is the completion just for 48 seats, representing low percentage. However, it is a politically important contest because all are engaging in the by-election as a political movement.

National League for Democracy Party and our Myanmar New Society Democratic Party which were dissolved are participating in the by-election. Today, our party can stand with dignity and the government do not consider our party and exiled ex-leader Moe Thi Zun and ABSDF as unlawful associations and has held talks with us.

If the national reconciliation is given priority, without selfishness, Myanmar would see political stability. The Political stability would help boosting the economy, paving the ways for democratic and human rights.

Therefore, As the decision of the people would affect greatly the nation, the people should vote our candidate who will compete Hlegu, Dagon Seikkan and Thongwa so that they can be elected to the parliament.

The conflicts in the past shows that Myanmar’s political situation could not stable as it was based on the two rival groups. We can say that Myanmar’s political situation will never be stable if there are two rival groups. Only two pillars cannot bring the stability of Myanmar’s political situation and only three pillars supporting each other can bring the political stability.

Therefore, I request all voters to consider the Myanmar New Society Democratic Party who has a history of sacrifices for the democratic rights as the third pillar for Myanmar’s politics.

The democratic system we want is for doing Check and Balance while working in competition for the interests of the people. If three candidates of our party win in the by-election, they will do check and balance over the big political parties comprising opportunists, benefiting not only the region of the voters but also the country and the people.

If you all want to see our colleagues come back to our mother land with dignity, vote for our party.

If you want to see release of our remaining colleagues who are now in prisons, vote for our party.

If you want to see the political stability in Myanmar where two rival groups do compete with each other, vote for our party.
Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham attends naming ceremony and shed warming ceremony...

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The master of ceremony blessed the elephant.

After the ceremony, the Vice-President and the Union ministers fed white elephants Baddawady, Nandawady, Hemawady and Ngwe Saddan.

Zata Kalya was born at 9.45 pm on 27-11-2011 in the compound of white elephant park.

The baby is three feet and one inch high, 4 feet and one inch in circumference, 1.5 feet long tail (with tail hairs), door shut shape tail hairs, banana leave shape back, five front toe nails and four back toe nails, pearl colour eye, triangular brass gong shape ear, white hairs and pinky skin.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham presents cash to General Manager Sithu Dr Wan Tun of Myanmar Timber Enterprise for white elephant Zata Kalya.

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Monghaat in Shan State (East)”. The deputy minister answered: The bridge was constructed in 2003-2004 fiscal year and its upstream pile from Wunpon side was damaged in inundation of Nantion creek. Six-inch wood was used to fill the gap in 2004-2005 fiscal year and 1.3-ft wood is being used now.

Nantion creek largely flooded in 2004-2005 fiscal year and the water course was changed to U shape over three years and the water course was changed to U shape over three years. The deputy minister replied: solar panel from the neighboring township is not a government-prohibited material. The government allows import of solar panels with import license in accord with legal procedures. At present, it can be imported with import license through Mose 105° mile trade zone.

For people in border areas, local administrative bodies will designate import of quantity and price allowed one time for household use and quantity and price allowed for individual. So, for the convenience of household use, respective State governments would arrange for systematic purchase of it.

Regarding the question of U Aung Tun Thu of Laymyethna Constituency on “there is any plan to build Township Hall with a seating capacity of 1000 in Laymyethna,” the Deputy Minister replied: the meeting hall in the compound of Township Administration Office is being used as Township Hall. Estimated construction cost of concrete Township Hall measuring 147X70X19 would be K 203.5 million. Due to the facts that Township Development Affairs Committee has no enough funds for estimated cost and Township already has a Township Hall, construction of it will be implemented based on the funds.

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Union Education Minister inspects exam centers in Meiktila Tsp

Nav Pyi Taw, 14 March — Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye inspected examination centers at Basic Education High School No 1, 2 and 4 in Meiktila today.

During the visits, he encouraged the students sitting for matriculation examination at the centers.

Director-General of No 1 Basic Education Department U Aung Chein also inspected examination centers at Basic Education High School No 1 in Mingaladon Township, Basic Education Middle School No 12 in Insein Township, BEHS No 4 in Mayangon Township, BEHS No 2 in Sanyang Township, BEHS No 3 in Dagon Township and BEHS No 2 in Kyimyindaung Township this morning. — MNA

4th day third regular session of first Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw held

Nav Pyi Taw, 14 March—The 4th day third regular session of first Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw was held at 10 am on 13 March, attended by Speaker of Region Hluttaw U San Sint and Hluttaw representatives.

