Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session continues for 24th day
One bill submitted, another approved, two bills put on record and one bill discussed

Naw Phyoo Tun, 21 March—24th day session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw continued at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Complex here at 10:10 am today, attended by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint, Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and 499 Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives.

At today’s session one bill was submitted, another approved, two bills put on record and one bill discussed.

Acting Union Minister for Home Affairs Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi submitted the bill amending Ward or Village-tract Administration Law prescribed as Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law No. 1 as there is in urgent need to add restrictions against forced labour and proposal to discuss the bill in the interest of the country as a special case.

Vice-Chairman of Joint Bill Committee UTK Khan Myat explained findings and remarks of the committee and Hluttaw representatives willing to discuss the bill were to submit their name list after today’s session.

Member of Joint Bill Committee U Thein Tun Oo submitted the facts to be added in Pyithu Hluttaw Bill which had been approved by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on 5 March in order to add necessary facts ahead of enactment. The approval of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw was sought para-wise.

The Hluttaw approved the amendments.

Union Election Commission Bill and Labour Dispute Settlement Bill which had been approved by both Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw were approved by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and put on record.

Six Hluttaw representatives discussed 2012 Union Budget Bill.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann said: I would like to seek Mr Speaker’s permission because the things I am going to present could contribute to the legislation although they are principle alike.

I am glad to report that Budget for 2012-2013 fiscal year and amended 2012 Union Budget Bill (draft) put forward by the Union government are more appropriate than the original ones.

As original National Plan of the cabinet was adapted and approved constructively, civil servants could enjoy the monthly cash assistance of K 30,000 as from the start of coming fiscal year. The deficit has been reduced from K 2,517,888 million to K 1,953,712 million. Deficit and GDP ratio has also been dropped from 4.90 per cent to 3.80 per cent. Assistance to Chin State could be increased by K 2000 million.

The abovementioned things are outcomes of goodwill of Hluttaw representatives, making adjustments to what the government submitted and otherwise cooperation in duty-bound undertakings under the law. It is hard to achieve cent per cent agreeable modifications due to limited time and poor documents and figures.

I would like to sincerely report Mr Speaker on the provisions that should be amended and that should be added for allowing enough time and working smoothly in consultation in the years to come in the light of study of the laws and rules.

In scrutinizing National Plans, Hluttaw representatives could inform the reality to the cabinet although they did not direct to suspend any projects for avoiding delays in implementing the National Plan. So, the head of government was informed of projects which are doubted to be profitable or to have prospect and these are being reviewed now. To go into detail, the Union government agreed to spend funds for doubted projects only after reviewing them although the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw had allowed budget. The government is initiating privatization of factories and workshops to establish PPP (Public Private Partnership) after studying the real situation. The Hluttaw should acknowledge effort of Hluttaw representatives for informing the Union government after considering per unit costs and per acre costs.

Taxation is important to the nation and should be paid serious attention. Nowadays, we earn money from natural resources but these earnings will gradually decrease in the future. Some State-owned enterprises are operating at a loss, and some barely making profits. So, we are taking measures to transform them into private-owned and public private partnership in anticipation of increased taxation (See page 8)
**Right place**

Are you really satisfied with your life? Do you know what you actually want to be? Do you know exactly what your dreams are? Have you ever think of chasing your dreams in real world? Some realize their dreams whereas some take them into coffin. Why?

Everybody has at least a dream big or small. But, not everyone is brave enough to follow his dream. So many reasons we often give to ourselves such as if I were younger, if I were fit or if I had some contacts, mostly to hide our fear of failure, and sometimes due to lack of confidence.

Humans in nature are afraid of changes. When the life seems boring and the job repetitive, we want to search for new things. But, when the opportunities really come, we dare not grasp them, worrying for uncertainties of the future. Sometimes, we fail to recognize opportunities as they appear in disguise as challenges.

Every ambitious man has two jobs, one he earns for his livelihood and the other he runs for his future. In life, what we really want is self-actualization. We want to make ourselves real. Everyone knows the unique pleasure of doing what he likes. But often we try to cover our weak points and fail to polish up our strong points.

Sometimes, we are compelled to choose a career we do not like just for survival. As the time goes by, we gradually forget what we really want and usually become loath to make changes. I have no doubt about parents’ love towards their children. But, they should not meddle in their children’s choice to learn what they want. Medical college has topped the list of educational institutions in Myanmar for decades and has ever been the top choice of parents. But, not every student wants to jump into medical college. When a person is pressured to do what he is not willing to, he can never do the best.

Parents should not neglect this point. To modernize our nation, human resources are a must. But, it is a wishful thinking to anticipate wrong men in wrong places would work well. Most graduates are working in posts nothing related to their degrees, forced by their empty stomachs. Some family-owned companies only hire relatives. This explains the slow or no growth of some government institutions and profit-making organization. The youth must be given the real opportunity to choose the right career. Human resources cannot be nurtured through lips but actions.

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**Union Education Minister receives officials of Johns Hopkins University, New York-based HESP**

On 21 March—Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye received a team led by Director Professor Dr Karl Jackson of Johns Hopkins University of the United States at the ministry, here, at 10 am this morning. They discussed cooperation in post-graduate course for education research between Johns Hopkins University and Yangon University, enhancement of proficiency between basic and higher education, and coordination between officials of Johns Hopkins University and Yangon University. The Union Minister also received Director Mr Jacques Fremont and party of New York-based Open Society Foundations educate initiatives, Higher Education Support Program (HESP) and party at the ministry, here, at 1:45 pm today. They discussed enhancement of proficiency of faculty members to be conducted by Yangon University and HESP, improvement of social science and related subjects, raising the education management qualification, sending of experts to Yangon University to improve e-library and provide assistance for subject-wise academic and research works twice a year and holding of education seminar in cooperation with Yangon Academy of Arts and Science.

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**Director-General signs condolence book for demise of Pope Shenouda III**

**YANGON, 21 March—Director-General Drw Yin Yin Myint of Training, Research and Foreign Languages Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs signed the condolence book opened at the Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt here today, for the demise of His Holiness Pope Shenouda III, Pope of Alexandria and the Patriarch of all Africa on the Holy Apostolic See of Saint Mark the Evangelist, Egypt, on 17 March. —MNA**

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**Hole-in One in Yangon Golf Club (Danyingone)**

**YANGON, 21 March—Chen Ruoquan Wan played with U Tin Mg Aye (Myanmar No 1 & Gas Enterprise Dy.Director (Finance, Mr.Lei Zhenya (Chairman, CHINNERY ASSEN), Mr.MAR Guiming (Vice-Chairman, CHINNERY ASSEN), U Kan Aye (Myanmar, CHINNERY ASSEN) in the morning, at hole No.(8). 180 Yards from tee, got hole in one played ULTRA ball with Wilson Wood (3) club at 10:00 AM on 17-3-2012. —NLM**
**Bomb explodes near Indonesia’s Paris embassy: Indonesian minister**

**JAKARTA, 21 March—**A bomb exploded outside the Indonesian embassy in Paris on Wednesday, breaking windows but causing no casualties among Indonesians, Chief Political and Security Minister Djoko Suyanto said.

Indonesia’s embassy in Paris has reported an explosion in one intersection near the embassy at 5:20 local (Paris) time.

“It is not certain what the target of the bomb was,” Suyanto said. “The Indonesian ambassador is in the location but couldn’t get near Windows at the embassy are broken. There are no Indonesian casualties among citizens or staff working at the embassy,” he told reporters. —Reuters

A homemade bomb has exploded outside the Indonesian embassy in Paris, causing damage but no injuries. —INTERNET

**Iran-Israel conflict could fuel wider war**

**WASHINGTON, 21 March—**Should Israel attack Iran, a regional war in the Middle East could erupt, drawing in the United States, US officials warn.

A classified war simulation was held this month to assess the ramifications of an attack on Iran by Israel, The New York Times reported Tuesday.

Officials in charge of the simulations said the so-called war game was designed to predict possible outcomes of an Israeli-Iran conflict.

A war was not the only possible outcome, officials stressed, adding that the two-week war game was not designed as a rehearsal for American military action.

Nonetheless, the results of the exercise have raised fear among some American officials, including Gen James N Mattis, who commands all American forces in the Middle East, Persian Gulf and Southwest Asia, the newspaper said.

After the war game ended, officials said Mattis told colleagues an Israeli first strike would likely have dire consequences across the region and for US forces there.

Ultimately, the war game showed military officials the unpredictable and uncontrollable nature of a strike by Israel, and a counterstrike by Iran, the officials said.

Iran is the focus of a great deal of attention from Israel, the United States and other nations because of its alleged efforts to secure nuclear military capability. Iran denies it has nuclear ambitions.

**US Marines set to arrive in Australia next month**

**SYDNEY, 21 March—**US Marines are set to arrive in Australia’s tropical north next month as Washington increases its military presence as part of a renewed emphasis on the Asia-Pacific, reports said on Tuesday.

State radio said about 250 Marines were set to deploy to Darwin from early April as part of a process that will see about 2,500 in Australia by about 2016, according to a plan announced by President Barack Obama last year.

“This first year, of course, we start pretty small,” the commander of Australia’s First Brigade, Brigadier General Gus McLachlan told the Australian Broadcasting Corporation.

“We have got about 250 arriving in early April. This first year is almost just a foot in the door, proof of concept, and obviously it will build up in a pretty measured pace in the next few years.”

Obama announced plans to increase the number of troops, aircraft and ships that will come to the Northern Territory during his first visit as president to Australia in November.

**Magnitude-7.8 quake rocks Mexico, no fatalities reported**

**MEXICO CITY, 21 March—**A powerful earth-quake measuring 7.8 on the Richter scale rocked Mexico on Tuesday, injuring at least seven people and sending thousands of panicked citizens into the streets in the capital city.

The quake, which struck at 12:02 local time (1802 GMT) close to the town of Ometepec on the border between the southern states of Guerrero and Oaxaca and its epicenter was located some 193 km east of the famous Mexican tourist resort of Acapulco on the Pacific coast, also destroyed some 500 houses in the two states.

Mexico’s National Seismological Service said at least seven after-shocks were registered, including four that were between magnitude 5.1 and 5.5., but there were no reports of fatalities.

“This was very scary but so far we have fortunately not had to regret the loss of human life or reports of any major damage,” Mexican President Felipe Calderón said in a message posted on his social network account Twitter.

In Mexico City, buildings in the popular central neighborhood of Condesa shook for several minutes and pictures and artifacts hanging on walls crashed down while windows broke.

“This was terrifying, it was without doubt the strongest earthquake I have ever experienced here,” a terrified resident told. Xinhua on the street after running out from a building. —Xinhua

**Suspect in French shootings surrounded by police**

**TOULOUSE, 21 March—**French police has surrounded the hideout of the main suspect in the series of deadly shootings in Toulouse and nearby Montauban, officials said Wednesday morning.

The 24-year-old male suspect fired at police from a house where he was holding up alone and one officer was hurt during the exchange of gunshots, media reports said.

Interior Minister Claude Glean told reporters at the scene that the suspect’s brother has been arrested. —Xinhua

**Police officers gather at the site of a shooting in Jewish school in the southwestern French City of Toulouse on Monday morning. Internet**

**Pakistan police inspect the blast site in Peshawar, northwest Pakistan, on 29 March, 2012. At least two policemen were killed and four others injured when a bomb hit a police vehicle in Pakistan’s northwest city of Peshawar on Tuesday night, local media reported. —Xinhua**
The arrows show the different kinds of stress that can occur at the tiger stripes, allowing jets of water vapour and organic particles to spew out. —Internet

Saturn squeezes a moon, creates water jets

GREENSBURG, 21 March—NASA scientists say they’ve confirmed jets of water from Saturn’s moon Enceladus are linked to stretching and stressing of its surface by the ringed planet.

Analyzing images from NASA’s Cassini spacecraft, they’ve determined the pull of Saturn’s gravity deforms the surface of Enceladus in its south polar region, which is crossed by fissures dubbed “tiger stripes” that spew out water vapor and organic particles.

Terry Hurford at NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Centre in Greenbelt, Md, said astronomers have long thought tidal pulls from Saturn’s gravity could explain the existence of the jets but had not been able to correlate specific jets with calculated stresses until now.

The Cassini data shows the greatest stresses pulling apart the tiger stripes occurred right after Enceladus made its closest approach to Saturn in its orbit.

“This new work gives insight into the mechanisms of these picturesque jets at Enceladus and shows that Saturn really stresses Enceladus,” Hurford said.