During the meeting, 15 questions were answered, report of Region Hluttaw Representatives Scrutiny Committee submitted, bill of Ayeyawady Region Fresh water Fisheries Enterprise discussed, two proposals submitted, and two new proposals submitted.

The meeting was concluded at 4:45 pm. — MNA
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Tension Side. The ministry had increased 10% for payment for power consumption for power supply to customers. In villages, it costs only 25 kyats for one unit after reading the meter at the transport line to Sub Power Stations were installed at homes. The ministry had collected K25 for one unit at Thanamarku and Chaungmon Townships and Taungli Township since the start of power supply to the villages in March, 2006. However, the payment had increased to K50 for one unit from March 2010 to May 2011, as the type of collection was wrongly included in the list of private transformers. Therefore, since June, 2011, the monthly payment had decreased to K25 for one unit and action was taken against those who were responsible for the wrong calculation.

In addition, the electricity, Yangon City Power Supply Board had been standing using its own income. Therefore, the board had collected a lump sum at the cost of K75 for one unit before meters were installed at homes in the self-reliant villages, and the board had collected K55 for one unit for when the meters were installed at homes in the village, abandoning the system of reading each meter at home and collecting the cost for each home. Today, after installing meters at homes in villages which applied for installation of the meters, the ministry had collected K55 for one unit, instead of K75. The ministry had increased the collection from K25 to K55 per unit for an ordinary meter and from K50 to K75 for one unit for a power meter. The ministry did not combine the units from an ordinary meter and a power meter. However, unsystematically using the ordinary meter and a power meter at one home had caused confusions to meter reading and putting all units from both meters to a power meter. Therefore, people were obliged to use an ordinary meter and power meter separately and to observe the rules and regulations of the ministry.

The Ministry of Electric Power No. 7 had appointed its employees in accordance with the organizational set up of the ministry and it was difficult for the ministry to appoint an employee in each village which were supplied with power by the ministry. If necessary, the ministry would send an employee from a township office to villages occasionally and would conduct training for villagers.

U Mya Ohn of Kachin State constituency No. 8 asked the minister whether it had a plan to supply power from the grid to Kamai sub-Township in Hpakant Township in Kachin State.

The Union Minister replied that Kamai sub-township was located about 25 miles from Mogタン in Kachin District. The ministry had supplied 100 KV diesel generator to supply power to 257 households in seven wards in Kamai sub-township from 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm everyday.

He added that it would cost around K600 million to install 33 KV cables for 25 miles and to place 33 KV transformer to be able to supply power to Kamai. The ministry would make a plan to supply power to Kamai as it was working to supply power to 88 villages in 2013-2014FY.

Regarding the question of Dr Aye Maung of Rakhine State constituency No 1 over rates for collecting costs for power consumption, the Union Minister said Rakhine State Government had organized the 18-member committee to carry out duties for balancing the power supply and collecting costs for consumption.

The State had supplied power for two hours per day to villages in Rakhine State and was making takes to supply power over two hours to 17 towns. The committees and private companies which carried out power supply tasks had collected K15 for one unit of electricity from people and K75 for one unit from industries. The maintenance fee for meters had been collected since 1951 when meters were installed in Yangon as a rent fee. The ministry did not allow to remove nor selling meters. The rent fee was inclusive of maintenance of meters, cables and sub-power stations.

To transport power from Oatshinpin sub-power stations to Rakhine State, the Ministry had a plan to install power projects, the ministry would make a plan to carry out the projects in the list of private transformers. Therefore, there is no plan to implement national scrutiny card for free.

Regarding the question of U Paing Tun Oo of Mon State constituency No 5 about there is any plan to provide diesel generator to Kanpetlet, the Union Minister replied that diesel was supplied to Kanpetlet from K25. It is planned to provide 300-KVA generator to the township in 2012-2013 fiscal year.