The researchers say the study suggests a large reservoir of liquid water, either a global or local ocean, would allow Enceladus to flex enough to deform the surface, and the process would control the timing of the jet eruptions. —Internet

Distant ‘diamond’ galaxy discovered

WASHINGTON, 21 March—Astronomers working with international colleagues say they’ve discovered a rare square galaxy with a striking resemblance to an emerald cut diamond. Working with astronomers from Australia, Germany, Switzerland and Finland, astronomers at Swinburne University of Technology in Melbourne used the Japanese Subaru Telescope in Hawaii to image the galaxy LEDA 074886 and record its unusual shape.

“The universe around us, most galaxies exist in one of three forms: spherical, disc-like, or an amorphous and irregular appearance,” Allister Graham said in a Swinburne release Monday.

“On the various theories explaining this unusual galaxy, it is hard to find one due to its shape. It has 50 times less mass than our own Milky Way galaxy, but its distance from us is equivalent to that spanned by 500 Milky Way galaxies placed end-to-end,” Graham said. —Internet

Fiber optic cables to span Arctic Ocean

LONDON, 21 March—The construction of the first submarine fiber-optic cables to cross the Arctic Ocean will improve Internet performance between Europe and Asia, researchers say.

With the retreat of arctic sea ice with global warming, two cables are planned to be strung through the Northwest Passage above North America, while a third is planned along the Russian arctic coast. NewScientist.com reported on Tuesday.

Cables laid in the Arctic will have some advantages over cables in warmer water, industry experts say, where fishing nets and anchor cables can snag and break cables, disrupting Internet traffic.

Fishing trawlers and oil ships anchors are not often found in the arctic, they say. However, ice will likely still be a problem for cable-laying ships.

While crucial parts of the Northwest Passage are normally ice-free from 20 Aug to 5 Oct, cable-laying companies cannot rely on the fact that the ice will be open, said Chris Carobene of TE SubCom of New Jersey, which is not involved in the proposed projects.

“Your cable ship needs a polar-ice rating even when you are working with an icebreaker,” he says.

“Ice is just another risk you are working with an icebreaker,” he says.
**Oracle software sales rise offsets weak hardware**

**Boston, 21 March**—Oracle Corp beat Wall Street’s earnings estimates as new software sales came in at the high end of the company’s forecast, offsetting a sharp drop in hardware revenue. The software maker’s stock rose 1.5 percent after the news, in sharp contrast to the sell-off three months ago when its second-quarter profit missed analysts’ forecasts for the first time in a decade.

“The software business bounced back,” Citigroup analyst Walter Pritchard said. “If you look at where the value is at Oracle, it would be the software business.” Oracle estimated that new software sales this quarter will range from 2 percent drop to growth of as much as 8 percent, translating into $3.1 billion to almost $4 billion. The midpoint of that forecast, of 3 percent growth, is a sharp drop from the 19 percent increase in the fourth quarter of last year. —InReuters

**3.5-year high for building permits**

**Washington, 21 March**—Permits for homebuilding neared a 3.5-year high in February, suggesting a building recovery in the housing market was still on track even though ground-breaking activity slipped.

New building permits surged 5.1 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 717,000 units last month, the highest since October 2008, the Commerce Department said on Tuesday. The jump in permits, which exceeded economists’ expectations for an advance to a 690,000-unit pace, reinforced views the housing market was improving and that home building would add to economic growth this year for the first time since 2005. The data provides further evidence of a rebound in housing activity. Housing is being nursed back to health, but getting out of rehab takes time,” said Eric Green, chief economist at TD Securities in New York. Financial markets largely ignored the data. —InReuters

**Dollar rises amid US housing decrease**

**New York, 21 March**—The US dollar rose against most major currencies in late New York trading on Tuesday as the country’s housing fell in February.

The euro dipped to a two-month low due to concerns that Greece has successfully avoided debt default by receiving second bailout funds from international organizations. The US Commerce Department reported that housing slipped 1.1 percent to a rate of 698,000 units in February. However, new building permits surged 5.1 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 717,000 units, touching a three-and-half year high. The dollar index gained 0.25 percent to 79.64 on Tuesday. As Britain’s consumer price inflation slowed to an annual rate of 3.4 percent in February, a 15-month low, from 3.6 percent in January, the British pound dipped against the dollar on Tuesday. In late Tuesday trading, the dollar bought 83.69 Japanese yen, compared with 83.41 from late Monday. The euro fell to 1.3232 dollars from 1.3238. —InXinhua

**Researchers unveil global plan in TB vaccine hunt**

**Beijing, 21 March**—Researchers on Tuesday unveiled a blueprint to guide the next steps in the hunt for a more effective vaccine against tuberculosis as the world’s most advanced clinical trial nears its end. The plan is part of a global push aimed at giving TB the same high profile — and funding — that goes to diseases like AIDS.

“A blueprint we designed essentially a document on research plans for the next five to 10 years,” said Hassan Mahomed, who heads clinical trials for the South African Tuberculosis Vaccine Initiative. The fresh impetus to the research comes as scientists await the release in early 2013 of results from the world’s most advanced TB vaccine trial — one of 12 currently underway. “That’s quite an exciting development, because for the first time we will know if any of these new vaccines will have some efficacy at all,” Mahomed said. —InInternet

**Health Tip: Am I at risk for gum disease?**

Periodontal disease, sometimes called gum disease, attacks and damages tissue called the sulcus that sits just below the gum line.

The American Dental Association mentions these factors that increase your risk for periodontal disease:

- Smoking or chewing tobacco products.
- Having a systemic disease, such as diabetes.
- Taking certain medications, including anti-epilepsy drugs, steroids and anti-cancer drugs.
- Having crooked teeth or a bridge that doesn’t fit correctly.
- Being pregnant or taking birth control pills.
- Having fillings that have become defective. —InInternet

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NYC plans to build first solar, wind farm

New York, 21 March—

New York City officials announced Tuesday that they were seeking proposals to build solar and wind power installations at the site of a closed landfill.

Covering 75 acres of land at the former Fresh Kills landfill on Staten Island, the solar and wind farm could accommodate large-scale installations to power about 6,000 homes and double the city’s current renewable energy capacity, according to the plan. “Given that open space is at a premium in New York City, capped landfills offer unique potential for utility-scale solar and wind power,” said NYC Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Carter Strickland. “During the hottest summer days, we can help reduce local air pollutants by cutting our reliance on more traditional power by driving the development of renewable energy sources.”

The ultimate goal, he said, is to protect places that are important to New York’s existing ocean industries while harnessing offshore renewable energy resources. The city is currently seeking bids from private entity to design, construct, install and operate the solar and wind power facilities.

Israel to replace civilian nuclear reactor for particle accelerator

Jerusalem, 21 March—

Israel announced Tuesday that it will replace Soreq’s civilian nuclear reactor for a particle accelerator that will be used for medical research. Soreq civilian atomic reactor, located near the central city of Yavne, operates under the Israel Atomic Energy Commission and is part of Israel’s counter-instigated by secessionists separatist militants.

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First metro railway project kicks off in Sri Lanka

Colombo, 21 March—

A private company said Wednesday that it has kicked off Sri Lanka’s first metro railway project estimated to cost 600 million US dollars to tap into the country’s post-war development.

Airport Express Air and Rail Company hopes to connect the country’s only international airport with the centre of the capital through a metro railway that will reduce the present travel time of around two hours to only 25 minutes.

Company Chairman Parimalan Rajo Isa Michael sold media that funds will be raised by selling stakes of the company’s equity to overseas companies.

“Right now the economic situation is such that foreigners are confident to put money into the country. We are confident that we will be able to raise the required capital,” he said.

The 30km track will hold a train that has the capacity to carry 400 passengers and will complete nine journeys in a single day. The venture is expected to give a boost to be booming tourism industry in Sri Lanka, which, the company said, in 2011.

American fighter jet crashes, no casualties

Seoul, 21 March—

An American F-16 fighter jet crashed in a South Korean county of Seosan, 235 kilometres southwest of Seoul, Air Force officials here said Wednesday.

An American pilot aboard the jet survived the crash, the officials said. South Korean Air Force has sent two helicopters to the scene.

Israel minister sells luxury apartment after public outcry

Jerusalem, 21 March—

Israeli Defence Minister and former Prime Minister Ehud Barak has sold his luxury apartment in an effort to deflect public criticism of what was perceived as an extravagant lifestyle for a civil servant.

A foreign company will pay Barak 26.5 million shekels (over USD 7 million) for the five-room apartment on the 31st floor in Tel Aviv. Xinhua reported citing the Globes business daily.

The amount is almost threefold over what Barak paid for the property in 2003, but lower than the price of USD 10 million he originally sought when it was put on the market in 2008.

Barak, who spent a modest childhood at a farm in Israel, spoke about the considerations that drove him to sell the flat in a message posted on his Facebook page.

“Upon my return to public life, it was hard not to notice the criticism regarding my residence, which I did not think was right to ignore. My wife and I decided that selling the apartment was the right thing to do in light of the recognition that it creates a feeling of alienation and detachment among wide segments of the public,” Barak wrote.

Barak said he and his wife, Nili Priel, would relocate to a “smaller, less expensive” apartment.

According to Globes, their new home is a 200-square-metre apartment on the 23rd floor of another high-end residential complex in Tel Aviv, which they bought ten years ago for USD 2.1 million.

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Health infrastructures built in Kayin State to cover public healthcare services to national races in the state

- The government is giving priority to keeping the people healthy and increasing life expectancy of the entire people.
- Public healthcare services cover over the whole Kayin State.
- The government is working to improve health sector of Kayin State.
- As new hospitals are opened in Kayin State, a 200-bed hospital emerges in Hpa-an, one of 24 special development regions.

Kayin State People's Hospital in Hpa-an provides healthcare to national people in Kayin State.

Hlaingbwe People's Hospital in Kayin State is providing healthcare services to local national people.

Hpa-an Traditional Medicine Hospital offers traditional healthcare to local people.

Upgraded Myainggale People's Hospital in Hpa-an Township of Kayin State.

- The government is building new hospitals and upgrading existing hospitals to develop public health sector in Kayin State.
- Kayin State has one traditional medicine hospital and eight of traditional medicine clinics.

Translation: HKA

Man wishes he’d chipped in on lottery pool

Elizabeth, 21 March — A New Jersey man said he wishes he had chipped in $2 for a lottery ticket pool now that those who pitched in will receive millions of dollars in winnings. Perfecto Esteves had been filling in on a road-paving crew in New Jersey when co-worker Americo Lopes collected money from five others in the betting pool in 2009, The New York Times reported.

Lopes asked Esteves if he wanted to pay $2 to be in the lottery pool but Esteves declined.

This week, a jury in Union County, NJ, found Lopes had cheated the five colleagues who pitched in and must share the jackpot. The five plaintiffs will equally share the $20 million judgment against Lopes.

Esteves had testified against Lopes, who had said he bought the winning ticket from his own money, not the money pooled by him and his five co-workers, and therefore deserved the entire jackpot. Lopes quit his job after winning and didn’t tell his colleagues he had won. They found out six months later when they checked a list of Mega Millions winners and saw Lopes’ name.

Esteves said he was filling in on the road crew in Elizabeth, NJ, in 2009 when Lopes asked him if he wanted to chip in for the lottery pool.—Internet

Bodies of British soldiers killed in Afghanistan flown back home

London, 21 March—The bodies of six British soldiers killed in Afghanistan earlier this month arrived back in Britain on Tuesday afternoon.

A large military transport aircraft carrying the bodies touched down at RAF Brize Norton, a military airbase in England close to London where the bodies of soldiers killed in Afghanistan are always returned.

Fellow soldiers formed a party of pall bearers to carry the bodies from the plane in their coffins draped with the British national flag, as members of the dead soldiers families watched. A private religious service was held at the airbase to mark the repatriation of the bodies.

The six soldiers were on a patrol in the Lashkar Gah Durai region, on the border of Helmand and Kandahar provinces, when their Warrior armoured fighting vehicle was struck by an improvised explosive device on 6 March. The deaths took the total number of British deaths since operations began in Afghanistan to 404, the second largest national death toll behind the United States.

Xinhua

Archive: Maung Nyein Aye


Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session ...