Regarding the question of U Nandar Aye of Ayeyawady Region Constituency No (3) about there is any plan to extend the coverage of MRTV retransmission stations to all villages within Mrauk U power line, the Myanmar Agriculture Service manager and village Myanmar Agriculture Service manager in service book according to probation normal salary, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Aung Zaw replied that for the post of village-tract manager it is expected to implement normal salary. Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Aung Zaw replied that MRTV is expected to extend to the coverage Rakhine State and the committee was discussing to increase the price grip between one and another region. People may also give suggestions to bring down the electricity bill.

Regarding the question of U Maung Aung Aye of Ayeyawady Region Constituency No (11) If there is any plan to equip 66-KV power line to Kyaukkyi, the Union Minister replied that there are 2869 electricity users in Kyaukkyi whose electricity is supplied from 230-33 KV (100) MVA Hlinethaya power station.

There is a plan to construct 230-KV Hlinethaya-Kyaukkyi power line and 230-210 KV main power station in Kyekin in 2013-2014 fiscal year based on the amount of fund allocated.

Regarding the question of U Mana Nai of chin State Constituency No (10) about there is any plan to provide diesel generator to Kanpetlet, the Union Minister replied that electricity supplied to Kanpetlet from K25. It is planned to provide 300-KVA generator to the township in 2012-2013 fiscal year.

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watch new channels in addition to free to air MRTV, MTIV and MRTV-4 channels. The TV stations are expected to be a new source of households to pay Net DTH around the clock, one can watch as he desires. The price can be said fair. It is more appropriate to encourage new investments in village tracts which are out of the coverage of transmission stations.

Regarding the question Dr Tin Shwe of Yangon Region Constituency No (6) if the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry has record of number of elephant species and estimated number of elephants in its forest reserves, Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun replied that elephant conservation law has been enacted since 1879 in monarchial period, followed by forest conservation law has been enacted since 1933 by the King of Myanmar. The law stipulates the protection of forest, the laws, forest regulations, forest policy, wildlife conservation and related issues. However, the need for international cooperation has increased in the following years. This law has been reformed several times due to changes in application and need for cooperation with NGOs and international organizations, like IUCN and others. The Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry established Ayeyawady Regions and Kachin and Kachin Forest Protection and Natural Resources Protection Committees to cooperate with NGOs and international organizations and develop strategies in the field of wildlife, forests and natural resources. New laws have been enacted since 1990, with the first one being the Wildlife Conservation Law of 1990, which has been reformed several times due to changes in the political and economic environment. The Ministry has been working closely with NGOs and international organizations to enhance cooperation and develop strategies in the field of wildlife and natural resources.

Elephant topped other animals in the list of endangered wildlife in Myanmar to be protected by a new law in 2005. The new law, known as the Wildlife Conservation Law, was enacted in 2005, replacing the previous law from 1990. The new law aims to protect wildlife, including elephants, from poaching and other threats. It also sets up penalties for offenses related to wildlife conservation. The Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry has been working closely with NGOs and international organizations to enhance cooperation and develop strategies in the field of wildlife and natural resources. New laws have been enacted since 1990, with the first one being the Wildlife Conservation Law of 1990, which has been reformed several times due to changes in the political and economic environment. The Ministry has been working closely with NGOs and international organizations to enhance cooperation and develop strategies in the field of wildlife and natural resources.

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LOCAL SPORTS
Dagon University secures golden championship trophy in tennis tourney
YANGON, 14 March—The Inter-University/College Tennis Tournament (Higher Education Department—Lower Myanmar) for 2011-2012 academic year was held on 29 February. Dagon University secured golden championship trophy. Deputy Director-General Dr Myo Thein Gyi of Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar) presented prizes to the winners. Tennis players of Dagon University Tennis Subcommittee bagged golden championship trophy two successive times. —Kyemon

Stipends provided to outstanding students
YANGON, 14 March—Ayeayawady Foundation is awarding scholarships to outstanding students who are facing difficulties to learn higher education. In 2011-2012 academic year, cash assistance for learning was presented at the hall of Myoma Basic Education High School branch in Yekyi on 3 March morning. First, Township Administrator U San Hlaing spoke on the occasion. Secretary of the foundation U Kyi Than explained the facts about Ayeayawady Foundation and presented stipends to parents of 39 students. Form January to October 2012 during 2011-2012 academic year, the foundation provided stipends based on university/college arranging from K 20,000 to K 110,000 to the students monthly. Min Zaw Oo (Yekyi)