Although tax laws and notifications have been enacted and announced, we could not make detailed discussion as MPs have not received them yet. It is said tax laws, rules and regulations and notifications are transparent. So, personnel concerned must take the full responsibility within legal framework to make sure there are no wastage, tax avoidance and tax evasion. Likewise, the monitoring organizations especially the MPs have to participate systematically in this process with right attitude. Maybe, it will need to form independent institutions. There will be increased taxation. Likewise, the monetary policy is of great importance. It is supposed to contribute to the economy and tax collection. So, I would like to request Mr. Speaker to consider how to make monetary services and the bank, the main actor of monetary policy swift and speedy and internationally standardizing of banks and making the bank as separate Union level organization under the governor’s management.

MoU on Non-Project Grant Aid signed

According to the MoU, the Japanese Government would supply the Union Government with Yen 1 billion and 600 millions to be spent on building embankments preventing seawater and bridges that can resist natural disasters, rehabilitation tasks for flood victims and natural disaster control activities.

Vice-Chairman of Jiangsu Province People’s Congress Standing Committee and party conclude visit

Chairmen of three Hluttaw committees and secretaries discussed Hluttaw affairs between the region and the province. In the evening, the Speaker of the Hluttaw hosted a dinner to the guests. They were welcomed at Yangon International Airport by the deputy speaker of the Hluttaw, Mr. Zha Longsheng and party of Yangon Region Hluttaw. They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by the deputy speaker and party of Yangon Region Hluttaw.

Citizenship Scrutiny Cards issued in Dagon Myothit (South and North)

After that, he also visited the issuance of Census and Citizenship Scrutiny Cards with (2) in Ngarmanaung Phayagyi Dhammayon in 33 ward in Dagon Myothit (North). The contests were attended by Director-General U Win Tin of Factories and General Labour Law Inspection Department and officials.

Workers participate in skill contests
Laotian Public Works and Transport Minister visits Nay Pyi Taw, Bagan, Pakokku, Yangon

NAY PYI TAW, 21 March—Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Soe received a delegation led by Board Director and Chief Financial Officer Mr Takaya Iida of Tasaki Shinju Co Ltd, extension of contract for pearl oyster breeding and pearl production, boosting pearl oyster breeding and pearl production yearly and boosting production of gold- and silver-coloured pearls.—MNA

Contract for purchase of materials for national grid and main sub-power stations projects signed

Union Mines Minister meets Board Director of Tasaki Shinju Co

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Pathethinhu Vessel capsizes, leaving 10 passengers dead

NAY PYI TAW, 21 March—Pathethinhu (11) Vessel running the route between Pathein Township and Thayettaw Village of Ngaputaw Township of Ayeyawady Region accidentally capsized in Ngawun River at 3 pm yesterday. The vessel left Pathein at 1 pm yesterday. On arrival at Kanseik Village of Okpon Yekyaw Village-tract in Ngaputaw Township, the vessel capsized at the jetty trying to dock for the passengers at 3 pm.

Taing Ayeyaw Free clinic opened

NAY PYI TAW, 21 March—Taing Ayeyaw Free Clinic in No. 2 Ward, Pathein jointly run by Ayeyawady Region government and social organizations was commissioned into service today, with an address by Region Social Affairs Minister U San Maung. The contribution to the clinic amounted to K 121 million including K 5 million by Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung and wife Daw Khin Hay Myint, K 2.5 million by Sympathy social organization, K 0.5 million by the region Union Solidarity and Development Party and K 0.1 million by the region Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee. The Truck Owners Association donated 32-inch colour TV to the clinic. The region chief minister viewed the clinic and met the rector, pro-rectors, faculty heads and instructors of Pathet University in the noon. MNA

UEC Chairman meets State/district/township sub-commission members

UEC Chairman U Tin Aye meets members of Kachin State Election Sub-commission, Mohiniyin and Bhamo District Sub-commissions and Moguang, Phakant and Bhamo Township Sub-commissions.—MNA

Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe at the signing of contract between Myanma Electric Power Enterprise and Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd.—MNA

MNA
Helping out the cursed waters

by Nathan

Count the things that represent Myanmar to the rest of world. Inlay Lake and its leg-rowers will surely top the list. For years, it has been one of the most significant sites of ecotourism of the country. Against the panoramic background of mountain ranges, the stretching area of pure blue water was so inviting for both foreign tourists and even local visitors. Doubtlessly, Inlay has still many things to explore. Leg-rowing denizens of the lake, locally known as Inthars, themselves are unique. We can throw ourselves into very local atmosphere at its floating market. Man-made islands with vegetable patches are at the leading edge of civilization. PhaungdawU Buddha Images have many endless stories. We can also enjoy hard-fought boat race annually held during the Pagoda Feast. Four years ago, we thought the Inlay Lake would ever be the same as usual. Human settlement, agricultural wastes, increased tourism, climate change and deforestation are the things that darken and even somewhat poison the water of the lake, which is a landmark of the country. The area of the lake is becoming narrower and narrower. Lower rainfall around the country last year also reduced its water level. Lesser water generated greater population. The pH level of the water of Inlay Lake is around 9, says a February report of the Fisheries Department, narrowing the chances for survivability of biodiversity in the lake.

Many scare Inlay will become only a scene. President U Thein Sein may be one among them. He stressed the need to establish a fund for conservation of the natural lake on his trip to the lake on 9 March. The President introduced a plan to manage growing human settlement in the lake under village plan. Deforestation in water-shed area of the lake must be remedied with reforestation, he said.

Taungthaman Lake.
Myanmar is blessed with freshwater. But, it will not be going on like this. These are signals indicating water resources of the country are not invaluables. To be optimistic, the awareness of environmental conservation has been increased inside the country.

The world celebrates World Water Day on 22 March with the message of Water and Food Security. United Nations this year interconnects the freshwater and food production. Two third the global population could live under water stressed conditions in 2025, according to campaign video clip of UN Water. The estimate is staggering.

In dire need to conserve the freshwater resources in our hands. Reforestation, responsible tourism and environmentally sustainable society may best save our beloved waters.
Cultivation of Palethwe hybrid paddy strain explained

YANGON, 21 March—An educative farming work on cultivation of Palethwe hybrid paddy strain through good agricultural pattern was explained to the officials and local farmers on 10-acre farmlands of farmer U Soe Min in Sitpin Village-tract in Hlegu Township of Yangon Region on 16 morning.

Yangon Region Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Tin Win, Region Minister for Agriculture and Livestock Breeding U Soe Min and Head of Yangon Region Myanma Agriculture Department explained cultivation of 10-acre Palethwe hybrid paddy through good agricultural pattern, prospects to produce 200 baskets of paddy per acre on fertile farmlands and thriving of paddy plants.