Fire preventive measures taken in Putao District
PUTAO, 14 March—Deputy Commissioner U Hlaing Tun of Putao District General Administration Department, together with the head of district Immigration and National Registration Department, the head of District Information and Public Relations Department, the deputy head of Township GAD, the commander of Township Police Force, the commander of Township Police Station, the Assistant Engineer of Township Development Affairs Committee, the Township Electrical Engineer and members of Auxiliary Fire Brigade inspected use of electricity and fire at Myoma Market and Putao Airport Market in Putao on 23 February morning. In the meeting, they explained systematic use of fire and electricity, systematic keeping of fire extinguishers, disciplines for throwing garbage and sanitation at the markets. —DistrictIPRD

Respects paid to old faculty members at Yangon Institute of Education
YANGON, 14 March—The Inter-University College Tennis Tournament (Higher Education Department—Lower Myanmar) for 2011-2012 academic year was held on 29 February. Rector Dr Aung Min extended greetings. Old students donated K 26.9 million as paying respect to old faculty members. Stipends provided to outstanding students.

New school building handed over in Pinlaung Township
PINLAUNG, 14 March—A ceremony to hand over new building to Basic Education Primary School was held in Tinhtet (North) Village of Sittoung Village-tract in Pinlaung Township, Pa-O Self-Administered Zone, on 29 February morning. Deputy Head of Township General Administration Department U Kyaw Swe, Assistant Director of Shan State Department for Progress of Border Areas and National Races U Soe Yu Lwin, Field Officer Ms Reiko of Nippon Foundation (Cetana), Township Education Officer Daw Kyi Kyi Hla and in-charged of the region of Pa-O Self-Administered Zone U Than Thuoria formally opened the new building. The 90 feet long and 30 feet wide one-storey building was built with K 202,99,131 contribution by Nippon Foundation (Cetana) and K 6,675,908 by local people. —TownshipIPRD

Development of ward libraries discussed
YANGON, 14 March—A meeting on development and perpetuity of village libraries in Pazuntaung Township was held at the hall of Township General Administration Department of Yangon Region on 27 February. Head of Township Education High School discussed on the occasion. —TownshipIPRD

CSCs issued to eligible citizens in Shwepyitha
SHWEPYITHA, 14 March—By implementing Moe Pwint-2 Plan, citizenship scrutiny cards were issued to eligible citizens in Ward 17 of Shwepyitha Township of Yangon Region. On 8 March morning, Head of Township Immigration and National Registration Department U Zaw Thein Oo and staff cooperated with ward administrator U Pyone Cho and members in issuing CSCs to the eligible persons of the ward. —Kyemon

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Maglev-launched spacecraft proposed

**TITUSVILLE, 14 March**— One of the US inventions of the superconducting maglev train says a bigger, better version of the technology could fuel payloads from Earth into orbit.

All it would take is 1,000 miles of track running to a height of 12 miles, $20 billion and a decade to build, says James Powell, who started Startram Inc. with aerospace engineer George Maise. Triple the cost and double the construction time if you want to use it to put people in space, they say. Powell says their system could cut the cost of getting a 2.2-pound payload to orbit to less than $40, while a passenger trip could come in at about $5,000, **TG Daily** reported Tuesday.

Their proposed Startram project is based on existing magnetic levitation technology and basic physics, they said.

"The infrastructure for a cargo-only version would cost on the order of $20 billion to build and could be completed within 10 years," Powell said. "A people-capable version could be built at $60 billion and be completed within 20 years."

While the principle is fairly simple, it would be an impressively ambitious project, experts said. A 1,000-mile maglev track would have

60 seconds of combat impairs

**PORTSMOUTH, 14 March**— A study of police officers in Britain found 60 seconds of all-out physical exertion in a threatening situation seriously damaged the memory of the incident. Dr Lorraine Hope of the University of Portsmouth, England, found police officers, witnesses and victims of crime suffer loss of memory, recognition and awareness of their environment if they have had to use bursts of physical energy in a combative encounter. Hope said the 60 seconds of all-out exertion could seriously impair the ability of police officers— or even encounter details to remember details of the incident or even identify the person who was involved.

The findings were a stark warning to police officers, police chiefs and the courts, Hope said.

"Police officers are often expected to remember incidents who said what and how many blows were received or given in the midst of physical struggle or shortly afterwards. The results of our tests indicate it may be very difficult for them to do this. As exhaustion takes over, memory processes are triggered to diminish," Hope said in a statement. "The legal system puts a great deal of emphasis on witness accounts, particularly those of professional witnesses like police officers. Investigators and courts need to understand that an officer who cannot provide details about an encounter where physical exertion has played a role is not necessarily being deceptive or uncooperative."

North American frog disease carrier

**SAN FRANCISCO, 14 March**— Researchers say a common North American frog has been identified as a carrier of a deadly disease decimating amphibian populations. Finding how the Pacific chorus frog, known for its noisy and distinctive "ribbit" call, survives while carrying chytridiomycosis, a deadly disease caused by an aquatic fungus, may yield clues to protect more vulnerable species, scientists at San Francisco State University said Tuesday.

Their surveys in the Sierra Nevada revealed that between 2003 and 2010 Pacific chorus frog populations remained stable while during the same period a chytrid epidemic swept through the region causing mass die-offs among other species.

Pacific chorus frogs survived the outbreak but did not escape infection, as investigation confirmed that two-thirds of the animals tested were infected with the fungus.

"The Pacific chorus frog is a perfect host for chytrid, allowing the disease to leap to the next pond over," SFSU biologist Vince Vredeburg said. "The findings help explain the pattern and speed of the chytrid epidemic in the Sierra Nevada.

The species rarely shows symptoms, he found, making it a highly effective carrier. Scientists believe that the vast majority of Pacific chorus frogs don’t die or show symptoms, even surprisingly high levels of infection," researcher Natalie Reeder said. "Internet
Some honey bees tend to risk-taking

Believer-testors—some honey bees tend to take the initiative or the risk to find new hives, with their brains showing similar patterns of activity as those found in adventure-loving humans, a study reveals.

"In humans, diff-rences in activity as a component of personality? asks Gene Robinson, professor of entomology at the University of Illinois entomology, who led the study.

Depending on 'persona-

cies,' individual honey bees may or may not like to perform particular tasks, says Robinson, according to a university statement.

Robinson and collea-
gues studied two behaviours that looked like novelty-seeking in honey bees: scouting for new nests and scouting for food. When a colony of bees outgrows its living quarters, the hive divides and the swarm must find a suitable new home. At this moment of crisis, a few intrepid bees—less than five percent of the swarm—take off to hunt for a new home.

These bees, called nest scouts, are on average 3.4 times more likely than their peers to also become food scouts, the researchers found. Not only do certain bees exhibit signs of novelty-seeking, but their willingness or eagerness to "go to the extra mile" can be vital to the life of the hive, said Robinson.

Michelle Obama to be guest on ‘Late Show’

NEW YORK, 14 March—America’s first lady, Michelle Obama, will be making her first solo visit to the ‘Late Show’ with David Letterman, a CBS announcer Monday. Obama has been booked as a guest for the 19 March edition of the late-night chat show.

The first lady will appear on the ‘Late Show’ to discuss her Joining Forces initiative and her plans for its upcoming one-year anniversary in April, CBS said in a news release. "As first lady, Mrs. Obama and...Jill Biden, wife of Vice President Joe Biden, launched Joining Forces, a national initiative to recognize, honour and support military families. The initiative aims to educate, challenge and spark action from all sectors of society to ensure that military families have the support they have earned."—Internet

Channing Tatum opens NOLA bar

NEW ORLEANS, 14 March—Actor Channing Tatum, who filmed the action-comedy ‘21 Jump Street’ in New Orleans, said he enjoyed the city so much he’s opening his own Bourbon Street bar.

Tatum said he’s excited about joining the French Quarter scene with the launch of his watering hole, Saints and Sinners.

“I love New Orleans, man. I love the spirit of New Orleans,” The (New Orleans) Time Picayune said on Sunday, “I think [co-star] Jonah (Hill) wrapped it up perfectly: He said it’s like the ‘bad-kids-in-placochin’; The Bourbon Street area; the Frenchmen, everywhere. It’s just such a vibrant place. I love it down there.” Tatum

Singer Katy Perry arrives at Nickleodeon’s 23rd annual Kids’ Choice Awards held at UCLA’s Pauley Pavilion on 27 March, 2016 in Los Angeles. (Photo by Jordan Strauss, Invision/AP, File).—Internet

Desert ants use magnetic cues to return home

Foraging desert ants seem to find their way back home even if the barren environment is bereft of landmarks.