Head of Township Myanma Agriculture Department U Aye Lin reported on soil preparations and nurrying of paddy saplings on the soil dykes. The officials replied to questions raised by local farmers. Mr Tin Win observed thriving Palethwe paddy plantation on 10-acre farmlands.

Auction funds over K 32 million to Shwemawdaw Pagoda

BAGO, 21 March—The Buddha Puja niya of Shwemawdaw Pagoda is held in Bago annually. Likewise, this year’s Puja niya will be organized on a grand scale with festivities, charity fairs and shopping stalls that will last 10 days beginning 8th March.

Last year, the Pagoda Board of Trustees allotted the plots for theatrical drama troupes through competitive bidding system. The price of hiring the land plots hit over tens of thousands in kyats. Therefore, the theatrical drama troupes embraced only losses. This year, the Pagoda Board of Trustees and theatrical drama groups held coordination to hire the plots at K 4.5 million each to be funded to the pagoda so that the audiences will not cost much expense for enjoying the performance of the drama troupes.

As such, Swan Theatrical Drama Troupe will perform entertainments at the theatre No. 1 and Po Chit Theatrical Drama Troupe at the theatre No. 2 on the northern ward of the Pagoda Road while Moe Min and Hanza Moe Win Theatrical Drama Troupe will present performances at No. 3 theatre and Thunder Birds at No. 4 theatre on the southern ward.

The Thunder Bird troupe must donate K 1.3 million to the fund of the pagoda. Myint Thamada roller-coaster No. 1 and No. 2 and Kyaw Yadana San roller-coaster No. 1 and No. 2 merit the competitive bidding system to hire the land plot from the Pagoda Board of Trustees. As a result, the price of land plot rose to K 6.5 million for Myint Thamada and K 11 million for Kyaw Yadana San.

At the auction, they donated K 32.3 million to the fund of the pagoda.

Measles vaccination to be provided to children

22-31 March

Then, head of Township Health Department Dr Tun Tin explained gave information against measles in the programme.

Measles vaccination will be provided to 20757 children from nine months to five years of wards and villages in Tatkon Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area from 8 am to 4 pm from 22 to 31 March.

Strict plan to prevent throwing of garbage into Hline River

YANGON, 21 March—A strict programme is being realized not to throw garbage into Hline River, said a responsible person of Bagaya Brokerage. The discipline enforcement team of the brokerage strictly inspects the throwing of garbage. The team

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India's left-wing Naxals to release one Italian hostage

NEW DELHI, 21 March — India’s left-wing Naxal rebels Wednesday offered to release one of the two Italian tourists they have taken hostage in the eastern Indian State of Orissa, if the government meets one of their 13 demands, local TV channel CNN-IBN. The rebels made the offer in an audio tape sent to the news channel after extending by one day the deadline for government to meet their demands for the safe release of the hostages. The demands included halting of operations by security forces, scrapping of accords with foreign companies like Korean steel giant Posco and international mining corporate Vedanta for land transfer and projects, compensation for the families of Naxal sympathizers killed in police custody and release of about 600 prisoners.

A Naxal attack at a zoo in S China

ZHUHAI, 21 March — A suspected case of dengue fever has been reported in Zhuhai, a booming city in south China’s Guangdong Province, quarantine authorities said Wednesday. The patient, a college student in Zhuhai, was hospitalized on 8 March with a high fever, headache and muscle pains. The patient tested positive for dengue at a medical institution under the Zhuhai Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureau on 12 March, Zheng Zhiqiang, a bureau spokesman, said at a Press conference. Zheng said the patient could also be suffering from a relapse of malaria, as he also tested positive for plasmodium falciparum. “However, no malaria parasite was found in his blood sample.”

Aircrafts were sent to bomb ice-jammed flood area in north China’s Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, on 20 March, 2012.—Xinhua

Australian surfer attacked by shark

SYDNEY, 21 March — A surfer was recovering Wednesday after being bitten by a shark on Australia’s Gold Coast when he fell off his board and landed on the predator.

O’Leary, 20, managed to get himself ashore at Nobbys Beach where friends bound the wound to stem the bleeding and alerted authorities.

“However, there were two bites. One is sort of half in his calf, that’s taken a big chunk out of that,” fellow surfer Tim Windisch told the newspaper.

“The other one is down to his heel. It’s just right down to the bone. You could see the bone.”

Chief lifeguards Warren Young said it appeared O’Leary landed on the bull shark, an aggressive species known for its tendency to attack humans. “He feels like he perhaps landed on it on his come off his board and landed on it doing an aerial,” Young said.

“That’s what he’s said to us, so maybe he’s landed on it and it’s reacted.”

“Being a small shark and the water’s a bit discoloured, you’re not going to see it... we think it was perhaps a bull shark.” Sharks are common in Australian waters but fatal attacks are rare, with just 27 people killed in the past 22 years.

The Gold Coast is a popular tourist destination and attracts hordes of local and international visitors every year.—Internet
An Indiana woman said she found what she believes to be a feather in one of the chicken McNuggets she purchased and held from McDonald’s. Raquel House said she bought the four-piece McNuggets Tuesday from the McDonald’s on Cassopolis Street in Elkhart and she discovered the feather-like object when she took a bite from the second nugget, WBND-TV, South Bend, reported on Thursday.

"I started to feel like there was hair in my mouth, and that’s when I saw that there was white hair on my tongue, and I looked at my food, and there was feathers coming off the nugget," House said. She said the incident has left her feeling nauseous. "I was really upset, I mean, now I’ve kind of calmed down but to me this is just being a responsible citizen in our community and that’s just letting people know what’s going on," House said.

The Texas-based Global Language Monitor has named "big data" and "the cloud" as the most confusing tech words of the decade thus far. The Austin-based organization said "big data," an acronym for large amounts of data, and "the cloud," which the Global Language Monitor calls a "nebulous" term related to computing cloud, are the two most confusing tech buzzwords since 2010.

"High tech terms have long spilled into popular culture and this is nowhere more evident that at SXSW [the South by Southwest technology and pop culture festival] where the digital world intersects with those of music and the movies," said Paul JJ Payack, president of Global Language Monitor. "To a large and growing extent, high tech buzzwords are fueling the growth of English, which now serves as the Earth’s means of global communication." The group said its list of unclear tech terms from this decade also include "the next big thing," "social discovery," "Web 2.0," "solid state" and "CERN," the acronym for the European Organization for Nuclear Research.