Apart from visual cues and odours, ants can also use magnetic and vibrational landmarks to navigate their way home, a tiny hole in the ground, say behavioural scientists from the Max Planck Institute for Chemical Ecology, Germany.

They wanted to find out whether these insects, adapted to landscapes providing a minimum of cues, are able to use magnetism and vibrational signals in the absence of other guiding features. "We were very surprised that this is actually the case," says Cornelia Buehlmann from Max Planck, who performed the experiments.

Besides, carbon dioxide produced by their nestmates’ breathing also helps homing ants to pinpoint their nest entrance. Hence, the ants navigational skills prove enormously helpful to ants in their inhospitable environment.

Home—lit —a great way to get people interested in their nestmates—hence the phrase "like to their nests." It is known from leaf-cutting ants that they use vibrational cues for communication.

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Katy Perry joins Kids’ Choice lineup

SANTA MONICA, 14 March—US pop star Katy Perry is to perform live at the 25th annual Kids’ Choice Awards show, Nickelodeon said on Monday.

“Katy Perry has doubly earned her position as kid-favorite—through her music, of course, and also for her revealing in an outrageous shining on the show two years ago,” Marjorie Cohn, president of original programming and development for Nickelodeon’s MTV Kids and Family Group said. Once the lease is finalized, he said, a quick remodel should see Saints and Sinners open for business in about two months.

“I don’t think I’d ever open a bar anywhere else really, because I don’t want to do that with people there,” Tatum said. “But people come to New Orleans with a little bit of money in their pocket and they have one thing they want to do with it—and that’s spend it and party with it and go crazy.”—Internet

Leonardo DiCaprio still searching for true love

NEW YORK, 14 March—Actor Leonardo DiCaprio, who’s currently dating Vinegar’s Sister’s son Tom Sturridge and Entourage’s Gisele Bundchen, admits he’s yet to find true love.

The 37-year-old has previously enjoyed relationships with actress Blake Lively and models Bar Refaeli and Gisele Bundchen.

“My first love? Boy I don’t remember them,” he said. “I suppose if I’d found true love I would be married right now wouldn’t I?”

Contacted via email to DiCaprio as saying, “Pretenti-ous women really turn me off. Vindecious women. I think what turns me on about a girl is what most men find attractive—which is something genuine about them. Being a good person,” he added.

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USC’s Galen Centre in Los Angeles. The ceremony, now in its 25th year, is famous for covering stars in go-as a stunt to delight its young audience. Internet

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Djokovic, Sharapova win at Indian Wells

Indian Wells, 14 March — Top-ranked Novak Djokovic defeated Kevin Anderson 6-2, 6-3 to reach the fourth round of the BNP Paribas Open on Monday, while American John Isner knocked out fellow American Andy Roddick to reach the quarterfinals.

Djokovic broke Anderson’s serve once in each set and served strongly at the end to claim his 21st victory of the year.

John McEnroe, the winningest American in history with 16 Grand Slam titles, said Djokovic was the best player in the world.

Sharapova beat Simona Halep 7-6 (7-5), 6-4 in their second consecutive major final of the year.

The Russian sixth seed was determined after a 7-6 (7-5), 6-4 victory over Halep in two sets.

Djokovic, who was playing his 21st straight Indian Wells tournament, broke Halep’s serve twice in the first set.

Sharapova served out the second set after her 33rd seed opponent double-faulted.

Sharapova, who was 4-0 in her career against Halep, said the American was just too strong.

“I missed a few points on my serve but I’m just happy how I managed to take the second set,” she said.

Halep, next week world No. 3, lost her 11th straight match after her 7-6 (7-5), 6-4 loss to Radwanska in the Indian Wells final.

Radek Stepanek of Czech Republic defeated Spain’s David Ferrer 6-4, 6-7 (4), 6-3 in the 27th meeting of their 14-year rivalry.

Federer out to avenge loss to Del Potro

Mourinho playing on

Barcelona midfielder Xavi admitted on Thursday that the club’s players fear coach Pep Guardiola will decide not to renew his contract with the European champions.

“We’re not ready to have a ‘no’ from Guardiola. We’re willing to stay,” said the Spanish international.