"There’s probably not a brand in town that wouldn’t want to dress the Duchess of Cambridge. She’s an iconic, liberally claimed she was abused as a child - says she feels more positively. "I had a crazy past - growing up wasn’t easy and a lot of things were confusing, but it’s all worked out now. I’m really happy with my life now," a source said.

"I’m excited about what’s next," said the actress in an interview with Daily Star about their divorce. The actress admits she is dreading life as a single mother, but she’s adamant the couple has made the best of their relationship. The actress said she has "zero interest" in dating while she’s still figuring out what’s next, "I haven’t even thought about that," she said. "I’m just trying to focus on my career and my family."
Now a Bronco, Manning says he's in his new team

DENVER, 21 March—John Elway flashed that mile-wide grin and turned the microphone over to his new quarterback, Peyton Manning.

Talk about a powerful pair. Introducing Manning as the newest Denver Bronco on Tuesday, the two Super Bowl winners each talked about hoisting another Lombardi Trophy, this time together. And soon.

“I realize I don’t have 14 years left, by any means,” Manning said. “This isn’t something where I’m just building a foundation to do something in two years or three years. This is a ‘now’ situation. We’re going to do whatever we can to win right now. That’s all I’m thinking about right now.

Just so long as Manning’s surgically repaired neck goes along with the plan. Neither he nor Elway has a doubt it will, and the Hall of Famer-turned-executive knew the NFL’s only four-time MVP was just what his club needed.

The franchise has won just two playoff games since

Vucinic sends Juve into Italian Cup final

TURIN, 21 March—Mirko Vucinic’s extra-time strike sent Juventino into their first Italian Cup final since 2004 following a 2-2 draw with AC Milan on Tuesday, giving them a 4-3 aggregate victory. Milan had forced extra-time.

Vucinic’s goal确保ed Juve still have not been beaten this season in 32 games, although they would have lost the match ended after 90 minutes. It meant first blood to Juve against the team against whom they’re also fighting for the Serie A title.

“Going through means a lot to us,” we’re really proud,” said goalscorer Del Piero.

“We’re here fighting on both fronts and we’ll fight to the end.”

China’s Zhang puts herself in Serena’s path

MIAMI, 21 March—Serena Williams, a 13-time Grand Slam champion who has not played a WTA event since a fourth-round Australian Open loss, will face China’s Zhang Shuai in her first match at the WTA Miami hardcourt event.

Five-time Miami winner Williams, the 10th seed on the women’s side of the $9.6 million event played in conjunction with an ATP tournament, learned her opponent on Tuesday after the start of play in the two-week event.

Zhang rallied to eliminate Britain’s Elena Bovtatcha 6-7 (5/7), 6-3, 6-2 in an opening-round match to book a date with former World No 1 Williams, who has been sidelined with a sprained ankle.

Williams, 30, has played in only two tournaments this year. She withdrew before her Brisbane quarter-final match because of the left ankle injury.

After losing to Russia’s Ekaterina Makarova in the round of 16 at Melbourne, Williams saw her only action in winning two singles ties in the United States in a 5-0 Fed Cup World Group II victory over Belarus last month.

With hat trick, Messi sets Barcelona goals record

BARCELONA, 21 March—Sergio Aguero’s Cruyff and Ronald Koeman. And, please, don’t even mention Ronaldinho.

If anyone doubted who was the best scorer to don Barcelona’s burgundy and gold, Lionel Messi ended the debate in emphatic fashion on Tuesday night with a hat trick to become the club’s career goals leader.

Messi broke Cesar Rodriguez’s 57-year-old Barcelona record, setting his eighth hat trick of the season on Tuesday night’s 5-3 Spanish league win over Granada to increase his goals total to 22.

While Cesc Fabregas sealed the season in 13 years from 1992-1995, the 24-year-old Messi needed just under eight campaigns to pass his milestone.

“He is defining an era. He is the best,” Barcelona goalkeeper Victor Valdes said of his teammate.

Messi, who made his Barcelona debut in 2004, tied Cesc’s record on a left-footed shot in the 17th minute for his 232nd goal, then chipped the goalkeeper for a 3-2 lead in the 67th. He added a goal from a tight angle in the 86th, increasing his season total to a career-best 54.

Three-time FIP Aplayer of the year, Messi has 17 goals during a seven-game scoring streak and leads La Liga with 34 goals, two ahead of Real Madrid’s Cristiano Ronaldo.

The hat trick was Messi’s 18th for Barcelona and gave him 154 goals in his last 153 games over three seasons. His six hat tricks in La Liga this season tie the record set by Ronaldo last year.

PEC Barcelona’s Lionel Messi

Juventus’ players celebrate their qualification for the final at the end of the return match of the semi-finals of the Cup of Italy match between Juventus and AC Milan in Juventus stadium in Turin. —Reuters

Marseille eliminated by French Cup part-timers

CAEN, 21 March—Crisis-hit French giants Marseille fell to new lows Tuesday with elimination from the French Cup by part-timers Quevilly from the northern French region of Normandy.

Quevilly, from the northern French region of Normandy, produced an epic performance in a game played at the home of Ligue 2 side Caen to emerge 3-2 winners after two periods of extra time and thus qualify for the semi-finals.

It is the second time in three seasons that Quevilly have reached the last four of the competition while for Marseille this was a seventh straight defeat in all competitions.

Marseille qualified for the semi-finals of the Champions League with victory over Inter Milan last week, but at home it’s a different story for Didier Deschamps’ side.

Relegation-threatened Dijon dented their hopes of avoiding the drop with a defeat over Dijon.

It has left them ninth in the table and in danger even of claiming the French title in three years. This is a ‘now’ situation. We’re going to do it together. And soon.

US PGA season to start in October from 2013

New York, 21 March—The US PGA Tour will begin in October from 2013, it was announced on Tuesday.

The 2013-2014 season will open in October of next year and conclude with the 2014 Tour Championship, the final event of the tour’s playoff series, after approval of a restructuring plan by the US PGA commissioner Tim Finchem.

The US PGA season to start in October from 2013 will result in the 125 players as a result, US PGA commissioner Tim Finchem, pictured in February 2012, announced on Tuesday.

Luke Donald of England won the US PGA Tour season rights for the following year.

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**Over 300 use China’s fastest supercomputer**

BEIJING, 21 March—The number of registered users of China’s fastest supercomputer has crossed 300, the authorities said.

Companies from the US, Canada, Singapore and Sweden are among the users, according to a press release issued Tuesday by the National Supercomputing Centre in the northwestern city of Tianjin.

It provides outsourcing services for complex work like mine surveying, bioinformatics, large-data animation design, nuclear fusion energy research and also marine environmental engineering, Xinhua reported.

With a processing speed of 2.57 quadrillion operations per second, Tianhe-1A was ranked fastest in the world in November 2010, but was surpassed by the Japan-developed K Computer last June, according to the Top500 list of the world’s most powerful computers.

**Bolton back in action at the weekend**

LONDON, 21 March—Bolton Wanderers will host Blackburn Rovers as scheduled on Saturday in their first Premier League game since midfielder Fabrice Muamba suffered a cardiac arrest in last weekend’s FA Cup quarter-final at Tottenham Hotspur.

Muamba remains in intensive care at the London Chest Hospital but Bolton said his family wanted the club to fulfil their fixtures.

“We spoke together with the players as a group this morning and I talked with Fabrice’s family last night,” manager Owen Coyle told the club website (www.bwfc.co.uk).

“Fabrice’s father Marcel and his fiancée Shauna were keen that we fulfil our fixtures. Once the players knew this, there was no doubt in our minds that we would play the matches.”

The club said the abandoned FA Cup tie with Spurs will take place at a date and time to be confirmed by the FA.

Coyle said on Tuesday, after Bolton’s league match at Aston Villa had been postponed, that Muamba’s “hinheart was beating without the help of medication. “We remain very much at the beginning of a long-term journey for Fabrice and his family,” he added.—Reuters

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**Weather forecast for 22nd March, 2012**

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**Tottenham Hotspur’s Luka Modrić (L) runs with the ball next to Bolton Wanderers’ Fabrice Muamba during their English FA Cup quarter-final soccer match at White Hart Lane, in London on 17 March, 2012.**

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**Colombia troops kill 33 rebels as part of new strategy**

BOGOTA, 21 March—Colombian troops killed 33 FARC rebels on Wednesday in an oil-producing region close to the border with Venezuela, the government said, in one of the harshest blows against the drug-funded group in more than a year.

The attack by ground troops with supporting air strikes was carried out as fighters from the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia rested in the plains region of northern Arauca, the government said.

The operation, by Task Force Quirín, forms part of a new strategy by the defense ministry to battle the Marxist guerrillas by destroying key rebel military and financial units as well as tracking down and killing their leaders.

“We are looking for the (FARC) units that have done the most damage to the country,” Defence Minister Juan Carlos Pinzon said during a press conference. “These are substantial and permanent hits.”

He pledged to keep up the fight against the FARC, as well as the smaller ELN guerrilla group, drug traffickers and crime gangs that evolved from demobilized paramilitary groups.—AFP/Reuters

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**Generator donated to Kyunsu**

KYUNSU, 21 March—A ceremony to hand over Caterpillar 500KVA generator, donated by Union Minister for Electric Power No 2 U Khin Maung Soe, was held at Kyunsu Port on 12 March morning.

The generator was donated to supply electricity to Kyunsu of Myeik District in Tanintharyi Region. The ceremony was attended by Township Administrator U Aung Moe, townswelders, departmental officials and members of social organizations.

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Pyithu Hluttaw session continues for 17th day

Nay Pyi Taw, 21 March—Pyithu Hluttaw session continued for 17th day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Complex here at 2.45 pm today, attended by Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and 315 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives.

One bill was approved at today’s session and acceptance of another one informed.

As the amendment on Assistance to Disabled Tatmadawmen and Families of Died or Fallen Tatmadawmen Bill was only for spelling sent by Amyotha Hluttaw on 20 March, the amendment was approved.

It was informed that Pyithu Hluttaw received Bill amending1955 Government Housing (Expelling) Act sent with amendments by Amyotha Hluttaw on 20 March. The Bill Committee would scrutinize the bill and submit to Hluttaw with its report. Those willing to discuss the bill were to submit their name list not later than 22 March noon, clearly stating “para, subpara, description and fact”.

Today’s session concluded at 3.05 pm and date for 18th day session will be announced later.

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Amyotha Hluttaw session continues for 17th day

Nay Pyi Taw, 21 March—Amyotha Hluttaw session continued for 17th day at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Complex here at 2.30 pm today, attended by Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and 181 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives.

The Hluttaw was informed that Amyotha Hluttaw Law had been sent by the Pyithu Hluttaw with no amendment as it agreed the law.

Member of Bill Committee Daw Nan Ni Ni Aye submitted the report of the committee on Important Commodity and Service Bill.

Those willing to discuss the bill were to submit their name list after today’s session which was adjourned at 2.45 pm, clearly stating “para, subpara, description and fact”.—MNA

Amyotha Hluttaw representatives seen at 17th day session.

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Post-primary schools upgraded to middle schools (branch) in Myaing Township

Nay Pyi Taw, 21 March—“For economic development and regional development, educated human resource is much more important than times and capital. It can contribute much to rural development and poverty alleviation. So, the government is upgrading the schools throughout the country in order that the youth can pursue their middle school level education in their own regions”, said Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun, on March 19, at a ceremony to present the permit of Minister of Education for upgrading post-primary schools to middle schools (branch) in Yarpyin village and Myosoe village in Myaing Township, Magway Region.

At the ceremony, the Minister presented the permits to the school heads. Afterwards, the minister’s wife donated uniforms for teachers and wellwishers, cash for education fund.—MNA

Vaccination campaigns against measles launched in Magway

Nay Pyi Taw, 21 March—Members of region/district/township Maternal and Child Welfare Organizations led by Magway Region WAO Chairperson Daw Thin Thin Howe urged the parents in Magway Myoma Market and urban wards of Magway to get their babies aged between nine months and five years vaccinated against measles yesterday and distributed educative pamphlets to them.

The vaccination campaigns against measles for children between nine months and five years will be conducted simultaneously in Magway Region between 22 and 31 March.—MNA

Manaudou qualifies for Olympics backstroke

With hat trick, Messi sets Barcelona goals record

Saturn squeezes a moon, creates water jets