“Guardiola is a key element in the Barca system. I see him satisfied, enjoying himself. He continues to be as competitive as ever but the decision in the end is his. Personally, I think he will renew his contract.”

Uncertainty continues to surround the future of Guardiola, who is out of contract in the summer and has not yet committed to a new deal after a glittering three and a half years in charge at Camp Nou.
New school building handed over in Nyaungdon

NYAUNGDON, 14 March—A ceremony to hand over Shwe Padhana new building was held in conjunction with the ceremony to upgrade Basic Education Primary School to BEMS (Branch) in Peskyun Village in Nyaungdon Township on 6 March.

Ayeawaddy Region Minister for Social Affairs U San Maung, Region Hlutaw representative U Phone Myint, Township Administrator U Khin Min and well-wisher U Myint Lwin formally opened the new school building.

Acer announces new eco-friendly S series LCD monitors

SAN FRANCISCO, 14 March—There are new LED-backlit LCD monitors in town to fit a variety of budget sizes. Acer announced Tuesday five new models of the S series, which range from $169 to $329. If size is not a primary concern, five inches smaller monitors are available for $20 more expensive with two HDMI inputs instead of the DVI. Both are available through online retailers now.

For the lowest costing monitor in the new S series models, the S200HL offers 20 inches of screen display in a 900 resolution and VGA and DVI inputs for gaming purposes at $139. The S230HL (excluding, of course, the larger screens size) for $299. If size is not a primary concern, five inches is not much to lose to save yourself about a hundred bucks.—Internet

Raul donates ball he scored 400th goal to museum

MADRID, 14 March—Schalke 04’s former Spanish international striker Raul has donated his jersey and the football he scored his 400th professional goal with to the future museum of German football.

“I’m very proud of the achievement shown to me by the German fans,” said Raul, who has scored 13 goals this season. Schalke in the summer of 2010.

“It’s obviously a wonderful gesture to German football as a whole,” said Manuel Neukirchner, director of the museum which opens in 2014. “Obviously these objects will be given a place of honour.” The 34-year-old Spaniard scored 323 goals for Real Madrid, where he started his professional career in 1994, and won the Champions League three times. He added another 44 with the Spanish national team in over 100 matches.

Crawford steps in to save Blackhawks and beat Blues

CHICAGO, 14 March—Chicago netminder Corey Crawford took over from starter Ray Emery with his team trailing 3-1 to St Louis and turned the game in the Blackhawks favor, stopping all 18 shots he faced and earning a 4-3 shootout win over the NHL-best Blues on Tuesday.

Blackhawks right wing Andrew Brunette netted the opening goal of the game in the first period before the Blues chased Emery with goals by Jamie Langenbrunner, Andy McDonald and Patrik Berglund. Chicago’s Viktor Stalberg trimmed the lead in the second period before Brent Seabrook tied the score at 3-3 in the third.

After a scoreless overtime, Patrick Kane recorded the only goal in the shootout to give his team the triumph and snap the Blues five-game win streak.—Reuters

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

The weather in the rest of Myanmar is mostly sunny, with the exception of some isolated rain or thundershowers. The Bay of Bengal is expected to see slight to moderate conditions, while the Andaman Sea and Southeast Bay will be partly cloudy to cloudy.

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Third regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw continues for 14th day

Eight questions raised, one bill submitted

Nay Pyi Taw, 14 March — Pyithu Hluttaw regular session continued for 14th day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Complex here this morning. Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and 188 Hluttaw representatives attended today’s session.

Union Minister for Electric Power No (2) U Khin Maung Soe answered queries related to electric sector raised by five Hluttaw representatives.

U Myo Myint of Mandalay Region Constituency asked “whether there is a plan to elect Myanmar Traditional Artists and Artisans Asiayon by ballot, whether regulations on organizer of arts exhibitions can be relaxed as there are difficulties in presenting biographies all participant artists in organizing arts exhibitions, and whether Sculptors Asiayon can be formed separately for development traditional sculpture exhibitions, and contests. The Asiayon (Central) works for development of all the traditional arts including sculpture. Though Myanmar traditional arts are interrelated, the formation of sculptors Asiayon should be carried out in the will of the men of sculpture.

Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Win answered three queries related to construction raised by three Hluttaw representatives.

U Kyaw Win of Kangyidaunt Constituency asked “whether there is a plan to extend water clearance area of Thakkaik Creek Bridge on Pathetin-Ngaputaw road in Ayeyawady Region”. The deputy minister answered: In coordination with the Ministry of Transport and Office of Commander-in-Chief (Nav), the height of water clearance area was set at 40 feet. To save foreign currency and complete in time and the width was set as 120 feet, using the longest steel trusses that can be produced inside the country. It was planned to designate two waterways.

It is planned to establish Pale Deep Sea Port and Special Economic Zones in Ayeyawady. The bridge will be constructed as steel bridge with the 240-foot-wide clearance area for increasing numbers of modern vessels in Thakkaik creek which is the entrance to Pathein.

U Zaung Khang of Sawlaw Constituency asked “whether there is a plan to upgrade Chipwe-Sawlaw motor road to 34-mile gravel road to tarred road”. The deputy minister answered: Chipwe-Sawlaw road section is on 35-mile-long Chipwe-Sawlaw-Mankyu-Weltor Road. The condition of the road up to 31-5-2011 is hard road for 15 miles and earthen road for 20 miles. The works are being carried out in 2011-2012 fiscal year to make it all-season road. The fund of K 25 million has been requested to upgrade the 1.4-mile and 12-foot-wide hard road to tarred road and the remaining part to hard road.

U Sai Kyaw of Mongphyat Constituency asked “whether there is a plan to take preemptive measures against erosion at 12-foot-wide and 240 foot one-layer and one-storey Naution balcony bridge on Mongphyat-Monykhoik”.

Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Zaw Win replies to queries.—MNA

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Ten questions replied, one bill approved, two proposals discussed and put on record

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Union Minister for Electric Power No (2) U Khin Maung Soe answered queries related to electric sector raised by five Hluttaw representatives.

U Myo Myint of Mandalay Region Constituency asked “cases related to distribution and consumption of electricity”. The Union minister answered: When applying for meters and transformers for houses, Watt and horse power to be used in the house need to be mentioned. The installation of meters is allowed after scrutinizing the condition of electricity and transformer. Electric Power Inspection Division of the Ministry of Industry scrutinized wires and switches for applied watt or HP. Only when it satisfies requirements, it is allowed to access electricity.

If the excessive watt or HP than permitted is used, wire, switch, fire, and failure of meter and service wires following overload, voltage decline in power grid and transformer and damaging electricity supply system. Power meter transformers and CT meters are checked whether they meet set standards.

Law Amending Electricity Act 1984 enacted on 7 March, 1990, states that Section (30) of the Electricity Act shall be replaced with the following section.

Section 30: Whoever destroys State-owned electric equipment, hands over State-owned electric equipment to any other person without permission of respective State-owned organization, appropriates electricity, connects electric wire without permission of respective State-owned organization, consumes electricity for economic purposes through general meter or domestic power meter and uses excessive load than permitted through power meter, the person shall be under this law or any other existing law and is liable to pay current price of the electric equipment or cash for loss caused by such act designated according to rules and procedures to respective State-owned organization as compensation.

To prevent overload consumption, the overload penalty is levied. But it is not collected. As of 1 April, 2011, for domestic meters. If the meter is burnt following overload consumption, the compensation and fee for installation of new meter must be paid. Consumers should follow rules to prevent overload consumption and if they want to increase the consumption, they can apply for installation of matched meter. Consumers should stick to rules for safety.

Units are reduced technically or non-technically.

Especially, it was found that there were wastes of power due to unsystematic self-reliant power supply systems using unsuitable cables. The ministry had allowed to transport power to the cables for the sake of the people though they did not meet the required standard. Therefore, the power cables installed during the previous time should be replaced with new ones meeting the set standard as part of efforts for prevention of power waste.

When housing and self-reliant villages had applied transformers, the ministry allowed them to install power meters at homes, power meters had been installed at homes and monthly cost for power consumption were calculated after reading the meters and people were urged to observe the rules and regulations and to inform the authority when they found the different methods for calculating the monthly cost.

The increase in 10% payment for power consumption was not concerned for the housing and villages and it was ordered for those who installed own transformers. The ministry had allowed those who wanted to use private transformers to equip High Tension Meter-HT Meter at their transformers. As the cost for installing HT Meter was high, the ministry had allowed them to use LT Meter at

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